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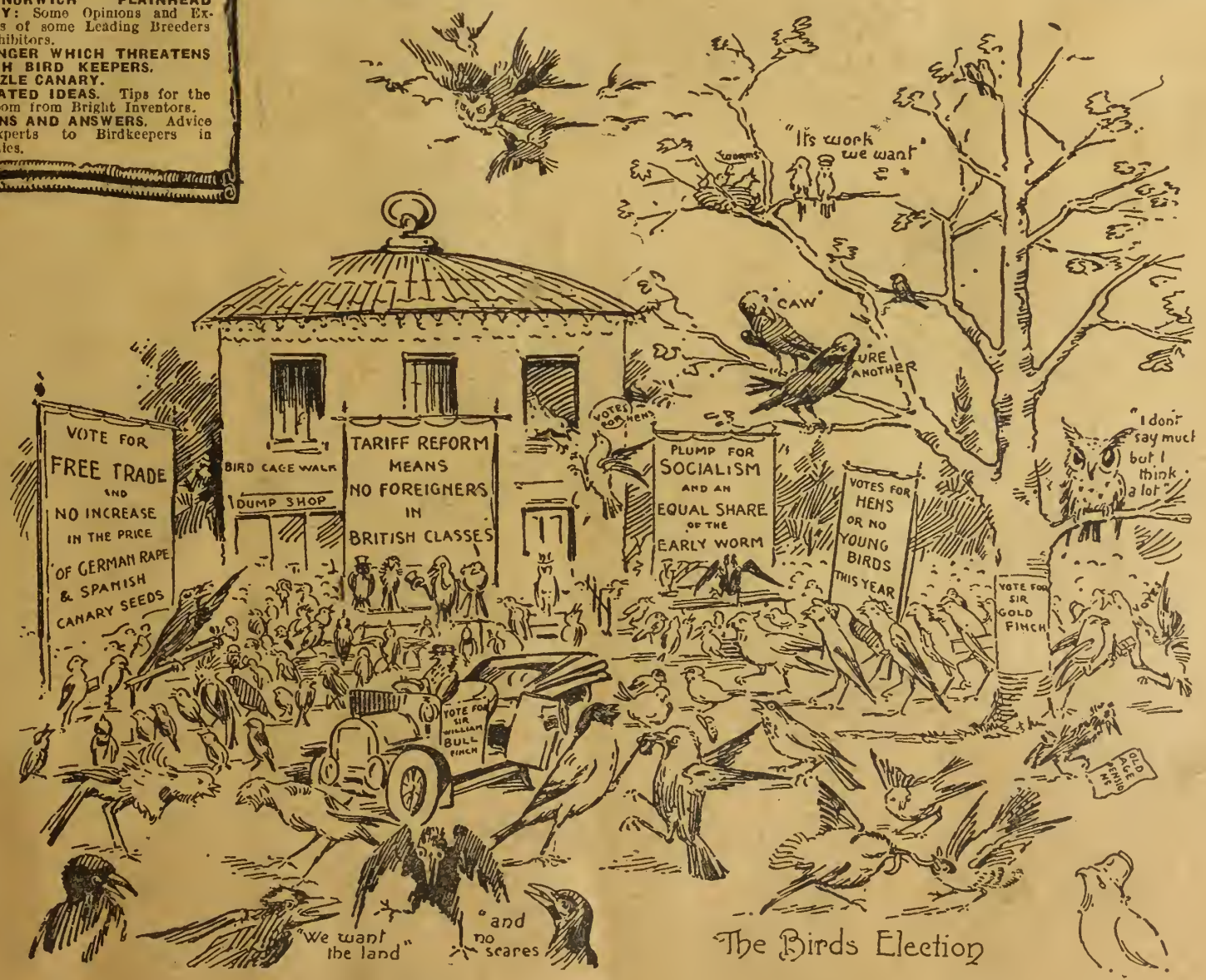
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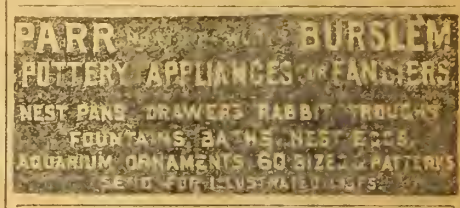
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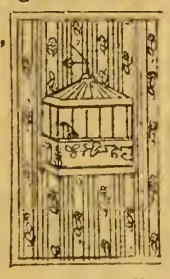
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COCK Bullfinch, caged 6 months, 5/-; cock Goldfinch, caged 4 months, 5/-; two hens, 1/6 each: Davis, Oakleigh, Station rd., Bexhill.

FOUR cage-moulted cock Linnets, full song, in back cages, 2/6 each; cock Goldfinch, singing, 4/-: Hubbard, Victoria-avenue, Cambridge.

COCK Goldfinch, 7/6, house moulted, very steady; 4 cock Linnets, nutty-brown, 1/- each; approval: White, 34, Shirley-rd., Southampton.

STEADY birds for small local shows, Snow Bunting, 2/6; Greenfinch, 1/6; Redpoll, 1/-: Cockerill, Roche House, Atherton-st., Stockport.

WARRANTED Welsh cock Goldfinches, from 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; extra selected for show, 4/-, 4/6: Taylor, 12, Corporation-st., Penyard, Merthyr.

YELLOW Buntings, extra good specimens, grand colour and markings, to moult out winners, 1/6 each: Bunter, 93, Harley-rd., Great Yarmouth.

BLACKLEG Goldfinches.—I have some grand specimens, will moult out winners, 7/6 each; approval willingly: Ford, 83, Llanishen-st., Cardiff.

GIANT Siberian cock Goldies, in song, for muling, flying with ben Canaries in aviary, 3/6: Amon's Aviaries, 11, Hunslett-st., Bethnal Green.

MONSTER cock Greenfinch, 3 cock Linnets, 3 Redpolls, 1 Goldfinch; what offers Canaries: Haywood, 2, Robinson-st., Allerton, Bywater, Castleford.

GRAND house-moulted large cock Goldfinch, will make winner, 20/-; good black-legged cock, 5/-; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, warranted Mule-breeder, safe with eggs, 7/6; approval, deposit, 7/6: H. M. Sayward, 58, Mount-pleasant, Halstead, Essex.

LARGE Scotch cock Linnets, 1/3 each, three 3/-; Scotch cock Goldies, 3/6; Linnet Mules, with Linnet note, 7/6: Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

GIANT Siberian cock Bullfinches, show condition, 4/- each; fine Siberian Siskins, 3/6 pair; approval, exchange Goldfinches: Perkins, Wincolmlee, Hull.

COCK Goldfinch, won 3rd, 7/6; Bullfinch, 1st, 6/-; only times shown; Bramblefinch, winner, 6/-; Chaffinches, Blackbirds, 1/: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

NICE steady hen Siskin, nested with Goldie last season, 3/-; grand Muling Linnet, father of 12 Mules, 4/-; approval: Waldock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green

GRAND band-reared Pear-tree cock Goldfinch, sure muler day and gaslight, songster, sacrifice, 5/-; worth double; approval: Halson, Clarke-row, Chard.

COCK Goldfinch, good blaze, rich bars and buttons, gem, 4/-; 1909 Buff hen, Norwich, fine head, 5/-: Sadler, 83, Preston-ave., Highham's Park, Essex.

EXCHANGE 2 white-legged cock Goldfinches (mulers), for 2 yellow Norwich, unflighted cocks; approval both ways: Hines, 50, Norwich-rd., Ipswich.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, mulers, ditto cock Greenfinch, 2 cock Bullfinches, all good birds, lot 10/-: E. Hills, 43, Archery-rd., Eastbourne.

WHITE Goldfinch, lovely specimen, shows blaze and yellow and black wing markings, very tame, 40/-: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

LINNET, large red-breasted cocks, 4/- dozen, six 2/3, hens 1/-; cock Greenfinches, like paint, 1/- dozen: R. Cubitt, 10, St. Peter's Plain, Great Yarmouth.

LINNETS, Linnets, good healthy cock brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected 3/- dozen; hens, Linnets, 1/- dozen: J. Smith, 5, Finch-st., Nottingham.

A pair of new clap nets for sale, some 2-year-old Linnets, on full song; what offers for a good Cheveral Goldfinch and a night Lark net?: Hatton, George-st., Brighton.

IRISH cock Goldfinches, 2/6; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; Irish cock Linnets, three, 2/6; Redpolls, six, 1/6; twelve, 2/6; guaranteed: Charles M'Cann, 15, Nortb-st., Lurgan.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch and show cage for sale, 12/6; large square blaze, good all round bird; stamp reply; bargain: Morris, 23, Boulton-st., Wolstanton, Staffordshire.

SIBERIAN Goldfinches, few real gems, very large, rich-coloured jonques, selected by a specialist, 10/6 and 15/- each: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

EXHIBITION Meadow Bunting, Yellow Greenfinch, Bullfinch, all house moulted and winners; exchange other Britisb or Hybrids: Johnson Bros., 10, Derby-st., Ormskirk.

SEVEN large bright cock Bullfinches, one hen, the lot 7/6; two cock Goldfinch Mules, grand songsters, 6/- each; guaranteed genuine: Lambert, Bawdeswell, East Dereham.

LINNETS, Larks, Perkin's Aviary, Chatteris, can supply grand cock Linnets, 5/- dozen, cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; hen Linnets and Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; established 1878.

TWO large 1909 singing cock Brown Linnets, blood-red breasts, nut-brown back, sure contest winners or mulers, accept 1/6 each; approval: Sylvester, Stafford-st., Walsall.

TWO 1909 Canary-reared and one once house-moulted Greenfinch cocks, also 2 Sib-bred hens, 2/6 each, or 10/- the lot: Heslop, 148, Samworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SELL, good exhibition cock Bullfinch (perfect specimen), also 3 house-moulted hen Bullfinches, 10/6 lot; genuine bargain: Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

HANDSOME trio pairs, well caged, best health and feather; Yellow Buntings, Reed Buntings, Redpolls, hen Bullfinch, 4/- lot; approval: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

CHAMPION Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, pair, 1st and 3rd Nottingham, All England, 1909, show condition, feeding, 10/6 cash; exchange yellow Norwich hens: Caunt, Beeston, Notts.

EXHIBITION British for sale; house-moulted Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Yellow Buntings, light Goldfinch Mule, Twite Mule; approval: Inman, 138, Undercliffe-st., Bradford.

GOLDFINCHES, Goldfinches, Goldfinches. Siberian Goldfinches, cocks 5/6 each, or £1 12/6 stick, seven birds, handsome lot, birds just arrived: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

HOUSE moulted cock Bramble 5/-, do., Yellowhammer, 5/-; pair house-moulted Redpolls, 3/6; all fit for show; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

SISKIN, v.h.c., Harrington, 3rd Frizington; Crossbill, v.h.c.'s Cockermouth, Frizington; Siskin-bred Mules; offers. Also cock Goldfinch-Mule: Watters, Elizabeth-st., Workington.

FOUR Linnets, one Chaffinch, all fine cocks, caged months, lot 10/-, or exchange for extra big, well-pencilled Linnet, to moult; approval: Bibby, 6, Westbank-ter., Hillhead, Glasgow.

LINNETS, good healthy cock brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 3/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, hen Linnets, 1/- dozen: Freeman, Catcher, 25, Stanhope-st., Nottingham.

WARRANTED large cock Larks, 2/6 dozen, 100 in stock; all orders promptly attended to; cock Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, 6d. each; the same old firm: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.

LARGE Scotch cock Linnets, 1/3, three for 3/-; extra picked for moulting 2/6; hen Bullies, 2/- each; house moulted yellow cock Siskin, mule breeder, 6/6: Bishop, St. Ninians, Stirling.

WHAT offers? four grand cock Blackbirds, four Greenfinches, two cocks, two hens, one Yellowhammer; guaranteed all hand reared: Robert Rosier, Church-st., Hungerford, Berks.

SALE, 8 cock Goldfinch mules in full song, from 5/6, and the 2 Goldfinches, father of the above mules, guaranteed the same to be the best breeders in a cage, 6/6 each: Jones, 1, King Edward, Rhymney.

CAN supply all year round from extensive aviaries every variety of British birds for exhibition, hybrid breeding, muling, singing; state wants, stamp; also canaries: 16, Havelock-rd., Luton.

VARNEY, Stratford, Essex, having bought H. Brown's entire stock, offers a champion stout singing cock Linnet, and cage for 1/-; a few handsome English cock Goldfinches, 2/0 each.

BULLFINCHES, cocks, 1/6, 2 2/9; hens, 1/-, 2 1/9; selected cock brown Linnets, 9d., 3 2/-, all birds well on seed before sent out; numerous testimonials: Barson, 131, Cottesmore-rd., Leicester.

LINNETS, warranted cocks, red-breasted, 6 for 2/9, 5/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/0 dozen, like paint; hen Linnets, 1/- dozen, well on hard seed: Biscoe, Ivydale Lodge, Luvicta-rd., Folkestone.

A grand lot of Goldfinches, fit for Mule breeding and moulting out, fit for show, the same as my winners, from 5/0 upwards; approval, deposit: Joseph Davies, 6, Prospect-pl., Longton.

EXHIBITORS, Bramblefinch 7/6, Yellowhammer 7/6, Greenfinch 5/-, Redpoll, winner, 15/-, all moulted to perfection; grand 1909 Linnets, superb markings, 5/- upwards: Marley, Manor-rd., Leyton.

SEVERAL big Scotch cock Linnets, caged September, steady and singing, beauties, 2/0 each; cock Grecnies, good colour, 1/6 each; no rubbish: James Maerae, 10, South Portland-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, exhibitor to have on approval twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 10/-; 2 very large cock Bullfinches, 4/0 each; 2 hens, do., 2/6 each; any of above can win: Chase, Fakenham, Norfolk.

EXHIBITORS' Yellow Bunting, 2/6; Reed Bunting, house-moulted, 7/0; Twite, house-moulted, 5/-; Greenfinch, 2/6; Goldfinch, 5/-; inspection invited.: Stewart Grahame, 19, Elam-st., Camberwell, London.

COCK Goldfinch, father 16 pied Mules last year, feeds young, finger tame, 5/-; approval, deposit; 100 large teazel beads, 1/-; 100 bunches privet berries, 1/-: Barwell, Brendon, Northamptonshire.

BULLFINCHES, cocks, 1/9; hens 1/6; pairs 3/- These are real good birds, that will give satisfaction. Will be sent off properly and promptly: F. Townshend, Sunnymeade, Hatherley, Cheltenham.

I have a large selection of Linnets and Bullfinch cocks; Linnets 1/- each, cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; Canaries, Norwich cocks from 5/- upwards; hens 2/- upwards; address: Whyte, 44, Bridge-st., Aberdeen.

LINNETS, Red-breasted cock, Brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; picked cocks, 3/- dozen; hens, 1/-, guaranteed healthy and on hard seed; any arriving dead replaced: Flinders, Catchers, Gibraltar-place, Bellargate, Nottingbam.

COCKS, Bullfinches 1/9, Chaffinches 6d., Greenfinches 4d., linnets 6d.; hens, Bullfinches 9d., Bramblefinches 3d., linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, 2d. each; cock Blackbird, 1/-: Botting, "Mountside," Harrow-rd., Dorking.

EVERYTHING that it is necessary to know, to keep Goldfinches for show or pets, is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" handbook, "The Goldfinch," 2½d., post free from the publisher, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

HYBRIDS breeders, strong healthy hen Bullfinches 1/3; cock Bullfinches 1/6, 2/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; bens, 1/-; cock Greenfinch, 1/-; house-moulted hen Hawfinch, 4/-: Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

HAWFINCH; remarkably good exhibition bird for disposal, young, massive, lovely colour and bloom, ideal bib, finger tame, can do lot of winning, lowest 50/-, with show cage (worth double): Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

GOLDFINCH, 5/-; Bullfinch, 4/6; Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; Roller Canary, 5/-, cocks guaranteed; half-dozen small Foreign birds, 6/-; pair Indian Doves, 4/6; house-moulted hen Linnet, 1/6; approval: Particulars, Joyce, Ironmonger, Maesteg.

LINNETS, warranted cocks, brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; old caught, picked birds, 3/6 dozen; handsome cock Greenfinches, 2/- dozen; any dying in transit replaced: Whitelocks, Catcher, 13A, Pointer's-avenue, Thorneywood, Nottingham.

EVERYTHING that it is necessary to know to keep Linnets for show or pets is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" bandbook, "The Linnet," 2½d., post free, from the published, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

SELECTED British for table shows: Greenfinches 2/-, Linnets 2/6, Crossbill 5/-, Chaffinches 2/-, Redpolls 1/6; also the following moulted birds, Linnets 5/-, Redpolls 4/-, Greenfinch 5/-, proved breeders: Geo. Taylor, 204, Wingrove-av., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

AVIARY British birds, cock Bullfinches 1/6, hens 1/-; cock Linnets, 9d.; birds before easb if preferred; also cock Nightingales, twice cage-moulted, 15/; every bird in splendid condition; the stock of a fancier: Chas. Burrows: 20, Payton-st., Stratford-on-Avon.

COCK Bullfinches, like paintings, 14/- dozen, 1/3, 1/6 each; hens 8/- dozen, 9d., 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Linnets, in song, 9d., 1/- each; Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 9d. pair; above been caught weeks.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HOUSE-moulted cock Siskin and buff Nor. hen Canary, 6/6; house-moulted cock brown Linnet, 3/-, cock Siskin, 3/0; large dark Goldfinch Mule, 10/-; house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, 15/-, or offers: E. Chisholm, 16, Glenurquhart-rd., Inverness, N.B.

THE following house-moulted specimens for sale: Bullfinch, Linnet hen, Crossbill, Redpoll, breeder, 3/6 each; Reed Bunting, 5/-; Goldfinch, 5/6; Chaffinch, big winner, 12/6; these are all in show condition; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Goodall, Gladstone-rd., Watford, Herts.

If you are in want of specially selected cock Linnets now is your opportunity; really fine birds from 1/6 each. Messrs. Hopkins and Allsopp purchased their winning Linnet from me, winning four firsts and two specials with it. Now, that takes some beating: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham Arcade, Cardiff.

EXHIBITORS, champion Yellowhammer, moulted, winner, ready immediate exhibition, 15/-; moulted cock Siskin, 1st '09 Carlisle, October, 12/6; British Goldfinch, field-moulted, winner 2nd, moult stormer, 10/-; exchange entertained, young Norwich hens, must be exhibition specimens; approval: McMinn Bros., Greenlaw, Castle-Douglas.

BRITISH Goldfinches, two or three really fine cock birds, for muling, 5/-, or exhibition, 10/6, grand condition, singing; very large Linnet, jonque, well-marked, show or muling, 5/6; very big young Bramblefinch, moult sure winner, 7/6; several other extra fine specimens, cheap. Selected by a specialist: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London.

EXHIBITION. The following for sale, show cage with each bird, all in perfect condition and proved winners: Grey Wagtail, 30/-; Goldfinch, 35/-; Linnet, 25/-; Redpoll, 10/-; Meadow Bunting, 20/-; Yellow Bunting, 20/-; hen Corn Bunting, 20/-; Linnet Mule, 50/-; Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrid, 20/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GOLDFINCHES, cocks 2/-, 2/6 each, few real gems 3/- each, hens, 1/-; outdoor aviary moulted hen Bullfinches, 2/-; extra large cock Greenfinches, 6d.; Linnets, few selected, from our catchers before going to the dealer for show muling contest singing, all caged off and singing, 1/- each: Haynes Bros., Practical Birdcatchers, Selby Oak, Worcestershire.

MAGNIFICENT clean-moulted exhibition cock Bullfinch, sure winner, only 4/0, honestly worth 15/-; also monster hen Bullfinch, suitable for hybrid breeding, only 2/-; also grand exhibition cock Linnet on full song, only 2/6; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

EXHIBITORS.—Cocks, selected for show, Cornbuntings, 1/6; Reedbuntings, Yellowbuntings, Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Larks, 1/- each; above for aviary, 1/- pair; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; twelve bright mixed aviary birds, 1/-; 20 for 1/6: J. Fenn, Pleasant-ter., Isleham, Cambs.

SELECTED birds to moult out winners, perfect in size, shape, colour, and markings; cock Goldfinch, 5/-; cock Bullfinch, 5/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/6; cock Snowbunting, 7/6; cock Yellow Bunting, 5/-; cock Greenfinch, 3/0; cock Linnet, 3/0; cock Redpoll, 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

ONLY a few, but they are real good birds; British Goldfinches, cocks, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-, 1/6; cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; hens, 1/-, 1/6; extra large Bullfinches, cocks, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; neat travelling cages, 3d. each; all birds on approval: Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXHIBITION Greenfinch, vhc open Battersea class of 13, 12/6; Linnet, he open Greenwich, against 15 toppers, 12/0; Yellowhammer, winner, 7/6; Siberian Goldfinch cock, Greenfinch hen, 15/-; Goldfinch and Norwich hen, 10/0; Greenfinch and Norwich hen, 6/6, together months, all house-moulted; also Norwich; seen any time: Pope, 84, Varcoe-rd., South Bermondsey.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Greenfinches, Greenfinches, red-breasted Lincolnshire warranted cock Linnets; best in England, no waiting, plenty in stock; price, 3 1/6, 6 2/9, dozen 5/-, five dozen 22/6; yellow cock Greenfinches, like paint, and hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen, six 10d.; hundreds testimonials (unsolicited): Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

WINNERS.—For sale, Greenie Bullie, 75/; 1st at Paisley New Year Show, class of 16; also Goldie Bullie, 3rd Paisley, 75/-; buff marked Goldie Mule, 2nd class of 11; Buff Mule, 4th class of 11; a very large Buff Variegated Goldie Mule, a topping Dark Greenfinch Mule, also several grand winning Goldies. Stamp for reply: Joseph Lavery, 42, Nortb-st., Lurgan.

NOTICE to bird dealers and fanciers: Being direct importers, we can offer the following at exceptional low prices: Giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; genuine singing Roller Canaries, 4/6 each; Pekin Nightingales, 1/-; 3d. per bird less by taking stick of seven; terms cash: Stone and Powers, Direct Importers, White House Aviaries, East-rd., Wimbledon, Surrey.

OWING to pressure in business, I am unable to continue. All or any of my winners are now on sale without reserve. Twites, Siskins, Redpoles, Chaffinches, Linnets, Crossbills, Bramblefinches. Above are house-moulted, fit to win, from 5/- upwards. Crest cock Canary, 1st Dalmellington, 7/6; Cinnamon do., 1st Ayr, 10/-: Gilmmell, Confectioner, Dalmellington.

HANDSOME bright piping cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each, selected, massive, finger tame, 3/6 each; grand lot of hens, 1/6 each; large bright cock Chaffinches, Scarlet breasts, enamel white wings, loud songsters, August caged, 1/6; pair of Hedge Accentors, 1/6; cock Blackbirds, 1/-; Song Thrushes, 1/6; white mice and sable and white pair in sage, 1/-; coloured, 6d. pair.—Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

EXHIBITION cock Snow Buntings, light specimens, 2/6; seconds 1/6 pair; hens, 6d., dozen 3/-; cock Linnets, Redbreasts, three 1/6, six 2/6, dozen 4/-, three dozen 11/6; caged moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/6; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary Mule breeding, 6/-; Linnet cock and hen Canary, 3/6, Mule breeders; Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, 1/- each; Lark, Greenfinch, 6d. each: Johnson, 127, Nelson-rd., Great Yarmouth.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Larks, Larks, Larks, warranted cock Linnets, 4/6 doz., hen Linnets 1/6 doz.; warranted cock Larks, 3/6 doz.; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 doz.; handsome lot Canaries, Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each, or £1 16/- for six cocks in full song; Norwich cocks 5/- each, or 27/- for six cocks in full song; Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries 5/6 each, or 35/- stick, seven birds in full song; Yorkshire hens 3/6 each: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

SELECTED Britishers.—Fancier who has won in open competition, offers cock Goldie, winner firsts and specials, 30/-; cock Goldie, winner firsts and seconds, 25/-; cock Linnet, winner, 20/-; cock Bullfinch, winner firsts and specials, 10/-; large light cock Goldie Mule, winner firsts and specials, 25/-; large Buff, dark cock Goldie Mule, winner, 20/-; show cages included: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

ABERDEENSHIRE cock Linnets, a few selected, in full song and perfect plumage, 2/6 each, caged 3 months, for size, colour, and markings cannot be beaten; have supplied most of the winners in the North; a few cock Greenfinches, selected, 1/6; Bullfinch cocks, 3/-, hens 1/6; Canaries, matched pairs 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, all in perfect health: P. Lyon and Son, Bird Specialists, Green, Aberdeen. Established 30 years.

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EXHIBITORS and hybrid breeders, giant Scotch cock Linnets, superb in size, colour, and markings. 2/- each; one special, 5/-; very large highly coloured and well-marked cock Twite, 4/-; monster yellow cock Greenfinch, 2/6; cock Redpoll, a marvel for size, colour, and lacing, rare bib, 2/6; large, very tame hen Bullfinch, 2/6; large aviary-moulted hen Linnet, 1/-; cock Bullfinch, grand size, champion colour, win anywhere, 4/6; special show cages for above birds 2/- each, three 5/6; yellow variegated Border cock, 1st Elgin, 5/6, a bargain, very typical and feathered like wax: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

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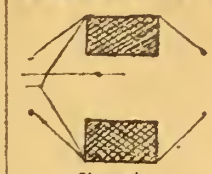
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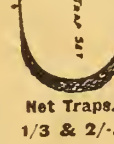
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COCK Thrushes, well on food, 3/- half dozen; also a few guaranteed on song, 2/- each; well spangled Starlings for show, 1/- each; live Seagulls, 1/- each: Wright, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

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FINE grey Wagtails, nearly 7in. in length, adult cock, 17/6; Tree Creepers, adult cocks, splendid condition, 17/6; Stonechat, hand-reared 1909 cock, very steady, 8/6; Bullfinch cock, large, rich colour: P. F. M. Galloway, Caversham, Reading.

GENUINE cock Skylark, sings incessantly in or out doors, splendid shop attraction, 2/-, with his beautiful joiner-made cage, 4/6, including valuable feeding secret; this bird been in my possession over 12 months; approval willingly: Mrs. Dutton, West-st., Dunstable.

EVERYTHING that is necessary to know how to keep Thrushes and Blackbirds for show or peas is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" handbook, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d., post free, from the Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

MR. James Nicholls, 13, Randal-street, Blackburn, offers the following British for sale; they are first-class specimens and have all won during the season. No. 1, Starling, one of the best ever seen, a big winner, given away at 10/-; No. 2, Tree Pipit, winner each time shown, can win amongst the best, 10/-; No. 3, Flycatcher, winner 1st and spl Burton-on-Trent, beating Cocks' well-known Tree Creeper, 15/-; No. 4 and 5, Yellow Wagtail and White Wagtail, both winners in good company, 10/- each; No. 6, Missel Thrush, a grand bird, winner only time shown, 10/-. P.S.—All the above are in perfect health, hand-reared, and first-class birds, and are offered at these low prices for quick sale.

HARRIS.

Hand reared Jays 6/6, blackbirds 1/6, Skylarks 9d., Long-eared Owl 6/6, Barn Owl 7/6, Greenfinches 6d., Skylarks 9d.; lists: Harris, Naturalist, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TALKING YOUNG STARLING

Male, only 9 months old, already reproduces song of Canary (loud and perfectly) and says "Kiss Jack," "Come on Jack," "What ever is it," distinctly, whistles Chirgwin's catch tune, "Half-a-pint of mild and bitter," very steady and handsome, comes on hand, etc.; can be seen by appointment: T. H. Ferrar, 42, Thorney Hedge-rd., Gunnersbury, W.

Miscellaneous.

ALL kinds of British birds, at Easterlings, 340, Battersea Park Road.

ALL kinds of British birds from outdoor aviaries at Jupp's Bird Stores, Stone-st., Maidstone.

COCK Linnets, red-breasted, 5/- dozen; grand upstanding cock Larks, 3/6 dozen: Bartholomew, Dunstable.

CHAFFINCHES, 2 cocks, Bramblefinch cock, Greenfinch hen, Linnet cock mated to Redpoll hen, all cold house-moulted, lot 8/6, full plumage: Clifton Hotel, Swindon.

SELECTED for song; Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, 1/- each; 24 mixed aviary birds, 1/6; Bullfinches, 2/- pair; Robins, 1/-; exchange: Fenn, Aviaries, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

EXHIBITORS.—All my winners for sale, Blackbird 30/-, another 25/-, Thrush 25/-, Cornish Chough £5; Treepipit, 7/6, Robin 7/6, Bullfinch 8/-, Bramblefinch 12/6, another 7/6, Redpoll 7/-, Linnet 10/-, Yellow Bunting 10/-, Corn Bunting 12/6, Greenfinch 7/6, show cages included; stamp particulars: A. J. Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

FULL song Larks, 1/- each; red-breasted cock Linnets, 4/6 doz.; quantity stocked; 50 full song, caged this month, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, 6 for 4/6; champion Linnet Mule used catching, 2 seasons, sell 12/-, worth double; hand net, pair clap nets, twelve yards long seven feet deep, very fine thread, sell 13/-; high-flying performing Tumblers, from my own kit, 2/- pair; long flying homers and short homers, 2/- pair: W. Darby, 59, New-st., West Bromwich.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

GIVE grand Norwich for good Yellow Belgian hen: Dyer, Wellington-rd., Bridgwater.

THREE good 1909 high-shouldered Belgian cocks, 21/- each: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

A few good young Belgians, nice reach and position, cold room; approval: Blackmore, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

I have a few grand Belgian birds for sale at a low price; apply: John Walmsley, Southport-rd., Ormskirk.

I have some good yellows and buffs, both sexes, very reasonable; approval: Fred Butts, 7, Well-st., Barnstaple.

GEORGE Baker offers grand large high-shouldered prize bred young Belgians; reasonable; approval: Reform-st., Barnstaple.

SEVERAL large typical birds, including some recent winners, prices reasonable; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

MASSIVE high shouldered Belgian birds, 1909, for sale, moderate price.—Jos. Coeuen, ff, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp, 2½d.

BELGIANS, good buff cock, also buff hen, 1909 birds, breed of prize parents; approval, deposit: Bennett, Little Herton, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.

A few for sale, winners, and bred from my winners of the United Kingdom Association Shield and Cup, 1909, and gold and bronze medals, with many firsts at Crystal Palace Manchester, City of Glasgow, Belfast, Scottish National, Edinburgh; can be seen any time: John Fairley, 56e, Whittington-st., Coatbridge.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, sale from my winners, several first, specials, Barnstaple, Palace, Edinburgh, Plymouth; approval: G. S. Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

BIG winner, 1908 buff Belgian cock, win anywhere, £2; Scots Fancy hens, buffs, clears, greens, reasonable, cold room; approval stamp, grand strains: Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.

Border Fancy.

ELEVEN high-class Borders, 3 cocks, 8 hens, 35/- lot: Frearson, 7, Oxford-st., Morecambe.

BORDERS, 7 cocks, 6 hens; cocks, 5/- to 10/-; hens, 4/- to 7/6: Welsh (see Scotch Fancies).

GRAND pair Borders, 10/-; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

PRIZE-bred Borders; 7 clear hens for sale, from 2/6 upwards; 1909 bred: Lugton, Hillburn, Ayton.

HIGH-class Borders, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, state wants, approval: Davies, Steel green, Millom.

BORDER fancy Cangries, cocks 5/-, hens 2/- each, 6/- pair: Apply, John Nutsford, Botcherley, Carlisle.

CLASS Borders, winning strain, clears and marked, pairs, 7/6 to 20/-; hens, 2/-: Mather, Cross-st., Kelso.

THROUGH removing will sell all my Borders, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-: Whittaker, Waterville-rd., North-Shields.

YELLOW cinnamon cock 15/-, buff cinnamon hen 10/-, buff green hen 10/-: Grant, Flora Bank, Haddington.

BORDERS, good type and quality, cocks, from 7/6; hens from 3/6; all colours: Edgar, 41, English-st., Dumfries.

WHAT offers 6 Border Fancy Canaries, 4 hens, 2 cocks; no exchange: W. Easton, Bridge House, Langholm.

BORDERS and Norwich, prize and prize-bred, overstocked; cheap; approval: Williams, 25, Ellis-st., Kilmarnock.

THIRTY Borders and Yorkshires, all high-class birds, from 5/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

REDUCING stock, all colours, even marked, bred, also green, cock and hens, cheap: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

BORDERS, good type and quality, cocks from 5/-; hens, from 2/6, all colours.—Poole, 37, Frostons-rd., Workington.

TYPICAL Borders, few pairs from high-class stock, prices moderate: H. Norman, Bird Artist, The Eyrie, Carshalton, Surrey.

A FEW good hens from 2/6, all colours, winning strains, cheap; approval: Aikinhead, Painter, Brechin, Forfarshire.

BORDERS, yellow cock, 4th Aberdeen, 15/-; yellow hen, 1st Inverness, 15/-; class hens, 3/- each, 1909: Macleod Bros., Tain.

GOOD Border for sale, also good Cinnamon Norwich, cheap; app.: Young, 177, Warton-terr., Beaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BORDERS; latest successes, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Forfar; since or matched pairs reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, really good clears and marks, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pair from 7/6: Cockburn, 18, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

COCKS and hens, related my winners Carlisle, Gateshead, Newcastle, Sunderland, etc.: Pennington, 17, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton.

BORDERS, self greens and Cinnamons, bred from winners Scottish National, City of Glasgow, etc.: McMillan, Whitesands, Dumfries.

GOOD Borders, cocks and hens, from same strain as my Scottish National winners, prices reasonable: Meckley, Maryport Cotts., Carlisle.

BORDERS for sale; 1 Yellow cock, 2 ditto hens, 2 Buff hens, 4 Buff variegated hens, cheap; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, yellow and buff cocks from 5/-, ditto hens from 3/-, also even-marked buff cock 7/6; approval: Stevenson, Muir-st., Kirriemuir.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, 2 Green, 6 Buff cocks, 2 hens, cheap to clear; or exchange Blankets: Scott, 186, Cartington-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BORDERS, yellow cock, buff hen, winners, 15/-; wanted Golden Lizard hen, or yellow Crest-bred hen; approval: Newbigging, Clotbier, Duns., N.B.

BORDERS.—Buff cocks, clears, also a few greens, for sale, single or in pairs. Price reasonable. Approval: Thos. Findlay, Manse-lane, Muirkirk.

ONE pair Grass Green Borders, buff cock, yellow hen, rare quality, 15/-; yellow Cinnamon hen, 3/-: Charles Farrer, 169, Stanton-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STILL some select birds in clears, greens, and cinnamons, to part with at reasonable prices; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

BUFF green cock, 4th Liverpool, 10/6; few others bred same as winners Carlisle, Manchester, Sale, Altrincham; approval: Nelson, 466, Knutsford-rd., Warrington.

FIFTEEN pair properly matched for even mark breeding, and several odd hens, all varieties; stamp; see show reports: Arnot and Jamieson, 3, Green-ter., Hawick, N.B.

WINNER silver cup, gold medals, etc., see reports all leading shows; can spare few greens, clears, and marks; stamp reply: Johnston, Neptune-rd., Wallsend.

FOR sale, 7 exhibition Borders, Bennet'a stock, 5 breeding cages, large aviary, nests, and lot of wire, etc., £3 5/- the lot or offers: Jobson, West-st., Belford, Northumberland.

GRAND pair Borders, cock 3rd Derby, hen bred from prize winners, 8/-; several young cocks, full song, 4/- each; hens, 1/9 each; approval, deposit: Squires, Millfield-rd., Ilkeston.

CHOICE lot of Borders, bred from or related to winners, cocks from 6/- to 20/-, hens from 3/- to 15/-, pairs from 9/- to 35/-; on approval: Currah and Son, Elsdon-rd., Gosforth, Newcastle.

BORDERS, high-class pairs, cheap, to clear out, 10/- to 25/- also single birds, all colours; pair for even-marked breeding, 25/-; approval.—Scott, Crofts Cottages, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

CINNAMON, Borders, cocks and hens related to my Manchester, Liverpool and Altrincham winners, also a few clears and greens; state wants: Woodman, 16, Liscard Village, Liscard, Cheshire.

BORDERS: Can now offer for sale few of my well-known winners, clears, Marks, and Greens, also selected pairs for breeding; reasonable and on approval: Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

CHOICE Borders, yellow cock, 4th Cardiff; buff cock, 2nd Cardiff, 2nd Maesteg, £1; two buff hens, beauties, 15/- each; stock pairs, all varieties, from 8/6; approval, stamp: D. Jenkins, Argyle-st., Swansea.

BORDER Fancies; clear Buff cock, 4/-; clear Yellow cock, a nice typical bird, 6/-; both 1908; clean Buff cock, 5/-; variegated Buff cock, 4/-; ditto hen, 2/-, 1909; all related to my winners; must sell; want room: John Smith, Orchard House, Coldstream.

PRIZE Borders, clear buff cock, 2nd Birmingham; clear yellow hen, 1st Birmingham, 30/- pair; saddle-marked yellow cock, 1st Reading; clear buff hen, 25/- pair; have a few other winners to dispose of; approval, deposit: Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading.

EVEN marked Yellow Cinnamon cock, uneven buff-marked Cinnamon cocks, Yellow Green (Self) cocks, clear buff and yellow, pink eyed cocks, yellow and buff hens, same as winners at all leading shows; cheap; approval: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

DAN HAMILTON, Champion Breeder of Cinnamon Borders, has a few to spare in pairs and single birds; see reports leading shows for my winnings; winners Scottish National and Palace Shows, bred and supplied by me; few Greens and Marks to spare, reasonable; approval, deposit: 10, Selkirk-st., Hamilton, N.B.

YELLOW cock, first, special Uddingston, Buff hen, first, special, Buff cock, first Uddingston, Buff hen, second Hamilton, also other winners and stock birds for sale, cheap, from my champion even mark strain; for winnings see reports of shows; stamp reply: William Haddow, 100, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

HIGH-class Borders, a few good pairs to part with yet, cheap to clear, room wanted; state wants, and get one to improve your stock; sure to please, 3/6, 5/6 each; pairs, 10/6, 12/6; clears, Cinnamons, marks; approval; see reports Pwllheli special best in show, first honour gained by a Border in Wales: E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O. Wales.

CHAMPION strain. Henry Bennet, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, whose Borders have won this season 58 1sts, 24 2nds, 24 3rds, 33 specials, silver cup best Border Broughty Ferry 3rd year in succession, Gibson silver challenge cup most Border points Scottish National and other specials, offers first-class show and stock birds, all colours, including yellow and buff greens, matched pairs, clears, marks and greens from 10/6 to 35/- per pair; approval, stamp.

Cinnamons.

BUFF hens, 10/-, 15/- each, yellow cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; some winners: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

FOUR fine Cinnamon hens, two buff cocks, prize bred, cheap: H. Fry, Lucerne, Brighton-rd., Horley.

HIGH-class Norwich Cinnamons, single or pairs; state wants; approval: Clapham, 138, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

Y. Donne has the whole of his Cinnamons for sale, owing to business; state wants: 120, St. James-st., Brighton.

CUNDY, Breeder, Exhibitor, 4, Third Avenue, Plaistow, has a few nice Cinnamons for disposal; also Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich Cinnamons, best blood in Fancy, large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Scarle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

W. DORMER, Breeder and Exhibitor of Cinnamon Canaries, can spare a few good birds, Norwich type. Approval, stamp: 7, Spriug-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

GIVING up Cinnamons, 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, winners amongst them, Dormer's strain, lot 30/-, cheap at 50/-: Moffat, Builder, Egremont, Cumberland.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertie, 52f, Wood borough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has grand Buff Yellow cocks, hens, show and stock; he has sold 60 this season, and has only 20 left for disposal, so that those requiring them should apply early; grand double Cinnamon Green cock, fit to win in Crest-bred class, invaluable to Cinnamon breeders, £3 10/-.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTED and Crestbred hens, 3/-, 4/-; cocks, 6/6, 7/6: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

CRESTED hens, 6 at 7/6 each; own breeding: Goulden, Edenhall, Langworthy, Carlisle.

LARGE yellow green Crestbred cock, 1909 bird, 15/-: Allan, 47, Gilbert-st., Kelvinhaugh, Glasgow.

SALE, through ill-health, thirteen Crests and Crest-breds, the lot cheap: Hall, West-st., Yarm.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, 3 hens, 6 cocks, 50/- the lot; 7/6 each: William Stevens, 4, South-st., Derby.

TWO 1909, one 1908, Crestbred hens, 4/- each,, or exchange Crested: Marshman, 57, Estcourt-rd., Watford.

NORWICH Crested cocks from 6/- each, singing; none sent; seen any time: Ridge, 60, Lulcham-rd., Catford.

TWO young Crest-bred cocks, 7/- each; 2 Crest-bred hens, 5/- each: Richardson, 40, St. Mary's-rd., Sheffield.

CREST hens and Crest-bred cocks for sale, for show and stock purposes: McColl, 2, Park-terrace, Wallsend.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has 20 Crests and Crest-breds for sale, Yellows and Buffs, from 15/- each.

WANTED first-class Crests and Crestbreds, exchange good two-seated motor car: 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough.

THREE large variegated well-bred crest-bred cocks, 15/- each, or offer for lot: A. McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert.

1909 Crested cock, 1903 Crest-bred hen, Barnett's, £1 the pair; approval: Eagling, Chesham House, Fakenham, Norfolk.

CREST, Crested-bred, for sale, cheap; some good songsters, 5/- and 6/- each: C. Wayte, 29, Manchester-st., Nottingham.

A few good Crests, Crest-breds and Norwich for sale, reasonable; approval: Conway, Nunwich Hall, Penrith, Cumberland.

CREST cock, Crest-bred hen, 17/6; Crest-bred cock, Crested hen, 17/6; good value; approval: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

THOMAS Joel, 61, High-st., Ruthreglen; giving up the Fancy at present; Crests, Borders, racks, cages, cheap; some good birds.

SURPLUS Crests, Crestbreds, feather end of beak, 7/6 to clear, good birds, not rubbish: Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

THREE large Crest-bred cocks, 7/- each, 1909 birds, bred from winners; approval: Quartermain, 53, Gold-st., Wellingborough.

A few good Crest-bred cocks, from 35/- each, grand length of feather, King Edward blood: Thos. Taylor, 68, Edward-st., Gateshead.

SEVERAL good Crests and Crest-bred cocks and hens, all bred from winning strains: Wiles, "Gledhill," Sefton Park, Liverpool.

TEN firsts, eight seconds, three thirds, in keenest competition, this season; have a few choice birds for disposal: Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

FORTY Crests and Crest-breds, good feathery birds, Crow's strain, from 7/6 each; pairs, 12/6; approval: Linder, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

CRESTS and Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- each, winning strain; good healthy birds; exchange hens: Yeates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few matched pairs Crests from 30/-, single birds from 15/6; state wants, approval.

MR. Geo. E. Russell has a few good Crests and Crest-breds for disposal; two fine show birds: 51, Shakespeare-st., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DARK Crested cock and Crestbred hen, marked Crestbred cock and Crested hen, 10/- per pair: R. Barborough, Littlemore Asylum, Oxford.

NOTICE, grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Kenna, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, one Crested hen, clear, also two Crested-bred hens, clears preferred, 1909 birds: Particulars, Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

A few good pairs for disposal, also odd Crested cocks, for stock or show, but no odd hens; state wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

FOR sale, few well-bred Crests and Crest-breds; pairs from 15/-; single birds from 10/-; approval: Ingram, 10f, Oakwood-rd, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LARGE var. dark Crest cock, var. C.B. hen, 60/-; also var. C.B. cock, 1st Falkirk, 2nd Stirling, 30/-, one year bred: J. McNaughton, Dumpace, Larbert.

GRAND Crest hen 25/-, massive Crestbred cock £1, or offer; guaranteed reared young Crested cock 12/6, giving up: Breton, 25, Sunderland-rd., South Ealing.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, same strain as my winners; state wants; seen evenings, Saturday afternoon; approval: Pettit, 146, Mosella avenue, Wood Green.

SIX well-bred Crested cocks, three Crested hens, four Crestbred hens, 1908 and 1909 bred, from 7/6 to 15/- each: Heslop, 148, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner Lord Mayor's Bowl, Bristol, Crested Canary Club Challenge Cup, has a few Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 20/-.

CREST to beak end, green Crest hen, clear Crest ditto, 15/- each; few Crest and C.B. cocks from 10/6 each; cold room; approval: Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

FEW pairs Crests and Crest-breds, Yellow and Buff, good stock birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/6, 5/-; pairs for Crest breeding, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; birds seen any time: Long, 104, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

HAVING selected breeding pairs for 1910 have 4 pairs 1909 for sale, 20/- and 25/- per pair: Jameson, Sec., Bury and D.C.B. Society, 45, David-st., Elton, Bury, Lancashire.

OUR winning blood, dark Crested cock 10/6, clear body ditto 15/-, grand pair Plainheads, Hodder, Banbury strains, 12/6; others cheap; approval: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

TWO greens one variegated Crest-bred cocks, 35/- and 30/- each, or exchange Crested or Crest-bred hen to value; approval. Wm. Griffiths, 25, Avenue-rd., Springburn, Glasgow.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

WELL-BRED heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-bred hens, also Crests and Crest-bred cocks, from 15/- to £10.—W. Guttridge, 159, Halliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

GREEN Crested cocks, £3; ditto, 50/-; ditto, 15/-; ditto, 10/-; variegated, 10/-; clear Crest-bred cock, 30/-; variegated, 15/-; approval: John Hands, 7, Simpson-st., Crookhill, Ryton.

CHAMPION Crests, crest-breds, large, with great length of head feather, few grand birds, to part with, crest to end of beak; approval.—T. Scarle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

CRESTED cocks, 1909 bred, 10/- each; Crest-bred Green, 15/-; Crested 1908, 15/-; good feeding hens 2/6, cocks 5/-; pairs 6/6; approval, deposit: Farrow, 77, Lydgate-lane, Crooks, Sheffield.

CREST-Crestbreds, large skulls, drooping crests, from the best blood obtainable, heaps of feather, from £1 10/- pair up; approval, deposit: W. Fletcher, 216, Hilford-rd., Nottingham.

JOHN G. Hutchinson has some excellent Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, related to winners, from 10/- each; no odd hens; approval, stamp reply: 72, Smith View, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GEORGE Grant, Thirlestane Hall, Cheltenham, has a few good Crests and Crest-breds for sale, cocks and hens, pairs from 30/-; all young and healthy; approval to known fanciers.

1908 buff green Crested cock, gem of a crest, £2; 1909 buff green Crested cock, make grand stock bird, 20/-; above is dirt cheap at double money; approval: E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe.

CAN spare four green Crestbred hens, 20/- to 30/-; green Crestbred cock, 10/-; variegated Crestbred cock, 10/-; green Crest cock, 10/-; approval: Jones and Crest, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

FEW Crest and crest-breds left for disposal, cheap, to clear, all own rearing, yellows and buffs, single cocks from 15/-; pairs from 25/-; winner at the principal shows: Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

HIGH-class Crests, Crest-breds. Having selected my breeding pairs, I have about 30 birds to dispose of, show and stock, on approval: Alex. Onion, Sir Rowland Hill Hotel, Hunger Hill-rd., Nottingham.

GRAND Crestbred hen, winner four 1sts, two 2nds this season, £2 cash; would exchange for Crested hen equal value; approval both ways: Brown, 1, Loughborough-rd., Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

TWELVE Crests, as bred, mostly cocks, good stock birds, mostly dark Crests, Joyce's strain; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; or offer lot; approval, deposit: A. Kingshott, Lion-lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

H. Horton, 15 years Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, healthy young birds from 10/- to 50/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crest-bred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

CANARY breeder over 20 years has good birds for disposal, green variegated clear Crest and Crest-breds, 1909 buff hen, Cinnamon crest, wing and saddle, from 7/6: Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook, Ilford.

THREE 1908 Crest-bred cocks, large massive bone and feathery birds of excellent quality, best blood obtainable; heavy-marked bird, £6; clear Buff, £2; marked Buff, 30/-; exchange entertained in young hens: Compton, 36, Belgrave-mews South, Loudon, S.W.

CREST-bred cocks for sale, same blood as Bristol bowl winner 1908, and other winners, yellow 2nd Sunderland, 35/-; another, 30/-; buff, from 20/-; all healthy, 1909 birds; also 3 Crest cocks; wanted, good Crest hen: T. Almond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.

FINE young Crest-bred cock, long, leafy head feather, 1st Derby, 60/-; large variegated buff dark Crested cock, 1908, win at local shows, 3rd Cross, Lancashire, 60/-; some good youngsters, hens or cocks, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FORTY Crests and Crestbred for sale, cheap, from 7/6 cock, and 15/- pair; they contain some of the best bloods, and some can be shown; no single hens; anyone taking the lot I will take a reasonable offer; approval willingly, deposit with the Editor.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

VARIEGATED Crestbred cock, second cross Lancashire double, Crested grey hen, 45/-; Grey Crested cock, second cross, green Crestbred hen, turnover to beak end, 40/-, 1909 birds; approval: Crookes, 61, Stalkerlees-rd., Sheffield.

I have a few good pairs of Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, heavily feathered birds, matched for breeding, from 25/- the pair; cold room bred; seen by appointment; stamp, reply: G. E. Slade, 154, Broomwood-rd., Clapham Common.

WING marked Dark Crested cock, 1908, breeder, £3; Green Crested cock, 1907, breeder, £2. Even wings, marked, Dark Crested cock, 1907, breeder, 20/-; Variegated Crest-bred cock, 1908, breeder, 25/-; Buff Crested hen, 1907, breeder, 20/-; approval: Walter Radley, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

PERFECTLY matched pair high-class Crests, rare type, very heavily feathered, certain to breed winners, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also several other very heavily feathered Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, at very reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Crests and Crest-breds, all massive feathery birds of grand quality, Barnett and Joyce's strains, single birds 10/6 to £1 1s.; matched pairs, properley mated to produce winners, £1 to £1 15s.; no better blood; winnings well known; particulars and approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Crests, T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, for grand stock birds, certain to breed, these being descended from 40 years' continuous winning strain; several tip-top yellow Crestbred cocks, with head feather which cover two-shilling piece; heavy feathered buffs, and show birds, all varieties. He is open to sell his whole stud of cinnamon Crests, absolutely unbeatable; envelope list.

DANIEL Cory, Breeder, 14, Osborne-rd., Claughton, Birkenhead, is offering 40 of his high-class Crest and Crest-breds for sale, Mr. A. A. Pool's strain; pairs from 30/-; Crest-bred cocks and hens, from 15/-; few first cross, with Lancashire, 20/-; 1 yellow Plainhead Lancashire, 1st Palace '08, bred by Mr. Green, Redhill, 40/-; the above are large birds, with plenty of feather and quality, mostly '08 and '09 winners at all the principal shows; see Plymouth this year; please state wants and price; approval.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster clear Crest cock, perfect crest, 16/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered clear Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, beauty, £1; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; monster Green ditto, 18/-; massive feathery ditto, 11/6; monster Green Crest-bred hen, grand head, £1; monster variegated ditto, beauty, 17/6; massive feathery ditto, 11/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

W. H. KILMISTER, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham, can spare the following Crests and Crest-breds, in perfect condition, no better blood obtainable: Variegated Crest-bred cock, 1909, 25/-; Green do., 1908, 25/-; Variegated Crest-bred hen, 1908, 25/-; do., Crest cock, 1909, 20/-; Grey Crest hen, 1908, 50/-; Green Mop Crest hen, 1908, 20/-; Green Crest-bred hen, 1908, 30/-; Mop Crest hen, 1908, 40/-; Mop Crest hen, 1909, 30/-; large Green Crest hen, 1908, 40/-; Variegated Crest cock, 1908, 100/-; Buff Crest-bred hen, 1908, 20/-; clear buff with dark cap Crest-bred hen, 1908, 35/-; Variegated Crest cock, 1908, 30/-.

BROADBENT'S

Noted Crests, Mackley's and other strains, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- per pair; cocks, Crest or Crestbred, 7/6, 10/-; cash, deposit or deferred payments; particulars, stamp: Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

Greens.

A few good pairs of Yorkshire greens, also single hens; approval: Gore, 377, Walton Breck-rd., Liverpool.

FEW Norwich for disposal, also Yorkshires; prices reasonable; approval; Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

STYLISH yellow-green Yorkshire cock, 11/-; yellow marked and green Norwich cocks, 8/6: 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

YORKSHIRE greens, few cocks, buffs, and yellows, cheap; approval: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Princes Park, Liverpool.

MILSOM, 6, Vicars-rd., Gospel Oak, has few typical Self Green Yorkshire cocks for disposal, 15/- upwards; approval.

ROWLAND'S strain, Yorkshire Greens, some beauties for sale; approval with pleasure: Davies, 22, Valley-rd., Liverpool.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens for sale, price reasonable; approval; see show reports: Symonds and Son, Brunswick-rd., Coventry.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, greens and clears, a few good ones for disposal, price reasonable; selfs, fouls: A. Mockridge, 16, June-rd., Tue Brook, Liverpool, E.

FOR disposal, a few Norwich Greens, also some typical marked birds, suitable for clear breeding; prices reasonable.—Hales, 40, Canterbury-st., Liverpool.

SURPLUS stock Norwich and Yorkshires, 6 cocks, 9 hens, yellows, buffs, variegated, lot £2, bargain: Ryno's strain, direct: R. Nelson, 76, Gilbert-st., Liverpool.

GOOD large team Norwich Greens, 1 cock., 3 hens, good stock birds, 20/-, bargain; or exchange large Yellow Norwich cock, colour-fed: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

FOUL tail buff green Norwich cock, bred double yellows, 1909, 10/6; one clear double yellow cock, 10/-; 2 variegated yellows, one 7/6, one 6/-; approval: C. J. Faith, Banbridge, Ireland.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock, also unflighted Clear Buff Norwich cock, the Wigan winner; prices reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

MUST sell my fine stock of Yorkshire Greens. These are my own breeding, and guaranteed colour; grand offer of 40 pairs, fine stock, and young exhibition birds, some Norwich: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has for disposal Norwich Greens, Buff cocks, 15/- to 60/-; Buff hens, 20/- to 50/-; also a few typical self Yellow Green hens, 10/- to 40/- each; all bred and related to my winners at all the leading shows.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires, winner at all the leading shows; approval.

ANYONE requiring Lancashires of any variety should write Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

I have for sale a few good Lancashires; prices reasonable: Fred Hamer, 35, Pitt-st., Glodwick.

GOOD big clear buff Plainhead cock £1, buff coppy cock 18/-, few cheaper: Collinge, Platting-la., Rochdale.

LARGE Plainhead cock, 10/-; good coppy hen, 10/-; another, 15/-; buffs, best blood obtainable: Tottle, 38, Portway, Frome.

LANCASHIRES for disposal, cheap; stamp, approval; Yellows and Buffs, cocks and hens: Edward Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

THREE young large buff Plainhead cocks, 16/- each; healthy, not rubbish; approval anywhere: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Plainhead hen, 1909, 12/6; exchange exhibition Linnet, Siberian Goldfinch; mutual approval: Entwistle, 234, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

F. I. GREEN, late of Redhill, can spare good Lancashires and Lizards, cheap; state wants, stamp reply. Note change address: 54, Frederick-st., Loughborough.

4 buff coppy hens, 2 buff Plainhead, buff Plainhead cocks, buff coppy cocks, also others; overstocked, room wanted, to be sold cheap; stamp reply: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

STILL have few Lancashires to part with; 2 yellow, 2 buffs, coppy cocks, 1 buff Plainhead cock, 2 buff coppy hens, cheap to clear; stamp for reply: W. Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

LANCASHIRES.—Three Buff Coppy hens, 8/- each; four Buff Coppy cocks, 10/-, 20/-; Yellow Coppy hen, 12/-; Yellow Coppy cock, and plainhead hen, 30/-; young Buff Crest. cock, 12/-; approval: Whipp, Rusheroft-rd., Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

FOR sale, the following high-class Lancashires: splendid buff coppy cock, winner, 30/-; grand yellow Plainhead cock, winner, 25/-; good yellow coppy cock, 25/-; two good buff Plainhead cocks, 12/6, 15/-; two buff coppy hens, and one yellow coppy hen, 10/-, 12/6; quality; approval willingly; stamp reply; inspection invited: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

GOOD Silver cocks, 7/6; Silver hens, 3/-; matched pairs, 10/6: Wood, 39, Market-st., Hythe, Kent.

W. Cundiff can spare a few good Lizards, reasonable; approval, stamp: 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

GOLD and Silver cocks, 8/- and 10/-; also pairs; cash, deposit: Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

LIZARD cock, uncapped ,6/6; a few Lizard hens, 5/6 each; stamp reply: Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale, Cheshire.

LIZARDS for stock or exhibition, reasonable; approval: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-square, Hulme, Manchester.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few for sale, 1908 and 1909 birds, cocks 5/- to 7/-, hens 4/- to 6/- each: E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards for sale, few champion gold and silver hens, from my well-known winning strain, 10/- each; approval: Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop.

J. Holland can spare few champion Lizards, bred from Manchester and other winners; cocks and hens; state wants; cheap; approval: 4, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

THE Lizard Prince, winner, special best Lizard, Scottish National, Rochdale, etc., offers winners and stock birds, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

W. P. Barnes, judge, breeder of champion Lizards; read this, birds sent Friday, reply Saturday: 233, Kentish Town, London, January 8th.—Birds safe to hand and give satisfaction.—W. Shakespeare to W. P. Barnes; every bird I send out in the best of health and condition; cocks from 8/6, hens from 5/-: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain: winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

NORWICH cock 6/-, hen 2/6, green crest hen, 3/6: Cyril Brown, Spalding.

A few well-bred birds for sale, cheap: J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill-rd., Aberdeen.

A FEW pairs of good Norwich, from 15/- pair: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road.

60 pure Norwich, natural colour, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

SIX good yellow Norwich cocks 6/6; 1 green crested 7/6: H. Elston, 1, Hewlett-rd., Cheltenham.

UNFLIGHTED buff hens, grand type and feather, from 10/-: J. McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

FOR sale one Norwich cock and two hens, 10/-: Calvert, 62, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

Mr. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, is offering all his Norwich, including winners; 50 for sale.

FOR sale, 3 Norwich feeding hens, 8/6 the lot; approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

A few 1909 hens for disposal, clears, yellows, buffs, and variegated; cheap: Jolly, Johnshaven, N.B.

NORWICH, 20 for sale, cheap: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

FEW nice birds from 7/6, nice type; offers wanted, no live stock: Calvert, 4, Victoria-grove, Ripon.

FROM 5½, buffs, yellows, clear, ticked, variegated; seen any time: Pope, 84, Varcoe-rd., South Bermondsey.

GRAND warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6: Stewart, 39, Academy-st., Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; Crested cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, 8/- pair: Bolton, 105, Blackman-la., Leeds.

SIX cocks, yellows, Buffs, 7/6 to £1 each; winners; see Ipswich report: Olle, 37, Alderman-rd., Ipswich.

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, in song; hens, 2/6, good birds: Marshall, 2, Jeffs-cots., College-rd., Epsom.

GOOD pairs from 15/-, from winner, some have won; cocks, 10/-: Witton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester.

PRIZE-bred cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; few buffs and green hens, 2/6: Hobba, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

HIGH-class Norwich, good strain, cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval: Spencer, 80, Hillkirk-st., Berwick.

YOUNG cock Canaries, clear or ticked, special pairs picked for breeding: Adam, 92, Grange-rd., Ramsgate.

J. NORMAN has Yellow and Buff cocks to sell from 7/6 upwards: Apply High-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

FOR sale, 40 variegated stock or show birds, price reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

YELLOW hens, 10/6; splendid condition and quality, from winners: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

SEVERAL pairs good Norwich from 7/6 pair upwards: Hill, 141, Argyle-st., Leicester. Cold-room bred.

FEW good Norwich cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; cold room, good condition: Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

FOR sale, a few good Norwich and Yorkshires; stamp reply: Thomas Proctor, 50, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

FEW Yellows, Buffs, cocks, hens, all own breeding; grand stocks: E. Cook, New-st., York-rd., Canterbury.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 1909, all healthy birds, 2/- and 2/6; J. Shipton, Post Office, Prittlewell, Essex.

THIRTEEN hens, 1 cock, 1 Roller cock, cold-room bred; what offers in cash? Mr. Wigg, Farnham, Surrey.

COX'S Norwich cocks, grand songsters, from 6/6; hens, 3/-: W. H. C., Fern-cot., Lillian-rd., Streatham, Surrey.

GOOD Norwich, pairs for breeding, also nursery cages and nest pans: Chapman, 59, Henley-rd., Edmonton.

GOOD Norwich cocks and hens, 7/6 to 20/- each; see wins; approval: James Brown, Jeweller, Catrine.

SEVERAL pairs for sale, winners at local shows, from 10-; also single birds: Walter Burrows, Diss, Norfolk.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, from my winning strain, about 40 must sell; wanting room: Luxton, Trull, Taunton.

HIGH-class Norwich Plainheads, single or pairs, state wants; approval: Clapham, 138, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

A few good young Norwich colour-fed, very reasonable: Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NORWICH unflighted, year old birds, bred from own winners; approval, deposit: Silver, 72 Peel-st., Birmingham.

SMART Norwich cocks, full song, warranted clean, healthy, 4/3, 4/6, 5/-; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has still a few grand cocks for sale, 15/-, 20/- each.

EXHIBITION Norwich cock, for sale, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, good strain, approval, deposit: Woods, Wharf-ter., Stamford.

THREE hen Canaries for sale, good breeders, 2/6 each: J. Hennegy, 31, Jackson's-lane, Highgate, London, N.

CHOICE lot Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, from 6/6: approval: Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-pl., Edinburgh.

GRAND Norwich cocks, including winners, from 10/6 to £1 each: A. Armistead, Dairyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

NINE 1909 Norwich cocks, fed, full song, 40/-; week's approval, deposit: Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

BUY from breeder; lovely colour-fed Plainheads; cocks from 7/6; hens, 2/6: 36, Lyndhurst-grove, Camberwell.

EXHIBITORS, topping matched pairs, from my winners, 15/- upwards; buff hens, from 5/-: Marley (see British).

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6: hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

TWO pairs Norwich, 10/6 and 12/6 a pair, cheap; approval, deposit: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

W. Dawson has two pairs prize bred Norwich, 14/- pair; approval, stamp reply: 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, one yellow and one buff, 10/- each, cold bred: A. Barker, Claremout, Burton Leonard, Leeds.

REMOVING; sacrifice 12 grand cocks, full song, worth 10/- each, bargain 70/-: Dyer, Wellington-rd., Bridgwater.

FEW grand Norwich, single or pairs; overstocked; reasonable: John W. Reed, 202, Farndale-rd., Benwell, Newcastle.

W. N. MIDGLEY, Chesham House, Winslow, has several cheap and useful pairs, at £1, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, and £2 per pair.

PRIZE-ored Norwich cocks from 10/- each; wanted 2 good Buff Norwich hens: H. Rhodes, 10a, Dudley-st., Luton, Beds.

NORWICH cocks, one clear buff, winner, two variegated, two yellow variegated, from 7/6: Aikenhead, Painter, Brechin.

TWO typical Norwich hens 5/- each, 3 double breeding cages 5/- each, also appliances cheap: P. Emery, High-st., Boston.

SIX lightly splashed 1909 Norwich hens, 2/6 each, or 12/- the lot: Wheatley, Adelaide, Nightingale-rd., East Molesey.

TWO buff green or clear buff cocks, 12/6 each, or 23/- couple: J. Ashlee, 20, Buckingham-rd., Margate; deposit; approval.

GRAND lot Norwich, cold bred, splendid colour and song, cocks from 6/-, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

NORWICH, related to my winners, 1909 birds, from 15/- pair, approval, deposit: Cyril Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

FOUR pairs grand Norwich, breeding cages, what offers? jewellery or furniture, £5: Willmores, Horseley Heath, Tipton.

GOOD pair Norwich, large buff cock and large yellow hen, Palace winner, 17/-; approval; also good Yorkshire cocks, 1900, 10/-: Phipps, Mill Platt, Isleworth.

E. Rowhotham, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, is disposing (through ill-health) of all his high-class Norwich; pairs, 10/6 upwards; approval willingly; write or call.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, grand type and quality; cocks, 7/6, 12/6; hens from 3/6; approval: Horwood Hairdresser, Luton.

SPLENDID 1909 Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; seen by appointment: Hamilton, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields, London.

WALTON and Noakes offer surplus stock, 7/6 to 35/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfields, Leicester.

GRAND unflighted Norwich, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/-, 7/6; cheap, bargains; on approval: Moore, 96, Walnut-st., Leicester.

THREE vhc. cocks, 8/6 each, others from 6/6, colour fed; deposit, approval: Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

FEW pairs grand stock Norwich Canaries from 15/- per pair: W. Daniel, 49, Harbury-rd., Ossett, nr. Wakefield, Yorks.

LARGE typical Norwich cocks, variegated or clears, same strain as my winners, 25/-; hens 20/-: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

NORWICH yellow cocks, large stock birds, 7/6, 9/6, 10/-; buff hens, ditto, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

SPLENDID songsters from 6/6, hens from 2/6, untried birds (Goldfinch Mules) 6/-: Tapping, 38, Wilton-st., Southampton.

BIG chubby yellow Norwich hen 6/-, one little smaller 4/6; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

NORWICH buff, hens, 2/6; cocks, 6/-; yellow cocks, 8/6; full song; splendid birds: Missenden, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

NORWICH Plainheads, a few yellows and buffs, own breeding, prices reasonable; apply: Wyndham, 170, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle.

PAIR Norwich, clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, 10/6; 3 clear yellow cocks, 8/6 each: Witt, Barton-St.-Mary, East Grinstead.

HIGH class Norwich, best blood in Fancy; large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

DYSON, Wesleyan Chapel Keeper, Aylestone-rd., Leicester.—Few high-class Norwich 1909 cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-. Clean, healthy.

GOOD Norwich cocks, from 5/- up, typical hens from 3/- up; approval, deposit: J. Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham.

C. Hillmen, Ellel-grove, Anfield, Liverpool, has several high-class birds for sale reasonable; on approval; also a few Greens.

TYPICAL Norwich for disposal, from 10/- each; healthy, cold-room stock, clears and variegated: Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

SEVEN good Norwich hens, 2/- each; one cock, 5/-, or good offer for the lot: A. Taylor, 119, Lancaster-st., N. Evington, Leicester.

GRAND pair high-class Norwich, 10/6; ditto, 15/6; grand birds; approval: Fancier, 44, High Hill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

FEW Norwich cocks, buff or yellow, from 7/6; also hens, from 4/6, all unflighted: Holden, 27, Chatsworth-rd., Gorton, Manchester.

BUY from a Norwich man; good, typical Plainheads, 10/6 pair; cocks, 8/-; hens, 3/9: Boughton, 67, Revelstoke-rd., Wandsworth.

HIGH-class Norwich; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; pair Yorkshires, 15/-; Crested hen, 5/-; Mule cock, 7/6: Clark, 27, Prince-st., Peterhead.

BUFF cock, winner of 1st, with Yellow unflighted hen, 25/- pair, to clear; worth double; approval: Faulkner, 82, Park-rd., Rochdale.

NORWICH Plainheads and Crests, healthy, stock pairs, young birds, cheap, overstocked: Macdonald, 10, Labarnum-avenue, Wallsend.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks; Yellow, 7/6; Buff, 6/6; hens, 3/6; own breeding; approval: Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., East Sheen.

NORWICH, for sale yellow marked cock 17/6, buff 12/-, yellow hen 10/-; approval, deposit: Contts, 122, Brinkburn-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STRAIN second to none; typical cocks, all colours, fit to win, 20/-, 25/-; healthy; approval, stamp: Geo. Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

CLEAR yellow cock, close feather, clean cut, good wing carriage, 10/6; few buff hens from 5/6; see reports Northampton, Coventry, Bedford, etc.; approval: Notley, Kings-pl., Bedford.

CLEAR yellow cock, 2nd Leamington, bred 1908, 15/-; large yellow or buff hens, 4/- each; approval: Brooks, Binswood-st., Leamington.

TWENTY pairs prize-bred Norwich, from 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; approval, deposit; cocks, 7/6 each: Bloomfield, Hitchin-rd., Luton, Beds.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; giving up, no time to see to them; Silk's noted strain, up to 35/- per pair: Toms, Wilmington, Polegate, Sussex.

PAIR first-class Norwich Canaries, both winners and breeders of winners, with show cages and case, 45/-; approval; Geary, Dentist, Erdington.

J. Calam (winner, Hull Cage Bird Society's Champion Cup, 1909) has a few pairs Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards: 44, George-st., Hull.

SMART unflighted yellow cock, good head, type, 10/6; buff hen, to match, 5/-; approval, deposit: Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

GEO. Harland's champion Norwich; have few unflighted Buff cocks to spare, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

NORWICH high-class birds, few for disposal, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, any colour; stamp reply: E. Price, Glanbrydan-pk., Manordilo, nr. Swansea.

F. Tessyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds, will sell several good yellow and buff cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-.

CHAMPION Norwich, winners Scottish National, few pairs, reasonable: approval, inspection, stamp: Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd., Sheffield.

YELLOW cocks, 2nd Kendal, 25/-; Yellow hen, 4th Kendal, 15/-; same blood as my Palace winner: Wm. Vart, 50, Stramongate, Kendal.

GEORGE Davidson, 8, Thistle-st., Aberdeen, winner Palace and leading shows, has a number for sale, fed and non-fed; approval: (see Linnets).

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-, hens 2/6, 3/-, pairs 6/6, 7/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed. —Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

HIGH-class Norwich, same strain as our winners, from 7/6 each; approval, no yellow hens: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has matched pairs of champion Norwich from 15/6, single birds from 10/6; state wants, approval.

CLEAR and Variegated Norwich hens, all 1909 birds; have eight beautiful birds for sale cheap, 3/-: J. Storey, Market-pl., Garstang, Lanc.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

CHUBBY Norwich cocks, 7/6: hens, same type, 3/6; splendid stock birds, worth double; approval, deposit: Morgan, 5, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich.

SPECIAL cock Goldfinches 2/6, cock Yorkshires, Norwich, 5/6, cock Mules 8/6; exchange for ferrets, Parrots, seeds: M. D. O'Brien, Anacarthy, co. Tipperary.

NORWICH 1909 large healthy birds, Walton and Noakes' strain, Sandiford fed, plain or marked, cocks 7/-, hens 4/6: Pell, Risecholme, Wellingborough.

GIVING up Norwich, birds and show cages for sale, some good pairs from 20/-: Mrs. Thynne, "St. Leonards," Summer-rd., Thames Ditton, Surrey.

TWELVE buff Norwich hens, one Crested Buff, one yellow, fine healthy birds, unflighted, 3/- each, or 40/- the lot: The Laurels, Shirley, Southampton.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sedgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

NORWICH Buff cock, 1908, 7/6; Yellow and Buff cocks, 1909, 7/6 to 10/-; cold-room bred; no dealers: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace-green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

NEAT buff hens for sale, clear and ticked, 4/0; variegated, 3/6; one variegated buff cock, 4/-: Alex. Kelman, Commercial-la., Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks 5/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/-; approval, cash or deposit: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

HAVE some healthy, typical, unflighted Norwich to part with, bred from winning strain; price reasonable: Lawrence, 11, Brafferton-rd., Croydon, Surrey.

THREE Buff cocks, 10/6 each; three Yell. cocks, 12/- each; two Buff hens, 13/-; Trengrove's strain; offers; must clear: Cox, 56, Glenarm-rd., Hackney.

NORWICH for sale, Trengove and Hewitson strain, from 15/- pair, type and quality good; approval. Apply, Scott, 41, Malcolm-st., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

TYPICAL Norwich, few grand stock birds, one buff cock 15/-, two 10/-, with cards; fine matched pairs, 15/-; approval anywhere: Moon, 45, Talkeith-rd., Preston.

CLEAR Yellow cock, 1909, brother 2nd Southampton, Bournemouth, Buff hen, 1908, from Baker, Cowes, 25/-: A. Turner, St. Andrew's Lodge, Southampton.

TYPICAL Norwich, high-class stock for sale; clears, variegated, and Greens; mostly unflighted; price reasonable; approval: Cherry, Island-rd., Barrow-in-Furness.

HIGH-class Norwich Yellow and Buff cocks, 8/0 to 20/-; hens, Buff only, 6/- to 10/-; see Lincoln Show report, Dec. 25th: W. Lawson, 35, Norris-st., Lincoln.

NOTICE.—I have a few grand stock Norwich left, pair or single (not winners), but the sort that breed winners. Stamp reply: Pepper, Greek-st., Hull.

FOR sale good Norwich, 6 yellow hens, 8 buff hens, 7 buff cocks, 8/- to 15/- each; Linnet Mules, open for offers; approval: Chas. Murray, Glengarnock, Ayrshire.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

EXTRA large typical Norwich, six yellows and buff cocks, 20/- to 30/-, same as our winners; also few hens, 10/-; approval: Wake and Carr, 41, Aske-st., Middlesbrough.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few good Crest-bred hens, from 7/6 each; also Norwich yellow hens, clear or marked, from 5/6 each; Norwich songsters, from 6/-.

BIG bouncing Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, 6/- and 7/-; hens, ditto, 4/- and 5/-; pairs, 7/0 to 10/6; approval, deposit: R. Tomlinson, Clay's-lane, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

MARKED Yellow cock, 1st Duns, 10/-; clear Buff cock, 3rd, 7/6; unflighted, fed, good type, condition, cheap; approval; also show cages: Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

HIGH-class Norwich Plainheads and Crests, in splendid condition, clear and variegated cocks, from 7/-, hens from 3/6; deposit: Plauk, Carlyle Cottage, Shepton Mallet.

NORWICH, grand pairs, 12/6, 15/-; buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, same strain as my winners at Hucknall, Leamington, Hanley, Ilkeston: Dallman and Sons, Melbourne, Derby.

I have a good collection of Norwich Plainheads for sale; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NORWICH unflighted, year-old birds, bred from my own winners; single hens, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 40/-; approval; cash or deposit: Dipple, 176, Well-st., Birmingham.

NOTICE, have a few good Norwich birds, buffs, yellows, and variegateds, cocks 7/6 to 15/-, hens 7/6 to 12/6; approval willingly: A. Fraser, Hatton, R.S.O., Aberdeenshire.

LARGE typical big-headed, unflighted yellow and buff stock cocks for sale, from 10/-; state wants, stamp, approval, deposit: H. Mann, 79, St. George's-rd., Coventry.

PRIZE-BRED, 10/- to 15/- pair; buff hens, 3/- to 5/-; own breeding; see Ashton show report, December 11th; approval: Kelsall, 655, Oldham-rd., Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

3/-, breeding cage, free nursery combined, with one pair Norwich, 10/6, sex guaranteed; bred from winners Bullfinch type; approval, deposit: Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

HAVING selected our breeding stock, have some good pairs to part with from 15/-, properly matched to breed winners; approval: Adultt and Driver, Southnormanton, Alfreton.

FOR sale, unflighted Norwich ticked Buff cock, 15/6; clear Buff cock, 15/6; ticked Yellow cock, 15/6; good birds: William Smith, No. 2, Churchside, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

OVERSTOCKED, cocks in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval; all bred in outdoor aviaries: Stephen White, 34, Shirley-rd., Southampton.

FOUR-pointed Buff cock, 12/6; ditto Yellow cock, 10/-; ditto Buff hen, 10/-; grand Yellow cocks from 10/-; Buff, 8/- upwards; hens from 4/6; approval: Smith, Chemist, Scarborough.

EIGHT pairs typical Norwich, bred off good big stock, well up in head and neck, see last week's reports, 10/-, 12/-, pair to clear: Sharp, 31, Beltonst., Hyson Green, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TWO grand unflighted Buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; two Yellow hens 6/- each; two Buff hens, 5/- each; approval, deposit: Joseph B. Songstone, Sherwood-rd., Tideswell, nr. Buxton.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-, also a few cross-bred cocks, splendid songsters, 5/-, hens suitable for Muling 3/-, 3/6; approval: Macadam, 20, Bruce-st., Stirling.

HANDSOME Norwich cock Canaries, guaranteed finest songsters in England, at the price, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/- pair; breeding cages, 2/6 each: Varney, Stratford, Essex.

MARKED yellow cock, Sandiford's strain, cost 50/-, £1, cheap; buff ticked hen, 10/-; the pair, 25/-; yellow marked cock, buff hen, unflighted, 15/- pair: [illegible], Market-place, Bromsgrove.

W. Cundiff has a few good pairs for disposal, from 20/- per pair, same as my winners, Bolton, Bellevue, Pendleton, Birminghaur, and Gateshead; approval, stamp: 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

HAVE the following unflighted Norwich for sale: Two Buff cocks, 20/-, 12/-; three Yellow cocks, 20/-, 12/-, 8/-; Buff hen, 10/-; approval, deposit: William Chambers, 4, Wood-st., Motherwell.

H. JOWETT, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford, has for sale 20 pairs high-class Norwich Canaries, matched pairs to breed winners, 15/- to 20/-; real bargains; on approval, cash or deposit.

NORWICH flighted and unflighted clear and variegated cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-, all in perfect condition, a grand lot.—Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, King Edward-st., Fraserburgh.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Trengove, Godley, etc., cocks, 5/- to 15/-; hens, 4/- to 10/-; pairs, 7/6 to £1; bred from good stock; approval: Wilcox and Son, Ivy-cottage, New Sawley, Derby.

TWELVE pairs, mostly Norwich, including greens, cinnamons, and buffs, £3 lot, or separate; 12 hens, 18/-, 12 cocks 45/-: Ben Moss, jun., 2, Garnett's-bldgs., Stamp Cross, Morley, Yorkshire.

A. and E. Hewitt has a great lot of Norwich Canaries for sale, yellow, buffs, and variegated, pairs 6/-, cocks 4/-, hens 2/-; cash or deposit with Editor: Church Gate, Shepshed, Leicester.

TRENGOVES and Shaw's direct, 1908 typical buff cock, yellow hen, rare head, grand pair, 60/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 45/-; real value; also 10 1908-9 hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: Hadley, Draper, Burton-on-Trent.

GRAND Norwich Plainhead cocks, Yellows and Buffs, 7/6 each, full song, clear or variegated; would exchange 2 cocks for 1 good large Buff hen; seen any time: Everett, 12a, Bloomsbury-st., London.

I HAVE a few prize-bred Norwich for sale, unflighted; see show reports, Crook, Yarm, and Guisbro; cocks, 10/6; hens, 7/6 upwards; cash or deposit: W. Crosling, 8, Fern-st., Darlington.

TYPICAL Norwich, natural, cold bred, 7/6, 15/6 pair; hens, from 3/-; Goldie Mules, 7/6; 2, Greenfinch cocks, beauties, for muling, 4/6 each; own breeding; approval: Coote, Rosary, Isleworth.

T. IRONS, Ivy-rd., Northampton, has some grand Norwich for sale, show or stock, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6 upwards; see members' show, 16 entries, 15 prizes; all birds own breeding; approval, stamp.

GRAND buff Norwich cocks for sale, 30 cluking birds, true to type and full of quality, from 7/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit: J. W. Lowthian, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, Cumberland.

GRAND large cobby Norwich, birds, fed to perfection, for disposal, cocks from 5/- to 10/-, hens from 2/6 to 5/-; inspection invited; approval willingly: Spencer, Marquis of Granby, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

BUCKMAN Lodge, Holland House, Melbury-rd., Kensington, 1908 bred, one buff cock 20/-, has won two firsts, vhe; two buff cocks, has also won; 15/- each, or reasonable offer taken; approval, deposit.

OWING to dissolution of partnership between Lee and Kearney, H. Lee has about 30 Norwich from prize strain for sale; 'phone 888 Hop; also cages, single and double: 242, Bermondsey-st., London, S.E.

UNFED Norwich (Houghton's strain), clearing all grand stock; 6 cocks, 8 hens, 3 good cock Bullies, 3 house-moulted cock Greypates, 8 single breeding cages. What offers for lot or separate?: Mares, bosier, Hereford.

NORWICH, three cocks, four hens, good healthy stock birds. Offers, lot, or separate. Goldfinch Mules, three cocks one hen, dark, good blaze. Offers: Mrs. Caddy, 8, Marine-terr., Penzance, Cornwall.

FOR sale, 4 grand pairs of Norwich Canaries, 1909, warranted cock and hen, cold room, 6/6 per pair; also splendid Yorkshire Yellow hen, large, for sale, 3/6: Johnson, Hairdresser, Shepshed, Leicestershire.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

W. H. Willis has several prize-bred (Sllk's strain) Norwich cocks for disposal, 1909 birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; 2 1908 stock birds, 20/- each; also a few hens, cheap to clear; cash or deposit: 294, Kenuington-rd., S.E.

CHAMPION stock birds, big heads, thick necks, exquisite feather, certainly breed winners; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens from 5/6; own breeding only; seen any time: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, Lancashire: I have a few good cobby Norwich for sale, bred from my prize strain; pairs from 15/- to £3 10s.; also yellow or buff hens from 10/- to £1; cold room.

AFTER a very sucessful season, I am disposing of a few of my splendid Norwich cheap; grand large cocks, 6/- to 15/- each; typical hens, 3/6 to 7/6 each; approval: W. Walker, 63, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

A few good yellow and buff Norwich cocks for sale, related to my winners at all the principal shows, from 10/- to 20/-; also some good cinnamon Norwich, cheap: Hermeston, 21, Whitefield-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CHARLES Cranston, Thomas-st., Carlisle, has three grand ticked buff Norwich cocks, and one clear, price 7/6 each; also two good Border cocks and one hen, 12/- lot to clear; see reports of Carlisle, Annan, Frizington, etc.

I HAVE a few good stock birds for sale, 1908 and 1909, Yellow and Buff cocks, also two Buff hens, from 6/- to 10/- each; or exchange 4 for 2 Yellow and 2 Buff hens; approval: J. E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop.

BUY from breeder, satisfaction guaranteed, Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6 pair; grand yellow cocks, 7/-, 8/- each; hens, 2/9, 3/6, 4/-; cold room; approval, deposit: Bailey, Hemblington, Norwich.

GIVING up the fancy; some grand birds still left; grand large unflighted ticked Buff cock, a gem, 36/-; others, cocks, hens, Yellows, Buffs, 7/6 to 15/-: Mallinson, 31, Copley-ave., Pye-nest, Halifax. Late Gibraltar-road.

SOME grand variegated and clear cocks, in full song, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 3/- and 3/6; also a few variegated 1908 hens, 3/- and 3/6; cold room; inspection invited: C. Brenton, 63, Howard-buildings, near Banbury-st., London, N.E.

TYPICAL Norwich, large cobby birds, fed to perfection; I have 40 cocks and 50 hens to dispose of, including some grand stock birds, cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; inspection invited; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

GOSTLING, Secretary and Treasurer Saxmundham Fanciers' Association, can spare few high-class specimens, cocks or hens supplied; pairs from 15/-; approval with pleasure, cash or deposit; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed: Gostling, Saxmundham.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 0/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

CLEAR yellow Norwich, unflighted hen, medium, very typical, 8/6; variegated yellow, unflighted hen, good stock hen, 8/6; Goldfinch, house-moulted, 3rd Bromley only time shown, 8/6: Bullen, 6, Walpole-rd., Bromley, Kent. Approval, deposit.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, about 200, wholesale or retail, from 7/6 per pair, colour fed, and natural, own breeding; cold room; state wants fully; on approval, cash or deposit: W. Wiberley, Barton-house, Stoney Stanton-road, Coventry.

EXHIBITION strain, large yellow cock 25/-, buff ditto, 20/-, grand stock pair 25/- (bargain); hens, yellow, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6; extra large buff cinnamon cock, winner, 20/-; cock Goldie-mule, winner, 20/-; show cages and case cheap: Brain, Glastonbury.

GRAND 1908 clear buff cock and large 1909 ticked yellow hen, £4 only; ticked 1908 yellow cock, excellent type, hot colour, 30/-; fine unflighted buff cock, and very typical young yellow hen, 45/-; a bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

MY system of deferred payments is deposit 3/- on cocks, 4/6 on matched pairs, balance by instalments; birds sent at once; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6; buff hens, 2/0; state what you want with order fully: Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

A. Brown, 7, Norman Av. West, Wood Green, has selected his breeding stock; here is chance for rovices; 7 yellow cocks, 10/0, 12/6, 15/-; two yellow hens, 12/6 each; 3 buff hens, 6/6 each; 2 buff cocks, 10/-, 12/0 each, fed., Robson's and Hodder's strains; approval willingly.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

H. Luff, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea, has 30 champion Norwich, related to cup winners at Battersea two years in succession; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; singles, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; for show or stock; approval, deposit; fanciers invited: Near Clapham Junction.

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval: Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

FOR sale, 2 buff cocks, and yellow, bred of my champion Norwich, which has won over 50 prizes and specials; also silver and gold medal, not a bad season's winnings; also open for judging Norwich: Note change of address, Robert Martin, jun., Spring Villa, Waterside, by Kirkintilloch.

A. Mattock, Myland, Colchester, winner firsts, seconds, sp. best, N.P.H. In show, can spare grand yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 16/-; two yellow cocks, 15/- pair do. hens, 8/-, last four bred as above, little on small side, lot 52/-; room wanted; approval, deposit.

TICKED buff cock, grand size, lovely shape and feather, 15/-; clear yellow cock, almost as good, 14/-, both 1909; clear buff cock, big bird, for stock, 1907 bred, 12/6, bargains; also ticked buff Yorks cock, very typical, good length, quality of feather, 11/-; deposit: Clayton, Percy-st., Rochdale.

GENUINE offer, clear buff cock, winner 1st Coventry, 2nd Burton-on-Trent, £8; clear buff cock, winner two 2nds, three 3rds, 35/-; several matched pairs from £1 per pair; all above birds guaranteed as stated; no rubbish; first come first served: Apply, King, Laxton Park, Stamford, Northants.

RARE opportunity, breeder's over stock, 50 unflighted, prize-bred Canaries, including Borders, Plainheads, Crests, all colours; a sweeping bargain, one lot, or separately; many winners amougst them; see report last week's show; cold-room bred, hardy, healthy; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

LARGE grizzle-headed Yellow cock, matched clear cobby Buff hen, grand stock pair, 20/-; heavily-marked Yellow cock, clear cobby Buff hen, beautiful pair, 18/-; several beautiful cock Goldfinch Mules, splendid songsters; Yellows, 6/6; Buffs, 5/-; approval, deposit: J. Barratt, 83, Craven-st., Coventry.

TWO excellent pairs Norwich, Buff cocks, of splendid size, shape and quality, to Yellow hens, toppers, extra shape, with fine heads, 45/- per pair, worth double; four tip-top Yellow hens, 21/- each; 2 extra Yellow cocks, 25/- each; my own breeding and champion strain; approval willingly: A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

GRAND large marked yellow cock, winner, 20/-, cheap; buff unflighted cock, 10/-, worth double; several large natural buff hens, 4/6 to 10/6; two buff cocks (fed), and eight hens (natural), 22/6; several large Goldfinch Mules, Finch song 5/- and 6/-; exhibition Greenfinch Mule cock, 10/-; Harrison, Hopefield-rd., Leicester.

SEVERAL unflighted Buff cock birds, good size, true type, my own breeding, same as my winners Battersea, Clapham, Wimbledon, and cup winner L.C.B.A. this year, 12/6, 15/-, £1, 25/-; also good Buff hens from 5/-; inspection invited Saturday afternoon or Sunday: Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

VARDY'S champion strain. Three grand unflighted buff cocks, nothing better bred for stock or show, 20/- each; grand variegated buff cock, year old, good show and stock bird combined, price £2; few cobby unflighted buff hens, 15/- and 10/- each. Own breeding, approval: W. Vardy, Aviaries, Bucknall, Huthwaite, Notts.

HAVING been most successful, can spare following massive typical Norwich, bred direct from winners, grand clear buff cock 10/6, grand stout clear yellow cock 10/6, ditto, beauty, 7/6; grand clear buff hen 8/6; splendid clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto gem, 6/6; lovely quality; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SIXTY grand selected prize-bred Norwich hens, in clear, ticked, and variegated Yellows and Buffs, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, including several winners, price, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/6 each; any of them are honestly worth double; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

W. Miles, Aviaries, Chichester, offers grand clear Yellow cock, 1st and special, 50/-; hen to match, 10/-; grand grizzle tail Yellow cock, big winner, 50/-; hen to match, 10/-; champion clear Buff cock, red-hot colour, big winner, fit for Palace, £3; marked Buff cock, beautiful quality winner, 30/-; variegated Buff cock, winner, 25/-; I have the best lot of Buff hens in the Fancy, from 7/6 to £3 each; I have also some grand cocks, Yellows and Buffs, and matched pairs, cheap; all on approval.

HAVING had successful breeding season, can spare the following large clear buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 40/-; large clear yellow cock, variegated buff hen, 30/-; ticked buff cock, clear yellow hen, 30/-; clear buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 25/-; clear buff cock, 20/-; ditto, 12/6; ticked buff cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; twelve buff hens, lovely type and quality, 8/6 and 10/6 each; few yellow and buff cocks (medium size), 8/6 each. All bred by myself, and related to my winners; Battersea, Southend, Westminster, Wood Green, etc. Seen evenings, or approval willingly; P. Brooks, 3, Trinity-rd., Wood Green, N.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercer-on-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

COOP. R'S

For high-class Norwich cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/6, 5/6; satisfaction guaranteed: 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Having selected my breeding stock, I have a few choice Yellow and Buff cocks for disposal; stamp reply: R. Seed, 23, Linton-st., Preston.

HIGH CLASS NORWICH

Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

ARTHUR J. KILBY,

Arthur J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables, Caterham Valley, winner of over 90 prizes this season, has some exceptionally good Buff cocks and a few hens to dispose of cheap, to make room for the breeding season; cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6; all related to winners.

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Prices, Norwich cocks, buff, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/0; Bullfinch hens, 2/-, 2/6; Goldfinch cocks, 3/0, 4/-, 5/-; approval, deposit; travelling cages 3d. extra; trade supplied: Miles and Son, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

FROM WINNING SHOW NORWICH.

Christian, 128, Westcotes-drive, Leicester, has a large variegated buff cocks, from his winning green cock, 3 buffs, and 1 yellow from his winning clear yellow, 25/- each; also from the pick of his surplus stock, matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; 4 yellow hens, 10/- each; approval, deposit.

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Save dealer's profits.—Below are mostly unflighted and cold-room bred, colour-fed; Norwich bred from winners, 10/6 to 20/- per pair; two special pairs, 35/- per pair; two clear yellow hens, 25/- and 27/6; buff cinnamon Norwich cock, 16/6; 2 buff cinnamon Norwich hens, 6/6, and 7/6; grand yellow Yorkshire cock, with 2 fine buff hens, 21/- the 3; approval, cash or deposit: Hudson, 54, Rhodes-st., Halifax.

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Am giving up the Fancy, and all my birds are for disposal, including winners and promising unflighted birds, cheap; cocks, 10/- to 40/-; hens, 7/6 to 40/-; call or write: Fred. Brailsford, Radford-st., Mansfield, Notts. All my birds, with one exception, are Mr. Fred. Beardall's noted strain.

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Having selected our breeding stock, have the following for disposal: pairs, 8/6, 10/0, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; hens, 3/-, 4/6, 6/-, 10/-; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; these birds are all related to our stock; cash or deposit; three days' approval; beginners, now's your chance: Address: 31, Wright-st., Coventry.

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T. H. DENT,

4, Langton-st., Preston, can still spare a few good birds for show or stock; prices reasonable; approval anywhere.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Champion bred Norwich, single and pairs, will breed winners; also few winners; this strain has won throughout the country; also a few Greens; best strain on the bench; approval with pleasure; stamped envelope: G. L. Harber, Wernlas, Merthyr Tydvil, S. Wales.

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149, Duncombe-street, Walkley, Sheffield, Challenge Cup winner three years in succession. Few choice specimens to spare; true type, A1 quality, and rich depth of colour; cocks, 26/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; several extra good pairs at £3 to £5 Inspection invited; approval; state requirements and I will guarantee entire satisfaction.

F. RACKHAM,

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FIFTEEN long, slim 1909 Yorkshire hens, thoroughly healthy, ready for breeding, Buff, 3/-; Yellow, 3/6 each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

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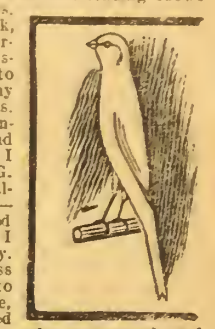
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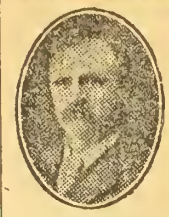
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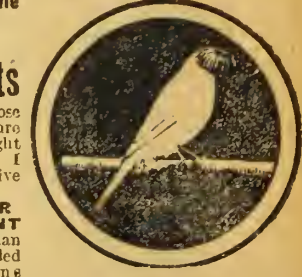
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YORKSHIRES

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NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE

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TWO Siskin Mules, cocks, 6/- each; cock Bullie, vhc. only time out, 5/6 to clear: Brown, 89, North Glencraig, Fife.

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LARGE steady house-moulted Bullfinch Muler, 2/6; another large steady one, caged month, 2/-; approval: Kelley, New Buildings, Frome.

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FINE hand-reared cock Greenfinch, feed from hand, cage moulted, steady hen Bullfinch, healthy, fine plumage, 7/6: C. Leventon, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

FOUR house moulted Goldfinches, Mulers, 20/-; would exchange for two good long tight Yorkshire hens; approval; hens first: Gifford, 37, Abbey-rd., Cambridge.

THREE 1909 dark Goldfinch Mules, Finch note, winners of several cards, £1 each; another good songster, 10/6; approval: I. Scribbins, Countess Wear, Exeter.

TWO cage-moulted Greenfinches, one second prize, three large Yellow, one Buff, Norwich hens, for class muling; approval; cheap: Porter, Thornbury Lodge, Sheffield.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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WANTED, 1909 cock Canary, give two new Border show cages: Glover, 26, Water-st., St. Helen's.

WANTED cock Mules, must be singing, cheap for cash: Tompkins, 95a, Deacon-rd., Willesden Green.

WANTED, good secondhand overcoat, exchange large yellow Norwich cock, good singer: Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, offers 18 Yorkshire Canaries, as bred; sell, 7/- pair; good birds: Sceney, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

BREEDING Siskin; sell, 7/6; Goldfinch, 8/6, for Norwich: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WANTED good variegated Norwich cock; exchange pure-bred Belgian doe, or sell: E. Graver, Heacham, Norfolk.

SKYLARK, loud songster, a week's trial, bird first: Warburton, 441, Oldham-rd., Rochdale. Will pay carriage.

WANTED large Norwich hen, exchange three good Norwich hens, or sell 6/-: Wooldridge, Wroxall, Warwick.

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WANTED offers in Canaries for 4 Angora rabbits and 3 Dutch, good strain: G. Aitchison, Main-st., Fauldhouse.

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WANTED, pair exhibition Yorkshires; exchange Scottish Terrier bitch, 2 years; no rubbish: Barber, Whittington Moor.

WANTED, Norwich hens; exchange 2 1909 variegated cocks and 2 house-moulted Brambles: Walton, Upton-upon-Severn.

CANARIES wanted, Norwich and Yorkshires; state quantity and lowest price: Lewis, 9, High-st., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

LARKS, large fine birds, on song, 1/- each, two for 1/9, three 2/6; stamp reply: Markin, 34, Sussex-street, Nottingham.

WANTED for cash, Canaries and British, any variety; state price required: P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, good light mule for exhibition; exchange Crests or Norwich Plainheads: H. Watts, Box House, Axminster.

WILL exchange yellow or buff Norwich cock for large yellow hens: Kent, 8, Derwent-st., West Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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NOTICE, wanted 12 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Scotch Fancies; must be reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

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WANTED, good yellow Norwich hen, pair typical Norwich, both winners last season (not fed), 15/-; approval anywhere: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

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WANTED drilling machine, vice engines, boiler fittings (model), ?suitable for locomotive; exchange champion Borders, winners; approval: Hocking, Lewis-st., Swansea. Report Swansea last issue.

WANTED good yellow Norwich hen, or pairs; exchange (quarter-plate) stand camera 27/6, fretwork outfit, wood, designs, 20/-; violin 20/-; or good cock Bullfinches, for Canaries: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

WANTED, Canaries, gramophone, anything useful, in exchange for pedigree Wire and Smooth Fox terrier puppies; also good all-round Whippet. Letters only: Drew, 44, Edward-st., Cacracco, Dowlais.

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Club Reports.

MIDLAND COUNTIES BIRD BENEVOLENT AND D.S.

After one of the most successful year's working in the history of the society with Skylark singing contests, the members are calling a special general meeting this Friday, January 14th, to consider the formation of a section for Canaries, etc., which should prove a great success. The society have had a considerable amount of assitance offered them by some of the well-known Midland fanciers, and fanciers generally cannot do better than give this meeting their support, which is called for 8.15 p.m. Will fanciers please note?—W. MARTIN, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, the Y.M.C.A., Whitby-street, W. Hartlepool, January 5th. Mr. J. W. Papple, the hon. sec., gave a brief account of the past year's work, and was pleased to state that never in the history of the society was there such a credit balance as that with which they started the present year, notwithstanding the dire failure of the open show in October last. When one remembered that the society were the pioneers of the extended classification of Yorkshires in the North of England, it was lamentable to see such small numbers. However, with prompt payment of prize money, and close attention to management, they still hoped to win the patronage of exhibitors. The encouragement they had received from Mr. Nicholson, of Stockton-on-Tees, gladdened his heart. The following resolution was carried with acclamation:—"That having regard to the great kindness and assistance shown us by Mr. Nicholson, and the whole-hearted manner in which he supports the cage bird Fancy, we hereby have great pleasure in electing him the first hon. life member of the Hartlepools C.B.S." October 29th was fixed for our open show. Votes of thanks to the auditors (Messrs. Ronald and Williams), the chairman (Mr. I. Robinson), and the secretary (Mr. J. W. Papple), having been passed, the election of officers for the ensuing year—with Sir Christopher Furness a president—concluded a most helpful and enthusiastic meetiug.—ERNEST WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec., 38, St. Paul's-road, W. Hartlepool.

BLACKBURN QUALITY LINNET S.A

The committee had a meeting to consider the advisability of a motion by Mr. G. Rostron. It was seconded by Mr. R. Hayhurst, and carried unanimously, that the above become the National Quality Linnet Singing Association, enabling anyone wishing to become members from any part of the country to do so by applying to us. Subscriptions, 4s. per bird per annum (members not to enter more than two birds).—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Secs., Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on January 3rd at the Buck-i'-th'-Vine Hotel, when Mr. E. A. Walker (chairman) presided over a satisfactory attendance. The usual business having been gone through, it was resolved that a show of breeding pairs be held on the second Monday in February, last year's schedule being adopted, with the exception that Border Fancy take the place of A.O.V. Canary. Mr. R. Hunter (Ormskirk) was appointed judge. The same gentleman, who is a fancier with 30 years' experience, kindly promised to give his reminiscences on the different varieties of cage birds at the April meeting.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Annual general meeting and election of office-bearers was held in Brown's Rooms, 83, High-street, on December 25th. The President, Mr. W. R. Dunn, occupied the chair. The secretary submitted the balance-sheet, which showed a good surplus on the year's workings. Staging, suitable for over 500 exhibits has been purchased, and is of a very fine pattern, and easily erected. The contractor, Mr. J. Edward, is to be complimented on his work. The office-bearers for the year are: Re-elected, Messrs. W. R. Dunn, President; M. Kavanah, vice-president; T. Nisbet, treasurer; committee, Messrs. Barr, Smeaton, Taylor, Storie, Young, Hoyle, Pearson, Carruthers, and T. Wallace. For the benefit of new members wishing to join, and readers of CAGE BIRDS, I may say this society is open to Scotland. For conditions, see CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.—WM. NISBET, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

The special winners at our recent annual show were as follows:—Champions, silver cup (value £3 3s.), presented by Mr. V. H. Deacon for most points (six highest birds), M. J. Fox; gold medal (£1 1s.) for second most points (presented by Mr. G. Lawson), W. Hales; gold centre silver medal (presented by Mr. J. Davie, for third most points, J. Walker. Novices, gold medal (value £1 1s., presented by Mr. J. H. Isaac), for first most points, R. Algie; gold centre silver medal (presented by Mr. F. E. Hawkes for second most points), W. Plunkett; silver medal (presented by Mr. J. H. Isaac for most entries Novice), W. E. Ray. Selling Classes and A.O.V., rose bowl (presented by Mrs. Hawkes for most points), B. Bullough. British, silver-plated cup (presented by Mr. J. H. Isaac, for most points champions), A. Coffey. Rose bowl (presented by Mrs. Isaac for Novice), J. Lloyd. Hyde's special, F. E. Hawkes; Sandiford's medal, R. Algie.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

YORKS. C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held on Dec. 30th, in Duncan's Rooms, Glasgow. The president, Mr. R. B. Gibb, occupied the chair. I wish to thank those members who answered my appeal for subscriptions to silver medal fund. There are still a number of members who have not subscribed to this fund, and I shall be pleased to hear from them. The annual general meeting was fixed to be held on Jan. 25th. All prizes won will be given at this meeting. Mr. J. B. Paterson, with 89 points, again secures the silver challenge howl and gold medal. The gold medal to runner up is won by Mr. Girvan (Ayr), 82 points. The President's prize is won by Dr C. Syson (Glasgow), 79 points; and Mr. T. Penman's prize is won by Mr. W. H. McDougall (Fort William), 57 points; next come G. McRobbie (Partick), 50; F. Bowman, 43; J. F. Webster, 41; R. D. Braidy, 29; T. Penman, 22; R. B. Gibb, 16. The winners of silver medals at each show are:—(Kelty) J. B. Paterson, (Ayr), Dr. Syson (Glasgow and West) D. F. Webster, (Kilmarnock) A. Girvan, (Dundee) W. H. McDougall, (Alexandria) R. D. Braidy, and (Aberdeen) G. McRobbie.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

ABERDEEN O.S.

Annual general meeting held in the Trades Hall, on Dec. 29, the President (Mr. J. Hector) in the chair. The prize money was paid and the financial report submitted. The latter showed a very small balance on the right side. After the President and the Auditors had made a few remarks, the report was unanimously adopted. This finished the business for the year. The members were asked to enroll for 1910. After most of those present had done so, the following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. W. Allan; Vice-President, Mr. J. Hector; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John Bryson, 8, Broomhill-road; Committee, Messrs. M. Steven, W. Rae, A. Thomson, J. Irvine, J. Sandison, J. Strachan, G. Mackie, J. Greig, J. Lyon, W. Ewen, A. Anderson, W. Lawrie, W. Allison, J. G. Milne, A. Thomson (Woodside), F. Garden, J. W. Lewis, J. Silver, J. Balfour. It has been arranged to hold a washing exhibition in the Trades Hall, on Jan. 28, at 8 o'clock, at which Messrs. Balfour, Hector, Sandison and others will take part. Fanciers are invited, and the Committee hope there will be a large attendance. All prize money and specials have now been paid out.—J. BRYSON, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

After the judging at our show held on Dec. 22, a meeting was held, Mr. J. Curry in chair. It was decided that, as there were only two members competing at Darlingtou show, the medal he withheld, according to minutes of previous meeting; that the medal at Cockermouth, not having been judged for, it be awarded to Mr. Stewart, as he was the only member who obtained more than one 1st; that the Gateshead medal be awarded to Mr. J. Parker, as his bird was highest in the cards. The various medals were selected, and the secretary instructed to obtain same. The date of the pair show was fixed as January 19th, when we hold our show jointly with the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.; Mr. J. Maddison, judge. The open show competitions closed with Gateshead, and the following are the winners:—Champion Section: Sandiford's cup, G. W. Cuthbertson, 105 points; gold medal, J. Stewart, 77 points; silver medals for best bird at each show: Newcastle, G. W. Cuthbertson; South Shields, T. C. Crawhall; Wallsend, J. Carr; Darlington, withheld owing to lack of competition; Cockermouth, J. Stewart; Gateshead, J. Parker; Novice competition: Dr. O'Neal's silver rosebowl, J. Tindale, 47 points; gold medal, W. Cockburn, 43; 2/6 cash, F. Johnson, 40; 2/6 cash, C. Dix, 35; silver medals for best bird at each show: Newcastle, W. Cockburn; South Shields, F. Johnson; Blaydon, R. Hutler; Wallsend, W. Mather; Sunderland, C. Dix; Gateshead, R. Tindale. The N.Y.C.C. challenge cup was won at Blaydon show by Mr. R. Hutler.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The following points were gained at Plumstead Show in our "cups and bowls" competition:—Norwich Plainhead, H. E. Taylor 10, Meades 6; Yorkshires, C. Lockett 11; Crests and Borders, 10 entries; Lizards, E. J. Wood, 13; British, Jordan 3, F. J. Wickham 2; Hybrids, no entries. This show closes the competition for the season, and the final results are:—Norwich Plainheads, H. E. Taylor 51 points; Yorkshires, C. Lockett, 47 points; Crests and Crestbreds, J. Broad, 26 points; Border Fancy, Dr. T. A. Bowes, 36 points; Lizards, E. J. Wood 58 points; British, F. J. Wickham, 43 points; Mules, etc., H. E. Taylor 24 points. Mr. John Broad having won the Crest bowl three times, this trophy now becomes his property absolutely.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Dec. 30th. Present: Messrs. Trower (in the chair), Maxwell, Newley, Dewhurst, Cooper, Askew, Wyse, Crabb, Dobson, Plumbridge, and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A letter was read from Birmingham show. It was proposed and carried that under the circumstances points gained by members at Birmingham show count for the club cups and medals. Correspondence was read that had passed between Mr. Ramsden and the secretaries. It was proposed and carried that Messrs. Crabb and Cooper should interview Mr. Ramsden to see if matters could be arranged respecting the British and reserve judge at the Crystal Palace show. The secretaries handed round a silver medal presented to the club by the Toronto C.B.S.; it was very much admired. It was proposed and carried that this club acknowledge receipt of same, and forward in exchange two of the club's silver medals. The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate), M. Preston (onoreditch), C. A. Tyson (Sloane Street), and H. J. Hireson (Southall). A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The 1st annual general meeting was held on Jan. 1st, Mr. Thos. Kaye in the chair. The principal business was the reading of the balance sheet for the year and election of officers for 1910. The Rev. W. C. Edgington, M.A., was re-elected president, and Mr. T. E. Battye was added to the list of vice-presidents. Mr. Thos. Kaye was re-elected chairman. Owing to the resignation of the secretary (Mr. Harry E. Wilkinson), Mr. Fred Elliott was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, with twelve members to form a committee, by whom the future business of the society will be transacted. The special prizes given for most points gained by nominated birds at the two shows held, were won by:—1st prize, Mr. Alf. Jarvis (22 points), 18/-; 2nd prize, Messrs. Micklethwaite and Wormleighton (11 points), 9/-; 3rd prize, Mr. Howe (9 points), 3/-. Mr. Alf. Jarvis also won special prize (pair of Yorkshire stock birds) given by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson for most points gained in Yorkshire and Norwich classes. Mr. R. Howe won silver medal for washing competition, held in Nov. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of 10/5, which is considered satisfactory on the first year's working. Six members' shows are to be held during the current year—1 table and 1 pair show, 2 first feather shows, and 2 winter shows An excellent syllabus was prepared, including papers, lectures, a washing exhibition and competition, etc. Six new members were admitted, which brings the total membership up to 32. A vote of thanks to the retiring secretary for his past services, and to the chairman, brought a most business-like meeting to a close.—FRED. ELLIOTT, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at the Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, on January 9th, when 17 birds were hung. A. Fishwick gave three good prizes. 1st, Thirkill; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Connor. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Gallye.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, January 8th. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd shared between Stead and Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Whittaker. Also on January 9th, when 24 birds sang. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Bland; 4th, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hohan.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Carbrook, on January 2nd, when 15 birds sang. 1st, Wilson, 94; 2nd, Knight, 62; 3rd, Wilson, 58. Contest held on January 9th, when 13 birds sang. 1st, Cole, 56; 2nd, Knight, 53; 3rd, Wilson, 52.—A. BROWN.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held January 9th, at Prince Albert Inn, Cambridge-street, when 19 birds sang. Result:—1st, Soloman; 2nd. Binns; 3rd, divided between Soloman and Butler. Judges, Messrs. Allan and Smith. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. —W. DEAN, Sec.

Usual fortnightly Roller contest held at Plasterers Arms, Skinner-lane, January 9th. Most of the well-known contest Canaries in Leeds entered. We are pleased to see a number of new fanciers have taken up the hobby. 1st, Wake; 2nd, Jowett; 3rd, Green. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and J. Smith. Next contest January 23rd, commence 7.30 p.m.; open to all. Also same night opening of this season's Canary Club; will be pleased to enroll new members.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, January 8th, when upwards of 20 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. W. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result:—1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Boyle; 3rd, Huntley. Mr. J. Limbert, sen., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 18 birds competed. Result:—1st, Wilson; 2nd, Bean; 3rd, Smith; 4th, Granger; 5th, Spence. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.

WIGAN.

Contest held at Millstone Hotel, Wigan-lane, on January 1st, when 18 birds sang for quality and time. Result:—1st, J. W. Jones; 2nd, W. Milligan; 3rd, Barnes. For quality; result:—1st, Milligan; 2nd J. W. Jones; 3rd, Mawdsley. Judge, Mr. F. Gibbins; timekeepers, Messrs. Mawdsley, Parker, and Other. It was a good contest for the time of the year. We spent a very enjoyable evening.—A. PARKER, Sec.

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Banbury Show
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CORK and Provincial C.B.S. Show unavoidably postponed until February 16th. S. O'Reilly, M. O'Keeffe, Hon. Secs.

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Twitterings.

Our show was a grand success, thanks to your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Bole, hon. secretary of the Kingswood Show.

Will secretaries kindly note that I have changed my address to 8, Bellfield Avenue, Musselburgh, writes Mr. James Smeaton.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. T. L. Hancocks, hon. secretary of the Crewe O.S., to 61, Hungerford Road, Crewe.

The Ilkeston C.B.S. have decided to hold their next open show on November 26th and 28th, 1910. Will secretaries please note?—THOS. SMITH, secretary.

At our recent show, competition was confined to members, but we hope to hold an open show shortly, writes Mr. J. Lindsay Deas, hon. secretary, Wembley F.A.

Report of Dalbeattie Show credits Hunter with winning third prize in the British Goldfinch class, whereas I was the winner, writes Mr. James McNeillie (Maxwelltown).

We are extending entries until Monday, January 17th, write Messrs. Elviss and Mouncy, the hon. secretaries of the Spalding Show, which is being held on January 20th.

Allow me to offer my best congratulations on the ever increasing vitality of CAGE BIRDS, the fanciers' "Vade mecum," which we could not do without now.—JAMES F. DEWAR (Edinburgh).

Our club is in a very flourishing condition, writes Mr. J. Dixon, hon. secretary of the Choppington and Dis. C.B.S., and there is promise of a large number of new members for the next season.

At the recent Scottish National Show, writes Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart), it was a Snow Bunting that I was 3rd with, and not a Blackheaded; the latter stood 4th, shown by Mr. T. Erskine (not Henderson).

A telegram from Mr. D. John, secretary of Llanelly Show, to be held on January 18th, states that entries are short, and that the entries closing date has been extended to Sunday's first post, January 16th.

I have never missed your valuable guide (CAGE BIRDS) this six years weekly, and your Christmas number was a grand success. I always look for the end of each week to get your paper. It is a grand guide.—CHARLES QUINN.

I was pleased to read in CAGE BIRDS issue of January 1st, Mr. A. J. Holloway's article on "How I Rear and Tame my Cage-bred Budgerigars." As I am a beginner it has taught me something, and I thank Mr. Holloway for it.—A READER.

The Pair Show mentioned in my report is postponed from January 19th until January 26th, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. secretary of the Northern Y.C.C. I trust the members will bring out their best then for Mr. Maddison to judge.

In the results of the O.N.P.C. Competitions given in CAGE BIRDS last week, the winner of Mr. Ramsden's special should have been given as Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, instead of Mr. H. Snowden (novice section).—O. MITCHELL, hon. secretary.

I have again taken over the duties of secretary to the Hartlepools C.B.S., owing to the intention of Mr. J. W. Papple to proceed abroad. Will those sending communciations to the society please address them to me?—ERNEST WOODHEAD, 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.

My letter of last week, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), may read somewhat misleading, for Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd. have catered for the cage bird Fancy for a number of years with their various mixtures, so that our London extension is not altogther a new departure.

Miss J. M. Grimes (St. Leonard's-on-Sea) writes to thank CAGE BIRDS for the splendid volume she received as a prize from the Hastings and St. Leonard's Bird Show. Miss Grimes has taken CAGE BIRDS for some time now, and finds it the most useful and interesting of any bird journal she has had.

The Guisborough and District "Priory" C.B.S. Annual Show held on New Year's day, in Chaloner Hall, was opened by Miss Chaloner, as Mrs. Chaloner was unable to do so through ill health, and proved a success by the kind help of both Mrs. and Miss Chaloner, and the members.—R. MAYS, hon. secretary.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show exhibitors having surplus stock should note the limit and stock classes provided at this show. There is an ever increasing demand at the Palace Show for decent birds at moderate prices. Entries close Saturday, January 22nd. No extension.—J. W. Ramsden, show manager.—(ADVT.)

We are holding a members' show at the White Swan, Market Place, on January 15th, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, secretary, Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. The classification is a good one, and the show will be well worth going to see. Open at 2.30 p.m., admission free. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers.

OBITUARY.

Mr. T. TURNER (Clitheroe).

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of Mr. T. Turner, the chairman of our society, on December 31st, in his 32nd year, writes Mr. R. Lambert, secretary, Clitheroe C.B.S. He had been very successful during the show seasons of 1908 and '9 with his birds, and much sympathy is felt for his bereaved wife and four young children.

For the purposes of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL we shall be glad to know in the course of the next few days the full addresses of the secretaries of the following societies: Wallsend Linnet S.C., Cannock and Dis. C.B.S.; Dawley and Dis. C.B.S.; Hightown Junior C.B.S.; King's Head B.B. and M.C.; Marazion and Western Dis. B.F.A.; Raunds and Dis. F.S.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S., and hope, with the assistance of the members, to increase the membership and interest in the Fancy in the district. I hope all members will subscribe to your valuable paper, in which all meetings will be announced.—FREDK. RACKHAM, hon. secretary, 162, London Road, South Lowestoft.

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for December contains articles by Mr. E. J. Brook (on the nesting of the Black Lory), H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S. (on Diseases of Birds), F. Howe (on the Wryneck), H. Goodchild, W. T. Page, and others, besides a goodly array of interesting notes and an index to the contents of the journal for the past twelve months.

Up to time of writing entries do not average one per class, and as this does not appear to be very promising, my committee think it wise to make an appeal through CAGE BIRDS. We have therefore decided to extend the date of closing to first post Monday morning, January 17th. We trust fanciers will respond and give us a bumping entry.—J. GRIFFITHS, secretary, Trodegar and Dis. F. and F.F.S.

The January issue of "British Birds" (one shilling net, Witherby and Co.), is again an interesting number, and includes, among others, articles on Ravens and Crows (by Mr. F. Heatherley, F.R.C.S.), and "Sequence of Plumages in British Birds—The Missel-Thrush Song-Thrush, Redwing, and Fieldfaro" (by Mr. C. B. Ticehurst, M.A., M.B.O.U., etc.), besides many notes and numerous excellent illustrations.

There was an error in Carlisle Show catalogue. In the yellow green class, Mr. Wilson was credited with 1st, whereas I won that, and have received prize money and cards. I have taken your paper, CAGE BIRDS, regularly for years. My bird has been in the cards every time out, and is only a very young one—h.c. Manchester, v.h.c. Liverpool, 1st Sale, 4th Altrincham, which I think not so bad.—S. M. NELSON (Carlisle).

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ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

The vitality of the cage bird cult in general and of CAGE BIRDS in particular is splendidly shown by this the eighth birthday anniversary number of the paper. It is, we may point out, issued at a time of political stress, and at a moment when the bird trade is in none too active a state owing to various causes which need not be here referred to. All records are broken with it and broken in the handsomest fashion. The total of advertisements exceeds by many hundreds the highest figure ever reached in the paper's history; the value given to readers from the instructive and artistic standpoints was never greater. Viewed from any angle, we believe this number to be thoroughly representative of the great and important industry the bird "Fancy" in this country has grown into. Exactly what part our once little journal has played in the progress of the love for birds its readers can best judge, but it will not be inopportune for us to record at such a moment as this our heartfelt indebtedness to the bird-keeping community as a body for their splendid recognition of such efforts in its behalf as we and our staff have been able to make. For the many and invaluable services rendered us by readers of all ranks and classes, we have frequently expressed our thanks, but no words of ours could sufficiently convey the deep sense of gratitude with which we review the work of the past or the hopefulness with which we view the future. We never have yet rested on our oars, and we do not now propose to do so. There is plenty to do, and much more to accomplish, but with our readers' aid it will be done. To them we appeal; for them we strive. By them are we content to be judged.

The members of the Clitheroe and Dis. C.B.S., writes the secretary, Mr. R. Lambert (21, George Street, Clitheroe), have decided to promote a draw for Mrs. Turner (the widow of our late chairman), and the members have given a dozen or more birds to be drawn for. If any secretaries of other societies will assist in the selling of tickets, we shall be much obliged.

I have to tender you my best thanks for notifying in "Twitterings" my resignation from the L.C.B.A., also for your kindly remarks. It is quite true that I have at all times endeavoured to promote the interests of the society of which I have been a member many years, but I cannot claim to have been one of the founders. My severance will in no way affect the friendly relationship that exists between myself and the vast majority of the members. What small meed of notoriety may have come my way I have neither sought nor bought. Primarily, I keep birds for my amusement, and should they be the innocent cause of my getting more annoyance than amusement, which has been the case of late, I shall have to cut their life-long acquaintance, and that in no undecided fashion. I should have sent you this letter last week, but was away on the Continent on business, having received a cable during the Christmas holidays, and leaving immediately after same.

"Cage Birds" 1910 Annual.

Readers must not overlook the fact that advertisements for "Cage Birds 1910 Annual" should reach us not later than Tuesday next, January 18th. Do not lose this opportunity of securing world-wide publicity for a whole year at an extremely low cost; remember that advertisers in the past have been astonished and pleased with the business their announcements secured for them. We also take this opportunity to remind secretaries that January 20th is the last date for receiving particulars of their clubs for insertion in the Directory to the Cage Bird Societies.

A Gentle Reminder.

Our Literary Competition up to the time of penning these lines has not drawn anything like a good response from bird-keepers. We trust this will be remedied before the date of closing (January 24th). There must be hundreds amongst our more-or-less "seasoned" readers who can relate their experiences in the hobby—experiences that will help the beginner when negotiating the stony path that leads to success. There should be no other incentive needed to get them to sit down and write their essays. What can transcend the lending of a helping hand to those in need of it? But here, all who compete have a chance of sharing in nine guineas worth of prizes—and a chance which is fair to everyone, as a perusal of the rules given on another page this week will at once show. Literary ability is not all that is required, for mistakes in grammar and spelling will not count against any competitor, as it is information based upon practical experience that the judges will be looking for, and we quite recognise that this and scholarly ability do not necessarily go hand in hand. There is still plenty of time to compete if the matter is taken up now.

Our Christmas Competitions.

We hope in our next issue to announce the results of our Christmas "Conundrum" and "Painting" Competitions. Remember that our "Literary Competition" closes on Jan. 24 next.

TWITTERINGS continued on page 25.

A Study in Yorkshire Canaries.

Specially written round Mr. Norman's Coloured Plate

By F. ARMSTRONG.

It affords me the greatest pleasure to be invited to undertake to write an article on what I beg to term "The Marked Yorkshire Bird." This term will include both the "Cinnamon and Green-Marked Yorkshire" (so ably illustrated in the plate presented along with the Birthday Number of our premier cage bird journal). I will endeavour, as far as possible, to make the article as interesting and as clear as I can.

I will endeavour to explain first some of the terms used in the "Yorkshire Fancy." Some of them I had a little difficulty in understanding, especially during my early days in this fascinating hobby. The terms "ticked," "foul-marked," "evenly and unevenly marked," caused me no end of trouble—to understand where one ended and the other began; but thanks to the kindness of such prominent judges and fanciers as Messrs. Mundell, Battye, Broadley, Wilman, and others, I was at last able to overcome this difficulty.

The Term "Ticked" Tackled.

I propose to take the terms in the order above given. First, the term "ticked"; many times have I heard the question asked and discussed in the valuable columns of CAGE BIRDS: "What is a ticked bird?" A "ticked bird" is one having dark feathers on thighs, rump, or any part of an otherwise clear body; it may also have a mark on one eye, wing or tail, but not more than one such technical mark, separately or in addition to any other variegation on its body. These should be judged according to the scale for "clear" birds. In the Cinnamon-ticked Yorkshire classes the presence of dark feathers on the thighs and underflue of a bird cannot well be admitted, because variegation in this variety in some form or other is the object aimed at; therefore, it is necessary that a well-defined Cinnamon mark or tick must be clearly discernible.

I am sorry to say that this has not always been strictly adhered to, which led to the "dropping" of the ticked bird for a season or two.

Again, the point arises, "What about the so-called 'invisible tick'?" This term is a misnomer, as it is impossible to have a tick which is invisible. I take it it is a mark which it is exceedingly difficult to find, being on the underside of the flights, or on parts of the body covered by the flights or long feathers. These birds, in my humble estimation, ought to compete in the clear classes, with deduction of points for the same, as in the case of discoloured beak, legs, or feet, on an otherwise clear-bodied bird in the clear classes. The tick, in my humble estimation, should be distinct, and should not require the birds being handled in order than one may discover it, or even an exhibitor's notification where the tick is to be located. Another important reason is that it might be possible to exhibit it as a ticked bird at one show and clear at another. There would then be no temptation for a fancier to be dishonest.

"Technical Marks" Simplified.

Perhaps I had better explain here what is meant by "technical marks," as I find so many do not understand what is meant. Technical marks are those found only on the eyes, wings and tail. A cap-marked bird whose cap extends to, or even below, its eyes, or a whole dark tailed bird does not possess two technical marks. The eye markings must be separate, and the tail marked on both sides to constitute technical marks. I give this because I have found novices making this mistake this season.

There is a vast difference between what we in the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club and the Green Canary Club term a "foul-marked bird." A foul-marked bird is one which has a splashed or marked breast. It must also have two or more technical marks before being allowed to compete in classes where the N.G.M.Y.C.C. patronage is given. Even then points are deducted for this foul-mark. In fact, many of our judges ignore these birds entirely, or nearly so, no matter however good their other Yorkshire properties may be. The foul-green, according to the Green Canary Club, is a bird possessing one or more light-coloured (grey) feathers in either wings or tail, or both. This is clearly demonstrated by CAGE BIRDS' artist in the plate.

The Highest Form of Variegation.

An "evenly-marked bird" has the highest form of variegation; it is, therefore, desirable that the object of breeders should be to try for the nearest approach to evenness in markings, whilst still retaining all the essential Yorkshire qualities in their birds. So that while form and approximate excellence in markings will count above equally good form and merely irregular variegation, superior form will count above anything. An evenly-marked bird must be what is termed "four-pointed" (both wings and both eyes, as is so ably illustrated in the plate), or "six-pointed" (both eyes, both wings and both sides of the tail). The more precise the markings the better; those on the eyes should go round like the rims of a pair of spectacles. The outer, long flight feathers (in the Green or Cinnamon) should be light, and the short flight feathers green or cinnamon, according to the variety.

This bird has been almost entirely neglected for a long period in the Yorkshire variety, whilst in the Border Fancy it is exceedingly strong, and may be bred with a fair degree of certainty. The N.G.M.Y.C.C. has now included the even-green-marked in its classification, so that breeders have some encouragement to try to breed what I believe to be the beau ideal of the Yorkshire family, and a bird which takes premier position over the Clear Yellow.

"Evenly-Marked" Scale of Points.

I give also the scale of points, or standards.

MARKINGS: Eyes, for neatness and regularity of outline and for distinctiveness, 25 points; wings for exactness, decreasing in value as the marking extends beyond the secondary flights, 15 points; tail for exactness, 5; making 45 points. SHAPE AND POSITION: For symmetrical proportions, fair size, and erect carriage, 30 points. FEATHER: For short, compact body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail, 15 points; COLOUR: Pure body colour and brilliance of marking, 5 points. CONDITION: Specially for sound feather, 5 points; TOTAL, 100 points.

An "unevenly marked Yorkshire" (Green or Cinnamon) may have two, three or five technical marks on eyes, wings, or tail; separately or in addition to any other variegation on its body. A bird with four or six marks, if variegated on the head or body, is also considered an unevenly-marked bird. Ticked or unevenly-marked birds have also to be judged according to clear bird scale, unless the unevenly-marked have special classes; then they are judged according to the standard or scale provided for Yorkshire cinnamon-marked birds.

This grouping of clears, ticked, and unevenly-marked birds I consider an injustice to the latter, especially if he is to have points deducted as per scale. It is far more difficult to breed an exceedingly good, green-marked bird possessing the type and quality than either a clear or ticked bird, as the stock required for breeding the same is difficult to get or breed at present. I am trusting, now that encouragement is given to breed this beautiful specimen of Canarydom, and that stock will be bred to ensure a fair degree of certainty in its production.

"Unevenly-marked" Scale of Points.

I also include here a scale of points or standard for both the green and cinnamon-unevenly-marked Yorkshire (type and length as for other Yorkshire varieties).

SHAPE: Head, small and round, skull narrow, 5 points; neck, moderately long, straight, 5 points; shoulders, narrow, rounded, and well filled, 5 points; back, long, straight, and well filled in, wings long and evenly carried, 5 points; breast, round and smooth, the body long and gradually tapering to a neat waist, 5 points; legs, long, without being stilty, thighs well clothed, 5 points; tail long, straight and closely folded, 5 points; making 35 points. FEATHER: Short, close, and tight, for compactness of body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail, 15 points. POSITION: Attitude erect, with fearless carriage, head, neck, back and tail in a straight line, 20 points. MARKINGS: For approximate excellence in markings and nearest approach to evenness, 15 points. COLOUR: Pure body and brilliance of markings, 5 points. CONDITION: Health, cleanliness, and sound feather, 10 points; TOTAL, 100 points.

I trust the two scales included will be of use to many of my fellow-fanciers, as I feel certain very few of the scales are in existence, and only in the possession of the older body of fanciers. The explanation of the terms I have given are the standard ones, which I have tried to make as clear and precise as possible.

The Uses of the Different Birds.

I will now endeavour, as far as I can, to give my own personal experience of the uses of these different birds in my breeding-room. Perhaps the experiences of some of my readers may differ more or less in detail, but it is only by the free interchange of these experiences that knowledge is gained, and the Fancy we have at heart progresses.

My experience in the breeding of the Yorkshire bird has now extended over a period of thirteen years, and still I find I have much to learn; the more I study the less I feel to know. A hobby, whatever it may be, to be fascinating must consist of numerous experiments with the idea of improving it. If we had no failures or disappointments the pleasure which success brings would not be half so great.

In this article I am only dealing with the uses of the marked bird (so that type, size, and quality must be understood), and how I utilise it. After numerous experiments I have come to the conclusion that the best method by which to obtain a clear bird with abundance of colour is by the use of a green ticked bird, not a cinnamon ticked one. I mate a good yellow ticked cock with a smart clear buff hen; then I have a fairly good chance of obtaining what I am aiming at, viz., "colour." In nearly every case there is a preponderance of ticked birds in the progeny. The pairing of clear birds results in loss of colour, if nothing less.

I might here say I have never gone direct to the self or foul green to obtain my colour, being content to introduce the green blood through the medium of a heavily-variegated bird.

(To be continued.)

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Our Calendar.

Two Himalayan Gems.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "Garden and Aviary Birds in India," etc.

India may fairly claim to have been the first country to introduce startling novelties into aviculture; we have all heard of Solomon's peacocks, and in the latter ages the Indian Green Parrakeets delighted the Roman fanciers, while, so vast and varied an assortment are the Indian birds, that new species even yet arrive as pleasant surprises. Since leaving India, about seven years ago, I have seen more than one kind of Indian bird imported here which I never saw for sale out there. The two lovely birds illustrated upon CAGE BIRDS charming Calendar, however, were quite familiar to me in India, as small numbers of both were regularly brought down from the Himalayas every winter, the only season at which these mountain birds were procurable in Calcutta, for the hill races do not like the hot season in the plains any more than we Europeans do; besides which, they no doubt have their crops to look after all summer.

The two birds of which I am about to speak—the Silver-cared Mesia and Rufous-bellied Niltava—were, like many others, brought down in broad square flat cages of split bamboo, each divided into about a dozen small compartments perhaps eight inches square, with one bird in each of these. The whole cage, top, sides and floor, was made of wicker bars, with inside feeding and drinking cups of earthenware, and the birds used to arrive clean and in show condition.

Relatives and Rivals.

The Silver-eared Mesia (*Mesia argentauris*) is a very near relative of the familiar Pekin Robin, and, to many people's minds, excels it in beauty, its colours being more striking and varied, while its shape is more slender and elegant. In fact, I have heard people say about a specimen which I had in India that it was the prettiest bird they had ever seen. The plumage of the Mesia is, however, inferior in quality to that of its common relative, being more open in texture, and not of that close exquisite silkiness which is so admirable in the Pekin. In the matter of sex difference, however, the Mesia has a distinct advantage, for the hen, though equally beautiful with the cock, and at first sight indistinguishable may be at once known by having the tail-coverts, both upper and under, cinnamon instead of scarlet. The young are described as lacking the black on the head, but the only fledgling I ever saw had it, though the whole plumage was very dull, and the bird looked as much like a cock Blackcap as one of the species.

This specimen was reared in Mr. R. Phillipps' aviary, but perished by accident just before it was full grown, and the like fate befell a nest they had at the Zoo. Before long, however, someone will rear this species, as it seems more ready to breed than almost any other soft-billed bird, and very few have been over here to be experimented with.

In their wild haunts in the Himalayas, the birds build in bushes, constructing a cup-shaped nest of dry leaves and moss—a very abundant commodity there—and lining it with fine roots of a light colour. In this respect it differs markedly from the Pekin Robin, whose nest, otherwise similar, is lined with dark materal. The eggs hardly differ from those of that bird, being pale green scantily speckled with rusty, the set is three or four.

The first specimen of this bird ever seen in England was sent by Mr. E. W. Harper to the Zoo, and throve well there for several years; the few others that have been imported have shown themselves equally hardy, and some have done well on the show bench. The bird should be treated like the Pekin Robin, and should, if a single specimen, have one of these birds as a companion, as it is very sociable. From what I have seen of the species, it seems to keep the beauty of its colours better indoors than in an outdoor aviary.

A Glorious Flycatcher.

The Rufous-bellied Niltava (*Niltava sundara*) is, if anything, a more beautiful bird than the Mesia; no brush can do justice to the enamelled richness of the lighter shades of blue which adorn its plumage, and recall the hues of the Tanagers and Kingfishers. There is, however, in this species a very marked sex-difference, the hen, of which, by the way, I have never seen a living specimen, being of a plain uniform brown, only relieved by a spot of turquoise blue on each side of the neck. This bird is more of a fruit-eater than are Flycatchers generally, and so will be found rather easier to keep, though less hardy than the Mesia. In the Himalayas its nesting-habits appear to be not unlike those of our Spotted Flycatcher, except that it builds nearer the ground; its open nest of moss, lined with fibres or fur, being found in crevices of rocks, or banks, or at the roots of trees.

Although this species reached the Calcutta bird-dealers in about equal numbers with the Mesia, I have seen few specimens over here, one being the beautiful male exhibited by Mr. Russell Humphreys, so I have no more to say about it, except to recommend it to all aviculturists as a gem of the first water. The Germans seem to get hold of it oftener than we do, as is the case nowadays with so many of these choice oriental soft-bills.

In conclusion, I would point out that it could be possible for any aviculturist who had the opportunity to go out to India between October and March to bring home some of these and other good Himalayan soft-bills. He would find hotels not only at Calcutta, but at Kurseong and Darjeeling in the nearer hills; probably he would not need to go so high as the latter place, as in winter those birds would be found lower down the hills. He should take with him plenty of meal-worms, dried flies, and dried ants' eggs; as bread, eggs, and meat would be readily obtainable, it would not be necessary to take ready-made food, and good cages would be obtainable in Calcutta.

The remainder of the birds portrayed will require no introduction to our readers. The Blackbird, so charmingly depicted by Mr. G. Rankin, in the top left-hand panel, is a general favourite, his bold manner, striking appearance and highly melodious song captivating the hearts of all who love the birds of our countryside. Mr. Norman's beautiful panel in the top right-hand corner shows us a grand specimen of the popular Norwich Plainhead (about which some prominent breeders and exhibitors have something to say in this issue); also a fine example of the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. Mr. Goodchild's characteristically artistic and life-like panel of the Mesia and Niltava completes what we venture to hope will be a much-appreciated calendar, one which will find a place upon the walls of every bird-lover's home.

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As a sort of introduction, I may state that I have no intention of writing a monograph on the beautiful species depicted on Mr. Goodchild's exquisite drawing, but rather to describe their demeanour under cage and aviary life. It must not be taken for granted because the birds are so charmingly portrayed together on our plate that they can be so kept in captivity, not even in the largest outdoor aviary; the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, Orange Hangnest, and Blue-winged Siva must not be associated with birds smaller or weaker than themselves, or ultimate disaster will be the result.

What Can be Done?

An indication of what may be done in the way of keeping birds together will be gathered if I state that in a comparatively small garden aviary I have kept the Plumbous Redstart, Blue, Maroon, Scarlet, and Superb Tanagers successfully, with an admixture of the small Ornamental Finches. Nevertheless, individuals must be studied, and if a bird shows any inclination to run "amok," it must be put in "durance vile" (that is, caged separately) for a time. After a while he may be turned into the aviary again—but I must lay stress upon this point, that any aviculturist who keeps a mixed community of birds together in one aviary, must keep them under watchful observance and remove, at any rate for a time, any individual becoming abnormally pugnacious. In fact, the aviculturist who wishes to be successful, whether he keeps his birds in cages or aviaries, *must* study them as individuals in the first place, and as a community in a secondary sense.

The plate specially appeals to me, as several of the studies were made from my birds, while the background, beautiful as it is, does not do justice to the fine, natural flight, 50 by 50 feet of my esteemed friend and fellow aviculturist, Mr. Willford, of the Isle of Wight.

The same beautiful effect is possible for one and all, and the course of procedure to attain such, very simple. The main point to keep in view is to strictly limit your ardour, and only keep a given number of birds in a given space—seed-eaters are more destructive to plant life than either the insectivorous or frugivorous species—not more than one pair should be kept to each square foot of the ground area. In the aviary named the plant life consists of common laurel, spruce, larch, box, hops, Virginian Creeper, while nasturtiums and Michaelmas daisies are used for ornamental effect. The ground area is a well-kept lawn, while along one side runs a bank of coarse growing grasses and weeds. The shed in the plate indicates the arrangements for night quarters, dry space for food hopper, etc.; the structure itself is merely light wood framing to carry half-inch mesh wire-netting.

Now a word as to cages. I prefer the semi-box type to any other; that is, the front and half the top open wirework and twigs of branches for perches.

It will save needless repetition if a paragraph is here given to the dietary of the species depicted on our plate. Milk sop, soft food, ripe fruit, sponge cake, and live insects, will cover the needs of the species portrayed. In the aviary it will be sufficient to provide the foods named and leave the birds to help themselves; but when they are kept in cages, there is great need for individual study, as though the range of diet may be the same, even with birds of the same species, owing to variable demeanour, it must be modified—one will even refuse mealworms, another soft food, and again another will practically subsist on ripe fruit; while a very important point is, that a quiet sedative bird cannot have so liberal a diet as one that is active and vivacious all the day, for individuals of the same species vary even to this extent. In the winter our mainstay is the mealworm, but in the summer give the birds as much variety as you can obtain. A good way to procure such is to take a stout butterfly net and draw it through long grass, in the hedgerows, etc., according to convenience, and empty it into the aviary, while almost any insect, larvæ or pupæ to be found in the garden will send our aviary pets almost wild with delight, and tend to their general well being.

From India's Coral Strand.

The Gold-fronted Green Bulbul (*Chloropsis aurifrons*). If all the laudatory adjectives in the English language were launched at this exquisite gem from India's coral strand, it would not over-rate its charms or exaggerate its beauty or demeanour, whether as a pet bird in a roomy cage, or as an inhabitant of an aviary containing inhabitants not weaker than itself. I shall make these remarks more or less a personal narrative of my bird, whose portrait adorns the coloured plate.

In the winter he occupies a cage 33 by 18 by 30 inches high, while during the summer months he enjoys, with about twenty or thirty (Parrakeets, Sibias, Ouzels, Cardinals, Rosy Pastors, etc.) the liberty of an outdoor aviary about 13 by 10 by 6 feet high. In the winter in his cage he seems perfectly happy, and if the door be opened will alight on the hand for a few mealworms or to suck a grape dry. Interesting and beautiful as it is under these conditions, it is in the summer time that I enjoy it most. How exquisite it is on the wing: and how tame and confiding! The difficulty is to get into the aviary without the bird coming out; not that this would matter, for it would go into the aviary again on one's shoulder; but the danger in suburban London is cats! With us it indeed is:

Cats to the front of us!
Cats to the right of us! Cats to the left of us!
And Cats to the rear of us!!

This is our woe and tribulation, and it stands in the way of our developing the homing traits of our birds. When in the aviary the bird is all over one's person, eating mealworms or fruit from the hands, even suffering itself to be handled; and it will lie on its back in the hand in no apparent hurry to right itself, and then it merely goes to the perch or on the hand or shoulder, and does not fly away. These traits sometimes lead to their being over-fed, becoming inordinately fat; and in such condition they fall an easy prey to disease or sudden death. Therefore, observation must be kept, and at the first sign of undue obesity, a few doses of Dinneford's magnesia should be administered, and the more nourishing part of its dietary lessened.

To its other charms must be added that of song. If this is not very connected, the notes are full and rich; it also possesses the power of mimicry in a very marked degree, copying the songs of other birds even the harsh scream of a Conure or Cockatiel.

Before passing on to other species I feel I ought to just quote the distinctions between the Gold-fronted (*C. aurifrons*) and the Malabar (*C. malabarica*). The former has a blue throat as well as moustachial streaks, while the latter has only the moustachial streaks blue. The throat right up to the base of the lower mandible is black. When my specimen first came to hand there was no blue discernible upon the middle of the throat, but now it is fully adult, it is distinctly blue, and therefore, to my great disappointment *aurifrons* and not *malabarica*, the rarer species as I had hoped.

A Starling-like Beauty.

Orange or Jamaican Hangnest (*Icterus jamaicaii*).—Again an exquisite species, similar to a Starling as to form. As to colour, with the plate before us, it is almost waste of space to dilate upon its beauty. It also possesses the true Starling characteristics of digging its bill closed into its food and then opening it out. In this instance, also, I shall practically confine my remarks to a narrative of a single bird, viz., George of the Zoo, now alas "departed," and much missed by many—merely remarking that I have not had outdoor accommodation for my Hangnests. Though tame and taking food from the hand, they have never been encouraged to come out of their enclosure (4½ by 2¼ by 4ft. high) in my greenhouse bird room. At the present time but one survives out of the trio of a few years ago.

For several years I enjoyed the company of George during my numerous walks through the Western Aviary at the Zoo, and his absence is now much missed. He was absolutely fearless. He was very fond of exploring my person, while he has sadly marred the surface of more than one hat. Yet he was such interesting company that I never missed paying him a visit during my almost weekly attendances at the Gardens. I may be pardoned, perhaps, relating one of his most interesting tricks. If a slide match-box was given him, he would insert the point of his beak in one end, open it, thereby prising the box open. But he did not always find the succulent mealworm he had been taught to expect. You could grip him round the body, in fact, literally maul (if my readers will pardon an almost vulgar expression) him, and he seemed to enjoy it; in fact, when thrown off on leaving his enclosure, he would fly straight back to you—practically asking for more. With all this, he enjoyed a lengthy life among his numerous admirers.

This is a record of the tamest Hangnest I ever came across—in either a large aviary or a cage. If time can only be given to them, the process of taming is not difficult—the birds will face almost anything for a mealworm, and soon become fearless with those they know. In a room they should be trained to come out of their cage; they can always be enticed back again by putting a mealworm in the cage, and in a comparatively short time they will freely come on to your person and take tit-bits from your fingers. For cage, all that is required to keep them fit is a roomy one, cleanliness, and food (as already stated) supplied fresh daily. A fly round the room as convenience permits will be a great help towards keeping them in the very finest condition. This species, too, has more than average merit as a songster, though the song is not a very sustained one.

One of the Hardiest.

The White-Eye (*Zosterops palpebrosa*).—I am writing of the Indian species, and all bird keepers should seek to obtain *palpebrosa*, as though they all require much the same treatment, once over the hardships of importation, this species can be kept out of doors all the year round, providing the aviary has sufficient covered-in accommodation to keep them dry and space for exercise at the same time.

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Experiments with Cinnamon Blood.

By OSCAR J. SMART

It is a matter of some surprise to me that Norwich Canary breeders should have experimented so little with cinnamon blood, while the Yorkshire breeders have distinct and beautiful varieties of cinnamon-marked birds.

Cinnamon Norwich Plainheads.

It is true that the Norwich man has something to lose (in the first generation, at any rate) by crossing his birds with the Cinnamon; but I question whether, in the long run, he will not be infinitely the gainer by such a practice. I purpose setting down here the results of experiments made by myself and friends in this direction, and to show the conclusions which such experiments have lead me to form.

In the first instance, a self-cinnamon cock was used, mated to a clear Norwich hen. The greatest care was taken to see that both were pure-bred (from a colour point of view, of course), as any out-cross would have had very far-reaching effects on the progeny. The young from this pair consisted of five foul-green cocks, five foul-cinnamon hens, and one cinnamon-marked hen. I noticed that only the hens showed any signs of cinnamon feathers, and subsequent experiments have proved that it is necessary to have cinnamon blood in both parents (although it is not essential that it shows in the plumage) to produce Cinnamons of both sexes.

The foul-greens were cocks; and I have never bred a green hen this way, although when the colour of the parents is reversed, viz., a clear cock to cinnamon hen, such are quite common, as also are the green cocks. These Greens must be looked upon as hybrids or off-colours, and which, contrary to Mendelian principles, do not breed true when mated together.

The progeny of this Cinnamon Norwich cross are, viewed as show birds, anything but satisfactory, being more or less nondescript in appearance, dull (or smoky) in colour, somewhat long in feather and browed nearly as much as some Crestbreds. The cocks I have found especially liable to lengthy feathering; but some of the Cinnamons were tight and neat, possessing full chests and bold heads, two features which, as may be imagined, make them invaluable as stock birds.

Two Show Birds.

Our next experiment was a step forward. In the following year we made three matings of more than ordinary interest, two of which must be looked upon as entirely satisfactory. We crossed two of the birds from the previous year's mating *inter se* (i.e., "amongst themselves"); one of the foul-green cocks we mated back to a clear hen, and we procured a perfectly clear cock for one of the foul cinnamon hens, making sure that the clears were clear-bred for at least three generations.

The *inter se* mating was carried on by a lady friend of mine, and it was from this pair that we obtained the most unexpected results. We paired the best-coloured foul-green cock to the best-typed foul-cinnamon hen; and clears, greens, cinnamons, splits, fouls, ticked, and marked (both greens and cinnamons), appeared among the progeny. Cinnamon feathers occurred in both sexes. Colour, size, and type were all vastly improved, while to our surprise we had two typical show birds. One of these was a clear buff and the other a self-cinnamon; both buffs and both cocks. They were of exceptional size and type, rich in colour and abundantly frosted. But what pleased me most was the lovely quality of feather, more especially in the clear, which was soft as down and glossy as silk.

This same cock (the foul green) was also run with a clear hen, and from this mating some very fair clear buffs were bred, several indifferent green and splashed birds, but not a single cinnamon feather. This, however, was strange, as I have never since failed to breed cinnamon hens from a similar mating. The buffs from this pair were ideal in type and shortness of feather, but they were poor in colour and rather small. The hens should have made good stock birds. The foul-green and splashed birds were quite useless, save as songsters.

Are Black Canaries Possible?

From a similar mating that same year I obtained some nondescript Cinnamon hens and a yellow Green hen, almost black in colour, which is worthy of note, because, when mated to a clear buff cock the following year, she bred me some of the richest yellows I have ever seen, spoiled only by being small.

Another of these foul-cinnamon hens was put to a clear yellow cock, and here, again, some very rich yellow Green hens were bred, some large Green cocks, and some clear and unevenly-marked cocks. All these birds were tight and short in feather, while the browing so pronounced in the first generation was thoroughly erased in the second.

One of these Green cocks was again paired to a clear hen, when the cinnamon stamp was absolutely lost in the progeny, although the excellent quality and colour of the feathers still bore witness to the beneficial effect of the cinnamon blood. One cinnamon-marked hen appeared from this mating, the rest being perfectly clear. Two of these clears paired together have given a beautiful rich cinnamon-ticked yellow hen, of fine quality and substance.

The Greens bred from cinnamon crosses are extremely smoky in colour, but when mated together they produce very rich cinnamons, and are, therefore, valuable stock birds, although quite useless for Green breeding. The fact of these cinnamon-greens having produced cinnamons when purchased by someone ignorant of their ancestry, has undoubtedly given rise to the erroneous assertion that "Cinnamons were in the first instance bred from Greens"; a statement with absolutely no foundation.

Does Cinnamon Spoil Green?

To sum up, I consider that quality of feather, colour, and occasionally size, may be gained by the proper use of cinnamon blood, but that it is useless to expect any improvement before the second or third generation; that it is advisable to breed with a little cinnamon blood in both parents if the best results are to be obtained; and that although both good cinnamons and good clears may be bred from the Cinnamon-Norwich cross, it can have nothing but a bad effect on the Greens.

The many beautiful varieties which may be bred from this cross should, in my opinion, be given some encouragement on the show bench. It is a thousand pities that the foul or pied Cinnamon should be looked upon as little better than a mongrel, when, with a little encouragement, the bird might easily be improved and bred up to a state of high perfection. I am convinced that their value, even as stock birds, will never be fully realised until they are recognised as exhibition birds, too.

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"JACK": THE MARVELLOUS TALKING STARLING



An account both amusing and instructive of an exceptionally talented bird.

By T. H. FERRAR.

I AM unable in this article to deal with peculiarities of the Starlings' wild life (such as their screaming when feeding their young, etc.), but will give a full account of my experiences in the rearing from the nest, feeding, taming, and teaching of the common Starling. The subject-in-chief is, of course, my accomplished bird "Jack," whose marvellous power of mimicing the human voice in talking, laughing, whistling snatches of melodies, and also in the reproduction of other birds' songs (particulars of which I will enumerate), I venture to assert is unequalled. To any who very naturally may be sceptical on the subject, I may say that I have sent the Editor of CAGE BIRDS names and addresses of people who can vouch for the veracity of my account; or they may come and see the bird, and so judge for themselves. In order that readers may not run away with the idea that "Jack" is an "exception to the rule," I may say that at different times I have kept three Starlings, two males and a female, and both of the males talked. The first certainly only said two or three words, but he came to me an adult. The female only emitted her natural notes and gave *no* "impressions." The second male is my present bird. Should anyone be desirous of trying his (or her) hand at rearing a young Starling I advise them to adopt the following regimen (which is perfectly simple), but it must be coupled with gentleness, patience, kindness and common sense.

"JACK'S" EARLY DAYS.

"Jack" came into my possession four years ago last May, a nestling about three-parts fledged, and at the outset I kept him and his two brothers (or sisters) in a flower-pot which I fashioned to represent a nest. I fed them upon soaked bread, crushed hemp, small worms scoured and cut up, and any other insects I could find in my garden (wood-lice, small beetles, spiders, flies, etc.), all of which I mixed together and moistened; and about twice a day I gave a little water by dipping in water the small piece of stick which I used as a "feeder," and dropping a little down their throats when they opened their mouths. This treatment I continued until they left their improvised nest for a very large Magpie's cage, and as soon as I saw they drank I made the food hardly so moist. Although they very soon learned to feed themselves, they preferred being fed with their "feeder" (or by hand) for a long time. They were perfectly tame, attained by my never approaching them brusquely; in fact, I always induced them to come towards the hand in which I held the food. It was about this time that they all escaped from the cage; two flew away, but "Jack," being the tamest, I was able to recapture him.

A few days after this I noticed he had, as I at first thought, a bad cold, which I attributed to his bathing too frequently. He was continually sneezing, but as this developed into an intermittent gaping and gasping for breath, I treated him for a not uncommon ailment of insectivorous birds—namely, worms in the throat. I placed my bird in a box about 9 inches square, comparatively air-tight, into which I puffed the smoke of some fairly strong tobacco for a few moments. This caused the bird to sneeze and cough more than ever. Upon opening the box and releasing "Jack," I was delighted to see on the bottom of the box a worm about three inches long and about the thickness of stoutish twine (resembling a small earthworm), and from that moment "Jack" was completely cured—he has never experienced a recurrence.

Whilst on the subject of maladies, I may say that my bird has only suffered from two during the four years I have had him. The second illness was in the autumn, two years ago, when he shed his feathers, but produced no new ones, and at length was almost bare chest, back and neck being quite so. I first treated him for mite and similar troubles. I expected at this time to find him dead each morning when I came down. I eventually consulted my friend, Mr. Herbert Davidson, who keeps many soft-bill birds (including Starlings), and our consultation resulted in my giving up the packet food and getting various ingredients *separately* from those well-known specialists, Messrs. Trower & Co. The change in the bird was almost magical, for in less than two weeks from the time of the change I noticed new feathers sprouting, and in a month "Jack" was in perfect plumage, quite fit in every way for the show-bench.



A VERY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.
Two nestling Cuckoos in the same nest, that of a Meadow Pipit.

Here is the formula which, should any readers have an insectivorous bird similarly afflicted, I strongly recommend them to adopt: 4 parts rather fine biscuit meal, 1 part dried flies, 1 part ant eggs (best), 1 part crissel, ½ part crushed silkworm pupæ. About 3 parts of a teacupful to be given fresh-made every morning; to be made moist (but not sloppy, or like a pudding). This may appear on the face of it complicated, but small quantities of these ingredients can be had. My Starling, which has had no other food for the past two years, with the exception of a little "table scraps" (but *no meat*), lettuce or cabbage leaves, etc., in the winter, costs me 2½d. to 3d. per week.

I may add here that, in addition to my adult bird I have this year had six young ones from three different nests, all tame, well and hearty. One of these I put through its juvenile paces for my friend, Mr. G. H. Chirgwin, the "White-eyed Kaffir," whom I was delighted to see favouring your readers with a characteristically humorous account of his birds in your recent Christmas Number.

A REMARKABLE REPERTOIRE.

In the autumn of 1905, when "Jack" had almost completed his first moult, I noticed he was evidently endeavouring to imitate my voice. When trying to coax him to take a meal-worm from my hand, I would say: "Come on, come on, Jack." The resemblance was very vague, sounding like "coo-uvae," as well as I can describe it. I then repeated (when putting my hand in the cage) "Come on, Jack," more slowly and distinctly. I then began to notice an improvement each day, and in a short time my efforts were rewarded by hearing him say, with perfect distinctness: "Come on, come on, Jack." Encouraged by this success I repeated other short sentences, and as soon as either myself or wife discovered his "trying," as it were, one of them, I would drop all the others until (like the first "Come on, Jack,") he had got it correctly. In a like manner I instructed him in other sayings, many of which, however, he never, as far as I could discover, attempted. But to make up for this apparent inattention to us, he has on his own initiative said and whistled items which it was not intended he should imitate. For instance, at times, when some unusually loud noise occurred, as the slamming of a door or window, or a big bird flew overhead, or swallows swooped in near proximity to his cage (I kept him in a large cage in the garden), he would be startled and frightened, and in order to sooth or console him I would invariably say, "Poor Jack, whatever is it?" One day, to my surprise, I heard him say "whatever" fairly distinctly. My wife, being anxious that he should complete the sentence, would say "Whatever *is it?*" with so much emphasis on the last two words that "Jack" now also says "Whatever *is it?*" distinctly, an amusing story of which I will relate further on. As he was by this time well advanced in the execution of his natural sounds and whistles, I tested his "ear for music" by whistling a few notes of a tune repeatedly—namely, "Molly"—and he succeeded so well that I was encouraged to continue this part of his education. The outcome of it all is his following full "repertoire," all the items of which are clearly enunciated and whistled respectively. More frequently than not he performs them without a "break," with, however, this exception: my wife when whistling "Pop goes the Weasel" to him would (as most ladies do who are not adepts in the gentle art of whistling) moisten her lips in order to prepare them for the ordeal, and in doing so emit a "clicking" or soft "smacking" noise, and "Jack" hardly ever whistles this little tune without making this same "smacking noise" too, often three or four times. The imitations of the Canaries and the Pekin Nightingale he, of course, copied direct from my birds.

WHISTLING: Refrain of H. Lauder's song, "Killiecrankie"; imitation of myself whistling my dog Nancy; the Roller Canary (complete song and trills); the Pekin Nightingale or Robin (complete short song); "Pop goes the Weasel"; G. H. Chirgwin's popular whistle, "Half a pint of mild and bitter."

TALKING: Clever little Jack; Whatever is it? There's a little dear; Kiss poor Jack; Kiss dear little Jack; Kiss poor dear little Jack; I say, Jack, come on; O dear, O dear; Kiss poor little Nancy; What ho! Jack; Come on, Jack (sometimes coaxingly, at others sternly); Come on, Jack, say something; Don't be silly; Kiss your Jack, come on; imitation of my wife's laugh; Dicky, dicky, dicks (imitation of my wife's call to the Canaries).

It will be noticed that the words "kiss," "little" and "Jack" occur very frequently, but the variety of tones the bird adopts entirely prevents the sentences when uttered from being so monotonous as they may appear in print. The manner in which at times (by chance, of course) a few *words* will follow a *tune* at the last note is most amusing. As an instance, when finishing the first part of "Killiecrankie," he will say "There's a little dear" (a term my wife often uses to him) and laugh. Or in imitating the Canary he will sometimes break into "Dicky, dicky, dicks, whatever is it?" Again, if I whistle a part of a tune, or Chirgwin's whistle, and stop in the middle, "Jack" will pick me up and finish it. Although this is most amusing, I consider it a bad plan to let him do it frequently, as it is apt to cause the bird to break the tune, as it were. In fact, experimenting in saying "Whatever—," expecting "Jack" to finish with "is it?" I find he will never do so, but, on the contrary, he sometimes repeats only "Whatever," and then laughs! So I would advise teachers to *always* say or whistle the full item, which should not be too long. The explanation of why he says "Come on, Jack," in two distinct tones is that sometimes it is said coaxingly to him, while some time back I had difficulty in getting him to return to his cage, and



ENTHUSIASTS STILL IN SPITE OF FATHER TIME.
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A WELL-KNOWN LADY EXHIBITOR OF YORKSHIRES.
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1. Jack perched on his favourite salt-box whistling Harry Lauder's "Killiecrankie." 2. Talking and whistling whilst turned over on his back. 3. Giving a sharp, imperative call for Mr. Ferrar's dog. 4. Swallowing a mealworm which he has just extracted from the closed hand. 5. Mr. Ferrar giving Jack a lesson. 6. Jack studying the songs of the Roller Canary and Pekin Robin

I'm afraid I used to lose my patience and call to him very sternly, "Come on, Jack!" Now (with apologies to Bobby Burns) I *hear* mysel' as ithers *hear* me!

I have mentioned that the first tune we tried to teach him was "Molly." He seemed to get the "hang" of half-a-dozen notes, but got no further, and eventually dropped what he had learned. This is the only instance that I can recall where he has forgotten, either by "accident or design," anything that he has once learned. But of many little sayings that we have attempted to teach him he has never uttered the semblance of a note or word. So, I take it, the result is achieved by means of the intuition of the pupil. When it is discovered that the bird on its own initiative is imitating, he should be assisted by the master repeating the words or tune he is attempting. As my own bird copied the daily singing of my Canaries and Pekin Nightingale perfectly, repetition, it would appear, is the chief factor to be relied upon. After the item has been thoroughly learned the bird will intermix it with the natural sounds he emits, without the aid of the prompter.

Concerning the docility and tameness of the Starling in a domesticated state, there is a prevalent and entirely fallacious idea that insectivorous or soft-billed birds will not talk unless their tongues be cut (or slit) with a "silver sixpence or threepenny-piece!" so the recounting of two episodes proving conclusively the clearness with which "Jack" talks may be of interest.

I keep him now in a rectangular-shaped cage, 2 ft. 10 in. long, 1 ft. 6 in. high and 1 ft. 6 in. deep, but he is allowed to fly about the room, mostly at breakfast and tea times, when he will at once fly either on to my own or my wife's hand and wait until he is given some little tit-bit, though he will proceed to help himself if he is kept waiting long. He will then fly off to a part of the room, returning to our shoulders or hands from time to time. The salt box upon which he is depicted in one of the accompanying photographs is a source of great delight to him, and as my wife caught him frequently in this box of salt when he was taken into the scullery for his bath, etc., she has now removed the salt, and the box is given entirely over to "Jack," which he seems to understand, as he is most pugnacious should we attempt to turn him out. It is interesting to watch him fly *direct* into the box when the lid is quite shut down. He accomplishes this in his flight by inserting his beak in the small slit between the box and the shut lid; by opening his mouth he raises the lid, when he squeezes himself in. This is done so rapidly that it appears as though at the right moment the lid opened of its own accord.

He is also especially fond of perching on my wife's hand or arm when she is sewing, and, providing she does not make too rapid a movement, rests on the needle hand for preference, watching the plying of the needle with great interest and curiosity; and it is astonishing how he, with the assistance of his wings, maintains his equilibrium. When I am reading aloud his favourite spot is as close to my mouth as he can get, usually under my chin, holding on very tenaciously to the lapel of my coat. When looking into my lips as I move them in reading he will from time to time very gently insert his beak, prise them open quite wide, and look inside in sheer inquisitiveness!

Another quaint and favourite pleasure of his is to perch quite on the extremity of my knee, when in the winter I am sitting by the fire, and enjoy a "fire bath," as I term it, by extending his wings to their full capacity and puffing himself out so that he resembles a ball of feathers more than a bird—precisely, in fact, in the same manner that birds take a "sun bath," or bask in the sun in their wild state.

"Jack" does not at all like being handled (*i.e., held* in the hand), but when I do this he, while trying to release himself, keeps up a continuous talking and whistling. I can place him on his back on the table, or upon my open hand, where he will remain for some moments still talking, apparently quite oblivious to his unnatural position. But when the latter dawns upon him he is up in a moment and making for my dog's drinking water to have a bath. He is most obedient, and comes at once on my hand by my raising it and calling him. I have not the slightest difficulty in returning him to his cage. I simply make a movement with my hand towards his cage door and say, "In you go, Jack," when he at once obeys.

He is particularly fond of repeating "Come on, kiss poor little Jack, come on," and he is none the less fond of *being* kissed. My wife very often does this!

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GOLD-CRESTED WREN ABOUT TO FEED HER YOUNG ONES.



BABY GOLD-CRESTED WRENS TAKING A SUN-BATH.



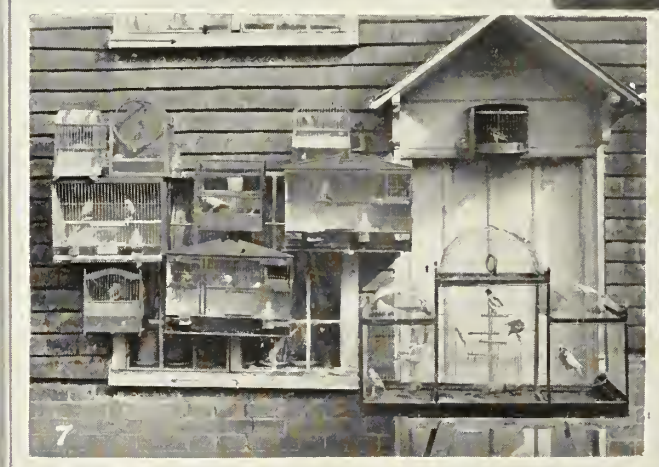


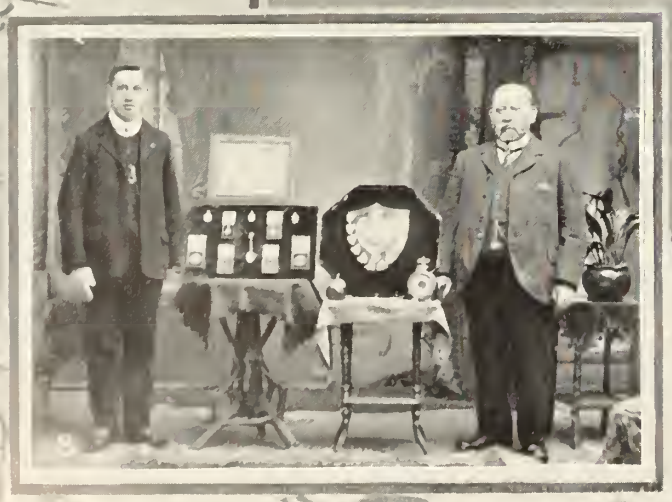














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Who Killed Cock Robin?

1
Who killed Cock Robin?
I, said the Sparrow;
With my bow and arrow
I killed Cock Robin.

2
Who saw him die?
I, said the Fly;
With my little eye
I saw him die.

3
Who caught his blood?
I, said the Fish:
With my little dish
I caught his blood.

4
Who'll make his shroud?
I, said the Beetle;
With my thread and needle
I'll make his shroud.



5
Who'll dig his grave?
I, said the Owl;
With my spade and trowel
I'll dig his grave.

6
Who'll carry him to the grave?
I, said the Kite;
If it's not in the night,
I'll carry him to the grave.

7
Who'll be chief mourner?
I, said the Dove;
For I mourn for my love;
I'll be chief mourner.

8
Who'll sing a psalm?
I said the Thrush,
As she sat in a bush:
I'll sing a psalm.

9
Who'll carry the link?
I, said the Linnet;
I'll fetch it in a minute;
I'll carry the link.

10
Who'll be the Parson?
I, said the Rook:
With my little book,
I'll be the Parson.

11
Who'll be the Clerk?
I, said the Lark;
If it's not in the dark,
I'll be the Clerk.

12
Who'll toll the bell?
I, said the Bull,
Because I can pull.
So, Cock Robin, farewell!

13
All the birds of the air
Fell a-sighing and a-sobbing
When they heard of the death
Of poor Cock Robin.

HAVE WE A PERFECT SONG-BIRD?

By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.

TO bring the music of the woods and fields into his own home has probably been one of the aspirations of mankind from the earliest dawn of civilisation. This undertaking is difficult enough to-day with all our modern resources, but to the prehistoric aviculturist it must have presented difficulties almost insurmountable, and we may almost class it with the many beautiful dreams that mankind has dreamed only to awake to the stern realities of life!

THE SINGER AND THE SONG.

Let me in the first place explain exactly what I mean by the term "song-bird," and I will ask our readers to carefully note this definition, because otherwise they are hardly likely to agree with my conclusions. Firstly, then, a song-bird must be easily procured; secondly, it must be easily kept; thirdly, it must take kindly to cage life, and, lastly, it must sing if possible in every month of the year.

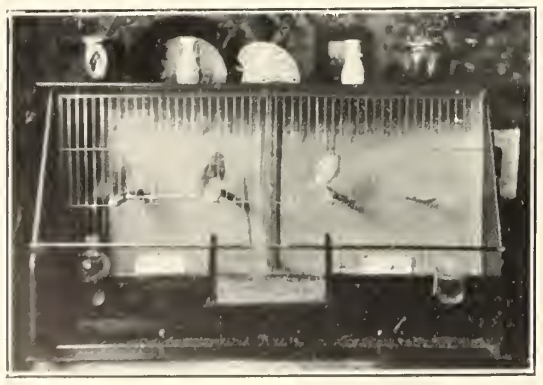
Having thus defined a song-bird let us see if we can now define bird-song that is to say, the ideal bird-song. We will admit that there is music in the song of almost any bird, more especially when the latter has a natural background; but, just as in our younger days our musical taste was probably well satisfied with some popular waltz tune, but as our musical experience increased we became more critical, so, as our avicultural experience grows, we find that our taste demands something more refined and more artistic in bird-song.

The first condition, then, that our more cultured taste demands is that bird-song must not be a repetition of any set phrase or phrases—the singer must improvise, so that, as he proceeds from tour to tour, we can never tell what he is going to sing next; secondly, there must be no actual discords to offend the musical ear; and, lastly, what we require is chamber-music, that is to say, something not too loud to be enjoyed in an ordinary room.

THE GREATEST BIRD ARTISTES.

And now let us briefly review the world's greatest songsters and see which one of them, if any, will answer our requirements.

Of all North American singing birds the most popular is probably the Mocking-bird (*Mimus polyglottus*). There is much that is delightful about the song of this species—its great variety and compass and clever imitations—but unfortunately it is never heard at its best in a cage, and the tyrannical disposition of the bird itself makes it a most dangerous inmate of an aviary.



CAGE FITTED WITH GLASS ARRANGEMENT TO OBVIATE SEED-LITTER.

Made by Mr. F. Thomas (Ramsgate).

Years ago I had a Mocking-bird in a small outdoor aviary which used to sing most charmingly; it would imitate a Thrush, Starling, or Lark to perfection, but would completely spoil its song by introducing a life-like imitation of the cawing of a Rook. These discords and the great difficulty of procuring any North American birds since the passing of the Act prohibiting their export exclude the Mocking-bird under our definition of a perfect song-bird.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN PATTI.

In South America there is probably no finer songster than the Solitaire (*Myadestes obscurus*), whose music is thus described by C. W. Beebe:

"Not a sound broke the silence, save the gentle tinkle of water falling upon water. Without warning from the green depths at one side there came several notes, creaky and harsh in tone, and suddenly these seemed to melt and run together into a volume of marvellous sweetness. The plaintiveness of the Pewee, the tinkle and gurgle of the Bobolink, the rich liquidness of the Wood Thrush; all these characterised it, but it differed from all, excelling the songs of all other birds in depth of feeling and sweetness. It was the mystery and beauty of these tropical ravines embodied in song. Such was the song of the Solitaire, one of the marvels of Mexico, for which we had long hoped. It came and died away before we realised what we had heard. Soon, from the next turn in the *arroyo*, came an echoing sweetness, and at last fainter, as from a great distance, a third took up the incomparable theme."

The Solitaire, however, is one of the rarest of imported birds and is also said to be a shy singer when caged, so for our purpose it is useless. There are several other songsters of great merit among the South American avifauna, but, alas, they only appear at intervals of years in our bird-market. One of these, the Argentine Blackbird (*Turdus fuscatus*), is at present singing beautifully in my own aviary.

Of all the Indian singing birds none probably is better known in this country than the Shama, which may be said to come very nearly to our ideal—it takes so readily to cage life, is so companionable and amusing, besides being endowed with vocal organs with which it can, if it likes, produce the most marvellous effects. Unfortunately the Shama reserves its rarest vocal efforts for special occasions, and as a rule it gives us little more than some rather sweet warbling, varied by some weird and rather loud runs and trills.

I have had several Shamas and all have sung much the same way, though now and again, under the influence of some special excitement, I have heard them sing most wonderfully. Its high price is also against the Shama; for have we not stipulated that our ideal song-bird must be "easy to procure"?

A SAINTLEY AMONGST BIRDS.

Amongst European birds we have some very fine songsters, especially certain of the Rock Thrushes. I shall never forget the first time that I heard the Blue Thrush and the Pied Rock-Thrush singing in a wild ravine in Italy. Unfortunately the Rock-Thrushes are by nature wild, and for this reason they seldom sing well in a cage.

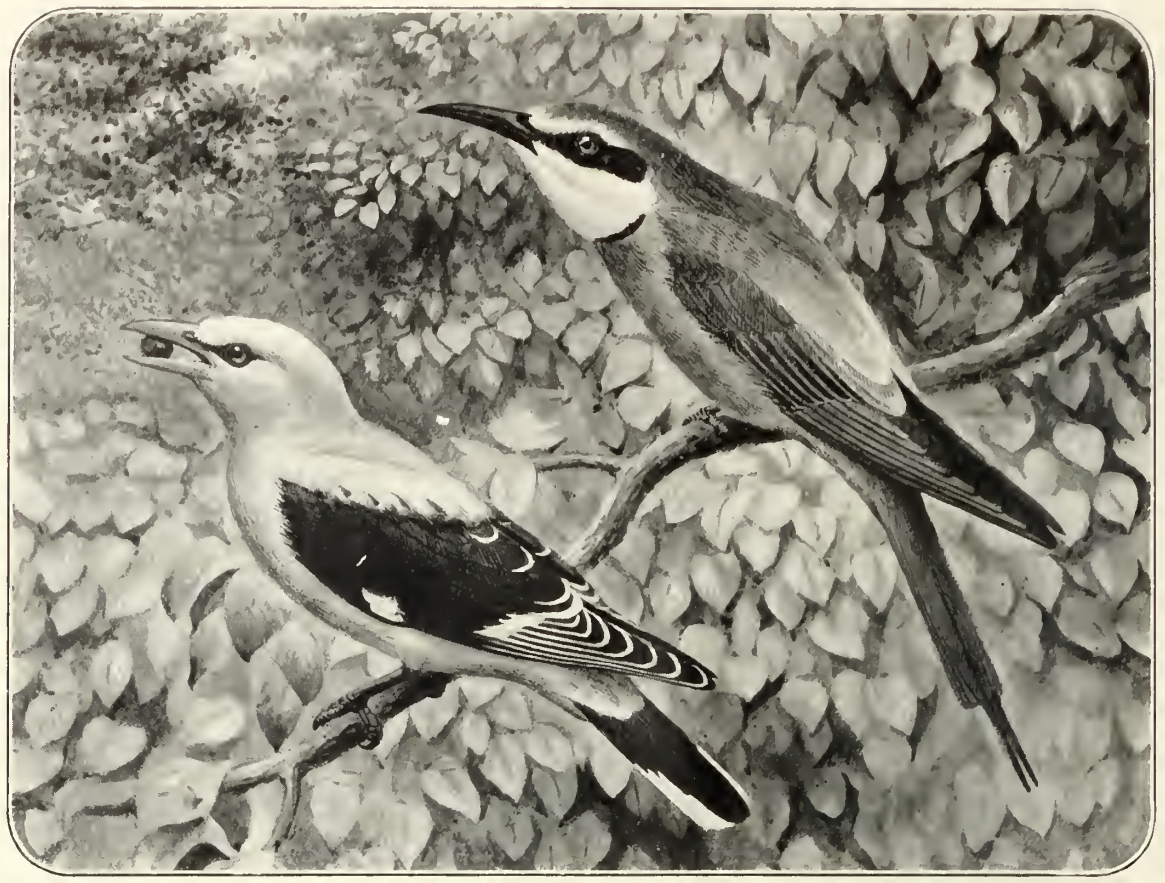
The Germans, however, give the preference among all the songsters of Central Europe to the Sprosser (*Daulias philomela*), and I think rightly. In Morris's "British Birds" may be seen a coloured drawing of this species resembling a small Thrush, with a boldly spotted breast, but the Sprosser in real life is exceedingly like our English Nightingale in style and colouring, though quite one-third larger.

The glorious song of the Sprosser is also a close imitation of that of the Nightingale, lacking some of the sweetness of the latter, but of much greater volume. I had one which sang for an entire year, with the exception only of the three weeks during which it was moulting, and every morning and all the morning its triumphant notes would ring through the house. That same season a Nightingale nested only some two hundred yards from my garden and I had a good opportunity of comparing the two vocalists. The high notes of the Nightingale could be heard even a quarter of a mile away, but the Sprosser's voice was much fuller and more powerful and might be called a deep bass in comparison with Nightingale's tenor.

The Sprosser has nearly all the qualifications we require in our song-bird, being extremely hardy, as well as a very free singer, but unfortunately it has just one drawback—its notes are too powerful for any room. To convey some idea of the volume of sound it can produce I may mention that I had at one time ten young cock Roller Canaries being trained under a Queck Organ in my bird-room, and, when the whole ten and the Organ were in full swing, if one stood outside the room one heard nothing but the Sprosser.

CULTIVATED SWEETNESS.

The above reference to the Roller Canary reminds me that I must not overlook this modern song-bird, "made in Germany." We certainly have here a bird "easy to procure" and "easy to keep," but, without wishing to disparage in any way the Germans or the result of thirty years of their systematic breeding, I must confess that I consider the Roller Canary a dismal failure from the point of view of its song.



From a painting [*by H. Goodchild.*

TWO RARE AND BEAUTIFUL BRITISH BIRDS.

The Golden Oriole (*Oriolus galbula*). The Bee Eater (*Merops apiaster*).



"IS MOTHER LOOKING?"

Young Canaries photographed on a spray of Hawthorn.

The best birds in the technical sense—that is, those most free from faults, sing a monotonous and dreadfully artificial ditty, which they repeat over and over again without any variation. The worst birds have rather more variety, but they have the same ear-splitting notes which we deplore in the Norwich Canary; and all Rollers after the moult, unless re-trained, tend to revert to the characteristic song of the ordinary Canary.

Before leaving the birds of Europe we may briefly refer to an Oriental song-bird on which the poets have conferred notoriety, if not fame, namely, the Bulbul. I have heard many Bulbuls of many different species, but none that could sing, except one particular White-eared Bulbul (*P. leucotis*), and that one did not sing well. I think that anyone who takes the trouble to look into the matter will come to the conclusion that the Persian Bulbul of the poets was really *Daulias dafizi*, the Eastern form of the Nightingale.

THE FAVOURITE ISLE.

We have now scoured two continents without finding a song-bird that will quite meet our requirements. Shall we be more fortunate in making a selection among the birds of our own country? Amongst our British "Hardbills" we have a very delightful little songster in the common Linnet, especially if we are lucky enough to secure a good one; and in this connection we must not forget that it was the song of the Linnet and the sight of an English common in May, with its gorse in full bloom, that caused the great Swedish naturalist, Linnæus, to fall on his knees and give thanks to his Creator. The song of this species, however, is too lacking in variety and in compass to satisfy a cultured taste.

In our English Skylark and Woodlark, however, we probably have two of the world's greatest songsters. In my own aviary I have often heard the Woodlark pitted against some of the very best of the foreign Larks, such as the Calandra, the Crested Lark and the Siberian Black Lark, and it has certainly not been defeated. Neither of these species gives any trouble in an aviary, but, on the other hand, both require a good deal of attention in a cage, and they seldom sing freely in a room.

There is only one of the Warblers that we need seriously consider, namely, the Blackcap. I do not know who first made the assertion that the Blackcap was nearly, if not quite, the equal of the Nightingale, but the statement has been copied and repeated over and over again. The beautiful silvery notes of the Blackcap are certainly one of the delights of an English summer, but I cannot admit that anyone with a musical ear can even compare these two songsters.

The Blackcap does not exactly repeat itself, but its notes are all much alike. Anyone who listens attentively to a fairly good Nightingale can distinguish at least a dozen different tours, and the inimitable way in which the bird pauses between each phrase bespeaks the true artiste. Nevertheless, the Blackcap has very many good points. Anyone, for instance, who will catch a few cock Blackcaps in August and turn them into a sheltered out-door aviary will be surprised at the amount of winter song he will be rewarded with.

THE "QUEEN OF SONG."

And what shall we say of Philomel, the "Queen of Song"? We will admit that the song is unsurpassed, especially when it is heard at its best—that is, when a large number of birds are singing in keen competition. I have heard the song of the Nightingale in several countries, but it never made such an impression as on "one night in June" at Bagley Wood, near Oxford.

A party of four Oxford undergraduates had driven over to Abingdon one evening, and returning by Bagley Wood very much later than they ought to have been returning, were absolutely spell-bound by the chorus of Nightingales in the wood. I have often wondered since how many 'Gales were singing there that night. They seemed to be in every tree and every bush, and even within a few yards of us. It was after midnight when we got back to Oxford and none of us will ever forget that evening.

If we could only induce the Nightingale to sing freely in a cage we need not seek further for our ideal song-bird. But a Nightingale which will freely give us its true wild song at any time of the year except the month of May is indeed a *rara avis*.

I pass over our Blackbird and Thrush as being too loud for any room, and the same disability applies to the wilder, romantic song of the Ring Ouzel.

UNEXPECTED, BUT JUST.

Is there, then, no song-bird which will fulfil our requirements? Let me call your attention to a little bird with a red breast which may be seen in every garden in the land—our familiar Robin! Have you ever tried the Robin as a song-bird? If not, you must not laugh at my suggestion until you have made the experiment.

In the first place, consider how well it fits in with our definition. It costs nothing to procure, because we can catch one any day of the week for ourselves. It is no trouble to keep, and it will sing in every month of the year and every day of the week and every hour of the day. Its song is most varied and melodious in a state of freedom, while in captivity it greatly improves.

For years past it has been my custom to catch up two cock Robins every winter and cage them in separate compartments of a Crystal Palace cage in my sitting-room. Throughout the livelong day, and even long after the lamps have been lighted in the evening, my two song-birds will sing against each other. Please note that one never interrupts the other: each sings in turn, and, as it were, listens attentively to the other's performance, showing the true artistic temperament. How different from the Canary, which will invariably try to drown the notes of any other bird—and why? Because the Canary is simply trying to make a noise. Our Robin is trying to sing.

The song of the Robin is at times somewhat plaintive, but it has the greatest advantage of never wearying the listener. Lastly, let me mention that if one is leaving home one can release this song-bird with the utmost confidence that when one returns he will be easily caught up again.

Although it is perhaps natural to despise that which is common, it appears to me that we have the ideal song-bird at our very doors.

"JACK": The Talking Starling.

(*Concluded from page 19.*)

It is extraordinary how so many persons are under the impression that, in order to enable a bird to talk, etc., it is absolutely necessary to cut or slit its tongue. All men who keep "bird shops" seem to believe in this cruel practice. One man at a large bird and animal shop in the West of London told me only recently, in reply to my question as to the why and wherefore, that by "splitting their tongues it made them split the words"! And many of my friends who have heard my bird have invariably remarked: "Did *you* cut his tongue?" or, "Of course, his tongue is cut?" Only a few days ago Miss Elise Clerc (of the Alhambra), who is a breeder of fancy Canaries in a large way, after hearing "Jack," told Sir Beerbohm Tree (who keeps a lot of pets) her experience. That gentleman remarked: "A very beautiful bird, no doubt, but I should not keep one, as I do not hold with the cruelty of cutting their tongues!" I need hardly add that "Jack's" tongue has *not* been cut, and that (speaking from evidence) I consider the custom (if it exists) not only quite unnecessary, but ignorant and wanton cruelty. The following true stories as to the clearness with which the Starling can imitate *without* a split tongue will suffice to prove this.

Before going for our holidays last year some friends undertook to mind "Jack" for us during our absence, and he was given a small room to himself, the door of which was kept locked. Mrs. Warton, our friend, one day had a charwoman in, who, after she had commenced cleaning outside the locked door of "Jack's" room, rushed downstairs in a great state of perturbation exclaiming "Oh, marm, there's some people in that little room upstairs."

Mrs. Warton, to keep up the joke, replied, "Nonsense, what makes you think so?"



A LINNET BELONGING TO MR. W. SANDY (WASHINGTON STATION),
which has attained the age of close on 17 years.

"Oh, marm, I heard them talking."

"Well, what did you hear?"

"I heard one say, 'Come on, kiss poor little Jack,' and the other said, 'Don't be silly!'"

And one morning when the gas inspector came to inspect the meter, "Jack" was in the kitchen, unobserved by that official, who had mounted the steps and was examining the index when the Starling exclaimed, "Whatever is it?" To which the inspector replied, "It's 2,000 less than the corresponding quarter, sir." For which *I* thanked the gentleman.



From a painting] [*by Miss L. M. Medland.*

THE SIBERIAN MEADOW BUNTING (*Emberiza cioides*).



[From a painting] [by H. Norman

SOME OF THIS SEASON'S WINNING CANARIES.

Clear-cap Silver Lizard, First Prize at the Scottish National, for Mr. J. Dewsnap (Glossop); Eye-marked Yellow Border Fancy, First at Morriston, for Mr. J. Hocking (Swansea); Clear Buff Norwich, First at Wimbledon, for Messrs. Gill and Pethick (Plymouth). Lightly Variegated Crest-bred, First at Battersea, for Mr. T. J. King (Cheltenham); Buff Cinnamon, First at Wolverhampton, for Messrs. Brown Bros. (Northampton); Grizzle Crest, First at Dulwich, for Mr. J. Franz (London).

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The Reformation of Mr. Bodger.

A charming account of the manner in which a Missel Thrush forsook its evil ways and became a respectable member of birdy society.

By FLORENCE E. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS.

Mr. Bodger was the possessor, at one period of his life, at least, of a violent temper and a most tyrannical disposition. It has been said that in Lancashire (his own natal county) the wives of the coal miners are not suffered by their lords to satisfy their hunger at the same time as themselves, but must take their meals separately. However true this may be, it is certain that Mr. Bodger had much the same idea. Mrs. Bodger, to tell the truth, led a dog's life. Little pleasure was this unfortunate lady able to take in the fine appearance and noble bearing of her spouse, for in his eyes she could never do right. From early morn till dewy eve, no peace, no rest; naught but harsh words and cruel blows.

Often and often have I appealed to him (for I owned the house in which they lived) to treat his poor wife more kindly. In vain. He would stare boldly into my face with his bright dark eyes, then as soon as my back was turned would start ill-treating her again. She, poor creature, was meek enough, and quite understood that she must never aspire to eat at the same time as her husband. But things grew much worse. I discovered when visiting them one day that Mr. Bodger had made a new rule, which was, in effect, that his wife must never eat or drink *at all*.

The Man in Blue Quite Helpless.

But, you may ask, where were the police? Why did not this poor victim of domestic tyranny invoke the protection of the law? Alas! the law could do little for Mrs. Bodger, for she and her tyrannical husband were a pair of Missel Thrushes. Their home was a small aviary, which they had entirely to themselves, with plenty of room for them to live very happily had they been disposed so to do. They were beautiful birds, and exactly alike until their quarrels in the early spring caused Mrs. Bodger to break her tail feathers and otherwise damage her plumage. She became a woeful spectacle, in fact, with broken feathers and bleeding head, while she was never allowed to bathe.

Several times a day I would go out to the aviary armed with a small cane, with which I kept the indignant Mr. Bodger at bay while his starving mate satisfied her hunger. Had I not done this, I am sure she really would have starved to death. It was quite pitiful to see her eat, while I stood by to protect her; often as soon as she saw me coming she would rush to the food and begin eating at once. I tried putting their food in two receptacles, one inside and one out. But it was no use. Mr. Bodger kept firmly to his resolution.

On one occasion I was greatly pleased to find that the tables had been turned, but Mrs. Bodger could not keep it up.

The Order of the Boot.

Very reluctantly I came to the conclusion that Mr. Bodger and I must part. He was splendidly handsome, very fairly tame, and I was attached to him, but his persistent persecution of his wife caused me at last (on an Easter Sunday) to open the aviary door and let him go. Joyfully he rushed out, flew round in a small circle, then on his great powerful wings seemed to rise straight up to the sun. Higher and higher he soared, and then we saw him swoop down towards some distant trees.

"Well, that is the end of Mr. Bodger. We shall never see him again," I said sadly.

But I was wrong.

Five days elapsed, during which Mrs. Bodger recovered her plumpness. She ate and drank whenever she liked, and took her bath when so inclined. In fact, she seemed to be eating all day, to make up, I suppose, for former privations. Not a sign of Mr. Bodger all the time. But on the sixth morning, lo and behold! he came into the dining-room early, when the room was being dusted before breakfast, entering by the door which opened to the garden. He then proceeded to hop all about the aviary, and when I went out to see him, he was perched on a hedge close by, warbling very sweetly in a low tone. He looked handsomer than ever, and, I must confess, I was glad to see him again. Some food from the aviary was put out for him, and he eagerly devoured it.

"This is the right sort of stuff," he seemed to say; "this is fit for a gentleman to eat!"

After he had made a hearty meal, a pie-dish-full of water was placed on the grass, and Mr. Bodger enjoyed all the luxury of a real civilised bath. Round and round he splashed—I never saw a bird enjoy a bath so much. Yet close to the house are a stream and a large pond, in which one would have thought he could have bathed to his heart's content.

Chastened in Spirit.

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;" and so evidently thought Mr. Bodger, for on my opening the aviary door he rushed in with all speed! Mrs. Bodger appeared to take no notice at all of him, though I could imagine her thoughts to be anything except those of welcome.

But the wanderer who returned was a changed bird. I never again saw him lay a finger, so to speak, on his wife! From the moment of his return to the moment of writing (when Mrs. Bodger is sitting on her fourth nest of eggs), love and harmony have reigned in the Bodger household.

The couple soon began to build in a basket which I hung up from the aviary roof, Mr. Bodger fussing about very busily and turning round and round in the empty basket.

"An excellent site, my dear, for the nursery," he seemed to be saying. "You'll want clay and plenty of dried grass. I'll show you how it's done."

But it was Mrs. Bodger who did the work.

About this time I feared that Mr. Bodger on his travels had managed to get bronchitis, for a hoarse, wheezing sound was often heard coming from the aviary. But I soon discovered that this uncouth noise was Mr. Bodger's way of expressing his most tender feelings! Afterwards, when a fine young Bodger occupied the nest (for three of the four eggs first laid did not hatch), both parents always made this curious hoarse noise whenever they fed the baby.

When Mrs. Bodger began to sit it was wonderful to notice the "changed heart" of her husband. Any little dainty, such as a beetle or slug—and beetles were to the Bodgers the most delicious treat—he would promptly fly up to the nest with, and pop it into her beak. When she came off the nest he would encourage her to eat, and would guard the eggs carefully till she returned.

The Little Darling!

When the baby was hatched, his pride and fussiness knew no bounds. He seemed to be feeding the infant all day long, and I have seen many little playful disputes between the parents as to whose turn it was to feed the little darling On one occasion, while engaged in a struggle for the possession of a worm, I heard them shriek at each other just like two cats. The dispute ended in the worm breaking in two, and the Bodgers hurrying up to the nest, each with a half, and feeding the infant in turn.

I was not permitted to see the baby unless I managed it by stratagem, for directly I tried to get a peep, the mother, with every feather on end and looking nearly as large as a football, would rush up to the nest, snapping and biting, and hastening to cover the nestling, while Mr. Bodger would spread his wings half out and glare at me in the most threatening manner! I have spent many a pleasant hour watching the domestic happiness of the Bodgers.

In my bird-room at this moment I have a young one of theirs (from the second nest), which is the tamest and most amusing bird I have ever had. This young Bodger is nine weeks old, and has begun to warble very prettily. He is, however, a mischievous fellow, and sometimes gives my ear or neck a painful tweak when he is perching on my shoulder. He shares his mother's fondness for thin bread and butter! When ma is sitting, I can generally lure her from her nest by offering this dainty, which she will take from my fingers.

The Norwich Plainhead Canary.

Opinions and Experiences of Some Leading Breeders and Exhibitors.

Mr. ALBERT HIRST (Accrington).

Norwich Plainheads are hardy, and are most prolific breeders. They are, too, one of our most popular breeds of Canaries at the present time. They have undergone many changes since I started breeding them, twenty-three years since, but at no time, in my opinion, have they reached the high standard of excellence that most of our present-day show birds have attained. Since the advent of the Norwich Plainhead Club the Plainheads have made wonderful progress in type and quality, and in no county have I noticed such rapid progress as the Lancashire fanciers have made. The county has now become a veritable hot-bed for Norwich. This I put down to the fact that the fanciers have birds possessing size, and that they have paid more attention to the head points than is the case in some districts.

You must have good heads on your birds, for no matter how excellent in other points your bird may be, if it is pinched in head, it gets a "back seat" when the cards are given out. The head you will find on the winners has a short beak, a wide forehead, a gentle rise to the crown expanding to a broad back skull, short, full neck, and cheeks full and round, with no brow to give it a sullen look.

Keep an eye to the size of your birds, and remember that a good big one will always beat the good little one when they meet.

You must have good colour, too. That you will have to breed for, or you will not possess winners. Some of the strong advocates for type will tell you that they can get colour by cramming their birds with colour-feed. But that is all bosh! they cannot. How must we get it, then? With Green blood? Well, yes. But I don't like the grass-greens. I want those which show the bronze colour, as that means Cinnamon blood. I get my colour from the Cinnamon-marked, and the clear, pink-eyed Norwich; and I know many noted fanciers who keep a few Cinnamon-marks in their stock. Both my best Yellow cock birds, with which I won last season, were bred direct from Cinnamon-marks on the one side. In pairing up my birds I do not work on the balancing-up of points. All through I pick out the best cock and pair him to the best hen, and if they are both show birds, so much the better. But the cock must be of full size. I am not so particular as to size with the hen, providing she is typical and of good quality.—ALBERT HIRST.

Mr. Jas. WINTER (Edinburgh).

My experiences have been much like the average fancier's. I have enjoyed a fair share of success both in the breeding room and on the show bench, which I attribute mainly to setting apart a time for every duty and sticking to it, as without method no one can expect to be successful. With regard to the present stamp of exhibition bird, my opinion is that we are advancing nearer to the ideal each year, and with the help of the Press and the various Plainhead Clubs, I have no doubt that progress will be well maintained. I have found the Norwich Plainhead to be very hardy and a free breeder, and I would counsel all who are in doubt as to the best variety to begin with, to take up the "bird of quality and colour."—JAS. WINTER.

Mr. A. CHALMERS (Kirkintilloch).

My commencement in breeding the Norwich Plainhead goes back ten years, when I purchased my first pair, which bred very freely. But none of the produce were fit for open competition; and for two or three years later my fortunes did not improve to a great extent as far as winners were concerned. But I always got quantity. In the year 1903 I began to win in open competition, and have improved each year since, which the reports of your valuable paper (CAGE BIRDS) prove.

I find the Plainheads are easy to work with, compared with the Crests. My experience teaches me that pedigree breeding goes a long way to enable one to get at the right sort of bird required. I would rather breed from the worst specimen I ever saw, if it came off a winning strain, than I would breed from a superior bird that came by chance.

The most important points to be striven for, in my opinion, in their order are, first, type. The bird should have a dome-shaped head, and a short, thick neck with wide, nicely-rounded chest, short body, a tail to correspond, and close-fitting wings. The second point is quality—smooth and silky. The third condition—healthy, clean, and free from broken or frayed feathers. And, fourthly, colour—deep orange and level throughout. The stamp of birds winning at some shows is quite correct, and well worthy of the prizes won; at others the case is quite the reverse, the best birds remaining cardless. I wish your paper (CAGE BIRDS) every success.—A. CHALMERS.

Mr. H. WRIGHT (Norwich).

It was in 1868 that I first started Canary breeding, which I did with two pairs of Norwich Plainheads. Three of these birds were given to me by an old lady, the other, a clear yellow cock, had been our home pet for thirteen years, and, notwithstanding its age, it did well, and brought up a good lot of young ones. The bird died the second breeding season after. I was very successful, and I think it was in 1872 that I started exhibiting. This was in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, the same show that Messrs. Bemrose and Orm showed their colour-fed birds, sending the Norwich breeders into fever heat. My share was 8c. for a cage of four. There were no amateur classes then.

The type was slimmer in those days than now, and the bird a bit more leggy. A few years later, in the rush for size, Crest blood was introduced. Then followed the long tails, with the browed heads, etc., which are to be seen here and there even now; once in these faults take some breeding out. The fact is, I have never yet seen the Norwich Plainhead too big for my liking. As a fancier once said to me when judging a club show—"Here, do you like big 'uns?" "Yes," was the reply, "if they are good big 'uns, and have the following good points: wide and well-rounded head, freedom from browing, short beak, well filled-in neck, round and wide breast, good wide and round back, sharp and compact flights and tail." And I also want them to be feathered so thick that they look all in a piece.

I claim to be the first one to have washed birds in public. Amateurs used to persist in asking me to wash their birds for them; but I told them it was not fair to others. So I decided to give them a public washing exhibition. I have washed some hundreds of birds at different clubs without even one mishap. Sunlight soap I find is the best for removing the dirt which it does quicker than any other I know, and I shall still claim this whatever others may say. A friend of mine had his birds made as black as crows, through a lamp accident, and I washed the lot, and they came out like show birds.—H. WRIGHT.

Mr. STEPHEN TWEDDLE (Blackburn).

The Norwich Plainhead has become such a general favourite with Canary fanciers and is so largely kept that it would be difficult to suggest any method of treatment which has not already been made public. My own experience with this popular variety extends over a period of about 12 years, during which time I may claim to have met with a fair measure of success.

As regards breeding, two principal points which I think it is essential to keep in view are colour and head properties. I find the latter difficult to keep to the required standard, even with every care, and it is a common experience to find otherwise good birds spoiled through having weak, snipy headpieces. It is only necessary to notice the winning birds at our shows to convince the breeder of the necessity of keeping the production of good-coloured specimens in view, as well as aiming at the true Norwich type.

As to the best method of pairing, opinions will, of course, differ, but so far as my experience goes, the best results have been obtained from using a yellow hen and a buff cock. Birds bred this way seem to possess more substance, and generally come out well in head qualities. I like quality in the hen and plenty of size in the cock. I have bred a fair bird or two by "double buffing," but I have not experimented very extensively in this direction.

These are the general lines on which I work, and whatever success my birds have achieved may be attributed to keeping these ideas in mind. Every bird I have exhibited, I may say, has been bred by myself. The stamp of bird now being exhibited is, in my opinion, mainly on the right lines, but I think a little more importance might be attached to size and substance. The smaller birds undoubtedly gain a little in the matter of quality, but still, I think they are more easily bred than the "big good 'uns." However, if we all aim at the Norwich Club's standard we shall not get far wrong. Last, but not least, I may also say that I owe a fair amount of success to the efforts of my wife, as she is as keen a fancier as I am myself.—STEPHEN TWEDDLE.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A New Cage Bird Society for Brighton and District.

SIR,—It has been agreed to start a Cage Bird Society for Brighton and District, and we have arranged an inangural meeting for Wednesday, January 19th, 1910, at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, Brighton, at 8.15 o'clock, when we invite all cage bird fanciers in the district and neighbouring towns to be present. We hope a great number will respond.

A. RIDDLES, 29, Irwood Crescent, Brighton.

Goldfinches at Leighton Buzzard Show.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a "Twittering" in your issue of January 1, from Mr. J. Gough (Oxford), claiming first prize for his Goldfinch at Leighton Buzzard Show. What the explanation may be I don't, of course, know, but reference to my judging book clearly shows that the first prize was awarded to No. 892, which the catalogue gives as belonging to Mr. Burnell; No. 893 was placed "commended," and there is no name to this entry in the catalogne.

C. A. HOUSE.

A Lowestoft Fancier's Recent Sad Loss.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to express my sincere thanks for the sympathy expressed by numerous fanciers in the very unfortunate loss I sustained with regard to my birds. Being a working man I can assure you the disaster came very hard, and I am afraid it will take me a very long time to recover myself. It was my intention to give up the Fancy altogether as this seemed to knock all heart out of me, but the following fanciers of Lowestoft did not intend I should: Messrs. Backham, Francis, Blackburn, Kirk, Bagshaw, Lang, Hatch, Parke, Catchpole, who have given me birds with which to start again. I have also received a pair from Mr. P. Victor Williams (Market Drayton, Salop). Their kindness is much appreciated by me, and I thank them very much. I hope one and all of them may have a very successful time this coming season.

J. LAY.

A Visit to Kendal Show.

SIR—Allow me through your widely-known paper to thank the secretary of Kendal and District C.B.S., Mr. W. Vart, for the prompt settlement of prize-money; show held Jan. 3rd, the prize-money arriving 6th. I took a "day off" and paid a visit to the St. George's Hall, Kendal. It is just the room to place the birds to advantage. I was agreeably surprised to find how well the show was managed. Such an easy, concise method of working, which quite does away with confusion. The officers (secretary and treasurer, and committee, etc.) are always courteous in their manner when answering exhibitors' questions. You get a civil answer, instead of "I don't know," in an abrupt fashion. For a young society they leave nothing to be desired, and should be well patronised. Other societies round Lancashire would do well to take them for an example. There was a good display of British, especially Goldfinches, with no Siberians sent by "sharpers" to rob the honourable exhibitors of their right places; also a grand lot of mules, both rare and beautiful, which from the time of opening the show were a centre of interest, crowds round to admire them. Yorkshires were just a little scarce in number, but made up for this in the quality. Mr. Bostock won two 1st prizes, and as he is but a young beginner, I wish him success

H. DURSTON.

How to Prevent Seed Litter in a Room.

(*See photograph on Page 22.*)

SIR,—I am sending you a photograph of the cage which I made and exhibited at the show held recently in Ramsgate, and which was specially noticed by your reporter. I made it with the idea of catching the seed husks and thus preventing a mess about the room, and it is a decided success. It is 31 inches long and 18 high. The top is 10 inches from front to back, but the floor of the cage is 14½ inches wide. The sides are angled off as I have tried to show in the enclosed sketch. The ends are made of wood (from tea chests) and the back is of three-ply wood joined in the centre (also got from old tea chests from the grocer). The top is a piece of fretwork wood, ¼in. thick and 10 inches wide, and the bottom of thin deal. The fronts are made of punched bar and 14 gauge tinned wire. I have a wire partition, so it can be used as one or two cages. I cut a groove in each side for a piece of glass 8 inches deep, put in on the slant, so that the top of the glass is out from wire front about 6 or 7 inches. This catches the waste, as you can see by the photograph. Lifting the glass out, the waste is easily swept into a dust-pan, thus keeping the wife in "smiling humour.". It is oak stained and varnished, and looks very nice. The top can be used for photo frames and small ornaments, as shown. It stands in a recess, and is greatly admired by all who have seen it, and the idea may be useful to other fanciers. I have found some of the ideas in CAGE BIRDS useful, and perhaps someone will find this so; I shall be pleased to give anyone particulars. The photograph shows a variegated Mule and a Goldfinch on the left, and a Light Mule on the right.

FRANK THOMAS.

Are there "Pot Hunters" in the Western Counties?

SIR,—Noticing a letter in CAGE BIRDS about fanciers not supporting shows, can it be wondered at, I ask, when you see a specialist always crowning every show in the district, never giving the novice the slightest chance of getting into the money, for which chance he has paid so dearly? The novice has been the back-bone of the Fancy, but cannot continue if the "up-to-date exhibitor" monopolises every local show, not even stopping out when the secretary of his own society is appointed to judge. How can you expect entries? We all like to see shows well-patronised; still, the novice must be encouraged, and the sooner our "up-to-date" exhibitors stay their hands for a time from being, shall I say "selfish pot-hunters"? the better for the Fancy. Nothing so disheartens the novice as continually coming in contact with the above. I write this purely for the love of the Fancy, and hope it may meet the eye of some who never give the novice a chance of winning a money prize.

WESTERN BIRD.

A Noted Breeder of Belgian Canaries.

(*See photograph on Page 20.*)

SIR,—I have pleasure in sending you a photograph of Mr. John Fairly (Coatbridge), a well-known and highly-respected breeder of Belgian Canaries in the North. He was the winner of the trophy for the highest number of points in Belgians last season, is a thorough craftsman in his hobby, and a splendid judge of his particular Fancy. I give a list of a few of his winnings. Winner of several medals of the U.K.B.C.A., and shield, gold medal at Manchester Show, gold medal at the Scottish National, bronze medal at the City of Glasgow, and at the Crystal Palace Show for 1909. He also won gold medal, bronze medal, Reddihough silver challenge cup at the Crystal Palace, also the Palace certificate, having the highest aggregate of points in the Belgian classes for the season of 1909-10. Mr. Fairly is well known as a competitor at the principal Scottish shows, and across the border. He is possessed of capital stock, sparing neither money nor trouble, and having a thorough knowledge of a good class Belgian. He has succeeded in procuring from some of the most noted breeders in Belgium several stock birds of a very high order, and last season reared some very promising youngsters. A true sportsman with a well-balanced temperament, when defeat faces him on the show bench, he meets it with a sportsmen-like spirit, and makes up his mind to do better next time. There is no more enthusiastic breeder than our friend Mr. Fairly. He has had a record season of winnings, and he allows that much of his success may be attributed to Mrs. Fairly and his son, whose care and attention are much appreciated by him, and who are as deeply interested as he is himself. Mr. Fairly always extends to fanciers a hearty welcome, and to the beginner who pays him a visit he is ever ready to give advice, and a "push forward" in carrying out the hobby. The Palace cup is not included in the group.

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Restoring a Canary's Feathers.

SIR,—I saw in one of the back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, among the Queries, that someone had a singing Canary that was bare round the neck. I had one at the same time, and it was a sight, I can tell you. He had given up eating, and was pining away. I gave him 20 drops of oxymel of squills and syrup of rhubarb and syrup of violets, in his water every day for a week with bread scalded with milk and egg bread. I had him breaking out again in three weeks. The father cost £2 10s. He is a grand one now. I have had some good information from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

A. W.

Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—I think I can give a little help to Mr. S. Knight if he will try and follow the advice as to feeding. The first thing is to make your own Lark food. There are a hundred and one ways of feeding Larks. Remember all Lark food must be cooked in the oven for at least 20 minutes; no seed to be cooked with it. You can give a Lark all kind of seeds, and let the seeds and food be half and half. The seed to mix with the food is Canary, white millet, German rape, crushed hemp, also ants' eggs. The Lark will eat almost anything, and any kind of seeds—linseed, carraway seeds, etc. I think Mr. Knight's birds have been short of seed. The following will be found to be good and cheap, but remember the cheapest is not always the best. Get half-pound of pea-meal, quarter-pound ground rice, one egg beaten up, and cook all in oven for 20 minutes. Add 1d. of beef dripping before you put same in the oven. Add any kind of seed you like, but to the above be sure and add one big table spoonful of maw seed. And if you will add 1d. of almond nuts (ground), it will be the better for it. If this does not suit Mr. Knight, I will with pleasure tell him of a few more ways of making food. Every fancier has his own way of feeding, and seldom makes food twice together alike, not because it is not good, but because he wants to try and improve on it. Do not forget that the bird wants meal-worms—two or three per day; it is better to give too few than too many. For looseness in the Lark's bowels I have tried nothing better than cold tea. Give clean food every day. Keep your stock food in a tin or something with a lid on to keep the dust and dirt out. As for paying 7s. 6d. for a Lark, it must have been a good contest singer for the price. You can get a fine bird for the 6d. without the 7s. If you will try one and make a pet of him, lift his cage down every day, talk to him, and give him a meal-worm to tame him. Keep his cage clean, and give plenty of sand or road dirt. Keep him in the house, but not in the kitchen, which is too hot at times; take him to another room. Do not be afraid to write to CAGE BIRDS; there are plenty who are willing to help if they could only write and had time.

ALEX DONELLY.

SIR,—I was surprised to read that your correspondent, Mr. Knight puts his Skylarks out of doors at this time of year, as I think this was the cause of the death of the bird. I never put any of my Larks outside, only in the summer. I have had one for twelve years, and it is fourteen years old this summer, and is in full song by now. But I never feed him on any packet foods; I prefer to make my own, and I find they get on well with it. I feed mine as follows: I get ½lb. of pea-meal, 2 tablespoonfuls oatmeal, half-spoonful sugar, half-spoonful salt, and a little of beef fat; and I give them a little green food twice a week, cut up into a spoonful of the food.

G. W. H.

SIR,—If Mr. Knight will feed his Larks on the following he ought to have some which will live for from ten to eighteen years, viz., sifted oatmeal, pea-meal, and barley-meal. Use no water, but grated carrot in place of it. Give stale bread that has been put in a hot oven, and liver grated like fine sand. Give a turf every other day. Keep sand at the bottom of cage (¼in. deep); this cleans the feet of the birds, and also does for a dust bath. Occasionally sponge the birds with quassia water (tepid), and dry with a Turkish towel. Now for tit-bits; give yolk of egg that has been in water at boiling point for 45 minutes; grated, it all falls to pieces. Then give crushed hemp seed (a tablespoonful) and also throw a teaspoonful of Canary seed on the sand for the Lark to pick up—not with his food. If Mr. Knight will come down to my house, I will show him any day how I manage mine from the nest and breed Larks in an aviary. I can stroke mine as one would stroke a dog. I open the cage doors and they come to me. Give also four meal-worms daily; more than this scours a Lark. You must feed as near to Nature as you can. It is impossible to hear yourself speak at times in my house owing to the song of my pets. As Mr. Knight has got one of Sandiford's crushers (seed mills), he should be able to pass the seed through without any trouble. I had one, and I should say it saved me at least £10 in food and £50 in birds. I trust Mr. Knight will not go back on his favourite bird, which has been mine for 50 years. I have had as many as 100 Larks in some of my houses. Let him catch all the flies he can in summer with beer (not fly-papers, which contain arsenic), and save them for the winter. A Lark will catch a lot in his cage in the course of a day. Watch him and see the Lark catch the fly. Ants' eggs are also beneficial, and a little grated apple occasionally, but I say don't mix water with soft-bill birds' food. They won't live many years in a cage if you do. It is a good plan to boil your water one day ahead where you have no rain water. A small sprig of saffron in water once a week makes their voice heard, so to speak.

G. TURNEY.

SIR,—In reference to Lark feeding, I have one (a last year's bird) which is a cock, and sings to himself, but not loudly. I feed him on Capern's new food, meal-worms (3 and 4 a day), crushed hemp seed and bread rubbed through the hands till it is all crumbs; and I sprinkle with sherry. But he seems to eat hardly anything, and will not take a bath at all, and I have tried him several times. He is also troubled with diarrhœa, and I don't know how to prevent it. Perhaps some of your readers will enlighten me?

W. J. E.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS a fancier asks for advice re the keeping of a Lark. He says he can keep one no longer than six months after which they then die. I am a Lark fancier, and have kept them for years without their dying. Your correspondent is referring to the gas in the house; if he keeps the bird under the gas it will take no hurt. I feed mine on the following: 1lb. of pea-meal, 2 eggs beaten up in a cup, half-cup milk, nut of bacon fat (if not fat a bit of lard), a handful of crushed hemp, ditto German rape, and ditto sugar, with some cheese chopped up small, and two meal-worms daily. This makes a delicious dish for them. Now mix all these up together until you are unable to see any dry pea-meal. Put the dish containing it in a warm oven, and heat the food; bake for about 20 minutes; keep stirring it now and then to keep it from setting. When it is baked just give it to the bird as it is. If there are any lumps roll with the rolling-pin to make it small for the bird to eat.

SAMUEL THOMPSON.

(A large number of letters on this subject have had to be held over until next week.)

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In reply to "Amateur" re arming of nets, asking for further instructions, I am pleased to give him same. Take the top line of your net which you want to arm, and put the last mesh on a hook in the wall about 3ft. high, and stretch it out so that you can easily pick up the meshes. Now make a loop of some twine and pin on the hook to start your arming on. Having done this, take your needle and tie the end of the twine to the loop. Now net one mesh on to the loop, with your 3in. mesh. Slip that one off the mesh. Now take your needle and thread it through four of the meshes of your net along the top, starting from the hook, your needle pointing towards you. Now net another mesh. This time you will have 4 stitches on the loop. Slip that off your mesh, and now net another, but don't pick up any meshes on this one. Slip this off, and then repeat the first, viz., picking up 4 meshes again, and next time miss the meshes, repeating right the whole length of your net. The bottom loops will have your net on, and the top loops will be for your top line, but don't make a mistake, or you will have to cut it out up to the mistake. Use any size arming twine; it makes not the least difference. Trusting you will be able to understand above, and will be of use to you and others. I may say I have made almost all kinds of nets from rabbit nets to fishing nets, including cast nets, this being my hobby, like bird breeding, and I take great interest in same.

NETTER.

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Oct. 7 and 8—**Morecambe**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).

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Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 24, Smith Street),

Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)

*Oct 28 and 29.—**Hucknall Torkard**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Rd.)

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Nov. 18 and 19.—**Hull**—(E. R. Ridley).

*Dec. 8—**Morriston**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.)

Scotland.

Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.

Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).

Oct. 22—**Keity and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Keity).

Wales.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11, 1910.—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

All prize money has been paid from Woolwich Show, writes Mr. W. Pawley, the hon. secretary, and all birds were dispatched within one hour of the close of the show, with only one mistake, which has since been put right.

I have handed over the secretaryship of the Manchester and N.C.O.S. after 10 years of service in that capacity, writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, and the new holder of the reins is Mr. H. Boothman (8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester).

The L. and P.O.S. annual dinner will be held at the "Horse Shoe" Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, W., on January 20, at 7 p.m. Will members and friends desirous of attending please communicate with me, as the seating plan is being arranged early in the week? We are in for a record this time.—H. E. Tringham, hon. sec., Old Barge House Wharf, Commercial Road, Blackfriars, London, S.E.

Kindly allow me, writes Mr. Wm. Elliott, secretary, West Stanley and District C.B.S., through your valuable paper, to convey to Mrs. Mason, of Dipton, our deepest sympathy with regard to her husband, Mr. Matt. Mason, one of our members and secretary of the Dipton C.B.S., who is at present in hospital with fever. We, the members of the West Stanley C.B.S., wish him a speedy recovery, and that he will be restored to her for many years to come.

I hear a little rumour, writes "Old Fancier," that the oldest British Bird and Mule exhibitor amongst the Tredegar fanciers has resigned. When asked the reason, he said it was because he did not believe in fanciers putting on classes to suit themselves, and now they had struck out the dark Mule and most of the British classes, and put a special prize up only for two of themselves. He did not want local classes, but classes as last year, and the specials to be left open to every one.

The committee of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, in arranging to hold the annual dinner on Thursday, January 20th, at the "Horse Shoe" Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, W., trust all members will be present, with as many friends as possible. Ladies are specially invited. Special attention is being given to the musical arrangements; several well-known artistes have given their consent to appear during the evening.

The annual balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B. shows the society to be in a splendidly flourishing condition, the cash balances being £23 19s., and the total assets £67 2s. 1d. A remarkable feature of this association's finance is well put by the popular hon. secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, who, when sending the balance-sheet, writes: "In glancing over the accounts for the year, I find that the £23 5s. received from members' has been returned to them in the shape of special prizes and postage, with the exception of three pounds. I think you will agree with me that from a purely business point of view they get value for their money, without considering the other side of the question, which, as you well know, is my strong point." The society is certainly to be complimented upon its present position.

I have this week sold to a gentleman in Scotland my cock variegated unflighted yellow, winner of first at Darlington and York, for the sum of £7 7s., writes Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth). I have also sold to a gentleman in Sheffield my winning yellow hen, first at Scottish National, first Sunderland, etc. This same gentleman also bought nine more of my Norwich, for which he paid me the sum of £31 10s. I see there are some fanciers who think that it is not in the interest of the Fancy to have these gentlemen buying up these good birds, but I beg to differ from them. I think it is such men as these who keep the Fancy alive and make it worth one's while to devote his brains and time to his stock. "Let them all come; the more the merrier," and set yourself to breed birds to beat those you have sold.

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As will be seen from our advertisement in your valuable paper, writes Mr. Allan Black, jun., the secretary, a new society has been formed in Irvine and district, and the members are holding what they intend to be an annual exhibition, on February 5th. We are catering specially for cage birds, and are guaranteeing prize money, and offering a very large number of valuable specials. We have secured Mr. A. Chalmers as judge, and the classes offered should secure us a large entry.

Lizard fanciers will perhaps be pleased to know, writes Mr. A. Donnelly, that I am once more able to get a start with my old favourites, the Lizards, through the kindness of my old friend, Mr. E. Lowe, of Oldham, and Mr. A. Martin, of Shaw, who have given me a good start. And I must not forget the kindness of Mr. F. Steeple, secretary of the Oldham Society, who has always been my friend. I wish them every success. Will friends please note my change of address to 68, Cheatham Road, Swinton, near Manchester.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. Percy Parker, joint secretary of the City of Wakefield O.S., that two of the members who were to act as stewards at our show had a family hereavement on the Friday night, a telegram coming to Mr. Atkinson (a Norwich breeder) whilst he was unpacking the birds, to say his father was dying. Mr. Midgley, another Norwich and Yorkshire breeder, had his father-in-law die on the Friday afternoon. The members greatly sympathise with both families.

The January issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" contains among other interesting articles one by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A. (on the Nesting of the Great Whydah—illustrated), another by Mr. Frank Finn, F.Z.S. ("On Two Curious Australian Species of Anatidæ"—illustrated), and another by Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote (on "The Nesting of the Bahama Amazon"). A very beautiful coloured plate of "Hybrids between Australian Finch and Star Finch" graces this number, and it is accompanied by some notes by Mr. Herbert D. Astley.

From Canada.

Mr. W. A. Lott sends us a card of greeting, which has reached him from Mr. Jones, now of Battleford, Canada, at one time a well-known London fancier. On it is written this interesting message: Snow Buntings came a few days ago around my "shack," the only living things to be seen, and thousands of them. The east wind has been blowing furiously for the last two days. Thermometer 7 below zero. Nice hot spot near stove in one corner of "shack," freezing in another. Ink just thawed out, also some bacon, butter, and cheese in frying pan for tea. A merry 'Xmas and prosperous New Year.

Aylesbury's New Society.

A new society has been formed in Aylesbury, to be known as the Aylesbury Fanciers' Society. Annual subscription 2s. 6d. per annum, with 1s. entry fee. Fanciers are cordially invited to join; radius 10 miles (air line). Particulars may be had from Messrs. Fountain and Inch, hon. secs., High Street, Aylesbury.

A New Irish Society.

A number of breeders and fanciers have decided to form a club to be called the Holywood and District Cage Bird Society. We are all enthusiastic amateurs, and hope to both help the hobby along and help one another onward as well. We shall be very glad to hear from any bird lovers who will join us, and assist to make the society a success.—F. Cole (7, High Street, Holywood, co. Down, Ireland).

Wedding Bells at Eccleshill.

A very interesting and pretty wedding took place on December 27th last (writes a Yorkshire correspondent), when Miss S. A. Wilcock, the only daughter of that veteran fancier, Mr. J. Wilcock, was married to Mr. George Bullock, of Sheffield. The ceremony took place in the Methodist Chapel at Eccleshill, with full choir and organ accompaniment. The bridge was charmingly dressed, and accompanied by two bridesmaids, while her father gave her away. About 100 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast, and the presents were very handsome and useful. The bride-cake was made by a well-known lady fancier and presented to the happy pair, and was greatly appreciated by all who tasted it.

READERS SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN

that with this Birthday Number they receive the two coloured plates, viz., "A Group of Gems from Foreign Climes," so very charmingly executed by Mr. H. Goodchild, and "A Study in Yorkshire Canaries," which reveals at its best Mr. Norman's great skill as a delineator of typical Canaries. In addition to these plates, there are included with it a calendar in colours which combines in artistic manner paintings by Messrs. Goodchild, Norman, and Rankin, and a photographic supplement printed upon art paper.

Despite our request to advertisers and correspondents generally to send their announcements for this special issue to reach us at an early date, there has been a rush of advertisements and other "copy" at a late moment, and this has necessitated the holding over of several reports of meetings, shows, etc., the delayed publication of which we ask our readers to kindly overlook.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Onward Hall, 8. Election of officers; balance-sheet.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 18, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Table show of Clears; four classes for Yorks.; four for Nor., and one A.O.V. Class. Mr. Young, judge; general meeting, balance-sheet and election of officers.—J. Richardson.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Jan. 19, The Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8.30. Continued annual business.—A. Lupton.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 18, Park Chapel Schools. Third annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes; tea on the tables at 6, concert at 7.30; adults 9d. each, children 6d.—H. Hill.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—Jan. 15, Gt. Horton G.I. Show, 6. Prizes, and arrangements for prize distribution.—Garnett and Towers.

Crewe O.S.—Jan. 15, Burton Hotel, 7. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, and election of officers, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

Choppington C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Headquarters, 7. Annual supper, 7.—J. Dixon.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Victoria Restaurant, 8.—W. Sampson.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 15, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Election of officers, balance-sheet for 1909, and discuss Yorkshire Union Rules.—F. Rhodes.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Half Moon, 8. Adjourned general meeting, important business.—E. Brunskill.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 17, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Annual meeting, secretary's report and balance-sheet, election of officers, adoption of fixtures, enlargement of area of society.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 15, Fountain Inn, 8. Election of officers for 1910.—T. Elsegood.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Important C.B.U. business.—G. Buck.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Jan. 20, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Crown Inn, 7. Annual general meeting, election of officers, and balance-sheet, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Jan. 10, St. George's Schools, 8. Important business for ensuing year, also enrolment of new members, fanciers welcome.—F. Barraclough.—(Possibly Jan. 17 is meant.—Ed.)

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 15, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. To reconsider the whole of the business from our last meeting, and to enrol members for 1910; all wishing to join invited.—R. H. Dixon.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Annual general; election of officers.—J. A. Tyler.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important final arrangements for show as this will be the last meeting.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Jan. 23, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Members' prize money; annual meeting.—A. Wigginton.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 19, Railway Hotel, 8. Shows, judges, etc.; Union Rules, business.—J. E. Hudson.

London and Counties O.A.—Jan. 17, Session House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, 8.30. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers.—W. Gilhert.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 18, White Swan, Market Place, 7.15. Annual general meeting; election of officers; alterations of rules, etc.—J. E. Wood.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Railway Hotel, 7.45. To elect new officers and arrange annual supper; plenty of important business.—P. Hart.

Musselburgh O.S.—Jan. 29th, 83, High Street, 7. Nomination of judges.—W. Nisbet.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Prize money, balance-sheet, and debate.—E. Jones.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Auditors' report, passing of balance-sheet.—A. Gledhill.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—Jan. 15, Gt. Horton (Good Intent) Show, 5.30, Committee meeting; result of competitions, etc.—F. Armstrong.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Headquarters, 8.—Schedules for show.—J. Davey.

Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Jan. 19, postponed until Jan 26.—J. Bertram.

North London C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting, distribution of cups, etc.; will members kindly return unsold tickets?—R. P. Harner.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show of Nor., and debate on same.—F. Steeple.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Temperance Club, 7. Washing exhibition by Mr. Bescoby; members' washing competition, two prizes; anyone interested cordially invited; also very important C.B.U. business. Jan. 19, 7.30, Table Show.—W. Adams.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 18, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. New rules, etc.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Important business.—W. Reid.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Jan. 15, The Institute, 7.30. To arrange for members' show and fix date for annual show.—J. Pickering.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 17, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Entry for last show of season, show Jan. 18; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliff.—J. Robinson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Commercial Hotel, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton); staged 8.30.—J. Lewis.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Horse and Groom Inn, 6.30. Beast heart supper and social; all heartily welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—Duffield and Jennings.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Com. Hotel, 7. Secretary's report, balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.; intending members invited.—W. Elliott.

West Auckland C.B. & P.F.S.—Jan. 15, Talbot Hotel, 7.30. Show accounts.—J. Gill.

Walkden and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 18, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street. Table show for British birds.—H. Howard.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Fleece Hotel, 8. Roller show business.—W. Ridge.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Bradford, 5. Important business.—H. Hill.

British Roller C.C.

I have had several letters returned lately from members who have changed their address, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. secretary of the British Roller C.C., and as I am about to send out voting papers, etc., I shall feel obliged if they will forward their new addresses on. I might also mention that there are a few members who have not paid their subscription for last year; I should be pleased to receive same, so as to include it in the balance-sheet.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Wasting Seed.

W. P. T.—A similar case was dealt with at length last week, but in your case there is probably some digestive derangement. In addition to the staple of Canary seed, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. Stop the hemp seed and egg and biscuit, and give in its place a small piece of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed two days in each week for a fortnight. Also stop giving apple, and if you can obtain watercress free from frost, give a small spray of this three times a week instead. If you cannot get suitable greenstuff, then substitute a morsel of banana or boiled or raw carrot. A small cube of hard common salt may also be stuck in the wires for it to peck at. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day.

How to Distinguish Sex.

No Nom de Plume.—It is quite easy to write down certain directions, but most difficult to make one see what is really to a great extent a kind of instinct which can only be gained by observation and experience. As a general rule, the cock is rather larger, decidedly bolder, and more pushful in carriage and demeanour, shows a more graceful curve in outline from lower breast to under tail coverts, has a bolder eye, and is altogether more "cockey" in appearance in comparison with the hen. His call has a clearer and more mellow note, and when he sings the throat swells and pulsates very plainly with the notes. Some hens sing a little, but the notes are generally very short and broken, and there is rarely much throbbing of the throat perceptible. If caught and the feathers of the abdomen blown aside the vent of the cock will be found more prominent and pointed than is that of a hen, which is more flat and expansive. As you have no experience you had better rely solely upon song, and hear the birds sing a good round of notes, not a mere twittering, then you will not be far wrong in selecting cocks.

An Aviary Puzzle.

C. Treadway.—Your bird is undoubtedly exposed to great variations of heat, or to cold draughts. If the cage is near the gas is should be moved further away, so that the bird will not be affected by the heat radiated from the flame when jet is lit. It should also, if possible, be no higher than the level of the gas burner. Then it must be kept well away from the heat of a fire which only burns by day, in order to avoid extremes of heat and cold. At the same time it must not be exposed to any cold draughts. Feed for a month on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and once a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, inga, and gold of pleasure, and on one other day a morsel of bread steeped in cold milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a spray of water-cress three or four times a week when obtainable in good condition, at other times substitute a small piece of ripe banana. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water mix twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil. Shake well together before putting on cage, and give it every second day for a week.

Various.

Great Crested Grebe.—The proverb runs that needs must, when somebody unmentionable drives; and as you have nothing larger than breeding cages, these, of course, will have to provide sufficient exercise. Do not overcrowd them with perches, and keep two or three hens in each. They will, to a certain extent, provide exercise for themselves by arguing the social problem with each other. Keep an eye on them to see that a particularly spiteful or vicious one does not do actual damage to the others. Keep cages scrupulously clean. To prevent the adiposity cut off the mixed seed, all soft food, and substitute green food (watercress) liberally, as the sole accompaniment of plain Canary seed for a week. Also add a pinch of Epsom salts and a few drops of lemon juice to the drinking water twice a week for the time being. As regards the egg food substitute, if you obtained a good brand of preserved yolk of egg, and mixed with it an equal bulk of crushed plain biscuits, and an equal bulk of crushed maizena wafer biscuits, blended well together, and stored in a tin with a close fitting lid, you would have a very efficient egg food that would keep good for weeks, and would be always ready for use by slightly damping the quantity required, or giving it quite dry if the birds take it freely in that form. This, I think, would suit your purpose much better than such cakes as you suggest trying.

Stopped Singing.

W. Williams.—If the bird is in perfect health he certainly should not have given up singing; at this season he should have been singing stronger almost every day. But the fact that he appears in perfect health shows there cannot be anything very seriously wrong. Did he moult at the usual time last autumn? If he did not, it is quite probable he is about moulting now, in which case he will have commenced to shed his feathers by the time this reply appears, and all you need do is to keep him rather on the warm side in order to expedite the process and get it well over before the breeding season begins. Another probable cause is that the cage may be badly infested with red mites. Examine it thoroughly and probe any holes, cracks, or open joints with a pin, scraping them out on to a piece of white paper. If any mites are discovered, overhaul the cage and thoroughly clean it. There is yet another probable cause, which is that the bird was in breeding condition, and you may have introduced a hen into his sight, or close proximity. If none of these causes prove correct, you had better write again and say how you feed and treat the bird generally. Meantime, give a spray of watercress daily, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to its drinking water for two consecutive days.

Food Reform Needed.

F. J.—Your system of feeding is thoroughly bad, and is doubtless at the root of your troubles. As a staple diet, if you are going to breed with the birds, give plain Canary seed only, and every second day give separately in addition a half teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and once a week give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, the surplus fluid pressed out, dusted with fine sugar, and sprinkled with a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure seed. Three times a week give a spray of watercress if obtainable in good condition, otherwise a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or apple. Keep cage perfectly clean and strewn with gritty sand. If you are only keeping the birds for singing, you may give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as a staple, and

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omit the separate supply of rape. As regards queries: (1) Certainly, leave this to nature and do not attempt to force on a moult. If the bird really did not moult last season, it may drop into moult as soon as the weather gets warm and settled. (2) The above diet should bring this bird round. Give the bread and milk as ndvised above every second day for a week, twice in the second week and then once a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the second week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. See that he is not troubled with red mites.

Getting Forward.

W.R.W.—Your feeding is partly to blame for the forward conditiou of the birds, and your keeping the birds together would be a very strong inducement for them to think about setting up housekeeping under such circumstnnces. It would be much better to keep the birds in a cosy room without a fire than in the kitchen, but if you cannot arrange to do this you should keep the cages well away from the fire to avoid both the heat and the great finctuations as much as possible, and see they are quite out of reach of draughts, and the cages so arranged that the birds cannot see each other continually. Continue to give the hen a staple diet of plain Canary seed only, and in addition to this give a small pinch of summer rape every second day, and once each week discontinue the rape and substitute a pinch of inga instead. Give a spray of watercress, or a morsel of banana if the greenstuff cannot be obtained in good condition, three times a week. Stop the hemp altogether, and limit the diet of the hen solely to the above. For the first three days add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water. The egg she has laid, provided the performance is not repeated, will not make any difference to her breeding at the proper time. Feed the cock as above, except that you may give him a few grains only of hemp twice a week in addition to the rape, and once a week a morsel of bread and milk.

Moving Starts Moulting.

J. L. (Leeds). — It is most probable that the change from the bird-room to the bright corner of your living room involved a great change of temperature to the bird, and this, coupled with the extremely variable weather, has doubtless been the sole cause of the bird dropping into moult. Of course, I am presuming that you are sure the bird moulted at the proper time last autumn, as if it failed to drop into moult at the proper time, it would be nothing at all uncommon for it to commence moulting soon after its removal to the living room in the way you say it did, and that being the case, instead of trying to stop the moult, you should keep the bird warm and cosy in order to encourage the process and get it over as quickly as possible. As it is near a window you must assure yourself that it is not exposed to any cold draught, and do not keep it too near a fire which is only allowed to burn by day, as this would only aggravate any fluctuation of heat that may exist. If it really did moult last autumn, you must still keep it from exposure to chills or great variations, but not necessarily very warm, and feed and treat it altogether for a month, the same as ndvised to "J. H. Haynes," and stop the egg food and any other food you may be giving, which is not included in the reply mentioned.

Yorkshire Moulting.

J. H. Haynes.—If there are no other doors or windows but those marked on sketch, the arrangement of cages is all that could be desired, and if these birds completed their moult last year it is doubtless the extremely variable weather which has started them moulting afresh. Keep them comfortably warm, but not over-heated, and avoid great fluctuations and cold draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and give separately, in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana every second day, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Get a pennyworth of ammouiated citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, dissolve it in an ounce of tincture of gentian ,and give ten drops of this in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for another week or until the moulting ceases. All the seeds sent are of poor quality. The hemp contains a large number of damaged and unripe grains; the canary is very small and thin, and none too sweet; and the so-called rape is probably charlock. Get some genuine summer rape to replace the latter.

Moulting Again.

Scotch Boy.—I presume the bird moulted in the ordinary course last autumn, as you say nothing on that point. The probability is the moult has been brought about by the bird's being subject to extremes of heat and cold for more or less long intervals, either at or in transit to and from shows, and you might perhaps have been over-showing her. Do not show her again this season at all, not even at a local one day event. Keep her in a comfortably warm, but not hot, place, free from draughts or great fluctuations, and well ventilated. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight, give about half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of steel, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. If the hen bathes freely, there should be no necessity at all for spraying her. Do not be in a hurry to mate her this coming spring. The second week in April should be early enough at the best.

Brevities.

Moulting (Scotch Boy).—I had anticipated the facts given in your second letter in replying to the first, so you may confidently follow the treatment advised. Being kept in the kitchen may indirectly have led up to the moult. If proper care is taken of her, and the treatment duly carried out, this moult may be over in a month, or even less. But whatever the time is, you must not think of mating her for at least a month after she has done moulting. The time for mating her will be found in other reply.

Effect of Amputation (Broken Leg).—As you say the bird has now no foot at all, I assume the foot was amputated when broken. Considering the position of the fracture, this was doubtless the very best method to adopt. (1) If healthy and active in all other respects, it is quite possible the loss will not prove a very serious obstacle to successful mating. (2) I should expect no difficulty in the incubation process. There may be a certain amount of risk of the eggs being accidentally broached by the stump of the leg, but if this did not occur, there is no reason why the hen should not hatch them out. If she is a valuable bird, it might be worth your while to obviate the risk mentioned by putting the eggs under a foster hen to hatch and rear the young.

In-Breeding (G. W., Novice).—No, it is not advisable to mate brother and sister for the sake of making up a pair. This is only to be tolerated when some special object is in view, and the circumstances are favourable—that is, if the parents have not themselves been closely in-bred, and both parents and the birds to be so mated are strong, healthy specimens. The young resulting from the union must not again be very closely in-bred the following season. If you merely wished to make up a pair without obtaining fresh stock, it would even be preferable to make the two pairs by mating father and daughter, and mother and son. But the best course is to sell or exchange one of the birds, and obtain another that is unrelated, to mate with the one kept.

Effects of Fall (T.H.K.).—You do not say how long ago it is since the fall. If not more than three or four weeks, I should be inclined to think one of the legs was broken high up, near the body, where you could not see the mischief, nor discover it without handling the bird. This supposition would quite explain its behaviour since, and if you have not handled the bird, and kept it quiet, the mischief would remedy itself far better than by any assistance you could have given, and in a month or so the bird should gradually resume its activity. I would therefore advise you to leave it entirely alone for a time, and do nothing beyond seeing that it does not become constipated by giving a sufficiency of green food, or boiled carrot, or a pinch of Epsom salts in its water, to prevent it. If it shows no improvement in, say, six or eight weeks from the time of the accident, write again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In an Aviary.

"One Who Would, etc."—You would do well to peruse the reply given "Enthusiastic Beginner" in this issue. A cock Siskin, Linnet, Bramblefinch, and Canary would do well to turn in to your two hen Goldies, and one hen Greenie and Chaffinch. If you don't want to have a Canary, try two cock Linnets, or a cock Redpoll. Firs, holly, box, privet, ivy, and similar evergreens are very suitable for use in aviaries. Out of bundles of peasticks, too, very cosy "nesting corners" can be contrived; also dead branches of fir, etc., trees. A supply of the ordinary nesting material (nestbags) should be put in the aviary, and old Linnet, Greenfinch, Blackbird, etc., nests be pulled apart and left lying about (it is not difficult to get these from the country). One or two used but serviceable Thrush and Blackbird nests can be fixed in likely spots about the aviary, likewise ordinary wooden nest-boxes, and Roller Canary travelling (wicker) cages, with the front bars and inside fitments removed. Some birds even like a flower-pot to build in, and I have known others choose a back-cage which has been hung in the aviary with the door open. You should read some of the articles which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL this last two years (1908 and 1909); if not out of print, that is. They would help you very much.

Two Kinds of Blackcaps.

Bermon.—There is only one kind of Blackcap, namely, the Blackcap Warbler, I do not call to mind any other Warbler with a black crown. But several other species of birds are known locally as "blackcaps," this being a regular country name for such widely-different species as the Bullfinch and the Great (Oxeye) Tit. The bird you have, however, is neither of these (as probably you are aware), but the Marsh Tit, another bird (along with the Coal Tit) also rejoicing in the local name of "blackcap." The latter is also a dealer's name for the bird; but if it was sold to you as a Blackcap "Warbler," then the dealer ought to have known better. You do not say how much you paid for it; Marsh Tits are sold for a few pence each, but Blackcap Warblers always fetch several shillings each. The easiest way to achieve a change of food would be to purchase a supply of one or other of the good quality insectivorous mixtures advertised in our columns, and use mixed with a little of your usual stock food. A complete change is often viewed with suspicion by the birds themselves.

Wholesale Hybrid Breeding.

Experimental.—Your plans read very interestingly, and I heartily wish you success. I am sure that an account of your experiences would be perused with great interest and profit by readers of CAGE BIRDS if you would only pen same at the end of the season. I should like to hear the result very much myself. Perhaps the reply given "Enthusiastic Beginner" this week may interest you; or you may already be cognisant of the facts stated therein. Rare and promising crosses to try would be Reed Bunting-Yellowhammer, Siskin-Bullfinch, Hawfinch-Bullfinch, Bramblefinch-Bullfinch, Chaffinch-Bullfinch, and either Bramblefinch or Chaffinch and Canary

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(or both). You say you "see plenty of the Redpoll-Bullfie hybrids about by the show lists"; I am only aware of two, however. As regards the Foreign bird hybrids you will have to consult our Mr. Page concerning them; they do not come in my department. I quite agree that a Weaver (Orange Bishop) and Linnet or Weaver and Canary hybrid would be a grand bird; but I don't think you could hope to breed it. However, I am open to be convinced. The hen Greenies would make you real good foster-parents. You want to be careful over the removal of the eggs. It would be wise to wait until the full clutch is laid (not interfering at all in the meantime), and then to substitute another clutch for them, say those of wild birds (Linnets, Greenies, etc.), letting the hens sit them and hatch and rear the young.

Mule Breeding.

A Failure.—If the method you outline includes all the food-stuffs used, then I consider that the cause of your failure is easily located. Anyway, you did not feed the parents in a manner which commends itself to me. If the hens feed properly, I am sure there is no excuse for losing young Mules. I reared a good number last season without any loss worthy of mention, and with very little trouble. The chief thing (in my opinion) is to arrange for a constant supply of seeding chickweed and shepherd's-purse, and these can be grown in profusion in any back garden or gathered in practically every country lane. I am no advocate for minced egg mixed with arrowroot biscuit and soaked rape seed. I prefer egg and good home-made bread (crumbled), with a little castor sugar dusted amongst it; nothing else (seed, etc.) with it. In addition, I give Canary and summer rape (mixed) in the seed-hopper, with cracked hemp in a separate dish, frequently with a few crushed groats or a little coarse oatmeat amongst it. I give a few young and tender sprays of chickweed when the "babies" are two days old, and quickly increase the quantity until I am giving this *ad libitum*, with seeding shepherd's-purse in addition. Some of my hens feed almost solely upon these green-foods, and they rear me rare lusty youngsters. Boiled seed is quite unnecessary.

In Another Aviary.

Enthusiastic Beginner.—I hope your enthusiasm is of the lasting variety, for I am afraid it is likely to get seriously damped so far as hybrid breeding goes in your indoor aviary. It is curious how easy many seem to think the breeding of hybrids. But they eventually learn that it is not quite merely a matter of providing a fairly spacious aviary and turning in a mixed lot of birds. It is not all hen British birds that will go to nest in captivity; few rear their young successfully if they get so far as nestiug. Then the other birds are very liable to interfere with the domestic arrangements of their companions whose inclinations turn towards the raising of a family; they spoil the nest, smash the eggs, etc. Sometimes a nest of young get reared, but not often under such conditions. If the number of pairs is strictly limited (or one pair only put in) then one's chances become much brighter. Three or four pairs would be ample for your place; say, hen Bullie, Greenie, Chaffinch, and Linnet, with cock Canary, Bramblefinch, Goldfinch, and Siskin. If you put in cock Greenie paired to hen Chaffinch, and cock Chaffie paired to hen Greenie, they will simply separate again. Note reply this week to "One Who Would."

Brevities.

On the Beak (Blackburn).—Try touching over the hard lump on the beak daily with a stick of caustic (obtainable from a chemist). This should "burn" it away. Do it carefully, and do not continue the treatment too long.

A Linnet Matter (C.T.F.).—I think your bird is a hen. I have no hesitation in saying that a cock Linnet which has been kept caged in good health for over two years must (absolutely must) have sung, and sung well, before this. All hen Linnets are not exceptionally thickly pencilled on the breast; there are exceptions. Further, the white on the flight feathers is not (you can take this from me) by any means a good sex guide. The seed mixture sent is good enough for any Linnet.

No Further Losses (Noviss).—I am very glad to hear you have had no further losses of birds. I don't think the somewhat poor light by any means a serious matter. Neither is the cutting of the claws; on the contrary, it is very simple and easy, and ought certainly to be done, as over-grown nails are a source of great inconvenience and no little danger to captive birds. Cracked seed is very valuable for newly-caught birds.

A Bramblefinch's Wings (W. T. Walton).—Broken tips of wing feathers certainly count against show specimens; in fact, are quite a serious blemish if the damage is very palpable. A keen judge is not at all likely to fail to notice and take into consideration faulty wing flights. You do not state clearly, however, how much damage has been caused. This must decide you as to whether you keep the bird at home while new flights grow. At local shows, for instance, the bird might be good enough to pull through despite the broken tips.

Hybrid Breeding with Skylark (Lancaster).—I suppose it would not do for me to say that you would stand no chance of breeding hybrids from a Skylark, for strange things happen. But it would be a very, very slender chance. It is difficult to see what other British bird there is which you could pair to it, except the Shorelark (a winter visitor), and this is not by any means common or easily obtainable. I have heard of Skylarks (a pair) breeding successfully in a very large outdoor cage. But hybrids is "a horse of another colour," as the saying goes.

An Indoor Aviary (T.B.).—I have often expressed the opinion that a small table aviary such as yours (30 in. long, 14 wide, and 40 high) is far more suited to hold a collection of small foreign seed-eaters (if of half or five-eighths gauge wire) than British seed-eaters. The latter seldom get tame (unless tame before being put in it), and are very apt to quarrel, neither of which disabilities apply in the case of the Foreigners. You might try (if determined to do so) a cock Goldie, Bullie, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, and Siskin; they are easily obtainable, and the likeliest selection to afford you pleasure.

Hawfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid (No nom-de-plume).—You must certainly get a Siberian hen Bullie as the mate for the cock Hawfinch. The latter should be a small bird; very small, for choice. The best plan is to keep them for a few weeks in a double breeding cage, with the centre wired slide between them, so that they may get used to each other's looks, then to draw the slide and let them run together. Even then there are sure to be "alarums and excursions" for a time, though eventually the couple should settle down all right. It certainly is useless to keep in separate rooms individuals one intends to breed with.

A Skylark Matter (J.W.).—Go to a good chemist and buy a small bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food. Mix a small half-teaspoonful of the latter among the Skylark's daily allowance of soft food. This will strengthen him if continued for a fortnight and upwards. See that he does not become constipated (a little Epsom salts in the drinking water soon puts this right). The medicine should brace him up, and this also helps to "clear" (strengthen) his voice. A few shreds of saffron (from the chemist) placed in the drinking water is the old fanciers' "tip" for the latter trouble.

Breeding with Two Mules (S.J.E.).—You will find it only so much time wasted if you try to breed with either the cock or the hen Linnet Mule. Cock Mules will not fertilise eggs, and hen Mules will not lay fertile eggs. One or two exceptions to this rule have been notified in our columns, but for practical purposes these cannot claim to count. Of course, if it is your desire to experiment as to whether Mules will breed or not, by all means go ahead. But if you want to finish the season with a few young birds, take my advice (borrowed from "Punch") and don't. Far better put up a cock Linnet with a hen Canary; or a pair of Canaries.

A Puzzle (Hail).—Judging from your description, the bird sent amongst the Linnets is a cock Reed Bunting in winter plumage. They are often exhibited, and a first-rate specimen makes a good show bird. They eat little seed other than Canary; with a mealworm or two daily, and a little insectivorous mixture now and again. They have no song worthy of the name; an irritating jumble of irritating notes is my own view of it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Budgerigar in Bad Plumage.

W. Turner.—It is possible this bird is constitutionally weak; many such become almost naked and objects of pity. If yours is kept in a cage, see it is not infested with mites; if it is, wash it in quassia solution, and scald out the cage. It is no good freeing the bird from the pests if the cage is not also thoroughly cleansed and the mites exterminated. These birds are small drinkers, and it is not possible to give them drugs in any quantity; for three days running put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into each ounce of the drinking water, and follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. If there should be at any time any signs of constipation, promptly give a dose of Dinneford's, as above, which will soon give relief. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, few oats, green-food, ripe fruit (if they will eat it), cuttlefish, and grit. At the present juncture a little stale household bread, moistened with water, and then well dusted with flowers of sulphur, will be a help.

Australian Cockatoo Unwell.

Summers.—The treatment, with one exception, appears to have been wrong all through, and the same applies to the diet. It is most certainly worth trying to pull it round, though, of course, the issue is now rather doubtful. Cease present remedies, also milk, tea, and coffee sops. Give a daily supply of boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day), well dusting it with flowers of sulphur after all water has been drained away. Supply seed mixture as follows: Canary, oats, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts; keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage, and Parrot grit scattered over sand tray. Boiled potato may be given, and will certainly do no harm if it is free from all fats. Soak half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a piece of plain biscuit, and when it is partially dry, supply to the bird. Continue this on three successive days, and afterwards supply Parrish's Chemical Food in the same manner, also keep the drinking water coloured with same. Spray the bird twice a week with chilled water, and if it will let you handle it, sponge off as much of the ointment as you can with warm water and a little soap. Keep it carefully out of draught, yet where it will get fresh air. Put the Dinneford's Magnesia into the mouth, not more than one teaspoonful per day, after the bowels are once cleared, then only give an occasional dose to keep them moving freely, without the voidings being watery loose. Report progress fully a fortnight hence. Recovery cannot be rapid, but unless it is too far gone already, it should gradually come into condition.

Green Parrot in Rough Plumage.

St. John.—(1) Owing to its bare condition, and consequently the incomplete description you are able to give, it is difficult to name it with any certainty, but I little doubt but what it is an Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet. (2) As it recovers condition, it should renew its plumage, i.e., providing the trouble is not constitutional, but at any rate, the condition of things should be very much improved. (3 and 4) It will not inconvenience the bird to shorten the feathers, neither do I think it will help much. I should handle it as little as possible till you can do so without scaring it. I should spray it with chilled water twice a week, keeping it strictly out of draught. (5) It should ultimately talk and prove an interesting bird as soon as it knows you thoroughly, and gathers strength. Diet: Give it a seed mixture as follows: 2 parts each canary seed and white millet, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Keep its bowels moving freely with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful of magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water), but the voidings must not be allowed to become watery loose. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. A little boiled maize well dusted with flowers of sulphur would help if the bird will take it. Get a box of honey and horax, and with a camel-hair brush (which must be well cleansed for each occasion) put a little inside its mouth two or three times a day. The climbing sticks are a good arrangement, but they should be secured against rolling or slipping, or they may throw the bird off. Report progress in a fortnight's time. "Popular Parrakeets," 1/-, plus postage, from this office, would help you.

Roseate Cockatoo Ailing.

Penny.—It does not do to be too confident, but I am of opinion there is nothing really seriously wrong. Give it daily, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, till the bowels have operated freely, but as soon as the voidings become watery loose, stop the magnesia at once, and put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, which can be continued indefinitely. Diet: Canary, white millet, oats, dari, maize, paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seed in about equal parts is about the best mixture. In addition, supply ripe fruit in variety, nuts, plain biscuit. A little also of any boiled vegetable it may fancy can be given, providing it is free from fat. If there should be any exusion from the nostrils, keep these well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline. In case of any development of fresh symptoms, please write again at once with full particulars, but the bird will probably soon be all right again. Keep a close watch on the interior of the mouth, and if you discover any cheesy growths or gathering, smear some honey and borax over same twice a day.

Amazon Parrot Unwell.

Sheldon.—For two consecutive days put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water; follow this by well colouring the water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The magnesia should be repeated as often as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Diet: Boiled maize, either daily, or every other day (this only keeps fresh one day). For seed mixture supply the following: Canary and white millet seeds, oats, hemp, maize, dari, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato (free from fats) is much appreciated by most Amazons. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, the bird free from draught, yet where it can get fresh air, and spray it twice a week with chilled water. Report progress in two or three weeks, but if the bird should suddenly become worse, write at once, giving fullest details of all symptoms, etc.

Foreign Bird Queriers will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Aviary in an Outhouse.

Constant Reader.—Providing the shed is well lighted (if not, you must improve this), and neither draughty nor damp, it will answer well for your purpose. If your Canaries did well while they were in the enclosure, you may take it for granted that the Budgerigars will do so. But I must emphasise the point of light, these birds nest in husks, and if the enclosure is not well lighted, many of the young will be ricketty, and only half provided with plumage. You could keep therein four pairs of Budgerigars, hanging up at least eight husks for nesting purposes. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a few oats, green-food (when procurable seeding grass, at other times fresh lettuce is the best), also a little of any ripe fruit they will take. The other items of diet, usually understood, viz., grit, cuttlefish, and water must be regularly supplied. Furnish the aviary at the back with an abundance of twiggy branches as perches. If possible, get each pair of birds from a different source, so as to secure them unrelated.

Brevities.

Roseate Cockatoo ("Sugarcoated").—Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, oats, paddy rice, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; such ripe fruit as it fancies, nuts; plain biscuit; such cooked vegetables as it cares for are permissable, providing they are free from fats. Other table scaps, or slops and messes must not be given. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage, and gritty sand over the cage tray; a little cuttlefish, to the size of white millet, and mixed with the seed mixture, is beneficial, as also is a little Parrot grit.

Budgerigars in Poor Plumage (Little).—So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water daily—these birds are such small drinkers that it does not readily take effect; follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. I should also be glad if you will inform me how you are keeping them, whether in cage or aviary, and the minimum and maximum temperature they are kept in, also whether this is variable, and if I can then help you further shall be pleased to do so. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, oats in smaller quantity, green-food (fresh lettuce when obtainable), ripe apple, cuttlefish, and grit. Also in this case give them a little stale household bread daily, moistened with water, and dusted with flowers of sulphur. It will, I anticipate, be rather a lengthy time getting them into decent feather again.

Breeding Budgerigars in a Cage (C.C.C.).—(1) Yes, I have seen in more than one instance of young reared in an all-wire cage, 12in. square. (2) A box cage is the best, and 2 by 1 by 1½ feet high the smallest. I advise such active birds to be kept in. (3) The cock has a blue cere, that of the female being dark brown, that is, when the birds are in breeding condition. (4) Now, so as to give them time to settle down before the warmer weather arrives. (5) Canary, white and spray millet seeds, oats, green food, cuttlefish, grit and water. (6) This would be a good type, but for minimum size see answer to query No. 2. (7) Zebra Finches, treated similarly, would also prove ready breeders; these would require a little soft food when rearing young. "Budgerigars and Cockatoels" and "Foreign Birds for Beginners" 6d. and 1/s each, plus postage (see advert. in this column) would help greatly.

Most Suitable Birds to Keep (C. Hohdeel).—I take it you are a beginner, and should advise pairs of the following: Zebra, Ribbon, Red-headed, and Spice Finches, Silverbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Zebra Waxbills, Avadavats, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finch, and a pair of small Doves. The Diamond are as pleasing as any. The above would fairly fill your accommodation, though if you have a penchant for Canaries you could put in two pairs. I fear the latter thrive well out-of-doors. Canary, white and spray millet, oats, hemp, sunflower, and paddy rice in smaller quantity, green food, ripe fruit as in season, grit and cuttlefish, and some good soft food mixture when they are feeding young. Plants: Ivy, Virginian creeper, hops, Bamboo, fir, box, privet, and laurel. You must watch our advert. columns for the birds, but must not put them out-of-doors till spring; they can then be left out altogether.

Grey Pulling Feathers (Town).—I cannot say the cause, or give any but provisional help, till you send me details as to dieting and general treatment. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), but stop this as soon as the voidings become watery. Spray the bird twice or thrice a week with quassia solution, and, when you stop giving the Dinneford's, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. On receipt of your reply will deal with same at once.

Greater Hill Mynah (Zeeweeke).—These birds are almost omnivorous. Some good soft food mixture, several good ones are advertised in our pages, ripe fruit ad lib, and live insects in some form, mealworms at this season, a dozen per day will not be too many; in the summer give any insects you can trap in the garden. A little minced cooked meat may be given occasionally. The only way to teach it to talk is to keep it where it will see and hear what is going on, and when the place is quiet and the bird restful, teach it by constant repetition of such phrases as you wish it to learn. The only way is patience. Some individuals will remain silent for a considerable period, and then astonish one by saying several words and sentences straight away. Many thanks for your appreciative remarks.

Weavers and Grey Javas (Daniel).—You do not say whether your aviary is indoors or out. If the former, by all means turn them out, but if otherwise, they must be put out of doors till the spring. I expect they have been closely packed during importation, and have plucked each other en route. Canary seed, white and spray millet, green food, or a little ripe fruit, with grit, water and cuttlefish will meet the simple needs of these birds, though the Weavers will be the better for one or two mealworms each daily; such will certainly tend to their well being. When the warm weather comes such smooth caterpillars, beetles, spiders and any insect larvæ or pupæ as you can capture will be preferable to the mealworms, or may be given in conjunction.

Breeding Indian Parrakeet (Chelsea).—Yes, if a cock bird is procured, your hen would undoubtedly pair up with it, and should prove very probable breeders. A stout wooden erection with wire front only, say not less than 4 by 3 by 5 ft. high would answer the purpose; some kind of a log nest will be required—it will be necessary to keep a watch that they do not eat their way out. If you notice them attacking the wood-work, cover the part with wire netting, they do not usually attack flat surfaces. No nesting material will be required, and when they are feeding young, nothing more need be added to their regular diet, than, perhaps, as many stale crusts of household bread, or pieces of plain biscuit, as they will consume.

Green Parrot Badly Scared (Glen).—Unless you can give me some fuller details, I am afraid I can help you but little. Possibly it sustained some slight injury when it fell, and the result is mopishness, etc. I can quite understand its ceasing to talk for a time, but as it recovers confidence this will automatically right itself. In the meanwhile, pet it and make a fuss of it, and keep it out of the way of sudden movements, sudden noises, or anything likely to scare it. Give it one or two doses of Dinneford's magnesia, and put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food (for directions see other replies in this issue). If bird becomes worse, write again at once.

Grey Parrot Sick (Hettie).—Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia, and afterwards put on a course of Parrish's chemical food (for directions see other replies re Grey Parrots in this issue). While the bowels must be kept moving freely, if the voidings become watery loose, the magnesia must be stopped at once—you might with advantage add an occasional piece of plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage. Unless there is something, not yet apparent, wrong with this bird, it should be all right again in a few days; but if any other adverse symptoms develop, repeat query at once, with full details.

Chinese and Other Quails (C.F.P.).—I forget the size of your aviary, but unless it is roomy I should not advise keeping more than one species of Quail therein. If the aviary is only of moderate dimensions, there is nothing to surpass the Chinese Painted Quail for the purpose, and there are few species that will surpass them for beauty of plumage. A fair sized sugar box, with some wire netting in front, would answer well as winter quarters for them, supplying them with plenty of gritty sand to dust in. All species of Quails are apt to rise up suddenly when startled, and bash their heads against top of cage; you should stretch a piece of sacking across the top, so as to leave at least 1½ inches between the sacking and top of cage. Diet: Canary and millet seeds, green food, and two or three mealworms per bird daily. In the summer give them any garden insects you can capture. They are quite harmless with small birds. They should have a patch of growing grass arranged for them if you wish them to breed.

Aviary Queries (Beginner).—I have carefully looked at ground plan and I am still of the opinion that the flight should be at least 4ft. wide, the extra cost will be infinitesimal and the gain immense, otherwise your arrangements promise well, providing you do not overcrowd. You might keep Cardinals with the Budgerigars for variety; the former seldom breed, but they are handsome and long-lived birds. In the Finch section, put in a rose bush, also fir and box bushes and some Virginian creeper for the front of shed. Hops also are very ornamental and make good cover for nesting and harbour, green fly, etc. Under the bushes I should sow grass, Canary, hemp, and millet seeds. There will be ample space for the plants I have named, and if you have to use the pruning knife, that will be a small matter, though birds usually do all the pruning necessary. If you purchase birds from some outdoor aviary, they can be procured as soon as the aviary is ready for them—the sooner the better, especially the Budgerigars.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Parrots (Mrs. A. Brett).—We can send you a good book on the Parrot (the Grey), by Dr. Greene, post free 1s. 2d.

A Spring Perch (F. Carrington).—No doubt it is waiting its turn to appear. We receive so many "illustrated ideas" that we are compelled to make a selection, and even then delay is inevitable before they can be published.

A Book (W. Killington).—We have under consideration the publication of the articles you mention in book form. When on sale you will see a notice to this effect in our columns.

Folding Cage (E. O'N.).—We will enquire of our artist.

Illustrated Ideas (J. M. Lovelock).—We have given this kind of tray before in our correspondence columns.

An Article (A. M. P.).—We will try to arrange for an article on the lines you mention, and thank you for the suggestion.

A Suggestion (J. Joyce).—Thanks for your kindly letter.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Mule Breeding with Owls.

The Owl's Mistress.—I should say from your statements about its size and behaviour that your Tawny Owl was certainly a male. As to the Barn Owl, you have procured as a mate, Johns may be right in saying the hen Barn Owl is darker, but size is the best guide in these birds; if yours strikes you as a big one it is probably a hen. No, you need not separate them if she lays and begins to sit—better not, in fact. You seem to have an ideal place for breeding, and owls have often been bred in captivity; I have never, however, heard of hybrids being so bred in this family, but any birds which will breed pure in confinement ought to hybridise also, judging from what we know of other families of birds. Owls are inclined to breed early, as you suggest, and yours may possibly start, if they decide to mate, before very long.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"Rita."—Subject: Hen Canary. Cause of death: You are to be complimented on raising your birds to such a ripe old age; your general management, both dietary and hygienically, are proof of this. Regularity of feeding and watering, together with cleanliness, will obviate much of the trouble often encountered in the bird hobby. You are in no way to blame for the loss; it would have eventually have arisen under even the most ideal conditions. Cause of death was "apoplexy," due to rupture of one of the cerebral blood vessels. This was predisposed to by its excessively fat condition, together with pathological changes in the walls of the arteries allowing of ready rupture; any sudden fright would have accelerated the heart's action and have increased the blood pressure in the vessels of the cerebrum, and so brought about death, which must have occurred very quickly. The bird was of a very gross nature, and no known form of dieting or treatment would have rendered it otherwise.

Wm. Collins.—Answered by post. Canary.

H. Pedler (Barnstaple).—Subject: Canary. Cause of death: You would assist considerably by giving me a few details concerning the length of time this bird had been ailing. I should take it, however, that death occurred in a very short time judging by the condition of the lungs, both being in an acute state of inflammation, which is generally indicative of a quick termination, there being no solidification of any part of the lung substance. The cage should receive a thorough system of disinfection before you introduce another bird into it. Not that there was any indication of infectivity, death having occurred so quickly. Where pneumonia exists, particularly double pneumonia as in this case, all necessary precautions should be taken; not that it always means infectivity to others, although it is in itself an infection. Your bird was very fat. All other organs were perfectly healthy.

P. H. Harris.—Subject: Cock Linnet. Cause of death: Many thanks for encouraging remarks. I can fully understand, judging by the appearance of the bird's organs, that it could not have enjoyed perfect health, for it was suffering from disease of a chronic nature, not however being the immediate cause of death, but a predisposing cause. The chronic disease referred to is one that receives the name of "nutmeg liver," given to it owing to the similarity it presents on section to a nutmeg. This appearance is brought about by distension, producing in time dilation of the veins of this organ; it is primarily brought about by defective heart action causing a back pressure on the portal veins, so distending them. Both lungs were congested. This, again, was a venous congestion. This, however, was the immediate cause of death, brought about by the diseased condition already described. I trust I have made myself explicit. There are no definite incontrovertible means of ascertaining the age of birds to a nicety; there are anatomical differences, such as the fontanelles of the skull, to which I hope to give particular attention shortly. No work in this direction has yet been carried out. I should say your bird was an aged one; the legs were covered with scales, and the plumage darker than in young birds. There is no doubt in my mind the bird was an old one. I should have liked to have known whether it was cage-moulted or no.

"Muriel."—Subject: Hen Bullfinch. Cause of death: You are certainly very sparing with the hemp seed. At this time of the year birds require more, and you might with safety increase the amount you are already giving. I see by your letter that you have had prior losses. This is well understood when we consider the nature of the disease from which your bird was suffering. It must have been ailing for some time, although perhaps you may not have observed this much, for it would not necessarily have refused its food. It was in a very emaciated condition. The breast was almost denuded of flesh. There were other very evident signs of emaciation, viz., a watery or dropsical condition of the flesh, which is a common accompaniment of debilitating diseases. The bird died of "enteritis," or inflammation of the bowels of parasitic origin. On examining the contents of the intestines under the microscope, small thread-like worms were found to be present. These are a very frequent cause of enteritis in birds, and need eradication. Follow the articles commencing this week in CAGE BIRDS on the subject. Should you have any other birds, you may with advantage administer to each in drinking water a few drops, say, five or six drops of syrup ferriiod., which you may obtain from any chemist, repeating night and morning. If you possess many birds it will be advantageous to disinfect cages, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(*Continued from page 24b.*)

Bideford's New Society.

SIR,—A committee has been formed and I am asked as secretary to acquaint readers that a society, to be known as Bideford Cage Bird Society, are making arrangements for their first show the latter end of February. I am an absolute amateur at such work, but no one else would undertake the office. Kindly give us a small space in your valuable paper announcing the origin of this association.

G. W. GREENAWAY.

14, Mill Street, Bideford.

Am I a Novice?

SIR,—I hope now that this question has got into the columns of your paper we shall be able to know what a novice really is. The Hon. Sec. of the O.N.P.C. states that a novice can win three firsts in open competition, yet the Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Union says you can only win one. Which is right? I have only won one first in open, but was told I could not show as a novice again, so I am interested in this question.

ANXIOUS.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Show.

SIR,—I entered three birds at the Dulwich O.S. Show, held October 12th and 13th last year, and I got three labels on my cages—a c, vhc, and one 4th prize. A friend of mine also entered three birds, and he was more successful than I was among the prize labels. We both sent in one case, and we paid 9s. entrance money, and 6s. 5d. for the birds travelling there and back. I am sorry to say that I have written to the secretary, Mr. S. J. Kent, three times, asking about the prize-money, but I've got no reply yet. I think that it is time something was done about the matter.

HENRY KAYE.

Can Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrids be Bred in a Cage?

SIR,—A letter has appeared in your columns with regard to the above. I have had considerable experience with the cock Chaffinch in many would-be crosses, and from all my trials I have never had the cock Chaffinch fill an egg in a cage. For over 20 years I have persevered with this bird—with the Canary, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer, Twite, and Corn Bunting, and not one bird either, but sometimes I have had six or seven up in a year. I have not used the cock now, however, for seven or eight years. The cock Bullie is another I have tried, in various ways and this bird I have found will not pair in a cage. I must confess that I have never paired either bird with another of its own sex in a cage. If your correspondent did have full eggs, I should advise him to continue the trals. There is an exception to every rule. The best and surest way to breed this cross is in an aviary out of doors. As regards Canaries bringing the young Hybrids up, I have tried for some years in days now gone by, to get Canaries to bring up Chaffinches' eggs. They would, of course, hatch them, and they fed the young ones for a few days, but I never raised a strong, healthy bird. The young of the Chaffinch is fed on various insects and caterpillars, but in a cage the old ones will, I know, eat nearly anything. This bird I am very fond of when I can get a good steady one, and one in good plumage. The song is not to be despised by any means. The majority of them, especially if they are a bit old, do want taming, and do what you will to some you cannot steady them. One I had was caught and was brought me. For some time I refused it and advised them to let it go, but in the end I accepted it, and put it in a cage between Canaries—3-compartments. Next morning when I was feeding them it was on the perch quite steady, and did not flutter about when I went to it. I at once took an interest in the bird, and found that it was in good plumage. It was about 2 years of age. In less than three weeks (I kept it two) it won a first and special, and I was at once asked to get another or two like it. I expect from what I know of them, my chance will not come again. It seemed from the first that it had been used to a cage, but I knew by its plumage it had not. I should certainly like to have tried this bird for crossing purposes, for the unexpected often happens. So I never like to discourage anyone. Let each go his own way, and have a try. Old hands often smile at the absurd crossings tried by young hands, but their laugh is sometimes against them. Had the bird been a Chaffinch I should not so much have doubted the possibility of the cross, for I have had them lay and pair. They are, in my humble opinion, more easily tamed than cocks, and this is the bird to look to rather than to the male. In an aviary they would do much better; but they are not a species to recommend for a cage for Hybrid breeding. They will live on various seeds, but as summer comes on and the breeding season arrives, they require insect food of some kind to give them the necessary vigour for breeding. I hope nothing I have written will stop anyone from trying for the cross, for there is the off-chance to consider, and, if successful, a name to be made. There have been several instances where the male bird has bred with another in a cage; but, all the same, they are worth giving a trial. If I have failed, however, others might succeed. The late Dr. Greene was very strong on this bird, and, I believe, if my memory serves me right, said that it was not possible for Chaffinches to breed with a Canary. I believe, too, he offered a prize to anyone who could produce such a cross. But at that time a great many, including myself, thought Chaffinches paired only in the air. From very close observation of this bird in a wild state, I have found since that I was mistaken, and that has given me greater faith in them. There has been one Hybrid exhibited, I believe, which did claim the cock Chaffinch as a parent, but I cannot quite remember the cross. I know it caused some comment at the time. These lines, I hope, may induce the breeder to state his views; it would enlighten many a trier who is a lover of this bird.

HYBRID.

Goldfinches at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—Referring to the report of the above show, we beg to offer you the following explanation. Our exhibit in class 92 (British Goldfinch) was catalogued No. 9. This was apparently a mistake. Our exhibit, "Pride of Galloway," was really sitting No. 10 at the show. It was so judged, and was awarded second prize. When returned, the cage bore the class number 10, and the judge's mark 2nd, and accompanying it was the second prize ticket. Your reporter's remark that our Finch seemed to be "going off" is thus explained, as he was quite naturally misled by the mistake in the catalogue. Kindly insert this explanation. McMINN BROTHERS.

An Explanation from Plumstead and Woolwich.

Important Point for Show Secretaries.

SIR,—Should anyone have applied for a schedule of the above show and not received one, will they please accept this explanation? A number (especially to the Dover district) were returned to me after entries had closed, the post-office officials having detained them on account of one or two words which were missing having been written in by hand. They had surcharged each a penny, and they have been refused. After I had opened two, I refused to pay for the others, so that I do not know whom they were returned from. I consider that this lost us quite 50 entries. I trust that fanciers will understand that it was no fault of mine they were overlooked. I also hope that this will be a warning to others (as well as myself) not to add anything to schedules, etc., except with a rubber stamp.

W. G. PAWLEY, Joint Hon. Sec.

The Clarke versus Crisp Controversy.

SIR,—May I ask you to announce in your columns that Mr. R. L. Crisp has at length publicly withdrawn the charge he made without the slightest foundation, and persisted in all too long against myself. That is all I require; knowing him now as I do, I do not expect any apology. I would have liked to leave the matter here, but alas! he gives me no option. He is apparently unable to control his ill-feeling and propensity for mud-slinging. In truly Pecksniffian style, he deplores the breach of good taste he is guilty of in giving a garbled account of a portion of a conversation which took place at the Horticultural Hall. I would point out that the conversation was supposed to have been a *friendly one*. By an abuse of language on Mr. R. L. Crisp's part, he says that in the conversation I stated that I had been guilty of dictating letters for others to sign. This is more and more sad. The facts are as follows: In the course of the said friendly conversation, I did recall an occasion where I had assisted in the construction of a letter which subsequently appeared in the Fancy Press over another signature. The occasion I referred to, and which I thought Mr. R. L. Crisp fully understood, was the one where, at his own request and at his own house, I joined another eminent cage bird fancier, and after a most enjoyable supper, the letter in question was drafted by them, and with my assistance. I do not recollect who or what was the object of such a formidable attack. It is now some years since its occurrence and the letter attracted wide-spread attention when it was published. Which of my two fellow-conspirators' names was attached thereto, I have also forgotten. But, as Mr. R. L. Crisp most accurately points out, it was certainly *not signed* by

J. S. CLARKE.

What is Cuttlefish?

SIR,—A number of fanciers here have a discussion on at present relating to the properties contained in cuttlefish bone. We would like to know if we receive it in its natural state, or is it a manufactured compound; also the properties contained in it. I would thank some reader to tell me on behalf of the crowd.

ROBT. MCLEAN.

Winter Observations.

SIR,—In the course of a recent walk over one of the commons near London, I came across Fieldfares and Redwings, Bullfinches, Jays, etc.; also during a week-end visit since to a friend in Kent, I repeatedly saw a beautiful Pied Blackbird on his lawn. A cock I think, and with the back almost entirely white, and with a white ring round the neck, the head and breast being nearly black, and the wing and tail feathers entirely black. I think the feathers under the wings must have been greatly white, as the bird seemed quite as white when flying as when on the ground. I also had a recent opportunity of inspecting what might be termed a dove-coloured or Cinnamon-coloured Partridge, which had just been shot by a friend of mine, and this also I was told looked lighter in the colour when flying than when on the ground. I am no longer young, but in all my time I do not remember having seen a Pied Blackbird in the wild state, nor do I remember having previously seen a Partridge showing albinism.

G. C.

In an Isle-of-Wight Garden.

(See photograph on Page 20.)

SIR,—I have enclosed a photo of a corner of my garden, situated in the Garden Isle (I. of Wight), in which I spend many pleasant hours with my family of birds, most of which will take dainties from my fingers through the wires of the aviary or cages. The aviary is home-made, and is 6ft. high, 3ft. wide, and 2ft. 6in. from front to rear. It at present contains one young cock and two Norwich hen Canaries, two cock Goldfinches, 1 cock and 1 hen Linnet, 1 hen Bullfinch, and 1 cock Greenfinch. In the cages I have Goldfinch-Canary and Linnet-Canary Mules, which I have bred from some of the above birds this season. This is my first season with the hobby, so am quite a novice. I consider I have been fairly lucky, having lost none that have hatched out, though I have had some nests of clear eggs through one of my Goldies not being in condition. My success is entirely due to the information gained through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, from which I take cuttings and paste them in a large book, to which I refer when I am in a fix. I am going to try Hybrids next year from my Bullie, which I have had caged since last October.

A. HILL.

The C.B.U. in the North.

Is there Trouble Ahead?

SIR,—I notice in "Twitterings" that the secretary of one of the leading local societies told your correspondent on Newcastle Station platform that his society was leaving the C.B.U. last week. A statement of this kind is liable to damage the Union (which is dear to some of us), and I think the secretary's name ought to have been mentioned, so that blame might not rest on the wrong secretary. So great is the opposition to the C.B.U. from certain officials of societies, that one would think they had some other interest at stake besides the welfare of their own members. I attended the Newcastle meeting last week, and the majority were against leaving the C.B.U. at present.

TWITE.

SIR,—May I crave a small space in your most esteemed and valuable paper, as I was very much interested in the note from a correspondent referring to the Great Scottish National Show, and to the above matter. When reading over his letter I really began to wonder if the secretary and the chairman were the Newcastle Cage Bird Society, but lo, "Tho best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft aglee." They did not reckon with mine host, the members of the N.C.B.S., as I hear the majority of the members still wish to remain affiliated to the C.B.U. Surely this is rather a strange turn of affairs, and places these officials in rather an unpleasant position. Then your correspondent goes on to speak of coercion in the C.B.U. I fail to see where there is any coercion whatever, as every society that is affiliated to the Union became so by the decision of the majority of its members; and I ask your correspondent if the majority are to stand aside and let the minority rule the Fancy? Anyone who has taken note of the past show season cannot fail to see there is more need for a C.B.U. to-day than ever there was in the history of the Fancy, to protect the honest and straightforward exhibitor from those of his fellows who do not stop at anything so long as they can win prizes. Further let me say, if some of the officials of the N.C.B.S. would take more interest in the welfare of and maintenance of justice amongst its members, it would say a good deal more for them than their trying to stir up strife at every opportunity that occurs. It will be interesting to hear what some of the officials of the N.C.B.S. have to say re the 2nd prize winning Mule at their last show, which "could not be found" to be judged in the members' class, although standing on the shelf as judged for 2nd in the open. Was it in the interests of some of these officials that it was not judged in the members' class?

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—After reading "Veritas'" letter, I should like to inform him that, Mr. Battison being a member of the Watford and West Herts Society since its berth, I think he was placed in an awkward position. As is often the case, our committee asked each member to make as many entries as possible, so as to make the show a success (hence Mr. Battison showing at Watford), which it was. As to Mr. Battison re pot-hunting, I should like to ask "Veritas" how many members would do as Mr. Battison did—travel twelve miles and bring birds to a monthly show (but not for pot-hunting, as I am sorry to say we have not any pots to hunt)? I should also like "Veritas" to know that at every show the Watford and West Herts Society have held, Mr. Battison has always been the first to give a helping hand, and the last to find fault; and I think had Mr. Dewhurst been well and at his post, Mr. Battison would not have been treated as he was, after his explanation. I may say that our members sympathise with Mr. Battison on his treatment at West London, and they will still look upon him as a true brother fancier.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

(*A letter from Mr. Battison held over.*)

The Modern Cinnamon Canary.

SIR,—I should be glad to know through CAGE BIRDS what are the chief points of a Cinnamon Canary? In my younger days I bred many good birds, and when taking up this variety again lately I let my past experience be my guide in purchasing stock birds. I went for birds showing sound Cinnamon colour throughout, as free as possible from stripiness. Have I been wrong? Several reports I have read have said "nicely marked," etc., and just lately I said to a judge that I much preferred the second prize bird (neither were mine), it being sounder and deeper in colour and with a better head and neck. His reply was that the second failed badly in markings on back. I could not question him further, as I did not know if I was ignorant of the present-day requirements in Cinnamons, or whether he had a new idea of his own. Another judge, who even calls himself a specialist in Cinnamons, wants these striped birds dark in colour also, brought about by green blood, which makes them smoky and dull looking—far from the old style of Cinnamon. I don't invite a discussion on what a Cinnamon should be, with a lot of unnecessary chat from those who even know less than myself, but I should be obliged if one of the many who know the present standard would help.

ONE IN DOUBT.

The Crested Canary Club.

Important to Secretaries.

SIR,—At the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held at the Crystal Palace, the chief item on the agenda will be Mr. G. C. Ley's scheme for guaranteeing societies against loss on the entire Crest section on payment to the C.C.C. of the sum of one guinea and on providing not less than eight classes, all of which would stand under any circumstances. The prize-money would be guaranteed and the deficit, if any, be made good by the C.C.C. The profit where made would, of course, accrue to the society holding the show. In order that the matter may be debated under the most advantageous circumstances, and an effective decision arrived at, I would respectfully invite applications from societies that are prepared to adopt such an arrangement, together with any suggestions that may occur to them. The important trophies (silver bowls, etc.), will be allotted (if the proposition is carried) to a society which will give not less than 15 classes in the Crest section (on the same terms, of course.) Will hon. secretaries please make it clear whether they are applying for the 8 class support or for the 15 class? The latter will become known as "The Crested Canary Club Show," and should prove a most important annual fixture. I request hon. secretaries to lay this matter before their members and to favour me with a reply at the earliest possible moment.

J. S. CLARKE.

Prospect road, Woodford Green, Essex.

Is He a Record Father?

SIR,—Is my Linnet a record father? It is twelvo years como this summer since he was bought as a young one, and I am sorry to say that when I went into my bird-room this morning ho was lying dead just under the placo where he used to sleep in the flight. Ho was in good condition, and I don't know what went wrong with him. He was the father of two nests this last season, and I thought this might interest some of your readers.

A BIRD LOVER.

A Sure Cure for Red-mite.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS most weeks fanciers wishing to know how to get rid of red mite. I am sure if they will only try this they will find it is certain death to all red mite, and they won't be troubled with them again for a considerablo time. I did all my cages over last February and I have not seen any since. Take the cage out of doors and hang it on the wall. Get somo petrol and a paint brush and go all over the cage, and in every crevice, inside and out, with this, when all red mite will be dried to a powder. It is a good plan to run the petrol brush round all nest boxes before the breeding season, when you will find your hens won't be disturbed while sitting.

WITT.

An Aviarist's Hopeful Start.

(See photograph on Pago 20.)

SIR,—Enclosed I send you a photograph of my aviary I built the placo myself. I have always had a fancy for birds, but could never keep them in tho house. So last April my son brought homo a paper called CAGE BIRDS. I never knew there was such a journal until then, and I saw someone was asking about an aviary. So I set to and made the one of which I have sent you a photograph. The size is: 20ft. long, 5ft. wide, and 7ft. high, with ½in. mesh netting at front and half-glazed at top, and then 2ft. away from the front I have some 2in. netting, as I am troubled with cats. I also have a fountain in it with a small cistern at tho back and some ½in. lead pipe down to it; it will send the water about 2ft. 6in. high. Now will any of your readers tell me if I should cover the front up this winter or let it stop as it is? It faces the east.

G. HODGSON.

Many Letters unavoidably held over.

NOTES UPON OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Articles have been specially written round our two Coloured Plates and tho Calendar, and will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Tho SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Totanus solitarius*), depicted by Mr. Rankin on Page 17, is a visitor from America, and one of the very rarest of our Waders. Its recorded occurrences in the British Isles may easily be counted on the fingers of one hand. No doubt, however, it is often overlooked owing to its great resemblance to the so-called Green Sandpiper (*Totanus octropus*), which is a quite common bird here in spring and autumn. The difference between the two is most easily noted in the tail feathers, of which the outer pair are pure white, without any black bars, in the Green Sandpiper, which also has white upper tail coverts, only conspicuous, however, in flight. In its native home the Solitary Sandpiper is an unsocial bird, as its name implies, and it is fond of haunting forest pools—not the sort of places where one would expect to meet with a bird of this tribe. The artistic illustration gives a good idea both of its size and its simple colours.

The photograph of the two young Cuckoos in the Meadow Pipit's nest was sent by that keen and accurate observer of the wild life of tho birds, Mr. John Craig, of Beith. It was taken by Mr. Peat Millar. Mr. Craig writes: "Although the photograph does not show the one ejecting the other, they are acting quite different to birds that agree. Your Cuckoo (this refers to a nestling preserved in spirits, sent to our Mr. G. E. Weston) is on tho top, and when we were experimenting he put out a young Pipit. The other Cuckoo threw out three eggs (twice), three young Pipits, and then your own Cuckoo—ten in all. I saw eighteen Meadow Pipits' nests, the last five of which all contained a Cuckoo's egg—the last one a Cuckoo's egg only (no Meadow Pipit's eggs). The egg was fresh when I first saw it, and was hatched in due course, and I watched the young one until it was flown. A Hedge-Sparrow's nest was found near Beith with a Cuckoo's egg in it, and was brought to me for identification, also a Reed Bunting's nest was found, near Beith, with a Cuckoo's egg in it which I also saw.

The clover and interesting "snap-shots" of Gold-crested Wrens are the work of Mr. Stanley Crook, who has on several past occasions contributed to our special issues.

Particulars of the aviary belonging to Mr. G. Hodgson, the birds of Mr. A. Hill (Page 20), and Mr. F. Thomas' cage fitted with glass screen to obviate seed-litter (Page 22), will be found in our correspondence pages; likewise an account of the doings of Mr. Fairly (Page 20) and his Belgian Canaries.

The names of the fanciers seen in the photograph taken at the Scottish National Show (Page 20) are:—Reading from left to right: Top row, Messrs. Nash (market officer), J. W. Bruce (judge), W. B. Smart, J. Goodfellow (judge), W. Carson, G. Brown, A. Gilchrist, and H. Goodchild. Middle row: Messrs. J. Currah, W. Rodger, W. R. Dunn, T. Taylor (judge), W. R. Finnie, S. Buglass, W. J. Buist, W. F. Arrighi, A. Rodger, R. S. Spence, J. Patterson (judge), J. Robson (judge), and T. Todd. Front row: Messrs. J. L. Winter, R. Armstrong, C. T. Maxwell (judge), J. Gourlay, R. Craig (vice-president), A. C. Dandie (president), Jas. Winter (secretary), L. J. Arrighi (vice-president), R. T. Jack (assistant secretary), and D. Kinlayside.

The photograph, "Is Mother Looking?" is a specimen of artistic work of Mr. W. H. Hall (portrait medallist), of Princes Street, Widnes. Mr. Hall writes: "The young Canaries, perched on the sprig of hawthorn, are the first nest of Norwich I bred, and the first I ever tried to photograph With this print I received a silver medal in a competition."

The GOLDEN ORIOLE is one of a family confined entirely to the Old World, the members of which are closely related to the American Hangnests and the Thrushes. Their colouring is generally of a brilliant character, the Golden, as its name implies, being (in an adult male) a lovely golden-yellow; the black wing and tail feathers have yellowish markings. The beak is red; eyes (irides) blood red: eye-streak, black; feet, lead colour; altogether a strikingly beautiful bird. It is not at all an infrequent visitor to great Britain, and would doubtless breed here were it not for the fact that its bright colours usually lead to its death by means of a charge of shot; an end much to be deplored. The Oriole is Thrush-like in habit, feeding largely upon ripe fruit in season, insects constitute its chief food.

The BEE EATER is a truly gorgeous bird, difficult to describe in words. Newton says of it: The Bee Eater "is certainly one of tho most beautifully coloured birds ever found in these islands, and no one who has once seen a specimen will forget its rich chestnut crown and mantle, passing lower down into primrose, its white frontal band, the black patch extending from the bill to the ear-coverts, the saffron throat bordered with black, while most of the rest of the plumage is of a vivid greenish-blue or bluish -green, and the middle pair of tailfeathers are elongated and attenuated in a way that is not seen in any other British land bird." Tho Bee Eater is also a bird of the Old World, and *Merops apiaster* has on a great number of occasions paid a visit to England, one flock seen in Norfolk being on record as comprising about twenty individuals. It lives upon insects, which it catches whilst on the wing. This lovely bird would be an acquisition to the show bench: but it is extremely difficult to obtain and equally difficult to keep in plumage in a cage.

The MEADOW BUNTING is not remarkable for vivid colouring, but the delicate tints of its plumage are in every way charming. It has the deep brown-reds familiar in the Reed Bunting, and the slatey-blue of the head with its black stripes, contrast pleasingly. The Meadow Bunting has come into prominence of recent years as an exhibition bird (Miss Medland's drawing was made from a specimen on view at the Crystal Palace Show), but it is exceptionally rare for it to be caught in our Islands.

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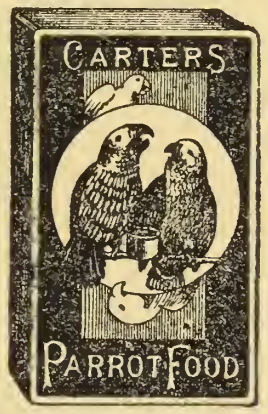
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The Serious Menace to the British Bird Fancy.

A Time for Action. The Position Reviewed to Date. An Appeal to all our Readers.

Before stating the position to-day with regard to the threatening attitude of the Law (as represented by Mr. Biron, the metropolitan magistrate) towards the British Bird Fancy, it may be well to re-capitulate the main facts of the case.

The Society for the Protection of Wild Birds is seeking to establish that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case.

The society recently brought a test case against two London bird-dealers (Messrs. Preston and Flowers). The birds in question were caught in Essex (an open county), and the society's officers traced them to the defendant's shops from Saffron Walden railway station, then took out a summons against them for "having in their possession recently-taken birds, viz., Chaffinches and Larks, contrary to the provisions of the County of London by-law" (under which these species, and all others, are protected). The case came before Mr. Biron, the magistrate sitting at Old Street Police Court, just before Christmas, and he arrived at the decision that the society's view of the matter was correct, and he condemned Messrs. Preston and Flowers in costs.

The extreme seriousness of this decision, and the power it places in the hands of the S.P.W.B. to harass all keepers of British birds—whether private individuals or bird-dealers—will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who kept a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined. Thus it means practically

THE KILLING OF THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY,

and the position of dealers in birds will become one of extreme difficulty, for the majority will be unable to offer fresh-caught British birds for sale, which those whose business places are in unprotected districts will find their trade vanish, as no persons living in a protected district will be able to buy, except they choose to risk being visited by the penalties of the law.

Truly a discouraging prospect.

But the cloud, we are glad to say, has its "silver lining," for we have obtained the opinion of high legal experts that this astounding decision of Mr. Biron is *not* in accordance with their interpretation of the provisions of the Act, and, further, that if the case be taken to appeal, there is every likelihood of its being upset.

A notice of appeal has been duly served, and it is intended to put a well-known Barrister in charge of the case. But the S.P.W.B. has taken action against two people who are but moderately blessed in the matter of means, and whose resources (the case has already cost them no small sum) are unequal to bearing the strain of the legal costs inseparable from the proper conduct of the proceedings. So Messrs. Preston and Flowers now appeal to our readers for subscriptions to enable the facts of their case to be adequately thrashed out before the High Courts; and they appeal in the confident anticipation that the verdict will be in their favour, and so remove the cloud under which the British bird Fancy now rests.

In the meantime, dealers should *continue their business as usual* pending the hearing of the appeal; we are given to understand that the decision of Mr. Biron has caused many of them uneasiness as to whether they may not be the next target for the officers of the S.P.W.B. They need have no fear of this, at present.

The need of funds with which to have the case contested is urgent, however, so do not delay; send your contributions at once, addressed to Mr. Geo. Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in your letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund."

Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S. and the Crystal Palace shows, and he has very kindly consented to act as treasurer to the Defence Fund.

In conclusion, we may say that every penny subscribed will be utilised for no other purpose than to enable Messrs. Preston and Flowers to fight the W.B.P. Society in the interests of the whole British bird Fancy.

Donations, however small (or large, of course) will be duly acknowledged in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. It only needs a trifle from each bird-keeper to enable the case to be carried to, we hope, a triumphant conclusion. The cost may be from £50 to £60.

We append a first list of the subscriptions which have come to hand, and we ask the kindly co-operation of all in the effort to get put right a decision which we feel involves a great injustice to the Fancy. We may say that at the last meeting of the City and Suburban Society it was unanimously decided that a subscription should be got up, and we have no doubt this example, and that of the Plumstead and Woolwich Society, will be widely copied. We may say that helpful suggestions have reached us from many readers, and that these are receiving our earnest consideration.

Messrs. Trower and Co. (London), £5; Mr. T. J. Dawson (Sloane Square, London), £1 1s.; the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. (collected), 10s.; Mr. J. Boxall (Brighton), 10s.; Mr. G. E. Weston, 5s.; Mr. H. Maynard (London, N.E.), 3s.; Messrs. Maggs Bros. (Swansea), 3s.; Mr. W. Swaysland (Brighton), 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Lawrence (London, S.W.), 2s. 6d.; Mr. D. Duncan, junr. (Harrogate), 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hodgkins (Kew), 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Street (London, N.), 2s.; Mr. J. Stockton (Warrington), 2s.; "A Fancier" (Gorleston), 1s.; Mr. A. Jackson, 1s.; Mr. J. Hawkins (Lincoln), 1s.; Mr. G. S. Gregory (Chorley Wood), 1s.; Mr. H. Flintoff (Southampton), 1s.; "Cock Robin" (Minehead), 1s.; Mr. S. J. Coles (Halstead), 1s.; "Lover of British Birds," 1s.; Mr. W. Lewin (Luton), 6d.; and Mr. K. Hunt (Stroud), 6d. Total, £8 15s.

SOME OPINIONS OF READERS.

I have read with interest the case of Messrs. Preston and Flowers, and must say that the verdict given against them by Mr. Biron has astounded me. I call it monstrous; the law has been wrongly applied, as every sensible man must admit. Is such a verdict to be tolerated? I for one say no, and am glad to hear the case is to be taken to the High Courts. If such a verdict is to go unchallenged, every person, whether man or woman, who sees an advertisement in our Fancy papers respecting recently-taken British birds, must first go to a police station and ask whether they may buy the bird or birds they are looking for, because the birds wanted may be protected in the district where he or she lives. What rot! But that's what it means. Fight the S.P.W.B., I say, and I have no doubt what the result will be. Our judges are not all cranks. All catchers, exhibitors, dealers, and all others willing should amalgamate, and form a society, the funds of the same to be at its disposal; or, better still, the society should fight the S.P.W.B. in all cases where the society decides that any member of theirs is being imposed on.—C. H. K. (Gorleston).

It seems to me the duty of every lover of British birds to rally round and give what they can to combat what is a serious menace to the British fanciers, be it little or great.—G. STREET (Highgate).

Please find enclosed donation to Preston and Flowers Defence Fund, and shall be glad to give second donation if necessary.—MAGGS BROS. (Swansea).

Please find enclosed P.O. for 10s., which was collected at the Plumstead and Woolwich Show, to be devoted to the Preston and Flowers Defence Fund. I trust that this example will be followed by other shows held in the near future.—W. PAWLEY, hon. sec.

I must heartily congratulate you on formulating such a deserving and justifiable fund as the above, and I do most sincerely hope that all connected with birds generally will liberally respond to this serious and most important call, and I trust that dealers in particular will not forget the song, "A Friend in Need," and help their less fortunate fellows on this occasion. If this affair is not fought out thoroughly, a bird dealer's business will not be worth the snuff of a candle. Now, Mr. Editor, many times I have credited CAGE BIRDS with achieving smart and good things in the past, but I think that this defence fund beats the lot, and I, sir, as a British bird exhibitor, beg to tender my heartfelt thanks to you, and I feel sure that Messrs. Preston and Flowers are also truly grateful to you. I need hardly mention I shall leave no stone unturned in this case, as I collected the sum of 10s. at the Woolwich Show on Friday last amongst several fanciers and friends, and this amount is to be forwarded to you. I am also going to canvas at every show I go to, and in every club I belong. In conclusion, may I make a suggestion, viz., that at the Great National Crystal Palace Show CAGE BIRDS stall has a collecting box for voluntary contributions towards this fund, as the law costs for this particular case will involve a large amount.—A. J. A. MARLEY (Leyton).

Many expressions of opinion unavoidably held over.

SPRATT'S SPECIALITIES.

Some Seasonable Foods and Medicines for Fanciers.

With the advent of the New Year, Canary breeders everywhere are beginning to look through their stocks with a view to the selection of the best breeding birds for the season which is about to dawn. Much doubtless depends upon the careful selection and proper mating of the stock, but even more depends upon the birds which are mated being in first-class breeding condition when they are paired. Year by year one hears of extraordinary failures. In some cases the hens will not lay, in others egg-binding is the *bete noir* of the breeder, in others the eggs are not fertilised by the cock birds. Now for all these troubles there is a reason, and nine times out of ten this is lack of breeding condition in the stock birds.

Birds intended for breeding need to be prepared for their work quite as much as do show birds, and the chief factor in the preparation is proper food and feeding. Canary feeding (like many other things) has advanced, and whereas a few years ago fanciers were compelled to resort to the old-fashioned method of hard-boiled egg and biscuit, to-day they have the choice of various preparations which render the old labour of egg-boiling and mixing quite unnecessary. One of the first firms to place a prepared Canary food upon the market was Spratt's Patent, Ltd., and before doing so they made a long series of experiments to find out what was absolutely the best substitute for the old egg and bread diet. Thus when Spratt's renowned Cage Bird Food was placed upon the market it was a finished product, and one guaranteed to perform the work it was intended to perform—rear birds from the shell.

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is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Friday, February 4th next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment.

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Advertisements.

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*A Wild Hawk.

It was a lovely day when I left my home to ramble over the fields. The birds were all singing in the hedges, and not far away I noticed a man bird-catching, and watched him for a while. Suddenly I saw a large Hawk dart down on his bird lime twigs, and when I went near it began to scream. The man took it away, and it pecked at his hands so much that they were all covered with blood. At last he managed to put it in a cage, and carried it home. Some days after I went to the man's home to see it, and it was admired as a pet by his children and myself.—Samuel Campbell (age 15), Burnside Cottage, Beith, Ayrshire, N.B.

**A Walk in the Wilds.

Having got our Christmas holidays, my brother and I had a long walk through the woods and moorlands which are most interesting at this time of the year. Passing a farmer's stockyard, we saw a large number of Chaffinches and a pair of Bramblefinches. The first were very busy picking the grain, and took flight at our approach. We passed the lock on our right (which had a fine sheet of ice upon it, but too thin to venture upon); a couple of Ouzels were sporting in the vicinity, while a lovely Merle in sable hue flew to the green yew, followed by his mate, more rusty in colour. A Robin was warbling out a plaintive song in the glen, while a number of Fieldfares and Larks were hopping nimbly over the frozen lawn looking for their scanty fare.—Alex. Anderson (age 13), Hillside Cottage, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 15.—**Auchterarder.**—J. Dow, Junr.
Jan. 15 (or 17th 1st post).—**Brotton.**—W. J. Beaglehole, 4, Broadbent Street.
Jan. 17.—**Coldstream.**—J. W. Bruce, High Street.
Jan. 17 (1st post).—**Northallerton.**—J. Richardson.
Jan. 17.—**Wigan.**—W. Ridge, 59, Poolstock.
Jan 18.—**Hoyland.**—J. Warrender, 11, Gill Street, Hoyland, nr. Barnsley.
Jan. 18.—**Banbury.**—Hazelwood and Nelson, 68, Causeway.
Jan. 22.—**Crystal Palace.**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 16 (1st post).—**Llanelly.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 19.—**Margate.**—S. C. Boncey, Elephant Hotel.
Jan. 17.—**Spalding.**—Elviss and Mouncy.
Jan. 17 (1st post).—**Tredegar.**—J. Griffiths, 3, Glyn Terrace.

Worms in Birds: Their Origin, Classification & Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

In consequence of queries arising frequently from readers of CAGE BIRDS respecting worms as affecting birds, their etiology, manifestations and therapeutical treatment, I have been asked by the editor to write for the benefit of readers a series of articles dealing with this branch of parasitology. This, I may say, is a subject of the utmost importance, and cannot be dealt with in a very summary manner.

An Old Science.

Parasitology is as advanced a science as that of ornithology itself, and is practically inexhaustible, but for practical purposes I shall deal principally with those parasites classified under the head of "Entozoa," meaning, of course, those of a commoner nature, found infesting the digestive tract of birds.

Readers possessing birds suffering from these pests should, if desirous of information as to treatment to be adopted in such cases, send specimens of worms or parts of worms for identification. To attempt treatment without would only result in conclusions of an empirical nature, and such as would be likely to afford more harm than good. Every species of bird harbours its own particular parasite, and each species possesses many varieties, each requiring different treatment. Consequently one observes how futile and fraught with dangerous consequences is empiricism in dealing with such cases, as many remedies applied as vermicides and vermifuges are of a potent nature.

By the term vermicides, I mean to indicate those drugs which are intended to destroy the parasite or parasites, whilst the term vermifuge simply applies to those remedies used as expellents. I might reasonably say that more animals succumb to the too frequent and injudicious use of these preparations than from the actual presence of the parasite itself. This may appear to some a bold assertion, but so commonly have I witnessed fatalities arising in this manner that I have the courage of my convictions in making this statement, and would advise readers to adopt the precautions I have suggested, when in doubt or difficulty as to the parasites infesting the occupants of their aviaries.

This subject of parasitism has been closely and advantageously studied by members of the veterinary profession more especially in France and Germany, and of late years has received greater attention by English veterinarians. It still offers excellent opportunities for extending our knowledge in this important section of biological science.

Worms of a Parasitic Nature.

The worms are invertebrate with a soft contractile body, which is symmetrical and non-articulated, or markedly divided into a linear series of rings. This section contain a vast collection, and do not permit of a very good zoological classification, but from a practical standpoint it is commendable to bring them into one group, because of the analogies in their habits, their customs and actions. These are the worms which are of a parasitic nature, and include the Helminths (named by many, Entozoa), intestinal worms, etc, although these may be found in many organs. They are divided into two classes: the Plathelminths with bodies generally flat, and Nemahelminths, whose bodies are nearly cylindrical.

The Plathelminths comprise three orders, viz., Cestodes and Trematodes, and as there are only two of these limited to a parasitic existence, I am necessarily omitting the third order. Nearly all these species are hermaphrodite.

The Cestodes are nearly always segmented and provided at one extremity with suckers or hooks, by which they fasten themselves to the delicate mucous membrane lining the intestines of their host. Those provided with hooks are more difficult of eradication than those possessing suckers. In this position they are more frequently found in the adult stage, but prior to this period they undergo a varying change in metamorphosis and migration, which are often effected in the various organs of different hosts. Microscopical examination of the heads of these parasites with their arrays of hooks, present a formidable and none too pleasant feature.

The Trematodes are non-segmented, are often foliacious or leaf shaped, but are not of such importance as to merit discussion when dealing with worms affecting birds.

The Nematodes comprise an important order, although not mentioned in the above classification, but are found in great numbers inhabiting the intestinal tract and peritoneal cavities of birds. They are elongated and slender, and are not segmented.

A Suitable Habitation for Worms.

The intestines of birds provide a medium for the habitation of a large number of these parasites; in fact, so common is their presence in this position that on conducting post mortem examinations on birds for diagnostic purposes, one is struck with the remarkable regularity with which one discovers their presence in these situations. The reason for their commoner situation in these regions is plainly one of predisposition, owing to its relation with the outer world. Into these receptacles there are taken in along with the food or water either the eggs or larvae of the parasite, or sometimes in a phase of advanced development. As water is a vehicle for a multitude of invisible or microscopical organisms, it follows that this is the commoner medium of the two by which they gain access to their host.

This fact has forced itself more conclusively upon the minds of scientists of late years from the fact that epidemics of verminous disease have been found to be more prevalent among the larger domesticated animals during and after rainy seasons, the otherwise dry soil becoming a more suitable medium for the development of the parasite.

Of the ova or immature parasites which gain access to the digestive economy, many never fulfil their destinies, large numbers perishing. Those that survive, in their development undergo a series of metamorphoses until they arrive at a perfect stage, become sexually mature, and reproduce their own species within their new habitat, and many can multiply in the intestines without indicating their presence by any derangement in the health of their host.

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SHOW.

A Review of the Schedule.

It is again our pleasant duty to review the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show (the 51st). It is an excellent one in every respect, and deserving of all support.

DATE OF SHOW.—The show will be held on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th next. It will open on the Friday at 3 p.m., and on the Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m.; it will close each evening at 9.30 o'clock, excepting on the Tuesday, when the show closes at 4 p.m.

CLASSIFICATION.—There are 136 classes divided amongst 16 judges as follows:—

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 8 classes; judge, T. Heath.
CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS, 7 classes; judge, J. Dobson
YORKSHIRES, 12 classes; judges, H. W. Battye (cl., yell., cl. buff, tkd. yell., and tkd. buff) and W. Mundell (the remainder).
GREENS, Yorks. type, 4 classes; judge, W. Mundell. Nor. type, 4 classes; judge, T. Heath.
CINNAMONS, 4 classes; judge, J. Dobson.
LANCASHIRES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
LIZARDS, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
BORDER FANCIES, 3 classes; judge, J. Robson.
SCOTCH FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, T. Brown.
BELGIANS, 3 classes; judge, T. Brown.
FRILLS, 1 class; judge, J. Robson.
ANY OTHER VARIETY, 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
OPEN NOVICE SECTION: Norwich, 6 classes; judge, H. W. Battye. Crests and Crest-breds, 2 classes; judge, J. Dobson. Yorkshires, 7 classes; judge, H. Broadley. A.O.V., 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
LIMIT: Norwich, 2 classes, Crests 2 classes, Yorkshire 1 class, A.O.V. 1 class, pairs 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
ROLLERS, 4 classes; judge, F. A. Lester. These birds must be in the show before 12 o'clock on Thursday, February 3rd, and will be judged the same day in a separate room, and afterwards staged in an annexe to the show tent.
MULES OR HYBRIDS, 11 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.
BRITISH, 25 classes in all—Bullfinch, ck. and ben; judge, J. F. Dewar.
Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Lesser Redpoll, Twite, Siskin, and Bramblefinch; judge, G. E. Weston.
Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, Bunting (A.O.V.), Blackbird, Song Thrush, Starling, Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, or Chough; judge, Allen Silver.
Pied, Albino or Rare-feathered British bird, Hens A.S. (except Bullfinch), Nightingale or Blackcap, A.S. Lark or Pipit (resident or migratory), A.O.S. resident, insectiv., or seed-eating migratory bird not larger than and including the Wheatear, A.O.S. ditto larger than a Grey Wagtail or Wheatear, Limit Finch 20s.; judge, W. Swaysland.
FOREIGN, 11 classes in all—Budgerigars and A.S. Lovebirds, A.S. Parrakeets, A.O.S. Parrots (4 classes); judge, H. T. Camps. Common, etc., Avadavats, etc., Waxbills, etc., Grosbeaks, etc., Tanagers, Sugar Birds, etc., A.O.S. Small, A.O.S. Large, Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches (8 classes), judge, Russell Humphrys; reserve judge, F. Finn.
CAGES, 3 classes; judge, H. W. Battye. First prize, diploma and gold medal; 2nd, diploma and silver medal; 3rd, diploma and bronze medal in each class; entry fee, 2s. each cage.
EXTRA STOCK, 1 class; fee, 1s. per cage.

ENTRIES absolutely close on Saturday, January 22nd. There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be sent out. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of the schedule, and not to wait until the date fixed for entries closing. The whole of the specimens must be in the Exhibition on Thursday, February 3rd; any that may arrive afterwards will not be admitted into the show. All fanciers, whether affiliated members of the Cage Bird Union or not, are equally eligible to exhibit. The entrance fee is 2s.

THE PRIZE MONEY is as follows:—1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 4th, 2s.; or gold, silver, and bronze medals to value at winner's option. Cash will be sent unless instructions to the contrary are given within three days of the show. The special prize list is even finer than ever, there being close upon 300 valuable specials for exhibitors to win.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be sent to J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., and also pay prize money, and sale moneys. The show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements; also dispatch all birds at close of show.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.—During the show seed-eating birds will be fed upon seeds supplied by Messrs. James Carter and Co. ("Good Old Carter"), High Holborn, London. The insectivorous birds will be fed upon yolk of egg and insectivorous food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room, Crystal Palace, on Friday, February 4th; chairman, G. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.45, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Tickets can be had by exhibitors and friends on application to the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are specially invited.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:

1. Fully-stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than February 3rd.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance:—"Jones, 100, Market Street, Leicester.—Class 30, 259 ——— Class 31, 263 ———," etc.

3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top-left-hand corner of the envelope, in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

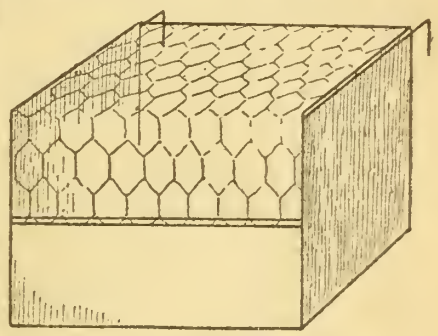
CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends, and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in its usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 378.
How to Make a Good Bath.
Sent by Mr. A. J. Shipton.

I enclose a sketch of, and particulars as to how to make, a good bath. No solder used. All that is required is a small piece of wire netting (½ inch mesh), a tin box (I use Tilia biscuit boxes, but any small tin box will do), and two pieces of cage wire. Cut one side of the box down to about 2 inches from the bottom, and turn edge over and hammer down;



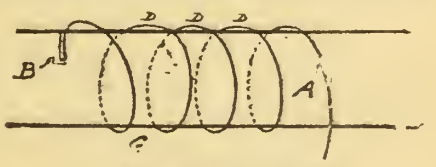
A Useful Bath.

and the other side 4 inches from the top. Now the two ends just turn over about one eighth inch. Slip the cage wire through and hammer down tight. Leave an inch at the ends, which makes the hanger. Now do the same thing with the wire netting over the top. Place the two ends of netting over the hangers, then paint all over.—A. J. SHIPTON.

[Will Mr. Shipton kindly forward his address, as this has been mislaid?—ED.]

No. 379.
How to Make Round Feeding Holes.
Sent by Mr. J. F. Jewes, 21, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, Staffs.

Perhaps the following illustrated idea re making round feeding-holes for cage fronts will be found much better as regards time and trouble, than the ordinary way of bending with pliers. You will also be sure of getting



Making Head Holes.

them round, too. Get a portion of ordinary broom handle about 1 foot long. Bore a hole half way through with a bradawl and near the top; insert the end of a length of wire in the hole, and turn handle round, guiding wire with thumb. You then have a coil, and by cutting with pliers each coil forms a perfect circle. By using a thicker piece of round wood you obtain larger holes suitable for crests and crestbreds, etc.—J. F. JEWES.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Wigan Roller (C.B.U.).—Jan. 21st and 22nd, Fleece Hotel, Market-street.—Judge, Mr. W. Massey. 4 open classes: Young bird, any age, Open novice, and Limit 30/-. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 17th to W. RIDGE, 59, Poolstock, Wigan.

Coldstream.—Jan. 22nd, Mechanics' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Bell and J. Mason. 29 classes: Nor. 3, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 12, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Jan. 17th, to J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream.

Banbury.—Feb. 1st and 2nd, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 5 open classes: Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 18th to HAZLEWOOD AND NELSON, 68, Causeway.

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In the Courts.

Cruelty when Sending Birds by Rail.

At Bedford Borough Police Court on December 28th last, John Lenara, 289, High Street, Brentford, was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to four wild birds whilst the same were in captivity, contrary to the Wild Animals in Captivity Act, 1900.—Inspector Roberts, R.S.P.C.A., proscented.

Joe Swann, Castle Road, Bedford, said, in consequence of an advertisement he communicated with defendant by letter, and later sent four birds to defendant, one Chaffinch, two Bramblefinches, and one Yellow-hammer. He sent them on approval in an ordinary travelling cage 14 inches long and 7 inches wide. Witness afterwards received them back, but they were returned in a small box. Two of the birds were dead, and one died on being taken out of the box, and the living bird was knocked about the head. Witness had kept birds for 14 years and had exhibited for about seven years. Not more than two British birds should go in the box produced, and it was quite wrong to put four in it. There was nothing on the box to show it contained live birds.—Cross-examined. These birds had been caged for five years, and were as tame as Canaries.

Inspector Roberts, R.S.P.C.A., said that on December 4th Mr. Swann brought the box produced to him. It contained three dead birds, one of which was quite warm. There was also a lot of blood on the box.

Inspector Knights, R.S.P.C.A., stationed at Ealing, said that on December 9th he saw defendant, and told him he called to see him respecting some birds he had sent to Bedford in a box that was too small.—Witness had a further conversation with defendant, who said he sent them back to Mr. Swann because he would not accept a price. Defendant said, "To send them in too small a box would be cruel. I returned them in the box that the man sent them."

Defendant was fined £1 and £1 3s. costs.—"The Bedfordshire Standard."

Under the White Rose.

THE winners and points of the C.M.Y.C.C. competitions are officially declared as follows:—Open Section: First, Ogden Bros., 183 points; second, H. H. Towers, 174; third, A. Cooper, 167; fourth, A. Jowett, 95. Novice Section: First, W. Richmond, 121 points; second, E. Clegg, 87; third, F. Gelder, 62; fourth, S. B. Grayshon, 55; fifth, E. Grange, 32. The season is now rapidly drawing to a close, after Great Horton Good Intent, which is being held to-day (Saturday), we have only one more show, and that is Hoyland, near Barnsley, and it is to be hoped they will have a good entry. They are only a small society, but very enthusiastic, and it is their first show held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union. Then, following Hoyland, we have the great Crystal Palace Show, which winds up for the year all the principal competitions for cups, trophies, etc.

IT is again expected that all the Yorkshire specialist clubs, viz., the Yorkshire Union, Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C. will join for the great annual gathering and prize distribution (with probably the dinner), inaugurated last year. In fact, part arrangements have already been made, and if things work out as before, it will be a very happy gathering, and worth going a long way to see.

YORKSHIRE Union secretary in his report last week mentioned one item that should be carried out, viz., in regard to the date on which affiliated societies hold their meeting. If at all possible, these should be held during the first 14 days of each month, so that the secretary can give his report to Y.U. and get all business done monthly, and not as at present, often taking from 6 to 8 weeks to get the reports out to societies and back again.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Scottish National Show.

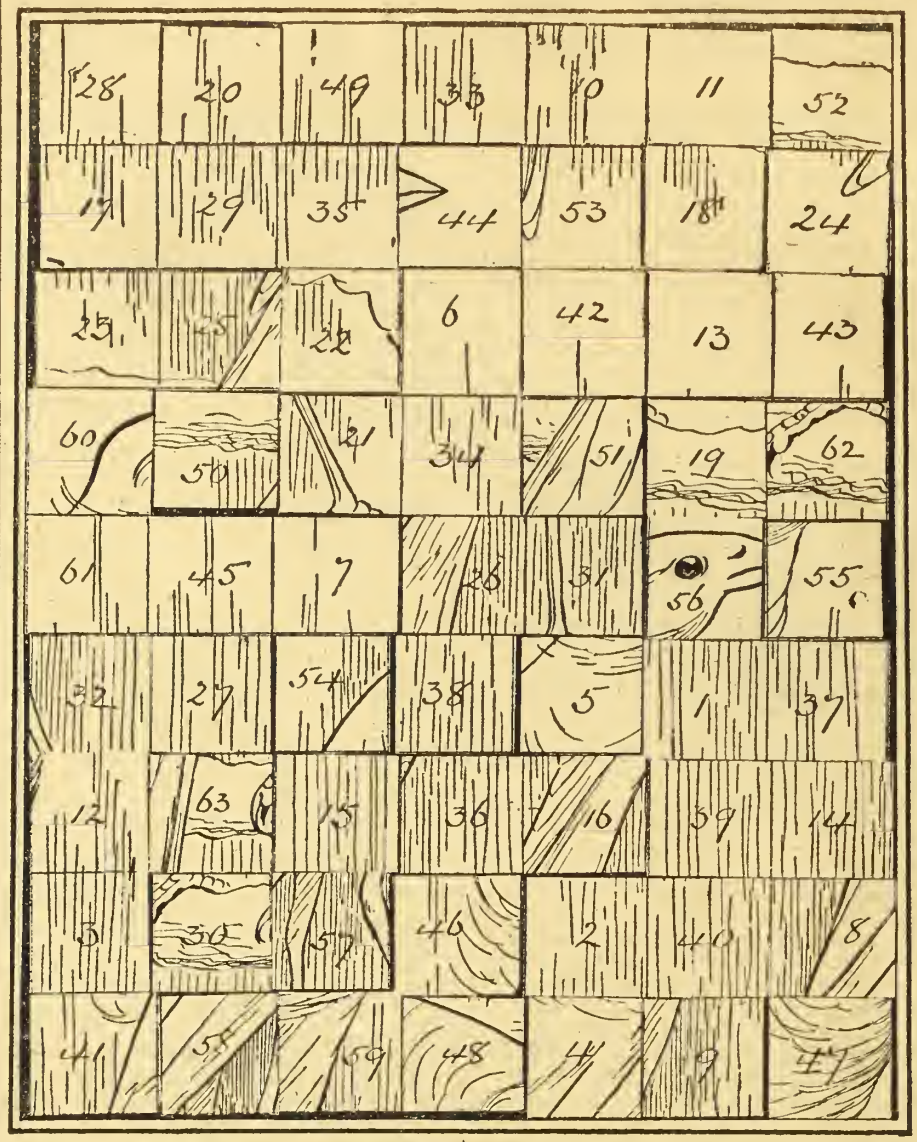
The following are the winners of the Aitchison specials for most points gained by exhibitors in the Plainhead section not resident in Scotland. Will anyone objecting to my figures kindly communicate with me direct? Yellow cocks, T. Sandiford (Preston), 13 points; hens, A. Grey (Morpeth), 13 points; buff cocks, T. Seed (Rishton), 14 points; hens, Cleminson and Taylor (Preston), 14 points.—W. AITCHISON (24, Fettes Row, Edinburgh).

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"CAGE BIRDS" CANARY PUZZLE.

CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

Half-guinea Cash for the Reader who is Successful.

A novel picture puzzle appears on this page this week. In the small squares lie hidden a Canary, the parts which go to its making having been jumbled up by our artist. We offer a

Cash Prize of Half-a-guinea.

to the reader who cuts out the squares and pastes them on paper, or cardboard, so arranged as to exactly reproduce the original picture of this Canary before it was "jumbled." Each square will be found numbered. The key to the precise arrangement of these squares (as given by the artist) is locked in the Editor's desk. The prize will go to the reader who succeeds in pasting the squares in the same order as appears on this key, the finished whole being a picture, as afore-mentioned, of a Canary. In the event of none accomplishing this, the prize will go to the effort which comes nearest the said key; or if two or more readers successfully solve the puzzle, to the one who sends in his or her attempt the most neatly arranged.

One hint we will give competitors. The bird is described as "a Canary." To be precise we should say a Yorkshire Canary. But it is a type of "Yorkshire," our artist informs us, which could only be obtained by pairing together the two worst Yorkshires that ever were bred. So don't be surpriscd at the result!

INTRODUCE THIS FASCINATING PUZZLE TO YOUR FRIENDS.

All attempts should be packed flat, and must reach us not later than first post, Thursday, January 27th next, when the competition closes. Write "Puzzle Competition" on the top left-hand corner of the package, and address it to:

"CAGE BIRDS," 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

Wild Bird Life.

Mid-Winter Music.

The New Year has commenced with exceptionally mild open weather here in the South of England, and such conditions affect wild bird life almost immediately. One would think, to listen to the early morning chorus, that the performers were well aware that the shortest day was passed, that spring was not far distant, and that all the joys of love-making and nesting would commence shortly. But we have a long way to travel before we are out of the wood. The month of February has to be passed, a month that is more fatal to wild bird life than any other. Seldom does it pass without long spells of frost and snow, when the ground is as hard as granite, and a white mantle covers the fields and meadows, leaving only the bare trees and hedgerows exposed to the cutting wind. The plentiful supply of berries is then for a time the chief food obtainable, and when this is exhausted many birds, too weak or too shy to seek the shelter of the farmyards and gardens, perish of cold and hunger.

One can only surmise what the mortality can be under such conditions, for when the sun shines once more and the snow has gone, we occasionally find evidence of the harvest gathered by the wintry elements, a skeleton here, a few feathers there, or just the wings and feet elsewhere—all that remains of some feathered victim—the rats and weasels of the woods and hedgerows having feasted on the bodies. In many cases all traces of these tragedies are removed, so that few of the actual cases of death from starvation and cold are seen.

Meanwhile during this mild open weather our resident birds are growing strong and lusty, and full of life and vigour. Before the break of day the Song Thrush pipes his cheerful song; and all through the day at intervals, until past sunset, when he competes with the familiar Robin to be the last to say "good-night." Across the downs and uplands the Finches flit gaily, and occasionally some precocious young cock bird will be found swelling his throat, and singing with evident enjoyment, while overhead the glorious Skylarks carol unceasingly, soaring upwards as in spring. A change to severe weather will put an entire stop to all this gladness and music, and the struggle for existence will commence once more. Meanwhile, let us enjoy the present, and, like the Thrush and Robin, have no thought for to-morrow.

The Red 38 Gold Crest.

Although the Gold Crest is the smallest of our birds, it is probably the most restless. It seems to be constantly on the move, and thousands cross the seas on migration. It is pretty generally distributed throughout Europe. It is constantly migrating, even from countries where the birds are supposed to be residents. There is a continual shifting of individuals, some migrating, others taking their places.

"Cage Birds" Literary Competition.

£9 9s. IN PRIZES.

We have decided once again to hold a Literary Competition, to meet the wishes of readers, and the **Editor** offers **five One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Canaries.** Competitors may deal with any one variety (such as the Norwich), or more than one variety (such as the Norwich and the Crest together), and questions relating thereto, or may take the general management, breeding, etc., of Canaries from either the domestic or exhibition side.

One Guinea Cash for the best ance and management, etc., of any one original essay on any topic relating to **British Birds.** The habits, appear- particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the desire or knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on the art of **Mule or Hybrid Breeding,** whether in cage or aviary, and between any species of bird (either British or Foreign).

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Foreign Birds.** The habits, appearance and management, etc., of any one particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the desire or knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay written from the aviarist's point of view, embracing the **fitting up, stocking, and general management of an aviary,** whether of Canaries, British Birds, or Foreign Birds, or a suitable combination.

An original **Painting** of birds, **Value Four Guineas,** will be awarded to the best essay, in the opinion of the judges, out of all the sections.

Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

There must be thousands among the readers of CAGE BIRDS with much knowledge stored away in their heads upon the above subjects. Utilise your leisure moments to put that knowledge on paper for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, and in exchange for your experiences there may be a cash prize waiting that will help you to buy some bird or other acceptable item you are a-wanting. Turn your spare moments to profitable account. Remember that all articles published by us will be paid for (note rules), also that photographs and drawings may accompany articles.

The Closing Date, remember, is January 24th next.

RULES.

(Read these very carefully.)

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of the paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 24th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

Peculiar Distribution of Species.

The Stonechat is a very distinctive species, unlike any other, except the Whinchat, from which it is easily distinguished. It is a curious fact that the two do not frequent the same common or moor. Where the Stonechats are numerous the Whinchat is not seen. Such peculiar distribution has been noticed with regard to the Blackcap and Garden Warblers.

The Shows.

DAWLEY (Salop).

The second annual show of the Dawley and Dis. C.B.S. was held in the Assembly Room of the Lord Hill Hotel on Jan. 11th. The room is a splendid one for a small show of this description. The exhibits were nicely staged on a special staging, kindly lent by mine host, Mr. G. Campbell (a keen fancier). Entries turned up well, averaging 14 per class, which is good for a radius show. The quality, on the whole, was distinctly good, especially the Mule class, the winner being a well-known face. Mr. Urban Callear again handled the secretarial reins, and all credit is due to him for the splendid arrangements. Mr. H. Tams judged,

NOR. (8): 1, three sps, 2, hc, Campbell, leader cl. yell., good size, grand col., nice head and neck, well cleaned out, 2, uneven buff, rare quality, nice col. and bloom, winner takes spl. for hottest fed bird, also Sandiford's sp.; 3, 4, vhc, Callear, romping griz. back yell., nice head, followed by cl. buff of nice size and quality; c, Williams. YORKS (21): 1, sp, 4, vhc, Campbell, cl. buff leading, grand length, good shoulders and back; 4, unflg. tkd. yell, nice length and quality; 2, Edwards, cl. yell., nicely drawn, good shape; 3, vhc, Johnson, uneven mkd., nat. col. buff, grand length and style, beautiful shape and feather, well up on leg, we liked; vhc, Ball; hc, Rowe; c, Williams, W. Johnson. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, sp, 2, Potter, medium size, grand body col., well tanned on chest, whites nicely cut, followed by one a little larger in build and wider face, two good Finches; 3, vhc, Westbrook, good body col., nice collar and wings, fine face; 4, Williams, very large Finch; hc, Windsor, Edwards; c, Callear. BULLFINCH (14): 1, sp, Windsor, medium size, some thought this must have been a mistake, several seemingly better birds in class; 2, Rushton, nice size and shape, good cap and breast, nice polish; 3, Pugh, nice house-moulted Finch; 4, vhc, Potter, shapely bird of nice colour and feather; vhc, really grand bird, very large, fine shape; hc, c, Bell; c, Rowe, Edwards. MULE OF HYB. (5): 1, (2) spls, 2, 3, hc, Cellear, grand team, leader well known lightly marked Buff Goldie Can., in splendid feather; 2, Buff Gold.-Can., wings, nice face and bloom, followed by a Dark of the same persuasion, good size, rare flush; vhc, Potter, very nice Buff Gold.-Can. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Windsor, charming Linnet, splendid colour and shape, beautifully pencilled, carries lovely sheen; 2, Martin, Linnet, nice size and colour; 3, Salter (we could not find); 4, vhc, Potter, nicely marked Siskin, good size; hc, Westbrook; c, Hobbins, Johnson. A.O.S. SMALL (9): 1, c, Bell, fine nat. col. Yell. Bunting, good size, nice body marking, fine head and cheeks, steady, in fine order; 2, vhc, hc, Lane, Skylark, nice size and colour, well marked, and steady; 3, Potter, Greenfinch, nice size and shape, good wings, in fine trim; 4, Campbell, good size, nice condition. LARGE (5): 1, spl, hc, Callear, Waxwing of medium size, good body colour and wing tips, carries nice bloom; 2, 3, vhc, Bell, well-known Hawfinch, shown in grand trim; 3, very nice Jackdaw, sound body colour, in grand feather; vhc, good Hawfinch, which will improve with another moult.

GREEN CANARY ASSOC.

Annual show, held in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham-street, Liverpool, on January 8th. The entry (about 350) was well up to the average, and the quality of the exhibits left very little to be desired. The Greens of all varieties were naturally the feature of the show, but the clear and ticked Yorkshires were also a grand lot. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) the remainder, and their awards left very little room for criticism.

CUP COMPETITION, YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. (12): 1, Atherton; 2, 3, Rowlands; hc, Gore. BUFF (11): 1, Clayton; 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rowlands; vhc, Clayton. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, 2, Clayton; 3, Atherton; vhc, hc, c, Rowlands. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Rowlands; 2, Abbott; vhc, Atherton; hc, Clayton; c, Gore. NOR. GREEN, SELF YELL. (14): 1, c, Deacon; 2, Walker; 3, Murray; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Lawson. BUFF (13): 1, F. B. Hawkes; 2, vhc, Deacon; 3, Lawson; hc, Walker; c, Dr. Martin. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, Harrison; 2, Murray; 3, hc, c, Deacon; vhc, Lawson. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Deacon; 2, Harrison; 3, Peake; hc, Hawkes; c, Murray. OUTSIDE CUP COMPETITION, YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (15): 1, Mimm; 2, McDougall; 3, Bell; vhc, hc, Wardale; c, Handley. BUFF (12): 1, Dickinson; 2, Robinson; 3, Wardale; vhc, Pilling; hc, Young; c, Handley. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Hughes; 2 Simpson; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Handley; hc, Dickinson; c, Atherton. BUFF (3): 1, Gore; 2, Bell; 3, Handley. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Donaldson; 2, McDermott; 3, Handley; vhc, Bell. BUFF (9): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Pilling; 3, Atherton; vhc, Gore; hc, Handley; c, Bell. YELL. 1909 (17): 1, Wardale; 2, Robinson; 3, Atherton; vhc, Richardson; hc, Young; c, Pilling. BUFF (19): 1, Simpson; 2, Hughes; 3, Wardale; vhc, Benson; hc, Dickinson; c, Phythian. YELL. SELF HEN (9): 1, c, Rowlands; 2, Gore; 3, Abbott; vhc, Hughes; hc, Wardale. BUFF (6): 1, Young; 2, Atherton; 3, Wardale; vhc, Robinson; hc, Metcalfe; c, Handley. FOUL YELL. HEN (12): 1, Abbott; 2, Wardale; 3, Nimmo; vhc, Phythian; hc, Robinson; c, Benson. BUFF (7): 1, Rowlands; 2, Atherton; 3, c, Hadwin; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Robinson. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL. AND BUFF: Cancelled. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Hawkes; vhc, McMillan. YELL. 1909 (4): 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Hawkes; vhc, Young. BUFF (4): 1, Peake; 2, Tyrer; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Peake. HEN SELFS (3): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Lawson; 3, Peake. FOUL YELL. HEN (4): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Lawson; 3, vhc, Hawkes. BUFF (5): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Lawson; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Peake; c, McMillan. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Lloyd; 2, Douglas; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Cawley; hc, Fox; c, Harding. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Fox; 2, Atherton; 3, c, Douglas; vhc, Harding. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Cawley; 2, hc, Douglas; 3, vhc, Fox. BUFF (9): 1, Cawley; 2, c, Douglas; 3, Hickson; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Fox. CINN. TKD. (4): 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Harding; vhc, Hadwin. HIN (6): 1, Baxter; 2, vhc, Hadwin; 3, Lloyd. NAT. COL. YELL. (2): 1, Wardale; 2, Handley. BUFF: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Barker and Abbott; 3, hc, Tyrer: vhc, Harding. BUFF (2): 1, Lawson; 2, Tyrer. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Cawley. BUFF (3): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Cawley; 3, Tyrer. NON-FED. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, hc, Martin; 2, Hawkes. BORD., CL., ETC. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Hadwin; 3, Green. HEN (3): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Green. YELL. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Green; 2, 3, Hadwin. BUFF (5): 1, 3, hc, Green; 2, vhc, Hadwin. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL. PAIRS (5): 1, Hickson; 2, Hadwin; 3, Hawkes; hc, Harding. 15/- (6): 1, Harding; 2, hc, Hawkes; 3, vhc, Fox; hc, Nelson; c, Hadwin. 12/6 HEN (3): 1, Hickson; 2, Hadwin; 3, Nelson. MULE (2): 1, Lloyd; 2, Hales. GOLDIE (2): 1, Lloyd; 2, Hales. LINNET (2): 1, Young; 2, Lloyd. A.O.S. (3): 1, Handley; 2, 3, Hales. GIFT (6): 1, Lawson; 2, Rowlands; 3, McMillan; vhc, Handley; hc, Hawkes; c, Dixon. Specials most points, Champion: 1, Rowlands; 2, Hadwin; 3, Atherton; 4, Wardale; 5, Deacon; 6, Lawson; 1, F. T. Hawkes; 8, Fox; 9, Robinson; 10, Clayton; 11, H. T. Hawkes; 12, Harding. Novices: 1, Douglas; 2, Lloyd; 3, Hickson; 4, Peake; 5, Dickison; 6, Baxter; 7, Tyrer; 8, Nelson; 9, McMillan; 10, McDouglas; 11, Donaldson; 12, Phythian. Most Points 1 to 8: Rowlands. Toronto Medal, T. H. Deacon. President's Prize, T. H. Deacon. Best Norwich Green, Novice, S. Peake. Best Novice, York out of cards, Robinson.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE C.B.S.

Annual members' show was held at the Bay Horse Hotel, Poulton, on January 8th, in the large room adjoining, kindly lent by the proprietor. About 100 exhibits were staged—slightly in advance of previous years. The quality was excellent, many noted winners being staged. The society cups were captured by Messrs. J. R. Crossley and J. Kirkham, the British specials falling to the lot of Mr. J. Kirkham; special for best fed yellow and best buff Yorks, Mr. J. R. Crossley; for best fed yellow and buff Norwich, Mr. J. Bevan. The show was a success, being very well patronised. Mr. J. W. Clemmson (Preston) judged, and his awards were very well received.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Binns; 2, Young. BUFF: 1, Binns; 2, Crossley. YELL. HEN: 1, Pattison; 2, Young; 3, Crossley; 4, Binns. BUFF: 1, Binns; 2, Young; 3, Crossley. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 4, Crossley; 2, 3, Binns; vhc, Pattison. BUFF: 1, Binns. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Bevan; 2, Kirkham. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bevan; 4, Crossley; hc, Lightboun. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bevan; vhc, Lightboun. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Bevan; 2, hc, Lightboun. UNFLIG. YELL. NOR.: 1, Bevan; 2, Lightboun. BUFF: 1, Lightboun; 2, Bevan; 3, Crossley. LINNET: 1, 3, Kirkham; 2, Boardman; 4, Bevan. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Kirkham; 2, 3, Crossley; 4, Boardman. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Kirkbam; 3, Young; 4, vhc, Boardman. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Bevan. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Kirkham. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Kirkham; vhc, hc, Boardman. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Binns; 2, Bevan. SELL. £1: 1, Bevan; 2, Young. 12/6: 1, Pattison; 2, Bevan; 3, Lightboun; 4, Binns; vhc, hc, Young. 7/6: 1, 2, Bevan; 3, Young; 4, Pattison; vhc, Lightboun. FOR.: 1, Bevan. CAN., LOCAL: 1, Lingard; 2, 3, 4, Hepworth.

Winners at UTRECHT (HOLLAND) SHOW.



GERMAN CANARY, 1st and Special Prizes for Mr. L. MARECHAL.

DUTCH CANARY, 1st and Special Prizes for Mr. W. VAN LEEUWEN.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL, 1st Prize for Mr. P. SLUIS.

GREATER SPOTTED WOODPECKER, 1st & two Special Prizes for Mr. P. SLUIS.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The third table show of the season was held in Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle, on Dec. 22, when there was a good muster of birds. Mr. J. Shepherd officiated as judge in the absence through illness of Mr. Davison.

CK.: 1, hc, T. Johnson, the now famous four-pointed Yell. leading; 2, Tindale, Buff, nice length, position, and feather, A1; 3, Tomlinson, grand Yell., spoiled in wash, should make a topper next season; 4, Wigglesworth; vhc, Curry; c, Atkinson. HEN: 1, Wigglesworth, eye and wing cinn. mkd. yell., nice length, position, and feather; 2, Tindale, Yell., excels in position, loses to first only in length; 3, Tomlinson, nice bird; 4, Atkinson. UNFLIG.: 1, Tindale, Buff, grizzle back of head, Gateshead second in nice form, fine round body, good head, A1 position; 2, Tomlinson, grand length and position, close up; 3, Curry, splendid Yell., fails just a little in length to 2nd; 4, c, Curry, 4th nice Buff hen; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Wigglesworth.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

BARTON C. AND B.B.C.

Annual show, held December 18th in the large club room, Red Lion Hotel. The room is well lighted and free from draught, and most suitable for the occasion. The society are to be congratulated on their success, although they would like to have seen the show better patronised. Several specials have been given, which will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Clews (Grimsby) judged, assisted by Mr. T. Perkins (Hull), in the British classes, and both gave every satisfaction.

CAN. OR MULE, OPEN: 1, Dunn. YORKS, 2, E. Oldridge; 2, Yorks; 3, hc, Small. NOR. CK. OR HEN; vhc, Tempers. YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC., UNFLIG.: 1, Small; 2, Dunn; 3, vhc, Beach. BUFF: 1, Small; 2, Beach. YORKS., HENS, YELL.: 1, 2, Beach. BUFF: 1, 2, Beach. FLIGHTED CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Beach; 3, Small; vhc, hc, c, Pettit. HEN: 1, vhc, Beach; 2, Small; 3, Chamberlain; hc, Pettit. BRIT. SMALL, OPEN: 1, Cooper, Goldfinch, good blaze and tannings, easy win; 2, Small; 3, Sempers, Goldfinch; vhc, Foster, Twite; hc, Newby, Goldfinch. GOLDFINCH: 1, Pettit; 2, Beach; 3, vhc, hc, Flintham; c, Small. LINNET: 1, Beach; 2, Flintham; 3, Chamberlain; vhc, Small. DARK GOLDFINCH MULE: 1, 2, vhc, Pettit; 3, Flintham. GREENFINCH: 1, Beach; 2, Small.—E. C. DUNN. Sec.

BRIGHOUSE & DIS. C.B.S.

Members' show held on December 27th at Round House Inn. There was a good entry, and some nice birds were on view. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Morrison; 2, Wright; 3, c, Sandiford; vhc, Stake; hc, Bailey. BUFF: 1, Tattersall; 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Fielding; hc, Ellis; c, Briggs. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wright; 2, Tattersall; 3, Morrison; vhc, Dearden; hc, Fielding; c, Bailey. BUFF: 1, Tattersall; 2, Coggan; 3, Briggs. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, c, Fielding; vhc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; hc, Sandiford. BUFF: 1, Sykes; 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Fielding; c, Wright. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Morrison; 2, Coggan; 3, F. Ellis. BUFF: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, Ellis; vhc, hc, Dearden. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, Tattersall. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 3, Dearden. FOUL MKD.: 1, Sykes; 2, Ellis. NOR. CK.: 1, Sykes. HEN: Void. BRIT.: 1, Sandiford; 2, Stake; 3, vhc, Leach. C. Morrison gained special for best bird in show. W. Sykes gained special for best colour; and J. Sandiford special for best in British class.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.

The Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S. held their second annual open show on December 27th in the Victoria Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by W. Smith, Esq. It was by far the best show the society have had, and great credit must be given to the committee, Messrs. Todd, Buck, Roe, Blank, Thorpe, Lee, and Harris, and to the energetic secretaries, Messrs. Barber and Atkins. A great feature was the line classes of Yorkshires, acknowledged by many fanciers to be the finest ever seen in the Midlands for years. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and gave satisfaction. This society, although in its infancy, bids well to become a good one. Special mention must be made of the fine team of Yorkshires exhibited by Mr. W. Crabtree. Messrs. Thorp, Richmond, Knowles, Simpson, and Athey also sent good birds, and the teams of Norwich shown by Messrs. Hunt, Harris, Dodd, Bescoby, and Righton were voted splendid. The cup for best bird in show went to Mr. Hunt for his clear Buff Nor. hen, a grand specimen. Altogether the show was a great success, and the committee are to be congratulated on the result, which is only a fair reward for the businesslike manner in which they conducted it.—E. BARBER.

PAISLEY.

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The Remaining Classes.

CREST CK. (6): 1, Noble, varieg. buff, grandly radiated Crest of good centre, nice leafy feather, well-known winner, clear win; 2, Roy, varieg., very fine headpiece, expansive, shapely, neat and well drooped, fine quality; 3, Brown, another varieg. dark Crest, nice centre, lighter in body; 4, Duncan, varieg. dark Crest of good length, fine centre, rare quality; 5, Clark; 6, McLay. HEN (5): 1, sp, Paul, almost green, grand headpiece, very shapely, expansive, neat and well drooped, wins; 2, Noble, varieg., good size, dense crest of fine veiny texture, good centre, well placed; 3, Scott and Houston, varieg., nice crest, good centre, in lovely order; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Clark. C.-B. CK. (8): 1, Noble, two grand birds with immense skulls, fine length of feather, rare substance, 2, not much between them; 3, sp, McLay, grand head, well lashed, fine length of feather; 4, Burnett, almost cl. buff, good dome, presses third hard; 5, 6, Brown; 7, Fairley; 8, Shepherd. HEN (6): 1, McLay, varieg., good entrance, well lashed, grand length of feather, clear and popular win; 2, Roy, varieg., nicely lashed, neat entrance, fine length of feather, well staged and placed; 3, Forsyth, highly creditable exhibit, closely pressed by 4, Scott and Houston, nice breadth of skull and lashing, we liked; 5, O. Hare; 6, sp, Kirkwood. CREST OR C.-B. SELL. (21/-) (6): 1, Jamieson; 2, Kirkwood; 3, Crawford; 4, Paul; 5, Irvine; 6, Burnett. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10), grand class: 1, Watson, rare type, nice head and neck, good chubby body, splendid wing carriage, even col. throughout, wins; 2, Macfarlane, nice and chubby, teeming with quality, rare col., staged in lovely bloom; 3, Hutchinson, nice style and condition, good head, fine col.; 4, Reid, very bot col., well put down; 5, Mitchell, good type; 6, Davidson; 7, Taylor; 8, Munroe. HEN (13): 1, Muir, grand chest, bold head, rare wing carriage, nice short tail, sweet lady, wins well; 2, 7, Jarvie, very fine quallty, lovely head, sweetly proportioned, attractive style, well shown and well known; 3, Macfarlane, mkd. head, good col. and quality, very stylish; 4, Mitchell, all there for col. and quality, well put down; 5, Colley, rattling good one, rare col.; 6, Watson; 8, Murray, claimed at catalogue price. BUFF CK.: 1, medal, Macfarlane, well-known Buff cock, great winner, fine Bullfinch body, grandly rounded, clear and popular win; 2, Jeffrey, mkd. head, rare type, well mealed, very close thing, well put down; 3, Jarvie, good front, nice sweet head, good wing carriage, rare lustre; 4, McNeill, nice cobby body; 5, Thaw, good col. aud conditlon; 6, Reid; 7, Watson; 8, Davidson. HEN: 1, Thaw, sweet exhibit, fine head and neck, fine full chest, good wings, in rare order, claimed at £2 10s.; 2, Macfarlane, splendid head and neck, nice deep chest, lovely quality and bloom, we liked; 3, Johnstone, nice type and quality, wonderfully well mealed, in fine order; 4, 6, Watson, nice and short, fine quality and condition; 5, Buchanan, very creditable exhibit; 7, Barr; 8, Hardie; No. 3, Jarvie, City of Glasgow winner, we liked very much. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, Edwards, griz. on neck, grand quality, rare shape, good wings and tail, claimed at £2 10s.; 2, Jarvie, yell., head and wing mkd., grand head, good chest, fine wing and tail carriage, hot col., well placed; 3, Muir, good head and neck, fine chest, nice feather, fine col. aud condition, hotly pressed by next; 4, Macfarlane, good all-round attractive exhibit; 5, Hutchinson; 6, Thaw; 7, Kelly; 8, Jeffrey. HEN: 1, sp, medal best young bird, Macfarlane, lovely shape, rare quality, sweet style, in faultless order, wins handsomely; 2, Easton, very fine exhibit, nice shape, good wing carriage, well staged and placed; 3, Reid, good all-round Plainhead, grand quality and col.; 4, McNeill, hot col. grand type, in lovely bloom; 5, Watson; 6, sp, Gentles; 7, Murray; 8, McLay. NON-FED. CK. (8): 1 (no name), very soft when we were taking notes; 2, 5, 6, Jarvie, 2, rare type and col., sweet head, tight-fitting wings, rare bloom; 3, Watt, good one, nicely rounded, fine type and quality, well staged; 4, Watson, very typical, nice col., well put down; 7, Connelly; 8, Paterson. HEN: 1, Jarvie, yell., very sweet, beautiful type, fine quality of feather, nice col., stylish exhibit; 2 (no name), lovely, typical bird, nice quality of feather, good col., rare order; 3, Calderwood, very nice exhibit, fine style, cheap bird; 4, Jarvie, full of quality, in nice order; 5, Macfarlane; 6, Connelly; 7, Watt; 8, sp, Potts. SELL. (15/9), good lot for the first six, keen bidding: 1, 2, Easton; 3, Calder-Wood; 4, Burnett; 5, sp, Muir; 6, Connelly; 7, Jarvie; 8, Donaghly; 9, sp, Thaw. CINN.: 1, Potts, fine type and quality, good condition, smartly claimed at catalogue price, £1 1s.; 2, Phillips, yell., superior size, grand carriage, faultless condition; 3, Johnstone, City of Glasgow 4th, still looking well; 4, Hope, very typical, in good order; 5, Phillips, nice all-round exhibit; 6, sp, Baird. YORKS. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Paterson, well-known winner, grand length, well up on leg, good wings, nice even col. throughout; 2, Douglas, mkd. head, nice length and col., good wings, fine quality, well staged and placed; 3, Paterson, good quality, nicely tapered, crosses wings slightly at times; 4, Heggie, grand length, good col.; 5, Douglas, mkd. head, back and wings; 6, Broomfield; 7, Brady; 8, Baird. BUFF: 1, Walsh, grand length and taper, fine wings, rare back and tail, in fine bloom, wins; 2, 3, Paterson, all there for type and quality, two grand birds in nice bloom; 4, Henderson, fine length; 5, McRobbie; 6, Newman; 7, Braidy; 8, Robinson and Dalziel. HEN: 1, Douglas, yell., mkd. wing, straight as a gun barrel, fine pair of wings, good head and neck, rare quality, wins; 2, Walsh, cl. yell., good length and style, best of feather and condition, well placed; 3, 6, Paterson, 3, grand length, well up on leg, fine wings, rare quality; 4, Walsh, mkd. head, nice length, fine quality; 5, Henderson, yell. mkd. head, nice head and wings; 7, Baird; 8, sp, Heggie. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Bennet, little gem, full of quality, grand wings and tail, round as a bottle, in rare order; 2, McKenzie, nicely drawn, well tapered, rare col., fine quality of feather; 3, Gilchrist, stylish, nice quality, rare col., well put down; 4, Mossie, nicely drawn, in lovely bloom; 5, sp, Walker; 6, Auld; 7, Sheppard; 8, Hutchison, a grand class. BUFF (13): 1, Bennet, cl., round as a bottle, feather like wax, best of wings, like jaunty carriage; 2, McKenzie, another lovely little chap, best of feather and condition, presses hard; 3, sp, Brown, good type and quality, fine col., rare bloom, well placed; 4, sp, Mossie, nice head and feather; 5, Scott and Houston, stylish little chap, in fine bloom; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 8, Walker. YELL. HEN: 1, McGill, sweet little lady, nicely drawn and well tapered, fine wings and tail, lovely condition; 2, Bennet, another good one from the Kelso aviaries, nice, sweet head, best of wing and tail carriage; 3, McKenzie, nice mould, sweet head, fine wing and tail carriage; 4, Gilchrist, nice taper and condition; 5 Auld; 6, Scott and Houston; 7, Graham; 8, Jeffrey and Stevenson. BUFF: 1, sp, McCree, sweet little gem, round as a bottle, sweet head, nice neck, grand wings and tail, in lovely bloom; 2, Bennet, nicely moulded, best of head and wings, presses hard; 3, Mossie, slightly heavier build, perhaps, but nice quality feather, fine col.; 4, Gilchrist, grand feather, loses just slightly in head properties; 5, Sanderson, sweet Border, well placed; 6, Hamilton; 7, Walker; 8, Hutchison. YELL., EVEN MKD., ETC.: 1, Hutchison, mkd. wings and neck, round as a bottle, grand wings and tail, claimed at £1 5s.; 2, Duncan, wings and eye mkd., nice type and quality of feather, well staged and placed, 3, Bennet, almost even, fine type, in nice condition; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good col. and quality, nice stamp; 5, Miller, neat and smart; 6, Henderson; 7, Wishart; 8, McKenzie. BUFF: 1, Brown, mkd. wings and eye, best of type and quality, stylish exhibit, in rare bloom; 2, Walker, almost even mkd., nice type and feather, tight as a drum, presses hard; 3, Heron, mkd. head and wings, nice little Bord., fine carriage; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, fine quality, in rare condition; 5, Houston, jun.; 6, Hutchinson; 7, Bennet; 8, Briggs, jun. GREEN OR CINN. (4 only): 1, Benuet; 2, Lamble; 3, 4, Thomson, all well known Borders. SELL. (10/6): 1, sp, Cree; 2, Duncan; 3, McGill; 4, Houston, Jun.; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Fairweather; 7, Miller; 8, Auld. MULE, CL., ETC.: 1, sp, Malcolmson, Horticultural Hall winning variegated, yell., marvellous size, fine substance and col., good flush, wins; 2, Lavery, six-pointed buff Goldie-Can., good mks., fine size and substance, well put down; 3, Macfarlane, 4-pointed buff Goldie-Can., well-known face at Scotch shows, well staged and placed; 4, Lavery, varieg. buff Linnet-Can., good size and substance, well put down; 5, Begg, yell. varieg. Goldie-Can., nice bird; 6, Cree; 7, Ward; 8, Lavery. DARK MULE: 1, McQuiston, yell. Goldie-Can., rattling size, good col., best of flushes, well staged; 2, Johnstone, Greenie-Can., fine size and substance, rare col. well put down; 3, Malcolmson, yell. Goldie-Can., fine size, rare col., good substance; 4, Elliott, Goldie-Can., good blaze, size and col.; 5, Drysdale, Linnet-Can.; 6, Lavery; 7, Hutchison; 8, Heron. HYB. (16): 1, Lavery, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand size, substance and col., shows parentage well, one of the best we have seen for some time; 2, Ward, Goldfinch-Redpoll, shows cross distinctly, nice exhibit, much admired, in lovely bloom; 3, Lavery, Goldie-Bullfie, nice rich face, good body col., fine back, good order; 4, Taylor, Goldie-Greenie, nice one, put down in lovely bloom; 5, Buchanan, Linnet-Bullie; 6, McRobbie; 7, Mills; 8, Williams. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (20): 1, Lyall, full size, nice type, rich, square-cut face, neat tans, nicely buttoned, good wings, sweet and steady exhibit; 2, Raine, another good one, large, clean-cut face, fine rose, nice buttons and body col., well placed; 3, Elliott, nice size and type, large face of the proper bue, in lovely order; 4, Malcolmson, nice Goldie; 5, Kirk, fine one all over; 6, Ingram; 7, Livingstone; 8, Fairweather, rattling good class. GOLDIE FOR.: 1, Ward, large square-cut face, fine col., well cut collar, good body col., nice buttons and wings, well put down; 2, Hume, good size, just a little broken in face, neat tans, good collar, buttons and wings; 3, Hutchison, grand size, very rich blaze, neatly tanned, in fine order; 4, Johnstone, many thought as good as any in front, grand face, neat collar and tan, a clinker; 5, Boyson; 6, McMillan; 7, Drysdale; 8, Frew. BULLFINCH BRIT. (17): 1, McLaren, well up in size, good breast col., well defined cap, steady, and in perfect feather, claimed £1; 2, Malcolmson loses only in col. to winner, good one; 3, Mc Quiston, best of type and breast col., many preferred for second place; 4, Hally and Smeaton, nice stamp of a Bullie, in fine order; 5, McLaren, another nice one; 6, McGillvray Bros.; 7, Henderson; 8, Fairley. GREENFINCH: 1, Malcolmson, buff, nice size, shape and col., steady, and in grand condition, wins; 2, McCluckie, nice rich yell., fine size and substance, good head and shoulders, a wee trifle wild or might have won; 3, McQuiston, well-known winner; 4, McMillan, nice type and col., perfect feather, well staged and placed; 5, Minnis, nice stamp of a Greenie; 6, Baird; 7, Watt; 8, Hally and Smeaton. BUNTING (7): 1, Ward, Yellowhammer, fine size and substance, good col., fine V. head, staged in lovely bloom; 2, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, well-known wioner, still adding to his laurels, needs no further comment; 3, Auld, Yellowhammer, nice col. and mkgs., smart, and in good order; 4, Duff, another nice Yellowhammer, put down in lovely bloom; 5, Henderson; 6, Craig; 7, Malcolmson. LINNET: 1, Malcolmson, good size and shape, well pencilled ground col.; 2, Hally and Smeaton, nice nutty brown, some preferred for first place, both very good; 3, Williams, fine shape, splendid col., well pencilled, in good order; 4, Ward, nice stamp of a Linnet; 5, McQuiston; 6, Muir; 7, McGillivray Bros.; 8, Bennet. SISKIN (10): 1, Miss McGregor, col.-fed buff, good size, bib and lacing, stylish exhibit, in rare condition; 2, McQuiston, graud type, col. and cap, well staged and placed; 3, Dunlop, very nice Siskin, put down in lovely bloom; 4, Muir, fine size, col., cap, bib and lacing; 5, 6, Dickie; 7, McColl; 8, O'Neill. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (22): 1, Malcolmson; 2, Torranee; 3, Stevenson; 4, Stewart; 5, McCherry, jun., claimed 10/-; 6, Jamieson; 7, McLean; 8, Jamieson, all good ones, well shown. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Malcolmson, Twite, marvellous col. and size, nicely tkd., good whites; 2, Malcolmson, Mealy Redpoll, nice bib and col., in fine order; 3, Briggs, jun., grand Lesser 'Poll, good bib and col., very steady; 4, Martin, Twite, nice body col., good substance, in fine order; 5, Connelly, graud sheen and condition; 6, Fairweather; 7, Hutchinson; 8, Steel. MULING HEN BRIT. (19): 1, Ward, large Mealy Redpoll, good col. and substance, in fine order, clear and popular win; 2, Hardie, nice chubby Bullie, grand col., fine cap and bars, in grand feather; 3, Laing, Greenfinch, good size, fine substance, rare col., well put down; 4, Fairweather, sweet little Siskin, well laced and in grand bloom; 5, Blackley, Linnet, in nice condition; 6, McGavin; 7, Whitelaw; 8, Hannay. REDPOLL, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Torrance; 2, Williams; 3, Ward; 4, Craig; 5, Campbell; 6, Roddie; 7, Gibb; 8, Muir, all good ones. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, fine size, good bill and legs, fine sheen, well-known winner; 2, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, in nice feather, well placed; 3, Colvin, Song Thrush, the Uddingston winner, in nice order. FOR. (8): 1, Morrison, many-col. Parrakeets, lovely feather and condition; 2, McPherson, pair of Black-headed Gouldians, in grand feather, and well staged; 3, Hamilton and Wallace, Green Glossy Starling, in lovely sheen, well placed; 4, McDowall, Rock Parrot, in fine order; 5, Malcolmson, Paradise Whydah; 6, Ingram; 7, Wilson; 8, Morrison.

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FRIZINGTON.

The Frizington C.B.S. held their first annual show on January 8th. The Royal Oak Assembly Room, in which the exhibits were staged, was kindly lent by Mr. J. B. Hussop. The room was capitally lighted and ventilated, and warmed up, which suited the occasion. Mr. Grant acted as president, and Mr. Dixon as vice-president, both of whom are greatly interested in the welfare of this society. Mr. G. Wilson, the chairman, and Mr. R. Armstrong, the vice-chairman, rendered much help in making the show a success. The committee consists of a band of willing fanciers. Every praise is due to the following: Messrs. W. Hosking, J. Hosking, C. Fisher, R. Armstrong, J. Lampshire, H. Finlinson, and J. Finlinson. The secretary's office was filled for the first time by Mr. D. Bell, who accomplished his work in praiseworthy style. The staging was neatly arranged, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Mr. J. Nicholson (Maryport) judged the Canary section, and Mr. G. Wilson (Frizington) the remainder, and their awards were well received.

BORD. FCY. CK., CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Hopper Bros., leader nice shape, col., style and quality of feather, shown in the pink of condition, 2nd runs very close; 3, vhc, Moor and Son, nice col. and condition, well placed; 4, Poole, very nice. BUFF: 1, Poole, splendid all-round specimen; 2, vhc, spl, Moor and Son, 2nd nice shape and col., very stylish; 3, Hopper Bros., very close; 4, Davies, well placed; hc, c, Levason. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Millington, grand team. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Poole nice col. and condition, tight as wax; 2, Davies, very little to choose between 1st and 2nd; 3, Saul, little behind the winners in col., good one; 4, hc, Moor and Son; vhc, Hopper Bros.; c, Levason. BUFF: 1, Poole, nice shape, col., and condition; 2, Levason, shade behind in quality to winner, good one; 3, vhc, spl, Hopper Bros., close behind heels of winners; 4, Davies, nicely placed. NOR. CK., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Cranston, nice shape, col., and condition, good quality of feather; 2, Davies, runs winner very close; 3, MacFarlane, behind winners a trifle in quality of feather; 4, vhc, spl, Sampton Bros., nicely placed. HEN: 1, hc, Davies, nice size and shape, in good condition, wins well; 2, 3, spl, Cranston, little behind winner in col.; 4, vhc, c, Sumpton Bros., 3 very nice birds. YORKS. CK., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Bradley, nice col. and condition, well drawn, stands in nice position; 3, Saul, not quite so good in col. and quality of feather, but in grand condition; 4, vhc, Park, pair of very nice birds; hc, Todd. DARK CAN.-MULE: 1, 4, Davies, leader Lin.-Can., good size and shape, nice col. and condition, shows parents distinctly; 2, 3, hc, spl, Walsh, leader Goldie-Can., nice col. and size, good blaze; 3rd Siskin-Can., good size, nice col. and markings; 4, Davies, Greenfinch-Can., fine buff, good size and condition; vhc, Johnstone; c, Park. LINNET: 1, spl, Sumpton Bros., good size and shape, very sound in col. throughout, nicely mkd.; 2, c, Carlyle Bros., splendid col. and markings, only behind leader in size; 3, vhc, spl, Walsh, leader nice col. and markings, fails just a little in head and neck to winners, vhc nice size and shape; 4, Whalley, nice size and shape; hc, Armstrong. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, spl, Carlyle Bros., well-known team, leader a gem, stands well out, good size, nice shape, splendid face, fine big square cut blaze, well mooued and buttoned on wings and tail; 3, Davies, very good all-round Finch, only a little out of condition; 4, J. Wilson; c, Kelly. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 2, spl, Walsh, two grand exhibits, leader bigger, nice col.; 3, vhc, hc, Bell, 3rd very nice exhibit for a house-moulted, well placed; 4, Todd. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, J. Wilson, nice size and chape, good col. and condition; 2, Smith, buff, fine size, good col. and condition, nicely placed; 3, Norman, splendid col. and condition; 4, Wells, good size and condition; vhc, Cavanagh. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Walsh, leader Twite, splendid col., nice size and shape, very fine markings, in pink of condition; 2, 4, hc, spl, Kelly, leader good Redpoll, best we have seen out this season, should make a stormer next season; 3, Watters Bros., Siskin, nice size and shape, good col. and cap. A.O.S. BRIT. SEEDEATERS, SMALL: 1, 2, spl, J. Wilson, leader Yellowhammer, good size, natural col., shows markings on head distinctly, 2nd Chaffinch, nice size and shape, very steady, good col.; 3, hc, c, Evans and Craig, leader Cornbunting, nice size, col., and markings; 4, Walsh, Yellowhammer, would have run winner very close, but was soft; vhc, Watters Bros., Crossbill. FOR.: 1, 3, 4, hc, spl, Walsh, leader Fruitsucker, splendid col., in pink of condition, grand team throughout; 2, vhc, J. Wilson, 2nd Rufous-tailed Grassfinch, splendid exhibit, in grand condition, vhc pair of Java Sparrows.

GUILDFORD.

The cage bird section of this show, held on Jan. 6th, was very poorly supported, the cage bird members being few in number. Several nice birds however put in an appearance. Mr. Stevins made an obliging secretary, and he was supported by a good committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (4): 1, 2, Read; 3, Arthurs; 4, Stevins. YORKS. (3): 1, Yorke, 2, 3, Read. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Read; 2, Towers; 4, Parker. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Jupe; 3, Parker; 4, Killick. TEN MILES RADIUS (6): 1, 4, Arthurs; 2, 3, Gibbons; vhc, Pope and Poulton; hc, Rapley. FOR. (9): 1, Punter; 2, 3, vhc, Yorke; 4, Pope and Poulton.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last members' show of the year was held on Boxing Day at the Sycamore Hotel, when Mr. W. Richmond (of Rodby) officiated as judge. There was a splendid entry of 64 birds. The quality of the exhibits was A1, and Mr. Richmond had a stiff task. The points winners at this show were Mr. J. E. Pyrah, 85, in the champion section; Mr. J. Dean, 98; Mr. T. Booth, 91; Mr. G. Wilson, 68, in the Novice Section. In the British Bird, Mule or Hybrid section, Mr. J. W. Fisher, 49. Mr. J. Dean won specials for best cock and hen, Mr. T. Booth that for best commended bird, and Mr. G. Wilson that for best cardless bird. We had five competitors in the champion section, for which we gave one special of 10/6; in the Novice section 10 competitors three specials, 1st £1 1s., 2nd 10/6, 3rd 10/-. In the British Bird, Mule or Hybrid section five competitors, one special 10/6, the four highest birds to count in all sections. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1 (6): 1, Dean; 2, Booth; 3, Pyrah; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Crossley. CLASS 2 (7): 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Dean; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Crossley. CLASS 5 (6): 1, Pyrah; 2, Crossley; 3, Dean; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hodgson; c, Booth. CLASS 6 (4): 1, Pyrah; 2, Wilson; 3, Dean; vhc, Crossley. CLASS 7 (6): 1, c, Pyrah; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dean. CLASS 9 (6): 1, Pyrah; 2, hc, Dean; 3, Wilson; vhc, Booth; c, Hodgson. CLASS 10 (6): 1, Dean; 2, Wilson; 3, c, Pyrah; vhc, hc, Booth. CLASS 11 (8): 1, 3, Dean; 2, Wilson; vhc, Pyrah; hc, c, Booth. CLASS 12 (7): 1, 3, hc, Pyrah; 2, vhc, Dean; c, Hodgson. BRIT. (5): 1, vhc, hc, Fisher; 2, Gledhill; 3, Pyrah. MULE (2): 1, 2, Tempest. CLASS 20: 1, Crossley. CLASSES 3, 4, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 void.—A. Gledhill, Hon. Sec.

WAUNARLWYDD.

Show, held at the Sheppards Hall, during very miserable weather, on Jan. 8th. However, the attendance was very good, and a creditable surplus will be left for the hard working society, which is composed mostly of young hands. Mr. J. Walters makes a very capable hon. sec., and is ably assisted by an excellent committee. Mr. P. Proud, Junr., judged.

A.V. CAN. (6): 1, Walters, nice sized Nor., good type and col.; 2, 4, Muscott, 2nd, big Crest, a wee bit rough in feather, good; 3, Rees, nice exhibit, put down in neat trim; vhc, Holbrow; hc, Holly. MULE OR HYBRID (8): 1, R. King, Buff var. Goldie-Canary, very nice bird; 2, G. Gabe, a clinking dk. yell., wonderful colour, good big face, and distinct bars, easy win; 3, r, J. Lewis, buff var., fine size, in good trim; vhc, D. Evans; hc, J. Griffiths. BRIT. GOLDIE (10): 1, 4, Ray, couple of beauties, well known, topping Finch winning, on good lines, lovely colour, rare expanse, fine face, bars and buttons; 2, Daniells Bros., nice quality Finch, good face and tans, richly buttoned; 3, Ben Griffiths, nice stamp of bird, fine face and tans; vhc, Holbrown; hc, White. LINNET (6): 1, Holbrow, neat shaped one of good size and level brown colour, well pencilled on breast and back; 2, Price, neatly mkd, good col and size; 3, H. Davies, fine nutty brown bird, neat shape, well mkd, good white bars; 4, J. Jenkins; vhc, Daniels; hc, c, no name. BULLFINCH (7): 1, P. White, cobby one of fine size, good front col, cap and bars, in lovely trim; 2, 3, Holbrow Bros., correct in type, fine colour, well cut cap, distinct bars; 3rd, same owner, neatly feathered, in good col.; 4, no name; vhc, S. Price, some thought should be higher up; r, R. Harry. A.O.V. (9): 1, Ray, good quality Hawfinch, nice cap and hood, well defined bib; 2, Price, very choice quality Greenie, good level col, fine size; 3, r, Hughes, smart Redwing, grand col, nicely mooned; vhc, Edwards, King Parrakeet, in lovely col and condition, hard lines; hc, B. Griffiths.

BROADSTAIRS.

This show was held on January 6th and 7th, at the Assembly Rooms, a very fine place for a cage bird show, being well lighted and warm. The entry was small (no less than half the classes having unfortunately to be cancelled); probably an advertisement in Cage Birds would have had the desired effect of a good entry. The management was good. Mr. Spain, the secretary, worked hard, as did his committee. Mr. Taylor judged.

NOR. TKD. (3): 1, Keen, tkd. buff, hot col., fine size and shape; 2, Gwyn, nice type, poor head, and too fat. HEN (3): 2, Gwyn, nice varieg., fine size, trifle long; 3, Keen, shapely buff, nice head; vhc, Ditch. NON-FED (4): 1, Digby, good saddle mkd. buff, fine quality, wee trifle weak in head; 3, 4, Williams, two good birds, close up; vhc, Digby. YORKS. (3): 2, 3, Evans, former stylish yell., and nice quality buff; 4, Gibbs. PAIRS, BREEDING (3): 1, Digby, Norwich, well matched yell. cock and buff hen; 3, Evans, very nice pair; vhc, Ditch. MULE (3): 1, 4, Thomas, two grand birds, fine col., well shown; 3, Digby, rich col. BULLFINCH (10), good class: 1, and 4, Bacon, two nice ones, former rich col., fine cap, good size, latter not quite so rich in col.; 2, 3, James, leader fine size, very steady, close up, 3rd beautiful col., hardly so good in feather, otherwise equal; vhc, Digby; hc, James; c, Desormeaux. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Keen, fine Finch all over, rich face, in A1 condition; 3, Cooper, smart bird, smaller; 4, Thomas, taking bird, close up; vhc, Digby. GREENFINCH (3): 2, Allen, very fine size, good col.; 3, Digby, another good one, hardly so rich in col.; vhc, James. LINNET (3): 2, 4, Digby, two very nice Linnets, fine rich col., very steady; 3, Evans, nice bird, wild. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Bacon, rich coloured Chaffinch, in rare order; 3, Digby, gold Crested Wren, taking exhibit, close up; 4, Digby; vhc, hc, Evans. LARGE (3): 2, 3, Hunt, former, Starling, well spangled; 3, Thrush; 4, Evans. FOR. (5): this class of birds was the property of Mr. Digby, all well shown, very smart lot, in the pink of condition. SELL.: 1, Digby; 2, 3, Williams.

MANNINCHAM C.B.A.

The last of a series of four members' shows was held on Boxing Day at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel, to decide winners of cup, medals, etc. Messrs. Holroyd Bros. won cup, gold medal and specials for best bird and most points. Messrs. A. Grange and W. Suggitt tied for second place. Rejudged, Mr. A. Grange was awarded second gold medal. Mr. T. Smith won gold medal for gaining most points with three starred birds throughout season and also third medal. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Robinson. CLASS 2: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Grange; 3, Suggitt. CLASS 3: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Suggitt. CLASS 4: 1, Smith; 2, Suggitt; 3, Holroyd Bros. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Grange; 3, Bedford. CLASS 6: 1, 2, 3, A. Grange. CLASS 7: 1, 2, A. Grange; 3, Deunison. CLASS 8: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, 3, Suggitt. CLASS 9: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Suggitt; 3, Nutter. CLASS 10: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Lunn; 3, Suggitt. CLASS 11: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Bedford; 3, Nutter. CLASS 12: 1, Dennison; 2, Robinson; 3, Smith. CLASS 13: 1, 3, A. Grange; 2, Holroyd Bros. CLASS 14: 1, A. Grange; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, F. Grange. CLASS 15: 1, 3, Lunn; 2, Huddleston. CLASS 16: 1, Lunn; 2, A. Grange; 3, Hersey. CLASS 17: 1, Robinsou; 2, Bedford. CLASS 18: 1, Burtou Bros.—Wm. Holroyd, Secretary.

GUISELEY YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held at the Regent Hotel, Guiseley, on Dec. 27th, and proved a great success. Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill) ably judged, and gave every satisfaction. Messrs. A. Wheatley and Sleater proved efficient stewards. Seventy birds were staged in fifteen classes, and competition was keen for the club's specials, the points to count from the first feather show, held in July last. H. Hardaker 36 points, W. H. Boulton 33 points, H. Laughey 32 points, A. Wheatley 27 points, Brown and Sons 19 points. For the most points on Dec. 27: H. Hardaker, 45 points, and money special, 2/6, given by the Station Hotel; W. H. Boulton, 44 points, and special given by W. Buslield and Co.

CL. YELL.: 1, Laughey; 2, 3, Hardaker; vhc, Bearpark; hc, Boulton; c, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, Wheatley. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Boulton; 2, Wheatley; 3, Bearpark. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Wheatley. UNEVENLY MKD. CK.: 1, Wheatley; 2, 3, Bearpark; vhc, hc, Boulton. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown and Sons; 2, c, Hardaker; 3, vhc, hc, Boulton. BUFF: 1, Brown and Sons; 2, vhc, hc, Boulton; 3, Laughey; c, Wheatley. UNFLG.: 1, and best bird in show, Boulton; 2, 3, c, Hardaker; vhc, Brown and Sous; hc, Laughey. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Bearpark; 2, Laughey; 3, Boulton; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Brown and Sons; c, Wheatley. CINN.: 1, Brown and Sons; 2, Wheatley. HENS: 1, hc, Hardaker; 2, 3, Wheatley; vhc, Laughey; c, Boulton. FOUL MKD.: 1, Boulton; 2, 3, Bearpark. STOCK BIRDS: 1, Brown and Sons; 2, 3, vhc, Laughey. SELL. CLASS: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Boulton. HEN: 1, 2, Hardaker.—Hy. Hardaker, Sec.

YARM.

This show duly came off on January 8th in the Central Hall, Yarm. There was an increase of over 100 entries, nearly 400 turning up on this occasion, which was a source of great pleasure to the officials and committee. All the principal gentry of the district lent their patronage, and a membership of 40 or more make up a strong backbone. Mr. W. Honeyman is chairman, Mr. R. T. Hansom, vice-chairman; Committee, Messrs. J and C. E. Henderson, H. Garbutt, A. Clement, W. Smith, W. Johnson, R. Wallenger, L. Wilford, H. Weedy, J. Spence, J. T. and A. Honeyman, F. Danby, J. Galloway, and T. F. Wilson, with Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby as hon. secs. and treasurers. These men worked right hard, and had matters complete in good time. A word of praise is due to the juvenile members, for these boys are really smart and enthusiastic, and get through lots of work in quick time. Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby are men who thoroughly know their work and do it. Specials were offered for all open classes. The Norwich section did not fill as it should have done with Mr. Hill (of Hill and Stewart) as specialist judge, but the quality of the birds was very good. Yorkshires came up very well indeed, and the A.O.V. class was well represented. The Hybrids, British and Foreign birds came up splendidly, and must be regarded as one of the best seen in this district. All through the classes there was a very high standard of excellence in the exhibits. Competition was very close and keen in consequence. Mr. Hill judged the Canaries, and Mr. Houlton judged Hybrids, British and Foreign, and their awards were very well received all round. The enthusiasm amongst these fanciers is sure to make this one of the leading shows in the North in future.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Axe, tkd. head, grand shape, col. and quality, fine carriage and condition; 2, Wilcock, tkd. nape of neck, rare type, quality and condition; 3, hc, Freeman; vhc, Mrs. Oliver; c, Fidler. BUFF (10): 1, Axe, variegated, very cobby, grand bloom and condition; 2, 3, good pair of clrs., fine type, 3, grand head, but a wee bit horned; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Palmer; c, C. H. Henderson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Crosling, cl., typical shape, fine carriage, rare col. and condition; 2, Axe, smaller, but grand quality and type; 3, c, Freeman, nice cobby cl., sound feather; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Wake and Carr. BEN (5): 1, Crosling, very grand type and quality, neat all over it; 2, vhc, Freeman, paler col., very good type, quality and finish; 3, Wilcock; hc, Ellwood. YORKS. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Messenger, long, upstanding cl., good quality and style, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Walsh, fine type, beaten a little in finish only; 3, Richmond, nice type, well up, good carriage and position; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Cuthbertsou; c, Rhodes. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, grand pair, both possessing very high merit, real Yorkshires; 3, Cook, very fine type and position, well up on leg, good neat wings and tail; vhc, Walsh; hc, Richmond; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Richmond, slashing cl. yell., grand position and carriage, neat head, well up on leg; 2, vhc, Campling, grand pair of birds, former buff, fine position, condition and quality; 3, Walsh, buff, very like 2nd, well finished off; hc, Wilcock; c, Cuthbertson. HEN (17): 1, hc, Rhodes, grand, slim, typical yell., fine contour right through, well on leg and neat wings and tail; 2, Holmes, buff, rare quality and style, good upstanding bird, neat feather and condition; 3, Walsh, good stylish buff, smart position and condition; vhc, Richmond; c, Hudson Hood. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, Summerhill, fine yell. Scotch Fancy, good circle, well under, deep through heart, quick to position; 2, Yeates, wing mkd. buff D.C., very nicely radiated and well-filled crest, good centre; 3, Brunskill, yell. green; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Cuthbertson. SELL. PAIRS (20/-) (7): 1, hc, Freeman; 2, Hirst; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Ellwood; c, Walsh. SINGLE (15/-) (15): 1, Campling; 2, Axe; 3, Johnson; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Hansom; c, Hirst. (10/-) (11): 1, Ellwood; 2, Cotton; 3, Hirst; vhc, Johnson; hc, Metcalfe; c, Fawcett. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Maddison, almost cl. buff Goldie-Can., nice col., size and feather and good shape; 2, M. A. Wilson, fine Goldie-Bullie; 3, Wake and Carr, very smart Linnet-Bullie, rich breast col., nice shape and condition; vhc, Lane, pretty Goldie-Greenie; hc, Todd and Son, fine Linnet-Bullie; c, Inman, neat 6-pointed buff Goldie-Can. DARK (11): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, fine yell. Green-Can., A1 col., shape, size and condition, unfortunately has a wall eye or is going blind on one side, but is a grand bird withal; 2, good big Linnet-Can., A1 shape and fine feather and condition; 3, c, B. H. Wilson, fine yell. Goldie-Can., nice col., good blaze; vhc, Maddison; hc, Todd and Son. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20), capital lot all through: 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, first largest and broadest back and chest, fine blaze, rare buttons and bars, nice feather; 2, smaller, blaze deep and clean cut, fine pair; 3, D. Duncan, jun., practically equal to 2 in all points and hard to separate, lovely blaze, tan, moons and bars and A1 feather; vhc, Veitch, also very good in all its col., and well-cut blaze; hc, Raper; c, W. H. Johnson; No. 12. Milburn, good Finch, seemed off in breast feather a little, or could have been in cards. BULLFINCH (19), another very high quality class: 1, Woods, real gem for shape, rare broad, dense cap, A1 back and breast, lovely level feather, an ideal Bullie; 2, Calam, massive cap, grand body, good col., nice feather, A1 condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, very deep col., fine cap, back, wings and tail, good feather; vhc, W. H. Johnson, very neat, rather paler; hc, Forster; c, J. Wilson, all the six are a very level lot and hard to separate. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Nicholson and Son, very fine, splendidly shaped buff, nat. col. bird, rare head, well set on, wants the drink hole in show cage larger, as it roughs the head feather at times; 2, Todd and Son, grand body, very fine feather and condition, shade smaller than 1, otherwise equally as good; 3, Garbutt and Clement, bit smaller and narrower, but really grand feather and condition; vhc, J. Coffey, yell., rare col. and body feather; hc, D. Duncan, jun.; c, Inman. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Stamp, nicely mkd. and spangled Bramble, not too big, hnt good col. and condition; 2, Duncan, jun., good cobby Chaffinch, rare chest, level in feather and condition and steady; 3, Milburn, another nicely spangled Bramble; vhc, Salmon, rare good Chaffinch; hc, Weedy; c, Wallenger. LINNET (17), very evenly balanced lot of above average merit: 1, hc, B. H. Wilson, pretty shape, nice body brown, good mkgs., fine head, well set on good-shaped body; hc, fine mrkgs.: 2, c, Stamp, grand shape, steady, very proud condition, deep body col., bit cloudy, which obscures mkgs. rather; 3, H. Dunn, good shape and mkgs., nice medium col., fine feather and condition; vhc, Duncan, jun., nice size. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, Coffey, smart conditioned Twite, cl. mkgs., sound feather; 2, Nicholson and Son, very pretty, grandly laced, nat. col. Siskin, good cap, bib, body feather and condition; 3, Stamp, rare good body, rich col. and well-marked Jonque Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Wilford, another well-mkd. Twite; hc, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice one; c, Danby, pretty Redpoll. A.O.S. BIRDEATER (9): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, very smart Hawfinch, and good, steady Meadow Bunting, both in grand feather and well shown; 2, Duncan, jun., very tight, rich-col. yell. Bunting, glossy feather and condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son, large, steady Corn Bunting, in good feather; hc, Weedy, smart, steady Snow Bunting; c, Stamp, yell. Bunting. BRIT. A.O.S. (12), good class: 1, Isherwood, very fine, lustrous, well-spangled Starling, bold, upstanding, tight condition, like a Yorks. Can., good size, well shown; 2, Carter, almost perfectly spotted Thrush, grand size and shape, and steady; 3, vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, latter good sized, deep body-col. Blackbird; 3, une, good col. Missel Thrush, in capital health, very vigorous; hc, Tait, nice, medium-sized Redwing, in grand order; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins Thrush. A.O.S. SMALL SOFTBILLS (11): 1, 2, hc, Wilkinson and Danby, very strong team all in champion form, Wryneck, Redstart and Grey Wagtail, shown grandly; 2, Briscoe and Son, very fine Nightingale, well shown and well deserves place; vhc, c, Nicholson and Son, capital Treecreeper and yell. Wagtail, both shown up to the mark, any of these six perfect enough to win a first prize. A.O.S. LARGE (6): 1, Mrs. S. Woodhouse, really fine, A1 condition, great Grey Shrike and very smart Fieldfare, in grand condition; 2, hc, c, Wilkinson and Danby, Magpie, spotted Woodpecker, been moulted four years, we heard by this firm, and a Ring Ouzel, Magpie in grand condition, and beat the other two in this respect; 3, Wilson, well-staged Waxwing, in nice feather, etc. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, all going to Nicholsou and Son, super-excellent team, well shown, two superb Tanagers, Scarlet Tanager, Green Bulbul, Black-headed Gouldian, and a good pair of Grassfinches. A.O.S. LARGE (5): 1, vhc, Nicholson and Son, grand, perfect Green Glossy Starling leading, in champion trim, marvellous satin gloss and tight condition; 2, Rooks, lovely feathered Adelaide Parrakeet, beautiful sheen and polish all over its plumage; 3, Bennett, fine King Parrakeet, a wee bit loose in body feather and condition to-day to get any higher, fine bird when tight in feather; hc, Holt, bonny blue-fronted Amazon, grand mimic, talking and laughing all day long, to the great amusement of all. SELL. (10): 1, Forster, Grey Wagtail; 2, Wnkinson and Danby, Ring Ouzel; 3, Milburn; vhc, J. Wilson; hc, Todd and Son; c, F. Calam. MEMBERS' OPEN: NOR. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, c, J. Henderson; 2, hc, R. T. Hansom. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hansom; vhc, hc, c, J. Henderson. YORKS. CK.: , 3, c, W. H. Johnson; 2, vhc, Hansom; hc, J. Henderson. HENS: 1, 3, W. H. Johnson; 2, vhc, Hansom. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, W. H. Johnson; 3, H. Weedy; vhc, c, Hansom; hc, Garbutt and Clement. LINNET: 1, vhc, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Weedy; 3, c, Hansom. BRAMBLE, ETC: 1, 2, Garbutt and Clement; 3, W. H. Johnson. A.O.S. SEED.: 1, 3, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Weedy; vhc, Hansom. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Danby. NOVICE: NOR. CK 1, C. H. Henderson; 2, J. Henderson. YORKS. CK.: 1, C. H. Henderson. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Wallenger; 2, A. Honeyman; 3, Wilford; vhc, W. Smith; hc, F. Danby. LINNET: 1, F. Danby; 2, Wallenger. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, J. Spence; 2, 3, Wallenger; vhc, Wilford; hc, F. Danby. A.O.S. SEED., ETC.: 1, hc, Wilford; 2, c, F. Danby; 3, W. Smith; vhc, J. Spence. SOFTBILL: 1, W. Smith.

SKELMANTHORPE.

Annual members' show, held in the Liberal Club on Dec. 27th. Judge: Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). Sixteen classes were provided. Good specials were given for most points gained up to 9. Mr. L. Dyson won most points (watch), M. Peel 2nd (bottle). T. W. Turton 3rd (bottle), J. Helliwell 4th (silk handkerchief); J. Hirst and A. Senior, 5th and 6th, equal points (fancy teapot and quart Canary seed); E. Radley 7th (pipe and case), Hobson Lodge, and S. Morley, 8th and 9th, equal. Hy. Lodge won Ramsden's special for best red bird. During judging Mr. Bailey drew attention to a specimen which he said was typical of a good many of the present day exhibits. In his opinion we were losing the graceful drawn-out Yorkshire bird by developing too much the fore part. What he thought was needed was introduction of more of the Belgian blood.—J. Lodge, Sec.

MALTON NORTON & DIST. F.S.

Sixth annual members' show, held on Boxing Day. The cage birds had six classes, and although the entries fell short of previous members' show, there were some very good birds staged. Mr. J. Wilson judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

YORKS YELL: 1, 2, Anderson, two nice exhibits, former cl., good style and length, nice feather, latter hot col., variegated; 3, Atkinson, nice cl.; 4, Charles; vhc, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Atkinson, cl. buff, stylish and in good condition; 2, 3, Anderson, tkd. leading, rare length, latter nice cl.; 4, hc, c, Cartwright, variegated, buff; vhc, Atkinson. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Middleton, winner very nice yell., hot col., 2nd buff tkd., nice quality, 3rd cl. buff, good size; absent (3), Hesp. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 3, Meadows, 1st lovely 5-pointed Goldfinch-Can., frequent winner at open shows, in grand order, best bird in show, 3rd nearly even mkd., same cross (buff); 2, Kimmings, nice variegated Goldie-Can., in good condition; 4, Anderson, nice dark Greenie-Can. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Meadows, Goldie, nice face and tannings, in good condition, wins; 2, Atkinson, Bullie, grand quality, good cap and col.; 3, Charles, nice Goldie, but wild; 4, Kimmings, the best Goldie in class; vhc, Smith, Bullie. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Meadows, nice Greenfinch, in capital feather and condition; 2, Kimmings, good Starling, steady as a rock; 3, Hodgson, fine Jay.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The last members' show of the year was held on Boxing Day at the Flying Dutchman Hotel. Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) judged, with an entry of 109 birds. Winners of the society's prizes as follows:—CHAMION SECTION: 1, Ludhrook, 81 points; 2, Lingley, 76; 3, Hellwell, 55. NOVICE SECTION: 1, Bateman, 92 points; Bromham, West, Brown tie with 64 each for 2nd and 3rd prize. NORWICH SECTION: 1, Plowright, 71; 2, Birbeck, 20; 3, Bateman, 27. BRITISH SECTION: 1, Inman, 80; Clark, 12; Birbeck, West tie for 3rd prize.

CHAMP. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, hc, Lingley; 3, vhc, Ludbrook; 4, c, Wharton Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Lingley; 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Helliwell. UNEVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, Wharton Bros. YELL. BEN; 1, 4, hc, Lingley; 2, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 3, c, Ludbrook. NOVICE, BUFF HEN: 1, Hellwell; 2, vhc, Lingley; 3, hc, Wharton Bros.; 4, c, Ludbrook. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Greenwood; 2, vhc, c, Bramham; 3, Plowright; 4, West; hc, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, Brown; 3, c, Greenwood; 4, Fawcett; vhc, West; hc, Horsfield. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, West. YELL. HEN: 1, Greenwood; 2, Brown; 3, Bateman; 4, c, Horsfield; vhc, West; hc, Brnuham. BUFF: 1, 3, West; 2, Birbeck; 4, Fawcett; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Bateman. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Birbeck; 2, Horsfield; 4, Clark; vhc, Plowright; hc, c, Wharton Bros. HEN: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Clark; 4, Horsfield. BRIT.: 1, West. CAN. OR MULE A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clark. Class 3, void.—F. Rhodes, Sec.

BON ACCORD (Aberdeen).

Bon-Accord C.B.S. held their annual show in the Music Hall Buildings on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. President, Mr. J. Strachan; vice-president, Mr. Lewis Will; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Jamieson; committee, Messrs. Dunn, Ewen, Hay, Thomson, Riddell, Cassie, Lyon, Johnston, W. Rae, Anderson, Wood and A. Rae, who all worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. A. Thomson won the challenge cup for best Norwich in show, the runner-up being a lovely buff ticked hen belonging to the same exhibitor. The Cinnamon cup was gained by Messrs. Ewen and Anderson, who also won the cup for best British, which now becomes their own property. Mr. Craig secured the cup for best Border Fancy. Ramsden's medal went to Mr. Lewis Will. Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin) judged the Norwich, and Mr. A. Steel (Aberdeen) the British, etc., and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL CK. (9): 1, Will, hot col., good type and quality, closely followed by 2, Yeats, well up in size, fine silky texture of feather, good body; 3, Ross, very stylish, beautiful quality, grand wings and tail; 4, Dunn, nice shape, good one all over; 5, Thomson; 6, Duffus. BUFF (7): 1, Rae, good head and neck, nice shape and col., fine flights and tail; 2, Duffus, grand col. and size, A1 quality; 3, Dunn, clinking shape, gets well over perch; 4, Ross, typical, lovely quality; 5, Duncan; 6, Will. YELL. VARIEG. (5): 1, Lewis, cap mkd., best of type, tip-top quality, well staged; 2, 5, Dunn, 2, excels in type, rich even col., good quality; 3, Strachan, nice, short, thick-set cock, grand col.; 4, Duffus; 6, Thomson. BUFF (7): 1, Strachan, stout, well-built bird, lovely quality and col., closely followed by 2, Hay, good type and quality; 3, Ewen and Anderson, typical, nice head, good quality; 4, Rae 5, Thomson; 6, Baker and Gow. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Thomson, 1, best of size and col., grand stock hen, 3, fails only in wings to first; 2, Forsyth, rare col., well up in size. BUFF (6): 1, Baker and Gow, short and chubby, nice head and neck, tip-top quality; 2, 3, Strachan, two grand hens, plenty of substance, soft feather; 4, Duffus; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Reid. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, Rae, tkd. on eyes and wing, gem for shape and quality, best of col.; 2, Will, not quite so large, but typical and rich even col.; 3, 4, Dunn, 3, tkd. on head, lovely type, teeming with quality; 5, Ross; 6, Garden. BUFF (6): 1, Will, rare head and neck, nicely rounded chest, wings and tail carried to perfection; 2, Baker and Gow, another good hen, well up in size; 3, Forsyth, grand shape, fine, silky feather; 4, Ross; 5, Reid; 6, Ewen and Anderson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, cup, Thomson, nicely mkd., rare size and quality, best of col., well turned out; 2, Ross, variegated, short, cobby body, nicely balanced Nor.; 3, Duffus, cl., good shape; 4, Strachan, also cl.; 5, Will, good shape; 6, Forsyth. BUFF (17), grand class: 1, 4, Thomson, 1, variegated, in lovely bloom, beautiful shape and condition; 2, Dunn, rare quality of feather, typical; 3, McPherson, Bullie type, A1 quality; 5, Will; 6, Ross. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Fyfe, good youngster, rare shape and substance, nice level col.; 2, Thomson, well up in size and col.; 3, Rae, not at all a bad one, teeming with quality; 4, Ross; 5, McPherson; 6, Garden. BUFF (13): 1, Thomson, tkd. on head, big, bouncing hen, grand front, nicely rounded, well cut away; 2, 5, McPherson, 2, excels in type and condition; 3, 4, Davidson, two good stock hens; 5, Baker and Gow. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Thomson, best of substance, grand quality of feather; 2, Rae, we liked very much, nice broad-chested bird, stands well across perch; 3, Forsyth, good shape and col.; 4, Will; 5, Mackercher. BUFF (3): 1, Thomson, feather of the right texture, good model; 2, Garden, crosses wings a little, its only fault; 3, Wright, well up in size and condition. VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Skinner. BUFF (13): 1, Thomson, rare model, teeming with quality, wings and tail carried to perfection; 2, Hay, not quite so short as winner, nice one; 3, Rae, nice shape, sweet quality; 4, Fyfe, fine type and quality; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Mackie. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 2, Mackie, two grand hens, well up in size, grand quality of feather; 3, Hay, very sweet, A1 quality and condition; 4, Yeats. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Mackie, 1, excels in type and size, two good youngsters; 3, Ross; 4, Duncan. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1,3 McPherson, grand typical hen, nice close-feathered; 2, Duncan, another sweet exhibit; 3, Garden; 4, Mackie; 5, Will. BUFF (10): 1, Strachan, nicely mkd., model, grand body, well balanced; 2, Yeats, well staged, good one; 3, Mackie, fine head, good chest, well carried wings; 4, Thomson; 5, Forsyth; 6, Rae. YELL., GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Ewen and Anderson; 2, Thomson. BUFF (6): 1, 6, Rae, 1, best of shape, thick cobby cock, A1 col. and quality; 2, Thomson, grand substance, stands well across perch; 3, Duncan, best of col. and condition; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 5, Melville. HENS (3): 1, Baker and Gow, rare quality of feather, good shape and substance; 2, Wright, another of the right type, lovely silky feather, teeming with quality; 3, Ewen and Anderson, nicely built hen. BORD. 1909 YELL. (5): 1, Mackie, nice Border all over; 2, 3, Craig, both nicely drawn, neat head and shoulders, grand movers; 4, Dunn; 5, Christie. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Craig; 1, gem, full of quality, stands up well, sweet head, wings, and tail; 3, true Border, lovely shoulders, shining like glass, in rare condition; 2, Mackie, little charmer, stands up well, grand mover, silky feather; 4, 6, Christie; 5, Dunn. CINN. CK., YELL. (5): 1, 4, Ewen and Anderson; 1, best of size and col., good one, grand Cinn.; 2, 3, 5, Rae, three grand stock birds, 2 excels in colour and quality. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 5, Rae; 1, best of col., well up in size and condition; 2, fails in col. to winner; 3, 4, Ewen and Anderson, both grand stock birds, rich in col. HEN, A.C. (4): 1, 3, Rae, both of fine shape, sound in col., nice size and quality; 2, 4, Ewen and Anderson, 2, nice Nor. shap, full of quality, good head and neck. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, 3, 6, Ewen and Anderson, 1, cup, well up in size, well fed, sound in col., grand Buff; 3, fails only in size; 2, 4, 5, Rae, good team, well turned out. HEN (5): 1, 3, 5, Ewen and Anderson, 1, runner-up to cup, grand body, nice type and col.; 2, 4, Rae, two good hens, A1 quality. NOVICE CK. (9): 1, 3, 4, Wilkie, 1, best in shape, grand feather, 3, fails just a little in quality only; 2, 5, 6, Lewis, 2, fine quality of feather, A1 col., nicely staged. HEN (4): 1, 2, Lewis, both of nice size, lovely silky feather, well carried wings and tail; 3, 4, Wilkie, 3, loses only in feather, nice bird. HYB.: 1, Ewen and Anderson, Greenie Canary Mule, in very fine condition. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, 4, Jackson, 1, grand face, nicely tanned, well buttoned, very steady, 2, wee shade smaller, rich in col.; 3, Ewen and Anderson, nice size, well defined markings; 5, Sargeant; 6, Rae. LINNET (7): 1, Sargeant, fine size and col.; 2, Ewen and Anderson, some preferred to 1st, good col. and markings, very steady; 3, Wright, also grand col. bird, nicely laced, good wings and tail; 4, 6, Anderson; 5, Jackson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Anderson, Twite; 2, Rae, Siskin. BULLFINCH (4): 1, 4, Hay, 1, nice and steady, narrow in cap, 2, Ewen and Anderson, some preferred for 1, rich in col., nice broad cap, well carried down, lovely bars, in A1 condition; 3, Christie, had lost a few feathers in bar, good one. GREENFINCH (3): 1, 2, Mackercher, both fine sized birds, rich col.; 3, Christie, also good one. A.O.S. BRIT., LARGE (3): 1, Ewen and Anderson, very fine Jay, in the pink of condition and feather; 2, 3, same fancier. SMALL: 1, Ewen and Anderson, Yellowhammer, fine body col., A1 head markings. 2, Jackson; Bramblefinch, very steady.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

The 3rd table show of the season was held at the White Swan, on January 4th. Mr. G. Wheatley judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

A.O.V. YELL. HEN OPEN (5): 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Hulse; vhc, Peberdy; hc, Gibbins. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes; 2, Gibbins; vhc, Peberdy; hc, Hulse. NOVICE, NOR. YELL HEN (9): 1, Wood; 2, Buck; 3, hc, Barratt; vhc, Kilsby; c, Boulter. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Kilsby; 3, vhc, Wood; hc, Chambers.—J. E. Wood, Sec.

STAVELEY (Chesterfield).

The Staveley C.B.S. held its first open show on New Year's Day, and, considering the society is only in its infancy, the officials must feel gratified on the success achieved; some really high-class exhibits were on view. Mr. Thorp (Brimington) put down a strong team of Yorkshires, securing three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd, and hc, with six entries; also capturing special for best Yorkshire in the show. Mr. Dodd took most of the members' specials, with some very nice Norwich. The society would be well repaid next year by using the advertising columns of Cage Birds. Mr. W. Champion (Sheffield) placed the awards.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Thorp; 2, Knowles; 3, A. Dodd; vhc, Gillett. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Thorp; 2, Knowles; 3, Brammall. HENS: 1, Dodd; 2, hc, Thorp; 3, vhc, Knowles; c, Gillott. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Thorp; 2, vhc, Harris; hc, c, Knowles. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Harris; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Dodd; 2, Smith. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Dodd; 2, Harris. HENS. 1, vhc, Brammall; 2, hc, Dodd; 3, Smith. UNFLIG.: 1, Smith; 2, Dodd; 3, Brammall; vhc, Harris. A.O.V.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Naylor; hc, Bunting. BRIT.: 1, Hague 2, Brammall; 3, Fox; vhc, Weeks; hc, Kay; c, Weeks.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

The last of this season's members' shows was held on Dec. 27, at the Butchers' Arms. Mr. J. Wilkinson (Lidget Green) awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION: CLASS 1: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Self; 3, 4, vhc, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 2: 1, J. Lister; 2, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Bentley. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Fieldhouse. CLASS 4: 1, Bentley; 2, 3, Self; 4, Lister; vhc, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 5: 1, Bentley; 2, Waterworth; 3, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Fieldhouse. CLASS 6: 1, Waterworth; 2, Bentley; 3, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 7: 1, Sykes; 2, Self; 3, Lister; 4, Bentley; vhc, Waterworth. CLASS 8: 1, Waterworth; 2, Bentley; 3, Lister. CLASS 9: 1, Lister; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, 4, vhc, Fieldhouse. CLASS 10: 1, Lister; 2, Jowett. CLASS 11: 1, Sykes; 2, Holroyd; 3, Jowett. CLASS 12: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, 3, Holroyd; 4, Kellett. NOVICE SECTION: CLASS 1: 1, Morley; 2, Gibson; 3, vhc, Crabtree; 4, Self. CLASS 2: 1, Jowett; 2, Merley; 3, 4, Gibson; vhc, Self. CLASS 3: 1, Gibson; 2, Crabtree. CLASS 4: 1, Crabtree; 2, Gibson. CLASS 5: 1, Crabtree; 2, Gibson. CLASS 6: 1, Crabtree. The following is a list of the winners for the season: CHAMP. SECTION: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Mr. F. Self; 3, Tom Bentley; 4, A. Lister; 5, W. Ormonroyd. NOVICE SECTION: 1, Mr. H. C. Gibson; 2, F. Crabtree; 3, W. Oliver; 4, C. H. Self; 5, W. Stansfield.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Members' show, held on Dec. 28, at headquarters, the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street. There were over 100 exhibits staged. Mr. G. Peters, of Coventry, officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Wright; 3, Ryecroft; vhc, Saunders; hc, Ward. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Ryecroft; 3, Ward; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Wright. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Ingram; 3, vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Symonds. UNFLIG.: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Lucas; hc, Wright; c, Ingram. CINN.: 1, Wright; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Bray; vhc, Ingram. YORKS: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Blackshaw; vhc, Bray. GREENS: 1, 2, Symonds and Son; 3, vhc, hc, Ward; c, Busby. A.O.V.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Symonds. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cook; 2, Wright; 3, Ward; vhc, Busby; hc, Symonds and Son. BULLFINCH: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Busby; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Symonds and Son. GREENFINCH: 1, Cook; 2, vhc, Bray; 3, Busby; hc, Ward. BROWN LINNET: 1, Blackshaw; 2, Bray. REDPOLL: 1, vhc, c, Busby; 2, 3, Blackshaw; hc, Bray. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Bray; vhc, c, Cooke. CHAFFINCH: 1, Blackshaw; 2, Saunders; 3, hc, Busby; vhc, Bray. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1 Saunders; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Bray. SOFTBILL: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Busby. SELL., 15/-, CAN.: 1, Ryecroft; 2, Busby; 3, Symonds; vhc, Cooke. 10/6: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, hc, Blackshaw; 3, Ingram; vhc, Ryecroft; c, Cooke.

SUFFOLK C.B.S.

The 17th annual show was held in the large club room, Globe Inn, Hyde Park Corner, Ipswich, on December 27th. Entries were about the same as last year, numbering 132. Some very fine specimens were on view, and a very fair number of people took advantage of seeing them. The quality of the exhibits was all that could be wished for. Two extra special prizes were given, one for the best Norwich Plainhead in show, and one for best bird in Classes 16 and 22, both being carried off by Mr. William Cook. Mr. C. Simpson again officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. Through the generosity of subscribers and donors, the committee were able to present a special prize to the best bird in each class. The management tenders hearty thanks to all who contributed to the success of the show.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Cook; 2, Clarke; 3, hc, Baker; vhc, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Cook; 2, vhc, Olle; 3, hc, Schofield; hc, Clarke. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Schofield; 2, Olle; 3, Barham; vhc, Cook; hc, Baker. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, vhc, Olle; 3, Clarke; hc, Baker and Cook. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, Clarke. HEN YELL.: 1, 3, Olle; 2, vhc, Schofield; vhc, Barham; hc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Schofield; 2, Olle; hc, Clarke. NON-FLD, YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, Olle; 3, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Olle; 3, Schofield; hc, Mouser. NON-FLIG.: 1, 3, Olle; 2, hc, Clarke; vhc, Schofield; vhc, Cook. CINN., YELL.: 1, 3, hc, Cook; 2, Schofield. BUFF, 1, 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Schofield. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Harriss; 2, Cook; hc, Mouser. NOVICE., YELL.: 1, Olle; 2, 3, Harriss. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Harriss; 3, Olle. LIGHT CAN. MULE: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, 3, Schofield. DARK: 1, vhc, Schofield; 2, 3, Cook. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Schofield; hc, Barham. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Schofield; hc, Olle and Harriss. LINNET: 1, Mouser; 2, 3, hc, Cook; vhc, Barham. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Baker; hc, Harriss. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. SELL. 10/6.: 1, Olle; 2, hc, Baker; 3, vhc, Cook; hc, Clarke.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD.

City of Wakefield O.S. third annual open show was held on January 8th in the Blind Institute Sale Room, Queen Street. Mr. J. Broadley, of Windhill, officiated as judge, his awards being well received. Entries came up badly, no less than six classes out of the 26 provided having, unfortunately, to be cancelled, and seven commanded only half prize money, containing only seven entries each. The total number of entries was 195, averaging on full prize classes 12 per class. This, we hear, will leave the society with a deficit of at least £4 or £5. Sectional specials were awarded as follows: Classes 1 to 6: 1, Bailey; 2, W. H. Shackleton; 3, tie between Ogden Bros. and J. Helliwell; Classes 7 and 8: 1, F. Dixon; 2, W. T. Pepper; Classes 13, 14, 15: Messrs. Hunt and Owen; Classes 16, 17, 18: Axe and Isherwood tie; Classes 19 to 24: 1, Stables; 2, Morrison; 3, Casey; Classes 25, 26: 1, Naylor. Mr. P. Parker, the sec., and Mr. C. T. Parkes, the assist. sec., bad things very well in hand; cards were up in good time, and they were ably backed up by an enthusiastic working committee, amongst whom we must specially mention Mrs. Parkes, who worked hard, and very ably superintended the unpacking and the re-packing of the birds, and the society are to be congratulated on having such a friend amongst the ladies. Besides, they had Mr. Isherwood, their hard-working official, and Messrs. Talbot, Taylor, Netherwood, Atkinson, Holroyd, and others. All birds were packed up and on their homeward journeys in good time, and it is hoped that the reverse and great loss on the show will not prove too much for this band of fanciers, all of whom are practically new fanciers; there is not an old stager amongst them. We shall hope to see them come up smiling another year.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Bailey, leader noted winner, extra quality and col., very erect position, grand shape, 2, slim, very straight, leggy, well up, nice quality; 3, Beaumont, good shape and position, smart feather; 4, Robertshaw, good type and stylish, neat feather; vhc, he, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, grand length and shape, nice position, lovely quality; 2, Helliwell, good shape and stylish, grand feather; 3, Bailey, tkd. cheek, lovely quality, very smart shape and position; 4, Radley, grand shape, leggy, plenty of style, good quality; vhc, Lane; he, Crabtree; c, Peel. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Crabtree, winner tkd. eye, splendid shape, straight as a rush, well cut away, good legs, neat wings and tail, very close feather, looking extra smart; 3, uneven mkd., good shape and position, leggy, lovely quality and col.; 2, Bailey, lovely shape, very wedgy, neat wing carriage, full of quality; 4, Beaumont, extra slim, grand round shoulders, nervy, well drawn out, neat; vhc, Helliwell; he, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Towers, Cinn. mkd., grand type, extra position, smart quality, very leggy and stylish; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., 2, grand length and shape, nice position, very good quality and col., 3, green mkd., typical, very stylish, extra light in feather and nice col.; 4, Hill, grand shape, leggy and stylish, very clean feathered; vhc, c, Bailey; he, Beaumont. BUFF (13): 1, Peel, grand shape, very straight, nice position, extra quality; 2, Shackleton, lovely quality, nice type, plenty of length behind, smart ben; 3, Bailey, neat type, good style and position, very smart feathered; 4, Helliwell, good shape and position, all there for quality; vhc, Robertshaw; he, Hill; c, Beaumont. NOR. CK. (7): 1, he, Pepper, good shape and substance, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, Dixon, 2, yell., grand type and nice substance, lovely col. and quality, unfig, 3, huff, grand substance, shapely, splendid col. and quality; 4, vhc, C. and C. T. Parkes, yell., good body, nice quality and col., not quite as good in head; c, Prentice. HEN, CINN. TKD., ETC., NOVICE CLASSES, both cancelled. SELL. (£1) (7): 1, Radley; 2, Lodge; 3, Mallinson and Son; 4, Dixon; vhc, Lumb; he, c, Parker. (12/6) (7): 1, Mallinson and Son; 2, c, Lumb; 3, Dixon; 4, Radley; vhc, Talbot; he, Lane. LINNET BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 4, c, Hunt and Owen, grand team, leader extra good col. and pencilling; 2, very cobby build, nice rich col.; 4, lovely pencilling, all good birds; 3, Axe, good type, nice pencilling, rather light col.; vhc, Netherwood; he, Moss. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Brown, very steady, nice shape, good blaze and wing bars, nice col. throughout; 2, Axe, good build, neat blaze, rich col., lovely condition; 3, Hill, extra good size and shape, grand blaze, well buttoned, we liked much; 4, Green, nice col., well harred, good face, nice trim; vhc, Duncan, jun.; he, England; c, Tindale. BULLIE, ETC. (14), grand class: 1, 2, Archer, both Bullies, leader good size and shape, marvellous col. throughout, good cap, looks well; 2, very little behind, good col., neat feather, both in very fine trim; 3, England, Bullie, nice shape, fair size, smart, nice order; 4, Bond, Greenie, grand bird, lovely shape and size, rich col.; vhc, Isherwood; he, c, Moss. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Axe, Yellow Bunting, large bird, very rich col., neat mrkg., lovely condition, and very steady; 2, Brumby, Bramble, marvellous deep col., well spangled, grand trim; 3, Edmondson and Son, Bramble, nice size and shape, good spangling, une col.; 4, vhc, Isherwood, Hawfinch, nice size, grand col., extra condition. MULE OR HYB. AND SOFTBILL, both cancelled. Y.U. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Morrison, slim, good shape, leggy, nice quality and col.; 2, Stables, typical, leggy, nice quality and col.; 2, Stables, typical, leggy, nice quality and col.; good shoulders, well up in position, smart feather; 3, Bennett, nice shape, very good back, line quality, bit open at front; 4, Hutton, good shape and position, very showy, extra quality; vhc, Haigh; he, Casey; c, Priestley. BUFF (15): 1, Senior, grand shape, good position, lovely quality and col.; 2, Morley, grand shape, nice position, good quality; 3, Whitley, extra type, good shoulders, nice back, neat quality, smart bird; 4, Turton, grand type, stylish, extra col. and quality, rather small; vhc, Priestley; he, Morrison; c, Thomas. MKD. (8): 1, Craven, huff, grand shape, nice position, good quality; 2, vhc, Womersley, mkd. eyes and wing, yell., extra good type, straight, lovely quality; 3, Thomas, foul yell., grand shape, leggy, nice position, grand col. and quality; 4, Whitwham, buff, nice shape and position, good back, wings and tail; he, Casey; c, Haigh. MKD. HEN (7): 1, Priestley, yell., nice shape, well up on legs, very close in feather; 2, Whitley, buff, nice size, grand position, good back, neat quality; 3, Bennett, buff, good shape and position, nice quality, mkd. wing, eyes and head; 4, Casey, yell., good shape and position, leggy, nice quality; vhc, Haigh; he, Taylor; c, Shepherd. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Casey, grand shape and position, very stylish, good quality and col.; 2, Stables, nice length and shape, good back, head and neck, neat in feather; 3, Lodge, good type, well cut away, nice position, smart feather; 4, Hall, nice shape and position, leggy; vhc, Morley; he, Thomas; c, Turton. BUFF (10): 1, Stables, we made an unevenly mkd., and so in wrong class, a beauty, grand shape and style, feathered to perfection; 2, vhc, Morrison, again we thought an uneven mkd., and in wrong class, good shape, well up in position, grand quality; 3, Turton, tkd. head, good type and position, nice feather; 4, Thomas, tkd. head, grand shape, well up, lovely quality; he, Shepherd; c, Casey. NOR. CK. (9): 1, he, Thomas, yell., good size and substance, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, vhc, Naylor, 2, huff, extra shape and substance, full of quality and col.; 3, yell., cobby shape, plenty of col. and nice qnality; 4, Horsfield, grand thick-set bird; c, Ball. HEN (7): 1, he, c, Thomas, huff, good shape and cobby, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, 4, Naylor, 2, yell., grand cobby build, chesty, good col., extra quality; 3, yell., marvellous quality and col., nice shape; 4, buff, good stout build; vhc, Horsfield.

THURSO, N.B.

The 21st annual show of the Thurso O.S. was held in the Town Hall on Jauuary 5th. The day was favourable, being bright and clear. The birds were well seen, and made a fine display. The entries were quite up to those of former years, and totalled about 500. Exhibits were forwarded from Inverness, Dingwall, Wick, etc. The quality of the exhibits would have done credit to any of our city shows. The cup for best bird in Canary section was awarded to a Scotch Fancy hen of rare quality, the best we have ever seen so far north. In the Norwich section there were also some fine specimens. This section has greatly improved in size and quality in recent years. Border fancies were the strongest in the show, some almost faultless specimens not getting a look in. These are now becoming the most popular of all the varieties. The secretary, Mr. Millikin, had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by a committee of most willing workers. Mr. A. Anderson (Edinburgh) judged.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, he, c, D. and W. Shearer; 2, vhc, Clyne; 3, Todd. HEN (5): 1, sp, cup for best bird in show, 3, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Todd; vhc, he, Clyne. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 3, c, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Bruce; vhc, Clyne; he, Richardson. HEN (7): 1, sp, Clyne; 2, 3, vhc, D. and W. Shearer. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp, 3, he, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Clyne; vhc, M. and J. D. Milhkin. HEN (5): 1, sp, Clyne; 2, vhc, Bruce; 3, he, D. and W. Shearer. CREST (5): 1, 2, Clyne; 3, vhc, he, D. and W. Shearer. HEN: 1, sp, 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Clyne. C.-B. (2): 1, sp, 2, D. and W. Shearer. HEN (2): 1, 2, D. and W. Shearer. COL.-FED (8): 1, sp, 3, vhc, he, c, Clyne; 2, Todd. BORD., CL. (11): 1, Bruce; 2, Connochie; 3, Richardson; vhc, he, Baikie; c, D. and W. Shearer. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Connochie; 3, c, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, Richardson; he, Bruce. YORKS (2): 1, 2, Baikie. MULE (2): 1, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Todd. GOLDIE (3): 1, sp, Todd; 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Mackay. BULLIE (2): 1, Todd; 2, Mackay. LINNET (6): 1, 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Baikie; vhc, Mackay; he, Mackenzie; c, M. and J. D. Millikin. PAIRS (7): 1, Bruee; 2, 3, vhe, he, D. and W. Shearer. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Todd; 3, D. and W. Shearer. FOR. (2): 1, Todd; 2, Mackenzie. SELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, Bruce. GIFT (1): D. and W. Shearer. BOYS' CLASS (5): 1, 3, vhc, he, W. C. Shearer; 2, D. Bruce, jun.

DUNDON, N.B.

The newly formed Cage Bird Association of Dunoon held their first annual show on January 3rd, when all previous records obtained by the old society were broken, 154 birds being staged. The show, which received extensive patronage, was held in the Lesser Burgh Hall. The judging was done by Mr. H. Moreland (Falkirk), and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. W. Melville. This society seems to be full of promise.

SCOT. FCY CK. (4): 1, Stenbouse, grand size, rare free drive, well set on legs; 2, McFarlane, fine size; 3, 4, Stenhouse, good cl. yell., fino size and drive. HEN (4): 1, 2, Stenhouse, good brace, having it all their own way; 3, McFarlane. CK. BRED 1909 (2): 1, 2, medal, Stenhouse, fine pair all over. HEN (1): 1, Stenhouse, grand size, rare free drive, good position. NOR. CK. (14): 1, 2, Leask, 1, fine col., rare quality feather, good wing and tail carriage; 2, stylish exhibit, in good order; 3, Clark, nice bird, well staged; 4, McFarlane. HEN (15): 1, 2, 4, Leask, good team, leader grand stamp, nice short body, best of wing carriage; 2, another of the same, pressing hard; 3, nice type. CK. BRED 1909 (7): 1, 2, Clark, both good birds, winner nice head and wings; 2, short and chubby, fine quality; 3, McFarlane, clean yell., Bullfinch type, nice head and wings, fine quality; 4, Moodie. HEN (8): 1, Marshall, clean buff, grand model, best of quality, one of the right type; 2, Moodie, green, nice head and wings; 3, 4, Clark. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, McFarlane, 1, good Crest, and C.-B.; 3, Marshall. BORD. FCY. CK. (10): 1, Marshall, nicely modelled, in good order; 2, 3, Stenhouse, 2, cl. yell., fine col. and condition, close up; 3, nice yell. green; 4, Melville, grand clear yell., good wings and tail. HEN (15): 1, Marshall, varieg. yell., good head and wings, put up in fine order; 2, Stenhouse, cl. buff, nice bird; 3, Melville, grand type. CK. BRED 1909 (8): 1, 2, 4, medal, Melville, grand trio, cl. yell. leading, round as a bottle; 2, cl. buff, fine wings, tail and condition; 3, Clark, nicely mkd. buff, in good order. HEN (4): 1, 4, Melville, fine cl. yell., good head and wings, in rare order; 2, Clark, mkd. buff, followed close by 3, Stenhouse, grand buff green. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (25): 1, 2, 4, Marshall, leader excellent Bullie, good size, rare col. on chest, marvel for condition; 2, Goldie, square-cut blaze, nicely tanned chest, fine bars and buttons; 3, McFarlane, another good Bullie. BRIT. SMALL (15): 1, 3, Marshall, 1, Lesser Redpoll, wee beauty, massive bib, good ground col., wins; 3, Yellow Bunting, in the pink of condition; 2, McKinnon, Greenfinch, fine size, nice col. and bars; 4, Grieve. LARGE (3): 1, 3, Leask, pair of nice Hawfinches, well put down; 2, Mills, Magpie, looked a wee bit soft when we saw him. FOR.: 1, 4, medal, Leask; 2, Melville; 3, Mills, all Parrots.

WEMBLEY.

The Cage Bird section at the show of the Wembley F.A., which was held in St. John's Hall, on Jan. 8th, was confined to members. Entries were not numerous, but several very nice exhibits put in an appearance, especially in the Norwich classes. The winner of the special for best in the show was a very handsome buff Norwich hen, shown by Mr. Hart. Mr. J. Lindsay Deas, the energetic and courteous hon. secretary, and his committee are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts, and upon the way in which they managed the fixture. The entries in those sections which were open were splendid. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Hart; 2, 3, Knight; he, Jeffs. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Knight; 3, vhc, Hart. HEN: 1, vhc, spl, Hart; 2, 3, Knight. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Brumbridge. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, vhc; Hart; 3, Jeffs.

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FRASERBURGH.

Annual open show held in the Dalrymple Hall on January 5th. This hall is an ideal place for a cage bird show, being well lighted on both sides and free from draught. We would venture to suggest that all Canaries be fed and watered as soon as they arrive, and not left till after judging. The entries did not come quite up to expectations, this probably being due to so many of the special prizes being confined to local exhibitors. Yorkshires were a nice lot, both in number and quality, and the British and Foreign made a grand show. A most creditable lot of birds was exhibited by Mr. Gavin, who had over 50 entries. The committee, ably led by their joint secs. and treas., Messrs. Grant and Gordon, had everything in good order. Mr. W. Grant (President) put in a hard day's work, as also did the vice-president, Mr. J. Yates; they are both old and hard-working fanciers of the first water. Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen) judged, and apparently gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Yeats, good all-round typical bird, nice shape, close in feather and A1 col.; 2, Wright, fine bold head, rich in col., not quite so thick-set perhaps; 3, Bain, rare col. and quality. BUFF (4): 1, Hay, very typical, grand quality and condition, taking exhibit; 2, 3, Bain, 2nd good youngster, cl. thick-set, very typical, nice close feather, turned out in good condition; 3rd, excellent shape, best of quality and col., also a youngster; 4, Laidlaw. HEN (2): 1, 2, Bain, 1st larger of the two, good col. and quality; 2nd, fails only in substance to winner. YELL. CK., NAT. COL. (4): 1, Wright, nice cl. yell., good shape and col., fine silky feather, bold head; 2, Laidlaw, another shapely exhibit, good col.; 3, Bain. HEN (4): 1, Wright, gem for shape, well up in size, fine rounded body, nicely tapered away, compact wings and tail, closely followed by 2nd; 2, Hay, very sweet cl., good col. and condition; 3, 4, Laidlaw, 3rd wins on typo and condition. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Stewart and Milne, cl., beautiful shape, nice thick-set, bold head, thick neck, grandly rounded chest; 2, Yeats, also cl., similar size and shape; 3, Wright, excellent quality, nicely staged; 4, Hay, A1 quality; 5, Hendry; 6, Bain. HEN (8): 1, Bain, nice size, good shape, rare head and neck, wins; 2, Wright, variegated, grand quality, well balanced, short chubby body, neat wings and tail; 3, Hay, equal in shape and condition; 4, Hendry; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Webster. LOCAL CLASSES.—NAT. COL. CK. (7): 1, Davidson, typical exhibit, sweet quality; 2, Hendry, nice bold head and neck, chubby body, close-fitting feather; 3, Laidlaw, also good shape, nice silky feather; 4, Gordon; 5, 6, Webster. HEN (4): 1, Yeats, typical, neat bead, good neck, shapely body; 2, Laidlaw, nice shape; 3, Webster, best of quality and condition; 4, Davidson. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Wright, grand type, good size, lovely quality feather; 2, Yeats, fine head and neck, nicely staged; 3, Hendry, typical, good col. and quality; 4, Gordon. CREST: 1, McPhail; 2, Brown, very little to choose hetween, both good Crests. C.B.: 1, McKinnon, larger of the two; 2, McPhail, cinn. yell.; 3, Hendry. BUFF: 1, Noble, fine size. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, 3, Shewan, 1st nice length and shape, beautiful quality, good col. and close feather; 3rd, not quite so smooth-breasted as winner, both good; 2, Gavin, must have pressed winner, rare length, fine shape and quality; 4, Brown, good back and quality; 5, Mead; 6, Shewan. HEN (2): 1, Gavin, Cinn. mark, real model for shape and quality, feather like wax; 2, Mead, fine cl. hen. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, 2, Jackson, both grand, upright carriage, good blaze, fine wings, in lustrous condition, quickly claimed; 3, Hendry, different stamp, nice clean cut blaze, lovely wings and tail; 4, Marr; 5, Stuart. FOR. GOLDIE (6): 1, Hendry, excels in col., immense blaze, extra broad below and square, grand body markings, nice wings and tail; 2, Jackson, housemoulted one, in the pink of health and condition; 3, 4, Whyte, two good ones; 5, Grant. BULLIES (10): Grand class; 1, Hendry, glorious breast col., rare cap of beautiful jet-black col., grand bars; 2, Gordon, excellent cap and condition, quite as brilliant in breast col.; 3, Davidson, good one; 4, 5, Stuart, 4th very showy and steady; 6, Laidlaw. MULES (7): 1, Stewart and Milne, Linnet-Can., dark, excellent col. and condition, well turned out; 2, 3, Grant, 2nd Goldie-Can., well up in size, grand col.; 3rd, varieg., small; 4, 6, Gavin; 5, Shewan. LINNET (6): 1, Jackson, lovely bird, grandly pencilled, fine crest, rare tone throughout, nice shape, lovely sheen on feather; 2, Hendry, excellent size, well mkd., good white on wings and tail; 3, Stuart, well pencilled, full of life; 4, Davidson, darker in col., good head and wings; 5, 6, Gavin. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 5, Gavin, 1st plenty of size, rare col. and condition, wins well; 2, Grant, nice and steady; 3, Marr, wee shade smaller, good col. and quality; 4, Davidson; 6, Whyte. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, Grant, wonderful size, grand col., nice head, in the pink of condition; 2, Whyte, good one but wild; 3, Davidson, also very restless; 4, Gavin; 5, Elder. BRAMBLEFINCH (5): 1, Jackson, clear win, good size, very steady, in excellent condition, only fault pale in breast col.; 2, Whyte, broad chest, good head and back markings; 3, Grant; 4, 5, Gavin. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 5, Grant, 1st nice Redpoll, in lovely condition and plumage; 2, Hendry, in grand trim, very steady; 3, 6, Gavin, well turned out, 3rd best of col.; 4, Marr. BRIT., SMALL (3): 1, Whyte; 2, 3, Gavin. LARGE (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Gavin, clean sweep, 1st lovely mkd. Stirling, rich in col. and as steady as a rock, shining like a looking-glass; 2nd, good Hawfinch, in faultless condition, well up for size and col.; 3, Blackbird, rare tightness and brilliancy of col. and plumage; 6, Grant. FOR. (10): 1, Gavin, in the pink of health and condition, lovely talker; 2, 3, 5, Whyte, 2nd Whydah, rare tail, lovely col., perfect plumage; 4, 6, Gavin. FOR. PAIRS (15): Show in themselves; 1, 3, 4, Whyte, 1st lovely pair of Red-headed Finches, in grand trim, beautifully staged; 3rd, pair Yell. Budgerigars, good col. and steady; 2, 6, Gavin; 5, Craigie. PARROTS (4): 1, 3, Gavin, 1st fine Amazon, still looking good, in a well-kept brass cage; 2, Campbell, also an Amazon; 4, Stuart, Rosie.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last show of the season was held at the King's Head Hotel on December 27, when 71 birds were staged. Special for most points during season, J. Duckworth, 63 points; 2nd, Middleton Bros., 58; and 3rd, W. Jeffrey, 54. Best cock and best hen, Middleton Bros. Novice, F. Miles. Mr. S. Dean (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Addy and Sharp; 2, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, 3, Middleton Bros. TKD. YELL.: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, 3, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, 3, Middleton Bros. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Slater; 3, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Middleton Bros.; 2, Duckworth. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Duckworth; 2, Slater; 3, Middleton Bros. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Slater. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Slater; 2, 3, Middleton Bros. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Foster. SELL. (12/6): 1, 3, Duckworth; 2, Middleton Bros. HEN (10/-): 1, Slater; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Duckworth. YORKS. CK. NOVICE: 1, sp, 2, 3, Miles. HEN: 1, Miles; 2, Trevener; 3, Foster.—WM. WRIGHT, Sec.

KENDAL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual members' show was held on January 3rd in St. George's Hall. Entries came up well, numbering 213, and were staged in the large hall, an ideal place for a cage bird show. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged, his awards leaving little room for complaints. Mr. W. Vart, as secretary, had everything well in hand, and was backed up by a hard-working committee, including Messrs. J. Thompson (chairman), J. W. Crossley, J. Dickinson, W. Dixon, G. F. Fell, and J. C. Parker, and F. Dixon, with Mr. W. Heywood, hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Proctor, hon. auctioneer. A special for every class was given in addition to prize money, also a special for most points gained throughout (given by the hon. secretary, who did not compete).

NOR. CL. ETC. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, spl, Vart; r, Bland; vhc, W. Dixon; c, J. W. Crossley. HEN (9): 1, 4, he, c, spl, Vart; 2, Dickinson; 3, Thompson; vhc, Bland. UNFLIG. (14): 1, he, W. T. Dixon; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Vart; 4, c, Heywood. NON-FED (9): 1, Thompson; 2, 4, spl, Vart; 3, c, Dickinson; vhc, F. Dixon; he Dent. NOVICE CK. (12): 1, spl, Gibson; 2, Bland; 3, Graveson; 4, W. Dixon; vhc, he, Heywood. HEN (8): 1, spl, Heywood; 2, c, Graveson; 3, vhc, Dent; 4, Bland. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, spl, Bostock; 2, Thompson; 3, c, Higginson; 4, Allen; vhc, S.-M. G. Holland. HEN (7): 1, spl, Bostock; 2, Allen; 3, Thompson; 4, vhc, Higginson; he, Chatham; c, S.-M. G. Holland. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, spl, Thompson; 2, Saint; 4, W. Dixon; vhc, Dickinson; he, Higginson; c, Cannon. BUFF (7): 1, 3, spl, Thompson; 2, 4, W. Dixon; vhc, Higginson; he, c, Dickinson. HEN (10): 1, he, Brown; 2, 4, spl, Thompson; vhc, Pearce; c, W. Dixon. CINN. ETC. SELF ETC. (6): 1, W. Dixon; 2, 4, spl, Thompson; vhc, Vart; c, Sumpter. CINN. PLAINHEAD CK.: 1, spl, Thompson; 2, Alexander. HEN (6): 1, Thompson; 2, 3, spl, Bond; 4, Alexander; vhc, he, F. Dixon. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, spl, Vart; 3, vhc, F. Dixon; 4, Bostock; he, Miss Beck. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, vhc, spl, Heywood; 2, Higginson; 3, 4, Vart; he, Saint; c, Sumpter. BULLFINCH (14): 1, 3, 4, spl, Vart; 2, vhc, Robinson; he, Wells; c, Durston. LINNET: 1, Vart; 2, 4, spl, Durston; vhc, Briggs; he, Fell; c, Cannon. A.O.S. (10): 1, spl, Bond; 2, Briggs; 3, Crossley; 4, Durston; vhc, Wells; he, Dickinson; c, Vart. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, c, spl, Bond. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, Vart; 2, 3, Graham. SMALL (7): 1, 4, he, c, spl, Vart; 2, Croft; 3, vhc, Briggs. SELL. (12/6) (6): 1, spl, Heywood; 2, Dixon; 3, Allen; 4, vhc, Dickinson; he, Brown. (7/6) (5): 1, Croft; 2, Dixon; 3, 4, spl, Dickinson; vhc, Alexander. GIFT (11): 1, spl, Thompson; 2, Dixon (Morecambe); 3, Bland; 4, Heywood; vhc, Higginson; he, Dickinson; c, Vart. Special for most points throughout the show, Mr. J. Thompson.—WM. VART, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY & DIS. C.B.S.

Last show of the season held on December 27th. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. The winners were as follows:—Most points during season, gold medal, 25s., Mr. J. Swailes; 2nd most points, Mr. G. Hudson, gold medal, value 20s.; 3rd most points, gold centre medal, value 12s. 6d., Mr. C. Hardaker. There were also 28 other prizes, value from 10s. 6d. down to 1s., all members having exhibited a bird at any show being awarded a special prize. In the extra novice section the competition was very keen between the three top competitors, and the results were as follows:—1st prize, silver medal, Messrs. Lester and Woodhead; 2nd prize, Mr. C. E. Hylton; 3rd prize, Mr. A. Hiley. Mr. D. Thornton won the electro teapot for most points in selling classes during season.

CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Swailes; 2, Mann; 3, Toure; vhc, c, Jowett; he, Musson. BUFF: 1, Hillas; 2, Swailes; 3, J. Crowther; 4, Toure; vhc, Lawson; he, Jowett; c, Sutcliffe. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, vhc, Hudson; 3, Sbaw; 4, Swailes; he, Mann; c, Hanson. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Hardaker; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Musson; vhc, Toure; he, c, Lawson. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Swailes; 2, 3, Hudson; 4, Bairstow and Chapman; vhc, Sutcliffe; he, Thornton; c, Lawson. FOUL MKD.: 1, B. Wilman; 2, Bairstow and Chapman; 3, Shaw; 4, Hillas; vhc, Lawson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Mann; 2, he, Swailes; 3, Hardaker; 4, Hanson; vhc, Lawson; c, B. Wilman. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Musson; 4, Toure; vhc, Lawson; he, J. Crowther; c, Mann. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Hillas; 2, 4, he, Hudson; 3, Sutcliffe; vhc, Jowett; c, Wilman and Beaumont. YORKS., STOCK BIRD: 1, Bairstow and Chapman. SELL. CKS. (£1): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, J. Crowther; 3, vhc, Thornton; 4, vhc, Shaw. HENS (12/6): 1, 2, 3, c, Thornton; 4, J. Crowther; vhc, Mann; he, Toure. A.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, 2, 3, Hudson. EXTRA NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL. YORKS. CKS.: 1, 2, Hylton; 3, 4, Lister and Woodhead; vhc, he, Hiley. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Lister and Woodhead; 3, he, Hylton; 4, c, Hiley. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Lister and Woodhead; 3, he, Hylton; vhc, Hiley. BUFF: 1, Hiley; 2, 3, Hylton; 4, he, Lister and Woodhead; vhc, Wright. Mr. J. Lawson won special for best vhc hird in show, and Mr. F. Hanson Ramsden's medal for best fed hird.—E. W. JOHNSON, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

The second annual show was held at headquarters, on December 27th. The entries, though disappointing in numbers (several classes having to be cancelled), included some fine exhibits, which were a credit to their owners. Mr. Fairhurst won special for best bird in show, with a splendid Linnet. Mr. Lester was close up with a beautiful Goldie. No fewer than 36 special prizes were competed for (given by friends of the society). The principal winners of them were Messrs. Boden, Fairhurst, Myers, Chamberlain, Day, Lester, Handley, Wilson, and Washbourne. Mr. R. B. Fryer judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL., CK: 1, Garhutt; 2, Topping; 3, Boden. HEN: 1, Topping. BUFF CK.: 1, Boden; 2, 3, Topping. HEN: 1, Stirrup; 2, Topping. TKD. YELL., HEN: 1, Washbourne; 2, Stirrup; 3, Lester. NAT. COL.: 1, Boden; 2, Waltou. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Washbourne. BUFF, TKD. HEN: 1, Washbourne; 2, Stirrup; 3, Lester. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, Washbourne; 2, 3, Lester. NAT. COL.: 1, Boden; 2, Fratton. YORKS. A.O.S.: 1, Garbutt; 2, Walton. NOR., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Chamberlain. BUFF: 1, 3, Chamberlain; 2, Myers. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Chamberlain; 3, Handley. TKD. BUFF: 1, Myers. NAT. COL.: 1, Handley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Day. NOR. GREENS: 1, 2, Myers. NOR., UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, 2, Myers. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Myers. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Myers; 2, Day. GIFT CLASS: 1, Watton; 2, Lester. COTTAGE CLASS: 1, Janet Garbutt; 2, H. Boden; 3, 4, Lambert; vhc, Burrows. DK. MULE: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Lester; 4, Fairhurst. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Fairhurst; 4, Wilson; vhc, he, Lester. GREENFINCH: 1, Lester; 2, Wilson. LINNET: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Lester; 4, Handley. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 3, c, Lester; 2, he, Fairhurst; 4, Garbutt; vhc, Wilson. LARGE: 1, Garbutt. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Lester. FOR. SMALL: 1, Lester.

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PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Annual show of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., held at Trinity Road Schools, Woolwich, on January 6th and 7th. It resulted in a splendid success, both as regards entries and quality. The entries showed a great advance upon last year's total, for which the committee were grateful, and felt stimulated to greater efforts in the future. The Trinity Schools possess a large well-lighted and ventilated upper room, free from draughtiness. In this room the show was held. The staging was excellent, and the free use of decorative material added effect to the arrangements. The competition in the open section of Canaries was particularly keen, both in Norwich and Yorkshires, whilst British were a very beautiful collection. The members' classes contained some high-class stock. The show was opened by the Mayor of Woolwich, who is an old fancier and a keen critic of most of the feathered race. His Worship was introduced by the President, the Rev. G. T. Bayley, in a felicitous speech. The Mayor spoke of the interest he felt in the breeding and exhibiting of all kinds of live stock, and its influence for good. Thanks were accorded to him on the motion of the Chairman (Mr. G. Meades). The hon. secretaries (Messrs. Pawley and Newnham) were congratulated on all hands upon the very efficient manner in which they carried out their duties, and they received every assistance from the other officers, Messrs. A. Best (vice-chairman), and Borlase, Hawkes, Hall, Putner, Hartland, Maclellan, Miller, J. Smith, and Wood (committee-men). Mr. J. Robson judged the open section, and Mr. F. Easterling the members' classes.

The Critique.

OPEN SECTION.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Marshall, fine quality, nice body and col., good head and neck, well placed; 2, Richardson, another rich col. bird of charming quality; 3, Taylor, little smaller, but beautiful feather, nice colour; vhc, Taylor; he, Meades. BUFF (7): 1, Taylor, bonny bird, rare shape, silky feather; 2, Meades, grand quality, rich under-colour and nice mealing, good head; 3, P. A. Morris, glossy feather, lacks just a little in under-colour and mealing; vhc, Taylor; hc, Morris; c, Ingles. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, Ellis, varieg. yell., very rich col., fine body shape, lovely quality of feather; 2, Ingles, tkd. on head, good shape, lovely feather; 3, Midgley, tkd. on thigh, rare shape, beautiful quality, we liked much; vhc, Irons; hc, Taylor; c, Meades. UNFLIG. YELL (8): 1, Irons, rattling feather, fine col., well shown; 2, Bellamy, somewhat similar; 3, Midgley, grand shape for a yell., good col., honny; vhc, Taylor; he, Ellis; c, Marshall. BUFF (10): 1, Richardson, very shapely, rich in undercolour, silky feather, well mealed, good head and neck; 2, Irons, typical, but lacks readiness of leader as yet; 3, Taylor, thick-set body, lovely quality, liked much; vhc, Ellis; he, Irons; c, Meades. UNFLIG. HENS (9): 1, 2, Taylor, yell. and buff respectively, shapely, nice col. and quality; 3, Meades, beautiful rich col., full of quality, very short; vhc, Ellis; he, Richardson; c, Marshall. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Easterling, nervy, good length, quality, and leg; 2, Dykes, scarcely the length of winner, but exceedingly stylish and full of life; 3, Mole, plenty of length, nice style; vhc, Richmond; he, Hawes Bros.; c, Edwards. BUFF (6): 1, Hawes Bros., rare character, fine traveller, lovely quality, back, and finish, wins; 2, Taylor, plenty of length, fine feather, good pose; 3, Dykes, stands well up, silky feather; vhc, Mole; hc, Edwards; c, Faux. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 2, Dykes, both possessing length, very stylish, good quality; 3, Hawes Bros., full of fire, stands well, rare quality; vhc, Hawes Bros; hc, —, Richmond. HENS (8): 1, Taylor, varieg. yell., stylish, well on the leg, grand quality; 2, 3, Richmond, former trifle stronger in build than leader, but very fine in feather, 3rd nice feather and position; vhc, Buckingham; he, Hawes Bros.; c, Easterling. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Richmond, cinny winged, very stylish, beautiful feather, dances gaily; 2, Hawes Bros., green, wing tkd., lovely length and quality, well packed, gets up grandly, neat head; 3, Lockett, another very sweet Yorkie; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Mole. BUFF (7): 1, Hawes Bros., grand length and style, full of quality, well up on leg, nervy, well filled in back and cleaned off nicely; 2, Richmond, wing ticked, charming feather, nice pose; 3, c, Easterling, stylish, nice quality; vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, Mole. HENS (7): 1, Dykes, grand style, quality and length; 2, Lockett, full of go; 3, Hawes Bros., stylish, perhaps a little stronger in build, fine quality and position; vhc, Faux; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Taylor. BORD., CL. (5): 1, Hammacott and Card, close feathered, jaunty carriage, neat head; 2, Montague, very neat, full of life; 3, Hooper, fine quality feather, fails a wee trifle in head, good carriage; vhc, Hooper; hc, Weaver. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Hammacott and Card, sweet varieg., fine feather, nice head, jaunty carriage; 2, Evans, stylish, jaunty, nice quality; 3, Hooper, good carriage, not quite so fine in quality and finish; vhc, c, Weaver; hc, Hooper. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Hammacott and Card, tkd. bird, very sweet; 2, Weaver, yell., jaunty and well packed; 3, Riddles, buff wing marked, wee trifle open in feather; vhc, Montague. HENS (7): 1, Hammacott and Card, yell., close as wax, natty, nice one; 2, Mrs. Evans, buff, fine carriage, falls a wee trifle in closeness of feather, neat head; 3, Montague, good one, hardly so fine in feather; vhc, c, Weaver; he, Culham. LIZ. (2): 1, 2, Ward, clear capped Gold leading. OPEN NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC. (9): 1, T. G. Morris, buff, full of quality and col., nice type; 2, Billingsley, yell., typical, good quality and colour; 3, Bales, nice buff; vhc, Gravestock; he, Brown; c, Hamer. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, T. G. Morris, bonny tkd. buff, lovely feather; 2, 3, Brown, both variegyells., full of col. and nice quality; vhc, Billingsley; hc, Hamer; c, Bales. HEN (9): 1, T. G. Morris, tkd. buff, typical; 2, Dibley, tkd. yell., lovely quality; 3, Sadler, varieg. yellow, rare shape, just a little open in feather; vhc, Bales; he, Priest; c, Hamer. YORKS. CL., ETC. (12): 1, Barber, very slim, nice texture of feather, and col.; 2, Burbridge, again stylish; 3, Honeysett, very nice type; vhc, Cooper; hc, Putner; c, Honeysett. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Eborn, wing marked, finely drawn, good quality; 2, Eborn, yell., good quality; 3, Honeysett. HEN (10): 1, Barton, tkd. buff, full of style, well up on leg, fine quality; 2, Potten, neat; 3, Cooper, yell. cinny, with light tail feathers, typical Yorkie; vhc, Burbridge; he, Owen; c, Forse. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Bond, a well-staged clear buff Goldie-Canary, rare size, rich flush face; 2, Archer, similar, but not quite so large; two grand Mules; 3, Lees, Canary-Goldie, wing mkd. DARK (11): 1, 3, Bond, winner Can.-Bullie, grand colour and size, 3rd Linnet-Can., also in nice colour and feather; 2, Coffey, Grecnie-Can., fine colour, size, and feather; vhc, he, Somerfield; c, Coffey. HYB. (6): 1, Lamb, grand in colour and feather; 2, Belcher, Greenie-Bullie, also good size, fine colour; 3, Coffey, beautiful Bramble-Chaffie; vhc, Lamb; he, Lees. GOLDIE (11): 1, Herbert, lovely, often described; 2, Gunnell, another charming Finch, loses in blaze; 3, Harris, also a gem; vhc Jordan; he, Gunnell; c, Jupe; grand class. BULLIE (18): 1, Harris, lovely col., thick-set, fine poll, lustrous, clean at thighs and steady; 2, Gunnell, even richer colour, not quite so thick-set perhaps; 3, Hind, very lustrous, good in colour; vhc, Belcher; he, Hind; c, Marley; bot lot. LINNET (13): 1, Marley, "Browney," well known; 2, Harris, nutty, steady, well marked; 3, Gunnell, close up, grand linnet; vhc, Coffey; he, Fellows; c, Carter. REDPOLL (13): 1, Marley, "Kruger," rich col., shoue like glass; 2, Herbert, another gem, mealy; 3, Belcher, Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Easterling; he, Coffey; c, Howe. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Coffey, grandly marked, rich col. Twite; 2, Marley, beautiful Siskin, with good cap and bib; 3, Acland, Twite, rich col.; vhc, Coffey; he, Howe; c, Roff and Strange. GREENIE (12): 1, Howe, bouncer, beautiful shape, rich colour and close feather; 2, Coffey, large, rare feather, not quite so good in colour; 3, Marley, well known "Hero"; vhc, Howe; he, Wickham; c, Pope. CHAFFIE, ETC. (9): 1, Coffey, lovely Brambling, rich in col. and markings; 2, Marley, topping Chaffie; 3, Acland, ditto; vhc, Howe; he, Cherry; c, Gunnell. A.O.S. (10): 1, Acland, Hawfinch, a frequent winner; 2, 3, Francis, two grand Buntings; vhc, he, Marley; c, Montague. FOR. BUDGERIGAR, ETC. (6): 1, 2, c, Best, Pope Cardinal and Lovebirds; 3, Brett, Paradise Whydah; vhc, Hartland; he, Greaves. AVADAVAT, ETC. (7): 1, Meadows, Parrot Finches; 2, Greaves, Diamond Sparrow; 3, Mrs. Smith, Cordou Bleu; vhc, Greaves; hc, c, Mrs. Smith. SELL, 30s. (9): 1, he, Bellinger; 2, Ingles; 3, c, Allen; vhc, Daniel. 15s. (12): 1, Richardson; 2, Bellinger; 3, Meades; vhc, Hamer; he, Jenner; c, Ingles. 20s. (4): 1, Hawes Bros.; 2, Shrievelle. 15s. (6): 1, Hawes Bros.; 2, 3, Putner; vhc, Shrievelle; he, c, Potton.

MEMBERS' SECTION.—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Meades, nice shape and quality. BUFF (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Meades, close together. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Marshall, good type, rare quality; 2, Meades, shapely, fine feather; 3, Ingles; vhc, Richardson. HEN (5): 1, Meades, typical, fine feather; 2, he, Richardson, both showing breed points well; 3, Ingles; vhc, Meades. UNFLIG., YELL. (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Meades; 3, Marshall, well after each other. BUFF (3): 1, Meades; 2, Ingles; 3, Richardson, same remark applies as in the last class. UNFLIG. HENS (5): 1, Richardson; 2, Meades; 3, Daniell, bonny trio of ladies of Norfolk descent; vhc, Ingles; he, Maclellan. YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Scott, stylish. BUFF (2): 1, Putner; 2, Scott, former best style, well up. UNFLIG YELL. (1): 1, Scott, well on the leg, nice feather. A.O.V. (4): 1, Maclellan, Lancashire Coppy; 2, Meades, clnn.; 3, Richardson, evenly marked Nor.; vhc, Daniell. NOVICE CLASSES.—These contained some excellent quality, and in most of the classes the contests were keen for honours. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Wood; 2, Allison. BUFF (1): 1, Hall. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Allison; 2, 3, Wood; vhc, Dibley; he, Carden. HEN (7): 1, 3, Dibley; 2, he, Hall, junr.; vhc, Wood; c, Allison. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, cup, Hartland; 2, 3, Dibley; vhc, Miller; he, Hall, junr. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Pawley; 2, Smith; vhc, he, Volce; c, Hartland. HEN (5): 1, Dibley; 2, Smith; 3, Brett; vhc, Carden; he, Newnham. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, Dewbrey. BUFF: 1, Dewbrey. TKD., ETC.: 1, Newnham; 2, Dewbrey. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Dewbrey; 2, Shrievelle; 3, Newnham. BUFF: 1, Shrievelle. HEN (6): 1, 3, Shrievelle; 2, Newnham; vhc, he, Dewbrey. C. OR C.B.: 1, Brett. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Smith; 2, Newnham; 3, Hartland; vhc, Mrs. Carden; he, Miller; c, Voice. MULE: 1, Marshall. GOLDIE (7): 1, Jordan; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Allison; he, Bridge; c, Frostick. BULLIE (2): 1, Jordan; 2, Allison. LINNET: 1, Marshall. A.O.S.: 1, Daniell.

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting and table show, held Dec. 20th, at St. John's Schools. This show was the first of a series to be held monthly. The cup presented by Mr. H. J. Hireson, for best unflighted Yorkshire shown by a member at the open show, and won by Mr. F. Easterling, was on view. Mr. Easterling has kindly promised another cup for competition at the next annual show. Mr. T. G. Jeffery judged the table show.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Morgan, leader bird of exceptional quality and style, straight as a rush; 2nd, nice feather, good one; 3, Phipps, nice quality, good condition; vhc, Bamber. BUFF: 1, Phipps, grand quality and condition; 2, 3, Bamber, second, fine flights and back; 3rd, nice neck and wing marked; vhc, Morgan. BRIT.: 1, 3, Argyle, leader grand Linnet, good pencilling and size, in nice condition; 3rd, Goldfinch, should improve; 2, Miss P. Barron, Bullfinch, in splendid condition, not quite deep enough in breast colour.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

BURY ROLLER.

The annual Roller Singing Contest of the Bury and District C.B.S. was held in the Textile Hall, on Dec. 17 and 18, when the awards of Mr. J. Netherwood, who judged, appeared to give every satisfaction. The event proved a success in every way, due chiefly to the able guidance of affairs by the capable and energetic hon. sec., Mr. H. Jamieson.

CHAMP. CLASS (23): 1, cup, 3 sp, A. Foulds, 1, total 25 pts.; 3, 22 pts.; 2, sp, c, Massey and Ridings, 2, 24 pts.; 4, sp, J. Foulkes, 23 pts.; vhc, he, A. Percival, 21 and 19 pts. respectively. NOVICE (21): 1, sp, c, T. J. Smith, 25 and 19 pts.; 2 sp, 4 sp, vhc, A. Harper, 24, 22 and 20 pts. respectively; 3, sp, W. Pilling, 23 pts.; he, Percival, 19 pts. ANY AGE (30): 1, sp, W. Whittlestone, 28 pts.; 2, sp, G. Waring, 26 pts.; 3, sp, A. Collins, 25 pts.; 4, sp, Gostling, 24 pts.; vhc, he, R. Kremner, 23 and 22 pts. respectively; c, J. B. Hesling, 21 pts. MEMBERS' YOUNG BIRDS (6): 1, E. Lord, 18 pts.; 2, G. Austin, 17 pts. MEMBERS' ANY AGE (7): 1, E. Howarth, 19 pts.; 2, G. Waring, 18 pts.; 3, J. Ramsbottom, 17 pts.; vhc, he, J. Burton, 16 and 14 pts. respectively; c, E. Howarth, 10 pts.

BINGLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Last of the series of members' shows for 1909 was held on Boxing Day. The entry was good, and some very nice birds were on view. There were 72 birds in six classes. Mr. J. Broadley judged, and gave general satisfaction. The points winners for this show were: J. A. Wilkinson, 31 pts.; 2, R. Wade, 29 pts.; 3, M. Walton, 24 pts.; 4, 5, tie between S. Denby and J. Hartley, 13 pts. each; 6, Herd and Simpson, 12; tie for 7 and 8, W. E. Barker and W. J. Hartley, 11 pts. each; 9, J. W. Webb, 8 pts.; 10, W. Dean, 7 pts.; 11, A. Livesey, 5 pts.; tie for 12 and 13, between J. Holmes and A. Godwin, 2 pts. each. The members' silver cup competition has been very interesting, and the winner proved to be: 1, S. Denby 81 pts.; 2, A. Wilkinson, 72 pts.; 3, M. Walton, 66 pts.

CL. YELL. (11): 1, Wade; 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, he, Livesey; c, Walton. BUFF (11): 1, Wade; 2, Denby; 3, Barker; 4, Webb; vhc, Herd and Simpson; hc, Godwin; c, Hartley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Wade; 4, he, c, Hartley; c, Walton. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Walton; 2, Dean; 3, c, Hartley; vhc, Denby; he, Herd and Simpson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Herd and Simpson, 2, 3, Wilkinson; 4, Denby; vhc, Walton; he, Holmes; c, Dean. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Wade; 2, Walton; 3, c, Barker; 4, Webb; he, Wilkinson.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

The open show of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Society (after an interval of four or five years) took place on January 8th. The revival of this old-time fixture is due to one or two well-known fanciers, who have thoroughly made up their minds to see that Sutton is not to be left out in the cold. The St. Modweu's Hall is of good light, spacious, centrally situated, and very adaptable for such a function. The schedule unfortunately caused a little misunderstanding, and a few birds were "wrong classed." Another year our Sutton friends will see to rectifying this error, and provide a clearer classification. They are genuine sportsmen, true to the core, and what can be done in the future will be attended to in every detail. President, Mr. Jesse Briggs; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Jones, Peat, Clayton, and Woodhouse, all of whom are heart and soul in the work of the society, and rendered most liberal assistance. The committee consists of a band of very willing workers, and every praise is due to Messrs. M. Norwood, G. Bingley, H. Booth, G. Long, G. Norwood, G. Poole, W. Wardle, W. Dobb, J. Norwood, D. Shaw, H. Riley, and C. Waldren. The treasurer and chairman is Mr. A. Clayton (Railway Inn), who is the son-in-law of the late Mr. Simms (noted Crest fancier), and an enthusiastic official. Under his guidance progression is sure to result. The vice-chairman is Mr. W. Osborne, a capital understudy, and the secretary is Mr. E. Parnell, a trier to the farthest end. He works wonderfully well, great credit being due to him for the exertions he put forth. Norwich were very nice, the Crests and Crest-breds, and British were most pleasing. Novice members staged some choice specimens. Specials were won as follows:—Best Nor., S. Cook; Crest, L. Burrows; C.-B., M. Norwood; novice Nor., W. Wardle; C. or C.-B., Shaw and Booth; Peat's medal for hottest fed, W. Vardy. Judging was over in good time, and cards were displayed promptly. Everything went smoothly and well, and the management throughout was excellent. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) placed the cards, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. (9): 1, spl, Cook, noted wing tick, Manchester, etc., winner, often deserlhed, real gem; 2, 3, Vardy, both clears, former lovely col. and feather, rare head, neck and chest, jaunty carriage, 3, red hot, short and thick-set, very stylish, clean cut away; vhc, Harrison; he, Fox; c, Barwise and Hymas. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Vardy, brace of beauties, cl., rare substance and shape, rich col. and frosting, capital feather, one of the best, 2, cap. mkd., good size, quality and shape, close up; 3, Cooper, very hot, cl., grand substance, nice quality, well worth its place; he, Christian; vhc, Vardy. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Vardy, yell. green, cobby, lovely col., good shape, very promising; 2, Harrison, hy. varieg., rattling good col. and size, nice shape; No. 1, Fox, w.e., not marked sufficiently to be eligible for this class, good bird, hard lines indeed. BUFF (3): 1, Simms and Son, almost green, pied tail, nice specimen; No. 1 and 3, Christian and Vardy respectively, both w.e., again too light in markings, both were very excellent. UNFLIG (7): 1, Cook, marked wings and head, wonderful shape, superb col. and feather, lovely carriage, rare substance, will want some stopping another year; 2, 3, Fox, cl., warm in col., silky texture of feather, rattling good head properties, 3, marked wing, ablaze in colour, close soft feather, very shapely; vhc, Vardy; he, Simms and Fox. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Vardy, former, marked wings, true type, A1 col., feathered to perfection, bird with a future, latter, warm fed, cl., nice size and shape; 3, Longstone, marked wings and head, A1 quality and col., nice size, clean cut; vhc, Cooper. PAIRS (2): 1, Cook, monster Yell. cock of rich col and grand shape, with a finely built grizzled tail, Buff hen of immense substance; 2, Vardy, marked Yell. cock, nice shape, col., and quality, and sweetly moulded cl. buff hen. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, 2, Vardy; 3, Smith; vhc, Ford; he, Harrison; c, Simms and Fox. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, buff marked D.C. marvellous substance, abundance of feather, crest of wonderful size, veiny, lovely droop and centre; 2, 3, M. Norwood, buff green, pied tail, nice substance, rich quality, crest round as a rim; 3, buff, cl. body, D.C., rare size and feather; vhc, G. Norwood. HEN (5): 1, Holmes, buff green, pied tail, D.C., abundance of feather, marvellous substance, crest round as a hoop, well packed; 2, E. Barker, buff varieg., D.C., capital feather, crest leafy, nice radiation, capital droop; 3, G. Norwood, buff hy. mkd., D.C., heaps of feather, crest of beautiful radiation and droop; vhc, Osborne; he, Burrows. C.B. CK. (5): 1, vhc, M. Norwood, buff varieg., immense substance, lots of feather, rare width of skull, well cushioned; 2, Burrows, buff var., fine size, plenty of feather, good skull, nice lash; 3, Osborne, buff, almost green, pied tail, good size, capital; he, Clayton. HEN (4): 1, 3, M. Norwood, buff bordering on green, wings and tail, massive in frame, heaps of feather, marvellous head properties, lashed to perfection; 3, buff, lightly marked, nice shape and quality, full of character; 2, Burrows, buff, lightly var., well up in substance, A1 quality, capital width of skull; vhc, Shaw. UNFLIG. CREST (5): 1, 2, M. Norwood, buff green, pied tail, D.C., lovely quality, good substance, crest leafy and of grand shape, well thatched; 2, buff green, D.C., full of quality, a beauty and most promising; 3, Osborne, buff, marked wings, D.C., good size, plenty of feather, crest fine shape, nice centre; vhc, G. Norwood; he, Holmes. C.B. (3): 1, 3, M. Norwood, buff varieg., delightful feather, wonderful substance, rare width and rise of skull, grand lash; 3, buff green, capital quality, heaps of feather, very shapely, fine skull properties, gem; 2, Barker, buff var., very similar to 3rd, little separates them, beauty and good enough to win most shows. SELL., 25s. (6): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Simpson; vhc, G. Norwood; hc, Harris. A.O.V. (13): Rare class. 1, 2, Vardy, couple of very fine four-pointed buff, Goldie-Can., both well known on the bench, former has it in substance; 3, Simpson, buff, bordering on a six-pointed Gold-Can., good in shape and feather; vhc, Smith; he, Flint. HARDBILL (14): Grand lot. 1, vhc, Poole, Hawfinch, rattling size, shape and col., grandly cut bib, one of the very best; 2, 3, Vardy, Hawfinch of rich col. and shape, good carriage, 3, Bullie of rich breast col., fine size and shape, dense, well polished cap; he, Hardy; c, Veuton. SOLE (2): 1, Baggaley, magpie, in nice order, well shown; 2, Swarbrick, Jay, wee bit rough in feather to-day, or would have won. MEMBERS:—YELL. NOR. (4): 1, 2, Waldren; 3, 4, Wardle. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Wardle; 3, Parnell. CREST (6): 1, he, Shaw and Bootle; 2, Clayton; 3, vhc, J. Norwood; c, Poole. C.B. (8): 1, vhc, J. Poole, 2, he, J. Norwood; 3, Shaw and Booth; c, Long. GIFT (2): 1, Parnell (E.); 2, T. Shaw.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

CHIRNSIDE.

The 29th annual show was held in the Volunteer Hall on January 1st. The cage birds were staged at the end of the hall. The entry was a good one, and the quality all over high class, many noted winners being on view. A splendid Pied Scotch Fancy carried away special for best bird, and right well did he deserve it. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by a grand three-pointed buff cock. Breeding pairs were also good, headed by a splendid pair of marks. A very nice evenly-marked Mule won his class somewhat easily. The secretary, Mr. Shiell, had everything at his finger-tips, and there were some hard-working stewards in the persons of Messrs. Ferguson, Denholme, Scott and Young. Mr. Joseph Thomson (Newtongrange) judged, and his awards all over were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, sp, best bird, Hyde's sp, Russell, grand Pied, large, hard up, splendid shoulders and drive; 2, vhc, Lawrie, buff, nice length shoulder and drive; 3, 4, Patterson, jun., grand cl., head held well down; 4, Pied, nice shoulder. HEN (3): 1, Patterson, jun., grand cl. yell. hard up, decided drive, fine action, shoulder and substance; 2, 3, Lawrie, nice pair, fine shoulders. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, Young, nice col., fine type, good front, stylish carriage; 2, Patterson, jun., close up, similar in shape, grand condition; 3, Scott, nice type, good head, well-rounded, fine quality; 4, he, Denholm, splendid feather, nice type; vhc, Rodgers; c, Russell. BUFF (15): 1, Patterson, jun., grand one, splendid col., fine quality feather; 2, Service, somewhat large, but very nice col. and condition; 3, Spence, nicely rounded, fine wing carriage; 4, Bruce, hen, jaunty carriage; vhc, Schooler; he, Young; c, Rodgers. YELL. UNEVEN (11): 1, Young, mkd. eyes, wings and breast, fine col. and quality; 2, sp, Patterson, jun., similar in shape, col. and quality, good mkgs.; 3, he, Scott, mkd. eyes, wings and back, fine type, splendid quality; 4, Cowe, mkd. eyes (nice shape), fine wings and tail; vhc, Denholm; c, Schooler. BUFF (10): 1, sp, B.F.C.C. medal, Patterson, jun., grand 3-pointed buff, mkd. eyes one wing, takes charming position, well-rounded feather of fine quality; 2, Glass, well-known Cinn. mkd., fine quality and type; 3, sp, Russell, nearly even, nice col., quality and type; 4, Scott, Cinn. mkd., fine type and quality; vhc, Marshall; he, Young; c, Alexander. EVENLY MKD. (6): 1, Alexander, splendid type, col. and quality; 2, Patterson, jun., grand eye mkgs., nice type and quality; 3, Glass, fine type, col. and quality; 4, Cowe, Cinn. mkd., best eyes in class; vhc, he, Scott. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Patterson, jun., grand green, nice tone of col., well arranged pencilling; 2, D. Young, tkd. on eye, lovely type, position, col. and quality; 3, Patterson, jun., cheek mkd hen, graceful head, well rounded all over; 4, Young, good type and position; vhc, Cowe; c, Shiell. BREEDING PAIR BORD. (9): 1, sp, c, Patterson, jun., 3-pointed buff cock and Uneven Cinn. yell. hen, finely halaueed, splendid type, col. and quality; 2, Glass, cl. buff cock, yell. hen, grand col., quality and condition, lengthy; 3, Watson, cock mkd., hen cl., fine pair, good type, col. and quality; 4, Young, cls., good heads, nice type; vhc, Denholm; he, Russell. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, Bruce, nice evenly mkd. mule, grand col. and quality, well staged; 2, Marshall, Crest, fine size crest; 3, Patterson, jnn., dark mule, nice col. and size; 4, he, Forsyth, dark mule; vhc, Cowe, Schooler. SELL. BORD. (7/6 and 5/-) (12): 1, Cormack; 2, Russell; 3, Patterson, jun.; 4, Young; vhc, Glass; he, Shiell; c, Rodgers. BRIT. (12): 1, vhc, Patterson, jun., leader grand Song Thrush, splendid col., nice spangling, steady; 2, Schooler, Hawfinch, fine size, fine mrkgs.; 3, Stavert, Starling, well shown, fine spangling; 4, he, Brown, Goldfinch, small, nice blaze; c, Muir.

BOVEY.

Annual show held in the Town Hall, Dec. 27th, when Mr. T. B. Dyer (Torquay) judged the cage bird section.

OPEN BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Webber. YORKS: 1, spl, H. Hulland. Nor.: 3, H. Hulland. YELL.: 2, H. Hulland. MULE, 1, spl, J. Holland; 2, H. Hulland; 3, Master Winsor. BRIT. 1, J. Holland; 2, 3, Johnson.

COXHOE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual show, held on Dec. 11th, in the Tyneside Inn, when upwards of £20 was awarded in prizes. The judge, Mr. F. Sokell (Ferryhill), gave every satisfaction. The birds were on view till the Monday, and during that time many people visited the showroom. The principal awards were as follows:—

MEMBERS: CAN. OR MULE: 1, J. Fleetham, Yell. Nor. Ck.; 2, Lister, Green Nor.; 3, Jno. Owens; 4, Rodham; vhc, Chisholm; he, Miller; c, Moore. BUFF TKD., ETC., NOR.: 1, Miller; 2, Rodham; 3, J. Fleetham; vhc, Huggins. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Lister; 2, Mudd; 3, Huggins; vhc, M. Fleetham. YORKS.: 1, Jos. Huggins; 2, M. Fleetham; 3, T. Etherington; vhc, G. Etherington. PAIR (for breeding purposes): 1, Rodham; 2, Lister; 3, Huggins; vhc, M. Fleetham. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Miller, Linnet; 2, Mudd, Greenfinch; 3, Lister, Goldfinch; vhc, J. Fleetham, Linnet; he, c, Moore, Linnet and Bullfinch.—W. J. MUDD, Hon. Sec.

GT. YARMOUTH (Perseverance) B.B.S.

Second exhibition held in the Victoria Hall, King Street, on Boxing Day, when sixty money prizes and silver medals were competed for. The show was opened by the president (Mr. D. McCowan, J.P.), who said great credit was due to the chairman, Mr. S. Mobbs, and the secretary, Mr. J. Marshall, for the way they worked to make the show such a success. The judges were:—For Canaries, Mr. Stark (Norwich); for British, Mr. T. Miles (Norwich).

CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Claxton; vhc, Thompson; hc, Whittleton; c, Hoy. BUFF: 1, spl, Barton; 2, 3, Claxton; vhc, Whittleton; hc, c, Hoy. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Claxton; 3, Hoy; vhc, he, Marshall; c, Barton. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, Whittletou; 2, Claxton; 3, Thompson; hc, Jarvis; c, Cuhitt. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Barton; 2, Whittleton; 3, Wildee; vhc, Jarvis; c, Claxton. BUFF: 1, spl, Jarvis; 2, 3, Whittleton; vhc, he, Claxton; c, Barton. CREST: 1, spl, Whittleton; 2, Barton; 3, he, Brown; vhc, c, Thompson. C.B.: 1, spl, Thompson; 2, Whittleton; 3, Read; vhc, c, Brown. YELL. CINN.: 1, spl, 3, Marshall; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Marshall; 2, Thompson; vhc, Whittleton; he, South; c, Brown. CINN. HEN: 1, spl, Marshall; 2, Whittleton. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Marshall. SELL. (15/-): 1, spl, Marshall; 2, Whittleton; 3, Hoy; vhc, Claxton; c, Barton. (10/-): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, Claxton; he, Marshall. MULES: 1, spl, c, Thompson; 2, Wildee; 3, vhc, he, Claxton. GOLDFINCH: 1, medal, he, c, Claxton; 2, Jarvis; 3, Wildee; vhc, Howard. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, spl, Hipgrave; 2, Barton; 3, vhc, he, Claxton; c, Cuhitt. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, South; 2, vhc, Claxton; 3, Howard; he, Hipgrave; c, Plumstead. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Cuhitt. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, spl, hc, c, Claxton; 2, South; 3, Howard; vhc, Hipgrave. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Hipgrave; 2, vhc, Claxtou; 3, Cuhitt.

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Private Exchange Wanted.

Wanted, offers in prize-bred Canaries, Yorkshires preferred, for an exquisite violin, exhibited at the Paris Exhibition 1900; this fiddle is a marvel in workmanship and finish, also fine tone; "Duke" and motor cycle belt, quite new; all offers answered: Parkes, Leather Merchant, 273, Shirley-rd., Southampton.

NATURAL HISTORY.

100 Britisb birds' eggs, 7/6; a bargain: Jackson, 6, Railway Cottages, Slapewatb, Boosbeck, Yorkshire.

BIRDS and animals preserved cbeaply by practical hands. Latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby

BIRDSTUFFING Illustrated, 1/-; Animal Stuffing, 1/6; Illustrated Catalogue Taxidermists' Requisites, Entomologists', Botanists' Requisites, 2d.: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

STUFFED birds, 2 pair Water Rails, 4/- pair; Owl, 2/6; Redwing Fieldfare, Woodpecker, Hawfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, 2/- each, free: Mipham, Orlestone, Hamstreet, Kent.

ALL kinds of Natural History specimens, stuffed and mounted at cheapest rates. Specimens for object lessons supplied. Loan of specimens arranged for Nature study, exhibitions: H. Stone, Naturalist, Church House, Muscum, Drayton, Taunton.

BIRDS, animals, and fisb preserved and mounted by the latest methods, moderate charges; all work guaranteed; birds' eggs, etc. Lists, 1d. stamp each: G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingbam.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

JOHN Swarbreck, Bridge-st., Cootebill, will exchange cock Finches for Crests or Yorksbires, Canaries.

LARGE cock Linnet Mule for fishing basket and landing net, value 7/6: 70, Partridge-rd., Cardiff.

HEN Bullfinches, 1/- each; or exchange ben Canaries: Stubberfield, Cambridge-rd., Bexhill, Sussex.

WHAT offers in Green Borders for two cock Linnet Mules; yours first: E. Parker, The Weir, Hessel, nr. Hull.

EXCHANGE dark cock Linnet Mule for good 1909 yellow Norwich hen: Messer, 4, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

TWO pair Bullfinches; exchange good Roller cock or cock Goldfinch: Russell, 71, High-st., Crawley, Sussex.

EXCHANGE cock Mule, new portmanteau, pair homer winners, for Norwich bens: Hull, 4, Beach-rd., Gorleston.

EXCHANGE two cock and four bens Bullfinches for singing cock Canary: Cullen, 40, Watling-st., Canterbury.

SELL or exchange 3 pairs Bullfinches for ladies' umbrella: G. Jones, Whitford Bridge, Stoke Pound, Bromsgrove.

1906 COCK Goldfinch Muler, exchange good songster Canary; or sell 7/6: Williams, Brongarth, Builth, Wells.

PAIR yellow Buntings, aviary-moulted, 5/-; 3 hen Bullfinches, 2/6; exchange Norwich bens: Pepper, High-st., Dunmow.

ONE large cock Bullfinch, grand col, fit for sbow, sell 4/-; exchange Norwich hen: Pouud, Nortb-st., Raunds, Northants.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, exchange three Norwich hen Canaries, or sell 7/6: Stone, 60, West-st., Bridgwater.

COCK Bullfiuch 3/6, house-moulted cock Redpoll 2/-, or exchauge for cock Canary on song: McArthur, Fairlawn, Cricff, N.B.

MAGPIE, grand plumage, eat anything, 2/-; exchange Canary or cock Goldfinch: Dearden, Salford-st., Bury, Lancashire.

SIX selected cock Greenfinches, grand colour, exchange 2 yellow Yorkshire bens: Farr, 3, Etberington-st., Gainsborough

WANTED, Linnet and Canary, proved breeders, for two beautiful singing cock Canaries: Englishe, Uplands, Alton, Hants.

SIX grand cock Goldfinch Mules, will exchange for Crest or Crest-bred Norwicb bens, must be good: E. Homer, Aviary, Bognor.

EXCHANGE 5 cock Bullfinches for new acetylene cycle lamp or large Norwich hen: T. Lovell, Church-st., Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE twice house moulted cock Goldfinch, warranted, for pair Canaries; offers, particulars: Axhorn, Boden-villas, Chard.

LINNETS, large fine birds for song, or Muling, from 1/- each; state wants; stamp reply: Markin, 84, Sussex-st., Nottingham.

COCK Linnet, cage-moulted, with new contest cage, sell 3/6, exchange good Yorkshire hen: Walker, 26, Leatherdale-street, Stepney.

BULLFINCHES, Bullfinches, grand large cocks, caugbt 3 months, 1/9 cacb; or exchange Canaries: Steve Townsend, Long Buckby.

EXHIBITION cock Linnet Mule, 12/6; exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch: John Rankine, 30, Brucefield-st., Dunfermline, N.B.

FIVE Goldfinch Mules (3 cocks), 1 Linnet Mule, cock, 20/- lot; exchange: T. Turner, 20, White-row, Cowpen, Bebside, Northumberland.

BRAMBLEFINCH cock, Snow Bunting, cock, house-moulted; wanted Goldfinch or show cage for large British: Gavin, Fancier, Fraserbro'.

HAWFINCH, Bramble, Siskin, sell 15/-, exchange good Goldfinches, Yellow Buntings, or Twites: Almond, Knowles-st., Rishton, Lancs.

EXHIBITORS, monster yellow cock Greenfinches 1/- each, selected cock Redpolls 1/- each; approval: Shennan, Marle-st., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE two grand cock Bullfinches, perfect feather, fit for show bench, for 2 good Norwich hen Canaries: H. Nutt, 11, Mill-rd., Northampton.

EIGHT hen Bullfinches, 3 cock Bullfinches, caged 3 months, 1/3 each; clear buff Norwich cock, 6/-; approval: Curzon, Thorpelywater, Uppingham.

EXCHANGE cock Blackbird, pair old English game bantams, for exhibition British bird, Hawfinch preferred: F. Sharp, 23, King-st., Wellingborough.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Linnet, also hand-machine, suitable girl, for cylinder records: Apply W. Wells, Sutton, Bonnington, Loughborough.

THREE cock Linnet Mules, two cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfiuches, fresh caught: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

ONE pair hand-reared, house-moulted Bullfinches, also 2 pairs of caught ones, sell or exchange Rollers: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

MOULTED 1909 cock Goldfinch, eats from hand, 5/-; Siberian, small, but enormous square ruddy blaze, 5/6: J. Lamburn, Malvern Villas, Bury, Lancs.

EXCHANGE Yellow dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Finch song, for large cock Goldfinch, Siberian preferred; Goldfinch first: 7, Stradby-st., Bulwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE Bramblefinch and Siskin-Canary hen for two Border hens, or two Fantail pigeons, sell 4/6: William Aitken, 1, Belmont-st., Bangor, N. Wales

EXHIBITION Snowhunting, winner, 10/-; exchange Norwich cock; also Linnet, 5s., or exchange Border cock; must be singers: Birch, 83, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

GOLDFINCH cock, exhibition Greenfinch and Snowhunting, house-moulted Redpoll and show Redpoll, lot, 10/-; wanted, 2 singing Canaries: Cockerill, see British.

COCK Greenfinch, two large hen Greenfinches, cock Redpoll; all house-moulted; suit breeder; will exchange for good Yellow Norwich hens: Eastwood, 19, Sydney-st., Stockton.

BRITISH birds for Border hens; 2 good Brown Linnets, 3 Greenfinches, or sell Brown Linnets, 15/-; Greenfinches, 12/-: Robert Burgess, 85, Benwhat-hy-Dalnellington.

EXHIBITION Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, and Siskin-Canary Mule, in exchange for gun, or anything useful; also Norwich hens: Tyrrell, Bridge-st., Banbury.

WILL exchange some exhibition British, Siberian Goldfinch and Bullie hen, also light Muling hens, for good large Norwich or Lizards: Metcalfe, 23, Rylett-st., Broughton, Manchester.

SALE or exchange, two exhibition Greenfinches, two ditto Chaffinches, dark Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, 12/6; or would exchange for good Bantams to value: Smith, 180, High-st., Chatham.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, 2nd prize Fraserburgh Show, ten in class; see this week's report, sell 10/6; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich hen; approval each way: Gordon, 74, High-st., Fraserburgh.

SISKIN cock Mule, show condition; also pareuts, Siskin cock and good yellow Norwich hen, sell lot 12/-; exchange 2 eage-moulted Goldfinches or 2 Norwich cocks: Peck, Baldwyn-rd., Bexley, Kent.

EXCHANGE 2 cocks, exhibition Chaffinches, value 15/-, £1 each; and Greenfinch-Canary Mule [illegible] for Siberian or British birds: approval both ways: Grainger Bros., Skelton-in-Cleveland, New.

GOLDFINCHES, 9 cocks, 5 hens, some good birds, will exchange Seifert contest or Clincher tyres, A Won, 28 by 1¾, or anytning useful; approval: F. Archer, Alcester-rd., Feckenham, nr. Redditch, Worcestershire.

EXHIBITION Yellow Bunting, house-moulted, in show condition; exhibition cock Bullfinch and hen; exchange good Norwicb cock or ben, or New Norwich show cages: Siddall, 5, Woodford-lane, Over Winsford.

MAGNIFICENT Goldfinch pear-tree Muler, fit for exhibition, one of the finest living, sell 25/-; exchange Mules singing; also nine young Germans, 4 cocks, 5 hens, 15/-; exchange Mules: Atkins, Daltonst., St. Albans.

HYBRID pair Greenie-Bullie, had 14 fertile eggs last season, Greenie winner; hen Redpoll, breeder Redpoll-Siskin Hybrid cock, fed; exchange Norwich hens, give cash. 1909 birds preferred: Todd, Westerton, Bridge of Allan.

WILL exchange white-legged cock Goldie and hen Bullie, coupled since 1909 (Goldie sings by night), for good-sized singing cock Canary (Norwich) both very steady birds: Apply James Gorman, Dublin-st., Longford, Ireland.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

EXCHANGE Bramblefinch hen, Bullfinch hen two Greenfinch cocks, all house moulted, for large Yellow Norwich or Cinnamon hens; yours first: Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse-rd., Rothesay.

TRUE pair Dippers, perfect cock, full song, 40/-; Jenny Wren, little gem, 10/-, sure winners Palace; Swallow, 5/-; Wagtail, 4/-; cock Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange buff Yorkshire hens, winners, Siberian Finches: Fishburn, Silsden, Keighley.

EXCHANGE one house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, also British house-moulted cock Goldfinch, both Mule breeders last year, with two yellow hens, for pair of Scotch Fancy or Black Pom. dog, or bitch; yours first: Davies, 63, Clare-st., Merthyr.

MULING Goldfinch and Linnet, 5/- each; 1909 Dark and Variegated Goldfinch Mules, 10/- each; pair Yorks, winners, 15/-, full song; Yorks hens from winners; 5/-; approval, or part exchange good watch or gold chain: Jones, 8, Thurza-st., Hulme, Manchester.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO Yorkshire cocks for 3 hens, sell 15/-; approval: Brown, 14a, Harehills-rd., Leeds.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies, Canaries, for pair Minorcas, sell 10/-: E. Muldon, Fintona.

FOUR Borders, 1 even marked, 2 Norwicb hens, 12/- lot: Robertson, Acre Street-pl., Nairn.

EXCHANGE pair good Canaries for 3 ferrets; sell 9/-: Hill, 20, North-st., Horsham, Sussex.

GRAND pair of Borders, sell 10/-; exchange wanted, Toy Terrier or Pomeranian: 4, City-rd., Cardiff.

TWO good Yorkshire cocks, 17/-; or exchange cycle tyres, or offers: 14, Credon-rd., Bermondsey, S.E.

FOUR Border hens, 2 Mules; exchange 2 cock Goldfinches; 9/- lot: Graham, 5, Norfolk-st., Carliste.

CLEARING out; no time; Yorkshire cock, 4 hens, 13/-; stamp reply: Cottam, 591, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for Roller cock or jack plane and hand saw: Haynes, Roundhay, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 2 pair good Canaries for Leghorn or Minorca pullets: Hill, 90, Brightou-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

TWO variegated 1909 Yorkshire cocks for 3 good yellow 1909 Norwich hens: Ed. Bonney, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

SALE or exchange, hen Canaries for cock Goldfinches or cock Linnets: Linstead, 32, Brown's-rd., Surbiton.

THREE buff cinnamon hens, sell 10/-, exchange anything useful; apply: Norman, High-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens, for Roller, or Mule, full song; yours first: Anuis, 42, Squire's-lane, Finchley, London.

WHAT offers in cock Goldfinches for three hen Canaries: Robson, 9, Millbank-cres., Bedlington, Northumberland.

CANARY reared cock Goldfinch, sell or exchange singing cock, or hen Canaries; approval: J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE 6 hens, Canaries, and cock, for short flyers; or sale: Carter, New Cottages, Welton, Midsomer, Norton.

EXCHANGE seven Roller hens, pair Yorkshires, cold room, for Seifert's or sell; offers: Smith, Church-st., Rugeley.

WILL exchange 4 pairs of Bullfinches for Mule, or sale 7/6; Mule first: Cooke, Spicer-st., St. Albans.

HIGH-class Yorkshires from 8/6 per pair; exchange cockerels for killing, or offers Norwich: Halliday, 38, Manorfold, Baildon.

EXCHANGE good Norwich, single or pairs, anything useful, sell from 5/6 pair: J. Livermore, 76, Dudley-st., Bedford.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich for sale, exchange pair Yorkshires for 2 good yellow Norwich hens: Wood, 22, Grove-st., Nelson.

HIGH-class Norwich, Silk's strain, exchange for cycle or phonograph and records: Toms, Wilmington, Polegate, Sussex.

SALE, two Yellow Norwich hens, 3/6 each; or exchange for good Yorkshire cock: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

SIX pairs good Yorkshires, £3 10/-; exchange African Grey talking Parrot; approval: Matson, 3, Hayura-st., Harrogate.

EXCHANGE first-class pair Yorkshires for pair Crests; mutual approval: Fielding, St. George's-square, Hebden Bridge.

SIX pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; exchange Rollers, good songsters; offers: Jesse Cryer, Brookland-cottage, Wardle, Rochdale.

SIX Yorkshire hens, 1909 hatched, 2 green 4 lightly variegated; exchange Border Fancy: Grant, 13, North Bar, Banbury.

PAIR long typical Yorkshires, Buff cock and Yellow hen, 12/6; exchange Norwicb cock: A. Coates, Rush House, Kuaresbro.

BARGAIN; three typical Yorkshire cocks, full song, 20/-; exchange Rollers; offers: Haw, Lodge, Wyther, Kirkstall, Leeds.

WILL give 1 pair Norwich Canaries and cash for good gramophone; approval: A. Bounds, Clark's-yd., Long Buckby.

SCOTCH fancy Yellow cock, sell, 30/-; or exchange large Yellow Norwicb hen: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, N.B.

THREE Norwich hens, 4/- eacb; exchange large Yellow Norwich cock; approval: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

WANTED, Green Norwich cock; exchange hens, or Belgian Hare buck, 6½ months: Rowe, Gardens, Leigh-pl., Cobham, Surrey.

GOOD pair Cockaticls, fine condition; wanted, good Norwich hens: mutual approval; deposit: Barber, Wiston, Colchester.

WILL exchange two unflighted Crested cocks for an unflighted Crested hen; or sell 30/-; approval: Burns, Beltonford, Dunbar.

LARGE Crested, Crest-bred hens, clear green, variegated, 5/-, 4/- each; exchange songsters: Skillicorn, Upholsterer, Douglas, I.O.M.

PRIZE-bred Yellow 1909 Norwich cocks; sell or exchange large Norwicb hens or Foreign; approval: Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Borders for Norwich hens, exhibition Hawfinch, Siskin, Buntings, or Foreign: Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, cock Thrush, band flute: offers, Edison phonograph and records, British: Ycomans, Penketh, Lancashire.

GOOD Yorkshire cocks, and Messrs. Wilcock's and other good strains, wanted; good gramophone: Austin, Hairdresser, Failsworth.

YORKSHIRE cock, winner, for good Crestbred hen, sell 20/-; few grand Yorkshire cocks, 10/-, 12/6: H. Fortnam, Fairfield, Bury, Lancs.

FOUR pairs of splendid Bullfinches, cocks, 1/3; hens, 9d.; pairs, 1/6; exchange lot for good pair Canarics: Schalk, Fairford, Glos.

EXCHANGE grand pair Norwicb Plainheads for ½-plate magazine hand camera. State makc: Mandeville, Brookfield, Arnold, Notts.

CLASSICAL Yorksbires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

EXCHANGE two clear Norwich hens, Goldfinch Mule, for good Norwich cock, yours first: Lawrence, 143, Coulsdon-rd., Upper Caterbam.

EXCHANGE pair Lizards, Canaries, and 1 Norwich hen, for pair Hartz Rollers or Border Fancy: W. Whitbun, 18, White-rd., Stratford, E.

GOOD pair 1908 Lancashire Canaries, 25/-; or exchange for good pair Yorkshire Greens: Goldsmitb, Centre Queen-st., Maidenhead.

SELL two self Green-Yellow Yorkshire hens, 7/6 eacb; or exchange boards for cage-making; offers: Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge.

SIX hen Canaries, cock Bramblefinch, hen Green Linnet, house-moulted, 12/- lot; bargain: G. Glover, Hamberton Villa, Stanley-rd., Nuneaton.

TWO prize-bred Border fancy cocks, on full song, Wardleworth's strain, 15/-; exchange cbromatic melodeon: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

CLASSICAL Yorkshire cock, would sell 12/6; or exchange for 2 Yorkshire hens, must be standard length: Ward, 5, Spencer-rd., Tottenham.

GOOD pair Norwich, 15/-; exchange Crest or Crestbred hen; good Yorkshire cock, exchange two Yellow bens: Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

WILL sell pair large Norwicn ana German songster, 10/6; or exchange Yorkshire cock, Goldfinches, Linnets: J. Brown, The Green, Beassington.

EXCHANGE two hen Canarics, one Norwich, one Hartz, for cock Goldfinch or two cock Linnets, or sell 2/6: S. White, Lanes End, Darenth, Kent.

EXCHANGE, 3 Norwich Buff hens, 2 unflighted, (1) 1908, good breeder, for Yellow Norwich hens; or what offer? 3, Hodgson-st., Ashton-u.-Lyne.

EXCHANGE three pairs good Yorkshires, value 35/-, for high-class Seifert Rollers, same value, whole or part: Dew, 41, Leicester-rd., Lewes.

FOR sale, 1 Buff Norwich hen, 4/6; 2 Yellow hens, 5/- cach; 2 Buff cocks, 7/6 each; 1 Buff cock, 5/-: J. Nisbet, 49, Montgomery-st., Larkhall, N.B.

WYANDOTTES, pure-bred White cock and hen, March, 1909, cock winner 2nd, 12/6; exchange Canaries to value: Brodie, 21, Spencer-rd., Hornsey.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cock Canaries, in full song, also breeding cage, for good gramophone, or anything useful: Hollings, Llanidloes, N. Wales.

TWO H.C. Crest-bred cocks for one prize Yellow-crested cock; or sell 30/-; yours first: other good Norwich, 10/- pair: 195, Kettering-rd., Northampton.

EXCHANGE high-class Crest or Norwich for winning Black Rosecomb Bantams: or will give good price: Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich high class cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens from 4/6; or exchange: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE good Norwich for Siberian cock Goldfinch or waterproof driving apron, or sell cocks from 7/6, hen 3/6: Etheringtou, School, Alderton, Chippenham.

SEVERAL Buff and variegated Crest-bred cocks and hens, with plenty of feather, price 10/- to £1; or would exchange Green Crest cock: Fairweather, Dawlish.

TWO pairs of Norwich Canaries, 10/- a pair; exchange one good pair of Yorkshires, little cash for good birds: George Short, 34, Bedford-st., Leighton Buzzard.

NORWICH Canaries, in full song, also hens for breeding, for sale, or exchange for 10in. records or steady cock Goldfinch: Bearman, Havering Park, Romford.

EXCHANGE good pair Cinnamons, Dormer's strain, value 20/, and little cash, for good Yellow Cinnamon cock: Mattinson, 32, Orchard-st., Gt. Harwood

ONE yellow cock, 4 hens, Norwich Canaries; will exchange for 1 pair of Yorkshire and 1 buff Norwich cock; yours first: Ramsey, 61, St. Dunstan's-rd., Worthing.

PAIR Yorkshires, winners, 2 box cages, 1 breeder, show, singing cages, all accessories, £2 lot, or exchange for common pullets: Sellers, 67, High-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE, Yellow Norwich cock, for Goldfinch or Bullfinch hens; few Buff hens, 4/- each; talking and whistling Magpie, 5/-: Birch, 83, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

EXCHANGE two 1909 Crested cocks for Nottingham reel, good makers, book of trout flies, or good fishing tackle: Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

GOOD clear and marked Yellow and Buff Border hens, very cheap; or exchange unused breeding cages: Mrs. Fildes, Woodside, Rookfield-avenue, Muswell Hill, N.

YORKSHIRE show cage and case, 4/6; chronograph watch, good timekeeper, 6/6; exchange hen Canaries or British: Parkin, jun., Upper-house, Liversedge, Yorks.

WANTED, gent's and ladies' boots, hosiery, umbrellas, or drapery in exchange for Canaries; mutual approval, yours first; see Yorkshire heading: Richardson, York.

HIGH-class Selfert Rollers, cocks, from 9/6 upwards; hens 3/-, in fine condition; or exchange some good Norwich or Parrot; Oliver Pemberton, Broadwaters, Kidderminster.

WHAT offers pullets for good Norwich cock and two hens, and six young from the above, 1909, as bred; deposit, 27/-: Henry Blamires, Little Royd Cottages, Earlsheaton.

EXCHANGE good pair Yorkshires, house-moulted, exhibition Greenfinch, and Linnet, for pair of Cinnamons, or two cocks: Bromfield, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

TWO grand yellow Norwich cocks, one winner, several 1sts, other winner 2nd; exchange good Norwich buff cock, fit for exhibition; sell, £2: Tom Lewis, Church-st., Narberth.

COCK, clear cap Lizard, winner, 8/-; Edison Gem phonograph, horn 23in. long; or exchange Roller hens to value: Mrs. Neville Chamberlin, Northwood-st., Stapleford, Notts.

ONE pair large Norwich, Buff cock and Yellow hen, sell 15/-; or exchange for a good ticked Yellow Norwich cock to value: W. Daniel, 49, Horbury-rd., Ossett, near Wakefield, Yorks.

EXCHANGE, Cinnamon marked buff Yorkshire cock, vhc, young birds, City Suburban show, 1909, for yellow Yorkshire cock, must be nice bird: Vale, 91, Park-st., Grosvenor-sq., London.

FOR sale, seven cocks, full song, 35/-; five hens, three cinn. marked, two greens, 14/-; 1909 birds; would separate; approval, deposit: Toovey, Back Bridge-st., New Mills, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE Crest hen, fit to win in good competition, also two Goldfinch Mules, for good buff Norwich Plainbead cock and yellow hen; approval: Stephenson, Flimby House, Flimby.

FOR sale, cock Canaries, on full song day or gaslight, from 8/- upwards; wanted 2 cock Goldfinches for muling in exchange for home-bred Roller hens: Andrews, 13, Malyons-rd., Ladywell.

PAIR Green Borders, 8/-; also breeding cages, four Border show cages, two box, two Norwich, good as new; exchange poultry, or O.E.G. Spangle Bantams: A. Brown, Braehead, Carnwath.

HEALTHY 1909 fed hens, Norwich, 5/-; Yorkshires, 5/- each; Yellow Var. Crest-bred cock, two Crested hens, large, healthy, £2; two Sib. bens, 4/- cach: Giddings, Kitsbury, Berkhamsted, Herts.

GOOD bred Airedale Terrier dog, 14 months old, kill anything, certain on cats, for two Seifert Rollers, value 20/-; must be good birds: S. Pugb, Malt Mill-lane, Blackheath, Birmingbam.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, three pairs Germans, three double breeders, four show cages; offers, phonograph and records preferred; machine first: Sissons, Durham-st., Glasshoughton, Castleford.

WHAT offers in high-class Norwicb for pair gent's genuine Winslow roller skates (10½), and case? perfect condition; cost 23/6; approval; birds first: Greenwood, 13, Avondale-rd., Darwen.

EXCHANGE 12 yards of flannel and 12 yards of calico, value £1, for 2 good colour-fed Norwich or Yorksbire cocks, or offers in birds, no Softbills; letters only: Parker, 43, Grove Vale, East Dulwich.

EXCHANGE pair good Crests for Norwich, Lizards, Cinnamons, Spangled Bantams, pullets; approval; no rubbish given or wanted; sell 30/-: J. Brown, South-rd. Cottages, High Etherley, Bisbop Auckland.

BUFF Norwicb cock, Yellow hen, 12/6; Yellow Yorkshire cock, winner, 10/6; also 8 Patbe disc records, new 10-incb doubleside, 12/-, cost 18/- December; or exchange: Lingard, Patten-st., Burnley.

SELL or exchange, lovely Yorkshire Canaries for large gramophone; pedigree Toy Pomeranian or Yorkshire Terrier; useful articles; others been delighted: Josepb Hilton, 47, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

TYPICAL Buff Border hens, 3/-; Green Crest-bred cock, 15/-; ditto Variegated, 25/-; exchange Grizzle Crested cock, 20/- for pair chubby Norwich stock birds or Tweed: Kininmoutb, 77, Bridge-st., Stirling.

YORKSHIRES, 1909 bred, from prize birds, cocks, Buffs, Yellows, Cinnamon, 10/- each, approval, deposit; or exchange some for post card or half-plate camera: Goldsmith, Centre Queen-st., Maidenhead.

BORDER Fancies, buff hen, winner 1st, 6th, 7/6: 3 yellow hens, two 5th, 6tb, 4/-; buff hen, mother of above; or exchange any of above for Goldie or Twite; approval, both ways: W. Bremner, 13, Walk, Alloa.

THREE Crested cocks, three Crest-bred cocks, one Crested ben, 10/- cach; Buff Norwich hen, 7/6; Cinnamon hen, 5/-; 1909 birds; exchange gent's cycle, 26in. gramophone: Mustchin, Normanburst, Rusper, Horsham.

LADIES' bicycle, good condition, 50/-; bagatelle table, ivory balls, two cues, stand, in perfect order, £3; exchange mangle, exhibition Yellow Norwich cock; mutual approval: Inch, High-st., Aylesbury.

TWELVE prize-bred Yorkshires, 6 Mules, 2 cock Goldfinches, 1 Linnet, 1 Chaffinch, must be sold regardless of cost owing having to renew aviary; can be seen any time: D. Williams, 11, Christopher-st., Llanelly.

YELLOW Norwich Plainhead cock 15/-, pair Borders 15/-; exchange either for good Siberian cock Goldfinch, or best offers, British Finches, or anything useful: Turnbull, 65, Midbope Winchburgh, Linlithgowshire.

PATHE phonograph complete, extra recorder, speaker, cylinder for concert hall records, cost seven guineas, exchange pair Crests, value £3 10/-; approval: John Lawson, Coop bldgs., Coalsnaughton, Tillicoultry, N.B.

DARK Goldfinch, cock Mule-finch, song, 7/6; large cock Bullfinch, 2/-; hen Bullfinches, 1/- and 1/6; cock Skylark, full song, 3/-; wanted, Canaries or foreign birds, seed eaters: Wood, 55, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

WILL exchange Buff Yorkshire cock for cock Goldfinch and cock Linnet, or sell 12/6; another Buff Yorkshire, value 15/-; exchange Yorkshire Yellow hen, same value: Williams, 5, Glanaman-rd., Cwmaman, Aberdare.

GREEN Crested-bred cock, first at Wymondham, £1; Quinton strain; or exchange for good grizzle or slightly marked Crested hen; no rubbish; White-legged Goldfinch, Mule breeder, 8/-: J. Coman, Norwich-rd., Wymondham.

NORWICH Plainheads, of good type, quality; cocks, 7/6, 15/-; hens, 7/6, 12/6; exchange Siskins, Hawfinches, Goldfinches, to moult out exhibition specimens; particulars, approval: Fiddes, Melville-lane, Montrose, Forfarshire.

TWO yellow Yorkshire hens, unflighted; exchange clear buff Yorkshire hen; sell, 6/-; also large variegated buff Norwich hen, good feeder; exchange clear buff Norwich hen; sell, 5/-; approval both ways: French, Doddington, March.

MULING hens, Yellow, Buff, 4/-, 5/-; others 2/6, 3/-; extra large bright cock Bullfinches, 2/6; hand-reared hen Chaffinch, 1/-; Muling cock Greenfinches, 2/6; hand-reared, exceptional songsters, Thrushes, 4/-: Weaire, Snodland, Kent.

TWO grand pair of high-class Yorkshires, clear, 1909 bred, the cocks 7 inches long, price 25/- a pair; or exchange for good liuola or carpets, or anything useful, on approval: H. Harris, 46, Stanley-rd., South Harrow, Middlesex.

BORDER Fancies; Buff hen, winner of 1st and 6th, 7/6; 3 Yellow hens, 2 won 5th and 6th, 4/-; and Buff hen, mother of above; exchange any of above for Goldie or Twite; approval both ways: W. Bremner, Walk, Alloa, Scotland.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners, yellows or buff marked, and clears, hens from 5/-, cocks from 6/-; exchange cloth, household linen, dress, or blouse lengths, bird appliances, anything; offers invited: Richardson, Plumber, Albert-st., Harrogate.

SIX German hens, 1/3 each; two German cocks, 4/- each; one Yorkshire cock, 5/-; and three Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; will sell or exchange the lot for anything useful, breeding cages preferred: Henry Kaye, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WANTED, big unflighted Yorkshire hens, exchange Nightingale cock, 1st Wolverhampton, etc., Linnet Mules, Yellow Goldfinch Mule, Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid, with show cages; also good hagatelle board: Hingley, Central Quarry Bank, Staffordshire. Stamp.

EXHIBITION Thrush and new show cage, 1st Wymondham, 3rd Norwich, sell 10/-; six Norwich show cages, good as new, 5/-; colour-fed Siskin, proved mule, and good show bird, 5/-; or exchange anything useful: George Edwards, Norwich-rd., Wymondham, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE pair of prize-bred Norwich, value £1, for brass balance scales to weigh 7lbs., with weights; also 2 airguns and bell target, the lot cost £3 15s.; also 3 feeding hens and pair of prize-bred Norwich; what offers? no livestock; stamp reply: F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

REDUCING stock; 3 grand cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/- each; big Yellow Cinnamon cock, Buff hen (Baker's), 25/- pair; 2-year house-moulted Linnet, pink-eyed Sih. hen, 8/6 pair; all clean, healthy; exchange Edison Standard phonograph (no records); no rubbish offered or wanted; stamp: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport, Cumberland.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

VERY tame Rosey Cockatoo, exchange good Norwich Canaries, sell £1: Surridge, 11, Winkfield-rd., Wood Green.

GREEN Budgerigars, adult pairs, wanted in exchange for British aviary moulted: Brett, 62, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

TALKING Green Parrot and large square cage, 25/-; exchange common hen Canaries or cock Goldfinches: Walker, 53, Bingfield-st., London.

EXCHANGE Budgerigars, pair Yellow adults, for Yorkshires, Norwich, or Crests; also small aviary, suitable for foreign birds: Holland, 26, High-st., Homerton.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hen and three Norwich show cages, exchange for pair Zebra Finches and cage, or sell 10/-: Smith, 32, Union-pl., Grangemouth, Scotland.

LARGE Indian Parrakeet, finger-tame, talks, whistles, laid 3 eggs last season, large indestructible cage, sell 30/-; exchange birds; offers: Gilman, 18, Marlborough-square, Chelsea.

FOR sale, adult yellow hen Budgerigar, breeder, 4/6; or exchange ; wanted, good buff hen Seifert Roller; large green hen Budgerigar: J. Stephenson, 5, Somerset-st., Middlesbrough.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

GENT'S cycle frame, what offers? or exchange: 43, Bristol-rd., Earlsdon, Coventry.

SALE or exchange Edison-Bell records for Yorkshire Canaries: Wise, Barons-yard, Keswick.

EXCHANGE ladies' lace shoes, size six, for large hen Canay: George, 124, Marylebone-lane, W.

THREE grand Belgian Hare does; fit to win, £1 lot exchange: Willmoris, Horsley Heath, Tipton.

BEAUTIFUL Cockatiels, pair, sell 12/-; wanted Minoreas, pullets to value: Gavin, Fraserburgh.

CAGES, 3 double breeding, 3 single, 6 show, every accessory, best cash offer: L., 99, Gipsy Hill, S.E.

GENUINE Whippet bitch, true to rag, exchange, offers; 15/-: O. Rodger, 4, Bay-st., Port Glasgow.

HARMONIUM, 8 stops £5; part exchange forcigners, phonograph; stamp: Green, Bowden, Leicestershire.

EXCHANGE gent's silver watch for 2 Norwich or Roller cock Canaries: Coleman, 7, High-st., Lavington.

WILL give a new cycle tyre 28 by 1½, for 2 cock Goldies or cock Canary: J. Cannon, Castle Hill, Stirling.

EVERY variety of live stock purchased, or exchanged for other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EDISON Gem, 20 records, sell 35/-, or part exchange Canaries: Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE 2 good hollow-ground razors for good Yorkshire buff hen; hen first: Lloyd, Cefn-y-Wern, Chirk.

WHAT offers boy's large joiner-made wheelbarrow, Canary or Goldfinches: Gifford, 28, Badminton-st., Leeds.

PAIR of Indian clubs, weight 8 lbs., for birds for outdoor aviary: Roberts, 96, High-st., Aylesbury, Bucks.

TWO pairs of steel skates, sell 3/- pair; exchange British or foreign: Watson, Ironmonger, Codnor, Derby.

110 "Cage Birds," all clean, for Norwich hen; no rubbish wanted; Southwood, Kilkie, County Clare, Ireland.

HARMSWORTH'S Encyclopædia, complete, cost 23/-; exchange Frills: Thomas, 157, Colwyn-rd. Northampton.

HARMONIUM, first class condition, £2 5s.; exchange: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SWEET machine, 58 pairs Rollers, cost £70; take £12; exchange: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COLOURED plates framed from 1/- each; exchange birds: Geo. Hunt., 29, Bearfield-rd., Kingston-on-Thames.

GOOD Lurcher bitch, good house dog, sell 8/-; or exchange for 10-inch records: B. Bradshaw, Long Buckby.

ENTIRE stock British, Crest, Norwich; exchange; inspection invited: A. C. Askew, 152, Manor-st., Clapham.

FIVE pullets, 1 cockerel, also white Fox Terrier; exchange Canaries: Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

MANDOLINE, in case, for two pair high-class Yorkshires: Smith, 37, Lister-avenue, Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

SPLENDID roll diamond mesh aviary netting, 6ft. square, 6/6; offers; exchange: McCarthy, 62, Splott-rd., Cardiff.

WILL exchange silk-lined dinner jacket for prize-bred Yorkshires, or Norwich: Taylor, 179, Divinity-rd., Oxford.

TIN containing 2lb. mealworms and quantity of beetles; exchange, or sell 7/6: Moore, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

SPLENDID fountain pen or a gent's signet ring for 2 cock Bullfinches; offers: Vernum, 16, Reporton-rd., Fulham.

GENT'S silver hunter watch, lever movement, 10/-; exchange anything useful: King, 61, Hunter House-rd., Sheffield.

SIX grand Seifert Rollers, in full rolling song; exchange, part cash; offers: Pearson, 55, New-st., Quarry Bank.

WELL-BRED Goat Billy, half grown, children's pet, 10/-; exchange offers: Birch, 83, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

HANDSOME Black Pom. bitch, lips white, 4 months, 10/-; no pedigree: 18, Overton-terr., Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

GOOD single-barrel breach-loading gun, sell 20/-; or exchange Yorksbires. Offers: 28, High-st., Chesterton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE free wheel cycle, value 50/-, for Norwich; on approval; birds first; John Nicoll, Coalton Wemyss, Fife.

NINE Satinette Pigeons for sale, 16/-; or exchange Canaries, gramaphone, anything: King, 14, Bruce-st., Lowestoft.

BLACK Toy Pom. dog, sell, or exchange anything useful. Particular stamp: Fisher, 13, Clifford-st., Burley, Leeds.

TWO pair Roller pigeons, performers, 3/6 pair; exchange good singing cock Canary: Ireland, Baker, Elie, Fifeshire.

PAIR oil paintings (fruit), 30/-; exchange for Parrot and cage, anything: Greenwood, 162, Oxford-gdns., Stafford.

TWO double breeding cages, exchange for fowls, also hen Canary and cock Linnet: 19, Edgington-rd., Streatham.

LARGE Palace aviary, sell 50/-; exchange small partitioned mahogany aviary: E. Palmer, Lode Hill, Downton, Wilts.

WYVERN fountain pen, solid gold nib, for yellow Norwich cock, in song: McDowall, Grey-st., Newmilns, Ayrshire.

WHAT offers album containing 300 unused picture postcards; wanted Watson Soap wrappers: Gardner, Blue-st., Boston.

COLLECTION birds eggs, 200, in case, from Tits to Pewitts, 10/-; exchange Canaries: H., 35, Bellgreen, Sydenham.

GRAND Fox Terrier dog, wire, good pedigree, 50/-; useful exchange or offers: Abell, Mandale-rd., Thornaby-on-Tees.

BROOK'S B.90 cycle saddle, excellent condition, cost 14/6, what offers exchange? Watts, Bootmaker, Tricherbert, Glam.

EXCHANGE pair Union ball-bearing adjustable skates for pair Yorksbires; offers: Talbot, East-rd., Parkstone, Dorset.

EXCHANGE new phonograph and 7 records for matched pair of good Rollers: Barnett, 47, Rydal-avenue, Blackpool.

WHAT offer in Canaries, 3 hens, 1 cock Old English Game Bantams, 3 Belgian hares, 8 weeks: Atkins, Millgate, Aylsham.

EXCHANGE clap nets or flue nets, for Canaries, Mules, British, poultry: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex.

MANDOLINE, 12/6, and what offers for a domesticated Rook and Linnet: Coutts, 30, Heaver-rd., Clapham Junction.

PAIR Yellow Norwich, 9/-; cock Goldfinch, 2/6; double breeder, in part exchange: Hill, West-st., Newport, I. of W.

PAIR Red Dutch Cavies, and double exhibition box; exchange birds, anything: Greatrex, 44, Victoria-avenue, Rugby.

GOOD Belgian doe, good breeder, exchange foreign birds, Budgerigars preferred.—Tom Hall, Hall Croft, Shepshed.

NICELY-marked fox terrier bitch, about 9 months old; will exchange for hen Canaries: Struthers, 242, Langlands-rd., Govan.

THREE breeding bags, 60-egg incubator, 2 Linnets, 1 Goldfinch, in good condition: A. Farey, 48, Arundel-sq., Barnsbury, N.

WHAT offers in Canaries for new 12-ft. split cane fishing rod, two points, cost 40/-: Junor, Beechtree, Drummond, Inverness.

GRAMOPHONE, 10 10-inch selections, as new, 35/-; or exchange for good Roller Canaries: Tomard, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

130 journals photographic, building, CAGE BIRDS, several books, 6/-; exchange birds value 7/6: Claude, Godfrey, Northallerton.

BARGAIN, beautiful gent's umbrella, 2 mounts, cost 12/6, take 7/6, or pair British and 5/-: Durose, 32, Argyle-st., Swansea.

LARGE round Parrot cage, good condition, 7/6; exchange Canaries, Linnets; offers: Lewis, Rushby-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 nickel forks for 2 cocks or 3 hen Canaries; Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE bitch puppy, three months, winner on both sides; exchange 4 cock Canaries: 3, Blenheim-st., Stapleton-rd., Bristol.

HANDSOME Black Pomeranian bitch for sale, 17/6; exchange clap-nets outfit to value: Bird, Shop Market, Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE pen modern game bantams, for singing Roller Canaries, anything: Draper, Park-rd., Newhall, Burton-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE 40 pieces beautiful china teaset, floral design, for cock Canaries or pullets: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., London, E.

SIX white fantails for sale; will sell for 0/-, or exchange, any offer: Apply, P. Phillips, 207, Cowbridge-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

SABLE collie dog, 7/6; or exchange singing Canary, or offers; mailcart, almost new, 26/-: Thompson, 41, Garnet-st., Derker, Oldham.

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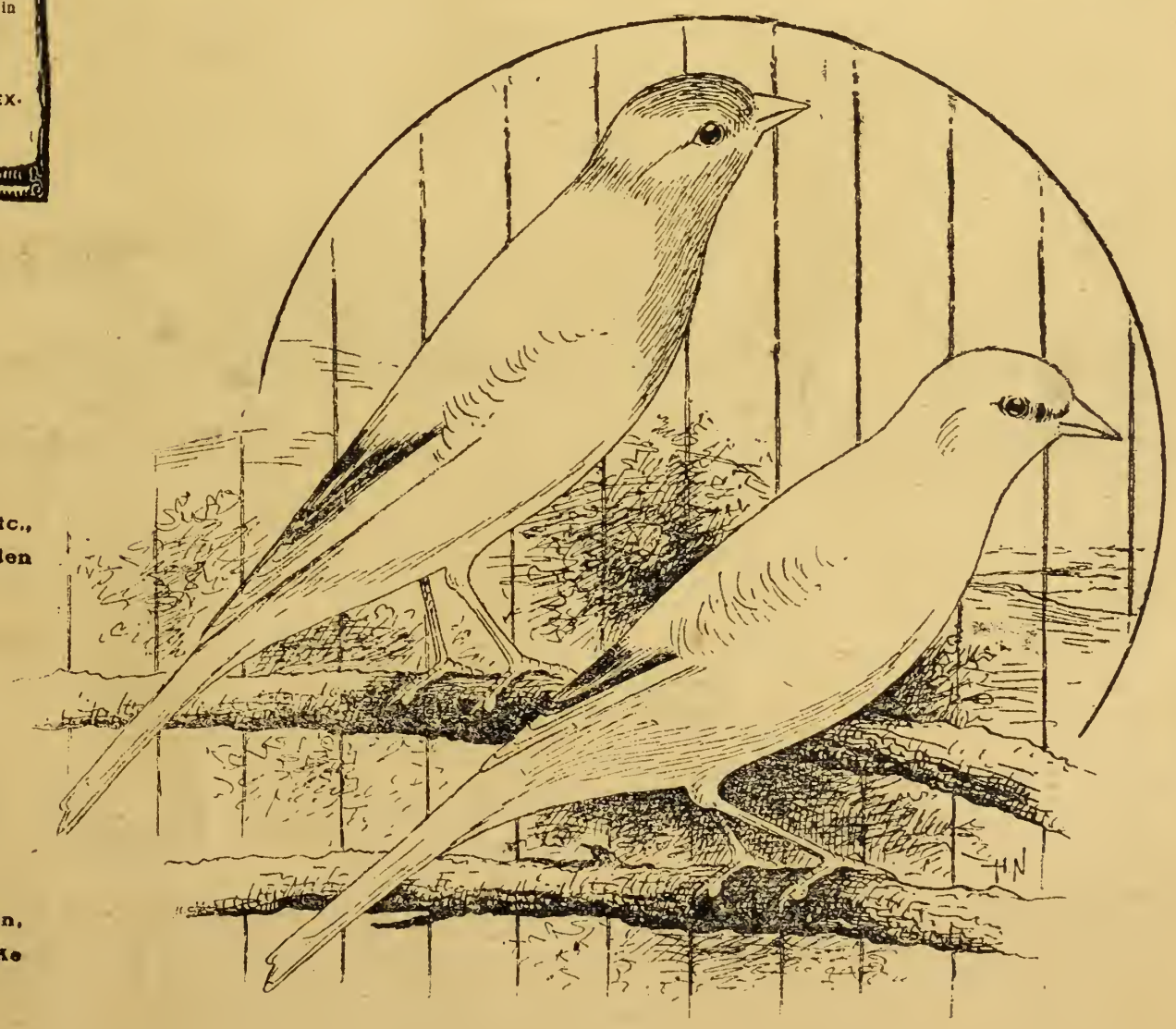
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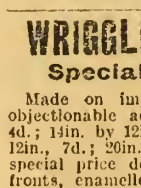
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LINNETS, Red-breasted cock, Brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; picked cocks, 3/- dozen; hens, 1/-, guaranteed healthy and on hard seed; any arriving dead replaced: Flinders, Catchers, Gibraltar-place, Bellargate, Nottingham.

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BORDERS, clear yellow and variegated, cocks and hens, the right stamp: Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

BORDERS and Norwich, prize and prize-bred, overstocked; cheap; approval: Willisons, 25, Ellis-st., Kilmarnock.

THIRTY Borders and Yorkshires, all high-class birds, from 5/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FEW good Borders, cold-room bred; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6: Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, good type and quality, cocks from 5/-; hens, from 2/6, all colours.—Poole, 37, Frostomsrd., Workington.

WINNERS; clears, marks, and Greens, cheap, to make room for breeding season: John Thompson, Allhallows, Kendal.

CLEAR buff, 6/6; yellow marked, 5/-; foul Greens, 4/6; Self Greens, 6/6; buffs, all cocks: McVitie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

BORDERS; latest successes, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Forfar; single or matched pairs reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

BORDER cinnamon cocks and hens; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.—Wagstaff, 55, Ramsden-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

COCKS and hens, related my winners Carlisle, Gateshead, Newcastle, Sunderland, etc.: Pennington, 17, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton.

BORDERS, all colours, even-marked, winniug strain, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cold room: John Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Brechiu.

BORDERS, self greens and Cinnamons, bred from winners Scottish National, City of Glasgow, etc.: McMillan, Whitesands, Dumfries.

GOOD yellow and buff cocks, ditto hens, splendid typo and quality, all bred from winners, cheap; approval: Nixon, 15, Graham-st., Carlisle.

GRAND Border hen, buff variegated, winners cards sent, 10/-; exchange Norwich cock; approval both ways: W. Dodge, Selwood Cottage, Frome.

BEAUTIFUL even-marked Border cock, winner at Whitehaven and Cockermouth, 12/6; yellow hen to match, 7/6: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

BUFF cocks and yellow hens, also a few greens for sale, single or in pairs, prices reasonable; approval: Thos. Findlay, Manse-lane, Muirkirk.

STILL some select birds in clears, greens, and cinnamons, to part with at reasonable prices; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

YELLOW cock, 2nd and special Innerleithen, 12/6; yellow hen, 2nd, 6/-; other cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; approval: Cockburn, 13, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

THREE clear one uneven yellow cocks, 4/6 each, one clear yellow, ditto, buff, hens 2/6 each, 1909; offers lot, cash, Goldfinches: Hendrie, 77, River-st., Brechin.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, all our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millheck, Keswick, Cumberland.

REDUCING stock, 1908 buff cock, winner 1909, yellow hen, 11/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 1909 bred, 12/6; few odd hens; approval: Ellwood, Evelyn-ter, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BEST straiu of Greens in the Fancy; yellow cock, winner, 12/6; yellow hen, 6/6; buff ben, 3/6; all grassy; approval: Thomas Thomson, 47, Wallaec-st., Dumfries.

BORDERS, all bred of prize birds, two 1st prize buff hens at Girvan, will sell 7/6 each; others, buff hens, 3/6 upwards, all young birds: McFarlane, jun., Barrhill, Ayrshire.

WINNER silver cup, gold medals, etc., see reports all leading shows; can spare few greens, clears, and marks; stamp reply: Johnston, Neptune-rd., Wallsend.

BREEDERS; surplus salo 30 prize Borders, 1909 bred, both sex, all colours, including even marks, prices, 3/- to 8/6; worth double; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

CHEAP pairs to clear, 1908 and 1909 bred, all varieties, from 10/-; if left to me will pair correctly for producing highest class stock; state requirements: Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

BORDERS: Can now offer for sale few of my well-known winners, clears, Marks, and Greens, also selected pairs for breeding; reasonable and on approval: Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

HIGH-class Borders, a few good pairs to part with yet, cheap to clear, room wanted; state wants, and get one to improve your stock; sure to please, 8/6, 5/0 each; pairs, 10/6, 12/6; clears, Cinnamons, marks; approval; see reports Pwllheli special best in show, first honour gained by n Border in Wales: E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O. Wales.

Cinnamons.

CHAMPION Norwich Cinnamons, best blood in Fancy, large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

TWO large pairs of Cinnamons, 12/6 pair; 4 buff variegated Norwich hens, largo birds, 4/- each; approval: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FINE pair unfed Cinnamons, 12/6; Yorkshire cock, bright yellow and black, 10/-; 21/- the three, bargains: Johnson, 57, Talbot-rd., Bayswater, London.

W. DORMER, Breeder and Exhibitor of Cinnamon Canaries, can spare a few good birds, Norwich type. Approval, stamp: 7, Spring-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Cinnamon cock, 1st and three specials, 2nd best cage bird, 25/-; unflighted variegated Buff Norwich, first, 20/-: Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich typo, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertle, 521, Wood borough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

ONE Crested buff cock and Crest-bred hen, 12/6, cheap to clear: Sband, Focbabers.

CRESTED hens, 6 at 7/6 each; own breeding: Goulden, Edenhall, Langworthy, Carlisle.

LOVELY large Crest-bred hen Canary, prize strain, 1908 bird, cheap, 8/6: Richards, Knightley's, Exeter.

NORWICH Crest-bred cock and hen, good birds, 5/6 pair: Potter, Nether Heage, Belper, Derbyshire.

TWO grand Crest-bred hens, 12/6 each; 2 Norwich Plainhead hens, 3/- each: T. Horsley, Burgate, nr. Derby.

CRESTS, Cresthreds, a few good birds, from 7/6, prizewinners 15/-: Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

NORWICH Crested cocks from 6/- each, singing; none sent; seen any time: Ridge, 69, Laleham-rd., Catford.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has 20 Crests and Crest-breds for sale, Yellows and Buffs, from 15/- each.

CRESTS and Cresthreds, some champions, must sell; price low to clear: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

GREEN Crest-bred hen, 1909, 12/6; ditto 1908, 8/6; approval, deposit, healthy birds: N. Watson, Cbarmouth, Dorset.

DARK Norwich Crested cock, Grosel Crested cock, 5/- each; Crestbred hens, 3/-: Johnston, Signalman, Kingstown, Carlisle.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, same strain as my winners; state wants; seen evenings, Saturday afternoon; approval: Pettit, 146, Mosella-avenue, Wood Green.

DARK crested wing-marked cock, 10/6; 2 dark crested hens, 8/6 each; approval: Roberts, Hall Farm, Clay-next-Sea.

WANTED first-class Crests and Crestbreds; exchange good two-seated motor-car: 11, Midland-rd., Wellingborough.

FEW good, well-bred Crested cocks, cheap to clear; on approval, deposit: J. Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Haworth, near Keighley, Yorks.

CRESTS and Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- each, winning strain; good healthy birds; exchange hens: Yates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

DONNE, 120, St. James'-st., Brighton, has Crestbreds, cocks, hens, 6/6, 8/6; same strain as my Brighton, Easthourne, Enfield shows.

TWO large Buff cocks, grand dark Crests, 2nd and 3rd last week's show, only timo out, 50/- and 35/-; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

NOTICE, grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

A few good pairs for disposal, also odd Crested cocks, for stock or show, but no odd hens; state wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

TWO large Crested cocks, fit to win, 40/- each; also four Crestbreds, brothers to my winners; wanted Crested hen; approval: Wm. Reid, Falkland, Fife.

GRAND exhibition green Crestbred cock, 15/-; green Norwich cock, perfect wing carriage, 12/6; approval, deposit: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 7/6 to 25/-; few breeding cages from 2/- to 4/-; stamp reply: W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner Lord Mayor's Bowl, Bristol, Crested Canary Club Challenge Cup, has a few Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 20/-.

FEW pairs Crests and Crest-breds, Yellow and Buff, good stock birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

ONE clear body dark Crest hen, 2nd Elgin, 1st Buckie; green Crest ben, daughter of above; also green Crestbred cock, from same parents; Webster, 80, Moss-st., Keith.

CREST, Crest-breds, direct from winners; Crest 12/6, C.-B., 15/-; C.B., £1, all 1909; also pair Crests to end of beak, £3 10/-, 1908; approval: Jim Taylor, Robson-st., Shildon.

CHAMPION Crests, crest-breds, large, with great length of head feather, few grand birds, to part with, crest to end of beak; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

GEORGE Grant, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has a few good Crests and Crest-breds for sale, cocks and hens, pairs from 30/-; all young and healthy; approval to known fanciers.

FEW Crest and crest-breds left for disposal, cheap, to clear, all own rearing, yellows and buffs, single cocks from 15/-; pairs from 25/-; winner at the principal shows: Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

EVINS Brothers offers grey Crested yellow hen 30/-, yellow green Crestbred hen 30/-, buff green Crestbred cock, splendid head properties 25/-; all 1909 bred, related to our winners: High-st., Exeter.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crestbred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, will exchange Yellow Crest-bred cock, winner 2nd Cambridge and 3rd Cheltenham, marvellous head and feather, breeder, for good young Buff-green Crestbred, equal value.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Crests, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION yellow green Crest, winner six firsts, including Crest Club Show, can win Palace, £7 10/-; clear body dark Crest yellow, winner four firsts, £6 10/-; young Crests, Crestbred hens, and massive young cocks: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have almed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

SYMONS, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, has a grand selection of Crests and Crest-breds to clear, same strain as our noted winners; hundreds of prizes and numerous specials, from 20/-; a pair upwards; a dozen to suit a dealer, £3 to clear, half their value; also a large Cinnamon Crest; sent approval: Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

DANIEL Cory, Breeder, 14, Osborne-rd., Claughton, Birkenhead, is offering 40 of his high-class Crest and Crest-breds for sale, Mr. A. A. Pool's strain; pairs from 30/-; Crest-bred cocks and hens, from 15/-; few first cross, with Lancashire, 20/-; 1 yellow Plainhead Lancashire, 1st Palace '08, bred by Mr. Green, Redhill, 40/-; the above are large birds, with plenty of feather and quality, mostly '08 and '09 winners at all the principal shows; see Plymouth this year; please state wants and price; approval.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; monster green ditto, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster green Crest hen, 10/6 monster variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; massivo feathery green, ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 8/6; all massive healthy birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition crest, £1 5s.; monster, ditto, perfect Crest, £1; massive heavy feathered ditto, 13/6; massivo feathery clear Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 15/-; massive feather clear-bodied dark crest hen, 12/-; monster clear Crest hen, 14/-; massive heavy, feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 12/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1 5/-; monster heavy-feathered ditto, £1; monster heavy-feathered yellow variegated Crestbred cock, grand bead, 18/-; massive heavy-feathered clear buff ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, 17/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered green ditto, 11/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated, ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Wiudmill, Belper.

Frills.

MAGNIFICENT Frenchfrills and Parisian songsters, unique colours, 10/6, 15/6 upwards: E. Williams, 0, Thirlmere, Liscard.

Greens.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens for sale, price reasonable; approval; see show reports: Symouds and Son, Brunswick-rd., Coventry.

HAVING selected breeding stock, few good birds left; hens 5/-, cocks 8/- upwards; approval: Hellwell, Thorn View, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, standard length, good type, price 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; singing cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock, also unflighted Clear Buff Norwich cock, the Wigan winner; prices reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

MUST sell my fine stock of Yorkshire Greens. These are my own breeding, and guaranteed colour; grand offer of 40 pairs, fine stock, and young exhibition birds, some Norwich: Fred Handley, 28, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires, winner at all the leading shows; approval.

ANYONE requiring Lancashires of any variety should write Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

FOR sale, several high-class Norwich Canaries, large birds: Trengove, Crescent, Spalding.

LANCASHIRES, 7/6 to 17/6; approval; standard show cages, 2/6: Hampshire; see Lizards.

I have for sale a few good Lancashires; prices reasonable: Fred Hamer, 55, Pitt-st., Glodwick.

SPANGLED young Lancashire yellow and buff, on sale; approval: Arthur King, 118, Dale-st., Milnrow.

MONSTER feathery Yellow cock, massive head, cap marked, 10/6; deposit: Drew, 18, Piccadilly, Manchester.

TWO large Buff Lancashire Plainhead hens, 1909, very healthy, 7/6 each; approval: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

LANCASHIRES for disposal, cheap; stamp, approval; Yellows and Bufis, cocks and hens: Edward Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

LANCASHIRES, three buff coppy hens, 7/- each; four buff coppy cocks, 10/-, £1; yellow coppy hen, 12/-; yellow coppy cock and Plainhead hen, 30/-; young buff Crest cock, 12/-: approval: Whipp, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

Lizards.

GOLD and Silver cocks, 8/- and 10/-; also pairs; cash, deposit: Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

LIZARDS for stock or exhibition, reasonable; approval: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-square, Hulme, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards for sale, few champion gold and silver bens, from my well-known winning strain, 10/- each; approval: Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop.

J. Holland can spare few champion Lizards, bred from Manchester and other winners; cocks and bens; state wants; cheap; approval: 4, Bootbby-st., Macclesfield.

THE Lizard Prince, winner, special best Lizard, Scottish National, Rochdale, etc., offers winners and stock birds, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

BUY the strain of Lizards that speaks for itself under specialists judges, 5/- to 25/- each; on approval; Lizard standard show cages, 2/6 each; state wants to the appointed maker: J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-st., Oldham.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply.—23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads: 65, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

JEFFERY, of Southall, for good Norwich, cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; approval.

FINE 1909 cocks 5/- and 6/-, hens 2/6 each: Shea, 228, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

50 Norwich hens, 2/-, 2/6 each: Bacon, 124, Farmers-rd., Kennington Park, S.E.

NORWICH, grand pair, yellow cock, ticked buff hen, 9/6: Cotton, Northallerton.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 5/- and 7/6 each: Mrs. Osborne, Malverley's Lodge, Newbury.

60 pure Norwich, natural colour, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

SPLENDID large healthy Norwich pairs for breeding, only 10/6: Hunnick, March, Cambridge.

THREE good hens, 3/- each; one grand cock, 5/-; half price: Dodd, Brazilian-ter., Newmarket.

ONE yellow and 2 buff Norwich cocks, 7/- each, 18/- lot; approval: Buck, Bondgate, Ripon.

YELLOW bens, 10/0; splendid condition and quality, from winners: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

WANTED, Plainhead Norwich Canaries, cheap to suit dealer: Flintoff, Free Trader, Southampton.

SIX clear healthy Norwich hens, 20/- lot, cheap to clear; approval: Imeson, Somerset-pl., Ripon.

SOME good yellow hens, 8/-, 10/-; cocks, 8/-, 10/-: J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

GRAND warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6: Stewart, 39, Academy-st., Castle-Douglas.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks and hens from 10/-; grand type and quality: Tottle, 23, Cobourg-st., Plymouth.

PRIZE-bred cocks, 5/0, 6/6, 7/6; few buffs and green hens, 2/6: Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

I have 17 young Norwich Canaries for sale; can be seen any time: Whittlesay, 3, Pearman-st., Lambeth.

FEW big Norwich cocks, 6/- to 10/-; hens, 3/- to 7/6 each; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

HIGH-class Norwich, good strain, cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval: Spencer, 80, Hillkirk-st., Beswick.

FOR sale, 40 variegated stock or show birds, price reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

FOR sale, a few good Norwich and Yorkshires; stamp reply: Thomas Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

NORWICH, first-class stock birds, the right stamp, all colours; approval: Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

NORWICH cock and hen, with double breeding cage, good breeders: Halloway, 150, Rushey Green, Catford.

YELLOW Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; trade supplied.—Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

SEVERAL pairs for sale, winners at local shows, from 10-; also single birds: Walter Burrows, Diss, Norfolk.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, from my winning strain, about 40 must sell; wanting room: Luxton, Trull, Taunton.

A few good young Norwich colour-fed, very reasonable: Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NORWICH unflighted, year old birds, bred from own winners; approval, deposit: Silver, 72 Peel-st., Birmingham.

SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has still a few grand cocks for sale, 15/-, 20/- each.

CHOICE lot Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, from 6/6; approval: Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-pl., Edinburgh.

NORWICH Plainheads; Buff cock, 3rd Elgin, 8/-; Buff hen, 4/6; Yellow ditto, 6/-: Douglas, Bishopmill, Elgin.

TWO pairs of 1909 prize bred Norwich (colour fed), 12/6 pair; approval, deposit: Kirk, 12, Buxton-av., Crewe.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gortou, Manchester.

THREE yellow Norwich, 1 variegated cock, 2 clear yellow hens, 1 large one: Manchester, 33, Brewery-st., Salford.

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

LARGE yellow Norwich cocks, nearly ready for breeding, 5/6; clearing: Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knightsbridge.

SYMONS, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, has a few large Norwich yellows and buffs from 8/- upwards; approval.

BUFF and Yellow Norwich unflighted cocks, 7/6 and 10/- each; approval: Vallans, 126, John-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

CLASSICAL Norwich cock, good songster, bargain, 10/6; approval, deposit: Boyden, 143, Percy-rd., Shepherd's Bush.

GRAND Norwich cock Canaries from 7/6; hens from 3/-; approval: Arthur Crossman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

GAMBLE, 232, Belgrave Gate, Leicester, has a few of his champion Norwich for disposal; pairs 7/6 to 15/-; cash, deposit.

WALTON and Noakes offer surplus stock, 7/6 to 35/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfields, Leicester.

THREE grand 1909 Norwich cocks, two 7/6, one 10/-, well known strain: Jas. Emery, 19, Edward-st., Burton-on-Trent.

THREE clear yellow, 1 self green, 1 clear buff, unflighted, Norwich hens, 4/0 each: William Crook, Colwick, Nottingham.

CLEAR buff cock, variegated buff cock, and clear buff hen, 1909, 15/- each; stamp, approval: Ure, Helenvale, Bonnybridge.

NORWICH buff, hens, 2/6; cocks, 6/-; yellow cocks, 8/6; full song; splendid birds: Missenden, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

TWENTY fine healthy young Norwich hens, outdoor aviary bred, 2/6 each: Moore, Portland Aviaries, Portland-rd., Hove.

TWO buff cocks, winners, yellow and buff variegated hens(cheap to clear: Lawrie and Welsh, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

HIGH class Norwich, best blood in Fancy; large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

LARGE buff cock, 10/6; several buff and yellow hens, 4/6; best of blood: Price, Glanbrydon Park, Manordilo, near Swansea.

SEVERAL good Norwich hens for sale, from good feeding strain, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/- each: Fountain, Corn Merchant, Aylesbury.

TYPICAL Norwich for disposal, from 10/- each; healthy, cold-room stock, clears and variegated: Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

PRIZE strain Norwich, bred cold room; exchange Edison home phonograph or binoculars: Harding, Wensleydale, Southend-on-Sea.

GENUINE Yellow cocks, singing, warranted clean, healthy, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6; Buff hens, 1/6, 2/-; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH cocks, 3 beauties, 1909 birds, singing, take 6/6 each to clear; making room for breeding: Denison, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

NORWICH for sale, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 10/6 upwards; approval; stamp: Irons, 42, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

STRAIN second to none; typical cocks, all colours, fit to win, 20/-, 25/-; healthy; approval, stamp: Geo. Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

NORWICH songsters, cocks, from 3/6, hens 1/6; dealers and others, inspection invited: Kidd, 63, Florence-rd., Southall, Middlesex.

YELLOW and buff cocks, clear or marked, 1909 bred, cheap to clear; approval: Andrew Miller, 3, Stephen-ter., Anniesland, Glasgow.

GEO. Harland's champion Norwich; have few unflighted Buff cocks to spare, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp; 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

384 "Cage Birds" numbers, August, 1904 to present date, 50 coloured plates; offers, cheap for cash; Keeling, Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire.

F. Tessyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds, will sell several good yellow and buff cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-.

E. GODLEY, Bishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

HIGH-class Norwich, bred from our winners, feather like silk, from 7/6; approval, deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH, few fine unflighted birds from my winners, cocks, 8/6 to £1; hens, 3/- to 15/-; all on approval: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

NORWICHES for sale, unflighted buff hen, buff green hen, buff cock, yellow green hen; cheap; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

NORWICH 1909 large healthy birds, Walton and Noakes' strain, Sandiford fed, plain or marked, cocks 7/-, hens 4/6: Pell, Risciholme, Wellingborough.

CHIBBY Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, same type, 3/6; splendid stock birds, worth double; approval, deposit: Morgan, 5, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich.

FIFTY good Norwich hens, young, thoroughly healthy, ready for breeding, buff 2/6; yellow, 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven King's, Essex.

ROBERT Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, can spare few good stock Norwich, splendid value, 7/6 to 17/6; three cocks, clear unflighted Buffs, 20/- and 25/-.

EXTRA large typical Norwich, winners of Leeds challenge cup 1909, unflighted yellows, buffs, cheap; approval: G. Stead, 4, Noster-st., Beeston, Leeds.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham Jack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sedgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks 5/6, 7/0 each; hens, 2/6, 3/0 each; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/-; approval, cash or deposit: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

HEALTHY 1909 cock Canaries, first Yorkshire Norwich cross, 5/-, two 9/6; approval; 1 green cock, 2 dog pups, 4/- each, or offers: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

WARRANTED cocks, full song, 6/-, 7/6; fed, 8/6 and 10/6 each; clear and ticked hens, 3/- and 4/- each: Millcu, Grocer, Key-st. Stores, near Sittingbourne.

COMPELLED to dispose of all my Norwich; grand Buff cock, 15/-; Yellow-marked hen, splendid type, round head, 21/-; others, 12/6 pair: Beard, Llandrindod.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities, prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Helgham-st., Norwich.

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CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hen 5/-; pleased to show how bred to anyone calling; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

NORWICH Canaries, buff and yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 upwards; Cinnamon hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each: Whyte, 44, Bridge-st., Aberdeen.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few good Crest-bred hens, from 7/6 each; also Norwich yellow hens, clear or marked, from 5/6 each; Norwich songsters, from 6/-.

MARKED Yellow cock, 1st Duns, 10/-; clear Buff cock, 3rd, 7/6; unflighted, fed, good type, condition, cheap; approval; also show cages: Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

NORWICH, two good buff hens, 7/-, 10/- each; see Bellevue, Pendleton, Salford, Leek, Sale Shows, winnings; Beswick, Hatherlow-la., Hazel Grove, Stockport; approval.

EXTRA good unflighted yellow Norwich cock, 11/-; large, dark exhibition Goldfinch Mule, winner, 12/6; bargains, approval, cash or deposit: Price, 18, Milton-st., Walsall.

NORWICH Plainheads, can spare a few buffs and yellows, including some of the winners at all the leading shows, including National, cheap to clear: Lawrie, Falkland.

CLEARING out through illness, one Norwich cock and two hens, 10/-; also buff Yorkshire cock and var. yellow hen, 10/-: Calvert, 62, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

I have a good collection of Norwich Plainheads for sale; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

ONE yellow cock, 3 buff variegated cocks, 2 yellow variegated hens, winners, and bred from winners; cheap to clear: Wm. Jaffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin, Forfarshire.

NORWICH unflighted, year-old birds, bred from my own winners; single hens, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 40/-; approval; cash or deposit: Dipple, 176, Well-st., Birmingham.

LARGE massive variegated cock, real beauty, 8/6, worth double; another, not quite so large, 5/6, the two 13/6; guaranteed healthy, full song: Coombs, Union Gate, Taunton.

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HAVING selected our breeding stock, have some good pairs to part with from 15/-, properly matched to breed winners; approval: Adnitt and Driver, Southnormanton, Alfreton.

TWO yellow, one heavy marked, buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; one yellow, one cinnamon marked yellow hens, 6/- each: Strong, 56, Second-aven., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

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LARGE quantity of Norwich cocks and hens, cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; clears and variegated, all in good health, and cold room bred; approval: Akers, 10, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

C. Cranston, Thomas-st., Carlisle, has three ticked and one clear unflighted buff cocks, price 7/6 each; also one very large variegated buff cock, 1908, 10/6; see reports of Carlisle, Annan, Frizington.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

I HAVE a few prize-bred Norwich for sale, unflighted; see show reports, Crook, Yarm, and Guisbro; cocks, 10/6; hens, 7/6 upwards; cash or deposit: W. Crosling, 8, Fern-st., Darlington.

OWING to dissolution of partnership between Lee and Kearney, H. Lee has about 30 Norwich from prize strain for sale; 'phone 883 Hop; also cages, single and double: 242, Bermondsey-st., London, S.E.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION stock birds, big heads, thick necks, exquisite feather, certainly breed winners; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens from 5/6; own breeding only; seen any time: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, Lancashire: I have a few good cobby Norwich for sale, bred from my prize strain; pairs from 15/- to £3 10s.; also yellow or buff hens from 10/- to £1; cold room.

BEAUTIFUL ever-marked Border cock, winner at Whitehaven and Cockermouth, 12/6; yellow hen to match, 7/6; or exchange pair for single Norwich cock or hen, must be winner: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

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GIVING up the fancy; some grand birds still left; grand large unflighted ticked Buff cock, a gem, 50/-; others, cocks, hens, Yellows, Buffs, 7/6 to 15/-: Mallinson, 31, Copley-ave., Pye-nest, Halifax. Late Gibraltar-road.

TWO clear Norwich, 1909 Yellow hens, 10/- each; 1 marked Norwich 1909 Yellow hens, 10/-; 2 clear Buff cocks, 1909, 8/6 each; also a few Buff Green hens, very cheap; approval; stamp reply: J. Fowler, 60, Queen-st., Leek, Staffs.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, about 200, wholesale or retail, from 7/6 per pair, colour fed, and natural, own breeding; cold room; state wants fully; on approval, cash or deposit: W. Wiberley, Barton-house, Stoney Stanton-road, Coventry.

ALEX. Clark, 79, King-st., secretary and treasurer, Peterhead Show, has 50 Norwich cocks and hens, fed and unfed, to dispose of, every bird a winner, or bred from winners, guaranteed bred by himself, see CAGE BIRDS report December 31st; prices reasonable.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

GRAND 1908 clear buff cock and large 1909 ticked yellow hen, £4 only; ticked 1908 yellow cock, excellent type, hot colour, 30/-; fine unflighted buff cock, and very typical young yellow hen, 45/-; a bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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HIGH-class Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; yellow buff or variegated hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply: M. T. Stewart, 24, Richmond-place, Braeondale, Norwich.

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GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval: Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

SIXTY grand selected prize-bred Norwich hens, clear, ticked, and variegated, yellows, and buffs, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, including several winners, price 4/-, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each, any of them are honestly worth double; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HAVING been most successful, can spare following massive typical Norwich, bred direct from winners; grand clear buff cock, 10/6; grand stout clear yellow cock, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 7/6; grand clear buff hen, 8/6; splendid clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto, gem, 6/6; lovely quality; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

BUFF ticked cock, winner two firsts and two seconds, 30-; yellow variegated hen, never out the money, 25/-; few good hens in yellow and buff, from 10/- to 15/-; some fit for show. See show reports Dec. 24 and 25; on approval 3 days on receipt of deposit or P.O.: James Morrice, 37, Longate, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

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Large clear yellow cock, winner, heavy varieg. buff hen, bred winners, £3; clear buff cock, winner, yell. varieg. hen, great winner, £3; these are two high-class pairs; grand unflighted tick yell. cock, 35/-; several grand clear and varieg. buff cocks; all are large typical birds, and mostly winners, which are offered cheap to clear; any on approval, stamp reply: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhidder, Scotland.

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Fanciers requiring typical Norwich at a reasonable price, see my advertisement CAGE BIRDS Jan. 8; pedigree pairs from 15/-.

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HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, British Roller Club rung, cocks 15/- to 40/- each, hens 5/-; breeding pairs 17/-; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

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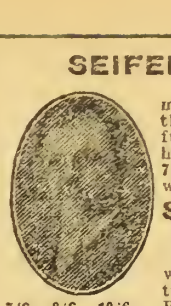
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A number of really good yellow and buff hens for sale, unflighted and year old; prices very moderate: Paddock, 9, All Saints'-rd., King's Heath.

HIGH-class Yorkshire cocks, full song, good type, 7/6 each, or 10/6 pair; 25 years a breeder: Berry, Chapple Keeper, Blenheim-rd., Holloway, N.

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COMPULSORY sale, high-class Yorkshires, hens from 3/-; cocks, 6/-; show cages, breeders, accessories: 74, Finborough-rd., South Kensington.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Belgium crossed, some over 7ins., from 7/6; also few good Norwich, same price; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

JAMES Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall, have an exceptional good lot of Yorkshires for sale, cocks and hens, won hundreds of prizes, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each.

YORKSHIRES for sale, dark, pink eyes, hens from 3/-; cocks from 5/- upwards; cash, deposit; 3 days' approval: Whitaker, 32, Field-st., Shipley, Yorks.

OFFERS wanted in cash for healthy Yorkshire cocks in full song (non-fed); stamp for reply: J. W. Kinder, 33, Egmont-st., Mossley, nr. Manchester.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 9/-, 10/-; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

THIRTY pairs of grand Yorkshires, from 12/6 pair; try my champion mixture, to bring birds in condition, 7d. quart: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

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YORKSHIRES, 5 cocks, 7/6 to 8/6 each, or exchange for hand-reared Larks and thrushes, or Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, cocks: George Knott, The Hightown Aviaries, 19, Garnett-st., Hightown, Manchester.

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GRAND lot of 1909 Yorkshires, cold room, own breeding, cocks 6/- and 7/6, hens 2/6 and 3/-; approval; cash or deposit: Emery, 19, Edward-st., Burton-on-Trent.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cock Canaries, finest songsters in England at the price, cock 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; hen 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; breeding cage, 2/6; list free: Varney, Stratford, Essex.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hen 5/-; pleased to show how bred to anyone calling; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

THE Reverend R. W. Watson is disposing of his breeding stock of Yorkshires (Ambler's), for lack of room; cocks from 25/-, hens from 15/-; a few cheaper: Garton Vicarage, Driffield.

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LONG slim typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swinger's strain; few real clinkers for disposal; racy cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; upstanding hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TWENTY matched pairs of high-class Yorkshires, Yellow cock, Buff hen, or vice versa, for breeding clears, green, or cinnamon marked, 12/6 to 17/6; cocks alone worth money; approval, cash or deposid: Hodgson, Printer, 981, Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

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I have still left some grand Yorkshires, hens from 6/-, cocks from 7/6; three days' approval; cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

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WANTED Seifert Schoolmaster; will give pure Airedale hitch, 2 years; approval both ways: Berry, Thunderbridge, Kirkburton.

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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners Arms, Burlingthorpe, when 17 birds sang. 1st, Hutchingson; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Thirkill. Judges, Renton and Gallie.

Usual contest, held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, January 15. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. Also on January 16, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, W. Naylor, and P. Hoban. 1, Bland; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead. Also grand Canary contest on same evening. 1, Waite; 2, Jowitt; 3, shared between Bland and Longbottom. Judges, Messrs. Hoban and Summers.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Jan. 15, when upwards of 20 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, Laverick; 2, Moore; 3, Maugham; 4, Firth. Mr. J. W. Paver judged, and Mr. J. Limbert, scn., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, January 15th, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Kirby; 2, Massheder; 3, Wilson; 4, Granger. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Usual contest on January 16th, at Prince Albert Inn, Cambridge-street, when 14 birds sang. Result: 1, Soloman; 2, 3, divided between Wood and Madden. Judges, Messrs. G. Towers and J. Smith.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LONDON, N.

We hold singing contests at The Swan, Caledonian Road, N., every week-end and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Jan. 16 we had two Linnet handicaps, Mr. Dick winning at dinner time and Mr. Wally at night. Open to all comers, no birds barred. Timekeeper, Pony Moore.—F. WESTMORE.

Some Appreciations of our Xmas Number.

I think your Christmas Number a really splendid twopennyworth.—(Miss) H. M. BATES (Manchester).

The plate with CAGE BIRDS Christmas Number was a treat. I wish the journal every success.—A. STOCKTON (Chester-le-Street).

Your Christmas Number is simply grand, and I cannot find words too good for it. It is honestly worth sixpence.—A. BROWN (London, N.).

I am delighted with CAGE BIRDS Christmas Number, and value it. It is such a treat—full of valuable instructions to all who love the Fancy.—A. E. SYMONS (Bideford).

Your latest coloured plate is really a work of great merit on the part of both your artist and your printer, as it is so natural and lifelike.—GEORGE BROWN, secretary, Leith O.S.

I have only just started to take in your CAGE BIRDS, and am very sorry to think I have never done so before. I am more than pleased with this week's coloured plate.—B. TIDY (Sittingbourne).

The 1909 Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS, to my idea, is perfection. I am sure if the birds could put their notes into words their song would be full of praise for CAGE BIRDS.—JAMES A. DOUGLAS (London, W.).

I have enjoyed the few minutes I have just had with the "Star and Starlings," so much so that I could not refrain from sending the supplement to an old birdy friend of mine.—G. W. OLDHAM (Hazel Grove, Stockport).

Your last coloured plate (Favourite Finches) outclassed all previous ones in my estimation, and is a real piece of art-craft.—E. MELLORS (Hucknall Torkard).

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for two years, but your last Double Number surprised me indeed, for "The Season's Greeting to all our Readers," and the supplement are well worth double the money. I hope all readers are as pleased with them as I am.—GWILYM EVANS (Llanelly).

Although I've been a fancier from my schooldays, and many years ago was a breeder and exhibitor of Crested, Norwich, British birds, etc., and secretary to the late Diss Ornithological C.B.S. (Norfolk), and have taken many Fancy papers in my time (lastly your CAGE BIRDS), hardly creditable though it may appear, I have never before this put my hand to pen, ink, and paper to write on matters relating to the Fancy, but what with Mr. Lowne's (Yarmouth) interesting notes, Mr. Chirgwin's (as usual, interesting and most amusing) letter, your beautiful coloured plate, and the Blackbird on the front page of supplement—I could not let such fine work pass without comment. Briefly, I consider it "ne plus ultra." May success always crown the efforts of CAGE BIRDS.—WALTER LE RANE (London, N.W.).

Please accept my hearty congratulations (both yourself and your artist) for the splendid treat given us in your superb Christmas number, which fairly puts all previous issues "in the shade." The Blackbird's Christmas Dinner is quite true to life. We who live in the country see such sights every winter, when poor Blackie is very hungry, and his task, to all appearances, is labour in vain. It brings to my mind the latest: a boy who had started work, told his mother his mates had potatoes for their suppers, and he would like some likewise. This drew from his father the remark, "How the dickens do you expect to be fed on the fat of the land on 10d. per day?" The Blackbird in winter is like the boy—highly pleased to receive scraps from the table even of the potato, although his income is small.—J. PATTERSON (Chirnside, N.B.).

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MY VISIT TO THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

By W. REID.

It was with feelings of the greatest possible pleasure that I looked forward to my visit to the "Scottish National" on New Year's Day, for I had heard so much in regard to the general excellence of this show from fanciers who had been there before, that I felt I was going to see something out of the ordinary run of cage bird exhibitions, and, let me say here, I was not disappointed.

We arrived at Edinburgh in good time, and having been met at the station by several fanciers who had been staying there overnight—Messrs. B. Armstrong, John Currah, and others—we made our way to the hall, in the midst of a miserable drizzling rain, which, however, had no effect upon us, as we are quite used to this sort of weather in our own district. At the Corn Exchange, what a galaxy of beauty met our eyes! We North of England fanciers are very keen, and we pride ourselves upon the excellence of our exhibitions, yet I raise my hat to the officials of the Scottish National, and I candidly admit that I have never seen anything to equal their show, either in numbers, quality, or excellence of management even at the best of our North of England shows; and that is saying something.

The first things that strike a visitor are the great size of the hall, and how perfectly adapted it is for its purpose. The staging is really excellent, and those responsible for its erection certainly know how to do these things to advantage. Thus the visitor finds the staging nearest the doors erected in semi-circular fashion instead of in the orthodox straight rows, thus avoiding any possibility of draughts (even if there were any), as the backs of the cages face the entrance.

One thing which impressed me very much is the system of having breaks in the long rows of staging, which enables visitors to get from one side to the other, and amongst the different sections, without having to walk from end to end of the hall. This is a feature which I think could be advantageously followed by our large English shows, for it is really a benefit to everybody.

The method of entering the hall (through turnstiles) was unique to the fanciers who had not been there before, but not more so than the method of getting out again. When anyone wanted to go out to see how the weather was progressing, he found he had a penny to pay (that is, if he intended returning), and it was this fact that occasioned the only "growl" that I heard during the whole of my visit. One fancier (or visitor, I don't know which), remarked that he would like a little refreshment, but he didn't want to pay the penny to go out. I knew a friend of mine had a small bottle of "something" in his pocket, and if the face of the individual referred to had not been so suggestive of his capabilities, I would probably have felt inclined to introduce him to my friend. But it reminded me forcibly of the big navvy I had heard about. This navvy entered a "pub" where some of his mates were enjoying themselves, and one of them asked: "Are you going to have a drink, Mick?" "Yes," he replied, "I'll take a mouthful." "Oh, no you won't," retorted the other, "you'll only just get a pint, the same as the rest!"

When our party arrived at the ball, it had broken up, some going for one section, and some for another, according to their individual fancy. We Norwich fanciers of course made straight for our favourites. We had not been there above a minute or two before we noticed that some of the birds were remarkably level in colour, for it is not often that one sees a Norwich with its flights and tail feathers the same tone of colour, both under and above. We could not help expressing our admiration of the manner in which the birds were put down (or got up, whichever you like), but we heard afterwards that they had been tested and disqualified. We wondered how it was that these birds had not been noticed before; it was hinted that these little things are so common in Scotland at the present time that fanciers are quite used to it.

Taken altogether, the Plainheads were a really grand lot, and well worthy of the reputation of the show, and the judges appeared to have been very happy in their selections, for although in one or two instances the awards did not meet with popular approval, it should be remembered that there is sometimes a great difference between judging a class of birds one day and criticising them the next.

The other sections were also grand, and in some cases the birds were continually surrounded. This was notably so in the case of the shield winner, Mr. Armstrong's dark Crest, "King of Kings." Another exhibit which attracted great attention was Dr. Galloway's grand clear yellow Siskin Canary Mule, and it was remarked that it would be a paying business to have birds like the above couple and several others that I could mention, formed into something like a "side show."

As one watched the crowds of fanciers and visitors continually passing along and noted the happy and contented look upon their faces, it was easy to surmise that everybody was satisfied with the exhibition; and truly they had cause to be. This show appears to be the happy meeting place of fanciers from all parts of the kingdom, and I was quite astonished at the number of old friends and acquaintances I met. I was also very pleased to meet with many well-known fanciers from far-off districts, fanciers whom I knew by repute but had never previously seen.

And what a hard-working body of fanciers these Scotchmen are, to be sure. Everyone of them appearing to be eager to do his share to make the show a success.. The visitor was attentively listened to, and if it possibly could be done his wants were promptly attended to. As for our Scotch friends' hospitality, it is unbounded. Although I am not a strictly temperate man by any means, I sometimes have the courage to refuse too much of even a good thing. I am glad it happened so on this occasion, otherwise I am afraid I should have been in a state somewhat similar to the Tyneside lady who tried to commit suicide in the river, but did not succeed because (as the boatman who pulled her out candidly informed several of us as he rowed us across a week or two after), "She was so full of whisky she couldn't sink!"

At the close of the show, we made our way to the station for the journey home, everyone highly delighted with his visit. It would have done the officials good if they could have heard the praises bestowed upon them, and the many wishes expressed that they would long provide such a treat to fanciers.

SOME GOSSIP FROM "AN OLD HAND."

Another year had passed away, and once more I found myself in "Auld Reekie." Once in Edinburgh's Corn Exchange, I moved to the Scotch Fancy Section, where my heart is, and found Scotland's foremost breeders out in great force. Amongst them we noticed the veterans Messrs. McLennan, Thornton, King, Allan, Pringle, Crosbie, Melrose, Craig, Rodgers, Ramsay, Gordon, Whitefield, Menzies, and many more. A very pleasing feature was to meet so many of their wives with them, and admiring each point of the birds with more than a critical eye; indeed, we heard one or two helping their husbands to make the purchase price a little easier. Those are the dears that keep their "hubbies" safely at home! The great talk here was the want of high-class birds, such finding a ready market at good prices. Only one cannot shut one's eyes to the fact that Scots Fancies are down in numbers within the last few years. Twenty years ago they were quite as numerous as the Border is at the present day.

The supposed "King of the Fancy," the Belgian, was criticised keenly, all seeming to agree that you could not get a good one either for love or money, neither here nor on the Continent. We came across Mr. Jackson, of Pershore, an old admirer, who has been out of the Fancy a few years. We heard he intends to go over to Belgium and see what can be picked up. I wish him success.

I now pass an opening labelled with the word "Refreshment." We think the caterers might well add the words "Dinner, teas, etc.," as many fanciers we met told us they could not find a place to get dinner outside, and were more than astonished to hear they could have been served inside.

We now arrive at Messrs. Patterson and Bruce's "Wee Gems," some rare ones meeting our charmed view. Here the competition was extremely keen, all the talent being forward, giving the judges aforementioned a hard time of it, through which they came with every credit.

Of Mr. John Craig (Brechin) here is a good tale. Meeting Mr. Craig, we went out for a "refresher," and coming across another enthusiast, pressed him to join. His very first remark was: "What kind of chap is Craig who is to judge Bathgate? I think he will be an old d——." You can picture his embarrassment when he was told to look round and see him, looking as spruce as ninepence!

Another "gentleman" we overheard say that there "seemed to be a terrible amount of those vermin of Borders here." Now I feel sorry for his wife (if he has one), for he must be without an eye for the beautiful, and her charms will be wasted on one who could not see the beauty in one of the most graceful and perfect of the Canary race. When he sees this in print, he may take a second notice of her, or begin to look into the beauty of the bird.

Some great Linnet fanciers from the South were disappointed at not seeing Mr. Bishop's Scottish champion. On enquiry we were informed that Mr. Bishop refused a tempting offer for this Linnet, and since then it has joined the great majority. Hard lines, as it was a real good bird and a great winner.

Everyone was delighted with the Softbill British, and the Foreign, both as regards variety and numbers.

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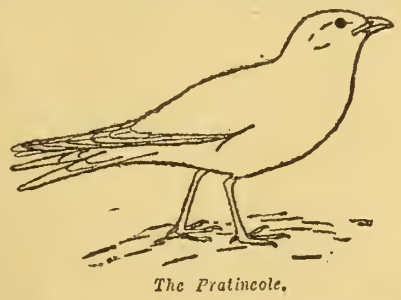
By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.
Author of "The World's Birds."

A Pinioned Pratincole.

The case of the winged Ringed Plover or Ring Dotterel, about which a correspondent asked recently, reminds me of a very out-of-the-way bird which I was the means of introducing to aviculture by getting hold of a winged specimen. It was when I was in East Africa in 1892, and I was with a friend on the mainland opposite Mombasa Island, when my companion winged one of a flock of Pratincoles passing overhead, and I brought it home alive, and ultimately got it safely to England and presented it to the Zoo in his name—the first specimen of this curious group of waders ever kept in England, as far as I know. The wing was badly smashed between the elbow and the pinion, so I cut it off at this point, and the bird recovered from the injury all right. I fed it first on grasshoppers, and, during the voyage home, on raw meat cut up small, and it did well.

A Feathered Compromise.

The Pratincoles, or Swallow-Plovers, as they are sometimes more intelligently called, are a very curious little group of birds. In general appearance, as I have tried to show in the outline sketch appended, they are just the sort of bird one would expect to get by crossing a Plover and a Swallow, supposing such Mule-breeding to be possible! In colour, however, they favour the Plover tribe, being



The Pratincole.

brown or drab in tint, with black and white tails, and they have no real relationship with the swallows, producing downy and active young. Some time after they had my specimen at the Zoo (which belonged to the Madagascar species, *Glareola ocularis*, not previously known to occur in Africa), they got specimens of the common Pratincole of Europe (*G. pratincola*), and these bred in the small aviary in the Diving-birds' House, or at any rate laid eggs and hatched chicks, though the latter were not reared. This species of Pratincole, by the way, occasionally visits England, where it is, of course, promptly suppressed on sight by British ornithologists, eager to advance the cause of science! At the Cape, Pratincoles are well known as great enemies to locusts, and are in fact usually called "Locust birds," and protected accordingly.

An Unfortunate Sparrow.

Those who read our correspondence columns will have noticed that the Ring Plover alluded to had had its broken wing healed in such a way as to show no sign of the injury. This is, in my experience, very rare, for, as far as I have seen, when a bird has had a wing broken and this sets again, it is usually in such a position that not only is flight impossible, but the appearance of the specimen is permanently spoilt. I once, however, captured in the Zoological Gardens a cock Sparrow, which could not fly at all, but yet looked perfectly all right. However, on examining his wings, I found that one would not open, and had evidently been broken, but had set again in the closed position, and I have wondered ever since how that Sparrow had managed to survive among rats and cats all that time. I only caught him by getting him against a length of wall, and I handed him over to a keeper, who no doubt consigned him to the animals' commissariat, the proper and legitimate destination of the Zoo Sparrow.

The Pied Mynah.

I was asked the other day to identify a Mynah which was described to me as black and white, with a conspicuous white patch on the cheeks, and a bill red at the base and white at the tip, and resembling in general shape our own Starling. This is the Pied Mynah of India (*Sturnopastor contra*), and I found it in Bengal the commonest of the Mynahs next to the brown House Mynah (*Acridotheres tristes*). Unlike that bird, and indeed unlike Mynahs or Starlings in general, it does not breed in holes, but builds a great untidy conspicuous nest on the branch of a tree. It is a species I always liked very much, as its notes are particularly cheerful and pleasant; indeed, I never heard it utter a harsh one. It was commonly found looking for food on the turf alongside the House-Mynahs, but while these birds were also often running on the roads, I never saw the pied species off the grass, and it seems to be the most truly insectivorous of all the Mynahs. One very curious thing about it is that the young birds have the inside of the bill orange and the legs black, while the adults have white legs and the inside of the bill as black as though they had been drinking ink. I once saw a curious semi-albino variety, pale grey where it should have been black, in a cage outside a native hut.

Notes from Erin.

IT is with regret that I learn of the death of Mr. Byrne, father of Mr. M. Byrne, the well-known British bird enthusiast of Dundalk.

MUCH comment is being made owing to Banbridge and Ulster O.A. not having sent out prize cards for their recent shows.

MR. KEATING (Dundalk), the well-known Yorkshire fancier, has presented the masters of the Christian Brother Schools with a number of the coloured plates (presented with CAGE BIRDS from time to time). They are being framed and hung in the school rooms for the purpose of helping the youths with their natural history lessons.

AT Sligo Show a Dublin fancier had a bird disqualified for alleged staining. I have heard that the bird disqualified was recently purchased by this exhibitor, and sent to the show as received. As he is a well-known sportsman, I am sure all who are acquainted with him will hope that his explanation will be accepted by the governing body.

DUBLIN Cage Bird, etc., Show, proved a great success, which was due in no small way to Mr. Gibson, the courteous and energetic secretary, who was ably assisted by Mr. Dowling. We hope to get the secretary into the "fighting line" of exhibitors next season.

WE are pleased to see that the ladies are coming well to the front this season as exhibitors. We congratulate Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Cambling, Miss Bolton, Miss O. Perrin, Miss O. M. Smith, Miss Wall, Miss E. B. Smith, Miss Carroll, etc., and wish them every success in their hobby. May their example be followed by many other ladies.

WITH much regret it has been noticed that the N.P.C. Show, fixed for this month, has been withdrawn, and that apparently (for some reason or other yet unknown to many fanciers), this popular club will not hold their show this season. However, we hope that the committee will reconsider the matter, and hold the show as usual, when no doubt all will come forward with a bumping entry and make the venture a record show.

A NEW club has been formed in Holywood, co. Down, to be called the Holywood and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. F. Cole, 7, High Street, Holywood, is acting as hon. secretary, and he will be pleased to hear from intending members.

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There should be a great entry in view of the splendid prize money and other attractions, and if any readers wish to enter birds, but have not received schedules, they should refer to the review of the schedule given on page 31 last week; or describe their birds to the Manager, who will see them entered in the proper classes.

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Twitterings.

All our members take in CAGE BIRDS, as it is the best birdy paper published.—J. DIXON, sec. Chippington and Dist. C.B.S.

Mr. Peter Arnott, 37a, Grange Road, Alloa, has been appointed secretary of the Clackmannanshire Cage Bird Society, we are requested to announce.

The Bolton O.S., writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the hon. secretary, have fixed their next open show to be held on October 14th and 15th.

Mr. Aitchinson, of Edinburgh, requires a buff Norwich cock for stock purposes. See advertisement under "Wanted."—(ADVT.)

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), has been appointed judge for the Norwich section at Nottingham Show, on November 12th and 14th next.

I have been elected secretary of the Bradford West C.B.A., and all correspondence should be made to me at 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.—F. WESTERN.

The London and Counties O.S. report credits Mr. Cox with winning first in the Crest class, whereas I won first and special.—C. J. WILLIS (London, S.W.).

Guisborough report credits H. Ball with winning 2nd prize in the Hawfinch class; this was won by me, with my Hawfinch, "Salopian Prince," writes Mr. P. Bell (Salop).

If CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is as complete in its information as the one you issued last year it will be a treasure and delight to the Fancy.—O. HEATH, hon. secretary, Lincoln C.B.S.

Ramsden's Pepper.—All users of Ramsden's Pure Peppers are eligible to compete for Ramsden's specials offered at the Palace Show. Competitors must write R.P. against each competing entry.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note I have changed my address from Kent Street, Hasland, to Central Street, Hasland Road, Chesterfield, writes Mr. Chas. H. Naylor, hon. secretary of the Hasland, Grassmore, and Dis. C.B.S.

Our next annual show, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, hon. secretary of the Hull C.B.S., will be held on November 18th and 19th, 1910, when Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison (Newcastle) will judge.

I am pleased to inform you that the Preston O.S. is in a very flourishing condition, there being 41 paid-up members, and a good balance in the bank, which I think is highly satisfactory, writes Mr. R. Taylor, the secretary.

The Eccleshill C.B.A. have, we hear, appointed Mr. W. Nettleton, of 12, Westgate, Eccleshill, Bradford, as their secretary, so that all communications for the society should be sent in future to him.

Kindly note that I have been elected hon. secretary for the Metropolitan C.B.A., and all correspondence should in future be addressed [illegible] 9 Frere Street, Battersea Park Road, S.W.—G. HARWOOD, hon. secretary.

We have fixed our next open show for November 30th and December 1st, 1910, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary, City of Birmingham C.B.S., and trust other societies will note the date in order to avoid clashing.

The Bankfoot and Dist. C.B.S. are this Saturday (January 22nd) holding their annual tea and concert, together with the prize distribution, in the Bankfoot schools, writes Mr. F. Gelder, the hon. secretary.

I have bought the entire stocks of Messrs. W. Lang, jun., and W. Doddington, of Lowestoft, and so can offer a few first-class Norwich, also a few Norwich Greens (bred from Deacon's direct), writes Mr. G. Francis (Lowestoft).

Mr. D. Carroll, hon. secretary of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland (17, Hamilton Street, Dublin), writes that he would be glad to receive samples from vendors of closed Canary rings with prices, etc.

When I sent you word about the Eccleshill C.B.A. supper, I believe I forgot to insert the date, which is Saturday, January 29th, writes Mr. W. Nettleton, secretary.

Please notify that I have resigned the position of hon. secretary for the Selston and Dis. Fanciers' Society, and taken over the secretaryship of the Codnor Park C.B.S., writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Mount Pleasant, Riddings.

As our members are distributed over a wide area (writes Mr. G. G. Stafford, hon. sec. Dewsbury O.F.S.), we are thinking of moving our headquarters so as to bring it more central, and very likely we shall have to change our name a little.

The balance on the year's working of the Bolton O.S., together with the balance of £3 5s. 7d. from the previous accounts, is £9 18s. 3½d., which is highly creditable to the secretary, Mr. Parkinson, and the other officials.

The Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. have fixed on October 29th as the date for their third open show. Will Ayrshire societies please make a note of this and so save clashing, the same having happened on both our past show dates.—C. C. IRVINE, secretary.

The hon. secretary of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S. sends us a number of letters he has received from prominent exhibitors congratulating his society on the management at the recent show, and the prompt manner in which the prize money was paid out.

The balance-sheet of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S. for the year ended December, 1909, shows a balance of £4 8s. 1d., which, considering the society is a new one, is very encouraging, reflecting credit, too, on the secretary (Mr. Bell), and the other officers.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Littleborough C.B.S., that I have to report the death of our esteemed president, Mr. Frank Fish, death overtaking him in the street (after a trying illness), on January 8th. As all his friends know, he was an ardent lover of the Lancashire Canary, and during this season has figured very prominently on the show bench. He was always a very faithful member of our society, and I feel sure all fanciers who have known him will deeply sympathise with his wife, relatives, and the Littleborough fanciers in their severe loss.

In sending us a copy of the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. annual balance-sheet, which shows a balance of £11 15s. 3d., Mr. J. C. Birch, the secretary, writes that that balance would have been even bigger but for the loss on the annual show of £1 13s. 1d.

The general balance-sheet of the Oldham and Dist. C.B.S. is of a very encouraging nature, and the secretary (Mr. Steeple) and the other officers are to be congratulated upon the fact that the carry-forward is £6 7s. 11d., as against 3d. carried forward from the previous year's accounts.

All unsold tickets, duplicates, and money realised on account of the above society's sale on behalf of our old member, Mr. A. Wilson, writes Quarter-Master Sergt. Cant, hon. secretary of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S., must be returned at once, to allow of the draw taking place.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. are holding a matched pairs show on January 29th at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., for which a schedule, comprising 25 classes, has been issued. A splendid lot of specials is provided (31 in all), and the society are expecting a large attendance of the public.

We are having a table show of stock pairs (Crests and Norwich) at our next meeting at the Mechanics' Hall, on February 2nd, limited to 20 miles of Nottingham, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, hon. secretary, Nottingham and Notts. O.S. Particulars will be sent to local secretaries.

Our first annual balance-sheet has just been published, and shows a balance in hand of £1 0s. 11d., writes Mr. J. Urquhart, hon. secretary of the Annandale C.B.F.A. Allow me to thank you for the report of our show in your columns. All our prize money was paid within eight days of the show.

Readers who intend to send their birds to compete at the great annual festival, the Crystal Palace Show, must remember to post their entries to-day (Saturday). Any forwarded later will not be accepted, as the management clearly state that there will be no extension of the date of closing. Be in time. If you have not a schedule, enter your birds from the detailed review of the prize list and classification given on page 31 of last week's issue.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

1910.
Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Bewley and Watt, Bull's Head Hotel), J.R.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).
Oct. 7 and 8—**Morecambe**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 15—**Coventry "Godiva"**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 29, Smith Street),
Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)
*Oct 28 and 29.—**Hucknall Torkard**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Rd.)
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Cheltenham**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 and 5—**York**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5—**Rochdale "Good Intent"**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R. and W.H.
Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand"**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Rd., The Fosse) J. R. & C.H.
*Nov. 12 and 14.—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 and 19.—**Hull**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R. and J.M.
*Dec. 8—**Morriston**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.)
Dec. 31—**Guisborough "Priory"**—(R. Nays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.
Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).
Oct. 22—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton Scarva Street).

I am now making all the marking rings for the Aberdeen University Natural History Department in the scheme they have in hand for trying to find out more about the migration of birds, particulars of which were published in CAGE BIRDS about last April, writes Mr. S. Drake (Halifax), the well-known maker of marking rings for Canaries, etc.

The balance-sheet of the North London C.B.A. shows the cash at bank and in the secretary's hands to be £6 6s. 3d., and the secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper, writes: I am pleased to say we are still going along very satisfactorily, and have several new members to nominate at our next meeting, and also a new cup to consider for most points.

The Reading and Dist. C.B.S. ninth annual report and balance-sheet for 1909 are distinctly encouraging, the balance at the bank and in the hands of the secretary being £5 15s. 10d., as against 5s. 9d. at the end of the previous year, which reflects every credit on Mr. W. H. Pyke, the secretary, and the other officials of the society.

I have been quite inundated with replies thanking me for promptitude in paying out prize money, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, secretary of the Carlisle Show, and also for the splendid way all exhibits arrived home. Our change of date brought us a remarkable change in entry, and the gate money was the largest taken for this last six years; in fact, everything was a success.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show.—Errors in schedule: Special No. 255 should read 2s. 6d.; Special No. 258 should read Bound Vol. Exhibitors are particularly requested to write after their entries the words or letters necessary to enable them to compete for club or trade prizes, as no alterations can be made on entry forms received. Entries positively close Saturday, January 22nd.—(ADVT.)

It is with regret that we learn of the dangerous illness lately undergone by Mr. A. C. Burn, the popular chairman of the City and Suburban A.C.B. Pneumonia came within an ace of claiming this good fancier as its victim, but fortunately he has managed to withstand the attack, and his many friends will join us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Through the illness of two of my children, I was temporarily compelled to hand over the books of the South Shields C.B.S. to the assistant secretary, Mr. Howden, but I am glad to say the children are all well again, and all correspondence can be forwarded to me in future. Also kindly note that I have removed from Marlborough Street to 76, Hartington Terrace, South Shields.—JAMES BARRASS, secretary, South Shields C.B.S.

The Crystal Palace Show.

I have had a record application for the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the show manager), and for the last few days it has been entirely out of print. The Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches will be judged by Mr. Silver and not by Mr. Russell Humphreys, as inadvertently appears in the schedule.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1909 kindly let me have same at once, as I am revising list of members and I shall be compelled to strike out the name of any member not having done so before January 25th? Will members kindly note, too, that I have sent out all cash specials? Anyone not receiving theirs should write me at once.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary.

TWITTERINGS continued on page 55.

BATHGATE.

The 16th annual show was held on January 15th, and it proved a record success. No fewer than 750 birds were forward. In this number were included the gems of Scotland and England. Norwich were forward in force, and were carefully selected by that well-known exhibitor, Mr. Smeaton, and he seemed to pick his winners all right, as his awards were well received. Borders were a grand and choice selection, but two well-known Tweedside exhibitors made their presence keenly felt and accounted for all the 1sts in this section. Messrs. J. and J. Patterson captured seven 1sts, and Mr. McKenzie B.F.C. medal and two 1sts. All the classes were keenly contested, and we noticed several well-known winners had to be content with a card. Mr. J. Craig judged these classes, and his awards, taken all over, left little to be desired. Messrs. Patterson also won the Bald Challenge Cup for most points in show. Yorkshires, although not numerous, contained some good specimens, and the awards were carefully selected. Mules and Hybrids were a choice selection, some real hot ones being staged, and very keen competition raged in these classes, and the judges had their work cut out in selecting the winners. British as usual were the feature of the show, and it is now a recognised fact that this is the Palace of this variety in Scotland, and to win here you want something good. Every class was hotly contested, and to single out an individual class would almost be an impossibility. The four Greenfinch classes (Bathgate with these were the "pioneers") brought together the splendid entry of 68, a show of British which many shows would be proud of. These classes were judged by Messrs. S. Ward and Mackay; the former took the odd numbers and the latter the evens, and, taken all over, their awards were well received. The show was held as usual in the Corn Exchange, and the executive with their past experience had everything in apple-pie order, and ably assisted their worthy secretary, Mr. Bald. We noted the genial president, Mr. J. Livingstone, gracing the show with his manly presence, and working as hard as possible. We are the more glad in chronicling this fact as Mr. Livingstone has been poorly of late. The vice-president, Mr.-G. Cain, was as usual carefully attending to the wants and care of the exhibits and exhibitors alike, and the show of 1910, we are pleased to say, is the greatest success Bathgate has ever attained.

The Canary Classes.

CREST CK. (9): 1, 4, Paul, green, good all over, nice lengthy feather, well laid on, finely centred and groomed; 4th, dense in feather, good side and centre; 2, Allan, good centre and front, must have been hard pressed by 3rd; 3, Howie, hot one all over, good dense feather, grand length, rare frontal and quality; vhc, Watson; hc, Kirkwood; c, Nimmo. HEN (9): 1, 3, McLay, good pair, leader in fine order, nice lengthy feather, beautifully laid on, well carried in front, sweet side and finish; 3rd, good centre, fails in frontal, taken all over well placed; 2, 4, hc, Paul, 2nd grand front, well burnished up, plenty of dense feather; 4th, fails in length of feather to winners, well staged; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Montgomery. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Kirkwood, slasher for size, immense body, grand quality, one of the cushion-headed sort, nice entrance, good length of feather, fine back skull, well staged; 2, vhc, McLay, good one, well browed, rare lash and shape, a wee shade narrow at entrance; 3, Paterson, gem, immense wide entrance, good broad skull, hot one, worth its place; 4, Allan, nice all-round bird, wee shade narrow; hc, Paul; c, Robertson. HEN (11): 1, McLay, wins, good-headed one, grand entrance and lash, groomed and staged to perfection; 2, Robertson, nicely lashed, well up in head, gear, fine size; 3, Montgomery, shade narrower in head but lengthy in feather; 4, Watson, cushion-headed; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Paul; c, Allan. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Fleming, grand shape, neat and well-rounded, fine size, good head and front, A1 wing carriage, neat and well staged, lovely tone of col.; 2, Mitchell, wee shade longer but grand quality feather, neat head, fine style; 3, Cameron, hot one for condition, grand style, lovely carriage; 4, vhc, Reid, shade rough in feather, but plenty of substance; hc, Ferguson; c, Lawrie. HEN (8): 1, Bishop, grand shape, fine-bodied bird, very nicely rounded, good head and wing carriage, in lovely order; 2, Muir, another good one, close up, fine size, plenty of col. and finish, neat size, grand bloom; 3, Ferguson, fine head, good front, all there; 4, Cameron, good body, grand size; vhc, Lawrie; hc, Jarvie; c, Mitchell. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Jarvie, in rattling bloom, fine head and front, grand carriage, lovely tone of col., in A1 bloom; 2, McNeill, another hot one for quality, grand size, very neatly moulded, good all round finish; 3, Reid, sweet fronted bird, inclined to cross wings at times; 4, Thomson, well up in size, good quality and col.; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Lawrie; c, Buist. BUFF (12): 1, 3, c, Jarvie, good trio, leader in fine bloom, dense-fronted bird, beautifully drawn, well put down, in A1 order; 3rd, shade lighter in build, but good front, fine quality of feather; 2, Fleming, nice size, grand head, slightly drawn in front, but good wing carriage; 4, Mitchell, fine size and shape; vhc, Adamson; hc, Craig. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Mitchell, good yell., grand size, rare front, fine wing carriage, and hot col.; 2, Simpson, also a yell. tick, grand shape and quality, lovely head and front, beautifully tapered, hot one, well placed; 3, Muir, neat all-round buff, fine size, good quality throughout, in very fine order; 4, Fleming, also buff, neat one, finely got up; vhc, Morrison; hc, Ferguson; c, Barr. HEN (11): 1, Simpson, grand shape, full-rounded front and bold, noble free head, perfect wing carriage, lovely bloom; 2, Fleming, very stout front and short in body, neat head; 3, 4, Paterson, variegated, yell., nice, short in appearance, but good front and head; 4th, stoutly made, neat head, likely bird, both in nice order; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Hope; c, Sloan. NOR., A.O.V. (20): 1, Cameron, buff variegated, gem for quality of feather, in grand bloom, fine front, very neat in head, good body and wing carriage; 2, Ferguson, very neat yell., fine full front, and neat in head, again in full bloom; 3, Paterson, again shapely yell., grand substance, good head and wing carriage; 4, Burnett, heavy variegated yell., grand body properties, staged in fine trim; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Simpson; c, Scaife. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Sloan, neat yell., good head, very nice front, fine wing carriage, well staged; 2, 3, Jarvie, good romping yell., immense size, well rounded, neat wing carriage, full of finish; 3rd, rattling buff, grand head, lovely body, fine full front; 4, McKee, another fine feathered bird, scarcely so strong as winners, but fine feather and finish; vhc, Skinner; hc, McMeehan; c, McComb. HEN (11): 1, Barr, nice one, lovely order, fine full size, splendid head and finish, in grand trim; 2, Ferguson, close up, good size, plenty of quality, lovely front and taper, grand bloom; 3, vhc, Jarvie, very good in size and shape; 4 (no name), plenty of size, good head and wing carriage; vhc, Purdie; c, Malcolm. CINN. (7): 1, 2, Cruickshanks, good pair, leader romping buff; 2nd, grand jonque, rare size and col., splendid lacing and finish; 3, McLay, sweet jonque, nicely spangled, staged in grand trim; 4, Simpson, nice buff, well laced; vhc, Hope; hc, c, Phillips. NOR. SELL. (15/6) (33): 1, McLeod; 2, Morrison; 3, Burnett; 4, Caldwell; vhc, Cameron; hc, Norrie; c, Paterson. CL. ETC. YELL. BORD. CK. (12): 1, 4, Paterson, leader in rare bloom, fine level wing carriage, grand weight, good jaunty carriage, sweetly got up; 4th, rather low on perches, but nicely rounded, good one, well staged, close on winner; 2, McKenzie, warm youth, the S.N. medal winner, in first-rate trim, must have pressed winner hard; 3, Munro, good in feather, lacks the front and taper of winners; vhc, Peel; hc, Crichton; c, Laidlaw. HEN (11): 1, B.F.C. medal, McKenzie, nice size and shape, good head and wing carriage, staged in rare fashion, grand quality throughout, very sweet taking exhibit; 2, vhc, Patterson, stronger made bird, lacks the jaunty air of winner, fine head, neatly rounded, grand feather; 3, Spence, shade plainer looking, but good quality of feather, nice style and wing carriage; 4, Arnott, sweet head, grand bloom, well placed; hc, Crichton; c, Dougall. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 3, Patterson, leader in full bloom, grand weight, lovely head and wings; 3rd, nice quality of feather, very stylish in action, good wing carriage; 2, McKenzie, well-known winner, just a shade on the small side, model for shape and quality; 4, Voy, stylish, good head and wing carriage; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Richmond; c, Shields. HEN (12): 1, c, Patterson, leader nice size and shape, inclined to crouch a little, good head, fine wing carriage, again in A1 bloom; 2, Easton, shapely one, full-fronted, beautifully tapered, nice wing carriage; 3, Munro, sweet shape, very well staged, nice head, and well drawn; 4, Voy, as good as any for shape and very stylish; vhc, Pennington; hc, Rowell. EVEN MARKED (7): 1, 2, hc, Patterson, hot lot from the well-known stable, leader noted buff "Perfection," lovely balanced eyes and wings, very good shape; 2nd, nice buff, sweet mould, good exhibit; 3, Hamilton, sweet yell., in rare bloom, fine shape and quality of feather, well balanced; 4, Crichton, sweet buff, neat markings, cheap at catalogue price for breeding purposes; vhc, McWatt; c, Peel. GREEN OR CINN. (21): 1, 3, Patterson, leader good shapely buff green, well moulded, finely pencilled, good quality throughout; 3rd, hot yell. green, dense col. and markings, fine size and shape, stunner and no mistake; 2, Hamilton, lovely yell. cinn., grand shape and a gem for markings, rare position and finish; 4, Forrest, grand type, sweet size and taper, good lacing and quality of feather; vhc, Peel; hc, Richmond; c, Middleton. A.O.V. (17): 1, 3, Patterson, leader neat yell. variegated, fine size, well rounded, in grand trim; 3rd, also yell. variegated, not so good in front as winner perhaps, but grand head and style, in lovely order; 2, Voy, rattling tone buff, must have pressed winner hard, rare front, splendid back, well put down; 4, hc, Pennington, good yell. variegated, wee shade longer than winner, staged in grand bloom; vhc, Glass; c, Arnott. SELL. CK. (7/6) (14): 1, Patterson; 2, Boag; 3, Patterson; 4, Rae; vhc, Kerr; hc, Glass; c, Peel. HENS (3/6) (13): 1, McKenzie; 2, Boag; 3, Peel; 4, Patterson; vhc, Munro; hc, Rae; c, Donnelly. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 4, McRobbie, leader good yell., finely drawn, plenty of length of side, warm tone, staged in lovely order; 4th, buff, good one and lengthy; 2, vhc, Syson, yell., close up on winner, not quite so good in front, but a gem for finish; 3, Webster another raking buff, close and tight in feather and staged in grand bloom; hc, McDougal; c, Gibb. HEN (5): 1, McRobbie, again to the fore, sweet yell., fine length, good position and col., well staged; 2, Webster, sweet made buff and lengthy; 3, McDougal, yell., nice size and quality of feather, good position and weight; 4, Martin, sweet cinn., nice length and good position.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE (11): 1, vhc, hc, Bond, leader old well-known cl. buff Goldie, in rattling fine bloom, wins well on size; 2, Arighi, eye tkd. Goldfinch, rare shape, lovely quality feather, splendid size, well shown; 3, Douglas, cl. Linnet, grand size and colour, lovely quality, in rare form; 4, Dalling, cl. Goldie, a beauty in rare form; c, Jamieson; marvellous class for quality. HYB. (including Can. Bullie) (14): 1, c, Bond, champion Can. Bullie, in tip-top form, marvel for quality and col., grand size and markings, well staged; 2, Sneddon, good Goldie-Bullie, very pure in col., rare quality of feather, dense face, well up in size; 3, vhc, Douglas, another Can. Bullie; 4, Jamieson, Goldie-Greenie, nice size, good flush face, well put down; vhc, Arrighi. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (14): 1, Brown, noted Linnet in full bloom, marvel for col. and markings, well up in size, beautifully staged, wins, but hotly followed by 2nd; 2, hc, Arrighi, dense col. Goldie, fine deep tone of col., fine flush face; 3, Bond, jonque Linnet, longer than winner, but not quite so shapely; 4, Marlin, romping yell. Goldie, grandly made; vhc, Livingstone and Sharp; c, Stewart and Milne. DARK MULE, A.O.V. (12): 1, Johnstone, buff Greenfinch, well up in size, sweet tone of col., beauty for feather and finish, grandly staged; 2, Dalling, romping yell. Siskin, good cap, well laced, staged in fine order, demon for size; 3, Coffey, jonque Greenfinch, lovely size and col., rare flights, shade soft when we were taking notes; 4, McDougal, romping Twite, pure and distinct in markings; vhc, Bond; hc, Donaghy; c, Curson. MULE OR HYB. SELL. (7/6) (18): 1, Gentleman; 2, Patterson; 3, Peel; 4, Cowie; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Sharp; c, Munro. BULLFINCH CK. (22): 1, Thomson, well-known Markinch champion, as good as ever, marvel for polish and finish, clear win; 2, Malcolm, nice dense breast col., and grand broad cap; 3, McGregor and Boyd, shade smaller, but fine quality and good depth of col.; 4, A. Naught, good large Finch, nice tone of col.; vhc, Roy; hc, Brown; c, Henderson. HEN (17): 1, Storie, another well-known winner, dense, solid col. throughout, fine quality, very tight; 2, Bald, stormer for size, lovely quality feather, good broad cap, rare wing bars, staged to win; 3, Nicol, sweet shape and quality, good depth of col., tight in condition, well shown; 4, Smith, another hot one for col., great depth throughout; vhc, Watson; hc, Hardie; c, Arnott; good class throughout. SISKIN (18): 1, Hoyle, well fed, very tight in condition, good cap, neat-shaped bib, well up in size, rare bloom; 2, Cullen, nat. col. bird, good one, fine cap and bib, grand wing flights, lovely tone of col., well staged; 3, Mitchelson, hot fed one, better laced on side, grand size, gem for finish, sweet exhibit; 4, McCavin, nat. col. one, good throughout, neat cap, well shaped, dense bib, in fine bloom; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, c, Bishop. GOLDFINCH (28): 1, Paine, easy win, marvel for polish, grand, deep and expansive, crimson blaze of great size, bold Nor. shape; 2, Hoyle, sweet exhibit, shade slimmer got up, but better on breast tarnings, well placed, in full bloom; 3, Whiteford, shade smaller, but good col. and quality throughout; 4, Langlands, shapely and well up in face; vhc, Bell; hc, Sharp; c, Dalling. LINNET (17): 1, Malcolm, hot one, grand size, lovely markings, fine bold shape, noble front, good wing flights and breast lacing, terming with quality; 2, Hislop, another hot one, enormous size and bold Nor. shape, marvel for breast markings; 3, Erskine, lighter in tone col., well up in size, good flights, well laced; 4, Arrighi, plenty of size, well forward in condition, very pure and clear in markings; vhc, Hally and Smeaton; hc, McArdle and Stewart; c, Williams; a hot class throughout. FIELD-MOULTED DITTO (21): 1, Allan, very steady, good rosy breast, nice size, good tone of colour, well pencilled; 2, Cullen, close up, as good in breast and well up in flights, scarcely so steady perhaps; 3, Law, demon for quality, neat, and well laced; 4, Bibby, good size, grand shape; vhc, Bald; hc, Strachan; c, Gordon. GREENFINCH (COL. FED), (15): 1, Pickles, stormer, and no mistake, lovely tone of col., grand shape, good flights, nice quality feather; 2, Malcolm, shade slimmer got up, but all there for colour, neat front, perfect feather; 2 (no name), also good, dense in colour, fine shape; 4, McWatt, bouncer for size, grand colour, lovely quality feather; vhc, Bald; hc, Aitken; c, Hislop. NON FED (14): 1, 2, hc, Bald, old firm leading, and no mistake, two gems of the first water, leader grand Jonque, plenty of size, lovely tone of colour; 2, close up, beauty for shape, good colour; 3, Reed, Buff, very shapely, good bold front and head; 4, Hally and Smeaton, very neat yell., demon for colour, grand wing flights; vhc, Marlin and Brown. FIELD-MOULTED (24): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, nice size, good colour throughout, Jonque, fine flights, bold head and front; 2, McGavin, good shaped Buff, fine bold front, grand head, nice size; 3, Forster, Buff, sweet, fine quality feather, shade unsteady, but grand shape; 4, hc, Bald, stoutly-made bird, of good colour, bold head, a topper, in grand order; vhc, Nicol; c, McCulloch. GREENFINCH, HEN (16): 1, Bald, wins, and no mistake, gem for size, shape, and colour, staged to perfection, regular beauty, well worth its place; 2, Bell, another shapely bird, nice size and colour; 3, Allan, rather unsteady, but plenty of size, and good colour; 4, Brown, nice one, steady, and in good order; vhc, Hope; hc, Laing; c, Gordon. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, Martin, hot fed, Twite, nice size and well laced, good quality feather, steady, neat exhibit; 2, 3 (no name), 2, Mealy Redpoll, sweet shape, and quality of feather, neat bib, and markings; 3, Twite, grand size, fails in colour and markings only to winner; 4, Erskine, romping Mealy, large bib, fine colour and finish; vhc, Law; hc, Bell and Dewar; c, Gentleman. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, Pickles, in grand bloom, neat bib and cap, finely laced, good ground colour, and well staged; 2, Williams, good one, fine expansive well cut bib, good lacing and markings; 3, Hoyle, scarcely so large as winner perhaps, but well marked, good bib, neat cap; 4, Munro, still they come, good as any, only a shade rough in feather; vhc, Gentleman; hc, McGormu; c, Haldane. FIELD-MOULTED (10): 1, Martin, enormous bib, very nice cap and lacing, fine size, good tone of col.; 2, Hope, nice size and shape, well up in colour, neat bib and finish; 3, vhc, Davidson, stormer for colour, grandly laced, rare size, finely got up; 4, Jamieson, sweet shape and colour, very nice cap; hc, Gentleman; c, Southern. BUNTING (11): 1, Kirkwood, nice conditioned Ceru Bunting, well up in size, good colour and markings, steady, and well staged; 2, Erskine, sweet Blackheaded Bunting, in tip-top order, fine col. and size; 3, Hislop, nice yell., fine size and col., steady, and in fine bloom; 4, Taylor, neat Meadow Bunting, good quality, neatly marked; vhc, Rains; hc, Dunlop and Martin, unnoticed; No. 6, Kirkwood, the sensational Bunting at the Scottish National, passed, we heard, for being an alleged foreigner CHAFFINCH (1): 1, Reid, in full bloom, dense col., grand size, lovely breast col., rare Blue head and fine flights; 2, Henderson, close up, grand depth of col., A1 quality throughout; 3, 4, McVay, two good ones, shade flat in colour compared to winners, staged in very fine order; vhc, Campbell; hc, Connachan; c, Collron. BRAMBLEFINCH (9): 1, Coffey, clear win, nice one, grand size and colour, A1 lacing, nicely cut, steady, and in full bloom, well staged; 2, Brown, denser in col. than winner, fine breast, fails a wee shade in size; 3, Crawford, darker on head, but well forward in colour and size; 4, Messer, plenty of size; vhc, Bald; hc, Forster; c, Sharp. SMALL SOFTBILL, BRIT. (7): 1, Gilmour, charming Wryneck, in tip-top form, rare col. and markings; 2, McDiarmid, large Pied Wagtail in full bloom; 3, Erskine, charming Shorelark, very pure in colour, rare size, steady and well staged; 4, Taylor, Grey Wagtail, in grand order, well staged; vhc, Arnott; hc, Arrighi; c, Kirkwood. LARGE BRIT. (5): 1, 3, Brown, clinking Fieldfare and the well known Missel Thrush, both staged to perfection; 2, Polloch, good large shapely Magpie, in full bloom; 4, Hutchison, nice Missel, fails in size only to winner, well staged; vhc, Mackwell. HEN, BRIT., A.O.S. (15): 1, Bruce, well known Song Thrush "Border Queen," in full bloom, grandly put down; 2, Duncan, lovely Bramble, dense colour and markings, rare size; 3, Reid, sweet Chaffinch, steady and well marked, good one; 4, Taylor, Bramble, beaten only in depth of colour and size, beautifully marked; vhc, Brown; hc, Calden; c, Coffey. SELL., BRIT., 5/6 (34): 1, Jordan; 2, Mitchell; 3, Livingstone and Sharp; 4, McCulloch. GREENFINCH, 5/6 (19): 1, Ball; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Johnston. FOR. GOLD. (16): 1, Howie, gem for quality, best-conditioned bird in show, tight as wax, dense face, well cut, good talkings, rare size; 2, Arrighi, grand tamings, expansive blaze, good bars, rare size and shape; 3, Roy, large, good col., fine face and cheeks; 4, Guthrie, nice one, could have gone up a peg some thought, grand size, lovely bloom; vhc, McLellan, romper for size; hc, Murray; c, Drysdale.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Final members' show of the season held on December 27th. Mr. F. Studd won the silver cup for most points gained by a member throughout season. In champion section Mr. J. Chippindale stands first, Mr. T. Elsegood second, and Mr. A. Price third; in novice section, Mr. F. Studd first, Mr. F. Gelder second, and Mr. F. Clark third. Mr. A. Bottomley (Lalsterdyke) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Studd; 3, Clark. CLASS 2: 1, 2, 3, Studd; 4, Clark; vhc, Gelder; hc, Slater. CLASS 3: 1, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Studd; vhc, Nettleton; hc, Slater. CLASS 4: 1, 4, hc, Gelder; 2, 3, vhc, Studd; c, Nettleton.—T. ELSEGOOD, Secretary.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Last members' show for 1909 was held at Crown and Anchor Hotel on Dec. 27th, judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Mr. Talbot won cup with 64 points. Mr. Taylor second with 57 points, Messrs. Parkes third with 56 points, and Mr. Atkinson fourth with 55 points.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 4, Parkes; 2, hc, c, Parker; 3, Taylor; vhc, Walker. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Parkes; c, Taylor. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, Parkes; 3, hc, Talbot; 4, Parker; c, Midgley. BUFF (9): 1, 4, vhc, c, Talbot; 2, 3, Parkes; hc, Midgley; absent Holroyd; w.c., Talbot. PAIRS: 1, Talbot. NOR. COCK: 1, Parkes, 2, Taylor; 3, Atkinson. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Taylor; 3, vhc, Atkinson; 4, Parkes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Parkes. LINNET: 1, hc, Netherwood; 2, Taylor; 3, vhc, Walker; 4, Isherwood. GOLDFINCH: 1, Talbot; 2, Walker; 3, Taylor. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Isherwood; 3, vhc, Netherwood. UNFLIG. YORKS. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Walker; 3, Talbot. HEN (10): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, hc, c, Parkes. UNFLIG. NOR. CK.: 1, Talbot; 2, 4, vhc, Atkinson; 3, Parkes; hc, Taylor; c, Walker. HEN: 1, Holroyd.—PARKER AND PARKES, Secs.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

The Great Horton Good Intent Society held th annual open show on January 15th, in the Cho Schools, Southfield Lane, under Y.U. rules. Mr. Bennett officiated as judge, his awards meeting w general satisfaction. Special for best bird in Cla 1 to 9 was awarded to Mr. E. Smith, Mr. W. Stal securing that for best novice bird. Evidently Bennett was delighted with the ladies. Mes Ogden Bros. notched most points in the open clas Mr. J. Bailey taking second place, and Mr. H. Towers third. Most points in Yorkshire Nov classes was secured by Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Stables being placed second, and Mr. J. Womers third. In Norwich Novice, Mr. J. Naylor ea secured first place, and took the special. Ent came up rather badly, only 241 entries in 20 clas Mr. H. Schofield is a very efficient secretary, along with his assistant, Mr. H. Chubb, had matters well in hand, they being well backed up a large and enthusiastic working committee, amor whom we noticed Messrs. Holden, Rushworth, Bai Bartle, and Halliday.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. Yorks. (18): 1, 3, spl, Bai leader grand type, very straight, nervy, good qual 3rd beautiful quality and col., grand head, and back; 2, Dykes, good type, stands well, cl made throughout, nice quality; 4, Shackleton, type, straight, leggy; vhc, c, Cruise; hc, Edg sen and Son. BUFF (11): 1, c, spl, Bailey, lea noted tkd. cheek bird, grand type, very sweet position, marvellous quality, a gem; 2, Dykes, shape, leggy and stylish, grand feather; 3, good, straight bird, nice position, smart quality hc, Shackleton, lengthy, grand position, smart carriage; vhc, Hodgson. MKD. YELL. (7): 1 vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., leader grand length and sh nicely mkd., rich quality, 2nd extra col. and feat very stylish, nice shape; 3, Dykes, narrow, type, good position, close in feather; 4, Towers, mkd., full of col. and quality; hc, Holden; c, mondson and Son. BUFF (6): 1, Ogden Bros., length and shape, extra good col. and quality 4, spl, Smith, 2nd grand position, good type, le 4th nice length, lovely shape and style, good legs Wadsworth, griz. markings, extra quality and good shape, nice position; vhc, Armstrong; hc, den. YELL. HEN (15): 1, spl for best bird in classes, Smith, lovely type, straight as a gun-ba good legs, well up, grand quality; 2, 4, spl, Ba 2nd good shape, neat wings and tail, lovely col. quality, 4th very typical, smart quality; 3, Sha ton, nice length, grand type, very good back, quality; vhc, c, Ogden Bros.; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sur land. BUFF (14): 1, Peel, grand shape, leggy, position, good quality; 2, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., typical, extra col. and quality, well up on legs Bailey, gem for quality, nice type and style, head; 4, Dyson, grand position, straight; hc, cock; c, Lister. CINN. MKD. CK. (8): 1, Ogden Bros., leader noted buff, winner of innu able prizes, extra well up in position, grand sh lovely quality, 4th yell., good type, nice col. quality, leggy; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Towers, 2nd yell., g shape and style, slim, good legs, nice quality, buff, fine back, wings and tail, nice shape; Drake and Son. HEN (7): 1, 4, spl, Jowett, yell., leader grand quality and col., good shape position, 4th fine shape, nice legs, good qua 2, hc, Towers, slim yell., neat type, leggy; 3, Ogden Bros., buff, of good shape and style, nice tion; c, Schofield. SELL. CK. 15/- (20): 1, Greenwood; 2, Simonett; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Hamm vhc, Rushworth; hc, c, Fawcett. HEN, 12/6 (12 spl, Hammond; 2, Fawcett; 3, Greenwood; 4, and Son; vhc, Walker; hc, Casey; c, Kettering NOVICE CLASSES — CL., ETC., YELL. YO (11): 1, spl, Whitley, slim, leggy, nicely dr lovely quality; 2, Swales, stronger, good type, quality, good position; 3, Clark, fine shoulders, cut away, grand position, nice length, smart qua 4, Casey, smart position, stylish, good shape; Schofield; hc, Hutton; c, Fowle. BUFF (19 Jowett, extra good col., close feather, grand tion; 2, vhc, spl, Thomas, grand shape and lovely quality, stylish; 3, Turton, shapely, position, good head and back; 4, Senior, nice good feather; hc, Stables; c, Holdsworth. UNF (23): 1, spl, Womersley, grand length, well legs, lovely quality, yell. mkd.; 2, Horsfield, good shape, nice position, full of quality and 3, Stables, yell., grand type, beautifully drawn nice position; 4, Greenwood, buff, good shape style, nice position, round back; hc, Turton Thomas. YELL. MKD. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Thomas, grand shape, slim, stylish, nice qu 2, Womersley, foul mkd., lengthy, and legg Chubb, griz. marks, grand shape and position. feather; 4, Walker, lengthy, very straight, we in position; hc, Dinsdale; c, Schofield. BUFF 1, spl, Haigh, good shape, nice position, quality; 2, Greenwood, very stylish, typical, feather; 3, Ferguson, fine shape, straight, nice tion; 4, Turton, typical, good back and vhc, Thomas; hc, Whitwham; c, Craven. HEN (17): 1, spl, Thomas, lengthy, slim, good leggy, all there for quality; 2, Lodge, very pact, good shape, nice, leggy style, smart loo 3, Fergussen, shapely, grand position, smart fe 4, Wilkinson Bros., lengthy, straight in shape Casey; hc, Kilner; c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, sp spl for best bird in Novice Classes, Stables, mkd., lovely type, very stylish, feathered to tion, a gem; 2, Morley, neat type, good po straight as a rush, well up for quality; 3, Moo uneven mkd., fine position, very round, quality; 4, Thomas, tkd. head, lovely quality shape, stands cleverly, good hen; vhc, Din hc, Whitwham; c, Whitley. NOR. CK. (15): 1 spl, Naylor, grand team, leader buff, extra subs grand quality and col., good type, 2nd yell., shape and size, full of quality and col., 4th extra quality, col., nice head; 3, Marsh, buff, good size and substance, very massive, quality and nice col.; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Hoy Maltby. HEN: 1, 2, hc, spl, Naylor, both leader very cobby, grand shape, good, rich col quality, 2nd smart and compact throughout; Horsfield, buff, grand type, good substance, quality and col; 4, c, Thomas, buff, grand stance, good chest, neat feather.

GRIMSBY & DIS. O.S.

Annual half-day members' show held at Si Room, Freeman-street, on New Year's Day. M Clews (Grimsby) awarding the cards.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Cartwright; 2, Wood. B 1, Anglis; 2, Pett; 3, 4, Cartwright; vhc, UNFLIG.: 1, c, Cotterill; 2, Pett; 3, Goo Cartwright; vhc, Angles; hc, Wood. HEN: Cartwright; 3, Cotterill; 4, Anglis. UNFLIG. 1, vhc, Cartwright; 2, Oliver; 3, Anglis; 4, MULE: 1, 3, W. Way; 2, Jacklin; vhc, Cartw jun. LINNETS, ETC.: 1, Booth; 2, Peers; 3, wright, jun.; 3, Booth; 4, vhc, hc, A. Towle. FINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Towle; 3, Cartwright Peers; hc, W. Way; 4, Booth. A.O.S. HARD 1, 2, Towle.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

The Shows.

DUBLIN.

The show of the Dublin Pigeon and Cage Bird Association, which was held in the Rotunda on January 12th and 13th, secured about the same number of entries in the aggregate as last year, but our section was much less, possibly due to the show being later, and to the fact that the Irish birds have been run pretty hard this season. Mr. Gibson and his committee are to be congratulated upon a very nice show; the quality generally was about the best we have seen at a Dublin fixture, and the exhibits were most of them shown in A1 style. The Drummond cup was won by a grand young Crest shown by Mr. Birse, who was a most successful competitor in many classes. A most noteworthy achievement was that of Mr. Keogh, who with his novice special winning Yorkshire secured the special for the best Plainhead Canary in the show, thus beating all the champions. Yorkshires were quite the feature of the show, and a really grand lot they were. We must spare a word for the grand team of Norwich shown by Mr. Thompson. The British were a nice quality lot; the special for the best went to a remarkably fine Thrush shown by Mr. Mulcahy. Notable exhibits in this section were Mr. Aronstien's handsome Bullfinch hen, Mr. Bailey's Goldfinch, and each of the exhibits in the two A.O.V. classes. Mr. Gibson is quite a don amongst secretaries, earnest, energetic, business-like, yet good humoured and courteous; he is just the man for the post he holds, and his efforts are ably seconded by the committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

SCOTS. (3): 1, 2, sp, Birse, big, stout shouldered, showy buff, and a well-shaped pied of less substance; 3, Armiston. HEN (3): 1, 2, Birch, two nice shaped birds, the winner excelling in substance; 3, Armiston. CREST (5): I, 2, 3, Farrell, very nicely drooped grey, neat centre, well radiated and densely feathered; 2, good quality heavily mkd., not so heavy in front; vhc, hc, Birse. BRED 1909 (2): 1, sp, Birse, very pretty green, neat centre, grandly radiated and drooped, lovely quality, wins Drummond cup for best bird in the show; 477, Farrell, good C.B., in wrong class according to schedule, but we were told such was a printer's error, and the class should have been for Crest-breds. NOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, sp, Thompson, a grand team, 1, beautifully feathered cl., buff, not the col. of some, hut as tight as wax; 2, good deep-chested yell., rare col., not so tight, nor so clever with his wings; 3, another good quality buff, wing mkd.; vhc, he, Mulligan; c, Miss M. Bolton. HEN (8): 1, 2, hc, Thompson, grand quality yell., nice level col. and beautifully shown; 2, tkd. headed buff, a close run; 3, vhc, c, Mulligan, good-bodied, head tkd. yell., hardly so silky. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, 3, sp, Devins, grand length and shape, very tight and neat in feather, full of style; 3, grand body and style, not so compact in tail; 2, M'Donnell, very smartly moulded, nice head and wings, hardly so steady; vhc, Birse; hc, Keating; c, Hawkins. HEN (10): 1, sp, Dowling, lovely col. and feather, neat head, grand shoulders and wings, well cut away, full of style and quality; 2, M'Donnell, splendid quality, grand wings and tail, hardly so much side; 3, Hawkins, beautiful feather and style, built on stouter lines; vhc, Devins; hc, O'Reilly; c, Fleming; absent Farrell. BUFF (10): 1, Mulligan, pale in col., but for shape, style, and quality of feather won hands down; 2, Keating, beautiful feather, shape and style, shorter tail; 3, Birse, greater length and nice feather, but stouter; vhc, Gillin; hc, Devins; c, O'Reilly. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Hawkins, a regular little beauty, feathered like a Java, full of style, handles well; 2, Gillen, hardly so long, hut as tight as wax and shows well; 3, Keating, another real beauty, quite a toss up, three lovely hens; hc, Devins; c, Cloke. CINN. MKD. (5): 1, O'Reilly, mkd. head, chest and wing, grand long raking yell., full of quality and style, nice col.; 2, 3, vhc, Hawkins, leaders two nicely moulded yells., capital feather and style; 3, hardly the length; hc, Devins. HEN (8): 1, Fleming, wing mkd. buff, a real beauty for shape, col., feather and style; 2, 3, O'Reilly, yell. and buff, both head and wing mkd., two grand birds for shape and style, hardly so smart in feather; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Hawkins; c, Devins. A.O.C. (11): 1, Farrell, neck tkd. yell., grand shape and length, full of style and rare feather; 2, Gillen, long, slim varieg. yell., very racy, shows a wee bit too much thigh; 3, Mulligan, grand eye tkd. buff, plenty of style, nice shape, not so level in col.; vhc, he, O'Reilly; hc, Keating; c, Hawkins. HEN (11): 1, O'Reilly, lovely neck tkd. yell., sweet head, grand shoulders and flights, full of style, in grand form; 2, Mulligan, thigh tkd., another grand bird for shape and style, but like others of this exhibitor's birds looked as though they had been in a second moult; 3, Gillen, thigh yell., grand shape and style, bit slack in feather; vhc, hc, Hawkins; c, Cloke. NON-FED. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Hawkins, varieg. buff and tkd. yell. two grand shaped, stylish birds; 3, Devins, long, stylish varieg. yell., in nice fettle; hc, M'Donnell; c, Miss Smythe. HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Hawkins, leader one of the smartest hens in the show, a very high quality buff; 3, nice Cinn. mkd. yell.; 2, Devins, neat, sweetly-moulded yell., nice style and feather; hc, Miss Smythe. A.O.V. (4): 1, Birse, nice-shaped stout-headed C.B., plenty of feather; 2, 3, vhc, Hanna, leaders two good green Nor. of nice type and quality. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Rooney, very neat and shapely, grandly feathered, full of style; 2, Mulligan, capital bird of good type, hardly so well staged; 3, Carroll, very nice head, wings and tail, capital col. and feather, racy and smart, not so level on back; vhc, Miss Smythe; hc, Stewart; c, Lynch. BUFF (8): 1, Holly, capital shape and length, stands well up, beautiful feather; 2, Mulligan, hardly so long, but otherwise quite equal; 3, Soane, grand shape, style, and quality, bit open in front; vhc, Rooney; hc, Hyland; c, Linch. HEN YELL. (5): 1, M'Entagart, long and slim, beautiful feather, handles well; 2, Hyland, hardly so close in front, grand head, shoulders and wings, full of style; 3, Mulligan, nice and showy, neat head, vhc, Armiston. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Carrell, two wonderfully feathered birds, grand heads, shoulders, and flights, neatly piped tails, grandly cut away, full of style, leader the slimmer; 3, Gasker, magnificent body and feather, very racy and smart, not so clever with her wings; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Soane; c, Lea; absent, Keogh. A.O.C. (10): 1, 2, Keogh, two long shapely ticks, both as tight as wax, long, well tapered bodies, grand wings and tail, full of style, a bonny pair, buff and yell., leader takes section sp, and sp. best filled Canary in show; 3, Mrs. Campling, very high col., fine feathered varieg. yell., long and slim, hardly so smart, still a grand Yorkie; vhc, Gasker; hc, Rooney; c, Stewart. HEN (12): 1, M'Entagart, neck tkd. buff, very silky feather, as tight as wax, grand shape and stylo, beautifully shown; 2, hc, Rooney, long, slim, wing and neck tkd. buff, full of style, grand shape, a bonny exhibit; 3, Gasker, eye tkd. yell., capital shape, nice length and feather; vhc, Stewart; c, Mulligan. MULE GOLD, LIGHT (3): 1, 2, Dawson, 6-pointed yell and varieg. buff, two nice shaped, good coloured, well feathered birds; 3, Birse. DARK (4): 1, Birse, very rich coloured, nice shaped Jonque, capital feather and style; 2, Hanna, rare quality Jonque, a wealth of col., hardly as tight; 3, Devins; vhc, Kennedy. LINNET, LIGHT (2): 1, Birse, nice shaped, close feathered varieg.; 634, Hanna, a dark in wrong class. DARK (2): 1, Birse; 2, Dawson, two nice quality birds of good col., little between them, leader yell., 2, buff. A.O.V. (3): 1, Barclay, rattling good Greenie-Canary, lovely col. and feather; 2, Dawson, very smart Siskin, large, capital col. and feather; 3, Aronstein, another nice Siskin, but smaller. BRIT. GOLD (10): 1, sp, Bailey, large, bright blaze, nice cheeks and collar, splendid body col. and feather, in nice fettle; 2, Barclay, not so large in blaze, but beautiful col., bars and buttons; 3, c, Mulcahy, nice col. and shape, not quite so smart in carriage; vhc, hc, Kennedy; 645, Aronstein, a grand Finch, but where was his birth registered? BULL (9): 1, Birse, very nice, chubby bird, beautiful col. and feather, capital cap and bars, nice soft-toned back; 2, Killen, hardly so rich in breast, but lovely cap, feather, shape, and col.; 3, Devins, rare shape and col., not so tight in feather; vhc, Ross; hc, c, Mulcahy. HEN (5): 1, c, sp, over cocks, Aronstein, a gem, grand shape, beautifully mkd., as tight as wax; 2, 3, Mulcahy, not quite so large, perhaps, but quite equal in other respects to the winner, two gems; vhc, Devins; hc, Wall. GREEN (6): 1, 3, Aronstein, capital shape, good size, nice bright col. and close-fitting jackets; 2, Hart, rare shape and feather, trifle paler in wings and tail; vhc, Barclay; hc, Lynch; c, Dowling. LINNET (10): 1, sp, Furley, a gem for col., shape, mrkgs., steadiness and feather; 2, vhc, Barclay, larger, beautifully mkd., not quite so nutty a brown; 3, Hart, capital shape, well mkd., nice feather and style; hc, Dawson; c, Wall. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Hart, rich coloured, well mkd., close feathered, stylish Twite; 2, Aronstein, grandly mkd., nice col., well shaped Siskin; 3, Mulcahy, another nicely mkd., sound col. Twite; vhc, Wall; hc, Birse; c, M'Laine. LARK (3): 1, 3, Birse, two grand col., well marked birds, in grand fettle; 2, Aronstein, larger, bolder bird, well mkd., not so rich in col.; vhc, c, Mulcahy; hc, Dempsey. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, sp, sp. best Brit., Mulcahy, very handsome Thrush, rich col., grandly mounted, lovely feather and style; 2, hc, Birse, grandly spangled, rich col. Starling; 3, Murphy, rich, deep, lustrous Blackbird, nice beak and cere; vhc, Leigh; absent, Armiston. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, vhc, Birse, grandly mkd., rich col., tight feathered Chaffinch; 2, Wall, shapely, nice coloured, neatly mkd. Hawfinch; 3, Mulcahy, nicely spangled, rich col. Bramble. A.O.V. (4): 1, Mulcahy, nicely cut Magpie, lustrous col., grand feather; 2, Wall, one of the best Ring Ousel's we have seen for some time; 3, Birse, fine, large, well mkd. Missel Thrush; vhc, Aronstein, handsome Shore Lark, a quartet of beautiful birds. FOR. GOLD (1): 1, Barclay, good shape, size, and marking. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Wilson, pair smart little Zezra Waxhills, and a nice Weaver. GIFT (3): 1, Birch; 2, Armiston; 3, Killen.

HERTFORD.

The cage bird section of the Hertford and Dist. F.A. has steadily increased in numbers each year, and this, the sixth exhibition, held on January 12th and 13th, has proved more successful than ever; in fact, should there be the same increase another year, larger premises will have to be found. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that fanciers are finding out that their birds are well staged by cage bird men in a comfortable and warm room, with a good light, quite away from other sections of show, where the birds are staged in a way deserving of special mention, on shelves so arranged that every bird is well seen by visitors, and easily removed by the judge without disturbing any other cages. These shelves and brackets, we understand, were designed and presented to the society by one of their most enterprising members. The secretary, Mr. F. Looker, is to be highly congratulated on his very able management of affairs. It would not have been difficult to find six or seven real winners in each of the Yorkshire classes; in fact, one had to look for very little faults to find any real difference between the first three. Mr. J. Robson judged.

YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Richmond, cinn. mkd., practically without a fault; 2, 3, Hawes Bros., birds equal to 1st, except a trifle heavier in build; vhc (2), Hudspeth; Buckingham; (2), Bousfield (1). BUFF (17): 1, spl, Hawes Bros., grand cl. buff and a tkd.; 3, Hudspeth, cl. buff, also secured cup for best bird shown by member; vhc, Buckingham, Mrs. Ballard, Hudspeth, Richmond; c, E. Beeney. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Lewin, very light and clean-made; 2, Kilby, excellent bird, not quite so smart; 3, hc, Pamphilion; vhc, Lewin; c, Kilby. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Kilby, splendid cl. buff; 2, Lewin; 3, Moss; vhc, Pamphilion; he, Drury and Morton; c, Brooks. CREST (5), quality here was very good: 1, 2, spl, Brooks; 3, vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; he, Dunham. ROLLERS (8): 1, 3, spl, Dickins and Welch; 2, A. D. Welch. MULES (14), a genuine surprise, and we doubt if such quality has been seen together at any provincial show this season, would be hard to beat: 1, spl, hc, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfiuch; 2, Lees, Goldfinch-Canary; 3, Lamb, also a Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Rudd Bros.; hc, Thring and Howe; c, Moss. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13), very fine collection: 1, spl, Jupe, Goldfinch, a grand bird; 2, Harris, Bullfinch, likewise good; 3, Howe, Goldfinch, very fine exhibit; vhc, Gunnell (Bullfinch), Harris (Goldfinch), Dickins and Welch (Goldfinch); he, Jupe (Bullfinch); c, Hinds. LINNETS (2) (two absent): 1, spl, Harris; 2, Gunnell; 3, Watson, first three all good, and hard to separate; vhc, he, A. D. Welch. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Laurence's Magpie, in fine condition, and very steady; 2, Watson, Hawfinch, good one; 3, Kelly, Yellowhammer, well staged; vhc, Cherry, Hawfinch; he, Soames, Greenfinch; c, Jupe, Hawfinch. FOR. A.V.: 1, spl, J. C. W. Meadows, easily 1st, with a splendid pair of Barnard's Parrakeets; 2, Bennett, King Parrot, grand bird; 3, Howe, Toucan, splendid specimen, in good plumage; vhc, he, Mrs. Barclay, Superb Tanager and Persian Bulbul. SELL. (6): 1, Pamphilion; 2, Gough; 3, c, Hudspeth; vhc, Rudd Bros.; he, Bloomfield and Rowe. MEMBERS' (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Dickins and Welch, with Yorkshires; vhc, Mr. Looker, Cinnamon.

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PRESCOT.

The 23rd annual show under C.B.V. Rules of the Prescot fanciers was held in the Town Hall on Jan. 14 and 15. The entries were an improvement on last year, but still not all that the Committee desired. The exhibits were limited to £5. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, and his awards were well received. The secretary, Mr. Platt, had all the arrangements well in hand, backed up by a good Committee, who got through the work well.

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Baxter, Cinn. mkd. neck and wing, rare position, well drawn out; 2, Knowles, thigh tkd., grand quality and style; 3, Woodall Bros., nice feather, well up on legs; 4, Barton, hot col., slim, nice feather; vhc, Knowles; hc, Jones and Chester; c, Proctor. BUFF: 1, 3, Knowles, 1, wing tkd., rare position, grand shape, good bird; 3, slim, grand quality, well drawn out; 2, Jones and Chester, well up on legs, rare length, fine stamp; 4, vhc, Howarth and Marsden, eye and wings mkd., nice col. and feather; hc, Barton; c, Holden. HEN (9): 1, 2, Knowles, grand pair, neck mkd. buff and wing and head mkd. yell., nice length, full of style; 3, Proctor, Cinn. mkd. head, rare length, good feather; 4, Cundall, tkd. wing, feather like marble; vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Gill and Smith; c, Howarth and Marsden. YORKS. GREEN (19): 1, hc, Nimmo, buff, well up on legs, sound col., rare length; 2, 4, c, Wardale, yell., good col., nice quality; 3, Metcalf, buff, foul wing, rare size and col.; vhc, Hales. NOR. GREEN (6): 1, 2, Hales, buff, foul throat, rare type yell., good sound col., rare head, tkd. back of head; 3, 4, vhc, Lawson, nice team, 3, stout, good col. buff, close up to winners, 4, yell., nice feather and col.; hc, Atkinson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Hales, cl., good col., rare size; 2, Barker and Abbott, tkd. neck, chubby, rare shape; 3, Barnes, good feather and type; 4, vhc, Vart, good quality and shape; hc, Johnson; c, Baxter. BUFF (9): 1, Hales, varieg., hot col., rare size; 2, hc, Barker and Abbott, eye mkd., good head, nice shape; 3, c, Wellings, mkd. head and wings, short and cobby, good quality; 4, vhc, Vart, cl., good type and quality. HEN YELL. (7): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, mkd. head and wings, nice col., 2, cl., rare head and shape; 3, Bixter, tkd. eye, nice type; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Wellings; hc, Hales; c, Leech. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, cl., good head and chest, nice quality, varieg., rare shape, cobby; 3, Proctor, rare type and feather; 4, Barton; vhc, Bixter; he, Johnson. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Barker and Abbott, varieg., hot col., rare shape; 2, 4, Bixter, 2, nice head, grand feather and shape, 4, varieg.; 3, Kay, cl., hot col., grand feather; vhc, Atkinson; hc, J. Bixter; c, Beech. BUFF (6): 1, Lawson, hot col., varieg., nice feather, rare size: 2, Gibbie, good head, nice shape; 3, Wellings, grand col. and quality; 4, Proctor, nice type, full of col.; vhc, Bixter; hc, R. P. Bixter. BORD. YELL.: 1, hc, Thomas, cl., nice type, good carriage; 2, Hopper Bros., cl., grand feather, rare shape; 3, Lloyd, another cl., bonny little chap, close up; 4, Sherlock, good green, rare quality; vhc, Andrews. BUFF (6): 1, Hopper Bros., tkd. cheek, grand col., feather like wax; 2, Andrews, wing and eye tkd., rare type and quality; 3, hc, Thomas, even wing mkd., nice shape, not quite so good in quality as winner; 4, Wellings, tkd. eye, nice quality and col.; vhc, Bloor. HEN (8): 1, 3, Hopper Bros., buff wings, eyes mkd., grand type, lovely feather, real gem, latter grand green; 2, 4, Thomas, yell., mkd. head, eyes, wings, latter tkd. head, two grand ladies in fine condition; vhc, Bloor; hc, Wellings; No. 1, Lloyd; No. 2, Andrews, w.c., both cocks in full song. A.O.V. (6): 1, Hampshire, cl. cap, Silver Lizard, well spangled, good col.; 2, vhc, Hales, fine Buff Cinn.; 3, 4, Bosworth, two nice broken cap Silver Lizards; w.c., Holden, varieg, Yorks. SELL. £1: 1, Knowles; 2, Atkinson; 3, Sherlock; 4, Hampshire. (12/6): 1, Hampshire; 2, Kay; 3, Knowles; 4, Gill and Smith; vhc, Bixter; hc, Atkinson; c, Sherlock. (7/6): 1, Barnes; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Hales; vhc, Ashcroft; hc, Andrews. NOR. HEN (10/6): 1, Ashcroft; 2, hc, Hales; 3, Atkinson; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hickson; c, Nimmo. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Weedall Bros., Goldfinch, rich expansive blaze, grand wing, richly tanned breast; 2, 4, Robinson, Goldfinch, almost equal to winner, hard to part both; 3, Vart, good steady Bullfinch; vhc, Tams, Goldfinch, good enough to win most shows; hc, Little. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Tams and Son, grand col., well mkd.; 2, Johnson Bros., good col., shows well, fails in pencilling; 3, Vart, nice one, close up; 4, Whalley, another good bird. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Weedall Bros., Snow Bunting, in fine condition; 2, Johnson Bros., nice Hawfinch; 3, Wellings, good Yellow Bunting; 4, Hampson, Chaffinch; vhc, Lucas; hc, Wells; c, Lloyd. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Johnson Bros., Gale, in fine order; 2, Wellings, Willow Wren, in grand condition, well shown; 3, Lloyd, excellent Thrush; 4, Wellings, pied Wagtail; vhc, Grice; hc, Macdonald. MEMBERS' NOVICE CAN. A.V. (12): 1, Johnson; 2, Strettle; 3, Wellings, jun.; 4, Platt; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Appleton. BRIT., ETC., A.S. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Wellings, jun.; vhc, Harrison. STOCK (5): 1, 3, Jos. Bixter; 2, vhc, Wellings; 4, Taylor.

GREENOCK, GOUROCK AND PORT GLASGOW.

Annual show held January 8th in the Co-operative Halls, Port Glasgow. The birds were nicely staged, and their wants well attended to, as was only to be expected being in the capable hands of Mr. Forrester (hon. secretary) and his willing band of helpers. Mr. Sanderson won the points cup with a total of 201 points, Mr. Loudon being runner-up with 197. Mr. McKay won cup and gold medal for best British with a splendid Bullfinch, and Mr. Loudon the silver medal for best young bird bred by a member. Mr. G. Smart judged the Canaries, and Mr. P. Pettiegrew the British and Foreign, and their awards met with general approval.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, spl, S. Kennedy, grand size, prominent shoulders, nice head held well down; 2, McMillan, nice size; 3, spl, T. Kennedy, fine size, well-filled back. HEN: 1, McMillan, takes nice position, very ready to respond; 2, S. Kennedy, close up, splendid position, rare racy carriage. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, McMillan, nice head, graceful, long neck and shoulder. YORKS.: 1, spl, 3, Sanderson, grand shape, nice position, feather like wax; 3rd, slim, nice shape, good front; 2, 4, Hemphill, well drawn out behind, nice position, grand feather; 4th, well up. UNFLIG.: 1, Hemphill, very typical, nice position and leggy. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, T. Kennedy, all nice exhibits; 4, Boyle. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Carswell, leader splendid head and neck, back well filled, grandly drawn below, graceful position, good wing carriage, best Border in hall; 2nd and 3rd, good exhibits. CREST CK.: I, 2, 4, Sanderson, well laid on, nicely centred, good length at frontal, sweet exhibit; 2nd, lengthy feather, good frontal and back, fine body and size; 3, spl, Loudon, neatly got up, well burnished; 4, McMillan. HEN: I, 3, Loudon, good size for a lady, well finished, nicely polished up; 3rd, lengthy, grand quality; 2, McKay, taking bird, lengthy feather, good centre; 4, Boyle; 5, 6, Sanderson. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Loudon, Bullie-headed one, grand back skull, good entrance and lash; 2nd, must have pressed, rare broad entrance; 3, 6, Sanderson, lengthy lash and shape, wee shade narrower; 4, McKay; 5, Smith. CREST, YOUNG: 1, Loudon, easy win, grand top piece, finely centred, good frontal and side, well put down; 2, Hemphill, nice one, rare feather and bloom; 3, 4, Sanderson. C.B.: 1, spl, medal, 3, Loudon, taking exhibit, fine lash, well-defined entrance, nice quality, well placed; 2, 5, Sanderson, lengthy feather; 4, Smith; 6, Boyle. NOR. CK.: 1, 5, Boyle, well-rounded head, short neck, good body substance, lovely feather; 2, 3, Stuart, fine head, grand round body and wing carriage; 3rd, sweet exhibit; 4, McMillar; 6, Boffy. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Boyle, leader in the pink of condition, good body substance, rare wing carriage; 3, Sanderson, nice exhibit; 5, Kennedy; 6, Loudon. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, spl, 4, Boffy, grand size, good head, nice-shaped body; 2, Kennedy, fine shape and wing carriage; 3, Loudon, rare body substance, lovely feather, good wing carriage. HEN: 1, 2, Loudon, both similar stamp; 2nd, just a little weak in head properties; 3, Boffy, rare type, sweet exhibit; 4, Sanderson. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, Sanderson. DARK: 1, Ralston, well-marked Linnet, lovely col., grand shape, nice frout; 2, 5, 6, Smith, good large Linnet, in fine trim, good markings; 3, spl, 4, Sanderson, Goldie, fine col., nice feather, fine size. BRIT. GOLD FINCH: 1, McKay, grand Goldie, fine square cut blaze, rich tans, good whites and buttons, tight as a drum; 2, 3, Kennedy, another fine bird; 3rd, good one, in grand order, must have pressed; 4, Napier. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, spl, McKay, good bird; 2, Brown, grand blaze and condition; 3, 6, Mailoy, not far behind; 4, Ralston; 5, Kennedy. FOR.: 1, S. Kennedy; 2, Sanderson. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, cup, medal, 4, McKay, leader in fine order, neat cap, four romping birds, grand cap, neat bib, should make a stormer; 2, Boyle, grand cap, tight in feather; 3, Sanderson, same shape and make as 2nd; 5, Ralston; 6, T. Kennedy. LINNET: 1, McDiarmid, good one, grandly pencilled, rare tone throughout, lovely sheen on feather, and what a colour! 2, Sanderson, good size, well-marked, presses winner hard; 3, Ralston, well pencilled, full of life, good flights; 4, McMillan; 5, 6, Brown. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, spl, 6, Sanderson, topper, steady as a rock, easy win, a credit to its owner; 2, McDiarmid, another nice Linnet; 3, 4, Brown, similar to 2nd; 5, Hemphill. GREENFINCH CK.: 1, McDairmid, grand size, rich feather, good col., well-barred wings; 2, Hemphill, wee shade smaller to 2nd, again good in col., neat shape; 4, Carswell. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Sanderson, nice Siskin, grand solid col., well up in size; 2, Hemphill, Twite, fine pencilling, good col. and quality of feather. A.O.S.: 1, McDiarmid, Cross-bill, old stager, looking as well as ever, hard to beat; 2, Sanderson, Chaffinch, nice size, rich col., good whites, very steady; 3, Boyle, Yellowhammer, nice exhibit. HEN: 1, Hemphill, Greenie, good one; 2, Carswell, fails only in head properties, could win in many a good company; 3, Boyle, Bullie; 4, Sanderson, similar.

CAMPBELTOWN, N.B.

The 33rd annual exhibition of the Campbeltown O.A. was held in the Argyll Hall on January 1st, and proved a decided success. The officials are a genuine lot of fanciers, who are not afraid of work. The president is G. W. Gardiner, Esq., and the vice-president, Alexander Ollar, Esq. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Pratt, is an ideal one, and handled everything in very fine form, with credit to himself. President Gardiner is very much respected, and vice-president Ollar is known throughout the length and breadth of the land as "The Pansy King." The Argyll Hall is most suitable, being roomy, free from draughts and affording excellent light. The entries were in excess of the previous year's, while the quality was of a much higher standard. Gold medal for best bird was won by Mr. D. McCallum; the silver medal for second best, by Messrs. A. and N. McPherson. Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow) placed the cards, and his awards were well received. The class for singing birds was ably judged by Mr. McInnes (Campbeltown).

SCOT. FCY., BUFF CK.: I, 2, 3, gold medal, McCallum, grand team, 1st well known Buff cock, fine size, good solid top-end, sweet head; 2nd and 3rd, highly creditable pair. HEN: 1, 2, McCallum, 1st foul, good reach, hard up, fine length. YELL. PIED, ETC.: 1, McCallum, buff green, nice size, good top, fine drive. HEN: 1, 2, McCallum, 1st City of Glasgow winner; 4th, yell. pied, grand stamp, fine size, good solid top, fine reach; 2nd, just lacks the massiveness of leader, good one. BUFF: 1, 2, McCallum, buff pieds of nice type and in capital trim. CREST CK.: 1, McLean, Dark Crest of good size and formation, nice centre; 2, 3, McPherson, brace of highly creditable specimens, which ran winner hard; 4, Colville; 5, Wallace. HEN: 1, spl, McLean, varieg. buff, dark crest, very shapely, nice droop, fine centre; 2, 3, McPherson, again chasing winner hard, in nice order. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, McLean, grand pair of C.B.'s, with good skulls and entrances, plenty of feather; 3, McPherson, well staged and placed; 4, 5, Wallace. HEN: 1, 5, McPherson, good size, fine substance, grand entrance, plenty of feather; 2, 4, Wallace, another good one, put down in grand trim; 3, McLean, presses hard. LANCS. CK.: All Plainheads; 1, 2, 3, Sheddan, grand trio, put down in faultless trim. HEN: All Plainheads; 1, McMillan, grand size and substance, good headpiece, fine length of feather; 2, 3, Sheddan, not much between them, put down in A1 trim. YORKS. CK.: 1, McLean, cl. yell., good col., fine length, well up in leg; 2, 3, 4, Colville, 2nd presses winner hard, all in the pink of condition. HEN: 1, 2, Colville, 1st good col., fine length, well up on leg, 2nd loses a trifle in length; 3, 4, McLean, neat pair of Yorkies, in nice bloom. GOLDFINCH: 1, McPherson, fine Finch, good square face, nice col., well tanned, wins; 2, 5, Smith, good blaze, nice tans, in fine order; 3, Robt. Smith, presses second hard; 4, Purcell; 5, Rene Smith. LINNET: 1, spl, silver medal, 2, 3, McPherson, 1st fine style, good ground col. of the desired shade, wins; 2nd, better laced but fails a bit in type; 3rd, similar to winner; 4, Martin, Milngavie winner, beaten here to-day, in fine fettle; 5, McLean. TWITE: 1, Maloney, last year's winner, looking, as well as ever, good stamp; 2, Martin, nice size, well laced, good order; 3, McMillan, good col., well put down; 4, McPherson; 5, Morrison. DARK MULE: 1, McPherson, Siskin-Can., nice size, good substance, well marked, lovely col., in fine bloom; 2, McCallum, Goldie-Can., good size and col., in nice order; 3, McPherson, Linnet-Can., fine size and col., well placed; 4, McTaggart, Greenfinch-Can., well put down. MULES, A.O.V.: 1, 2, McPherson; 3, McLean, all light Linnet-Can., and not much between them. COMMON CAN. CK.: 1, 4, Dugald Campbell; 2, McCallum; 3, McSporran; 5, Whiteford. HEN: 1, McPherson; 2, McLean; 3, 4, McCallum; 5, Sheddan. SELL. (20/-): 1, 3, McCallum; 2, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, McEachran, Albino Linnet, almost cl., fine size and rare type; 2, 3, McPherson, 2nd Bullfinch, fine size, good col., cap and bars; 3rd, Chaffinch, good size and col., fine head; 4, McCallum, Bullfinch. COMPETITIVE SINGING: 1, McGrory; 2, McLean; 3, Pratt; 4, Ollar; 5, Master McGrory.

I was recommended by a brother fancier to CAGE BIRDS when it first came out, and I have taken it ever since and no others, as I reckon it is the best published concerning birds. I have got some very sound information from time to time, and no fancier should go wrong if he follows the articles in it week after week. The articles of this last few weeks' on the Norwich Canary are very good and an excellent guide.—THOS. HY. HARRISON (Warrington).

I regret to say that our society this year is looking very badly off for membership (writes Mr. R. Binks, junr., sec. Ferryhill and Dist. C.B.S.), and is not likely to be carried on because of a society being formed at Spennymoor, to be carried on by table shows. Most of our members being novices, and not being able to win in open competition, they have left our society to join Spennymoor, leaving us with about six members, and I don't think we can carry our society on with such a small membership.

I am moving to larger and more commodious premises at 105, Cromwell Road, Milton Street, Partlecroft, Manchester, writes Mr. H. Orford, bird cage manufacturer. I am getting my orders pretty well under since the fire I had a few weeks ago, and hope soon to get square in my new surroundings. I also wish to say that I have had not one word of complaint from customers whose orders have been delayed through my misfortune, which speaks well for the consideration which these gentlemen have for a fellow fancier's loss.

OUR BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

It is gratifying to us to be able to announce that our Birthday Number of last week, which in itself broke all records, received a welcome from readers that placed yet another record to its credit. The demand for the issue was absolutely unprecedented, while never before have congratulatory letters reached us in such shoals.

To the senders we tender our most sincere thanks, and though pressure on space forbids this week, we shall hope to publish a selection from their letters in our issue of next week.

Last year many readers delayed ordering their copies of the Birthday Number, and found when they went to their newsagents that it was "sold out." This brought us not a few letters of complaint, and to meet the situation this year we have kept back at the office a limited number of copies so that

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I must really thank you for the splendid drawing your artist (Mr. Norman) has made of the eye-marked yellow Border cock (1st Morriston), in the best Birthday Number you have ever issued. It is true to life, and reflects great credit on him. I may say that this is the first clear bird I ever bred, as I have been an enthusiast of Greens and Cinnamons for years. I parted with the bird to a gentleman in Maryport, and I know he will be glad to see it as well. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success and another prosperous year.—JOHN HOCKING (Swansea).

I have removed to "Brynteg," Alexandra Road, Brecon, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone. The Refuge Assurance Company, Ltd., has been pleased to promote me to district superintendent. The company took for me larger premises than I had before; my inspector states that they are the finest in the whole of the Birmingham Division (which I am in). When I came here five-and-a-half years ago we had no business in the place; now they have made it into a district. The towns under my supervision are Brecon, Hay, Builth Wells, Rhayader, Llandrindod Wells, Llangammach, and Llanwrtyd Wells. My time will be fully taken up, so much so that I shall be compelled to reduce my stock, which I shall be advertising in your columns in a week or so. I have a splendid room for my birds.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 22.—**Crystal Palace.**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

Jan. 24.—**Dalmellington.**—J. Pettigrew, Belleview Cottage.

Jan. 24.—(1st post).—**Northwich.**—E. Woodward, Woodbine Villas, Winnington.

Jan. 24.—**Nantwich.**—F. Powell, 38, Welsh Row.

Jan. 24.—**Belper.**—Stillman and Holden.

Jan. 29.—**Cardigan.**—W. Portman, Morgan Street.

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Carlisle; Bathgate.

Remember: The Literary Competition closes Jan. 24.

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THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY.

In case there should be some among those who read this notice who are unacquainted with the facts upon which the above appeal is being made, we may repeat that the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds is seeking to establish that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case.

The society recently brought a test case against two London bird-dealers (Messrs. Preston and Flowers). The case came before Mr. Biron, the magistrate sitting at Old Street Police Court, and he arrived at the decision that the society's view of the matter was correct, and he condemned the defendants in costs.

The extreme seriousness of this decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60. This, we think, all will admit is but a trifle compared with the disastrous consequences which may ensue to the British Bird Fancy (the decision means its death-blow) should Mr. Biron's dictum be allowed to go unchallenged.

The need of funds is urgent, however, so do not delay; send your contribution at once, addressed to Mr. Geo. Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in your letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and a keen lover of British birds. He has very kindly consented to act as treasurer to the Defence Fund, and is arranging to open an account with a London Bank, therein to deposit the funds.

In our next issue we hope to have a lengthy statement to publish regarding the position of affairs. We would urge upon all readers, and this applies especially to dealers and those with trade interests, to support this Defence Fund, for in reality it is an effort being made to safe-guard *them*.

Here is the second list of subscriptions which have come to hand: The London and Provincial O.S., £1 1s.; L.S.R., 10s. 6d.; Manchester and N.C.O.S., 10s. 6d.; Allen Silver (Upper Tooting, S.W.), 10s.; Attercliffe C.B.S., 5s. 7d.; East Ham F.A., 5s. 6d.; "Catalona," 5s.; Crewe O.S., 5s.; W. Garner (London, N.), 5s.; Holywood C.B.S., 3s. 6d.; Fitzwilliam Linnet Club (Sheffield), 3s.; W. Sanford (Mexboro'), 3s.; G. Grimwood (Deptford, S.E.), 2s. 6d.; W. Owen (Woolwich, S.E.), 2s. 6d.; J. W. Levitt (Monk Fryston), 2s. 6d.; W. Rutherford (Crook), 2s. 6d.; Clitheroe C.B.S., 2s.; H. Nightingale (Stonebridge), 1s. 6d.; H. Grange (Hull), 1s.; C. C. B. Gordon (Taunton), 1s.; J. Hooke (Longthorpe), 1s.; D. Brown (Barrow-in-Furness), 1s.; and W. Thompson (Hull), 6d. These, with the amounts (£8 15s.) acknowledged in our last issue, bring the total to date to £14 0s. 7d. We hope to have a much heavier list to publish next week.

Appended are the names of some of the societies which we hear will have the matter placed before them in the near future. We feel quite sure, too, that it is the intention of still more to deal with this appeal, which concerns a question so vital to their interests:—Doncaster C.B.S., Clackmannanshire C.B.S., Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., Loanhead C.B.A., Dewsbury O.F.S., Highgate Hampstead C.B.S., Wigan C.B.S., Choppington C.B.S., Warrington C.B.S., Lutterworth C.B.S., Norwich Amateur C.B.A., Lincoln C.B.S., Hyson Green (Notts) C.B.S., Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C., Barnsley C.B.S., Leeds Linnet F.A., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Swansea C.B.A., Bannockburn C.B.S., Yorkshire C. and C.B.S., of Ireland, Barrow C.B.A., Dunfermline C.B.S., Boness O.A., Musselburgh O.S., Carlisle C.B.S., Pelton Fell C.B.S., West Stanley C.B.S., Ambie C.B.S., Windhill Shipley O.S., Glasshoughton L.S.S., Denton C.B.S.

SOME OPINIONS OF READERS.

My committee have much pleasure in subscribing one guinea towards the good cause, and wish you every success in your noble efforts to secure a reversal of this iniquitous ruling.—H. E. TRINGHAM, hon. secretary, London and Provincial O.S.

With regard to the danger of the British bird Fancy, we will do our level best in support of the suggested defence fund. I will send the hat round at our next meeting, also we intend having a collecting box at our coming members' show, which will be placed well before visitors and members.—G. BESCOBY, secretary, Doncaster C.B.S.

Your letter, writes Mr. Harry G. Whibley, hon. secretary, Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A., was placed before the annual meeting of this association. I am desired to inform you that all sections of the association are in complete sympathy with the movement inaugurated by you, and although they are not in a very strong financial position, the committee have been instructed to make a grant to the funds for the defence. This I will endeavour to supplement by personal canvas of cage bird fanciers, and write you immediately after our next meeting. The association feel that should such a tyrannical decision be allowed to stand, other hobbies may be attacked in a similar manner.

I have on more than one occasion visited Club Row, also several other shops in that locality, and have spent some pleasant half-hours there (in addition to my money). I venture to say the true meaning of the Act is being misconstrued, making it very hard on bird fanciers, and especially bird dealers (and they are not all wrong 'uns). The S.P.W.B. inspectors know little about the habits and the difference between British and Foreign birds, or between the different species, also what would be a house-moulted or a field-moulted bird, or a cock or a hen, also in some cases a young bird from an old one. The question of recently-taken gets over me. People, such as large dealers and catchers, cannot be expected to have each bird caged off separately, and although they may have a good lot on view in cages at their shops, to save time a lot are sometimes run together. Now, though these birds may have been caught weeks, even months, put such as Larks, Buntings, and Chaffinches, in a cage, and let a strange face come quite close to them, and naturally the bird is shy, but that is no proof that it is "recently taken." Even your hand-reared Larks are very nervous if a stranger comes too near. I know of a case here where a policeman came across a man I know, who does a little catching, and had a permit on him; he told him he might catch Goldfinches, but he was not to let him see him with any Redcaps. Now, that policeman knew something, didn't he? Anyhow, I wish Messrs. Preston and Flowers every success, and hope all bird lovers will rally round, and according to their means come forward with their subscription. I am of the opinion that the greater part of CAGE BIRDS readers are only working-men like myself, but if we all help a little that will be something, even if we go short of an ounce of tobacco or a "pint," as the case may be.—JOHN HAWKINS (Lincoln).

I am pleased to see your valuable paper take up the cudgels on behalf of the bird dealer. We know there are several who do not keep their premises in the sanitary conditions required, or observe the bird laws so correctly as they should do during the close season. Still, my experience is that with few exceptions they do their best. It is a pity these petty prosecutions are not levied against some large stores or dealers, who would be in a position to properly defend themselves. They are invariably directed against some little man, who has little or no means to have his defence properly heard. Many of the dealers know what my efforts have been; and the Bird Dealers' Protection Association which was formed some years ago, dropped out of existence mainly through the apathy shown by the dealers, and want of strong support from the then existent Fancy Press. Everyone of us knows that the small number of birds caught is infinitesimal in comparison with those shot and destroyed. Yet we never see a prosecution for shooting! Only last week I saw strings of dead larks hanging in a London store to be sold for food. Think of this! As readers will know, I have interested myself largely in the British bird laws, and every one of us should lend our aid and assistance in getting this decision set aside. As I construe the present bird laws, this is a most unjust and wrong conviction, and in spite of the magistrate's decision I still maintain that a bird legally caught *can be sold anywhere*. Now the Crystal Palace Show is close at hand, why should not your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, call a special meeting there, and form a strong committee to support this appeal and have justice done, also for future protection, so that in any future prosecution we shall have the machinery ready to set to work. Fanciers of British birds, at last your hobby is in very serious danger, and if this conviction stands will soon be wiped out. With it go the cage and appliance makers, seed dealers and many thousands of persons who gain their living, directly or indirectly, through these trades. Will you see it go without making a little effort? Do not lose the old English spirit of fighting which made us in years gone by. Do not let these pettifogging officials treat you like children—officials who would interfere with and do away with the most awful crime (?) of keeping birds in cages, where they live a longer life than they possibly could under their natural conditions. Wake up! Everyone must and should lend a hand in fighting this battle. —T. R. TROWER (London, N.).

Many expressions of opinion held over.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberdeen O.S.—Jan. 28, Trades' Hall, 8. Washing exhibition; fanciers invited.—J. Bryson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 25, 8. Sixth Table Show, Yorks (A. Jackson), Nor. (J. Chitchley), Bord. (A. Royle); fanciers and friends invited.—W. Harrison.

Admiral Duncan O.S.—Jan. 22, "Admiral Duncan," Nottingham, 8.—W. Healey.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. —G. Harper.

Birmingham C.B.S. and Midland Counties Y.C.C.—Jan. 26, Crown Hotel, Hill Street. Joint members' show. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe; fanciers invited.—J. H. de Maillet.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet.—F. C. Sims.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Nominations of Union Judges, revision of rules, etc.—F. Western.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 29, Cornwall Rooms, 7. Special business.—A. H. Craven.

Barrow C.B.A.—Club Room, Gardner and Richard's Paxton-terrace, Jan. 26, 7.30. Special meeting; arrange for presentation of cups, also washing exhibition. Messrs. E. Price, and G. Large, also balance-sheet for 1909; intending members requested to attend.—G. Large.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Bankfoot Schools. Annual tea, concert and prize distribution; tea on tables 4.30; tea and concert 9d.; concert only, 6d.; children 6d.—F. Gelder.

Bolton O.S.—Jan. 26, Joiner's Arms Hotel, 7.30. Deansgate. Table show of pairs. Mr. A. Grundy, judge.—H. Parkinson.

Crewe O.S.—Jan. 25, Beech Tree Hotel, 7.45. Extraordinary general, to decide open show date, etc. —T. L. Hancocks.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 24, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Adjourned annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield.—Jan. 22, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Annual general, balance-sheet of open show, intending members heartily invited.—Parker and Parkes.

Derby C.B.C.—Jan. 29, Derwent Hotel, 7. Election of officers, etc.—W. Stevens.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Co-operative Hall, 3. Pairs show, in conjunction with this meeting.—R. T. Campbell.

Denton C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Headquarters, Denton Brotherhood Institute. Business important; all fanciers invited.—W. Hopwood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 22, St. John's Schools, Paley Road. Members' show, staged at 2.45; members requested to bring their own water tins; judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Baildon).—L. Booth.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 22, Butcher's Arms, 8. Balance-sheet, members' show (pair class only); judge, Mr. A. Morley.—J. Holroyd.

Green C.A.—Jan. 27, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Night show of pairs, and judging competition, classification on syllabus cards; judge, Mr. Hales; good specials.—S. Hadwin.

Holywood C.B.S.—Feb. 4, 8s, Church Street, Holywood, Co. Down, 8.—F. Cole.

Highgate C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Spencer Hall, 8.—Annual general meeting and election of officers; distribution of medals.—C. W. Law.

Heywood C.S.—Jan. 25, Rochabite Hall, Pine Street 7.30. Table show of pairs, matched for breeding judge, Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale); balance-sheet for year; election of officers, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 29, Miners' Hall, 7. Questions and answers.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Saracen's Head Hotel Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor yell. hen (Open and Novice); buff (Open and Novice); judge Mr. E. Noakes; all fanciers cordially invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Midland Roller C.C.—Jan. 27, Swan and Peacock Wolverhampton, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.; will fanciers, intending to join, kindly give in their names, so as to be included in new list of members?—J. H. Willows.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 7. Pair show and annual balance sheet lecture to follow, by Mr. H. Norman.—A. G. Harwood.

National Brit. B. & M.C.—Jan. 27, Feathers, Gt Chapel Street, Westminster, B.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Headquarters 8. Schedules and entry forms for show, Jan. 2 St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey.—J. Davey.

Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Jan. 26, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Table show; judge, Mr. J. Maddison.—J. Bertram.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Jan. 26, Lockhart's Cafe Grainger Street, 8. Pair show, cards given, no entr fee; judge, J. Maddison, Esq.; fanciers invited.— T. C. Crawhall.

Poplar C.B.S.—Jan. 27, 147, East India Dock Road 8. Pair show affairs and discussion.—H. W. Cook.

Preston O.S.—Feb. 3, Tokio Cafe, 8. Table sho for pairs, professionals and amateurs, good special —R. Taylor.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Emmanuel Hal Harrow Road, W., 8. To arrange programme fo coming season, and elect judges for young bird an annual shows.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Temperan Club, 8. Committee, C.B.U. shows, etc.—W. Adam

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Jan. 22, Shirebrook Inst tute, 7.30. Very important.—J. Pickering.

Sale Open.—Jan. 24, Technical School, 8. Electi of officers, balance-sheet, to receive entries for me bers' show, Jan. 29, at Queen's Hotel.—J. Irlam.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Headquarter 8. Table show, will members who have not return unsold tickets and ticket money, do so at onc Birds staged 8.30; judge, Mr. R. B. Fryer.— Washbourne.

South London Col. & F.A.—Jan. 27, "Roy George," Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. A journed annual general, to consider Mr. Medleycott notice of motion to alter and amend the "Definiti of a Novice."—G. A. Jefferys.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Blue Bell Sale Roo Horse Market Street, 8. Feb. Show, etc.—C. Duk

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Jan. 25, Duncan Restaurant, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Balanc sheet, election of office bearers, presentation prizes; new members specially invited.—F. Bowma

Yorks. County B.B. & M.C.—Jan. 22, Mark Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Committ meeting, business important.—W. R. Myers.

I am enclosing cheque for one guinea towar the Preston and Flowers defence fund, trusti it may be good use to the cause.—T. DAWSON (the Chelsea Naturalist).

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**Q. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Loss of Feathers and Wheezy.

E. Lacey.—First of all see the bird is not exposed to extremes of heat and cold by being too near the fire, and at the same time protect it from all draughts and impure air, such as will occur if the cage is hung high up near the ceiling of the room or near and above a burning gas or lamp in the evenings. Aim at keeping the bird in a regular, but not overheated temperature, with plenty of fresh, pure air without draught. Closely examine cage, and see if you can discover any trace of red mites, and, if so, thoroughly eradicate them. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give a mere pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure seeds, and three or four times a week a spray of watercress, when you can get it free from frost. Twice a week for the next month give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and then sprinkled slightly with soft sugar. Moisten the bare place twice a week until the quills are well through with a small feather dipped in warm olive oil. Allow the bath freely, and when the wheeziness occurs given ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and tincture of lobelia in the drinking water for a few days.

Under Suspicion.

J. G.— Am strongly inclined to think the cause of your losses is the dreaded septic fever. To put the matter beyond a doubt you should send the next that dies without delay for a post-mortem, and meantime put your stock under strict isolation, and thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the room and cages and all appliances, and do not put any birds into a cage vacated by one of these deaths until it has undergone the strictest disinfection. If it is an old or only fairly worn cage do not attempt disinfection at all, but smash it up and burn it at once—it will pay you best in the end. Do not import any fresh birds upon any consideration until the disease is thoroughly stamped out. Look up these replies during the past few weeks for information on the subject, and also get Dr. Clarke's handbook on "Septic Fever," 7d. post free, from our Manager, and study it. Keep the birds on a diet of canary and rape seed, dry, with a little crushed plain biscuit, also given dry, and add a saline aperient to the drinking water for a few days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day—this may tone up the birds, and help them to win, but of "cure" in the order sense of the term, there is none.

All at Sea.

Billy Muggins.—Your management makes the fact that you are a novice quite obvious, and I do not consider your question "rot" at all. You should have said whether you bought the birds matched for breeding from a responsible person, or merely three hens and three cocks. I hardly think you could have done the former, as the birds do not appear to be well matched. The two pairs you call yellows are probably two yellows and two buffs, and the pair of variegated, instead of being mated together, should each have had one of the clear (unmarked) birds for a partner. Thus—a variegated yellow should be mated to a clear buff; a variegated buff to a clear yellow; and a clear yellow to a clear buff. You should not have put the birds together yet. The cocks should have been caged separately, and the hens might have been allowed the run of the whole aviary with the partition removed. Procure now without delay three breeding cages, either singles or doubles, as you prefer, and put the hens in them—one in each cage—leaving the cocks as they now are in the separate compartments of aviary. Then towards the end of March, when the birds are quite ready for breeding, introduce each cock to the hen you want to mate it with. If in single breeding cages, put the cocks in small cages and hang on the front of the breeder for a day or so before putting them into the cages with hens. Keep them in these cages for breeding, and after removing the partitions from the aviary, and cleaning it, keep this as a flight to which the first broods may be drafted as soon as able to do for themselves. See whether the aviary is exposed to damp or draught. You should be able to get wire fronts at any bird dealer's and specialities in London.

Yorkshire Wants Benefit.

E. C. W.—Beyond saying the bird is quite out of song you do not appear to suggest that he shows any other symptoms of illness. If this is so, I do not think you need worry much about it, as many birds, undoubted cocks, do not come into song very freely until somewhere about February after their first two seasons are past, which I should say is the case with your bird. If the claws (toes) and shanks show prominent, thickened, so to speak, scales, the chances are all in favour of the birds being several years old. I referred to "undoubted cocks" just now, because I think there is some reason to doubt the sex of the bird in question. Try what a month of the following treatment will do for it. Keep it well away from the fire, to avoid extremes of heat and cold, but see that it is quite free from draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga; and on two other days give a small piece of bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On each of the other days give a spray of green food when obtainable. Keep cage supplied with clean, gritty sand, and allow the bird to bathe when it desires. If the snapping of beak does not cease give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil in the water every second day for a week. Shake this well together.

A Long Silence.

A. R. S.—As you say the bird dropped into moult as soon as you bought it just after last Easter, I presume it did not moult again last autumn. If it did not, it will most likely moult again as soon as the weather gets mild and settled in spring, and you can scarcely expect to get much song from it now until it has got over the moult again. I suspect the bird is kept in an unfavourable position, and probably exposed to cold draughts, in addition to which your dietary is probably bad, though this depends upon what you call mixed canary seed. Look into the manner of keeping the bird first of all, and see that it is in a comfortable place, quite free from draught, but not overheated, and not too near a fire to expose it to extremes of heat and cold. See that its cage is kept clear, and is quite free from red mite. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape as a staple, and twice a week give a few grains of a mixture of hemp and inga, and three or four days a week a spray of watercress or other suitable green food, if you can get it free from frost. Twice a week, also, on days when you are giving neither of the above extra items, give a small piece of bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and continue this for a month. See the cage is kept strewn with clean, gritty sand. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Over-fed Hens.

M. A. L. X.—No doubt the condition of things you now describe is due to over-feeding. This overfed condition, when far advanced, is often very slow to improve, as it is little really practical limitation you can put upon the quantity of food consumed by the birds. You must still further reduce the quality and also control the quantity of food supplied, to do which adopt the following method for a month or so. Keep the birds in good sized cages, say, in groups in large flight cages; keep the cages well cleaned and free from husk and waste seed, and supply definite quantities of food daily, allowing a small teaspoonful of Canary for each bird daily, and twice each week reduce this amount by one half, and make up the same quantity with summer rape, given dry. Every day give a spray of watercress, young leaf of dandelion, or other green salad, which you may be able to obtain in good condition for use. Do not give any other foods of any kind, no apple, no carrot, or banana, or anything of that kind. Keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand. Every third day give eight drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water. Continue this for a month, then report result. Be careful not to miss feeding any day, and do not give more than the quantities named for each day's supply. There is no charge for these replies, and no necessity to subscribe to anything—everything of the latter description is wholly voluntary. Only too pleased to help. Have not address to carry out your suggestion re reply per return. Let these hens bathe in mild weather only.

Two and One.

E. D.—To carry out this system you must proceed in just the ordinary way in getting the birds ready to start breeding at, say, about the first week in April. Use a single compartment breeding cage for each hen, and keep the cock in a separate cage by himself. When the cock is in full vigorous song and anxious to mate (at the proper time), and one or both hens are also ready for mating, put the cock with the hen that is freshest and most anxious to begin. When this hen has built and laid her full complement of eggs, let her begin to sit, and then remove the cock and mate him with the second hen, leaving hen No. 1 to hatch out and rear the young by herself. Similarly, when hen No. 2 has laid and commenced to sit, remove the cock again, but this time put him in a separate cage by himself again, and keep him alone until hen No. 1 is again ready to receive him for the second brood, when you will repeat the same tactics as before. If all goes well, hen No. 2 should be ready to have the cock introduced for the second brood by the time hen No. 1 has commenced to sit on her second clutch of eggs, but if she is not quite ready, then you must return the cock to his separate cage again when hen No. 1 commences to sit on the second clutch, until the other hen is ready for him to be introduced. The same process will be carried out if you go in for a third brood.

Mating and Making a Strain.

Rugbeian.—You have set me a poser. It is difficult enough to advise one how to mate given birds which one has never seen when the owner knows something about them or their antecedents, but to tell how to mate and build up a select strain from three individuals which you have acquired, and of which you seem to know nothing, borders on the impossible, especially as you desire to work off these three birds alone without purchasing any more. Does it not strike you that your stock would very soon be closely in-bred? There is also the possibility that the birds may already be related, seeing they formed the sole stock of their former owner. Providing the birds are good sound coloured Cinnamon, and are suited to each other in other respects, you are right in supposing you should mate the buff cock with the jonque hen, but in such a small stud as this it will surely be a lucky chance if they happen to suit each other to a nicety. As regards the buff hen, if you cannot make up your mind to get another Cinnamon cock for her, try to exchange her for another jonque hen, which would match the cock, and run the cock with both hens alternately. Then next season you may be able to import a fresh cock or two, and thereby be able to go on for a year or two afterwards in working your own stock together without getting them too closely in-bred. The idea of crossing your own Norwich with the hen in question and then crossing back to Cinnamon, and working up a strain of your own is, in my opinion, altogether hopeless, seeing you have only one Cinnamon cock as a foundation, and, I take it, do not know whether he is quite pure bred or not. At any rate, the game is not worth the candle, and I would strongly advise you to adopt the alternative mentioned above.

Brevities.

The Sequel (F. E. N.).—I suppose it is an oversight, but you have really omitted the sequel after all, as your letter does not say how the bird is now, so I cannot tell whether you are in need of further advice or not. However, I trust the bird is doing well, but if it is not, then, please, write again, and I shall be glad to help you. Meantime, treat the bird as advised in last reply after it had been gradually weaned off the soft food. No harm will result from giving the birds poppy seeds gathered from the garden in place of maw, but when the choice rests equally between the two the maw is preferable, as it is larger, and has more substance.

Hair-Splitting (Cestria).—In unvarnished language, I take it you wish to know whether one could safely take advantage of what is, perhaps, a rather loose term as a class description, by exhibiting a Yorkshire which has an adult tail in a class provided for "unflighted" birds, because the said bird has not had its flights drawn. Assuming that the tail was lost by accident, as you say, you must look at the matter from the standpoint of the judge; and as the loss of the tail and growth of

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adult feathers is calculated to give an advantage in length over its competitors, whilst on the other hand an adult crop of flight feathers is not so desirable in certain birds which may already be on the verge of the fault of crossing wings, you must see that such a bird would be open to suspicion, and would doubtless, and very properly, be passed without comment. Although theoretically unflighted may mean only non-removal of flights, the term by former practices and customary usage applies to both tail and flight feathers.

Suitable Mates (G. R.).—In asking what will form suitable mates for given birds, you have omitted to say what kind of birds you would like to aim at breeding. I presume the two birds you want mates for are brother and sister, and from what you say about the green cock from which they were bred I should say he was bred from Cinnamons; or, whatever his pedigree may be, it is very closely related to the cinnamon on both sides. The cinnamon cock paired to a clear yellow pink-eyed hen from a marked strain would give you a good number of cinnamon ticks and variegated, with a fair chance of a few cinnamon even-marks, and an occasional self cinnamon. Mated with a self-cinnamon hen, the young would probably be mostly self-cinnamons, with an occasional foul cinnamon or green-ticked or variegated. For breeding self-cinnamons or cinnamon-marked, you could not do better than mate the yellow cinnamon hen to a self-cinnamon cock; or a clear buff pink-eyed cock would give you a variety of cinnamon ticks and marks, with clear pink-eyed birds, and few self-cinnamons.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

A Sick Bird.

Anxious.—I am afraid the case is almost hopeless, but while there is life there's hope. Keep it in an even and warm atmosphere, yet not a dry heat. Also it is important that the cage should be below the level of any gas jets. Try it with a piece of sponge cake merely moistened with boiling milk, and afterwards lightly sprinkled with maw seed. Cease your present treatment, save keeping the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia as required. Give one drop of oxymel of squills direct to the beak, and supply it with very weak brandy or whisky and water (chilled) to drink. I must emphasise that it must be kept in an equable, but not dry, temperature. Putting a very small portion of honey and borax just inside the beak twice a day might possibly give it a little relief. You will, of course, supply the ordinary seed mixture as usual. I'm almost doubtful if it will be alive when this reply reaches you; if it should be, try the treatment for seven days, and then report progress.

Treatment of Gouldian Finches.

Lupton.—The main feature is a roomy cage—exercise counts for a great deal with these birds. Keep them in some room where the temperature is pretty equable, and also where they will get light and air without draught. I should advise putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of their drinking water once a week, say, for four weeks. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a pinch of lettuce and grass seed occasionally, also a little "paddy" rice and oats. Green-food, a little of any ripe fruit they will take. A little cuttlefish crushed to the size of white millet, mixed with their seeds, and also scattered over top of sand will also be advisable. If they will take a little milk sop it will also help at this juncture. This species is difficult to get over the hardships of importation, but providing they are not kept in small cages—not difficult to keep fit afterwards.

Cockatoo off its Food.

Hamilton.—You have done quite right to stop the magnesia, but the chemical food had nothing to with this ibis, and I should advise you to well colour the drinking with the chemical food for some time yet. By all means encourage the bird to eat by giving it, not bread and butter, but a piece or so of plain biscuit, just dipped in the chemical food and out again, when you are at meals. I deal with my parrots so, it stops all clamour, and they mostly are eating more or less the whole time meals are on. You must not stint the boiled maize, which should be well dusted with flowers of sulphur, until the bird is eating dry seed mixture freely. It is a good plan to mix a little of the latter with the boiled maize. It may be possible there is some internal growth wearing out the bird, but you can only wait developments or consult a vet. You must persevere; a bird gets into a bad state such as yours has been in for some time, and it will take time to remedy matters. You must give the magnesia again on the least sign of constipation, but stop same at once for a time, as soon as the voidings become watery. Report progress in a fortnight, please.

Budgerigars in Window Case.

Budg.—You will require to screen the glass at nights, or your birds will be frightened to death with cats. Also you will require to lay a piece of felt or something over the glass during the winter, and some sort of a shade in summer, for, hardy as this species is, no bird can stand sudden extremes of temperature. Under such circumstances I should contrive a hinged wooden shutter, which could be lowered at night, and also used as a protection against heat or cold. You could have two pairs, and they should certainly breed and do well, if you take the above precautions. Note: While ventilation must be secured, draughts must be avoided, or you will have no luck. Budgerigars can stand almost any amount of cold if sudden extremes, damp, and draughts are avoided. Of course, a wise precaution during a spell of arctic-like weather would be to keep a felt cover to put over the glass at nights, and even during the day during exceptionally severe periods. With a little trouble and careful attention birds can be successfully kept without suffering even in unsuitable quarters. If all is not clear to you, repeat query.

Cockatoo in Poor Feather.

Summer.—As I informed you, this bird had got into a very unsatisfactory condition, and things will only right themselves as the bird recovers tone. Only give the magnesia now as may be required to keep the bowels moving freely, not watery loose. Give the chemical food as strong as the bird will take it in the drinking water. You can give the flowers of sulphur both on the potato, and also on either moistened plain biscuit or stale household bread—on both if you like. Consult the bird's taste. Supply as much ripe fruit as the bird will take; also vary the kinds as much as possible. The bird is certainly making progress. The portions which the bird is inclined to scratch, etc., might well be painted over with compound tincture of benzoin (using a camel hair brush for the purpose) at intervals of a day or two. The only thing is perseverance, but I should like to know, say, a month hence, how the bird is progressing. Except as modified above, continue the treatment of our previous reply.

Taming an Indian Parrot.

Inexperienced.—This is often very difficult, and there is nothing else but patience, kindness, and quietude to conquer this. Parrots and Parrakeets mature slowly, and some of the commonest species have not been much bred in this country, and actual date is not known. You have a young male, probably nearly or quite two years old, and the colours of its plumage will become brighter and more intense as it matures. As it becomes thoroughly accustomed to you, its wildness will gradually disappear; till this occurs, anything—sud-

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den noises, hasty movements, etc.—calculated to scare it, should be avoided in its vicinity. As soon as it is sufficiently tame, keep it in your midst, talk to it, make a fuss of it, and the like, and it is sure, sooner or later, to respond to this to some extent. I have met with many very talented birds of this species, and also with others, which never uttered more than an occasional "Polly," or perhaps mimicked the dog or cat. If you can once get it thoroughly tame, it should then soon begin to talk, at any rate, a little.

Tanager Queries.

Zebra.—(1) This species is not exactly rare; still, it is certainly uncommon, and not often on the market, and the name "Blue-winged" is the one it is commonly known by. I do not pretend to gauge advertised names; a dealer has something to sell, he does not recognise it, so he gives it a name, appropriate or otherwise. I will give scientific name next week—no time to refer before going to press. Value 20s. to 40s., according to condition. (2) This is quite right, and I have not known them to suffer under such conditions, providing they have plenty of soft food, ripe fruit, and some insects; there is one in my aviary at the present time which has been there eight years under the conditions they name. I should, however, say, that the Pekin is an inveterate nest-robber and egg-eater. A few Softbills do not make the aviary more filthy if you are liberal with sand; it must, however, be cleaned out at least twice as often as an enclosure for seed-eaters. (3) Not exactly a shelter shed; but have the ends of aviary wood, and half the front wood and glass, with a shutter to cover up the other part at night and during cold weather. (4) I have seen in a cage 3 ft. by 2 ft. by 3 ft. high the following species living in amity, and they had done so for some time:—Palm, Magpie, Blue, Olive, Black-cheeked, Superb, Crimson-crowned, and one or two others. It depends on size of cage and furnishings; there must be ample perching and feeding accommodation, without their being on top of each other as it were, and then they will agree all right.

Newly Acquired Gouldian Finches

Miss C.—Give them as large a cage as possible; this conduces more to their health than some imagine. I know of no species that suffers more from lack of exercise than the lovely Gouldian Finch. They are not difficult to keep once they get over the hardships of importation, but many "shuffle off" before this is achieved. You are quite right in keeping them out of draught, but they must have air and light, and the temperature, for a time, should be fairly warm and equable. Let their first morning drink consist of milk that has been boiled and allowed to become all but cold, if they will eat it give a little sponge cake scalded with boiling milk (moistened, not made sloppy), and for one day put one tablespoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water. I do not like mixed seeds for these lovely birds

Canary, white, and spray millet should form the staple diet, with paddy rice and a few crushed oats; a piece of ripe apple or banana kept between the bars of the cage, and whenever you have lettuce a small tender leaf should be given them to pull to pieces. You can continue the iron tonic at intervals. You give no particulars of your aviary, so I cannot say, but they must not be put out of doors at this season, though I have kept them out of doors all the year round; but the first year they must be turned out in the spring, and I have kept them under these conditions, and found them to live, on the average, for six years so.

Brevities.

Grey Parrot not Talking, etc. (Beckett).—Please give me details of the surroundings of your bird, also his demeanour, and the general conditions under which he is kept. Please cover the whole ground and give full details; I then shall be in a position to suggest a remedy, at present I cannot.

What Birds with Canaries? (C. Heal).—Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Zebra Waxbills, and Green or Grey Singing Finches. Supply white and spray millet in addition to the seeds you are supplying to the Canaries, and they should do well. You must not put Foreigners out at this season of the year; get them acclimatised or hardened off in a roomy cage indoors, and put out in May. If the season is forward they might go out in April.

Gold-fronted Green Bulbul (C.L.H.).—This is infinitesimal; authentic hens are not easy to obtain, and, except dried skins, I do not think I have handled a living female; but the hen is reputed to have the gold-front less intense and somewhat smaller in area than that of the male. I fear it will be only by a lucky fluke that you will be able to get a female Gold-front; the sexes, so far as I am aware, can only be told by comparison, and even then for this to be of any use the birds compared must be fully adult.

Songsters (Full Song).—Neither the Sprosser nor Nightingale is a seed-eater. I am of the opinion that Grey and Green Singing Finches will meet your requirements as well as any I know, as would any of the Serins, but they are not common on the market; but the Singing Finches can mostly be purchased at quite a cheap rate. A rarer bird is the Alario Finch, a South African species (usually costs about 6s. to 7s. 6d.); watch advert. columns and procure as opportunity offers. Any of those named would cross with the Canary and thrive on much the same treatment.

Green Parrot—What Book? (M. Moles).—You have either a Ring-neck or Alexandrine Parrakeet; most of these species talk more or less. I have known really talented birds of either species. You would find "Popular Parrakeets" from this office very helpful, 1s., plus postage. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, white millet, hemp, oats, maize, dari, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts except the two first, of which use a double quantity to any of the others; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, with grit, cuttlefish, and water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any animal food, and the bird should do well.

Parrakeets (Parrakeet).—I think you may take it that the condition of the birds verifies that the environment and treatment suits them. You are supplying all that is necessary in the way of seeds, but I should supply a little ripe apple and a fresh lettuce leaf occasionally. I should put up the logs and husks early in March. Your space is fully occupied, but I think they will do all right, especially as you intend adding an open flight to your present closed-in aviary. Keep clean cuttlefish hanging about, and supply a large shallow dish of some kind for bathing purposes. If you have any difficulty when they settle down to nesting send particulars, but do not be frequently looking in the nest.

What Birds? (D. Ross).—(1) It is a Grey Waxbill, an African species—shows to advantage in a roomy cage, well lined with twiggy branches. (2) Infinitesimal, but the hen is a trifle slighter, and also a trifle less brilliant than the male; but this only holds good when adult birds are concerned—the eye needs training to distinguish these points. The best way to do this is to closely observe a cageful of these birds whenever opportunity offers. (3) It is evidently one of the Spennophila, many of which are almost impossible to name from an incomplete description; if you can describe it for me a little more fully I shall possibly be able to name it for you in our next. (4) This must wait till species is recognised. (5) The Grey Waxbill is a very shy breeder in captivity; but, given a roomy aviary, with a growing bush or bushes, there should, at any rate, be a probability of success.

Building an Aviary (Thorburn).—You cannot do better than have one-third of the total length made into a well-lighted shed, the other two-thirds to have a wire front; and as regards the roof of this portion, one-half to be wire and the other (nearest the shed) covered in. Make the aviary as large as you conveniently can; the extra cost is very small, and the gain immense, where you are looking for breeding successes. In the open-roofed part, grow grasses, weeds, etc., and put in a bush or two, such as fir, larch, laurel, and creepers such as wild clematis, ivy, Virginia creeper, etc., and you should have good success. See that all wooden walls and the roof are draught and damp-proof. It is a wise precaution to have these double-boarded with a thickness of roofing-felt between.

Hardiest Seed-eaters ("Know-en-um").—(1) In an aviary, say, not less than 5 by 2 by 5 feet high, the following pairs would agree, and would be probable breeders: Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Bengales, Bronze Mannikins, and Gold-crested Waxbills. But if yours is merely an aviary cage, then you must not put in more than two pairs; in fact, for breeding Foreign Finches in cages, it is best to have only one pair to each cage—the cage not to be less than an ordinary double-breeder. (2) They are all probable breeders—the Waxbills should have a cocoanut shell nest—the others wood box nests—hay and long grass to be supplied as nesting material. (3) Yes, soft food must be given when they are rearing young—several good ones are advertised in our columns; they must also have unlimited green food. (4) Canary, white and spray millet seed, few oats, green food, grit and water for drinking and bathing.

A Sick Green Parrot (Southampton).—Continue to keep a tin of seed mixture in cage, and also crush a little cuttle to about the size of millet seed and mix this with the seed mixture. The items are all wholesome, and if it eats enough it will take no harm. You can also give the boiled pearl barley or boiled rice, providing they are boiled in water only. These should be well steamed so that each grain, while quite moist, is yet whole and not sodden; either can be dusted with flowers of sulphur. By all means use the chemical food; this can be used continuously for quite a period, save when you find it necessary to give either a dose of Epsom salts or Dinneford's Magnesia to keep the bowels moving freely. I should also continue to put a little honey and borax on to the bird's tongue daily for a fortnight at least. Recovery cannot be rapid, but you should see some improvement soon.

What Parrakeets with Budgerigars? (Jackson).—I should advise putting in a Roscila; it is brightly-coloured, handsome, and, so far as my experience goes, quite harmless with Budgerigars, as also are Cockatiels, and the combination would be a pleasing one. Diet for the larger species: Oats, hemp, dari, and sunflower seed, in addition to the Canary and millet supplied to the Budgerigars. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful; see advert. in this column.

Yellow-fronted Amazon not Talking (Bland).—Amazons are not as teachable as Greys, and require more patience. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and constantly repeat to it, clearly and distinctly, such words and short phrases as you would like it to utter; it is better not to mix them up too much, but keep to one or two till these are learned, and then try others. Gain its confidence by petting, etc. It should certainly speak even if it does not become a fluent talker. Keep the Grey's bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of drinking water); give two doses with only one day between each, afterwards at intervals of two or three days. If the voidings become watery loose, you must stop the magnesia till normal. Report progress about ten days hence.

Blue-fronted Amazon (Painter).—There is no given period; some are much more teachable than others. The diet has been given almost weekly for some weeks. Yours appears right, providing you are not giving tea, coffee, or milk slops, or animal food, which must not be given. If the bird is in good health I should not change the diet. It will commence to talk and imitate sooner or later. All you can do is to continue your present method, and the bird will ultimately respond. Make a fuss of it, talk to it, constantly repeating such words as you wish it to learn. A bird will remain silent sometimes for months, and then surprise you with several words or short sentences at once, and make quite a talented talker. There are very few Blue-fronts which do not talk.

Foreigners and British (X. Y. Z.).—Chaffinches and Bramblefinches are dangerous in a mixed community, and the Yellowhammer is by no means safe, but all the following could be kept together: Gold and Bullfinches, Redpoll, Linnet, Twite, Siskin, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Grey Java Sparrows, Spice Finches, Zebra Waxbills, Avadavats, and a pair of the pretty and minute Diamond Doves. I have kept all, and many others, out of doors the year round, and if your aviary is neither draughty nor damp you should have average luck. Do not be persuaded to keep Budgerigars in a mixed collection, as it will mean ultimate disaster. You will gain experience with the above, and can then add other and more uncommon species. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" valuable.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Wild Seed Mixture.

Siskin.—It is quite impossible for anyone, however expert in such matters (which, personally, I do not profess to be), to identify the seeds comprised in any "wild seed mixture." Many of those of the group known as "bird rapes" are so much alike that it would be necessary to sow them before the precise plants they come from could be named. And it is bird rapes which make up the bulk of all screenings from threshing machines. The value is very small; note the prices such "wild seed mixtures" are offered at in our advert. columns. For use with Linnets it would be vastly improved if you mix equal parts of gold of pleasure and sesame, with half-parts of lettuce, plantain, and mustard (yellow) seeds, and the bulk of this mix with two equal parts of the wild seed mixture. Give a teaspoonful of this one day and a teaspoonful of best old hemp (cracked) the next day, and this should soon bring any healthy Linnet into rousing song. My own moulted Linnets have beaks as deep blue as bilberries, and would breed now, I feel sure, if I chose to let them.

Three Matters.

Mixed Up.—1 and 2: A heated kitchen (you yourself admit it is "rather warm") is the reverse of a suitable place wherein to keep Linnets, Goldies, and similar British birds. It may quite likely be the cause of your periodical losses; also of the moulting trouble (bareness of feathers) of the other Linnet mentioned. Are you quite sure the latter bird (and the others, too, for that matter) is not worried by red-mite? This pest flourishes amazingly in heated rooms, and is often the unexpected cause of feather and other troubles. 3: Your plan of furnishing and fitting up the indoor room reads excellently, and no doubt the latter will serve its purpose in first-rate style. My opinion with regard to breeding young with a mixed lot of birds in an aviary of restricted size I have often expressed (see our issues of the last two weeks). Then for the size of your place (about 6ft. by 8ft.) you give far too lengthy a list of birds which you propose turning in. The half of thirty would be much nearer the mark. Overcrowding is a fatal foe to successful breeding. I strongly advise you to cut the Linnets down to three, Greenfinches to one pair (or one hen only), and to leave out the Bramblefinch, Redpoll, and the three hen Mules.

Linnet "Going Light."

Wood Green.—I am afraid there is little hope for the Linnet, seeing that he has gone so far as to be as "thin and light as a feather." He is evidently in a very advanced stage of ill-health, and it is seldom of any avail to treat birds then. You made a mistake to give the sulphate of soda and Epsom salts; one dose might have been advisable, but it should have been followed by a course of tonic, "appetite-giving" medicine. I had a case only last week of a Linnet being sent a long journey to me, getting knocked about en route, and going off food, and commencing to lose flesh fast. I changed his food at once, offering cracked hemp, with teazle, maw, and niger seeds, also a wild seed mixture (I have often given the recipe), containing thistle and dandelion. In his water glass (a specially small one, for medicines, holding about one tablespoonful) I dissolved as much crystals of citrate of iron and ammonia as I could take up on the point of my penknife (a small pinch, roughly speaking). One ounce of these crystals can be cheaply obtained at any good chemist's shop. For two days the Linnet ate practically nothing, then suddenly attacked the wild seed mixture. Now he is beginning to look his old self again, and eating heartily of all in front of him. I have used these crystals before with great success; when the loss of appetite is accompanied by great thirst (apparent feverishness) I substitute crystals of citrate of iron and quinine. I advise you to try the crushed seed, the wild seeds, and this mixture; if he is to pull round, this treatment will put him on the right way.

Brevities.

A "Blackcap" (Bermon).—I expected you would find the bird to be one of the Tits. These are insectivorous birds, strictly speaking, but eat hemp and sunflower seeds, also nuts, if they are cracked, and they like a little fat (such as suet) during cold weather. But a softbill mixture must be supplied if they are to continue long in health.

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A Hawfinch's Fit (Flixton).—Hope you recognise the nom-de-plume; no signature to your letter. Your Hawfinch had a fit. It was a mild one, however, and you need not fear that disastrous consequences will necessarily follow. His speedy recovery points otherwise. Give for 24 hours a mild saline medicine, such as sulphate of soda, as much as will lie upon a shilling dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. You did quite right to take Mr. Sandy's advice about the feeding; sunflower seed alone is not good. Let him have the fruit more often, and some berries, if you can get them. He is unlikely to hurt other birds in a large outdoor aviary, but may be wild and nervous himself at first.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Zebra or Australian Dove?

F. D. Keevil.—Yes, your bird was a Zebra Dove, but, judging from your description, not the Australian species, but the East Indian. They are very much alike, but the Australian has not the pink breast, or the bands on the sides, but only on the neck. The Australian Crested Dove is quite distinct from either, being very much bigger, to say nothing of the crest. These Zebra Doves are not good breeders, and I cannot call to mind any case of their being bred, though very likely this has occurred. It would be worth trying. No, White Java Doves do not call as your Zebra Dove did, but have just the same note as the ordinary Collared Dove; in fact, they are simply a white variety of that bird, and not a different species at all.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

R. Challmer.—Subject: Parrot.—Although the Parrot was delayed in transit, owing to the fact that you had directed it to Reading, and it had to be re-directed to me, it was in a sufficiently fresh condition for examination. You will note my address for future reference. Whilst sorry for your loss, I am glad you determined to submit to me the remains for examination. It has proved so interesting a case from a pathological standpoint, that I have given to it a considerable amount of time, and will endeavour to make clear to you the lesions presented. The disease was of some long standing, and must have originated several months ago, although until towards the end the general health would not be seriously disturbed owing to its chronic nature. There was a chronic pleurisy with effusion, the entire body cavity being completely filled with fluid of a mucilaginous character; the lungs were in a condition known as atalectasis or complete collapse. Now, to take each in sequence. In the first place the pleurisy resulted from bacterial invasion; this in time resulted in effusion being poured out (which invariably follows where serous membranes are affected), and latterly owing to the great increase of this effusion the lungs, due to the great pressure brought to bear upon them, collapsed; consequently, respiration was impeded, and death occurred from asphyxia. There were no marked tubercular lesions, but I have reasons to believe that the causal organism was the bacillus of tuberculosis. You will no doubt be able to connect these pathological changes with the symptoms presented during life; there would be a difficulty in respiration owing to the pressure exerted upon the lungs; this would later become more apparent towards the end, which would result in asphyxia. It was an incurable condition, and death a merciful release.

F. W. Martin.—Subject: Cock Canary.—The symptoms you so ably describe are quite in accordance with the lesion found. I have no reason to believe that it is of an infectious nature. There was marked pneumonia of both lungs, unconnected with any other apparent lesions, whereas, in disease of an infectious nature, although the lungs are the common predilection seat of disease, there usually exist other disease centres, also, such as the coverings of the brain. This is a common cause of loss amongst the Fancy during the winter and early spring, and is brought about by adverse atmospherical changes, although not subjected to draught, as you state in your letter; yet even variations in the temperature of the air, particularly a moist condition prevailing at this period is quite sufficient in itself to produce the disease. The respiratory structure of these small birds is extremely delicate, and in suitable subjects is easily influenced by these changes. As a safeguard against further loss, you may give your remaining birds a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food administered in the drinking water night and morning, so as to raise the tone of the system. There is no specific for this malady; your treatment must be entirely preventive, whilst adopting such treatment as advised, together with supplying sufficient warmth, you will most likely obviate further trouble.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Letter (T. W. Baldock).—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

Illustrated Ideas (T. Sutcliffe).—We have given this cage-door hook previously.

Photo (J. Clarke).—Thanks; will try and find a corner for photograph in a future issue.

An Idea (J. H. Jowett).—Many thanks for the suggestion and your kindly letter. We will give it our early attention if at all possible to carry out.

Index (A. N. Evans).—We will give this matter consideration, but may say that when we compiled and published an index, we found there was practically no demand for it.

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS

A Garden Aviary of Interesting Foreign Birds.

By Miss B. E. WILKINSON.

(Continued from page 590.)

I had almost forgotten the Cordon Bleus—and no aviary would be complete without these—the dearest, sweetest little mites. The cock is a beautiful soft turquoise blue, brighter in the tail feathers, which are long. He has a bright crimson ear patch. The hen is pale fawn, over-laid with blue.

Dancing and Singing.

When showing off, the cock dances and sings a little song, with a long piece of grass or hay in his beak. Java Sparrows dance and sing too, but I never saw this little blue thing dance and sing without the bit of grass, I suppose as a gentle hint that it was about time to make a nest. Any way, that was what they were always doing. There were eggs laid, too, but none ever hatched, but I believe they have been reared in this country, so there is always a chance that others may be more successful than I was.

There were a lot of little Waxbills, but I think the Orange-cheeked were the most interesting. One got out of the aviary, and was flying about all day, but never offered to go far away; in the evening it flew repeatedly against the wire front. I forget whether it squeezed its way in, or if I caught it.

A Zebra Finch cock got out regularly every day, and had to be caught at night on the wires. It was a long time before I could find the hole he got through; it was quite close up to the roof, and only showed from inside, or no doubt he would have returned the way he came. He spent most of the day on a rockery wall, facing the aviary, pecking about, singing, and enjoying his liberty till evening.

Doves of different varieties were always falling out; a tiny pair of Passerines bullied a pair of Bleeding Hearts five times their size; Aurita Lenaida and Crested Australians were continually skirmishing till I wondered why Doves are always described as "so peaceful."

I was most anxious to rear some Bleeding Hearts. They nested freely, but no sooner were the eggs laid than the cock became jealous and would not allow the hen near the nest, or even within sight of it, not that she ever troubled much about it, but she left the sitting entirely to him. They are very striking-looking birds, more curious than beautiful, with a pure white breast in the centre of which is a bright crimson patch, so like blood, even to the smeared look where the colour dies away, that few people on first seeing them can believe it is only a mark. The rest of their plumage is grey, with dark tail and wing bars, tops of head and eyes of deep plain colour, the back and neck beautifully lustred. They spent all day on the ground, only flying into a tree at night to roost.

When frightened they have a curious trick of crouching on the ground, so that their white breast with its conspicuous mark is completely hidden, and lie so still they might be taken for a piece of grey stone.

They are very fond of green caterpillars and the soft food provided for the other birds. Their eggs have a thick shell, slightly tinted buff, and the yolk is bright transparent orange-red.

Treatment of the Inmates.

There are a lot of other birds I should like to say something about, but I'm afraid I have already taken up too much space. So I will leave them till another time, only saying in conclusion, that none of those I have mentioned need any special treatment. Canary seed, white millet, and a mixture of hard-boiled egg, bread crumb, and dried ants' eggs, with some dari and small Indian corn for the Doves, are all they require to keep them in perfect health. The Budgerigars like some soaked bread squeezed dry, when there are young in the nest, but it is not absolutely necessary.

The floor should be kept nicely sanded, and there should be a plentiful supply of sharp grit. I always gave them the shells of all the eggs used in the house, dried in the oven, and crushed fine, as they must have lime in some form. A few branches of trees and bunches of heather and bulrushes, arranged as naturally as possible, and some little boxes and cocoanut halves to nest or sleep in, make an ideal home for them.

Illustrated Ideas

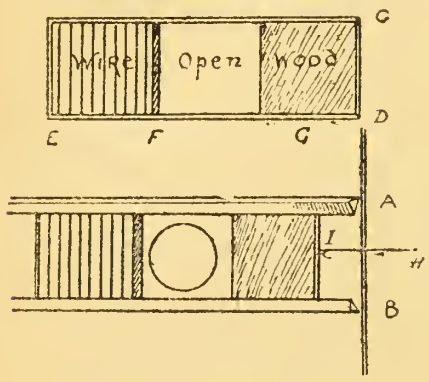
Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 380.

A Breeding-cage Contrivance.

Sent by Mr. E. Newmarsh, Bridgegate, Howden, E. Yorks.

I forward you a little contrivance which I am fitting to my breeding cages for next season; no doubt, it may be of some use to the readers of CAGE BIRDS. It is a slide fixed on the sliding partition of double breeding cages, to cover the hole, or leave it open, or cover it with wire, to enable old birds to feed the young. First the sliding partition is to be



A Slide for Breeding Cage.

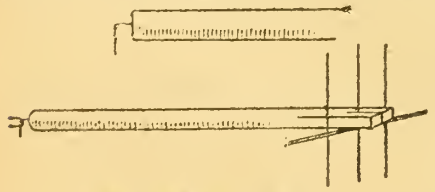
marked off into five equal spaces, with the hole in the centre space. Then nail on two strips of wood as illustrated (A and B) with one end of each planed down to form a groove when nailed on. Then make the slide as illustrated. First cut two strips of wood (C and D) only the length of the three spaces referred to above. Then plane down edge of each for them to slide in grooves (A and B). Then cut two small pieces (E and F), and place them to cover one space. Then cut another square piece of wood (G), to form cover for hole. H is a piece of wire to hook on a little staple (I), so as to slide backwards and forwards as desired.—A. NEWMARSH.

No. 381.

A Perch for Box Cages.

Sent by Mr. G. W. Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks.

I send you what I think an improvement on perches for any box cages. It also has the advantages of trapping the red mite and of being very simply fitted without any extra expense. On the back of the cage a small staple is driven, the ends of the perches to have a piece of wire



An Idea for a Perch.

driven in and bent. Just hooking on the staple completes the back fastening. The front of the perch is left square, and fits between the wires and also rests on the cross-bar, so that there is no shake when fitted. It projects about an inch (to hold when one is cleaning). A saw cut in the square end for about an inch and a quarter completes the device, and a piece of wire cleans the mite out of this cut very well.—G. W. MAISEY.

LINGFIELD (Surrey).

This show was held in the Victoria Memorial Institute, on January 19th. Cage birds had a very limited classification, and the prize money was on the sliding scale, yet several very smart exhibits were on view. Mr. J. Stone made an energetic and courteous hon. secretary, and his efforts were ably seconded by the committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, spl best in show, Kilby, a trio of grand bodied birds, of capital col. and quality, winner excels in chest and condition; 2nd not quite so tight, and 3rd loses in head; hc, Jeffrey. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, Kilby, two grand deep chested birds, of rich col. and good silky feather, winner shows to best advantage; 3, Whitten, non-fed, and a really good one, too, capital shape and feather; hc, Jeffrey. CRESTS, ETC. (2): 1, Hinds, nice, neat drooped crest, capital quality and front, a hen; 2, Fielden, cock, well centred and nicely spread. BORDERS (5): 1, 2, 3, Montague, very nice little team of typical, stylish, nice feathered birds, yell., buff. and yell., winner scores on condition; hc, Dunford. A.O.V. (13): 1, spl, Newman, smart, stylish, close feathered, well-drawn buff Yorks; 2, Borman, high quality, rich col. yell. Clun.; 3, vhc, Cooper, another neat stylish buff Yorks.; vhc, Dunford; hc, Wraight. BRIT. (14): 1, vhc, Jupe, well-known Goldie and Bullie, in grand form; 2, Borman, small, but nicely feathered Nightingale; 3, Kilby, well marked Yellow Bunting, in grand feather; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Cadman, Drake.

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Correspondence.

Mice in the Bird-room.

SIR,—I would esteem it a favour if some of your correspondents would enlighten me upon how to rid my bird-room of mice? The room is a bed-room in my house. To get Virus I am afraid would be too expensive, as my house is situated near an off licence and other business houses that will encourage them in the way of food, so that if I used the Virus I am afraid I should have a return of them very soon if I cleared my rooms for the time. Perhaps some fancier may have been troubled likewise, and been successful in ridding his room of mice, or perhaps have used the Virus or some other preparation. If he would give me his experience it would be greatly appreciated.

THOS. WILLIAMS.

New Society for Codnor Park and District.

SIR,—The majority of the Cage Bird members of the Selston and District Fanciers' Society have resigned, also myself as their hon. secretary. A meeting was called for 15th January, 1910, to get as many fanciers together as possible, to try and form a Cage Bird Society at Codnor Park, which I am pleased to state was a great success. It was arranged to name the Society the Codnor Park Cage Bird Society, open to a radius of 20 miles for membership; subscription, 2s. 6d.; headquarters, the Portland Arms, Jacksdale, Notts, where we have a splendid club-room at our disposal, well lighted by day and night (an ideal place for a show). The next meeting was arranged for Saturday, January 29th, at 7 p.m., when we are having a table show of Canaries and British Birds as an attraction to young members. I shall be pleased to give any information to any fancier residing in the radius (20 miles).

J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

Mount Pleasant, Riddings.

Are there "Pot-hunters" in the Western Counties?

SIR,—Now, Mr. "Western Bird," you have asked if we have any "pot-hunters" in the western counties. Well, I will ask you to look back and see what entries the Keynsham Show had, and that will tell you about the "pot-hunters." I should like to know from readers why a show like the above was treated so badly by specialist and novice cage-bird men.

M. BARNES.

SIR,—I quite agree with "Western Bird" as regards specialists going to our local shows and not giving such as myself (a novice) a chance. I may say that we have these pot hunters in Bristol, and people that live in glass houses should not throw stones. I will tell you another thing that wants stopping as much as the "specialists" going to all our shows, and that is this, shows where the secretaries are showing in nearly every class and getting first or second prizes in 8 out of every 10 classes. This is what the novice does not like; if he can meet men fairly he is only too pleased; but the above is not fair.

BARRACK.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—In reference to last week's correspondence under the above heading, I am quite prepared for criticism. I am a lover of fair play, and a good sportsman, giving help to the Fancy in theory and practice. Whatever personal attacks I may be subject to, I shall take in good part. I have no wish to introduce personalities that are not within the subject, and it will not make me any the less a true fancier, bird lover, or exhibitor. I hope to have many more years of pleasure and many happy hours with my interesting hobby. I have a perfect right to express my views, right or wrong. In reference to Mr. Lack asking me to confine myself to the truth, he could not have asked me a better thing. As far as the word "late" being said, I will apologise, it was my form of wording the sentence; but, Mr. Lack, you meant the same, "late" in another form. When Mr. Dewhurst's son came in (who was there to act in his father's stead through illness), after hearing my explanation of not getting there the night before (as my duties often make it impossible to do what I would), he said to Mr. Lack, "I think Mr. Battison has a good excuse, we might accept these birds," at which Mr. Lack replied, "What's the use of you having rules if you do not carry them out; you are secretary, you please yourself." At the special meeting I was summoned to, Mr. Lack stated that I told them he had not the courtesy to speak to me. This is untrue. My words were, "Mr. Lack was not gentlemanly enough to shake hands (which he always accustomed himself to do). To the best of my belief these are the words that were used. In reference to the committee passing a vote of confidence in the secretary, they could not do otherwise. No one regrets more than I do Mr. Dewhurst not being able to be there through illness. I bear no ill-feeling against either him or his son, whom I have always been on friendly terms with, and treated with the greatest respect. As to Mr. Lack's remarks re cup, there was no cup class (I congratulate him in winning it, considering with so little or no competition, which often occurs in societies). How could I feel a pang of jealousy when he entered for the cup and (his own words) I did not? When jealousy enters my mind, my interesting hobby and I part. Many good fanciers have left societies through young fanciers ruling with a high hand, fixing their own specials, and altering rules, so as to give money into their own classes, so they should not lose it. This is not the way of progress. Now, sir, repeating Mr. Lack's words: Fanciers can judge for themselves who is right, the man who carries out the rules or the man who tries to break them. The schedule show rule is never carried out at any show. For instance, I will quote a recent large show. A friend of Mr. Lack's got a catalogue when entering, and found a well-known exhibitor's name with absent, absent, to his birds, but in the young bird class he won a prize. At the request for an explanation, the secretary willingly told him judging was finished in the classes where his birds are marked "absent," but when the birds were brought in we allowed the young bird to be put in its class, as that one had not been judged." So you see the example some societies set us. I mention this to prove the rule is not carried out even in large shows, where we expect to see it done. It's a rule made for a provision against a rush on the morning of the show, which would cause great anxiety and confusion to all concerned. Now, Mr. Lack, I am asked to confine myself to the truth. I respectfully ask you to write to CAGE BIRDS and inform them how many birds were brought in and accepted after 9 o'clock (schedule time) on the evening before the show? In fairness to myself (as you term it), I want to know this. Who broke the rule that evening, though the rules were enforced next morning?

C. BATTISON.

SIR,—In reply to "Veritas," I can understand a friendly correspondence under a nom-de-plume, but if there is nothing shifty in the background, why not sign your name? Be open when you wish to attack a fancier, for his supposed good. As to only just having heard of rules being enforced, I have heard and seen many, but never the one in question carried out, and I challenge you (if you are a fancier) to say where you have seen it done. Here is a chance for you. If you are not a fancier, I willingly excuse you, for your unkindly remarks, for the want of a little thought. In reference to being a "Laggard," and "pot-hunter," and not taking interest in my societies, secretaries and fanciers can vouch for my being the reverse of it. I have a cause for my action. I know something, and I have acted on principle, like many fanciers of my standing would have done. I hope, "Veritas," I may have the pleasure of meeting you as a fancier, when I think you will relieve your mind of a few of these uncalled-for remarks.

C. BATTISON.

Foreigners in British Classes.

SIR,—On receiving the magnificent birthday number of CAGE BIRDS, the first illustration to attract my attention was the frontispiece, with its many electorial funnyosities of bird life. May I call attention to the wording displayed on one of the posters: "Tariff Reform means no foreigners in British classes?" I trust that this "reform" will soon be put into working order, and may the "Tariff" be too big for the keen exhibitor who pushes the foreigner into the British classes at our shows. I don't profess to know a great deal about the Bullfinch, still I have had a little experience with this red waistcoated gentleman both in his wild state as well as in captivity, having handled many birds caught on the borders of Cumberland and Dumfrieshiro, Bullfinches which have proved invincible at leading shows. The pick of hundreds, these birds took some stopping some three years ago. But I must confess that never have I seen such monster Bullfinches (some house-moulted) receiving the awards at the Cage Bird shows which it has been my privilege to attend this last season. There is only one Bullfinch like in colouring to the British, and that is the larger and purer coloured Russian, and it is the smaller specimens of this breed that I claim get a big share of the awards in the British Bullfinch classes of to-day. Who is going to sprag the wheel? I should like to read some better authority on the "Foreigner in British Classes" subject. I feel on the right track, and hope my remarks may stir things up, and cause the schedule to be strictly adhered to. Let us have British in British classes. To the judges we look forward to decide the nationality as well as the merits of our birds. Let these gentlemen do their work fearlessly and not miss putting a "Tariff" on all foreigners who put in an appearance in any British classes at our shows.

CORBIK.

Novices and their Prize Cards.

A Novel Suggestion.

SIR,—In "Notes from Erin" I notice a comment on the grievances of novices in regard to prize cards. I may say in Glasgow there is the same grievance amongst a large number of novices I have come in contact with, who take more pride in a good card than they do in a money prize. Another grievance amongst novices at confined shows is members judging, a grievance that could be easily remedied. I would make a suggestion that there is plenty of room in a city, like Glasgow for a society to be run on amateur lines, supplying good prize cards, neutral judge and no prize money, members having the option to show at open shows for money. I think a society run on these lines would appeal to novices. However, I would like to have the opinion of fellow fanciers.

NOVICE.

Am I a Novice?

SIR,—After reading "Am I a Novice?" in your correspondence columns, also the reply by Mr. Hill, I shall be very pleased if the same gentleman will say if the reading of rule 37, 1st portion, would still hold good if the said 1st prize was won at an open mixed show, where all the prizes were on the sweepstake principle, without any other prize money being given, except probably a special prize of 2s. 6d. for the best exhibit in each section (including poultry, rabbits, cavies, pigeons, and cage birds)? Personally I cannot understand the rule being applicable in such an instance. I remember visiting a show of this kind with about 100 exhibits all told, where only two competitors had ever shown in open competition, and neither of them was in the cage bird section. If rule 37 of the Y.U. holds good in this case, does it not put a bann upon the novice belonging to a society of this kind, of which there are a good many in our country districts, where cage birds are not so generally catered for as in Bradford and district? I thank Mr. Hill in anticipation of a reply, and wish the Y.U. the success it deserves.

NOVICE.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—Just a word or so on the above subject. Again, Mr. H., you have evaded the question. Although I challenged you as a last resource to substantiate your statement against the W.C.B.C., you will not rise to the gist of the argument but grovel in the mud of invective. Well, stay there; that's the place that suits you best. Truly, readers of CAGE BIRDS have had chance enough to form a true conception of yourself. Yes! the W.C.B.C. is a society worthy of the name, well-known throughout the principality, and *I* am their secretary, and *I* it was who despatched the wire to CAGE BIRDS (authorised by my committee of the W.C.B.C.) that we were withdrawing our patronage through your non-compliance with our rules, which you were holder of. Do not measure me by your own self-opinionated ideas. If you claim to be as secretary of your society—their chief instigator and prime mover, I do not claim to be such as secretary of the W.C.B.C., but do my duty in carrying out their requests. I finish with the ultimate unalloyed satisfaction that you have positively failed to prove your own words re the patronage of the W.C.B.C. being forced upon any society. The "trump card" which you have boasted about, but not produced, must be but a phantom of your very elastic imaginary vision, and, your correspondence throughout has been no other than the rude arrangement of deliberate prevarications, unworthy of any one who would term himself a man.

G. T. JONES, Hon. Sec. W.C.B.C.

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Mules at Yarm Show.

SIR,—It will be interesting to know why Mr. Houlton gave first prize to a dark Greenfinch Mule which is blind in one eye. Now, any one of our judges can make a mistake, but I was told this was not one, as the stewards pointed it out to him when judging, and he said it did not make any matter, as it was a good Mule. This bird was passed for being blind at Hull and Darlington. I had a little chat with Mr. Houlton at Stockton Show, and he told me he judged by the National British Bird and Mule Club's standard. Surely blind birds are not made eligible in the above standard?

TYRO DARLINGTON.

Uniform Show Cages for Border Fancies.

SIR,—I would like to draw the attention of others to the exhibiting of Borders, and the cages they are in. As a starter in the hobby, I have been paying great attention to them at a good many shows round about this district (Fife) and the difference in the cages is astonishing, which makes one believe that it is the cages that win, not the birds. I think there should be a rule drawn up that cages should be uniform (all of the same style) and the committee of all shows should have power to debar birds from competition if not in the one style instead of with different spars, fountains, and seed boxes, and so on. This would make keener competition and more entries.

LOOKER ON.

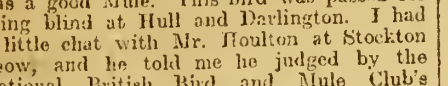
A Resignation at Tredegar.

SIR,—In reply to "Old Fancier," who states in "Twitterings" that the oldest British and Mule exhibitor of Tredegar has resigned from the society for the reason that the fanciers were putting on classes to suit themselves, if the said exhibitor had told "Old Fancier" that he resigned because they did not give him a class for dark Goldfinch Canary Mule (in which he believes he could win), it would be more truthful. "Old Exhibitor" has Goldfinches, Greypates, Hawfinch, Parrots, and a Yellow Yorkshire cock that has won 1st and special, and the society has given three open classes for Yorkshires—one for novice, and classes for Goldfinch, Greypate, any variety Hardbill, any variety Mule and Parrots. The society last year lost 7s. on the Dark Mule class and 6d. on the any other variety mule class. The specials for the cage bird section are entered in schedule exactly as given.

ONE IN THE KNOW.

A Netting Needle and How to Make it.

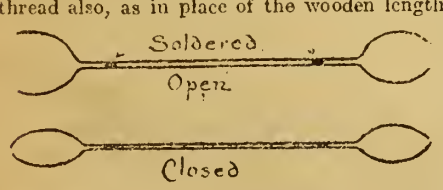
SIR,—I noticed an article recently in CAGE BIRDS, re the making of nets, and I am sure it will prove very useful to a great many of your readers. I have made my own nets for a good many years. I send you a sketch of a needle which I think is a great improvement on the old-style wooden one shown in the above-mentioned article. The advantage



is that you can wrap more thread on it, and it will pass through the mesh without picking up any other threads. First take a piece of ordinary cage wire about 17 inches long, and bend it as shown in Fig. 1. Then take a piece of straight wire and place in the centre and solder all together. You may make the needle any width across the eye according to the mesh you require to knit. Allow the centre wire to stand out one inch at each end.

WM. PROCTOR.

SIR,—In your issue of December 18th, Mr. Penfold described a wooden netting needle. I take the liberty of sending a sketch of one I have always used in making nets. It has several advantages over the wooden ones. It is easier to wind full, and you can use both ends. It will hold about twice as much thread also, as in place of the wooden length



you have thread. It can be made in about 10 minutes, and will last for years. It is made of two pieces of ordinary cage wire (the ends rounded off so that they will not catch in the netting) soldered the full length except the ends. The sketch explains itself. To wind, just force the ends open, and when full, press them together, leaving a space just enough for the particular kind of thread your nets are to be made of.

NETTER.

Prize-money at Vale of Leven Show.

SIR,—We would like to know what is wrong down Vale of Leven way. We exhibited at their show held 11th of December and gained first and special prizes, but we have not yet received our prize-money nor special. We have written to the secretary, and as yet have had no reply. Would some of the officials or members kindly explain to the Fancy, as this is likely to cripple the Vale of Leven Show in days to come.

HAMILTON AND WALLACE.

What is Cuttlefish?

SIR,—In reply to Mr. McLean's letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, I wish to inform him that Cuttlefish bone is really the bone of a fish. This fish is known as the Guy by the fishermen in the South of England. The cigar-shaped bone (viz., Cuttlefish) is the only bone in the whole body, and any fancier who lives near the sea can gather these bones by walking along the shore. In winter a good many of these fish perish, and the bones washed upon the beach during the winter months; and these are quite ready for use. In regard to the properties of Cuttlefish, most Canaries like it for the simple reason that it contains a certain amount of sea salt which does the birds good besides being a substitute for grit and invaluable for breeding hens as a shell producer. If these few remarks enlighten our correspondent in any way I am equally thankful for sending them.

W. MINTY.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. McLean's letter re Cuttlefish, it is not a manufactured article but the bone of a very strange fish, which can be picked up on the shore. When picked up it is almost black, and has a skin over it, and when touched, it throws out a black fluid like ink. Some people boil it, but it can be left in the sun to dry and bleach.

W. H. TILBURY.

Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—In reply to S. Knight in your issue of Jan. 8, if he will feed as follows I don't think his birds will go light. (1) Pea-flour mixture: one part lard to three parts pea-flour by weight; melt lard and then add pea-flour. (2) Hemp seed whole and Canary seed. (3) One teaspoonful of dry ants' eggs daily. All the above can be mixed up together in the food box or given in separate pans. I have a long food box to hold three tin pans, one for the pea-flour mixture, one for hemp, and the third for Canary seed and ants' eggs. With the exception of the ants' eggs, the other food is given as much as the bird can eat. No moisture is added to the pea-flour mixture, which does not require to be changed. Except on the day a fresh turf is given a little clover or grass or other green food should be put into a green food rack every day. Three or four mealworms a day are also an advantage, and keep the bird tame. I have kept Skylarks for many years, and do not recollect having had one go light. The ants' eggs should be good, costing about 2s. 6d. a lb. The sand drawer should contain enough sand for the bird to be able to dust himself a heap in one corner.

O. HARRISON.

SIR,—I should like to give my treatment of the Skylarks. I simply keep a few Britishers, and have at present two Skylarks, one seven years old and one three years old. The seven-year-old-one I have had since it was a few months old, and the other I have had two years. Both are in stout song, literally fighting one another in song, as I sit writing these lines. I never hang them outdoors in the winter months, but wait till spring comes round. But I always take them in again when it is getting dusk. In the summer I take them out in the fields and let them hear their own feathered tribe singing aloft, which, I am sure, does them good. Their food is simply this: I get a one-pound packet of Victoria chicken meal, that which contains little else but crushed biscuit; to this I add 1oz. of dried flies and 1oz. of ants' eggs. That is my stock food, and they get nothing else except three or four mealworms daily; these they will take from my finger or my lips or from any strangers. I mix their food with a little cold boiled potato, carrot or turnip. I have brought up nestlings on this mixture together with a few mealworms cut up and added. Of course, it can be made better by doubling the quantity of dried flies and ants' eggs, according to one's pocket. I may say I have tried several kinds of packet food, but the birds would neither sing nor fatten on them. Like fancier S. Knight, the Skylark is my favourite bird, and I would keep more but for the noise; when you have two singing stoutly one against the other you have quite enough, and sometimes too much. I may also say that my Larks are hung in the kitchen which we live in, it being only a single house in a backyard, so you see they have no green fields to look upon, only the blank walls, and they get the full view of the washing-day work, yet they keep in good trim, and sing eleven months out of the twelve, only resting when in the thick of the moult. The cage I keep them in measures 14 inches long, 8 inches wide, and 10 inches high, with a bow full length of cage projecting out 5 inches from the front of cage. It



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has a wooden back, a cloth top, and wired sides, with glass food and water vessel. I prefer glass to the wooden food box, as you can keep them much cleaner, and the food keeps the fresher. I think if Mr. S. Knight would try the above simple mixture, he would do better. Wishing him more luck, and greater success to CAGE BIRDS, which I call the birdy man's friend.

J. W. LINCOLN.

SIR,—Take one breakfast cup full of bread-crumbs, one ditto pea meal, one ditto chopped suet, one fresh egg, and mix all together and bake to a nice brown, but do not burn it. I have kept Larks for years on this as a staple food—I am an old fancier.

J. L. ADAMSON.

SIR,—Seeing the letter regarding Lark keeping, I pen a few lines to say I think your correspondent is bothering far too much with the birds. I have kept them for years, and I find the less I bother them the better. I have one now in the kitchen 4ft. from the ceiling, and I simply keep him clean and give him fresh sand every week, and food that I buy at a local shop with occasionally the packeted Lancashire Lark food, and give half of each with a little green food sometimes, such as watercress and dandelion. Do not put the birds outside at present. Mine is singing both by day and gaslight. I have him in an ordinary square Lark cage rather larger than the bought ones, and made by myself. I think if your correspondent adopts this simple way he will have better results—at least, I honestly hope so. I also give a pinch of the Lancashire Lark food to my Linnets now and then, and they seem to enjoy it and do well.

T. H. RAWLING.

SIR,—After perusing the correspondence re the above, I quite sympathise with Mr. S. Knight, of Willesden. In the first place a kitchen is the worst place for all birds except the Parrot tribe, which require warmth during the winter months. Every fancier should have a thermometer, as then he knows the state of the temperature. Canaries and all British birds do better in a cold room, that is to say, a room set apart for birds only. I have known birds taken from one room, where there has been a fire, and put into one where there has none, to have a loss of feathers, and it is often stated that such birds are constantly moulting. But it is not so, it is the change of atmosphere. The mode of feeding I consider too heating. The soft food, what is that? And "meat meal" is another conundrum. Coarse oatmeal is too hot. "Hemp mixed," mixed with what? A teaspoonful of Canary seed daily is enjoyed, given in a dry form and scattered amongst the sand, but never mixed up with other things. The menu for Larks, Robins, etc., and most soft-billed songsters should be as follows: Grated liver (baked in an oven, not burnt), bread crumbs, ants' eggs and grated carrot, all mixed together; and every alternate day, hard boiled egg, bread crumbs, ants' eggs, and a pinch of maw seed, with a little crushed hemp. Soft Bilo (Trowers's) is a good appetiser; I have known many to thrive on it. I always give two mealworms daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Four or five daily are too many, as they are medicinal. Larks in particular suffer from loss of feathers round the eyes; this I attribute to the confinement and want of fresh air, also to the giving of too heating food. The remedy for this is vaseline heated to a liquid. Then anoint the parts affected with a camel-hair brush. You say your cage has had a good scrubbing. I should burn it. After 40 years' experience I find new cages the cheapest. Give the birds plenty of room. Cleanliness is a great help towards the longevity of a Lark, and all birds. Take a visit to the Zoo Gardens and you will note all the cages, the perches, the feeding and drinking utensils, cleaned daily. This is the secret of success with birds in confinement.

JAMES STOREY.

SIR,—Your issue of January 8th contains a letter from Mr. S. Knight on the above subject, and I should like to inform him that I am a fancier of the Skylark, and when I first started I bought scores of Larks, but could not keep one long before it died. Now, in the first place I do not agree with Mr. Knight's method of feeding. The Skylark has the most delicate organs of all British birds, and if Mr. Knight will try my feeding mixture I think he will get along much better with his birds. Get ¼lb. of leaf lard, 1lb. of pea meal, ½lb. of bean-meal, and two teaspoonfuls of crushed hemp. First, put the lard in a tin in the oven to melt; when melted and all the rought bits are out, put the two meals and the hemp in the tin with the lard in and mix all up together. Put it in a slow oven for 20 minutes, and make sure it does not burn. Also give mealworms twice a week, and green food three times a week. I do not like the chopped meat and gravy he mentions, because many Lark fanciers have an idea that anything containing salt will make the bird waste and die. I have not much fancy myself for the bow-fronted cage. I make all my own cages with nothing but the bottom wood, the top being all wire, and a cord not a little below the top. I would like to give one more hint. Instead of covering the bottom of the cage with a turf, give the bird plenty of gritty sand, and remember that no bird can live without sand. If Mr. Knight or any other Skylark fancier wishes for any further advice, I am willing to do my best for them.

J. W. HOUGHTON.

The Clarke v. Crisp Controversy

SIR,—Owing to my difference with Mr. Clarke, he appears to think it necessary to make a special effort to deify himself at my expense; he is quite welcome to his self-advertisement, and also to all the aggrandisement it affords him. Furthermore, he is quite at liberty to discuss publicly all my actions in connection with the Fancy, provided he does not suffer from convenient lapses of memory as in the present instance. It is quite true that a consultation took place at my house, and a reply was drafted to the letter which appeared in the Fancy Press; but I challenge him or anyone else to prove that I have ever sent a letter to the Press other than those of my own composition. Mr. Clarke's memory appears to be particularly faulty just now. Perhaps on more mature reflection he may probably call to mind other occasions when I was not even present, when he either wrote or dictated letters which subsequently appeared in the Press, but not over his own signature. Seeing that I have expressed my regret at having doubted Mr. Clarke's veracity the matter is now ended as far as I am concerned.

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Song Wanted from Thrushes.

Sir,—In Cage Birds I noticed a reference to Thrushes, and I may say that I have had two for the last two years, and cannot get more than a little warble now and again from them. They are both clean moulted, and have been for the last four months, yet they are no further to the front as regards song. I have tried all sorts of foods, but to no purpose, so I thought that some reader might inform me what is the best to feed them on to get some song.

R. Westwood.

A Late Young Linnet.

Sir,—No doubt some of your readers will be surprised to hear that I caught a young (nestling) cock Linnet on Waltham Marshes (Herts) on New Year's morning. It must have been in its nest in the beginning of December, as it has still got its nest feathers on it. It is quite as strong as any old bird. I have been bird-catching for the past 16 years, and have never heard of such a thing before. The bird is well and strong, and can be seen at any time, or I will send it carriage paid to your office for inspection should any of your readers desire you to see it. I shall be pleased if you will insert this in Cage Birds, as I think it has not been known before.

B. Matthews.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Show.

Sir,—I notice that Mr. Kaye draws attention to the dilatory manner in which the prizes awarded at the Dulwich O.S. Show, held 12 and 13 October last, are being distributed. I entered two birds which secured 1st and 3rd prizes respectively. On 15th November the secretary informed me that I had also received a special, which he would forward. I wrote thanking him for the information, and said as I regretted to hear that the show had not been so successful financially as could have been desired, I would not press them for the prize-money, but should like to have the special. Hearing nothing further I wrote again on the 10th January, but have failed to elicit any rejoinder. It is not very encouraging to exhibitors to be treated in this way, and as the special was in kind and not in money, I fail to see why there should be such delay in its delivery.

Exhibitor.

Sir,—I see others have not received fair treatment at Dulwich Show, as well as myself.. They wrote to me begging for entries and I sent them four, which took first, second and special, electro-plated cruet given by Mr. P. G. Sprules, for best vhc. I have written two letters to Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers enclosing stamped envelope; but not being able to get a reply, I wrote to Mr. P. G. Sprules (vice-chairman) enclosing stamped envelope, thinking ho would have the courtesy to answer it, but I have not received a reply. If the society is in financial difficulties, I think they might have written and explained matters, also sent the special, which has nothing to do with the society.

Devonport. W. Collings.

Sir,—Permit me to add my grievance to that of your correspondent, Mr. Kaye. I have written at least a dozen times to the secretary and show managers requesting payment of prize-money and specials, but with the exception of a post-card received in November stating that one of my specials was being forwarded (which, by the way, has not reached me yet), my correspondence has been coolly ignored. I would suggest that this is a fit and proper case for investigation by the "Cage Bird Union." The show was held under its rules, and was, so far as one could judge by appearances, a really successful show; and so far from being in financial difficulties, they ought to have been in a prosperous position. There is evidently a screw loose, and it is the duty, I think, of the "C.B.U." to set to work and locate it.

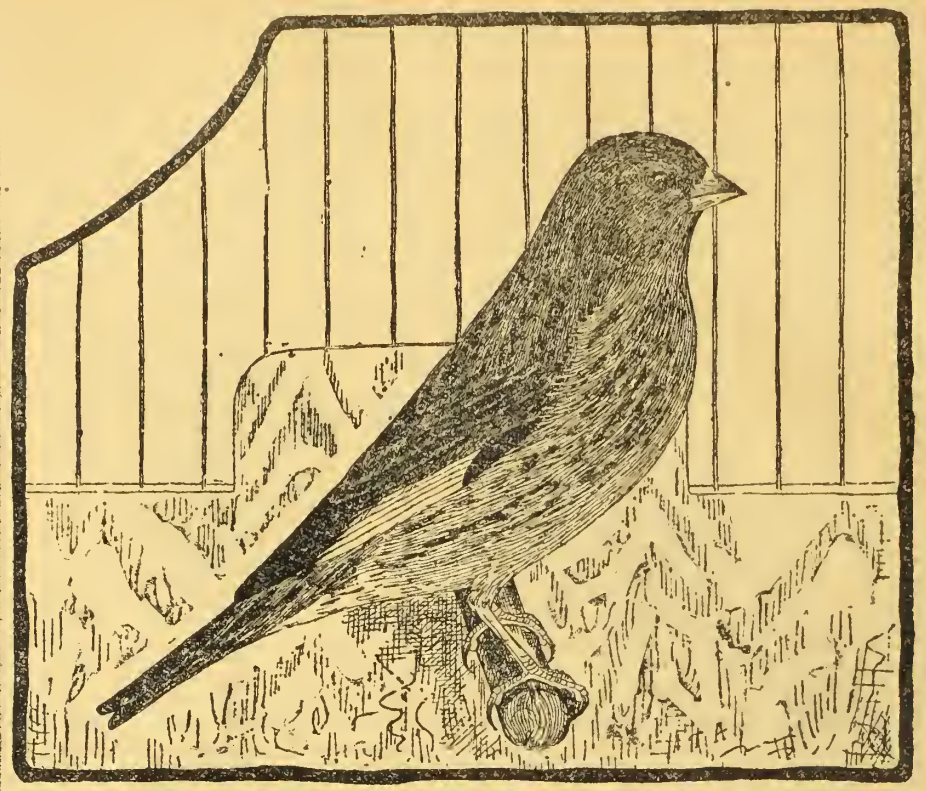
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P.S.—The special prize mentioned has reached me to-day, January 18th. There is no letter with same, nor any mention of prize-money overdue.

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Is there Trouble Ahead?

Sir,—In reference to the above, may I be permitted to say that your paragraph in "Twitterings" on Jan. 8th was correct in every detail. It may interest "Twite" and "Lover of Justice" to know that the names of both the secretary and the society were sent to the Editor, who of course used his discretion as to the advisability of publishing the same, and to prove that I at least am quite unbiased in the matter, I may say that the other side of the question (which I heard at the "Scottish National"), was also sent to the Editor, and was probably in his hands before the letters of either "Twite" or "Lover of Justice" reached him. Whether or not the members of the society concerned are in accord with the wishes of the officials, I do not know, as I merely stated the position of affairs as it was explained to me. I might also say that I was requested (not by the secretary, but by one of the speakers) to forward to Cage Birds the full text of the speeches made during the journey to Edinburgh. Both "Twite" and "Lover of Justice" appear to have jumped to the conclusion that Newcastle was the society concerned, I suppose because the name of Mr. Currah was mentioned, and it may be assumed from this that there is only one big society and one secretary in the North! Happy Newcastle! Lucky Billy Curry! The letter of "Lover of Justice" appears to me to have been written more with the intention of ventilating some old grievance against the Newcastle officials than anything else, and I certainly think he should have made sure that Newcastle was the society concerned before he proceeded to attack the integrity of the officials, for he clearly admits he did not know when he says he "began to wonder." With the inability of "Lover of Justice" to see where there is any coercion or injustice in rule 17, I have nothing to do, and I can only say that my opinions on this question are well known, and have been fully expressed in the columns of Cage Birds. "Lover of Justice" is entirely wrong when he says that every society affiliated to the C.B.U. became so by the vote of the majority of its members, and I tell him at once that the minority is ruling the majority. Every society affiliated to the Union became so merely by the vote of the majority of the members who attended the respective meetings, and the attendance of members in the cases of 90 per cent. of the societies concerned was not one-third of the total membership, simply because the majority of the members did not take sufficient interest in the matter to come and vote. When I advocated a plebiscite of fanciers at that time, I meant it to be individual, and those concerned knew that well enough, and it was only a trick on their part to send voting papers to each society instead of to each member, for they know well enough that the majority of the members would not be present to vote. It would be as well for "Lover of Justice" to recognise these facts before he informs fanciers that the majority is ruling the minority, for, if I am not mistaken as to his identity, he knows as well as I do that what I have said is quite true. Let "Lover of Justice" understand that I am not out against the Union at the present time. Far from it. But if it is to stand, then I say, let the rules be rigorously enforced, and treat all fanciers alike. Do not punish one man for breaking rule 17, and let twenty more go scot free. I have no hesitation in saying that had the rules of the Union been enforced in district No. 1 during the past show season as they should have been, there would not have been near the amount of discontent that there has been, and further, the practicability or use of the Union would have been settled, either one way or the other. In regard to the 2nd prize Mule at the late Newcastle Show, I have nothing to do with this, but it seems to me that I am responsible for its being made the medium of an attack upon the integrity of the Newcastle officials. All I can say is that had I been "Lover of Justice," I would have acted up to my nom-de-plume, and would have ascertained *at the time* what the officials had to say about the matter. This would have been much better than waiting four months and then taking advantage of someone else's correspondence (upon a different subject altogether) before he brought the matter up, and then only under a nom-de-plume. These noms-de-plume are becoming far too common in the correspondence columns, and when a man has anything to say, be he "on the warpath" or otherwise, he should never be afraid or ashamed to sign his name, at least that is the opinion of

W. Reid.

Sir,—The remarks made by your correspondent "Twite" evidence the fact that there is considerable "twittering" amongst those to whom the C.B.U. is dear. Allow me to say I quite endorse the sentence "Clear to some of us," but not in the same sense as meant by your correspondent "Twite," who ends his letter with it. And the majority were against leaving the C.B.U. (at present). Your readers may look forward with interest to the near future for developments. With reference to "Lover of Justice's" sarcastic insinuations about the secretary and chairman being the Newcastle Society, if he attended any of the meetings of the society he would soon find out that no chairman or secretary, or any clique, would be allowed to dominate its business. "Lover of Justice" says he hears that the majority of the members of the N.C.B. Society wish to remain affiliated to the C.B.U. May I point out to him that it is dangerous to rush into print on mere hearsay. "Lover of Justice" should be sure of his facts before he commits himself to writing, as in this matter he is wrong. Again, he says he fails to see where there is coercion in the C.B.U. May I suggest to him the necessity and importance of reading the rules of the C.B.U.; perhaps he has not yet done so. Further, let me say in reference to the accusation against officials of the N.C.B.S. stirring up strife at every opportunity, that the only unpleasantness or strife that has ever taken place in the N.C.B.S. has been caused by and through the C.B.U. With regard to the Mule case at the last N.C.B. Show, if "Lover of Justice" is aware of the true facts of this particular case his action in putting it before your readers in the way he has done is most contemptible. Allow me to put the true facts before readers, then they will be able to form an estimate of the character of this so-called "Lover of Justice." This mule could not be found when the members' class was brought out to be judged, because the exhibitor, instead of putting the label for the members' class on the front of the cage, had stuck it on the top. Your readers will understand without further explanation the reason it could not be found when wanted for judging in the members' class. When the exhibitor complained to me about the matter, I told him we would have the class judged over again. I was not the N.C.B.S., but their show manager. This course the exhibitor earnestly entreated me not to take, as he admitted that it was entirely his own fault in putting the label on the top of the cage where it could not be seen. So the invidious and contemptible insinuation against an official of the N.C.B.S. is without the slightest foundation.

J. Currah.

Sir,—We hear sometimes at our meetings about information being given to outsiders. I think it would have been better if the secretary of this society (we know now what society) had kept his information until the general meeting; as for the chairman, he is dead set against the C.B.U. What a brilliant gathering it must have been on the way to Edinburgh. Thirty fanciers voting against the C.B.U.; I wonder if the C.B.U. is quaking! Rule 17 seems to be the bone of contention; but what about Rule 16? How many of those 30 fanciers have been before the C.B.U. for infringing this? It is well there are two such rules. The Newcastle C.B. Society have not decided to leave the C.B.U., and I do not think that the majority of the members want to leave. I hope the other societies in the Newcastle District will not be coerced by the officials of the Newcastle Society into leaving the C.B.U.

Durham.

Sir,—Perhaps a word of explanation from me might clear the air somewhat. Your correspondent's "Twittering" was substantially correct, and I do not mind admitting that I was the secretary referred to; further, I say that my prophecy was partly fulfilled, for at our committee meeting it was decided that it would be advisable to leave the Union. There were 15 members present, and the decision was unanimous, and I was instructed to lay this on the agenda at our next meeting instead of the cage-making demonstration by Mr. Shepherd. Accordingly the matter was laid before the members, and they decided that we ought to work in conjunction with the surrounding societies, as it would not be fair to their members, nor to ourselves, to leave the C.B.U., whilst they remained members of it. As regards the latter part of "Twite's" letter, my chief interest has been, and will be so long as I remain connected with it, to promote the welfare of the Newcastle C.B.S., irrespective of whether it is affiliated to the C.B.U. or not. I am pleased to note that "Twite" puts "at present" at the end of his letter, for I have a letter from a neighbouring society in which they ask us to take the lead—whatever we do they are prepared to follow. "Lover of Justice" writes in such a splenetic sort of way that he practically answers himself, and if he will be so good as either to write me personally or sign his name to the correspondence I will be pleased to give him a full explanation of the question at the end of his letter, and which, I think, will be entirely satisfactory to the owner of the bird in question; if not, I shall be more than pleased to lay the whole case before my committee. Up to the present I have had no official communication to the contrary. In conclusion, let me say that the popularity of the Newcastle Society is not based upon trivial matters, but upon the stand which it has always taken to uphold the right.

W. Curry.

Several letters on the above subject unavoidably held over.

Elgin's New Cage Bird Society

Sir,—At a meeting held on January 10th, it was decided to form a new association for Elgin, to be called Elgin Cage Bird Association. The followings office-bearers were elected: President, Jas. Lumsden; vice-pres., Robt. Garden. A committee was also formed, composed of prominent fanciers in the town. It has been long felt that such an association was needed so now it has been started I hope the fanciers in Elgin and district who have not already joined will do so at an early date. I shall be glad to give full details of membership, etc., to anyone interested.

A. W. Douglas, Sec.
2, West Back Street, Bishopmill, Elgin.

The Norwich Plainhead Canary.

Opinions and Experiences of Some Leading Breeders and Exhibitors.

(Continued from page 244.)

Mr. G. DOBINSON (Seaton Delaval).

Although not of many years' standing, my experience with Norwich Canaries has been marked with success. To commence with, I might say that it is not altogether an easy matter to get a first-class strain of birds, as I have had my ups and downs, having found out that good stock birds are not always to be had for even good prices. I have had some sorry disappointments—birds which appeared alright to the eye; but not knowing (or having) even the stock from which they were bred, and having paired up to my best stock, the birds have produced nothing but wasters. Thus I have wasted a season. And once a fancier gets a good strain he wants to be very careful when selling his surplus stock which birds it is he parts with. He should study his stock carefully.

My method has been to keep all the best hens I have bred, and when wanting a change of blood, I have bought cocks (which, by the way, a fancier with a small stock must introduce occasionally). I contend that in the breeding of exhibition Norwich, the chief feature is a good sample of stock hens. I like hens of medium size, not too large, having good type, nice head, short wings and tail, and particularly grand quality. I also like them paired up to large cocks also of good type. But I don't object to a little coarseness of feather, providing other points are excellent, viz., good head, short wings and tail, and nice wing carriage. And I am inclined to believe, after careful observation, that you get the type and quality from the hen's side. Of course, you can't always get two birds good in all points, and I generally try to counterbalance the bad points. For instance, if you've a hen having poor wing carriage, try if possible to pair her to a cock that is extra good in its wing carriage. And when pairing up I always try to have one in each pair of birds ticked or lightly variegated, as the green blood keeps the colour good, and without rich colour birds are useless for exhibition purposes. I find that with good stock you don't breed quantity, as I have not averaged more than three per hen per season. I have never exceeded this number, but oftener I have been below it. Last season with nine hens I finished with nineteen young.

As to the stamp of birds exhibited to-day, I don't see much room for complaint, as at all the shows I visited this last season, I found, with the exception of one of two instances, that the birds in the cards were all of good size and type and grand quality; and I think that if anything there is an improvement on 1907 and 1908 as regards type and quality. There has been a lot of controversy in the Fancy Press of late as to the stamp and size, and also the model of the Norwich Plainhead. As regards the model, I don't think much improvement could be made on any of the birds depicted in the coloured plates given with CAGE BIRDS. If any one who has kept the coloured plates would refer back to that given with the issue of CAGE BIRDS of February 23, 1907, and look up "A Blaze of Colour," I think he would find a model to suit.—G. W. DOBINSON.

Mr. W. R. MILES (Chichester).

During my 25 years' experience as a breeder and exhibitor of Canaries, I must admit that the Norwich Plainhead stands an easy first favourite in my estimation. The Plainheads are one of the hardiest varieties of the Canary tribe, being good breeders and feeders. I should advise any who are thinking of taking up this variety to place themselves in the hands of a first-class breeder and exhibitor, and to pay a fair price for their stock, when they will be on the right road to success.

In pairing, I favour a medium-sized hen, with size and colour in the cock. If you pair this way you won't go far wrong. Give a little egg-food after pairing until the hen commences to sit; then feed on plain Canary seed. On the day previous to the eggs hatching give a little egg food. I always use equal quantities of hard-boiled egg and Osborne biscuit. After the young are three days' old give green food; I prefer chickweed, having used this with great success; in fact, I never use anything else. I continue this treatment until the young leave the nest. After this I do not allow them to have any green food at all.

When the young are about five or six weeks old, they should do for themselves. And this is the time when the trouble begins. Free access to water and over-feeding on egg-food are the causes of hundreds of deaths. If fanciers would use as little egg-food and water as possible, I am sure their birds would not be troubled with inflammation of the bowels.

Get your birds on to seed as soon as possible. I use German rape seed soaked in cold water for twelve hours; I rinse it well in cold water, and dry with a cloth. I find this is a fine thing to wean the youngster on. I then give crushed hemp and Canary seed. When the young are six weeks old, you will find them on hard seed; give a little egg food then once a week. When they are eight weeks old, those intended for exhibition should be put on to colour-feed, which should be continued until they are clean moulted. Old birds should be put on colour-feed at the end of July, and this should be continued through the moult.

The above is my method of breeding and feeding. I might say that I have been fairly successful, having won over 4,000 money prizes, six challenge cups outright, dozens of medals and teapots, etc. Some of them have been illustrated in CAGE BIRDS.

With reference to the present-day Norwich. I must say that just lately I have seen a great many that are bad to find fault with. You do occasionally see a long-sided bird get in the money, but taking them on the whole they are a good lot. I confess I like a good big bird myself, but it must be really good. I can assure you that wherever I adjudicate, a "good big 'un" will always beat a "good little 'un"; I know which are the hardest to breed. I trust these few lines will be of use to the amateur.—W. R. MILES.

Mr. G. L. HARBER (Merthyr Tydvil).

My first experience of the Norwich Plainhead was about twenty-five years ago. I remember buying a pair from a bird dealer in Liverpool (of which city I am a native). The Norwich was then a small bird, not much larger than the present day Border Fancy, and very much of the same type. Fifteen years ago I again took up the Fancy, but the type had altered beyond recognition. The birds that were winning at that time were as big as Lancashires, and almost as long. Size and colour were the main objects, though several breeders had kept to the old type, and still had size. Prescot, near Liverpool, was a veritable hot-bed of the good 'uns, and one had to dip his hand pretty deeply to take anything from there. Is not that so, Mr. Wellings?

My opinion is that we cannot improve on the type that is now asked for; but we must get more size, though the great difficulty is to produce a big bird with short tail and flights. I think this is the most difficult point to fix. My model of a Norwich was the winning unflighted Buff at the last Crystal Palace Show. —G. L. HARBER.

Mr. W. MORRIS (London, N.).

Having been a breeder for a number of years, and having always made it a practice to experiment with a pair or two, I have come to the conclusion that the secret of success is in the strain of the hens which the fancier keeps.

In the pairing of my stock I take very great care, for you cannot be too careful over this most important item. It is better to have three good pairs of birds than six pairs of second-raters. There is nothing more disappointing after the breeding season than to find that you have bred nothing worth looking at. It is perhaps almost unnecessary for me to say that the usual method pursued is to pair a yellow cock to a buff hen, or vice-versa. It is my rule to pair a clear to a ticked, or a clear to a marked bird. Now I have found that you breed more marked birds from a marked cock than you do from a marked hen, and if your stock is practically clear I advise you to use the marked cock; if otherwise, use the marked hen.

Colour plays a most important part, and without it one stands but little chance of getting into the front ranks on the show-bench. Without green blood in one's strain it is useless trying to produce colour; it does not matter what amount of colour-feed you give a bird, if you have not a fair amount of marked birds in your room. The method to adopt is to pair a very heavily-variegated yellow cock to a heavily-variegated buff hen. From these you should produce some good greens, and if one should turn out to be a yellow green hen do not part with it at any price, as the young from this kind of hen paired to a clear buff cock give one a good start on the road to success.

Another very important point in the breeding of Norwich is the quality of feather, and if breeders would only keep their best-feathered birds and allow the green blood to assist them, never using the coarse-feathered birds, they would maintain that high standard which is required in the up-to-date Norwich.

Double-yellowing and double-buffing I do not advocate, as I have gained but very little by it. All my show birds have been bred in the usual way, and I make it a practice only to show birds bred by myself. Good carriage in the Norwich is a very essential point, and this can be brought about by avoiding those birds which are very heavy behind, as good wing carriage and tail go together. The head should be broad, rising well from the beak, with the eye in the centre finished off with a short, thick beak. By all means avoid birds which are heavy in the beak, as this gives a bird a snaky appearance.

A few other things to avoid: Birds with long legs and big feet; drop tails; wings that cross at the tips; also long-barrel birds, and especially small eyes.

In-breeding is very essential, especially if you want to fix a good point; but never go nearer than cousins. I have bred good birds from half-brother and sister. Now, fanciers who say they do not believe in in-breeding, and who pair their birds by sight, have a lot to learn. I should like them to know that the show birds they themselves have, have been in-bred for years, and if it was not for the generosity of the old fanciers in selling them some of their best hens they would not be where they are at the present day.

I am glad to see the marked improvement in the show bird of to-day—the grand size seen in the yellow classes, equal to that in the buffs in every way. Quite two sets of winners could be found in each class at several of our leading shows. The numbers in the classes, too, speak well for the go-ahead Norwich of to-day. Referring to judging generally, I think the judges give every satisfaction. Of course, in one or two cases a long-sided bird has got into the prize-list, but I hope the time is not far distant when all judges will go for the short and thick one. —W. MORRIS.

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Wild Bird Life.

Rooks' Ways in January.

Of our commoner birds the Crow family is one of the first to show signs of the approaching nuptial season. The largest of them, the Raven, not unfrequently nests in February, which is generally the coldest and most unsettled month of the year; but this fine bird has been so reduced in numbers, that is, has entirely disappeared from its old haunts in the west, its last stronghold being some remoto districts in Scotland, that its habits and nesting are only observed by the favoured few. In the South of England the Rooks begin to show some sort of interest in each other's affairs at the turn of the year. Just now there are some curious little antics being constantly performed. The Rooks appear more restless and quarrelsome than usual. While they are feeding quietly in the fields one will suddenly look up, make a dart at another with outspread wings and open beak, have just one round, and then settle down again. Sometimes several of the nearest birds will join in these gambols, so that for a minute or two there is quite a nice little free fight.

As I write there is one perched upon the summit of an old walnut tree. This post he has held for the last half-hour or so, balancing himself in the strong breeze. As a brother Rook flies by he leaves his post, joins him for a minute (possibly to have a word with him) and then returns to his perch. This he has repeated some half-a-dozen times. It appears to the looker on that his desire is to get a mate to join him, perhaps to help spend an idle hour. Although other birds are feeding around, he cannot be acting as a sentinel, as none is required here, where Rooks are never molested.

That these birds do occasionally have one or two on the watch is certain, for I have frequently seen an odd bird perched on the tallest tree at the edge of the field where the flock is feeding, and upon my approaching he has taken wing, calling loudly to the others who at once make off. One of the most marvellous cases of sentinel duty is that of the wild geese, who, while marching across a corn field feeding, will all be busy but one, and he moves with them, but only as a looker-out, and on no account must he feed until another takes his place. When one considers the isolated position in which the Rook builds, exposed to the four winds, to rain, sleet and snow, it certainly seems somewhat curious that they should nest so early. Their eggs and young are frequently exposed to most inclement weather, but from what one can see the mother birds attend pretty closely to their charges and so retain heat in the nest.

Mimicry Among Birds.

When in flight there is a great resemblance between the Cuckoo and the Hawk. This was noticed by the ancients, who thought the Cuckoo became a Hawk in winter.

A Local Bird.

One of the most local birds we have is the Kentish Plover, which frequents only the pebbly beach between Sandwich and Hastings, where the birds nest year after year. Occasionally one or two are found elsewhere, but they are only stragglers.

Vanished Species.

The Crane has been described as breeding in our fens in 1544, and the Spoonbill is recorded by Sir Thomas Browne as frequenting Suffolk and Norfolk for breeding purposes in 1688. The last Bustard of the numbers which once tenanted the southern downs was killed in Norfolk in 1838.

"Nothing New Under the Sun."

The small bird-traps used to-day in Egypt to catch birds are almost identical with those portrayed by the ancients thousands of years ago.

The Hardy Heron.

The Heron, like the Rook, is supposed to be united to its partner for life, as the same nest is occupied year after year. Unless its life is cut short through accident, the Heron is doubtless a long-lived bird. They are hardy, powerful, and very tenacious.

Nesting of Eagles.

Golden Eagles are not prolific breeders. They do not arrive at maturity until they are five or six years old, and some never acquire adult plumage, even at that age. Well-known pairs will frequently miss a season without nesting, simply using the old nest as a resting-place.

The Rustic Bunting.

The little Rustic Bunting, a bird five and a half inches in length, with brown head, white throat, and rufous band on chest, has been recorded in Great Britain three times, the first in 1867. It is a native of Siberia, and winters in China. It has been captured in most of the countries of Europe.

A Plea for the Owls.

In one of his excellent books on birds, Lord Lilford writes upon Owls as follows:—"I cannot help once more taking up a text that I have, I fear, worn almost threadbare; it is—never destroy or molest an Owl of any sort. I consider all the Owls are not only harmless, but most useful, and the Barn, White, or Screech Owls are perhaps the most serviceable to man of any English birds.

The Parrots of Queensland.

The Parrot is such a commonplace of English life that the following information about the Parrots to be seen in the picturesque "bush" of Queensland (contributed by a Queensland correspondent), is interesting. He writes: The headship of the birds of flight is here accorded to the Parrot tribe; their intelligence claims it. Of the Parrots proper we have none, but their place is bountifully supplied by the Cockatoos and Parrakeets. A lively feature in a Queensland landscape is a flock of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos clambering about the branches of a forest tree, which seems laden with masses of white bloom. Black Cockatoos, of which there are several kinds, are not so sociable, but the naturalist may be fortunate enough to enjoy the charming sight of a company of them swooping down into an old swamp-oak on the bank of a creek, and before descending to drink disporting themselves with a great display of wing and tail blazing with red and yellow—a sight well remembered by the writer. The great Palm Cockatoo, with its fearsome crest and beak, is found only in the North. Small Cockatoos, delicately coloured and more or less plentiful in their respective habitats, are objects of traffic, among them that favourite household pet, the Galah, the best mimic we have except, perhaps, the White Cockatoo. Seed-eating Parrakeets in a multitude of handsome liveries haunt the forests, but are not often seen till they join in an attack on a settler's crop. One cannot help recalling the delight with which the "new chum" riding through the bush saw for the first time a troop of Green and Crimson Parrakeets dash into a small tree a few yards away, and watched them, as with chatter and screech they climbed about the branches. Of this group the King Lory, Moreton Bay Rosella, and Crimson-wing are the best known. But of all the Parrakeets, the most likely to greet the eye in the forest are the Honeysuckers. Their chosen food is the honey of the gum-tree flower. In some parts of the forest some kind of gum-tree is generally to be found in flower, and the Parrakeets by day, as well as the flying foxes by night, make it their business to hunt them out. The man is to be envied who, standing beneath a tree clothed with bloom, marks the birds—Blue Mountains, Scaly-breasts, and Musks—in busy silence and every posture (upside down as often as not) searching every flower, whilst their vivid colours, in beautiful contrast to the pale green foliage, are glancing in the sun.

In the Courts.

A DUBLIN DEALER CONVICTED.

Alleged False Pretences.

At the Dublin Criminal Sessions, on January 14th last, John King, keeper of a bird store in Capel Street, Dublin, was charged with having obtained credit under false pretences. It appeared that the accused obtained birds, rabbits, etc., from a number of firms in England, for which he did not pay, and these firms obtained decrees against him for the amounts, but the Sheriff was never able to levy the decrees, as the bailiffs always returned "no goods."—Mr. T. F. Molony, K.C., appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Gausen for the defendant.

Mr. Stygall (Peterborough) swore that in May, 1908, he advertised pigeons, and in response to that he received a postcard from the accused. He then sent a letter stating that he would accept 18s. 6d. for the birds. He received a letter on May 17th, 1908, which contained a reference to the accused being well known at the North Wall, to the 30 years' experience of the purchaser in the business, and that he would send cash by return. Witness then sent on the birds. He did not receive the cash.

Mr. Molony: What was the inference to be drawn from that letter?—Witness, answering the question, said the opinion he formed of the letter was that the writer was an honest man. Witness was impressed by the 30 years' standing which the writer alleged he had. Continuing, witness said that he wrote to the accused in July, and received a reply with an offer of 10s. if witness were satisfied. In January he received a postal order for 10s.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gausen: Did you arrange with the newspaper in which you advertised for a deposit before the birds were sent on?—No.

There is a method by which you could have made yourself perfectly safe through the paper?—Yes.

James Paterson (Northumberland) swore that he advertised ferrets, and got a letter from the accused, who agreed to purchase eight for 16s., and promised cash by return.

Mr. Molony: I believe from that day to this you are waiting for the cash?—I am (laughter).

Henry Walker (Bolton) stated that he advertised twelve "homing" pigeons at 24s. The accused wrote offering less, but witness declined the offer, and he received a letter from the accused telling him to send them on, and promising cash. He did not receive the cash.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gausen: Was it your opinion that he was carrying on a genuine business or no business?—I say he was carrying on a fraudulent business—a swindle, that is what we would call it in England. (Laughter.)

In England you never have anything like this? You always pay?—This would be crushed out in England.

Sergeant Bruden, swore he visited the premises of the accused, and the latter said, "I admit I got them all. I don't deny it. They are all small sums. It looks very bad. I am not making very much out of it." Witness drew his attention to the fact that he had paid only three small sums out of the whole. He read out a long list of decrees against the accused.

Mr. Gausen, K.C., for the defence, submitted that the accused was carrying on a genuine business, but got into financial difficulties. Taking the letters of the accused, he suggested that the only fair inference from them was that he was in business—a business going on for 30 years.

Mr. John Blood Smith, solicitor, was called for the defence. He knew accused for 15 years. He dealt with accused from time to time, and always found him honest in his dealings.

The Recorder: Did you hear the list of decrees read out here by the detective? Can you say that a man was carrying on an honest business having regard to those decrees?—Witness: I only know of my own dealings with him.

The prison warder also gave evidence of previous good character.

The Recorder, in summing up, said that the prisoner in his letters represented that he was well known by the London and North Western Co. The letters showed that the prisoner represented himself as a solvent man. If by misleading statements any man's goods were obtained, it was not a question of civil but criminal proceedings. Two reasons were given at times why men were trusted. One was that they were known, and the other was that they were not known—(laughter). It was a case in which the credit of the city was at stake, and the jury should not let it go abroad that if these debts were incurred the debtor could escape payment and punishment.

The jury retired to consider the case, and after an absence of a few minutes returned with a verdict of guilty, but strongly recommended the prisoner to mercy on account of his family.

The Recorder: Really, what should have been done in this case was to plead guilty, because it is not defensible. Offences of this kind must be put down. He would give favourable consideration to the recommendation of the jury. He did intend to give a heavy sentence if the accused were convicted.

Mr. Burne asked that it be taken into consideration if the prisoner paid back by instalments.—Mr. Molony said the Crown were not a debt-collecting agency.

The prisoner was then removed.

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Under the White Rose.

IT is with great regret that I report the death of one of Bradford's oldest fanciers, Mr. J. H. Stonehouse, of Otley Road, who passed away on January 13th, in his 67th year. He was interred on the 17th inst. Mr. Stonehouse was a lifelong fancier of the Yorkshire Canary, and also liked to have a Linnet or two included in his stock. He was very well known by the older generation of fanciers, and acted as secretary for the first open show held in Bradford as long ago as 1879, a fact of which he was justly proud, and he expressed his satisfaction at the grand show held by the City of Bradford this season as compared with the first attempt. At the time of his death his stock consisted of some thirty odd birds, though for some time he had said he could not follow them as he would like, and had contemplated leaving the Fancy, not from any abatement of interest, but on grounds of health. Without doubt, his many old friends will be surprised to hear of his death, which occurred rather suddenly. I am sure all will condole with his widow and family.

THE N.G.M.Y.C.C. have completed their list of patronage shows, and the following is a list of results: Open Competition: First, Ogden Bros., 128 points; 2nd, Sutcliffe and Son, 124; 3rd, E. Smith, 66; 4th and 5th, W. H. Shackleton and P. Mason, tie 54 each; 6th, L. Briggs, 32. Novice Competition: 1st, E. Clegg, 47 points; 2nd, F. Self 12. The junior novices (for novice members of the club who are competing in the Y.U. novice classes) also have a competition, the final of which takes place at Hoyland to-day (Saturday), and I hope to be able to give their results next week. For a first season the competition has been pretty keen, and the officials look forward with confidence.

BANKFOOT and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their first annual tea, concert, and prize distribution at their headquarters, the Bankfoot Schools, on Saturday, January 22nd, when they will be pleased to welcome any fancier or friend who cares to attend. Tea will be on tables at 4.30, the concert will begin at 7 p.m., and a splendid tea and huge programme are what they promise. It is interesting to note that so hard have the officials worked, that there is a prize for every member who has exhibited during the session.

YORKSHIRE Union Show season closes today at Hoyland, and it is hoped this venture will prove a success. They are a good distance removed from the exhibiting centre of the West Riding, but they are stout of heart, and have a few good members amongst them, who will do all they can to make the show a success.

GT. HORTON Good Intent Show held last Saturday was only moderately patronised. Entries came up meagrely—240 in 20 classes. But the officials were still smiling, and they think the loss on the show will be only comparatively small; however, after the last two real good shows they had, it seemed such a drop.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Club Reports.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Annual Meeting.

The fourth annual general meeting for the election of officers, etc., was held on January 11th before a capital attendance. The meeting was very enthusiastic over the treasurer's report, Mr. Farrar stating that the balance carried from 1908 had been more than doubled; this places the society in a very strong financial position, and every member is bent on making 1910 the most prosperous year in the history of the society. The treasurer's report was adopted with acclamation. Messrs. W. Laycock and A. Wilkinson (auditors) said they had found the books in a most satisfactory condition. The secretary then thanked the officials and members for their loyal and unfailing support, stating that their success was due to the united efforts of the members to place the society in one of the foremost ranks. Final arrangements were made for the third annual tea and concert and prize distribution on January 18th. The following officers were elected for 1910:—President, E. Suddards, Esq. (who was sincerely thanked for his unswerving loyalty, generosity, and his deep personal interest). The members decided to nominate six vice-presidents instead of four as formerly, and the following were elected to that position with a unanimous vote: Messrs. G. R. Rushworth, G. White, J. Stobart, L. Briggs, W. Blakey, and W. Greenwood. Mr. J. Farrar was re-elected as treasurer, and was heartily thanked for past services; Messrs. W. Laycock and A. Wilkinson were re-appointed auditors. Mr. H. Hill was appointed as secretary for the ensuing year, and he nominated Mr. W. Cruise (late vice-president) as his assistant; this met with the approval of the members, and Mr. Cruise was appointed assistant-secretary. The balance-sheet for the annual show on New Year's Day was eagerly awaited by the members, and when this was read out, showing a nice little balance on the right side, the members were one and all delighted. This was the crowning point to one of the most enthusiastic meetings the society has held, and was indeed a fine finish to its most successful year.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

The society will hold their annual supper (date not given—Editor) followed by a distribution of prizes won at members' shows held during the season 1909, supper to commence at 7 p.m. sharp. The following members are the winners of the specials:—Champion Section: 1, J. Chippendale; 2, T. Elsegood; 3, A. Price; and 4, W. Lee. Novice Section: 1, F. Studd; 2, F. Gelder; 3, F. Clark; and 4, W. Sparks. Mr. F. Studd also wins society's silver cup for most points during year.—W. NETTLETON, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

General meeting, held on January 12th, when there was a good attendance. It was decided to hold the last club show in conjunction with the City of Birmingham Members' Show on January 26th, at the Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Birmingham. Mr. Roe was elected to judge. The attention of members is drawn to the 15/- selling class which has been added for this occasion. The committee trust every member will be represented.—A. PADDOCK, Hon. Secretary.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Annual meeting, held at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, January 4th, Mr. T. Wright presided over a very good attendance. The treasurer paid over all prize money won at the annual show, specials having been forwarded to the outside exhibitors previously. The cup for best bird in show (won by Mr. Winnard) was despatched to him within three days after show. Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to defer the election of officers until the next monthly meeting, February 1st. The secretary would be pleased to receive from outside members any nominations for officers or committee.—J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held January 3rd. The secretary made a few remarks on the balance-sheet, which was unanimously adopted, there being a balance at bank and in hand of £3 3s. 11d. As showing the remarkable progress of this association, the total receipts were over £20 in advance of last year's (1908). A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and committee was unanimously carried. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. Williamson; vice-chairman, Mr. C. R. Carr; treasurer, Mr. H. Ovenden; committee, Messrs. C. H. Cooper, J. Sbankley; J. A. Bartlett, F. Wallace, A. T. Billingsley, F. Marshall, J. S. Roberts, and A. W. Farmer; auditors, Messrs. G. B. Leclair and S. A. Griffin; assistant secretary, H. W. Burbidge, and as joint secretaries, Messrs. B. F. and A. B. Forse.—FORSE AND SON, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on January 8th, a good number of members being present from Prescot, Oldham, Sbaw, Hazel Grove, Glossop, Denton, Middleton, Manchester, and Rawtenstall. A good night's business was gone through, it being decided that the medals from the Toronto society be held over till next year. The medals were much admired. The secretary gave the points scored for the two challenge cups, as follows: Lancashire challenge cup, W. Adams, 123 points; W. Lee, 67; J. Vickers, 40; J. Oldham, 33. Novice Lancashire medal: A. Hordern, 53 points; W. Riggard, 11. Lizard Challenge cup won by J. Dewsnap, 201 points; J. Rukin, 170; J. Hampshire, 113; and W. P. Barnes, 97 points. Novice Lizard medal: W. Dewsnap, 61 points; A. Martin, 31; J. Lee, 30; A. Bosworth, 3; B. Salway, 2; and W. Bacon, 2 points. We also received a new member in Mr. J. Thompson (Glossop). We have still plenty of room for new members, so be proposed at our general meeting, held at Manchester, on March 5th; subscription, 5/-. Mr. J. Rukin won Ramsden's cruet at Scottish National show for best colour-fed Lizard. No novice, unfortunately, entered for the medal given by the secretary. A hearty vote of thanks to chairman concluded the business.—J. RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The society made a good start for the New Year at their meeting at Johnston's Rooms on January 3rd. The chair was taken by the President (Mr. F. Piper). Four new members were elected, and four others nominated for membership. The secretary (Mr. H. Smith) reported that the result of the Team Contest for the Championship at the Horticultural Hall had not yet come to hand, but he believed Wimbledon had obtained 3rd prize, and if so, thought they had done well. The meeting elected Messrs. Plank and Wright to audit the accounts, and arrangements for the pair show were made. As next meeting (February 7th) clashes with the Crystal Palace Show, it was decided not to meet until February 21st, and to hold the pair show on the same evening. Other details were settled, and Mr. J. Robson was selected to judge. A splendid lot of birds (upwards of 30) were brought up for judging competition, in Yorkshires. Mr. H. E. Tringham, judge, received a very hearty welcome. The points gained in the judging competition were: Mr. F. W. Owen, 18; Mrs. Hare, 15; Messrs. T. Brown and W. R. Angear, 14 each; Mr. Whittome, 12; Mrs. M. Owen, Mr. Carson, and Mr. Bailey, 11 each; Mr. Warley and Mr. Baker, 10 each; Mr. Beeney, 7; Mr. Hare, and Mr. Whiting, 6 each; Mrs. Gill, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reade, 4 each; Mr. Billington and Mr. Wallis, 3 each.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters on January 6th, a fair number of members attending, Mr. H. E. Tringham in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Mitchell Watt; vice-presidents, H. E. Crowhurst, G. Dansie, D. Malvey, J. Robson, and J. B. Waterman; hon. solicitor, H. B. Tweed, Esq.; hon. treasurer, W. Hodson; hon. auditors, J. S. Matthes and F. Cole; hon. assistant sec., H. W. Tomsett; hon. sec., W. Hodson; committee, H. E. Tringham (chairman), W. B. Cracknell, J. W. Cranfield, H. Cunningham, H. Goodwin, E. S. Lugg, L. J. Richardson, W. H. Tomsett, S. H. Stephens, J. W. Norris, D. Rocks, and W. Hodson. The balance-sheet showed the society to be in a healthy financial position, with a good sound membership of close upon 100. Two propositions were down. Proposed by Mr. Hodson, and seconded by Mr. Cole, "That the following be added to Rule 3 of the society's rules: 'And if such subscriptions or levy in arrears be not paid or reduced at the end of six months, the committee shall have power to report same to the council of the Federation for further action.'" After considerable discussion this was carried. Proposed and seconded: "That we adopt the definition as to champion and novice of the London Federation, viz., 'A novice is one who has not won a first prize at three separate shows in novice members classes'; 'A champion is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in amateur members' classes, or three first prizes in open novice classes, or one first prize in open competition, all pair and young bird shows excluded.'" This also was carried. A suggestion was here made that it was desirable to change the headquarters, seeing we were not able to hold the members' shows at our present meeting place, which added considerably to the working expenses. Mr. Lugg proposed, and Mr. Richardson seconded, that a sub-committee be appointed to arrange this, Messrs. Norris, Cunningham, and Hodson being elected. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and committee were carried, those to the chairman and secretary being received with musical honours. The meeting terminated with hearty good wishes for a prosperous year to the present officers and committee. A novel and interesting programme is being arranged for the year, and it is hoped members will appreciate the same, and attend the meetings which are held every first Thursday in the month.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Oddfellows' Hall, President R. Dickson presiding. Owing to the holidays there was only a small turnout. It was agreed to leave questions of importance over to next meeting. We held a table show of Border Fancies; the awards were placed by Mr. Hugh Moreland. 1 and 2, Hamilton and Wallace; 3 and 4, Conner. It was agreed to have a table show of Norwich breeding pairs at next meeting on February 3rd.—R. HAMILTON, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE C.S. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at 17, Hamilton-street on January 10th, Mr. Fry in the chair. Present: Messrs. Rooney, Dowling, McDonnell, Lynch, Holley, Stewart, Gillen, Berse, Lea, Callaghan, and the hon. sec. It was suggested that the society hold a supper either before or after the general meeting, and a committee was formed to go into the matter, as to the cost per member, etc., and report accordingly; and if same could be carried through, to invite representatives from the provincial societies. The treasurer informed the meeting that the society had a balance of over £12 to their credit, and all liabilities have been discharged. The meeting was adjourned to January 17th.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec., 17, Hamilton-street, Dublin.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on January 7th in Leo's Temperance Hotel, the excellent headquarters. There was a good attendance when Mr. Cawley opened the meeting. The treasurer, Mr. E. Peck, presented a statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £0 13s. 10s. The secretary was then called upon to give his report of the first year's work of the society. He said that the society had done well, both as regards finance and its real object, viz., the study and cultivation of Canaries of all varieties. The members' show, held on December 11th was a great success, and is already bearing "fruit" in the shape of new members. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The election of officers was next dealt with:—Chairman, Mr. W. H. Cawley, re-elected; vice-chairman, Mr. C. H. Cook; secretary, Mr. T. P. Baxter, re-elected; treasurer, Mr. E. Peck, re-elected; and a competent committee.—T. P. BAXTER, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held at the Oddfellows' Hall, on January 3rd, a good muster being present. The secretary read the balance-sheet, duly audited, showing £12 2s. 8d. in the hands of the treasurer, this being considered highly satisfactory; the previous balance being £6 4s. 9d. Two new silver cups were on view, presented by Mr. Ferens and Master T. R. Ferens, to replace the cups won respectively by Mr. G. Harland and Mr. Olliff for best young bird bred by a member, and shown at the annual open show. The sixteenth annual open show was arranged for November 18th and 19th, this being fixed at this meeting to prevent other societies clashing, if possible. The following officials were elected by ballot: Chairman, Mr. G. W. Oliver; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Pepper; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Howe; hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest R. Ridley; committee, Messrs. Brumby, Barwick, Harland, Longhorn, Perkins, Potter, Stones, and Stamford; hon. solicitor, B. Suddaby, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, W. Clark, Esq.; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. Chapman and W. Sawdon.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held in Palmer Hall, on January 5th, and proved the best-attended meeting we have had for a long time. The chairman proposed that a vote of sympathy be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. J. North, one of our oldest members, which vote was carried unanimously. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Pres., Rt. Hon. G. W. Palmer; vice, L. Sutton, Esq., J.P., C. E. Keyser, Esq., J.P., S. Pike, Esq., Howard Palmer, Esq., J.P., Alfred Palmer, Esq., J.P.; treasurer, G. H. Acton, Esq.; chairman, Mr. J. Brooker; secretary, Mr. W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove; auditors, Messrs. Brooks and Laurence; committee, Messrs. Maisey, Yates, Dearlove, Laurence, Fraser, Brown, Vince, Tremlett, and Hopgood. The subscription was reduced to 2/6 per annum, payable by March meeting; after that date 3/-. Mr. Aston very kindly gave a donation of £1 2s. 6d. towards the funds, and Mr. Maisey offered a silver medal for best Yorks. bred by a member. We decided to advertise in the district papers, and try to get in touch with the fanciers living in those districts. We are prepared to make a fuss of any gentleman that would like to present us with a cup for competition. The secretary read the balance-sheet for the year, which shows a balance on the right side of £5 15s. 10d., which was considered very satisfactory. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, secretary, Mr. Acton, and Mr. Maisey, concluded the meeting. Twelve new members have been admitted at the last two meetings, which shows how things are looking up here.—W. H. PYKE, Sec.

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HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, on December 30th, at 8 p.m. Judging competition for members. Mr. J. Oldaker officiated as judge. The following members competed:—Messrs. Dickson, Mound, Cowle, A. Knight, W. Knight, Abrams, Shearer, Pile, Hyde, Bush, Street, Johnson, Shakespeare. Some 50 birds were staged. Silver medals were awarded in each section. In the amateur section Mr. Cowie was the winner, and in the novice Mr. Bush.—CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on January 7th, Mr. Marshall (the newly-appointed chairman) presiding. It was decided to hold our next members' and open show on October 15th, 1910, which is our old date. Will other societies in the district please note? We have engaged as judges, Mr. Harland (Hull) and Mr. A. Hay (Berwick-on-Tweed). The desirability of stating a fixed sum as prize money for members' classes was discussed at some length, and it was finally agreed that we pay at our next annual show 10s. per members' class. We have already enrolled a number of new members, and any others wishing to join would oblige by communicating with me, when I shall be happy to present their names at our next meeting.—E. COWLING, Hon. Sec., Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Annual general meeting held on January 4th, Mr. J. E. Davies presiding. A good number of members attended. After passing a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the following gentlemen were nominated for the coming year:—President, Mr. J. E. Davies; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. H. Massey, W. T. Hill, J. Garner; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Nelson; committee, Messrs. G. W. Oldham, W. McKeil, J. Potts, J. Lees, T. Mason, F. Hardy; auditors, Messrs. G. W. Oldham, W. T. Hill; C.B.U. delegate, W. McKeil; secretary, W. Stafford, 24, Stafford-street, Stockport; headquarters, Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport. The members afterwards sat down to a good "hot-pot" supper generously provided by Mr. J. E. Davies, and the members "shifted a bit." This was followed by a contest on the gramophone between Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hill, the contest to be decided by the members; terms, six records each. So close was the competition that the show of hands was equal, and the president was called upon for a casting vote; but he caused much laughter by declaring it a draw. We were then honoured by a few ladies coming amongst us. So Mr. Hill gave us some more records. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. E. Davies, and to Messrs. Hill and Nelson, brought a happy meeting to a close.—W. STAFFORD, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting, held on January 15th, at Gt. Horton Good Intent Show. Mr. R. Halliday, president in the chair. The Council decided to administer a caution to the exhibitor in whose cages mixed seed had been found at one of the Union shows. The Council were unprepared for the startling revelations made, in regard to the objection raised by a Union novice member against lending and borrowing birds for exhibition. The case objected to was proved by both parties implicated admitting the offence. The Council deferred sentence until further information had been obtained. This is the most serious case the Union have yet been called upon to investigate. The matter will be dealt with by the Council at its next meeting, to be called as soon as possible. The tenders for Union novice medals were submitted, and that of Messrs. Pattorini and Sons (Bradford) was eventually chosen. The Brighouse case was again gone into, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided that under the circumstances they should for their annual show next year hold the date which they would have held this year had they had an open show. A complaint was made anent some entries at a Union show, that had not been paid for, and the secretary was instructed to write to the exhibitor in question. All nominations, alteration of rules, etc., along with the twenty judges nominated by each Society, should be sent in to the Union secretary by February 1st, according to Rules 3, 12, and 48, in the Handbook.—H. HILL, Sec.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB.

Annual general meeting held in Viaduct Hotel, Carlisle, on Jan. 1st, Mr. Richardson presiding. The balance-sheet showed a slight deficit on the year, but the funds stand at nearly £13, which was considered satisfactory after the extra expenditure during the year. All office bearers were re-elected, Mr. Murdoch being appointed delegate for Kilmarnock district, and Messrs. Wright and Nixon (Carlisle) auditors. A motion "that all Border show cages bearing such distinguishing marks as brass or white knobs or side doors at any show where the patronage of the club is given be disqualified from competition in their respective classes," was passed regarding the knobs, but as regards the side doors was rejected. The next motion was that no society get club patronage unless they engage a club member as judge. After some discussion, an amendment "that rule remain as at present allowing non-members to judge," was passed. The motion "that birds with two marks above be admitted as fouls, but when dark at thighs or vent likewise should be uneven; also that birds marked eyes and wings and at base of tail or rump (this mark underneath) if larger than a three-penny piece, be no longer shown as evenly-marked birds but uneven, and which the eye or eyes are divided by a few light feathers round the eye or between the markings ought to be shown uneven," was fully discussed, and it was decided to leave it to judge's discretion. A motion "that club members be allowed to judge three open shows in one season, club or radius shows not to count," was considered, and an amendment "that they be allowed to judge whenever asked," after some discussion, was lost, and the motion was carried. A motion "that any society who had four classes for Greens and Cinnamons should have medals for these classes," was rejected. The next motion was that members be allowed to win two medals each season instead of three; but it was decided to let the rule remain as at present. It was decided that any show having a radius of under four miles be not granted club patronage. A letter was read from a member in Newcastle district asking that more medals be given for novices in that part, also stating he did not think best bird always won medal. Although not charging anyone with unfairness, he thought the best birds should always win. The subject was allowed to drop. It was decided to halve the value of Whitehaven medal between Mr. McKenzie (Kelso) and Mr. Pennington (Wigton). An enlarged drawing of a Border Fancy Canary, by Mr. Norman, was handed round, and it was decided not to alter our present plate. Agreed to have contest either at Hawick or Scottish National, Hawick to have preference. A few new members were proposed and admitted. Next meeting at Edinburgh. The meeting closed with vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson for presiding.—M. JAMIESON, Hon. Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S

Annual general meeting, held January 6th, Mr. Freeman presiding. The auditors (Messrs. Nicholson and Talt) gave a full account, and showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, with a balance of £4 1s. 3d. on the year's working, added to cash in bank of £9 0s. 10d., making a total balance of £13 1s. 1d. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Freeman; vice-chairman, Mr. Talt; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Lowes. The following judges were elected for the open show to be held November 5th: Mr. Battye (Huddersfield), Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingborough), British and Foreign. It was also decided to hold the annual dinner on February 10th at 7 o'clock at the club house, Leeds Hotel. The best thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr. Nicholson and the retiring officers.—J. W. LOWES, Hon. Secretary.

HAYLE AND DISTRICT F.A

Annual dinner took place at the White Hart Hotel, on January 6th, when about 30 friends sat down to a good spread, catered for by Host and Hostess Griffiths. After the "feed" the members settled down for a pleasant evening, when a good programme was gone through. The toast of "The King," was replied to by Mr. Smale. Excellent songs were sung by Messrs. Bowden, Willoughby, W. Richards before the toast of "The President" was drunk and replied to by the secretary, Mr. H. Ware. More songs followed by Messrs. Dale, Oatey, Trevaskis, and a hanjo solo by Mr. Coombe. The toast of "The Host and Hostess," was followed by a recitation by Mr. S. J. Coombe, and song and a toast to the "Hayle Fanciers' Association," replied to by Mr. J. Richards. Messrs. Biggleston, T. Rowe, and Symons, concluded the programme with some fine songs. Mr. Vinnicombe presided at the piano. The singing of "God Save the King," brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—H. WARE, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

First annual meeting held at headquarters on Jan. 5th, when a very fair number of members were present. Mr. Holmes presided. The Chairman made a few remarks re the work of the society. He reviewed the season fully, mentioning our start in February, the rambles, dinner, and the nest feather pair and open shows; and concluded that he did not think any other young society had done as much and yet turned the year with a balance in hand. The adoption of the balance-sheet having been moved and passed, the Secretary urged the members to attend the meetings, and so help to carry on the work. The schedule for the coming year's work was reviewed, and includes, along with the ordinary meetings, rambles, lectures, judging competitions, and shows. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Dr. Barker, Dean of Carlisle; secretary, Mr. John C. Bell; treasurer, Mr. G. Davidson; show manager, Mr. T. J. Robson; committee, Messrs. R. Thomlinson, D. Bunting, R. Macartney, W. Davidson, J. Robson, J. Robson, junr., A. O'Neill, F. Bell, J. Chaplow, and T. Holmes.—J. C. BELL, secretary.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

For the annual meeting a large attendance of members was present, the President, Mr. T. H. Collinge, being in the chair. The report of the year's work was given out, and we have a balance in hand of over £1, which speaks well for the interest of the members, as owing to a very heavy loss on the 1908 show we started with a debt of over £10. But by the aid of whist drives, shows, suppers, etc., we have pulled through all right, and success met us again at our open show, which was a record, with only a small loss of £1 2s. 6d. throughout the show. The membership is about 40, and new members are being proposed. We are already working to make the 1910 open show beat last year's, which we think we can manage. Officers for 1909: President, Mr. T. H. Collinge; vice-presidents, Messrs. Gaskill, Battye, Lord, G. Adams, Brown, Banks; corresponding secretary, Mr. Wm. Adams, 85, Bedford Street; financial secretary, Mr. G. Allam; treasurer, Mr. E. Hartley; auditors, Messrs. Dewhurst and Pleasance; committee, Messrs. Lee, Lord, Leach, Butterworth, Holt, Dearden, Porter, Faulkner, and Nuttall. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers brought a pleasant evening to a close.—WM. ADAMS, sec.

LEEDS O.B.S.

Annual meeting held on January 8th, Mr. F. Farrar in the chair. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a balance in hand of 13s. 6d., which was voted highly satisfactory, as the secretary had at the beginning of the year an adverse balance of £17 18s. 6d. to face, the result of our disastrous (financially) open show of 1907. The auditors, Messrs. J. P. Moir and M. Hornby, reported that they had found everything correct, and the accounts kept in a satisfactory and business-like manner. The result of the election of officers for 1910 was as follows:—President, F. Soames, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; vice-presidents, W. Turton, Esq., and W. Greenwood, Esq.; chairman, Mr. P. Whiteley; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Farrar; Committee, Messrs. G. Hallett, A. Chew, J. Owen, C. E. Hall, Seth Fowler, D. McMillan, jun., W. Hornby, Leo Smith, Hy. Smith, E. Norton, and W. H. Norton; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. P. Moir; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Medley; hon. secretary, J. Chambers. Mr. T. Baldwinson was duly elected a member. Several new rules respecting the members' shows were proposed, including the vexed Novice Question, and a remedy for the one-man-one-class business, but as the hour was getting late, it was decided that these suggestions, and any others the members cared to send by post to the secretary, should be thrashed out by committee, and submitted for confirmation by members at Feb. meeting.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tivy-side (C.B.U.).—Feb. 2, Market Buildings, Cardigan. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 11 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Jan. 29, to W. PORTMAN, Morgan Street, Cardigan.

Dalmellington.—Jan. 29, Public School.—Judge, Mr. P. Pettigrew. 11 Open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 7, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 24, to JAS. PETTIGREW, Belleview Cottage.

Northwich.—Jan. 29, Co-operative Hall, Station-road.—Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 8 Open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 24 (first post), to E. WOODWARD, Woodbine Villas, Winnington, Northwich.

Hawick.—Feb. 4 and 5, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 11 Open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Jan. 24, to F. POWELL, 38, Welsh-row.

THE SHOWS.

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PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S

The last members' show for the season was held on December 27th, when 78 birds were staged, and the judge had a difficult task in sorting out the winners. Mr. G. R. Pawson won the silver cup and medal with most points for starred birds, also special for most points throughout season, and 1st prize for most points in Norwich; Mr. J. Butler won silver medal for second most points with starred birds, also 1st prize for cinnamon marks; Mr. W. Richmond won 2nd prize for cinnamon marks, and 2nd for Norwich; Mr. J. Bracewell won Sandiford medal, and Mr. E. Marsh won the consolation prize. Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey) judged.

YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 4, J. Butler; 2, Raistrick; 3, Pawson; vhc, Hargreaves; he, Forrest; c, Bracewell. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Maltby; 2, he, Pawson; 3, c, J. Butler; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Raistrick. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Bracewell; 2, J. Butler; 3, Hargreaves; 4, he, Richmond; vhc, Pawson; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (8): 1, Hargreaves; 2, vhc, J. Butler; 3, Pawson; 4, Bracewell; he, c, Richmond. YELL. HEN (9): 1, C. Butler; 2, Hargreaves; 3, vhc, J. Butler; 4, Forrest; he, Marsh; c, Bracewell. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, J. Butler; 2, vhc, Bracewell; he, Forrest; c, Marsh. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Pawson; 2, Maltby; 3, c, Bracewell; 4, vhc, Richmond; he, Marsh. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Pawson; vhc, he, Bracewell; c, Richmond. A.O.V. (6): 1, Marsh; 2, Pawson; 3, Allot; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Fox; he, Bracewell. —J. BUTLER, Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second winter show, held in the Band Room, Commercial Street, Cleckheaton, on Dec. 27th. There were 127 entries, and the awards of the judge, Mr. J. Wilman, gave every satisfaction. Mr. F. Allen won special for most points, also Sandiford's medal for best col. bird; Mr. H. Hadwen won 2nd most points; and Mr. Fielding, 3rd.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Hadwen; 2, Rothery; 3, Cooper; 4, Wood; vhc, he, c, Fielding. BUFF: 1, vhc, Fielding; 2, Hadwen; 3, Wood; 4, Grayshon; he, Lewis; c, Smith. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Sheard; 2, 6, Allen; 4, Smith; vhc, Bennett; he, c, Fielding. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Allen; 3, Hadwen; 4, Fielding; vhc, Wood; he, Lewis. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Hadwen; 2, Wood; 4, Binns; vhc, Allen; he, Wharton; c, Rothery. BUFF: 1, Bennett; 2, Grayshon; 3, Wood; 4, Fielding. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Grayshon; 2, Wharton; 3, Hadwen; 4, Rothery; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Fielding; 2, Sheard; 3, Binns; 4, Rothery; vhc, Grayshon; he, Hirst and Cawthra. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Allen; 2, Rothery; 3, 4, Lewis; vhc, c, Fielding; he, Bennett. BUFF: 1, Hadwen; 2, Fielding; 3, Sheard; 4, vhc, Lewis; he, Rothery; c, Smith. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Grayshon; 2, Allen; 3, Hadwen. BUFF: 1, Lewis; 2, 4, Rothery; 3, Allen. CINN. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Allen; 3, he, Lewis; vhc, Wood; c, Hadwen. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 4, Hadwen; 3, vhc, Binns; he, Lewis. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, vhc, he, Bennett; 2, c, Smith; 3, Allen; 4, Wharton. SELL (10/-): 1, 3,, Rothery; 2, c, Smith; 4, Allen; vhc, Wharton; he, Grayshon.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

BUCKIE, N.B.

Annual show of the Buckie C.B., etc., Association took place in the Fisherman's Hall on Jan. 12, and was very well supported, over 180 entries more than at the previous exhibition being staged, which must be very gratifying to the executive, who richly deserved it. Anyone who saw them going through their various duties could not but be struck by the whole-hearted way they were performed. They were led by Mr. Robertson, the convener of Committee. Mr. Geo. Stewart was secretary, and a right good one he makes, doing everything possible for the success of the show. Mr. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged, and he seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 4, sp, Merson, 1, very good type, nice feather, carrying wings and tail closely; 2, Paterson, slight frill in front, but well deserves its place; 3, Blackie, very neat and close in feather; 5, Cross; 6, Glass. HEN: 1, sp for best Border, and sp. for 2nd best cage; Craig, only one entry in class, but all there for quality, neat and natty Border all through. BUFF: 1, Connachie, very good type, carrying nice wings and tail; 2, Craig, finely feathered, very level in col.; 3, Blackie, nice feather and type; 4, Glass. HEN: 1, Paterson, rare good stamp, fine feather, nice bloom, carries wings and tail well; 2, Merson, nice size and bloom, fails only in tail to winner; 3, 6, Blackie, nice quality; 4, Craig, fine close feathered bird; 5, George, good bloom, close in feather. VARIEG.: 1, Craig, very nice even-marked, wins easy; 2, Cross, nice variegated. HEN: 1, Connachie, very good, almost even yell., rare stamp, grand col.; 2, Craig, nice stamp, little rough at neck, else our choice; 3, Denison, yell., fine; 4, Cross, nice varieg. buff. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Connachie, nice green, rare good type, very fine feather, well carried wings and tail; 2, Anderson Bros., good green foul; 3, 4, Blackie, buff green, rather stoutly built, perhaps. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, sp for best Nor. and cup for best bird in show, Paterson, right good stamp of yell., nice round head, full eye, fine chest; 2, Strachan, tkd. on wing, nice bird; 3, Petrie, very good shape and size, well when we saw it; 4, Mennie, good feather; 5, George; 6, Hendry. HEN: 1, sp for 3rd best, George, good size and feather, very good type, wins well; 2, Laidlow, fine type of body, but a trifle too narrow in head; 3, Mennie, very nice bird of good size and quality; 4, Petrie; 5, Chalmers. BUFF CK.: 1, sp for 3rd best Plainhead, also 3, Petrie, two very good birds, former right grand type, very fine feather, latter fine feather and col.; 2, Stewart and Sons, another in nice feather and bloom, fails a wee bit in type; 4, Hird; 5, Chalmers; 6, George. HEN: 1, Chalmers, nice stamp, size and feather; 2, George. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Laidlow, nice buff varieg., good chest and head, wins well; 2, 3, 5, Rosie, very nice team, all deserving of their places; 4, Douglas, nice stamp; 6, Anderson. HEN: 1, Rosie, good type and feather, nicely staged; 2, Glass, fine size; 3, Paterson, very good type, lovely feather; 4, Howarth, good feather and bloom; 5, McKenzie; 6, Junner. CREST CK.: 1, Webster, very nice shaped Crest; 2, Craigen, griz., and quite so well groomed. HEN: 1, sp, Webster, good long feathered Crest, nice radiation. C.-B. CK.: 1, Grant, good broad skull, nice lengthy feather; 2, Murray, very fine, long-feathered Green; 3, Denison. HEN: 1, sp, Craigen, buff varieg., good size, nice length of feather; 2, Murray. NOR. COL. FED CK.: 1, 2, 6, J. Strachan, 1, right good stamp of varieg. yell., 2, real good buff varieg., fine size, nicely staged; 3, Lumsden, very nice col. and feather; 4, Howarth, buff; 5, Hird. HEN: 1, 4, 5, Strachan, 1st fine type, broad, full-chested, and finely mealed; 4, good typical buff; 2, Lumsden, very fine buff; 3, 6, Paterson, very nice yell. varieg. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Wilson, very nice Cinn., good shape and feather, fine size; 2, Paterson, rattling good Green; 3, Clark, Green. HEN: 1, sp, Paterson, fine type of Cinn., nicely marked, and good rich col.; 2, Hendry, another nice Cinn. PAIR: 1, Grant, nice pair Crested and C.-B.; 2, Howarth, good large pair Plainheads; 3, Strachan, Plainheads. SELL. (10/-): 1, Petrie; 2, Merson; 3, Chalmers. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Clark, very nice high col. Siskin, good cap and bib; 2, 4, Chalmers, 2, Redpoll, good size and bib; 4, also Redpoll, smaller; 3, Anderson, nice Siskin, falls only in col. to winners; 5, Denison, Siskin; 6, Merson. BULLFINCH, BRIT. 1, sp, D. Craigen, fine, bold type, very steady, shows himself off to advantage; 2, C. Craigen, better col., but smaller, not so steady; 3, Watt, good size and feather, very fine col.; 4, Anderson Bros., rich col., rare broad cap; 5, Anderson; 6, Howarth, grand class of 17, not a bad bird among them. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Chalmers, nice rich blaze; 2, Jackson, good blaze, bare and moons; 3, Clark, good size and blaze, well up; 4, 5, Denison; 6, Craigen. LINNET: 1, 2, sp, J. Johnston, 1, very good, rich col., well-pencilled, 2, larger, but a wee bit open in front, some preferred to winner for size; 3, Chalmers, best marked bird in class, but rather too light; 4, Hendry, fine size, nice col.; 5, Merson; 6, Watt. TWITE: 1, Merson, nice mkgs. and size, very good col.; 2, Johnston, lovely col., but fails a bit in mkgs. BUNTING: 1, Johnston, nice-coloured Yellowhammer; 2, 3, Merson, Black-headed Snow Bunting. FINCH A.O.S.: 1, Johnston, very nice Chaffinch, good size and col.; 2, Merson, Bramble, well shown, in fine feather; 3, Anderson, nice good col. Greenfinch; 4, Stewart and Sons, Brambling; 5, Jackson. MULE DARK: 1, Johnston, Redpoll Bullie, nice size; 2, Clark, very nice nat. col. Siskin mule; 3, George, nice Greenfinch-Goldfinch; 4, Hird, Linnet-Can.; 5, Glass, Linnet-Can.; 6, Craigen, Goldie-Can. LIGHT: 1, Mennie, nice Goldie-Can. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Merson, former nicely spangled Starling, latter good, rich-col. Thrush. FOR.: 1, 3, Merson, 1, yell. Budgerigar, 3, Saffron-finches; 2, Hendry, Russian Goldie. SELL. (10/-): 1, 2, F. A. Watt; 3, Merson; 4, Stewart and Sons.

HEBDEN BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.F.S.

Annual show, held at the Neptune Hotel, on Dec. 11th. Entries numbered 115. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) judged. The silver cup was won by Messrs. Simpson and Son. Mr. R. Townsend won special for best novice bird and Mr. Jeffreys for best in show.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Simpson and Son; 3, Harrison; vhc, T. B. King; he, Jeffreys; c, Cotton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Simpson and Son; vhc, Jeffreys; he, E. King; c, Harrison. TKD. YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, he, Simpson and Son; 3, Harrison; vhc, T. B. King; c, Cotton. BUFF: 1, Simpson and Son; 2, Harrison; 3, T. B. King; vhc, Cotton. CINN. MARKED: 1, Townsend. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Simpson and Son; 2, vhc, King; he, Jeffrey; c, Roberts. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Simpson and Son; 3, Harrison; he, T. B. King; c, Townsend. STOCK CK.: 1, Harrison; 2, Simpson and Son; 3, Cotton; vhc, Jeffreys. PAIRS: 1, Harrison; 2, T. B. King; 3, Townsend. SELL. (12/6): 1, Harrison; 2, Jeffreys; 3, E. King; vhc, Roberts. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 3, Simpson and Son; 2, T. B. King; vhc, Harrison; he, W. F. King; c, E. King. HEN: 1, Simpson and Son; 2, E. King; 3, Townsend; vhc, Harrison; he, T. B. King; c, W. E. King. GREEN CK.: 1, Jeffreys; 2, Simpson and Son; 3, T. B. King; vhc, W. E. King; he, Roberts. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Roberts; vhc, Simpson and Son; he, Cotton. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Jeffreys. HEN: 1, 2, Jeffreys. CINN.: 1, 2, Harrison. NOVICE CAN.: 1, vhc, Maiden; 2, Gough; 3, he, Nutter; c, Bowe. BRIT.: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, vhc, Harrison; he, c, Knowles. NOVICE BRIT.: 1, Bowe; 2, Pickles.—WM. SIMPSON, Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

A most successful members' show was held at our new headquarters, the Saville Hotel, on Boxing Day. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members. Sandiford's special was won by Mr. W. Hinchliffe, and was a popular win. Messrs. S. Taylor, N. Rayner, C. Shaw, and W. Clennett, ran well together for points. There were 101 birds staged. The gate was a good one, and we noticed many prominent exhibitors present, who were well satisfied with the awards made by Mr. H. W. Battye.

YORKS. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Clennett; 3, he, Pollard; vhc, Ainley; c, Lee. BUFF (11): 1, Rayner; 2, 3, Ainley; vhc, Blackburn; he, Clennett; c, Taylor. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Shaw; 3, Rayner; vhc, Pollard; he, Mitchell; c, Clennett. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, c, Taylor; 2, Ainley; 3, Lee; he, Mitchell. HEN YELL. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Pollard; 3, Hall; vhc, Pickering; he, Mitchell; c, Clennett. BUFF (10): 1, Clennett; 2, Mitchell; 3, Rayner; vhc, Pollard; he, Pickering; c, Shaw. YELL. MKD (6): 1, Pickering; 2, he, Rayner; 3, Hinchliffe; vhc, Blackburn; c, Blaimires. BUFF (9): 1, Pickering; 2, 3, Hall; vhc, he, Blackburn; c, Pollard. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Blaimires; 2, Ainley; 3, Pollard; vhc, Blackburn. HEN (6): 1, Blackburn; 2, Hall; 3, Hinchliffe; vhc, Taylor; he, Clennett; c, Blaimires. BRIT. (10): 1, 3, Shaw; 2, he, Clennett; vhc, Audsley; c, Taylor. SELL. CK. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Hinchliffe; 3, Hall; vhc, Rayner; he, Pollard; c, Clennett. HEN (5): 1, Pickering; 2, Clennett; 3, he, Rayner; vhc, Taylor.—N. RAYNER, Sec.

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LLANELLY.

The 5th annual show of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. was held in the spacious Market Hall, probably the roomiest place in South Wales for the purpose, on Jan. 18. The entry was extra good, and keen competition was apparent in most classes. Nice specimens were put down by Messrs. Longden (who won the cup), Deacon, Atherton, Beacheroft, Richards, T. Morris, many winners figuriug in the above teams. In Mr. Daniel Johu, the secretary, and his assistant, we have two energetic and most excellent workers, who were ably supported by a strong lot on the committee, who make a body of red-hot fanciers, being here, there and everywhere iu the interests of the show. The Llanelly society should be proud of its show, being now one of the principal exhibitions in the West country. Messrs. Hadwin, Howe, and Cole, judged, Mr. Hadwin taking the Canaries, Mr. Howe the Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign, and Mr. Cole the Rollers. Satisfaction was the order of the day at the result of the awards. The classes in the Roller section were, unfortunately, poor, but the quality of the birds was of a very creditable nature. Llanelly fanciers should go in for more of this most interesting section of the Fancy.

The Canary Section.

NOR. GREEN YELL (9): 1, 4, Deacon, 1st fine bouncing bird for size, lovely level colour, well pencilling back, in grand feather, 4th very good quality green; 2, Dr. Martin, cobby specimen, good feather, fine short sided bird, correct Nor properties; 3, Brotherton, also very choice, thick-set, good col., nicely polished, well staged; vhc, Maurry; hc, Lawson; c, Crehcr. BUFF (10): 1, Harrison, tremendous substance, good colour, fine angle across perch, tightly braced wings; 2, c, Deacon, neatly shaped body and head, shown in good style; 3, Bretherton, in nice condition, neat type and quality; 4, Lawson, also good in type and feather; vhc, hc, Hawkes. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Dr. Martin, very nice coloured lady, in lovely condition, short wings and tail, staged with taste; 2, 3, Deacon, 2nd possessing splendid characteristics, good size, type and col., very cobby, 3rd in neat form, good head, well filled at shoulders and neck; 4, Lawson; vhc, hc, Harrison. BUFF (9): 1, Harrison, pretty specimen, good col., condition, and quality, nice win; 2, 3, Deacon, 2nd neat and well col., with the silkiest of jackets, good wings and tail, 3rd splendid size and col., in excellent condition; 4, vhc, Dr. Martin; hc, Murray. NOR. YELL (10): 1, Edwards, good col. and type, sound head, shapely body, neat wing and tail carriage; 2, Spoor, smart, typical, well clothed, good col., very close up; 3, hc, Hitching, correct type and style, good size, well polished; 4, G. T. Jones; vhc, W. Davies. BUFF (8): 1, Slocombe, fine size, good head, neck properties, well col., shows frosting well; 2, D. R. Jones, also massive specimen of good quality, finely carried wiugs and tail; 3, Pudner Bros., very smart, well feathered, full of correct propertics; 4, E. Edwards; vhc, Hill; hc, E. H. Williams; c, Hitching. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, E. Thomas, neat shaped body nnd skull, very short flights, in good condition; 2, Hitchings, large, well made specimen, very silky feather, good wings and tail; 3, Scrine, neat and cobby, well moulded right through, well clothed; 4, Clement; vhc, S. Jones; hc, D. R. Jones. HEN (13): 1, Watson, very pretty quality, good useful stamp, iu extra grand trim, great for shortness and finish; 2, Hill, very correct little hen, grand shape and carriage, good wings and tail; 3, D. Clement, close up, full of quality, in lovely feather aud condition; 4, Spoor; vhc, W. Davics; hc, E. H. Williams; c, W. P. Jones. UNFLIG. (9): 1, G. T. Jones, beautiful youngster, nice size and shape, good level col., cobby, well set up; 2, Spoor, also typical, good head, well moulded body, in lovely feather; 3, Folwell, good col., tightly feathered wings and tail; 4, E. Thomas; vhe, D. R. Jones; hc, W. Davies; c, Hill. NON-FED (14): 1, Dr. Martin, good size, and quality, very nice type, shown well; 2, Jeremy, splendid, large bird, good wings and tail, in fine condition; 3, Heal, really grand specimen, large body; 4, vhc, Quarman; hc, Spoor; c, D. Clement. YORKS., GREEN, YELL. (12): 1, c, Atherton, beautiful grassy col., grand shape, good sided, fine position; 2, Robinson, plenty of length, great col., finely drawn, well carried wings and tail; 3, Rowlands, rare position and length, well carried wings and tail; 4, Clayton, straight as possible, good length; vhc, Robinson; hc, T. Rowlands. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Clayton, 1st fine big, well-shaped one, correct in col. and style, good bracing of wings, neat pipe tail, 3rd ideal bird of fine style and carriage, lovely movement; 2, Rowlands, straight as possible, good quality and col., neatest of type; 4, vhc, Atherton; hc, Rowlands. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Rowlands, smart and chic, lovely length, col., and position, good wing and tail carriage; 2, W. C. Robinson, very neatly clothed, straight position and neatly carried; 3, Gore, very smart and typical, straight as possible; 4, No. 13 (no name); vhc, c, Rowlands; hc, Creber. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Rowlands, good length and type, well filled up at neck and shoulder, fine carriage throughout; 2, 4, Atherton, 2nd straight and true position, good quality, level green; 3, hc, Robinson, splendid type, very nicely braced wings; c, Clayton. YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, E. H. Williams, very fine cl., good col., tight as a bottle, neatest of wings and tail; 2, Morris, very smart bird, erect position, good length, well feathered, shown in good fettle; 3, c, T. Williams, good length, correct type, splendid carriage, very good col., close up; 4, Jelly; vhc, Duke; hc, Phillips.. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Morris, lovely feathered one, good length and position, beautiful carriage; 2, very smart, lengthy specimen, tightly feathered, wonderful wings and tail; 3, T. Williams, neat, typical, good position, extra for shape; 4, E. H. Williams; vhc, Taylor; hc, Harry; c, Parry. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, 3, Morris, 1st one of the best, fine, upstanding one, clever on legs, well clothed, splendid wings and tail; 2, A. Taylor, rattling good specimen, of length and quality, nicely filled, good carriage; 3, we liked, very smart and stylish, well feathered, neatly carried pipe tail; 4, Morgan and Wilcox. HEN (14): 1, Morris, clinker of the best type nnd quality, rare length and symmetry, neatly clothed; 2, Wilson, another gem of correct length, style and position, splendid feather; 3, Harry, very smart and typical, good length and style; 4, T. Williams; vhc, Morgan and Wilcox; hc, J. Jenkins; c, Spurry. UNFLIG (10): 1, 2, Wilson, very choice, good length and position, feathered in fine style, neat wings and tail, 2nd rare quality Yorkie, fine erect position, good fit of jacket; 3, Morris, very fine youngster for length, style, and general contour; 4, Morgans and Wilcox; vhc, Jelly; hc, Dale; c, Mock and Sons. NON-FED (15): 1, 2, W. Thomas, couple of rare lengthy ones, correct in style and type, neatest of carriage, nicely braced wings; 3, 4, Enst, also pair of nice quality ones, straight as pencils; vhc, Rumby; hc, E. H. Williams; c, A. E. Taylor. BORD., YELL CK. (13): 1, Stevens, neatest of models, good gay carriage, well placed wings, neatly cut throughout; 2, E. M. Evans, gay carriage, neatest of jackets, splendid outline, in good trim; 3, E. R. Roberts, another bonny one of the same jaunty movement, good pipe tail; 4, Bailey, very smart, good quality one; vhc, Dr. Bowes; hc, Mugford; c, D. Jenkins. BUFF (7): 1, D. Jenkins, very handsome Bord., finely outlined, good movement, splendid fitting wings, nice pipe tail; 2, Mrs. Drinkwater, good model, well feathered, jaunty carriage, very sweet; 3, Dr. Bowes, carries the essential Border points, fine movement, well carried wings and tail; 4, Hammacott and Card; vhc, Mugford; c, Stein. BUFF, ETC., HEN (10): 1, hc, D. Bowes, lovely hen of rare size and finish, good movement, neatly carried wings and tail; 2, E. R. Roberts, splendid style, good type and quality, in fine trim; 3, E. M. Evans, smart and bonny model, very good quality, neat carriage; 4, D. Jenkins; vhc, Mugford; hc, Evans. MKD. (11): 1, 2, Bailey, 1st good shapely one, shown in nice conditiou, fine head, well moulded body, 2nd again the best of type, feathered like a Java, very neat mover, good wing; 3, vhc, E. M. Evans, tight as wax, neat, gay carriage, fine wings and tail; 4, Dr. T. A. Bowes; hc, Hammacott and Co.; c, W. J. Jenkins. BORD., GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Ford and Son, well known, lovely quality and col., correct in size and carriage, splendid wings and tail; 2, 3, Bayley, 2nd also very natty Border, teeming with col., good shape, well clothed, 3rd in very good fettle, rare quality and style; 4, E. Roberts; vhc, D. Williams; c, W. J. Jenkins. CAN. (30/-) (3): 1, G. E. Edwards; 2, 3, J. H. Jones. SELL., (15/-) (9): 1, Beard; 2, Slocombe; 3, Jones; 4, Bissell; vhc, E. M. Evans; hc, Creber; c, Muscott. (10/-) (9): 1, Morgan and Willcox; 2, Saunder; 3, 4, E. M. Evans; vhc, Beard; hc, Aubrey; c, Williams.

The Mule, British and Foreign.

CAN. MULE (excluding Bullie, Cl., Tkd., etc.) (9): 1, H. S. Davies, fine large, evenly-mkd. yell., in lovely feather, wins very well to-day; 2, R. W. Jones, varieg. Linnet mule of ample proportions, shown with nice taste; 3, Lees, another varieg. one of the same cross as leader, in good order; 4, Longden; vhc, R. W. Jones; hc, G. Edwards; c, King. DK. GOLDIE-CAN. (10): 1, R. W. Jones, good size and col., shows prominent face and bars, rare blaze of col.; 2, Longden, smart one for col., distinct in all points, face, frout and wing bars; 3, Gomer Thomas, very warm specimen, good quality, rare polish; 4, c, J. Lewis; vhc, Gough; ho, G. Thomas. LINNET, ETC., MULE (13): 1, R. W. Jones, heautifully col. Linnet Mule, fine size, shape aud pollsh, wins in good style; 2, Coffey, very large specimen, sports the cross very well, in good col.; 3, Longden, neat, well-col. Siskin Mule, fine bars and eye marks; 4, E. R. Roberts; vhc, Shellam; hc, Jackson; c, G. Edwards. MULE A.O.V. (4): 1, Shellam, clinking Goldie-Bullie, fine flash of face, with a topping thick body, marvel for a youngster; 2, Longden, well-known Cinn-Greenie-Can., in fine form, beautiful level col.; 3, Lees, Linnet-Bullie, good col. and mrkg., shown very tight and fit; 4, Gomer Thomas. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, Gomer Thomas, very nicely cut and polished face, good body, bars and buttons; 2, T. W. Richards, another very high-class Finch, immense well-pollsbed blaze, fine tans and back col., good wings, typical Welshman; 3, Morgan, well cut face, nice col. and polish; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Ray; c, Howe. No. 8, W. Richards, some made an easy 1st, in perfect feather and coudition. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (21): 1, Fogd, well-known Cardiff, etc., winner, looking well to-day, fine, shapely bird, beautiful square-cut blaze of correct col; 2, W. Lewis, very sweet Pate, good shape of blaze, neatly cut side, in rare feather; 3, G. Edwards, good square face, plenty of tan, great substance of body; 4, T. W. Richards, very neat for face, well-contrasted colours; vhc, hc, S. Jones; c, Griffiths and Evans. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Norman, good, cobby Bullie, splendid cap and breast, topper for a black-legged one; 2, A. D. Hughes, also correct in type, fine frontal col. and cap, good distinct bars; 3, S. Jones, very warm in col. of breast, good size and shape, shows plenty of quality; 4, Longden, moulted bird of good col and shape, some thought might have won; vhc, Jones; hc, Gregory and Johns; c, Price. LINNET (12): 1, 2, vhc, Longden, very smart trio, first scores for size, col. and lacing, in very good feather; 2, very large and shapely; 3, S. Jones, neat level col. bird, rich nutty brown, well broken up; 4, Bancroft, neatly mkd., good col.; vhc, Coffey; c, Reynolds. FIELD-MOULTED (13): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, clinker, unbeatable up to date, fine shape and size, distinct lacing; 2, Gregory, fine quality one, rare shape and col., mkd. in splendid fashion; 3, Gomer Thomas, large class of bird, Norwich type, well laced; 4, Harry; vhc, Howard; hc, Bancroft; c, A. Davies. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Lewis and Dymond, very shapely and level-col. buff, fine size, in really good form; 2, Coffey, large, well-shaped yell., good wiug bars, and well col.; 3, Bancroft, our choice, largest, boldest and best col. in class, grand head and body properties; 4, Price; vhc, G. Edwards; hc, G. Thomas, c, Scrine. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, 3, 4, Longden, leading with the well-known champion Bramble, fine size and col., mass of rich spangle on back; 3, grand big Chaffinch, good front col.; 2, Bancroft, very high col. and well-shaped Chaffie, good frontal, nicely-col. head and nape; vhc, Coffey; hc, G. Thomas. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, Poole, lovely shape and size, well-defiued V marks on head, very cl. yell. head and body, splendid win; 2, 4, Ford and Son, very large one, fine ground col., neatly tkd. head and chest, heat of V mark; 3, Bessell, very highly-col. one, well defined in mrkg.; vbc, Prosser; hc, Bancroft. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Poole, fine, nat. col. Siskin, good, thick-set type, good col., cap and bib; 2, Bancroft, fine, large, well-mkd. Twite, level col.; 3, Longden, very neat little Lesser Poll, well laced; vhc, Prosser; he, Coffey; c, R. H. Jones. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Middleton, leads with a very smart Thrush, rare col. and spangling on chest; 2, Lee, very dense Blackbird, good col, of eeres and bill; 3, Ford and Son, good Redwing, splendid mkd. breast, well contrasted col.; vhc, A. D. Hughes; hc, Daniels. HARDBILL BRIT. (3): 1, Poole, very fine large Hawfinch, rare size and polish, extra for shape, good bib; 2, Ray, another Hawfinch, good cut of bib; 3, absent. HEN HARDBILL (8): 1, F. D. Jones, lovely Yellowhammer, intenso col., splendidly tkd., in wonderful condition; 2, 4, Prosser, splendid-conditioned Corn Bunting, fine size, well pencilled; 3, Bancroft, another of the same species, in faultless condition; vhc, Rees; hc, Ford and Sou; c, T. Jenkins. SOFTBILL (4): 1, W. Howe, Grey-backed Shrike, in wonderful feather, very steady for this species of birds, very interesting exhibit; 2, F. D. Jones, a very smart little Chiff Chaff Warbler, quite at home, nice feather nnd polish; 3, Jenkins and Jones, well shown Robin, fine brick-col. shield. SELL. (10/-) (18): 1, W. Lewis; 2, Clement; 3, Howe; vhc, Jackson; hc, Bancroft; c, David. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, Davies and Wilkins, very smart Jay, in good condition and feather; 2, Edwards, well-known King Parrakeet, looks trifle show worn; 3, J. Jenkins; 4, Phillip; vhc, Gregory. SMALL (5): 1, 3, Ford and Son; 2, Hughes; 4, Thorne.

The Roller Section.

The awards in the Roller Singing Section were as follows:—1, Evans, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 4, Gluck 3, flute 2, water roll 3, gen. eff. 3, deduct 2, total 23 points; 2, W. Williams, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schockel 2, gluck 3, flute 3, gen. eff. 3, deduct 2, total 22 points; 3, W. Evans, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schockel 3, gluck 1, flute 2, gen. eff. 3, deduct 2, total 21 point. No. 2 did not sing.

INNERLEITHEN.

Held January 15th, in Drill Hall. The hall is a comfortable one. The management was all that could be desired, everything being found in perfect working order, under the guiding hand of Mr. McQueen, as secretary, and a hard-working committee. The treasurer, Mr. Keddie, also lent a helping hand. The exhibits were fairly good in number, and the quality first-class for a confined show. Judges: Borders, Mr. R. H. Douglas (Loanhead), all others Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), and their awards all over were well received.

The Critique.

BORD., YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, 3, medal, Blackie, leader nice type, fine quality, well poised head, latter good one, nicer in col.; 2, spl, Cockburn, good head, nice front, well balanced wings; 4, Tait, fine type. HEN (5): 1, Blackie, grand little hen, fine type, col. and quality; 2, Cockburn, runs close race, nice size, type and quality; 3, Gordon, lovely quality; 4, Tait, good type; vhc, Frizzle. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Linton, typical, fine col. and quality; 2, 3, Tait, we liked, splendid position, good back, 3rd a nice type; 4, Blackie, best in class, but soft; vhc, Blackhall; hc, Cockburn. HEN (7): 1, Watson, good type, fine position, splendid quality; 2, Blackie, fine col. and quality; 3, Tait, good type, col. and symmetry; 4, Cockburn; vhc, hc, Tait. EVENLY MKD. (3): 1, Blackie, nice type, grand style, fine col. and quality; 2, Watson, better markings; 3, Cockburn, nice col. and quality. UNEVEN (9): 1, spl, Tait, well-known, three-pointed cock, National winner; 2, Linton, mkd. eyes, very nice type, col. and quality; 3, Blackie, good mark, fine position; 4, hc, Cockburn, varieg., fine type; vhc, Brown. GREEN (6): 1, 2, Murray leader National winning buff hen, looking as well as ever, 2nd yell., nice col. fine quality; 3, 4, Blackie, good back, 4th fine col. and pencilling; vhc, Brown; he, Cockburn. FOUL (8): 1, Linton, tkd. wing, fine shaped head, good back, fine col. and quality; 2, spl, Lunn, nice shape, splendid position; 3, vhc, Blackie, huff, shapely, fine col. and quality; 4, Cockburn; hc, Tait. SELL.: 1, spl, 4, Cockburn; 2, Brown; 3, Linton; vhc, Blackie; hc, Watson. PLAINHEAD, YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, 3, spl, Wilson, grand team, splendid col., nice size and substance, little between them, 1st excelling in head and col.; 4, Lugton, nice stamp; vhc, Hughes; hc, Blackhall. HEN (7): 1, spl (2), Keddie, grand onc, fine, hold head, plenty of substance; 2, Innes, nice type, good col., fine condition; 3, Wilson, plenty of size and substance; 4, vhc, Blackhall; c, Lugton. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Wilson, grand size, plenty of substance, grand col., fine quality; 2, Gill, typical, fine, short wings; 3, Lugton, good one; 4, Keddie; vhc, Blackhall; c, Pringle. HEN (9): 1, Reid, fine type, good position, grand, short feather; 2, 3, hc, Wilson, splendid col. and substauce; 4, Keddie, grand ben; vhc, Blackhall. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Gill, buff, one we liked, nice shaped head, grand substance; 2, 3, Blackhall, yell., grand col., type and substance; 3, buff, nice size; 4, vhc, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, 4, Blackhall, buff marked eyes, wings and tail, nice, short, well rounded body, fine head, 2nd pied, heavy varieg., nice type, good head; 3, Kiddie, nice type; 4, yell., nice col.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Lugton. A.O.V. (3): 1, Pringle, buff, Scotch Fancy, cock, splendid drive, grand shoulder; 2, Wilson, clear body, dark Crest, nice size; 3, spl, Archer, yell. Yorks., fine length and quality. CONFINED NOVICE: 1, Pied Buff Plainhead, fine col. and quality; 2, Rather, varieg. Border, fine type and condition; 3, spl, Ainslie, uneven Border. BRIT. AND FOR. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Gordon, in splendid condition, grand deep col. blaze, well-cut underneath, fine moons and huttons; 2, Mason, another good one, equal in all points but blaze; 3, Beattie, small British, nice col., fine markings; 4, Walker, good Gouldie. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Brown, grand size, fine front, expansive head, mark, well over; 2, Gordon, nice cap, fine col.; 3, Melrose, good one, but a shade soft; 4, Mason, unsteady, hut fine col. and marks; vhc, McGinn. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Blackie, leader well-known Hawfinch, looking well, 2nd grand little Siskin, fine bih and cap; 3, Lees, Bramblefinch, nice size and col.; 4, Mason Chaffinch; vhc, Brown. MULES (2): 1, Blackhall, buff mkd., fine condition, nice blaze, well shown; 2, Keddie, light buff hen. FOR.: 1, spl, best in section, Mason, beautiful Scarlet Tanager, well shown and steady; 2, Immerie, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, nice markings; 3, Rather, Parrot.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Monthly show, held at the Fountain Inn, on December 27. Mr. F. Studd won silver cup for most points gained by a member throughout season. In champion section, Mr. J. Chippendale stood first, Mr. T. Elsgood second, and Mr. A. Price third. In novice section Mr. F. Studd was first, Mr. F. Gelder second, and Mr. F. Clark third. Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

Class 1: 1, 2, Studd; 3, Clark. Class 2: 1, 2, 3, Studd; 4, Clark; vhc, Gelder; hc, Slater. Class 3: 1, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Studd; vhc, Nettleton; hc, Slater. Class 4: 1, 4, hc, Gelder; 2, 3, vhc, Studd; c, Nettleton.—T. ELSEGOOD, Secretary.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' third annual show held at Atkinson's Railway Hotel, Choppington Street, on January 8. There was a splendid turn out of birds, and amougst them were some that have stood at the top at several of the Northern shows this season. Norwich and Cinnamous were a special lot, and, as the judge stated, the winners were fit to go to the Palace. There were 21 classes, and Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) who judged, gave every satisfaction. The committee must be complimented on the manner in which they carried out the arrangements. At night every bird was packed within an hour of the closing of the show.

NOR. CK. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, T. Dixon; 2, Seeley Bros.; 3, Snowdon; vhc, sp, Clark; hc, French; c, Baker. BUFF: 1, vhc, Seeley Bros.; 2, Rowell; 3, T. Dixon; hc, Baker; c, Clark. HEN: 1, Griffiths; 2, Rowell; 3, T. Dixon; vhc, Seeley Bros.; hc, Scott; c, French. BORD. YELL.: 1, Rowell; 2, 3, J. Dixon; vhc, c, French; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Rowell; 2, French; 3, Douglass; vhc, c, J. Dixon; hc, Fuller. HEN: 1, Rowell; 2, 3, J. Dixon; vhc, Douglas; hc, Fuller; c, Peel. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Seeley Bros.; 2, T. Griffiths; 3, c, Woollett; hc, Rowell. BUFF: 1, Douglass; 2, vhc, c, Seeley Bros.; 3, Rowell; hc, French. HEN: 1, Woollett; 2, vhc, c, Seeley Bros.; 3, Rowell; c, Griffiths. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Seeley Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Seeley Bros.; 3, Edwards; vhc, Rowell. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Seeley Bros.; 3, Rowell. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Rowell; 3, T. Dixon. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Woollett; 2, Rowell; 3, hc, Edwards; vhc, French. LINNET HOUSE-MOULTED (13): 1, 3, Baker; 2, Rowell; vhc, sp, Paxton; hc, Atkinson; c, French. FIELD-MOULTED (10): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Paxton; vhc, sp, Fuller; hc, Baker; c, Scott. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, French; 2, Seeley Bros.; 3, Douglass; vhc, Paxton; hc, Snowdon; c, Smith. SOFTBILL: 1, Atkinson; 2, Rowell; 3, Peel. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, Fairbairn; vhc, Fuller; hc, Archibald; c, Paxton. BORD.: 1, Fuller; 2, hc, Paxton; 3, c, Fairbairn; vhc, Edwards. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, Dawson; 2, Fuller; 3, vhc, Edwards.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Our last table show held on January 12th at headquarters, proved very successful, the following being the awards, placed by Mr. C. Walton, who gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (except unflighted): 1, Moore; 2, hc, Heighton; 3, Tyler; vhc, Gilbert; c, Christian. NOVICE: 1, Dyson; 2, Curtis; 3, Bayliss; vhc, hc, Wortley. BUFF (except unflighted): 1, Moore; 2, hc, Adams; 3, c, Heighton; vhc, Tyler. NOVICE: 1, Dyson; 2, 3, Bayliss; vhc, c, Curtis; hc, Wortley.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

STRATFORD.

The 22nd annual show of the Stratford and East London F.S. was held on Jan. 11th and 12th in the Workmen's Hall. Some very good birds were staged. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Cooper, winner nice shape and quality; 2nd not quite so good in shape but a fine bird; 3, Smith; r, Skinner. BUFF: 1, spl best in show, 2, Cooper, winner bonny bird for shape, size and quality; 2nd, good-chested bird, nice quality; 3, Skinner, fails only in shape to winner; r, Smith. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, r, Cooper, nice team, well staged. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Skinner, good length, full of quality; 2, 3, Reed, good birds. BUFF: 1, 2, r, Skinner, leader very straight and slim, good length; 2nd, same type; 3, vhc, Culpeck, fails only in length; vhc, Reed. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Skinner, grand trio, tkd. yell. leading, followed by a grand mkd. hen of rare style. CINN.: 1, spl, 2, Cooper, winner trifle the best in col., both good shape and quality; 3, Reed, nice col., well up; r, Skinner. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, hc, Reed, nice Bullfinch-Goldfinch; 2, Knott, Goldfinch-Can., very well staged; 3, r, Cooper. GOLDFINCH: 1, Skinner, clinking good one, rare blaze, nice moons and bars; 2, Cooper, grand blaze, but beaten here; 3, Knott; r, Potter. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Clifton, both well staged and in full bloom; 2, Reed, nice plumage; r, Drew. A.O.S.: 1, Drew; 2, r, Cooper; 3, vhc, Reed. SOFTBILL: 1, Drew; 2, Searle. FOR.: 1, 3, Reed, winner very good Cardinal; 2, Cooper.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held at the Holme Lane Hotel on December 27th. Mr. P. Drake (Allerton) judged. Eighty-nine birds were staged, and there was some keen competition. Messrs. Ogden Bros. won special for best cock bird in show, with a foul marked Buff, also the special for best hen in show with a Yellow ticked. Mr. L. Hodgson won Ramsden's colour food special for best fed bird, whilst Mr. H. H. Clarke won special for best fourth prize bird. Messrs. F. Worsman, L. Hodgson, and A. Tidswell won other specials.

CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Walker; 4, Clarke; vhc, Smith; hc, Shaw; c, Dawson. BUFF (7): 1, Shaw; 2, Clarke; 3, Worsman; 4, Wilson; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Tidswell; c, Smith. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Tidswell; 2, Ogden Bros.; 3, hc, Hodgson; 4, Shaw; vhc, c, Clarke. BUFF (4): 1, Hodgson; 2, Clarke; 3, Gledhill; 4, Shaw. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Wilson; 4, Worsman; vhc, Hodgson. BUFF (4): 1, Ogden Bros.; 2, 4, Worsman; 3, Wilson. CINN. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Clarke; 2, Atkinson; 3, Wilson; 4, Ogden Bros.; vhc, Mellor; hc, Walker; c, H. Shaw. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Ogden Bros.; 2, 4, Gledhill; 3, Clarke; vhc, Worsmau; hc, Mellor; c, Hodgson. BUFF (11): 1, Walker; 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Clarke; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Mellor; c, Walker. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Ogden Bros.; 2, Wilson; 3, Dawson; 4, Clarke; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Smith; c, Worsman. BUFF (1): 1, Worsman. CINN. HEN (12): 1, Ogden Bros.; 2, Shaw; 3, Gledhill; 4, hc, Atkinson; vhc, Tidswell; c, Worsman.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

LEADGATE AND DIS. C.B.S.

First annual show held in the Church Square Hall on January 8th, and it proved a great success, the entries coming up splendidly. At times the hall was packed with visitors, and the society is very pleased with the result. The hon. sec., Mr. J. A. Turnhull, assisted by a hard-working staff, soon had things in nice working order. A cup, presented by Master T. W. Walton, son of the chairman, was won outright by Mr. J. A. Turnbull with three nominated birds, he gaining 24 points out of a possible 24. The judge, Mr. J. Hands (Crookhill, Ryton) gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Wilson; 2, vhc, Colling; 3, Paull; hc, Foster; c, Reed. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Colling; 3, Reed; 4, Foster; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Slater. HEN (11): 1, 4, Foster; 2, c, Colling; 3, Williams; vhc, Wilson; hc, Reed. YORKS., BRED 1909 (7): 1, Foster; 2, Williams; 3, Westthorpe; 4, c, T. Wilson; vhc, hc, Colling. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Barkass; 2, Atkinson; 3, Piper. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Atkinson; 2, Turnbull; 3, Barkass; vhc, J. J. Wilson. HEN (10): 1, Stobbs; 2, Barkass; 3, Atkinson; 4, Henderson; vhc, Williams; hc, Piper; c, Turnbull. NOR., BRED 1909 (9): 1, hc, Williams; 2, Rowell; 3, Atkinson; 4, J. R. Walton; vhc, Stobbs; c, Henderson. NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Dinning; 2, Williams; 3, Atkinson; 4, Turnhull; vhc, Hetherington; hc, Stobbs. CREST CK. (3): 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, Gardiner. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Turnbull; 2, Gardiner; 4, Ruddy. HEN, C. OR C.B. (4): 1, 3, Turnbull; 2, Gardiner; 4, Ruddy. C. OR C.B., BRED 1909 (4): 1, Ruddy; 2, Rowell; 3, 4, Turnhull. BORD. (3): 1, J. R. Walton; 2, Rowell; 3, T. Wilson. HEN (3): 1, J. R. Walton; 2, T. Wilson; 3, Rowell. NOVICE A.V. (11): 1, 2, Rowell; 3, F. Turnbull; 4, Laidlaw; vhc, Westthorpe; hc, Dunning; c, Hetherington. MULE (9): 1, vhc, Elliott; 2, 4, Piper; 3, Barkass; hc, Rowell; c, Winter. BRIT. GOLDIE (11): 1, Stobbs; 2, Hetherington; 3, 4, Piper; vhc, Williams; hc, Henderson; c, Elliott. BULLIE (9): 1, Barkass; 2, Winter; 3, F. Turnbull; 4, Robson; vhc, J. J. Wilson; hc, J. A. Turnbull; c, Elliott. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Eleanor; 3, Piper; 4, Stobbs; vhc, Henderson; hc, Barkass; c, Hetherington. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S. (6): 1, Eleanor; 2, Colling; 3, 4, Elliott; vhc, Rowell; hc, T. Wilson. BRIT. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 2, Eleanor; 3, Brown; 4, J. J. Wilson. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, Elliott; 3, 4, Piper; vhc, J. R. Walton. SELL. (15/-) (7): 1, Stobbs; 2, J. A. Turnbull; 3, Piper; 4, vhc, Colling; hc, Westthorpe. (7/6) (7): 1, 2, Rowell; 3, Stobbs; 4, J. R. Walton; vhc, Ruddy; hc, Westthorpe; c, J. J. Wilson. GIFT (5): 1, Colling; 2, Mason; 3, Shearer; 4, J. A. Turnbull; vhc, Westthorpe.

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LINNETS, not dummies, fierce singers, real gems, make Mulers or contest singers, 3/6, 5/-; exchange entertained: 3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

EXCHANGE good Goldfinch Mule and hand-reared Yellow Bunting cocks, value 10/6, for boards for cage making: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-ter., Bradford.

EXCHANGE 1 cock and 4 hens, Bullfinches, for 1 yellow cock, 1909 Canary; approval each way: F. Willey, 20, College-rd., Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, breeds Mules, full song and colour, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, grand sizes and colour, can win, 4/6: Thomas, Vronhache, Llangollen.

THREE exhibition large cock Yellowhammers, nicely marked, aviary moulted, certain winners, 3/- each, bargain: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

WINNING Bullie, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Redpoll, for long slim Yellow Yorkshire cock; no rubbish wanted or offered: Browne, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

TWICE house-moulted Linnet, make muler, hand-reared Throstle, 17 months old, for Roller cock, or sell; best offers: Tipping, 2, Sydney-st., St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE 3 large hen Bullies, Linnet and Canary bred Mules, yellow Yorkshire cock, variegated hen, fine birds, for good Crest cock and 1 pair Norwich: Durnford, High-st., Midsomer Norton.

WHAT offers, part cash and exchange, four and six-pointed and other Mules, from 5/6 to £3 15/-; also Sib. hens from 5/-; cock Goldfinches from 3/6, several fit to show; deposit, approval: Hutchins, New Bridge-st., Truro.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

EXCHANGE 3 cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, Finch notes, outdoor bred, fine birds, 2 hen Chaffinches, Canary reared, and hatched (all 1909), for two pair good clear Norwich; nearest offer, or sell: Hanley, Pawnbroker, Longford, Ireland.

Mainly Canaries.
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YORKSHIRE hens, 1 marked, 1 clear, 5/6 pair; exchange blood: Cotton, Northallerton.

TWO pairs Lovebirds, 7/-; exchange songster Canary: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

PEKIN Nightingale cock; exchange large hen Canary: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

SIXTEEN large white rats; exchange singing Canary or mule: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

THREE Seifert hens, 1909 birds, for Norwich cock, or sell 6/6: Dyer, Park-st., Iron Acton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRES, nice buff cock and variegated yellow hen, smart birds, 7/6: Cotton, Northallerton.

EXCHANGE large yellow Norwich cock for buff hen, or sell 12/6; approval: Imeson, Somerset-pl., Ripon.

EXCHANGE prize bred Borders for boots, lady's 4, gent's 8, or lace curtains: Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs of Borders for a pair of Norwich cinnamons; approval: Renwick, 98, High-st., Berwick.

EXCHANGE pair singing Canaries for good Norwich cock, or Belgian hen: Bramley, Suffolk-rd., Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens for Roller or Mule, full song; yours first: Annis, 42, Squires-la., Finchley, London.

FEW Border hens cheap, exchange yellow Norwich hen or Goldfinch cock: R. Nichol, Morrison-pl., Hawick, N.B.

SIX good 1909 hen Canaries, healthy, 2/3 each, 15/- lot; exchange singing cocks; offers: A. B., 22, Penda-rd., Homerton.

THREE Canaries, 1 cock, 2 hens, sell 8/6; exchange British or Foreign: Watson, Ironmonger, Codnor, Derby.

EXCHANGE good pair Borders, value 30/-, for yellow Yorkshire cock: H. Norman, Bird Artist, Carshalton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich hen from pair, cost £4, for muling pair: Rowlands, Tancailt, Waenfawe, Carnarvon.

EXCHANGE 2 Norwich, 1 Yorksbire hens for 1909, yellow Yorksbire cock or Goldfinch mule: Hart, 22, High-st., Portland.

YELLOW Yorkshire hen, 7in. long, good breeder, for unnighted buff, standard length: Siddons, Moira, Ashby, Zouch.

NORWICH variegated cock Canary; exchange cock Goldfinch and cock Bullfinch, or offers: Stowe, Burnham Market, Norfolk.

1909 Yorkshire cocks, two yellows, 10/6 each, buff 10/-, exchange for yellow hens, 1909: Pearson, 36, Warleigh-rd., Brighton.

VERY large Crested cock Canary, plenty feather, 20/-; exchange hen Canaries: Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London.

EXCHANGE 5 hen Canaries for 2 good cock Linnets, or 2 good cock Goldfinches: James Howlett, Kibworth, Leicestershire.

WANTED, good gent's cycle, 24 in. frame; exchange high-class Yorkshires to value: Jones, 23, John-st., Tunstall, Staffs.

PEDIGREE Schipperkes; dog, £3; bitch puppy, £2 10s.; exchange Norwich, Cinnamons, Lizards; offers: John Eeplin, Bonnybridge.

EXCHANGE two slim Yorkshire cocks, four clear hens, pair Norwich, for Rollers: Maxwell, 10, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

SEIFERT Roller cock, full song, cage complete, 10/6; deposit; wanted flannel, calico: Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

SALE or exchange a pair of Borders for pair of long, slim Yorkshires; on approval: J. Jeffery, Silverton Crossing, Dumbarton.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Butley.

WANTED Canaries for breeding; exchange champion pedigree Airedale Terrier bitch, good points: Carson, Howard-st., Loughborough.

EXCHANGE stock pair Norwich, Buff cock, Yellow hen, for Yellow cock, large, and good colour; approval: Maclean, South-st., Forres.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, ready to nest, for 6 Bantams or 12 Pigeons; approval: Robert Simpson, 10 court, 4 house, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, yellow Norwich hen in exchange for two Border hens and cross hen; sell 6/6, or offers in British: A. Rennie, 8, East-end, Prestonpans.

CINNAMONS; wanted pair 1909 birds, matched; exchange 3 Buff Norwich cocks, bred from winning strain; approval: Basten, High-st., Ringwood.

EXCHANGE good Black-red Old English Game cock and game hen for a pair of good Norwich Canaries; on approval: McCartney, Victoria-rd., Hawick.

PHONOGRAPH, six records, complete in case, cost 40/-, exchange for three Roller cocks, anything: D. Radley, Sunnyside, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

DARK Crested wing marked cock Siskin Mule, winner; exchange either for Siberian Goldfinch, Crest-bred hens: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorksbire Canaries, hens, 1 buff, 2 yellow, racy and good length, for pair of big Norwich; on approval: J. Watson, Scawby, Lincolnshire

TWO splendid 1909 cock Goldfinch Mules, colour-fed, in exhibition plumage, guaranteed in full song, 10/- each: Charles Hill, Swinefleet, S.O. Yorkshire.

BORDER Fancy, prize bred cock and two hens, £2, pair, £1 5/-, two hens 15/-; exchange Scotch Fancy hen, Border cock, or poultry: 20, Gilmore-pl., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock, Buff hen, 1 h.m. Goldie, 3 box show cages, for good Yellow Norwich cock or variegated: Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

TYPICAL prize bred Border cocks, 1909, 7/6 and 10/-; trio White Pekin Bantams, 15/-; Angora buck, 4/-; Green Parrakeet; exchange Crests: A. March, Evesham.

SEVERAL Buff and variegated Crest-bred cocks and hens, with plenty of feather, price 10/- to £1; or would exchange Green Crest cock: Fairweather, Dawlish.

TWO pairs typical Yorkshires, yellow cocks, buff hens, 12/6 pair; 21/- lot; hens cost more; exchange other varieties, good suit clothes: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, 2 yellows 2 buffs, vhc and 2 hc, sell 10/- each, and 3 good cock Goldies, 2/6 each, or best offer for the lot: W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, I. of W.

LARGE green Crestbred cock, 7/6; cinnamon Norwich hen, 5/-, Mackley's, or exchauge both for good young cinnamon Norwich cock: Slater, 22, Estcourt-rd., Wandsworth Common.

EXCHANGE pair of prize Border Fancy Canaries, and little cash if necessary, for pair of first-class Yorkshires; approval each way: Round, 23, Windsor-rd., Maindie, Mon.

WILL exchange solid silver English lever watch and solid silver ball-marked albert, for two large 1909 Norwich hens; must be large birds: Waddell, Balburdie-rd., Bathgate, N.B.

LARGE feathery variegated green Crested Norwich cock, 12/6, worth double; 1 ditto Crestbred, 10/6, both full song, 1909 birds; exchange songsters; approval: Halson, Clark-row, Chard.

EXCHANGE two pair Yorkshires and one cock, winner 1st, 2nd, for 6 clear yellow Norwich hens, cold room bred, will separate; approval: Pickup, 34, Albany-st., Rotherham, Yorkshire.

NORWICH from 5/- upwards; clear Yellow 1909 cock, fed, Buff ditto, 15/- each; C.B. cock, 12/6; exchange either for 1909 marked Yellow or Buff hen: Elrick, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

YOUNG St. Andreasburg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, young clear buff Norwich cock, in song, 16/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Roper, 134, Chester Seven King's, Essex.

EXCHANGE unflighted clear yellow Norwich hen, for unflighted ticked buff hen, must be extra large and good type and quality: 69, Woolman-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE three grand Muling hens for a large yellow Norwich cock, or two large yellow Norwich hens (heavy marked preferred), or sell 25/-: F. E. Brown, Hairdresser, 84, High-st., Boston.

WHAT offers, 20 Roller hen Canaries, sell £2, or 2/6 each; also about 20 cocks, sell from 6/- to 12/6, 1909 birds, own breeding; trained by Seifert School-master: Clarke, 257, Ball's Pond-rd., Islington.

WHAT offers in Yorks, Norwich, Crests, for frock coat and vest, dark grey West of England cloth, tailor-made, silk-lined; cost £4 10/-, only worn six times, chest 42in.: Ainslie, Timothy-ter., Spennymoor.

GRAND large Norwich Cinnamon cock, 1908 rung, fine feather and condition; will sell 12/6, or exchange two marked yellow Yorkshire hens: on approval, yours first: Burrell, 25b, Peabody-buildings, Essex-rd., Islington.

EXCHANGE one pair of Crests for one pair of Border fancies, Crested cock, he Greenock, Gourock, and Port Glasgow show, Crest-bred hen, 1st Selling class; sent on approval: J. M'Millan, 13, West Quay, Port Glasgow, Scotland.

TWEED Norfolk suit and overcoat, new, sleeves 18, chest 40, knickers 16, cost £7 7/-, £5; diamond pin stud, £4; boxcloth leggings, 8/-; gold watch, 40/-; exchange Canaries, breeding cages: Letters: Norfolk House, Mickleburgh Hill, Herne Bay.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners, yellows or buff marked, and clears, hens from 5/-, cocks from 6/-; exchange cloth, household linen, dress, or blouse lengths, bird appliances, anything; offers invited: Richardson, Plumber, Albert-st., Harrogate.

Mainly Foreign.
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AMAZON Parrot, square cage, started talking, 30/-; exchange, no live stock: Farren, 24, Estcourt-rd., Watford.

EXCHANGE pair of Green Budgerigars, acclimatised, for two high-class Norwich hens; approval: L. Saint, 23, Kirkland, Kendal.

FIVE handsome green Budgerigars, 3 cocks 2 hens, 14/6 the lot, or exchange for cross-bred pullets: Simpson, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

GRAND exhibition cock, Rope Cardinal, sell 10/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

AVIARY-bred yellow cock Canary 7/-, 2 hens 4/-; wintered out; exchange for hen Budgerigars; offers: H. Lewis, 154, Hutton-rd., Handsworth.

WARRANTED talking, say anything, green Parrot, for 50/-, or exchange Goldfinch mules and cash; approval both ways: G. Moon, 25, Merlvilla-rd., Stonebridge Park, Harlesden, London.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BLUE Persian cat; what offers?: Fred Allen, Porter-st., Hull.

DOZEN Edison Bell records, exchange Yorkshire cock: 22, Union-st., Southport.

EXCHANGE good Norwich hen for singing Mule: Griffiths, 81, Ynysllwyd-st., Aberdare.

GENT'S new overcoat 20/-, lady's silver watch 15/-; exchange part cash: 41, Oak-rd., Luton.

INCUBATOR, two 1909 cockerels; exchange Canaries; sell: 104a, Garthorne-rd., Forest Hill.

SALE or exchange Edison-Bell records for Yorkshire Canaries: Wise, Barons-yard, Keswick.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets, 25/-, for Canaries: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

BULLFINCHES, cycling shoes, sevens, for Yorkshire hens; stamp: Robinson, Ketton, Stamford.

CAGE BIRDS, Jan. 1908 to date, no plates, for singing Canary: Hayward, 4, Ninetree-hill, Bristol.

SABLE bitch puppy, white feet, good ears, tail carriage, exchange anything: 13, Wood-st., Grimsby.

PAIR Sandow spring grip dumb bells, in exchange for Yorkshire hen: Bilsland, 41, Hill-ter., Clydebank.

GENT.'S cycle, good condition, for Canaries, or sell 20/-: Eagles, 115, Abbey-st., Bldgs., Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE CAGE BIRDS, from 1907 to 1910, for 6 cock Linnets: Duckworth, Hammerton-yard, Burnley.

THREE new stock cages, 4/-; exchange razor; razor first: William Manders, Bioscope, Senghenydd, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE roller skates (new), any make, for singing Canaries: Barrett, 72, Richmond-rd., Leyton.

EXCHANGE Scotch Terrier bitch for Canaries or British birds: Roberston, 19, Chronicle-lane, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE 60 "Cage Birds," 30 plates, for large yellow Norwich cock: Ward, 42, Hungerford-aven., Crewe.

EXCHANGE lady's boots, size six, wide fittings, 17/6, for size 5; offers: G. 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

SWEET machine, 58 pairs Rollers, cost £70; take £12; exchange: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

2 new Taylor's Eye Witness hollow-ground razors for green Budgerigars and cage: Gardner, Blue-st., Boston.

COCK Goldfinch Mule 5/6, 2 Cock Bullfinches 4/-, flight cage 6/6, exchange: Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

WILL exchange pair short flyers for pair of Bullfinches or Goldfinch cock: Ellis, 137, Sandy-lane, Worksop.

SIXTEEN-compartment breeding cage, loose fronts (2 parts), 25/6, or exchange: Pegg, 24, Pretoria-aven., Morpeth.

GOOD carvers, silver furrels, ivorine handles, for cock Canary, or three hens: Fletcher, Brown Close, Sheffield.

PAIR gent's hair-brushes, new, 4/6; exchange Canary, cock or hen, or Goldfinch: Bond, High-st., Eastleigh.

EXCHANGE new Demon cycle lamp for good Yorkshire hen or cock Goldfinch: Shepherd, 20, Cygnet-st., York.

EDISON Recorder, brand new, value £1, exchange pair good type Norwich; approval: Jones, Wallis, Treflgarne.

WHAT offers for 10 pounds cuttlefish, Norwich hen, buff, Britishers?: Carter, 3, West Bay-ter., Wyke, Weymouth.

NEW sealskin, velvet collar, sell 15/-; or exchange anything useful: Whiltshire, 18, Haverstock-st., Chalk Farm.

PAIR good hollow-ground razors for cock or two hen Canaries: Wm. Hinchliffe, 1, Ct., Gloucester-pl., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 104 "Cage Birds," 1908 and 1909, for British or Foreign birds: H. Walker, 29, Field-st., Skelmersdale.

EXCHANGE full-size set of boxing gloves, no rubbish, for Canaries; birds first: Johnson, Blacksmith, Bilston, Staffs.

SIX single breeding cages, one double fronts, screws, for 12/-; exchange 4 cock Goldfinches: Gray, Orchard-st., York.

HARMONIUM, first class condition, £2 5s.; exchange: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
TWO Norwich show cages and case, solid gold seal, acetylene lamp; exchange birds: Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick.
GREYHOUND bitch, 7 months, broken to hares; exchange Canaries; sell 20/-: W. Carswell, 20, Bay-st., Port Glasgow.
WANTED good Norwich or Roller cocks, exchange dozen Edison records, good condition: Hudson, 25, Eastgate, Skipton.
FOR sale, 36 cages, complete with rack, also large aviary, 2 Lancashire show cages: Rushton, 6, Rodney-st., Macclesfield.
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EXCHANGE 24 7d. parts Living Races of Mankind, complete set, for pair Norwich: Holdstock, 14, North-rd., Bexhill.
WIRE-haired Fox Terrier bitch, 12 months, game, quiet, clean, healthy, 8/6; exchange birds: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.
CASE and 4 Yorkshire show cages; what offers in Yorkshire hens?: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.
WHAT offers in Canaries for 40 plates, "Cage Birds," clean, good condition?: Brewster, Larpitta., Whitwell, Mansfield.
WELL-bred Dutch doe rabbit, 6 months, exchange pair of Red Jacobins pigeons: Hart, East Hall-cottages, Wennington, Essex.
WELL-BRED fox-terrier dog, splendid guard, clean, 7/6; approval, deposit; exchange: Darby, 149, Lyng-lane, West Bromwich.
1,000 new records; exchange any quantity Canaries, Foreigners, or fresh-caught British; birds list: Stores, 614, Fulham-rd.
EXCHANGE metal watch, two razors in case, for hen Canaries, or offers: C. Hallmark, 64, Whinney Hill, Thryburgh, Rotherham.
CHAMPION bull terrier bitch, excellent pedigree, 30/-; photo sent; part exchange, birds or offers: Hall, 13, Barcap-rd., Oldham.
FRETWORK machine, Hobbies' improved Roger; exchange Norwich hens: Smith, 2, Palmerston Villas, West Grove, Woodford, Essex.
EXCHANGE new overcoat, latest style, length 48, chest 42, for Yorkshires, value 27/6; approval: Waller, 53, Helen-st., Rotherham.
EXCHANGE 214 "Work," 232 "Hobbies" and designs, for one Yorkshire cock and two tens: S. Carson, 103, Pendle-st., Blackburn.
EXCHANGE nearly new Coronation harp for cobby Norwich, or offers; sell 15/-: Ball, 6, Winchester-ter., Sherwood, Nottingham.
BLACK rosecomb Bantam cock, 2nd prize; hen winner, 10/- pair; healthy; exchange cock Canaries: Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.
BLACK retriever bitch, from good working parents, 8 months, 20/-, or exchange birds; no cards: Folger, Gamekeeper, Ixworth, Thorpe, Suffolk.
SMALL ½-bred black toy Schepperke bitch, very sharp, clean house dog, £1; offers exchange: Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.
SPLENDID house-moulted cock Bullfinch, winner 2nd, two nice hens, 5/6 lot; exchange Canary, anything: Neve, Colesborne, Cheltenham.
GENT'S free-wheel cycle, good tyres and tubes, riding condition, 40/-; exchange phonograph, anything: Palfrey, Scarsdale-rd., Dronfield.
EXCHANGE 3 British show cages for house-moulted Goldfinch or exhibition Greenfinch, or Siskin: Macadam, 29, Bruce-st., Stirling.
HAND Camera, 15s. exchange, pair good Yorkshires, Italian mandoline, case and tutor, 25/-: Warner, 246, Bow Common-lane, London, E.
WANTED every variety live stock; purchase or exchange handsome tame Jackdaw, 6/6; old caged Jay, 5/6: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.
TWO fine black Magpies, one pair yellows, exchange for two good Norwich hens, sell 10/-: James Gartland, Quarry-lane, Irvine, Ayrshire.
ONE pair floor cramps, value 11/-; cricket bat, new, value 21/-; exchange Canaries; birds first; approval: Wild, Joiner, Bradwell, Sheffield.
WANTED to exchange good Crystal Palace aviary for a pair of good Norwich Canaries, or what offers: French, Whimble Hill, Halsworthy.
PRIZE exhibition flying Homers, Pigmy Pouters (Hammond's), Trumpeters, exchange British birds: Miss K. Daley, 54, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.
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PHONOGRAPH, new, 10/6; guitar, cost £1 17/6, sell 20/-; or exchange, hen Canaries preferred: Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London.
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EIGHT good racing Homers, flown up 245 miles, 10/-; exchange overcoat, Canaries; offers anything; stamp: Bridgeford, 27, Newcomen-rd., Wellingborough.
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25 "Cage Bird" coloured plates, 120 Farm and Garden, 50 Feathered World; offers; exchange Canaries or British: Smith, Laurels, Wellands-rd., Lyndhurst.
ALL wire aviary, 2ft. long, containing 2 hen Canaries and cock Redpoll, 5/-; exchange singing or Roller box cage; yours first: Rogers, 4, School-rd., Faversham.
EXCHANGE 3 Black Leghorn hens, 1 ditto cock, for Siberian cock Goldfinches, or Lizard Canaries: Ernest Carroll, 17, Beverley-st., Moston-la., Blackley, Manchester.
PAIR Indian Golden Pheasants in splendid condition and plumage, exchange good Roller Canaries; no rubbish wanted, none offered: Allen, Fenton-st., Brierley Hill.
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EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 nickel-silver forks, for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries, or 3 cock Goldfinches; approval: Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.
CHAMPION Roller cock, Goldfinch Mule cock, 2 Yorkshire hens, 4 breeding cages, egg mill, 24/- lot; exchange dog; must be game: 45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.
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WIRE-hair Fox Terrier dog, even marked head, white body, 18 months, 20/-; smart smooth Fox Terrier dog, 2 years, 12/6; both broken ferrets, good ratters; exchange Canaries: Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.
NOTICE, violin, fine tone, 16/6; fountain pen, solid gold nib, 3/9; pair Canaries, cock fine songster, 7/6; wanted, white-legged cock Goldfinch, used foreign stamps, and gold chain: Lloyd, 40, Oakhill-rd., Sutton, Surrey.
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FOR sale, young goat about due in season, gives a little milk, and a good Whippet Terrier bitch, broken to ferrets and good ratter, take 15/- each; or exchange for double breeding cages, Norwich Canaries, or what offers: Joseph Bryan, Pixley Hills, Bishop Auckland, Durham.
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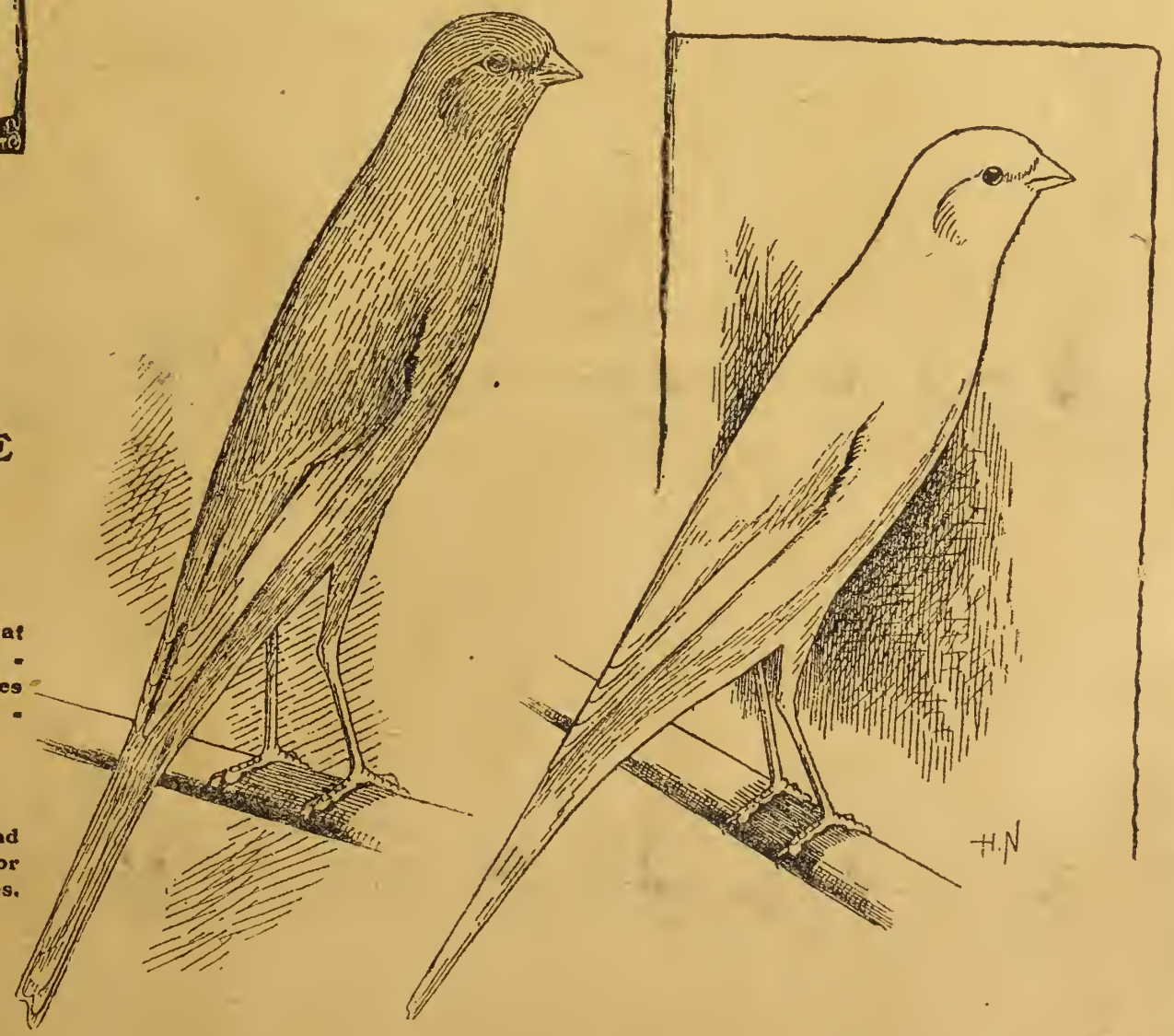
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SELECTED for song. Blackbirds, Songthrushes, 1/- each; Robins, Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, 1/- pair; Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Yellowbuntings, Reedbuntings, 9d. pair; 24 mixed aviary birds, 1/6; 12 selected, 1/-; exchange: Fenn, The Aviaries, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

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HANDSOME black cock Lark, 20/-; Snow Bunting, steady, 2/0; cock Yellowhammer, cage moulted, 2/6; cock Redpoll, extra large bib, sure winner, 2/6; cock Bullfinch, feed from hand, very tame, 3/-: Pritchard, 105, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

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COCK Goldfinches, 2/6; hens, 1/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; hens, 1/-; cock Siskin, 3/-; hens, 1/-; cock Chaffinches, 9d.; cock Yellowhammers, 9d.; cock Redpolls, 6d.; cock Linnets, 9d., 3 for 2/-; cock Snowbuntings, 2/6; cock Meadow Bunting, 7/6; Hedge Sparrow, 1/0; cock Robin, singing, 2/6; cock Blackbird, singing, 3/6; cock Thrush, singing, 3/6; cock Starling, singing, 1/3; cock Whitethroat, 2/6; cock Willow Warbler, 2/6; cock Great Tit, 2/6; cock Crossbill, 3/6; bright mixed aviary birds, all seed-eaters, 0/- dozen; bird list free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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BELGIANS, yellow and buff cocks and hens, bred from winners, Paignton, Barnstaple, Gatesbead, etc., cheap; approval: Butts, 7, Well-st., Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, disposal, strain my winners, Edinburgh, Palace, Barnstaple, reasonable; approval: G. S. Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

TWO pairs, matched Borders, 12/6, 1909 bred; must sell: Alex. Cormack, Draper, 68, Castle-st., Duns, N.B.

YELLOW green hen, good bred, healthy, and sound, 5/-; approval: Stokes, 388, Garratt-lane, S.W.

THIRTY Borders and Yorkshires, all high-class birds, from 5/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

HIGH-class Borders, yellow and buff cocks, 6/; hens 3/-; approval: John Brown, Marmion-cot., Innerleithen.

FEW good Borders, cold-room bred; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6: Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

PRIZE-bred Border Fancies for sale; Bennet and Hyslop's strain: Robert Berwick, Kinness Cottage, St. Andrew's.

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CHEAP to clear; great sacrifice; all bred from my winners, all colours; cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; approval, deposit: Calderwood, Irish-st., Dumfries.

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REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

COCKS and hens, related my winners Carlisle, Gateshead, Newcastle, Sunderland, etc.: Pennington, 17, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton.

BORDERS, all colours, even-marked, winning strain, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cold room: John Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, self greens and Cinnamons, bred from winners Scottish National, City of Glasgow, etc.: McMillan, Whitesands, Dumfries.

BORDERS of correct type and feather, no better blood obtainable, from 12/6 pair: H. Norman, Bird Artist, "The Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey.

HIGH class Borders, cocks, yellows and buffs, 1908, 1909, from 5/- to 10/-, cold room; approval; Rowell, 70, West-row, Bebside, Northumberland.

COCKS, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; bred from Bennett's and Wilson's direct strains, and own prize winners; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, all our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

THIS season my borders won at 18 shows, 14 firsts, 22 seconds, 12 thirds, 30 specials, 5 medals, and cup; singles or matched pairs reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, selfs, greens, bred from winners, Scottish National, etc., even marked buff cock, also clears and unevens, all off prize winners, all good birds: Murray, Albert-ter., Selkirk.

THREE pairs of typical Borders, best blood, Yellows and Buffs, all young and healthy, 16/- a pair; approval with pleasure: Rev. Crossing, Berkley Rectory, Frome, Somerset.

BORDERS, all bred from prize birds; cock from 7/6; hens from 3/6 upwards; on approval; see show reports Petton, Stanley, Dipton, Beamish: Elliot, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsley, Durham.

BORDERS: Can now offer for sale few of my well-known winners, clears, Marks, and Grecns, also selected pairs for breeding; reasonable and on approval: Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

ROBERT Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has matched pairs, greens, marked and clear, from 10/- to 20/-; buff green cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; many of these birds often described in "Cage Birds."

JONES, 10, Prison Quarters, Swansea.—Nearly the whole of my stock of Borders for sale, clears, marks, greens, clear buff cock, uneven buff cock, big winners, 12/6 each; even mark yellow cock, clear yellow hen, 7/6 each; pairs, 7/-; also flight breeding stock cages, several new, cheap; approval, stamp.

Cinnamons.

PRIZE-bred Cinnamon Canaries, 4 hens, 2 cocks, cheap to clear: H. Fry, Lucerne, Brighton-rd., Horley, Surrey.

G. FYFE, breeder and exhibitor of Cinnamon Canaries, has a few good birds for sale; approval, stamp: 100, Craighall-rd., Glasgow.

CHAMPION Norwich Cinnamons, best blood in Fancy, large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

W. DORMER, Breeder and Exhibitor of Cinnamon Canaries, can spare a few good birds, Norwich type. Approval, stamp: 7, Spring-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertie, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTED cock, Crest-bred hen, large, feathery birds, 10/6: Cutler, 587, High-rd., Tottenham.

MONSTER variegated Buff Crest-bred cock, 1909, Barnett's strain, 10/6: Dower, Grocer, Penryn, Cornwall.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has 20 Crests and Crest-breds for sale, Yellows and Buffs, from 15/- each.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, pairs from 15/-, cocks 8/6, splendid bead qualities: Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, some champions, must sell; price low to clear: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

SPLENDID Crest-bred hens, 20/-, Barnett's; exchange Crested cocks, anything: Boutcher's Registry, Exeter.

MASSIVE high-class Crests, no rubbish, crests to beak end, from 15/-: Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

GEORGE Grant, Thirlestone Hall, Cheltenham, has a few good Crests, hens £1 10/- to £5; cocks £1 to £3; approval.

CRESTED cock, 2nd prize last week, Crest-bred hen, 13/- pair; deposit: Fielder, Rosslyn Cottage, Dormansland, Surrey.

SPLENDID young Crested cocks 12/6, Crested and Crestbred hens 10/-; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-ter., Hampstead.

CREST bred cock of double crest, 2nd at Oldham, large bird, 12/6; approval: G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham.

LARGE Crest-bred cock, winner, 30/-; grey Crested hen to match, 20/-; bargains; approval: Muscott, 2, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod.

GREEN, variegated, Crest, and Crest-bred cocks and hens, large healthy birds, own breeding, from 7/6: Cross, 20, Empress-ave., Ilford.

CRESTS and Crestbreds: I have a few very good stock Crest and Crestbreds for sale, reasonable: A. J. Slade, 24, Vaughan-rd., Camberwell.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few matched pairs Crests, from 30/-; single birds from 15/6; state wants; approval.

STRONG young C.-B. hens, reasonable; few Crest hens, 20/6, 25/6, 30/- each; massive 1908 green Crest-bred cock, 20/-: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, same strain as my winners; state wants; seen evenings, Saturday afternoon; approval: Pettit, 140, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

FEW good, well-bred Crested cocks, cheap to clear; on approval, deposit: J. Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Haworth, near Keighley, Yorks.

CRESTS and Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- each, winning strain; good healthy birds; exchange hens: Yeates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

GIVING up.—3 pairs Crests, 2 Crest-bred hens, 4 double breeding, 1 flight, pair show cages, in case, all good, and cheap: Scott, 202, Oval-rd., Croydon.

F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner Lord Mayor's Bowl, Bristol, Crested Canary Club Challenge Cup, has a few Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 20/-.

GRAND Green Crested cock, winner, 40/-; very large green Crest-bred cock, grand head, winner 50/-; appro.: 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

NOTICE, grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

LARGE clear Buff grizzle-crested cock, 25/-; exchange Buff Crest-bred hen, any colour; approval: MacKean, 23, Speranza-st., Plumstead, Kent.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 7/6 to 25/-; few breeding cages from 2/- to 4/-: stamp reply: W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead.

A few good pairs for disposal, also odd Crested cocks, for stock or show, but no odd hens; state wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

FEW pairs Crests and Crest-breds, Yellow and Buff, good stock birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

WANTED, good Crested cock; give first-class English lever watch and heavy albert and medal; cost over £5; nearly new; approval: Arnott, 236, St. Clair-st., Sinclairtown, Fife.

MASSIVE green Crested cock, splendid body, neat, well drooped crest, plenty of feather, winner, mated to good variegated Crest-bred hen, price 27/6 pair: Hibbitt, Jun., Builder, Oakham.

CHAMPION Crests, crest-breds, large, with great length of head feather, few grand birds, to part with, crest to end of beak; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

1909 variegated Crest-bred cock, 15/-; ditto 2 Crest cocks, marked wings, dark Crest, 15/-; ditto Crest cock, clear body, dark Crest, 15/-; all worth £1: Thomas Forsyth, 2, Clouds, Duns, N.B.

TWO clear Crest-bred cocks, two clear-bodied dark crested hens, 30/- and 20/- pair; also few Crest-bred, cheap (Barnett's strain); approval, deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cock, 20/-; green Crest-bred cock, 20/-; green Crest-bred hen, 20/-; all massive birds, with plenty of feather, cold-room bred; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

JOHN G. Hutchinson has some excellent Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, related to winners, from 10/- each; no odd hens; approval, stamp reply: 72, South View, West, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CRESTS, Crestbreds.—Having selected my breeding stock, have a few good pair for sale, from £1 to £10; single birds from 10s. up; approval anywhere: Fletcher, 210, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crest-bred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

MAGNIFICENT pair, perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Crests, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners, only 15/-, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

TWO Crest cocks, 10/- each; 1 Crest hen, 7/6; 2 Crest cocks, 2 crest hens, 4 crested cocks, 5/6 each; cock Goldfinch Mule, 4/6; all big healthy birds; also 5 Goldfinch Mule hens, 8/- the lot: D. Kinloch, 3, Little-lane, High-st., Kirkcaldy.

NOTED "King Edward" strain, winner Crest Canary, also Northern Crest Club cups for best 1909, Roberts' cup, Newcastle and British Bowls, Sunderland cups, etc., Crest-bred cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 45/-, 50/-, all 1909, grandly feathered birds: Thos. Taylor, 68, Edward-st., Gateshead.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

LARGE green Crest cock, £2; wing-marked dark Crest cock, 20/-, 1907 birds, breeders; variegated Crest-bred cock 12/6; variegated Crest cock, 10/-; young birds; approval; this strain has won at all the leading shows, including Palace: Note the address, W. Radley, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, whose Crests have been before the public for 40 years, winning upwards of 7,000 prizes, has this year very fine lot of stock birds, and as he does not intend to exhibit again this season, a grand lot of show birds which can be inspected by appointment, or list sent for addressed envelope; approval.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; monster green ditto, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster green Crest hen, 10/6 monster variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; massive feathery green, ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 8/6; all massive healthy birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

DANIEL Cory, Breeder, 14, Osborne-rd., Claughton, Birkenhead, is offering 40 of his high-class Crest and Crest-breds for sale, Mr. A. A. Pool's strain; pairs from 30/-; Crest-bred cocks and hens, from 15/-; few first cross, with Lancashire, 20/-; 1 yellow Plainhead Lancashire, 1st Palace '08, bred by Mr. Green, Redhill, 40/-; the above are large birds, with plenty of feather and quality, mostly '08 and '09 winners at all the principal shows; see Plymouth this year; please state wants and price; approval.

SELLING out my stock of Crests, green Crest-bred cock, winner of 11 firsts, 2 silver cups, and champion of Ireland, price 60/-; Crested hen, dark crest, with yellow marked wings, price 30/-; green Crest-bred cock, bred from double Crest, price 25/-; green Crested hen, a champion, daughter of first-named bird, price 45/-; green Crested cock, second in club show this season, 25/-; variegated Crest-bred hen, daughter of first-mentioned bird, 35/-; on approval, deposit with editor: Wm. Yate, 7, Harrow-st., Belfast.

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I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, standard length, good type, price 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; singing cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock, also unflighted Clear Buff Norwich cock, the Wigan winner; prices reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Wigan.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

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HIGH-class Lancashires for sale; state wants: Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

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I have for sale a few good Lancashires; prices reasonable: Fred Hamer, 35, Pitt-st., Glodwick.

A few good Lancashires for sale cheap, my own breeding: Collinge, 126, Platting-lane, Rochdale.

YELLOW coppy cock 12/6, buff coppy hen 12/6, or exchange fly fishing tackle; approval: Woodall, Park-rd., Rochdale.

BUFF coppy and Plainhead cocks to spare, cheap, room wanted; approval; stamp reply: Turner, 83, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

THREE buff coppy hens, 7/- each; four buff coppy cocks, 10/-, £1; yellow coppy cock and Plainhead hen, 20/-; young buff Crest cock, 12/-; approval: Whipp, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

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The whole of the late Mr. F. Fish's noted strain of Lancashires now to be disposed of; inspection Sunday next from 11 o'clock to 3; letters to be addressed to: Smith and Crossley, 28, Todmorden-rd., Littleborough, nr. Rochdale.

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TWO Golden Lizard hens, clear caps, 4/- each; 7/- two: Stokes, 388, Garratt-lane, S.W.

GOLD and silver cocks 8/- and 10/-, hens 5/-; cash deposit: Wrigley, 115, Compton-st., Oldham.

FEW Silver Lizards, cocks, 8/- each;; approval: Whipp, 13, Rusbcroft-rd., High Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

LIZARDS for stock or exhibition, reasonable; approval: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-square, Hulme, Manchester.

THE Lizard Prince, winner, special best Lizard, Scottish National, Rochdale, etc., offers winners and stock birds, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

BUY the strain of Lizards that speaks for itself under specialists judges, 5/- to 25/- each; on approval; Lizard standard show cages, 2/6 each; state wants to the appointed maker: J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-st., Oldham.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard Challenge Cup three years in succession, winner all leading shows, see reports; have most my winners and stock birds for sale; inspection invited; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply.—23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads: 65, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

FINE cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

JEFFERY, of Southall, for Norwich; grand value; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; approval.

NORWICH, two cocks and four hens, 21/- or offer: Derbycastle, Leabridge, Matlock.

TWENTY Norwich and Yorks, hens, very cheap to clear: Pratt, 84, Osgar-st., Deptford.

PURE Norwich, single or pairs, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st.,; Enderby, Leicester.

LARGE stock cocks, in full song, any colour, 7/- to 10/- each. Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

GIVING up Norwich; 11 pairs Norwich Canaries, cold room, bred: Lambert, 66, Balham-hill, S.W.

GRAND warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6: Stewart, 39, Academy-st., Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH, few good cocks, from 10/6; hens from 4/6: G. Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, N.

PRIZE bred cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; few medium sized buff hens, 2/6: Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

FEW useful Norwich, from winners, cheap, seen any time: Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre Park, Lee.

NORWICH cock Canary, with new cage, price 7/6: Hughes, 7, Rochamptou-st., Westminster, Loudon, S.W.

FEW left, splendid Norwich cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; warranted; pairs, 8/6: Canniug, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

FOR sale, 40 variegated stock or show birds, price reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

FOR sale, a few good Norwich and Yorkshires; stamp reply: Thomas Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

ADAMS and Carvell have a few grand Norwich at bargaiu prices; state wauts: 58, High-st., Folkestone.

LARGE healthy Norwich pairs, for breeding, 10/6; yellow and buff cocks, 7/6; heus, 3/6: Hunnick, March.

VERY fine 1909 buff Norwich cock, first prize winner opeu class, 15/-: Crathorne, Priuce-st., Bridlington.

NORWICH, first-class stock birds, the right stamp, all colours; approval: Hamptou, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

NORWICH Canaries, 20 cocks and hens for sale, healthy condition, cheap to clear: Ernest Markillie, Wisbech.

SCHNEIDER, Preteria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has still a few grand cocks for sale, 15/-, 20/- each.

TO clear, 1909 colour-fed Norwich cocks, 5/-, hens 2/-; bred from winners: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

TWO splendid variegated hens, one bred 9 Mules, 3/-; exchange: Littlehales, Ivy House, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury.

FROM outdoor aviary: cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

LARGE unflighted Yellow Buff Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; approval, deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

TO be Sold, 32 high-class Norwich Canaries, cold room bred, cocks 4/3, hens 2/-: Lambert, 66, Balham-hill, S.W.

NORWICH Plainhead and Crest-bred cocks from 7/6 each: Wallace, 5, Fern Villas, Feltham-rd., Ashford, Middlesex.

BIG heavy-marked Norwich cock, fed, 11/6; yellow hen, 5/-; light Goldfinch Mule, 5/-: Cannon, Bootmaker, Kendal.

H. Luff, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea, has still a few good pairs to spare, at 12/6, 15/- upwards; also 5 buff cocks, £1 each.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

WALTON and Noakes offer surplus stock, 7/6 to 35/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfields, Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich from 7/6 the pair up; hens from 2/6, to clear; approval: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd, Nottingham.

TYPICAL clear Yellow Norwich hen, 5/-; one smaller, 4/-; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 10/6; approval, cash or deposit: Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

H. WILSON, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, can spare good Norwich, from 10/6 pair; odd birds reasonable; cold-room bred and kept.

MUST clear; several choice Norwich cocks, 6/6; good hens, 3/6; approval; real bargains: Porter, South-terrace, Darlington.

HIGH class Norwich, best blood in Fancy; large, good, reasonable; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

LARGE buff cock, 10/6; several buff and yellow hens, 4/6; best of blood: Price, Glanbrydon Park, Manordilo, near Swansea.

TYPICAL Norwich for disposal, from 10/- each; healthy, cold-room stock, clears and variegated: Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

NORWICH bred songsters, rich yellow, cold room, large stock, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, 2/6: L. Baker, 67, St. Tubyn's, Hove, Sussex.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

YELLOW and buff Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; ditto, hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; trade supplied: Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

NORWICH: grand Buff cock, vhc, 7/6; variegated cock, 6/-; both fed; variegated cock, 5/-: Fessey, Furniture Dealer, Leamington.

WANTED, good pair Norwich Plainheads; exchange solid silver English lever watch (capped): Shaw, Market-place, Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH bull, unflighted, healthy, outdoor, 4 hens, 3/- each, 1 cock 4/-, lot 15/-: Forscutt, Shoe Manufacturer, Wellingborough.

SPLENDID stock Canaries, crested or plain, cocks 7/6, 15/-, hens 3/6; approval; sale or exchange: Palmer, Glenthorne, Wantage.

NORWICH for sale, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 10/6 upwards; approval; stamp: Irons, 42, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

TWENTY Norwich cocks and hens, good type and quality, from 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: James O'Connor, 44, Rasson-rd., Darlington.

FIFTY good Norwich hens young, healthy, ready for breeding, buff, 3/6; yellow, 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

MATCHED pair massive Norwich Canaries, bred winners, 16/-; exchange Budgerigars or Yorkshire hens: Bulcock, Riversdale, Clitheroe.

J. CALAM (winner, Hull Cage Bird Society's Champion Cup, 1909) has a few pairs Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards: 44, George-st., Hull.

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6, healthy, cold-room; approval: Chapman, 110, Berghott-rd., Colchester.

GEO. Harland's champion Norwich; have few unflighted Buff cocks to spare, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

CLINKING yellow and buff cocks, clear, ticked, and variegated, from 6/-; hens, do., from 4/-; cold room; approval: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st Helgham-st., Norwich.

NORWICH, few fine birds, bred from my own winners, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6 to £1; hens, 3/- to 15/-: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

TWENTY Norwich cock Canaries, singing, 3/- each; also grey and red Parrot, 9/-, with cage, 12/-: Henderson's, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth.

PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, 10/- to £2 each; exchange bolts, nuts, nails, steel, etc.: Handley, Coach Builder, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

NORWICH 1909 large healthy birds, Walton and Nonkes' strain, Sandiford fed, plain or marked, cocks 7/-, hens 4/6: Fell, Rischolme, Wellingborough.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has matched pairs of champion Norwich from 15/6; single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval.

LARGE unflighted buff cock, 2 unflighted buff variegated hens, 2 yellow variegated hens, cheap; approval: George Steven, 215 Montrose-st., Brechiu.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, bred from winners, all foulers; cock from 5/6, hens 4/6; cold room bred: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

FINE big green Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, unflighted, pink condition, from leading strains; approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

THOMAS Cleminson, breeder and exhibitor of Norwich, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6 each, hens from 5/- to 7/- each; approval: 38, Hume-ter., Darlington.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked aud green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sedgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH Plainheads, Severno strain, cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6 upwards; also Crest and Crest-breds, from 10/6: Jacklin, 10, Orchard-st., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

P. Victor Williams, Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton, has several unflighted Norwich for sale; also 2 buff cocks, good stock birds, cheap to clear; state wants.

BONNIE Norwich for little money; Yellows and Buffs, cocks and hens, hot fed, cold-room bred; state wants; approval: Hudson, 54, Rhodes-st., Halifax.

HIGH-class Norwich, lovely type, full of colour, from 10/-; pairs, well matched to breed show birds, 20/- to 40/-; approval: Hirst, Rumsbottom-st., Accrington.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hen 5/-; pleased to show how bred to anyone calling; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few good Crest-bred hens, from 7/6 each; also Norwich yellow hens, clear or marked, from 5/6 each; Norwich songsters, from 6/-.

FOUR good Norwich (1909) cocks, 6/- each; 3 hens (1908), 3/- each; good feeders; 3 hens (1909), 2/6 each; deposit, approval: C. Taylor, 70, Station-rd., Putricroft.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks; Yellows, 4/9, 5/-, 5/6, singing nicely, guaranteed clean, healthy; Buffs, 4/6, 5/-; sound Buff hens, 2/-, 2/6; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

FOUR handsome clear, deep yellow hens, 3 clear buffs Norwich, 1909, splendid blood, own breeding, perfectly healthy, outdoor bred, 28/- lot: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

LARGE unflighted clear buff cock, good shape, quality, and wing carriage, 15/-, same as winners Coventry, Northampton, Bedford; approval; Notley, King's-pl., Bedford.

I have a good collection of Norwich Plainheads for sale; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

UNEMPLOYMENT cause of selling; 4 Norwich Buff cocks, 7 Buff hens; see winnings at all London shows; winner of 60 prizes: Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

HIGH-class Norwich Plainhead Canaries, some very large, stout, chubby birds, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12 6, 15/6, 20/- the pair; cocks from 5/-; hens, 3/-: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have 2 pairs for sale, 20/- a pair; also 4 cocks, 10/6 each, mostly Trengove's strain; approval: Edwards, 156, Lower Moss-lane, Hulme, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

HANDSOME Norwich cock Canaries, guaranteed finest songsters in England, at the price, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6, 8/- pair; breeding cages, 2/6 each: Varney, Stratford, Essex.

TWO grand, unflighted Norwich cock Canaries, wing marked Buff and Yellow variegated, splendid type, colour, quality, 12/6 each; approval: W. J. Clarke, 62, Ahingdon-rd., Oxford.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; hens, Buff, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 each; Yellows, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs from 7/6; list of cages, post free: Draper and Hubbard, 103, Belgrave-gate, Leicester.

NORWICH flighted and unflighted clear and variegated cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-, all in perfect condition, a grand lot.—Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, King Edward-st., Fraserhurgh.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Trengove, Godley, etc., cocks, 5/- to 15/-; hens, 4/- to 10/-; pairs, 7/6 to £1; bred from good stock; approval: Wilcox and Son, fvy-cottage, New Sawley, Derby.

TYPICAL Norwich, good strain, yellow cocks, 8/6, 12/6, buffs 9/-; clear and marked yellow hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, buffs 5/-, 7/-; cold room; approval: Garner, 17, Beaconsfield rd., Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LARGE quantity of Norwich cocks and hens, cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; clears and variegated, all in good health, and cold room bred; approval: Akers, 10, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

CYRIL Brown, Spalding, has some grand Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, pairs from 10/6 upwards; see show reports, Peterboro', Bromley, Oakham, Luton, Cambridge, Stamford, Spalding, etc.

GRAND ticked buff cock and large clear yellow hen, bred 1908, 35/-; ticked buff cock, 25/-, 1909 bred; others from 10/-, 15/- each; good birds: W. Bales, Northfield, Wymondham, Norfolk.

PURE-bred Norwich Cunaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH cocks and hens; Yellows and Buffs, clear and marked, to clear cheap; matched pairs from 25/-; state wants; stamp reply; can be seen any evening: E. Meades, 68, Griffin-rd., Plumstead.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 upwards: yellow or buff hens, 8/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize-bred; approval.

OWING to dissolution of partnership between Lee and Kearney, H. Lee has about 30 Norwich from prize strain for sale; 'phone 888 Hop; also cages, single and double; 212, Bermondsey-st., London, S.E.

CHANCE of a lifetime; entire stock for disposal; exhibition Norwich, also cages, and all utensils; stamp particulars; opening branch business cause of disposal: Brain, Draper and Outfitter, Glastonbury.

BUFF Norwich cock, 17/6, exchange same for one equal value; green Norwich cock, 8/6; Greenfinch and Canary Mule, 7/6; approval; wanted, crest-bred or Yorkshire hens: Dickinson, Serpentine-terrace, Kendal.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH hens, 1909, warranted 5 healthy, good feeding strain, nice size; 3 clear Buffs, one head-marked, one even eyes, wings, 2/6 each; cash or deposit: Warner, 1, Cyprus-cottages, Dennis-rd., East Molesey.

MAGNIFICENT pair high-class Norwich Plainheads, perfectly matched, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

E. Rowbotham, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, is disposing (through ill-health) of all his high-class Norwich, from 10/6 pair upwards; or exchange birds to value for good Pomeranian brood bitch; mutual approval.

CHAMPION stock birds, big heads, thick necks, exquisite feather, certainly breed winners; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens from 5/6; own breeding only; seen any time: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

MUST reduce stock. I can spare seventeen splendid yellow and buff cocks, and a few good hens, singly or pairs; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: Tesseyman, Church-hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, Lancashire: I have a few good cobby Norwich for sale, bred from my prize strain; pairs from 15/- to £3 10s.; also yellow or buff hens from 10/- to £1; cold room.

MR. Silk, Emsworth, Hants, has grand even-marked Norwich yellow hen mated to fine big buff cock, sure to breed winners, also fine buff cock, excels in shape and quality, fit for Palace show; cheap; approval.

LARGE typical unflighted marked Buff cock, winner Cirencester, 15/-; unflighted Yellow cock, bred from 1st, special Hertford last week, 8/6; 3 large typical Buff hens, 10/6, bred from my noted winners: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

GRAND lot typical Norwich, Clears and Greens, cocks 8/6 to 20/-, hens 7/6 to 15/-; inquiries invited; satisfaction guaranteed; offered cheap to make room; approval; stamp reply: Daniel, 69, Derby-lane, Stoneycroft, Liverpool.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, about 200, wholesale or retail, from 7/6 per pair, colour fed, and natural, own breeding; cold room; state wants fully; on approval, cash or deposit: W. Wiherley, Barton-house, Stoney Stanton-road, Coventry.

STILL left, good Crested cock, and good Norwich cocks, from 5/-; all 1909 and in full song; also several buff and yellow marked hens, 1909, from 3/6 upwards; must sell, sacrifice to clear; approval, deposit: Reynolds, 11, Birkin Avenue, Nottingham.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

EXCEPTIONAL opportunity; A. E. Wasley is compelled to relinquish the Fancy, offers all his Norwich Plainhead winners at leading shows; also large, typical stock birds, yellow and buff, cocks and hens, 10/- to 50/-; approval: 1, Palace Yard, Gloucester.

J. Woodall, Park-rd., Rochdale, having selected his breeding stock, has following for disposal: Yellow Norwich cock, 25/-; variegated ditto, 25/-, both 1st prize Rochdale; matched pairs for breeding from 15/-, bred from my noted winning strain; approval, deposit.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; yellow buff or variegated hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply: M. T. Stewart, 24, Richmond-place, Bracondale, Norwich.

FIVE cocks, 7 hens, winners of 7 1sts, 4 2nds, 2 3rds, 2 specials, including Sandiford's at Gloucester show, and gold medal; also 10 show cages, 2 cases, 1 to hold 6 and 1 to hold 2; £7 the lot; offers entertained, and cards sent; Houghton's strain: Duggan, Derby-rd., Gloucester.

TWENTY unflighted Norwich, 10 cocks, 10 hens, clears, marked, greens, and cinnamon-greens, cocks, from 7/6; hens, from 6/6; birds bred by me have won at leading shows this season; approval willingly; deposit, stamp for reply: Luke Granger, 5, Mitchell-st., Clitheroe.

GIVING up the Fancy, must sell few grand stock and exhibition buff cocks and hens, 6 variegated and ticked rather small buff hens, 5/- each; Greenfinch and Canary cock Mule, 4/-; good Crest-bred cock, winner, 20/-; good Crested cock and hen, 20/- each, bargains: Joseph Atkinson, 41, Murrell Hill, Carlisle.

TWENTY grand Norwich cock Canaries, Barnes, Neames, and other well-known strains, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each, colour fed or natural; 7 days' approval; I have several very fine yellow and buff hens to spare, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; all bred from winners; approval: B. Hollins, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, George-st., Hull.

SIXTY grand selected prize-bred Norwich hens, clear, ticked, and variegated, yellows and buffs, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, including several winners, from 4/-, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each, any of them are honestly worth double; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

GENUINE bargain, pair 1908 Norwich, yellow cock, grand songster, and green hen, 8/6 patr, cold-room; 2, 1909 yellow cocks, bred from above, 3/6 each; also large yellow, 1908 Norwich cock, fine songster, bred yonng last season, 7/6; fine piping cock Bullfinch, 2/6; 3 cages, 1/- each: W. Tooley, Lowick, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

HAVING been most successful, can spare following massive typical Norwich, bred direct from winners; grand clear buff cock, 10/6; grand stout clear yellow cock, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 7/6; grand clear buff hen, 8/6; splendid clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto, gem, 6/6; lovely quality; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EXTRA large clear and variegated buff cocks, rare quality birds, 12/6 each; 3 hens, clear and variegated yellow, and clear buff, 6/- each; or cock and hen, 17/6 per pair, all unflighted; approval willingly: James Bunting, 58, Black-la., Macclesfield.

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three lots, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval: Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

MAGNIFICENT yellow Norwich cock, bred several winners, rare colour and quality, only 15/-, cheap at £2; also choice buff hen, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 10/6, honestly worth £1 10s.; genuine bargains, approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

ABOUT 40 high-class Norwich for sale, from 12/6 each, or what offers for the lot? See show reports of Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Pendleton, Stockport, and Halifax; breeder of Mr. T. Seed's well-known unflighted buff (Fernhouse Surprise): Shore, Elephant and Castle, Macclesfield.

MR. Eckersley will spare a typical marked yellow cock and fine large 1908 buff hen, price, £2 only; a grand thick-set 1908 buff cock, superb quality, perfect wing carriage, and large, very typical marked yellow hen, £4, a bargain; few other excellent pairs from 30/-; 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

HIGH-class Norwich; grand Buff cock, 1909, winner cup, 3 1sts, 2nd, £2 10s.; very large Yellow cock, 1908, winner 1st, smart Buff hen, grand stock pair, £2; good stock pairs, bred from winners, 20/-, 15/-, 10/6 pair; massive pair Crests, Barnett and Joyce's, winners 2nd, 3rd, 35/-; another grand pair, 17/6 pair Cinnamons, related to winners, 12/6 to clear; approval: Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

F. GAMBLE has a few of his champion Norwich for disposal, smashing yellow variegated cock, clear buff hen, 15/6; clear yellow cock, marked buff hen, 12/6; grizzle capped yellow cock, marked buff hen, 12/6; variegated yellow cock, clear buff hen, 10/6; clear buff cock, marked yellow hen, 14/6; grand buff cock, clear yellow, mostly unflighted, and properly matched for breeding, hen, 12/6; cash, deposit: 232, Belgrave-gate, Leicester.

W. SHERRINGTON.

Champion Norwich, has few unflighted buff cocks and hens to spare, also 1908 buff cock, winner; stamp reply: 376, Brook-st., Preston.

LEEMING BROS.,

40a, West Cliff, Preston, have some good Norwich cocks for sale, show or stock birds, guaranteed healthy; approval: 40a, West Cliff, Preston.

HIGH CLASS NORWICH

Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

WAKE AND CARR.

41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.—Two clear yellow Norwich cocks, 20/- each; one ticked, one broken green buffs, 12/6 each; these are extra large, typical birds; see show reports for winnings; approval, cash or deposit.

R. HANFORD, DERBY,

offers massive cobby Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; grand matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; if you want genuine birds, place your order with an old advertiser and avoid disappointment; all on approval; cash or deposit.

VARDY'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

For sale, unflighted yellow cock, grand type, quality, and colour, extra good head, very cobby, 25/-, also two cobby variegated yellows, 15/- each; two grand unflighted buff cocks, good type and quality, 15/- each; nothing better; bred in the Fancy: Vardy, Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts.

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84, Heath-rd., Norwich, have a lot of good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads. See report Norwich Show. Pairs, 8/6, 12/6, 12/6 upwards; show birds, 15/-, 20/- upwards; grand cocks for stock or song, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; a lot of good hens, well bred, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; approval.

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Hens—Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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He is now singing for all he is worth. Yours, J. Cooper." "132, Anerley Road, Anerley, London, January 18th. Sir,—Thanks very much for sending me such a lovely Canary. He sings all day long; I never thought of getting a bird to sing like he does, at the price. Yours, E. Lear." "29, Victoria Street, Tenby, January 16th. Sir,—Please send following. I am well pleased with Hartz cock, it is singing splendidly, and is more than I really expected for such a low price. Yours, T. Davies." "39, St. James' Street, Trafford Road, Salford, Jan. 12th. Sir,—Bird arrived safe, and am well satisfied with it. Thanking you very much for quick dispatch. Yours, T. Foster." "61, Wellington Street, Grimsby, January 10th. Sir,—Roller to hand, and I am more than satisfied with him. He was only unpacked ten minutes before he started singing. Thanking you for such a good bird. Your dealings are very honest. Yours, F. Gillespie." "Bray, Ireland, January 10th. Sir,—Birds to hand, and I am quite satisfied with them. The cock is a grand songster. He started singing shortly after arrival. Yours, E. O'Neill." "The Square, Aspley Guise, January 9th. Sir,—Roller arrived 'as fresh as a daisy,' beautifully packed. We are delighted with him. Many thanks. Yours, A. Evans." "22, Henry Street, Tyldesley, Manchester, January 7th. Sir,—Rollers arrived in good order, thanks for quick dispatch. Yours, G. Hilton." "24, Marsden Street, Kirkham, Preston, January 4th. Sir,—Roller you sent me has pleased very well. He is a champion. It is a pleasure to deal with such an honest man. Yours, Ed. Woods." The above letters which you will notice are all dated for January, 1910, are open to inspection at any time. Don't forget that all birds are safely and warmly packed (no matter how cold the weather) free of extra charge, and sent on full week's trial, solely at my own risk during the whole time, and money fully and freely refunded if every satisfaction not given. 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POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, long slim typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

HIGH-class Yorkshires for show or stock, splendid length, type and quality, cocks from 6/6 to 15/-; hens, from 4/- to 10/-, matched pairs from 10/6 to 25/-; parents of the above cost me from £2 to £4 a pair; approval, deposit: W. Parkinson, Houldsworth-rd., Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.

I have some splendid Yorkshires for sale, cinnamon, marks, my special variety, all my own breeding, and related to my winners, at Nelson, Windhill, Halifax; inspection invited, also a few dark-eyed birds, cocks, from 6/6; hens from 3/6; approval, deposit: Gregson, 99, Vernon-st., Nelson, Lancashire.

NOTICE, am selling the whole of my Yorkshires, about 100 birds, at less than half value, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; grand pairs 12/6; about 20 winners, from 15/- upwards, fit for any competition; exchange few pairs for real good Norwich; approval: Teare, Cabinet-maker, Drury-terrace, Douglas, Man.

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Yorkshires have been winning 20 years, clears, cinnamon, marks, hens, 7/6, 10/-; cocks, 10/- upwards; pairs, 20/- upwards; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

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I have still left a few grand birds, including clear, yellow cock, 2nd in class, 17 Rochdale, 2nd Littleborough, 30/-; 1909 yellow cock, 1st Rochdale, good intent, 25/-; also a few very stylish young hens; satisfaction or money willingly returned: 82, Park-rd., Rochdale.

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winner of CAGE BIRDS Amateur Competition for Yorkshire Union, 1909-10, won with birds bred in my own room, have about 40 Yorkshires left at reasonable prices, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/6; matched pairs, from 12/-; see reports of Yorkshire Union shows for winnings: 15, Settle-terrace, Thornton-lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

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Chance of a season, yellow cock (1st prize winner), and 2 grand buff hens, unflighted, for 40/-; buff cock, unflighted, 2 yellow hens, absolutely the very best breeding stock, 35/-; these are selected from scores of birds, and what I intended breeding with myself, but am compelled to reduce for business reasons; a few odd cocks and hens, yellow and buff, from 5/- to 10/-; approval anywhere; deposit: Ernest Woodhead, West Hartlepool.

WINNERS! WINNERS!

Some grand exhibition Yorkshires and Norwich left, also a few pairs of same to breed winners; approval: Smith and Sellars, 3, Trafford-st., Littlehorough.

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I have some real clinkers still for sale, either for show or stock, absolutely the best value in the Fancy. See reports leading shows; stamp for particulars.—Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Bradford.

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All our champions, including Palace and other big winners, for sale, also some clinking stock birds, cocks and hens, wonderful length, shape and style, teeming with quality; pairs, from 15/- to 60/-; the oldest and purest strain in the Fancy; see our winnings for last 30 years; cold-room bred; approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Messrs. Ambler's, late of Bradford, 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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Direct from "Mr. Bates, Stoke," strain, which won for him thousands of prizes. I have sold from this strain to Mr. Blackburst some toppers, and he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1908, Crystal Palace; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, etc., this season; also Mr. Banks, Cardiff, won 1sts, 2nds, etc., with this strain supplied by me. Some grand youngsters, same strain and models; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, Yellows or Buffs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; matched pairs, to breed winners, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/- pair. Any I send on approval and guaranteed to please you, as I don't exhibit these myself. Order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancashire.

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I have 30 cock Canaries for sale; wanted offers for lot: A. Morris, 6, Lowther-st., Newmarket.

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GRAND Yorkshires, cocks, 8/-, 9/-, 10/- each; Norwich, plain and crested cocks, 6/- upwards; Rollers, cocks, 6/-; all good birds: Jenkins, Stores, Penyard, Merthyr.

TWO good large Yorkshire cocks, one Yellow, one Buff, and four Buff hens, £1 lot; six good large Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; all 1909 bred: Casling, Ilkley-rd., Otley.

YOUR chance is here now, grand Norwich yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, big Cinnamons, Norwich; also a few long Yorkshires; state your wants; approval: Hudson, 54, Rhodes-st., Halifax.

SELL Norwich, 4 cocks, 3 hens, and 1 Yorkshire cock, 34/6; also 2 single breeding cages, 5/-; lot 30/-; cold room bred, clean and healthy: W. Thompson, 65, Balmoral-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

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MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED exhibition Mule or Hybrid, cheap: 117, West-st., Dunstable.

SIBS, my old Palace light Linnet Muling strain, 7/6: Sims' Aviary, Warminster.

LARGE Goldie, bred Mules, house-moulted, 6/-: Cutler, 587, High-rd., Tottenham.

ONE 1908 cock Goldfinch Mule, 1 ditto 1909, on song, 7/6 each: Dunning, 40, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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CAGE-MOULTED hen Bullfinch, run with Canary one season, sure Hybrid breeder, sacrifice 3/-: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

WANTED 4 Goldfinch Mules, singing; will give 4 young Yorkshire hens, and 10/-; approval: Pace, 111, Haggerston-rd., Dalston, London.

TWO cock Goldie Mules, singing, 5/- each; Lanc-Norwich hen, 6/-; Norwich hen, 4/-; Mule-breeders, approval: Viggers Bros., Banbury.

HYBRID breeders, large German hand-reared hen Bullfinches, sure breeders, only 5/- and 6/- each: Dewar, 2, St. Patrick-sq., Edinburgh.

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, parents of variegated Mules, 10/6; exchange Yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hen: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth.

TWICE house-moulted white legged cock Goldie, breeder, 6/6; 2 exhibition cock Bullies, 3/6, 5/-: D. Davidson, Academy-st., Fortrose, Ross.

THE old champion light Muling strain, few Sib. cocks and hens for sale, also all my remaining Muling Finches: Colton, 9, Birkendale-rd., Sheffield.

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COCK Greenfinch Mule, winner, 10/6; father of above, 3/6; cock Siskin Mule, winner, 10/6; cards sent: Pritchard, 165, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

EXTRAORDINARY large brown Linnet Mule, cock, 10/6; another, 8/6; hen, 1/6; handsome cock Goldie, house-moulted, 6/6: Cyril Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

YELLOW Linnet Mule, 30/-; Buff Linnet Mule, 50/-; Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrid, 15/-; all winners, in perfect order; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LARGE selected Yorkshire hens, 2/- each; few Sib.-bred, pink-eyed, 3/6 each; handsome pencilled giant cock Linnets, 2/- each: Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

GIVING up birds; 3 good hens and 2 cocks, 3/- and 4/6 each; cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder, and Goldfinch Mule, 5/6 each; approval: Rowland, Mickleton Manor, Gloucestershire.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

VERY light exhibition Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 12/6; also brown Linnet-Canary Mule, grand song, Linnet notes, 12/6; 2 years' old each: J. Warwick, 26, Feversham-st., Middlesbrough.

DARK Mule, cocks, in song, Goldfinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, 6/- and 7/- each; perfectly healthy, from outdoor aviary: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somerset

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HOUSE-moulted Robin, 10/-; Chaffinch, 10/-; Reed Bunting, 2 Linnets, 4 Greenfinches, all cocks, 4 hen Goldfinches; offers wanted; in perfect feather: Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterborough.

HYBRID breeding; mated Spice Finch and Bengalese, 5/6 pair; Cordon Bleus, 6/-; acclimatised cocks, St. Helena, 2/9; Silverhill, 2/3; Bihfinch, 3/6; Combassou, 1/9: Cuthbert, St. Ausgustines, Bristol.

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Singing Contests.

KING'S HEAD (Leeds) LINNET F.A.

We had a social for presenting the medals to the winners of the year 1909 for most points on January 10th. Mr. J. Bland (chairman) presented the medals to the winners: 1, T. G. Stead (gold medal), with 93 points; 2, Hardcastle (silver with gold centre), 72 points; 3, W. Sissons (silver), 56 points. We had a very large company. The following obliged: Messrs. H. Allen, J. Jennings, T. Johnson, P. Hoban, H. Wigfield, J. Melia, T. Stead, and others. Fanciers came from all parts of Yorkshire, and a jovial evening was spent, closing with a vote of thanks to our host with musical honours.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held a singing contest at the Weavers' Arms, January 22nd, when 20 birds sang. Winners:—1st, Mawdsley, 98; 2nd, Holcroft, 89; 3rd, Statham, 81; 4th, Jones, 56; 5th, Deakin, 52. Timekeepers, Parker, Mawdsley, and Mellingan. We are having a match on February 5th at the Weavers' Arms, Scholes, for quality and time.—A. PARKER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Carbrook, January 16th, when 21 birds sang. Result: 1st, Williamson, 34 points; 2nd and 3rd, Williamson and Knight, dead heat; sang for second prize—a dead heat again, so they divided, 32 each. The Fitzwilliam L.C. is now in full swing, and fanciers are invited to join. Sing takes place on May 17th.—A. BROWN, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest held at R. M. Canavan's "Travellers' Rest," Gilesgate Moor, Jan. 22nd, when 20 birds entered and some grand singing was heard. Heat 5, in the first round, between Lockhurst and Brady and Fuller, was one of the best ever heard. After some hard contesting, the results were:—1, 2, 3, Lockhurst and Brady. Mr. J. Stout (Brandon) judged; timekeeper, Mr. J. Walton; hookkeeper, Mr. G. Reed. Another contest at Binney's "Burton Hotel," on Jan. 29th. First birds on nail at one o'clock.—G. REED.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result:—1, Masshedder; 2, Weaver; 3, Wilson. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, J. Smith.

Usual contest held at Bricklayers' Arms on January 22nd, when 22 birds entered. Result: 1st, Laverick; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Harrison; 4th, Forth; 5th, Maugham. Mr. J. W. Paver, judge; and Mr. J. Limbert, sen., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Usual contest on Jan. 23rd, when 19 Linnets sang. Result:—1, Wood; 2, 3, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and A. Lauriman; timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers.—W. DEAN, Secretary.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on 23rd of January, when 14 birds sang. 1, Pease; 2, Simmonds; 3, Green. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Gallie.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 22nd. 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Stead. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Whittaker. Also on Jan. 23rd, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, W. Naylor, and P. Hohan, and some very good singing was heard. 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. A grand Canary contest will be held at the above house, Jan. 30th, commence at 8 o'clock, open to all.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Linnet singing contest held on Jan. 22nd, at Weavers' Arms, Scholes, for time singing only, when 18 birds sang. Result:—1, Mawdsley, 98secs.; 2, Holtcroft, 89secs.; 3, Statham, 81secs.; 4, J. W. Jones, 56secs; 5, T. Dakin, 52secs. All the last four came from Leigh. Timers, Messrs. Mawdsley, A. Parker, and Alf. Parker. Another contest in a fortnight at the same house. After this contest we all spent a very enjoyable evening.—ALF. PARRER, Sec.

LONDON, N.

On January 22nd we had a Chaffinch handicap, Mr. Jack being winner, and Mr. Parish 2nd. Dinner-time, on January 23rd, we had a large muster of Linnet fanciers; we hung four pairs, the winner being Mr. C. Meacock, Mr. Scott and Mr. Spinks being a dead-heat for 2nd and 3rd prizes. In the evening some nice Chaffinch singing took place. Winner, Pony Moore; Charlie Meacock 2nd. Time keeper, Pony Moore.—F. WESTMORE, Handicapper.

L. and P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

A Successful Gathering.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society is our oldest Metropolitan Society, but it shows not the slightest sign of advanced age, and no symptoms of decrepitude. Its annual dinner (always a pleasing social function) was held as usual at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, on Thursday, January 20th. Mr. George Crabb filled the chair with his customary distinction and authority, and the only bar to the complete enjoyment of everybody was the greatly regretted absence through indisposition of the genial J. W. Ramsden, the manager of the Palace Show, who has for so long been honourably associated with the work of the L. and P.O.S. Mr. Ramsden has not been in his best form for some months past, and he feared the heat of the room would upset him. Another notable absentee was Mr. Hodson, and the chairman's expressions of sorrow at the cause of both Messrs. Ramsden's and Hodson's absence were echoed by everyone at the gathering. Mr. H. E. Tringham made an energetic and courteous M.C. A capital programme of musical talent had been provided, and the catering requirements left nothing to be wished for. The menu was as follows:—

SOUPS.

Consomme Julienne. Thick Mock Turtle.

FISH.

Boiled Turbot. Lobster Sauce.
Devilled Whitebait.

ENTREE.

Sweetbread Pattics.

JOINTS.

Roast Sirloin of Beef, Horseradish,
Boiled Leg of Mutton, Caper Sauce.

VEGETABLES.

Brussels Sprouts, Mashed Turnips, Potatoes.

POULTRY.

Roast Turkey and Sausage, Chip Potatoes.

SWEETS.

Pears Bourdaloue, Charlotte Chantilly
Gelee aux Liqueur, Ices, Vanilla Wafers.

Cheese. Celery.

Dessert.

The gathering was throughout representative of all branches of the Fancy, and many visitors from other London Clubs put in an appearance.

Amongst those who were present we noticed: Mr. and Mrs. G. Crabb, T. Heath, F. Carl, J. Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Picard, G. H. Couzens, H. J. Pearce, Walter Lee, Miss Ings, Arthur Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Palser, W. J. Cranfield, E. S. Thirsk, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tringham, Fred Andrews, Mrs. Chapman, G. J. Warley, L. J. Richardson, R. J. Pretty, Mrs. Gale, W. Quantrell, Mrs. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldaker, Mr and Mrs. C. W. Law, H. Mitchener, Allen Silver, J. Hazell, A. Lazarus, Rowland Bamber, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortlock, Miss J. Hoare, P. G. Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ogle, J. E. Clark, B. A. Tadman, W. Kiesel, C. T. Maxwell, F. S. Matthes, W. Gilbert.

The proceedings opened with the usual loyal toasts, happily proposed by Mr. Crabb. This was quickly followed by the toast of "The L. and P.O.S." Mr. Crabb said it hardly looked like an L. and P.O. affair without their worthy friend, Mr. Ramsden. He felt they would all in his absence accord that gentleman a very high meed of praise for all the splendid work he had done for their society. The L. and P.O.S., he was proud to say, still survived through all the storm and stress of the Fancy, and their prospects were never so bright or hopeful. The finances were in a most satisfactory state. They had had a most active and useful year, and there was, he rejoiced to know, a considerable balance in the bank. One or two matters had loomed large before the members during the past year. The correspondence on Cinnamons had been carried on, and proved a most valuable contribution on that subject. One of their members, Dr. Galloway, had recently published a most valuable treatise on that subject, which he strongly recommended to their notice. Touching on the question as to whether there were not in existence too many societies catering for the needs of cage bird men, Mr. Crabb hedged himself by a recommendation to those societies who felt themselves superfluous to throw in their lot with the L. and P.O.S. Then there was the most serious question the British Bird Fancy had had to face, viz., the recent attack by the Society for Protection of Birds on the liberties of the bird keeper. The case was sub judice, and, therefore, he could not enlarge on that point, but he would refer all present to the fund started by CAGE BIRDS for the defence of the bird dealers prosecuted, and he urgently appealed to them to support it. Mr. Tringham responded briefly but felicitously. The society was founded, he said, in 1866, and some of the original members were present that evening. The society had an ambitious programme for the future, and had passed a most successful year. The engagement of Mr. Rd. Kearton, in especial, had proved a great success. Their joint show had proved a great success socially, their summer outing had passed off well, and at the present time no less than 143 members were on the rolls as fully paid up. The coming year would, he felt sure, be equally successful. He finally appealed to members to attend the meetings more regularly, and take greater interest in the society's transactions. In the absence of Mr. Ramsden, the toast of "The Fancy" was given with eclat by Mr. Couzens. Loud and prolonged applause testifying to the hearty popularity Mr. C. enjoys, greeted him on rising. The Fancy, he opined, consisted on the whole of a number of excellent sportsmen. The average cage bird exhibitor was a man who took his wins modestly and his defeats without whimpering. Might it always continue so! There were, of course, a small percentage who behaved otherwise, but they were in an almost invisible minority. Mr. Silver replied.—Mr. Matthes gave the toast of "The Ladies." It was unthinkable that any gathering of that kind could be held without representatives of the opposite sex. As fanciers, they found hen birds dull and unable to carry colour, but that was a reproach no one could level at the lady fancier or the fancier's wife. She was always bright and pleasant, anxious and willing to help her husband in his hobby, and though he was a married man, and therefore spoke in fear and trembling, he hoped the ladies would come in still larger numbers to their gatherings. Mr. Picard, who is nothing if not witty and entertaining, gave a drily humorous response. The esteemed secretary had last year given him the same toast to propose, wisely keeping all the best speakers for the other toasts. He supposed he had to reply for the ladies, because no one else was capable of such a task. One could not have too many ladies at such feasts, if it were only with the object of lightening up the dull clothes of the men. Who was it that told the novice that sweet lie, "Your bird is a much better bird than that horrid bird that won the prize"? Why, the novice's wife. Who was the first to congratulate him—(Tringham's voice: "And take my prize money") —(loud laughter). Mr. Mortlock proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in most appropriate terms, and Mr. Carl replied.

The proceedings concluded at a very reasonable hour with the singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne. The performers need more than a word of praise. We are not musical critics, and can, therefore, only briefly mention the principal items: Miss Edith Cootes, "Green Isle of Erin," "Georgie in the Park"; Mr. Percy Mortlock, "Sergeant of the Line," "Johnny Ludlow"; Mr. Arthur Bolton, "Garden of Allah"; Mr. W. Putner, "Tax the Bachelor"; Mr. T. Edgar, "Rosamond," and "Come into the garden, Maud." The last-named was most enthusiastically received, and Mr. Edgar was decidedly a popular turn, whose engagement on another such affair should most certainly be secured.

Club Reports.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

The following is the result of the voting for officers:—President, J. Nadin; vice-presidents, J. Swalwell, J. Garner, R. Barrass, Dr. McConaghy, F. J. Green, E. Lowe, and F. Fish tie for first place; committee, J. Butterworth, J. Oldham, W. Lee, J. Eckersley, Brookes, E. Lowe, W. Adams, E. T. Turner, T. H. Collinge, and G. Fitton; secretary, C. Whitehead; treasurer, W. Hardy; Judges (open), R. Barrass, W. Hardy, J. Garner, C. House, F. J. Green, J. Nadin; (members), J. Nadin, J. Garner, R. Barrass, J. Swalwell, W. Hardy, and E. Lowe.—A. ACKROYD, Scrutineer.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters on January 19th, for the election of officers for the ensuing year: President, Sir John Rolleston, M.P.; chairman, Mr. W. Stevens; vice-chairmen, Messrs. A. B. Hunt and H. Christian; sec. and treasurer, J. A. Tyler; hon. solicitor, J. T. Hincks, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, J. H. Tricks, Esq.; auditors, Messrs. E. Freer and G. H. Harrison; trustees, Messrs. J. Adams and W. Oakey; committee, Messrs. F. Harrison, T. Claypole, J. Heighton, T. H. Ride, W. Adams, J. Wood, F. E. Moore, and J. E. Harrison. It was suggested to hold the annual show on December 2nd and 3rd.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 4th, Mr. W. Foxall in the chair. A good number of members attended. After the passing of the balance-sheet, which proved to be highly satisfactory, the election of officers for 1910 took place (the result will be found in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL). It was also decided that there should be a number of table shows during the coming season, and the society will give three handsome specials to be won on points throughout the shows. The first is to take place on Feb. 1st, which will be for matched pairs for breeding purposes; Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham) has consented to judge. We should be pleased to enrol any new member at this meeting, so all intending members and fanciers will be welcome; admission free.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

It affords me the greatest pleasure to present the result of the first Open Competition, CAGE BIRDS Amateur Competition, and Open Novice Competitions for season 1909-10. The Junior Novice Competition will be published later, as this only closed on Jan. 22. The competition for the first place between Messrs. Ogden Bros. and Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son was close and exciting, only four points separating the two at the close. Mr. E. Clegg is the winner of Open Novice Competition as well as CAGE BIRDS' 1st special. Open Competition (Shakleton Trophy): Messrs. Ogden Bros., 128 pts.; 2, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, 124 pts.; 3, E. Smith, 66 pts.; 4 and 5 a tie, W. H. Shackleton and P. Mason, 54 pts each.; 6, L. Briggs, 32 pts.; 7, H. H. Towers, 31 pts.; CAGE BIRDS Amateur Competition: 1, E. Clegg, 47 pts.; 2, F. Self, 12 pts. Open Novice Competition: 1, E. Clegg, 47 pts.; 2, F. Self, 12 pts.; 3, F. Townsend, 8 pts.; 4, H. Hill, 6 pts. These results are subject to alteration if any errors are noted. Will competitors please check and notify me if there are any mistakes, so that they be rectified as early as possible, and not later than Feb. 10th? Will all those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly oblige as early as possible, as I am desirous of getting out the balance-sheet? I should also esteem it a pleasure to hear from any fancier desiring to become a member next season: Subscription, 2/6 per annum; no nomination fee, and open to all England.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual general meeting on January 10th, when 41 members were present. Owing to the dangerous illness of Mr. A. C. Burn, the chair was taken by Mr. A. W. Curtis (vice-chairman), who spoke in touching words as to that illness. Mr. W. Clark was elected a member. The result of the election of officers were as follows:—President, The Dean of Carlisle; vice-pres., The Rev. Dr. Morrison, Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, and Jacob Mackley; chairman, A. C. Burn; vice-chair, A. W. Curtis; trustee, R. L. Crisp; auditors, F. W. Thorpe and C. Prior; staging steward, W. Sanders; scrutineers, E. C. Offord and W. Shepherd; council, J. Burton, F. Curry, H. Davies, A. W. Hart, H. Dickinson, E. C. Offord, W. Page, W. Prance, F. Pullinger, W. Sanders, and F. Wyse. Mr. T. Yeo (Fulham) and H. Thompson (Notting Hill) were nominated for membership. The attendance list for 1909 was read, Messrs. W. Page and W. Sanders tieing for first place. Arising out of letters from Messrs. J. Marley and H. Rawes, it was moved and carried that a subscription list be opened for the purpose of assisting Messrs. Flowers and Preston to appeal against the recent magisterial decision, the money so subscribed to be sent to CAGE BIRDS. The result of the Crest and Crest-bred judging competition was as follows.—Champ.: R. L. Crisp, 22 points; amat.: W. Knight, 30; and Nov.: B. Thrower, 28 points. Silver medals were presented. The annual show balance-sheet duly audited, showing a loss of £2 4s. 5½d., was confirmed; also the annual balance-sheet, showing an income of £156 12s. 0½d., an expenditure of £132 13s. 0½d., with a cash balance of £23 19s. A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. W. Prance and A. W. Hart for gifts to the Association. It was unanimously agreed that the society's advertisement be again inserted in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. The following were elected judges:—The Young Bird Show, Messrs. R. L. Crisp and J. Robson for the Canary section, and C. Prior and Allen Silver for the British section; Annual Show, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson, Canaries, and H. Norman and Allen Silver Brit. They will be submitted to a final vote of the whole of the members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Silver for a conditional gift of a 7s. 6d. silver medal for the best Wagtail at the annual show. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the London Federation of C.B.S.:—Vice-chair, R. P. Harper; trustees, A. C. Burn and J. Dewhurst; auditors, W. Mugford, and — Cook; secretary, P. Adamthwaite; delegates, A. W. Curtis and W. Sanders. The report of the council meeting of the Federation was adopted as read. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. P. Adamthwaite for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties as secretary of the Federation. Schedule for pair show on January 29th was drawn up. The meeting was then adjourned.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 13th, at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, when all the old officials were re-elected for the forthcoming year. We have had a very successful year, having increased the balance in hand. It was decided to have a supper at our club-room on the February meeting night, and if all members who were not present at this meeting will let me know by post that they are coming they will help us very much. I may say it is for members only, and it will be free.—W. RICHINSON, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 17th, Mr. Almond in the chair. Most of the members present spoke strongly against the Cage Bird Union; in fact, not one had anything to say in its favour, and after some very heated discussion we finally agreed to leave this body, as we consider it of no use to the Fancy, seeing that District No. 1 is ruled by one man who looks after any fancier who happens to make a slight mistake but forgets that he is himself an offender by showing common Canaries in Mule classes. We think it full time to sever our connection, and therefore leave the Union for good.—GEO. BUCK, sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on January 12th, when there was a moderate attendance. Mr. W. Theobald presided. The hon. sec. and treas. presented the balance-sheet, which showe a balance in hand of 21s. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Theobald; chairman, Mr. G. Grant; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Harvey; hon. auctioneer, Mr. T. H. Boulter; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. J. King and J. H. Boulter; assistant hon. sec., Mr. W. Pounsett; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Treasure. An attractive programme has been arranged, and the season commences with a pair show on February 2nd, followed by monthly lectures, first feather shows, washing demonstrations, etc. Annual open show will be held on the usual dates, November 2nd and 3rd.—A. S. TREASURE, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND B.C.

The 21st Annual General Meeting was held on Jan. 15 in Nixon's Hotel, Glasgow, Pres. C. Hunter in the chair. The financial statement was considered highly satisfactory, as there is a substantial balance on the right side. The classification and the number of birds which should compete for the cups was discussed, and it was agreed that they remain as formerly. Office-bearers for 1910 were elected as follows:— Pres., Mr. P. Thom; Vice-Pres.'s, Messrs. A. T. Quail and J. M'Nicol; Committee, Messrs. J. Lappin, H. P. Hutchens, H. Cougan, G. Henderson, W. Strawbridge, D. M. Cooper, J. Montgomery, W. Woods, T. M. Scott, R. Rennie, and A. M. Lennie; Auditors, Messrs. W. Hutcheson and C. Hunter; Secy., G. Smart. The following new members were enrolled:—Messrs. J. Young, J. Sheppard, F. Paling, J. Livingston, J. Cougan, A. Saunderson, and J. Forsyth. There will be a show of Matched Pairs at next meeting and a medal for most points and a number of Specials for all classes will be given.—A notice of time that judging starts will be given in CAGE BIRDS on Feb. 5.—GEO. SMART, Secretary.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The third annual tea and concert in connection with the distribution of prizes took place on Jan. 18th, when a good number of members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the ladies. The tables were tastefully decorated with flowers, and all were agreed that the tea was one of the best the society has so far enjoyed. The Chairman for the concert was the Rev. G. Hale Wallis, and his opening remarks were much appreciated. The following artistes sustained a capital programme throughout: Soprano, Miss L. Dixon; contralto, Miss V. Barrow; tenor, Mr. W. Gardner; bass, Mr. E. Ludlam; elocutionist, Miss E. Beard; humorist, Mr. W. Berry; accompanist, Miss A. M. Cruise. Each was in very fine form, and the items were enthusiastically received. Miss Dixon gave a splendid start with "Idle Words," and Miss Barrow was heard to good effect in the rendering of "My Dear Soul." One of the tit-bits of the evening was the recitals of Miss E. Beard, an elocutionist of great promise. The prizes were presented by Mrs H. Hill to the successful members, during the interval in the programme, and a vote of thanks for her kindness was proposed by Mr. E. Suddards. The winners of the valuable prizes were Messrs. Laycock, W. Stables, L. Briggs, J. Northrop, J. Farrar, G. White, and W. Cruise in the Champion section; in the Novice section, Messrs. E. Dinsdale, F. Gelder, C. Walker, Wilkinson Bros., W. Greenwood, W. Brooke and Baldwin Bros.; and in the extra Novice classes Messrs. Wilman and Barker and W. Walker. The Secretary gave his annual report, this showing the society to be in a healthy condition. He complimented the members on their success at the shows. Three of the Novice members have again won the Union Novice medals, two in Yorkshires and the other leading with a good number of points in the Norwich section. The proceedings terminated with the audience singing "God Save the King."—H. HILL, Secretary.

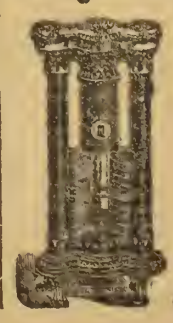
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Twitterings.

Our first venture was a great success, which is very gratifying, writes Mr. W. Geddis, hon. secretary of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A. show.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. J. Nicholson. It is now 6, Coronation Street, Grasslot, Maryport, Cumberland.

Bathgate report credits Patterson with winning 3rd prize in the A.O.V. Border Fancy, whereas it should be Bremner.—W. BREMNER (Alloa).

We hear that at the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s pair show the fine entry of 137 has been obtained, thus there should be a treat to-day (Saturday) for the visitors.

It was I who won 3rd in Selling Class (30s.), also commended in the Norwich Hen Class, at the Llanelly Show, writes Mr. G. T. Jones (Brecon).

Kindly note that Mr. Jeffreys, 209, York Road, Battersea, is now secretary of the South-West London C.B.S. for the ensuing year, writes Mr. W. Lilley, the late secretary.

We regret to hear that Mr. Hopkins, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Hopkins and Allsopp (Swindon) is down with a serious illness, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.S., so all correspondence should in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. R. Fowler, 21, Pear Street, Burnley, Lancashire. We have fixed our show date for October 6th and 7th.

It is imperative, writes Mr. W. H. Manley, hon. secretary of the Bristol C.B.S., that all members should attend our next meeting on February 2nd, at the City Hotel, Wine Street. The balance-sheet will be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Our show dates are fixed as follows:—First feather show June 4th, young stock July 23rd, and annual November 19th, write Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secretaries, Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. Will secretaries kindly note same to avoid clashing?

At the Hyson Green (Notts) Show I easily won the premier special for the year 1909, by 59 points, and as the society has upwards of 80 members, I think such a win is worthy of mention, writes Mr. Robert Holmes (Nottingham).

We are holding a special meeting on Saturday, January 29th, in the clubroom, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary, Sunderland C.B.A., to consider some very important business, and I would like all members to attend if they possibly can.

Visitors to the Palace should make a special point of seeing the "Ever Ready" bracket exhibit. This handy little appliance, which has attained such popularity in the Fancy, will be shown on the stall in actual use. See advertisement in "Appliances."—(ADVT.)

My winning British Goldie was claimed at the late Bathgate Show at catalogue price, £2 15s., writes Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). Since it came into my possession it has done well on the show bench, having won three firsts, one 2nd, and two 3rds in six attempts. I wish the plucky purchaser success.

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I am sorry to say that we are losing from the association Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, who are leaving England to seek fortune in Queensland, Australia, at the end of February, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B. No one deplores this severance more than myself, for with their departure are removed two of my right hand assistants, whom it will be extremely difficult (after four years) to replace. By every member they are highly esteemed for their lofty principles and unostentatious manner. We wish them the best of good fortune.

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I was very pleased to see the photo of my birds in your Birthday Number of January 15th. It was No. 7 picture, but I find the wrong name was given, viz., Mr. Hawkes (Chislehurst), instead of being Mr. J. Harmer, of Hawkhurst. [We regret this confusion of names.—EDITOR.]

As I am thinking of opening a branch business in the spring, I am reluctantly compelled to clear my stock of Norwich Plainheads got together regardless of cost, from some of the best strains in the country, as I shall not be able to attend to them, being away most of my time, writes Mr. John J. Brain (Glastonbury).

The Aberdeen O.S.'s financial statement for the year ended December 29th last reveals a healthy and creditable state of affairs, for despite the fact that entries at the annual show failed to meet the prize money, there is still a cash balance in hand. The secretary, Mr. J. Bryson and the other officials are to be complimented.

A new Cage Bird, etc., Society has been formed at Wellington (Salop), writes Mr. A. C. Brotherhood. They are holding an open show on February 10th and 11th. They are going to cancel no classes, and pay prize-money in full (no half prize-money). They have several valuable cups to be won outright. I have been engaged to judge the cage birds.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. COCKS (Peterborough).

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. Mr. Alf. Rowles (Peterborough), that I have to report the death of Mr. Jonathan Cocks, of Peterborough, who passed away somewhat suddenly on January 23rd, at the age of 76 years. I believe he was the oldest agricultural seed traveller in the country, and was father of Mr. S. L. Cocks, the noted British bird exhibitor. I feel sure all fanciers who know Mr. S. L. Cocks will deeply sympathise with him and his family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Mr. R. BLACKMORE (Barnstaple).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. Geo. Dix (Barnstaple), that I have to chronicle the demise of my old and respected friend, Mr. Robert Blackmore, of Barnstaple, who was widely known as a breeder and exhibitor of the Belgian Canary. Mr. Blackmore had been ailing for some little time, but his death on January 16th came as a shock to the town and to all who knew him. Mr. Blackmore had been a breeder of Belgians for upwards of 30 years, having won gold and silver medals, besides other trophies, with his Belgians. He was a fancier who would have the best, and paid fancy prices for good birds, which he has said he did not mind if he could get the stamp of bird he required. Being a neighbour, I have spent some scores of hours with him discussing the pros and cons respecting the Belgian. I well remember his favourite, a huff cock; it was a bird of grand style, and it would bring its head nearly to the perch. You would often see Mr. B.'s cheery smile, with a merry twinkle in his eye, and he would exclaim: "Ah! he's a good 'un." He was in his 73rd year. I am sure all who knew him, and especially those who have bought birds from him, will join in heartfelt sympathy with the family and relatives.

Kindly mention that I have had to resign the secretaryship of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S. owing to pressure of private business, writes Mr. T. Duffield. In future all communications relating to this society should be addressed to Mr. J. H. Jennings, 123, Victoria Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to the assistant secretary, Mr. F. H. Viles, 1, Warstone Terrace, Handsworth.

If you feel inclined to have an interesting chat over the correct pairing of birds for the coming season, visit the City and Suburban's Pair show to-day (Saturday) from 2 till 8 p.m. There you will find splendid material for discussion. The Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, is five minutes' walk from Baker Street (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Railway Stations, and Baker Street 'buses pass the corner of the street.—(ADVT.)

That enterprising and go-ahead society, the Liverpool O.S., despite a formidable loss upon the annual exhibition, is able to show a balance of £6 15s. 10d. to the good on the year's working, which has been a full and strenuous one, and included the capturing of the second prize in the society championship competition at the last Horticultural Show. The secretary, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, and his fellow officials are entitled to take high credit for this most satisfactory result.

The January issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—forms the first number of a new series, which bids fair to more than sustain its reputation. Articles by Mr. H. Willford ("My Wilderness Aviary"), Mr. H. Goodchild, M.B.O.U. (on the Scottish National Show), and Mr. R. Suggitt ("Preserving Gentles for Winter Use"), will be found supplemented by others equally interesting and useful, and there are, besides, a number of capital illustrations and notes.

From Mr. Enoch Tams (Church Street, Longton), we have received a magnificent illustrated price-list of cages, cage fittings, and all bird-room requisites, together with seeds, insectivorous foods, etc. Mr. Tams stocks everything the bird-keeper can desire, and a glance at his prices shows that he combines the best of quality with the lowest possible charges. Our readers should send a postcard to Mr. Tams asking for a copy of this fine price-list; it will be forwarded post-free if they mention CAGE BIRDS when applying.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

1910.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street).
*Oct. 29 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road).
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 8, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 13, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Searva Street).

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Result of Competitions for 1909-10.

Hoyland Show on January 22nd brought the list of Union shows to a conclusion, and all the various competitions for the season. The competition has been decidedly keen in several of them, as will be seen by the list of points published below, and it has meant a great struggle from first to last for some of the leading exhibitors to carry off the trophies which they had set their minds on to win. A pleasing feature of the shows has been the great amount of entries that have been made this year, in comparison with other years, and this has been maintained right up to the last three shows, with very few exceptions. We have also had the pleasure of seeing two previous Union records swept by the board, the first was accomplished by Bradford City, and this, along with other records, was afterwards beaten with a magnificent entry by the Halifax Society, who are to be congratulated upon their pluck and determination, and the business-like methods they adopted in order to obtain this result. The Shackleton Trophy was undecided right up to the last show, and the result eventually turned out as follows:—1st, J. Bailey, 287 points; 2nd, Ogden Bros., 286 points; 3rd, W. H. Shackleton, 236 points; 4th, H. H. Towers, 218 points. "Ramsden's Prizes": 1st, J. Bailey, 287 points; 2nd, Ogden Bros., 286 points. In the H. W. Naylor Cup Competition: 1st, J. Bailey, 212 points; 2nd, Ogden Bros., 200 points; 3rd, W. H. Shackleton, 177 points; 4th, H. H. Towers, 168 points. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Competition. 1st, H. Hill, 96 points, (25s.); 2nd, T. Bentley, 85 points (20s.); 3rd, P. Drake and Son, 76 points (15s.). The following are also winners of cash specials in the same competition at each Union show:—H. Hill, T. Bentley, P. Drake and Son, W. Beaumont, J. Chippendale, J. Helliwell, S. Lingley, J. Lane, G. White, and W. Laycock, 10s. each; A. Wright and Son, 8s.; H. Charlesworth, 6s.; W. Blakey and J. Waterworth, 5s. each; E. Clegg, F. Townsend, and A. Radley, 4s. each. In the Union Novice Gold Medal Competition the following are the medal winners in the Yorkshire section:—1st, J. Thomas, 184 points; 2nd, T. W. Turton, 118 points; 3rd, T. Elsegood, 101 points; 4th, E. Dinsdale, 98 points; 5th and 6th, tie, W. Stables and C. E. Hall, 92 points each; 7th, A. Whitley, 86 points; 8th, L. C. Casey, 82 points; 9th, E. J. Shepherd, 73 points; 10th, O. Priestley, 67 points; 11th, J. Hutton, 65 points; 12th, F. Firth, 63 points, held in abeyance pending decision of the Council re an objection. Runners up: S. Haigh 62 points, F. Clark 58 points, A. Bennett 52 points, C. H. Greenwood 52 points. Norwich Section: 1st, J. Naylor, 201 points; 2nd, J. Horsfield, 108 points; 3rd, W. H. Ball, 84 points; 4th, W. Plowright, 72 points. "Ramsden's Novice Specials", 1st, T. W. Turton, 118 points; 2nd, J. Horsfield, 111 points; winner of Mr. H. H. Tower's prize, £1 1s., for most points in Yorkshire Novice Classes, J. Thomas. Most points by a Union member in Novice Cinnamon Marked Classes at Union shows, 10s 6d., E. Clegg. Winner of Mr. F. Hammond's prize, 10s. 6d., for most points in Norwich Novice Classes, J. Naylor. For most entries in same classes, and not winning a novice medal, 10s. 6d., Mr. S. Heap. Note: all the above points are taken from the catalogues, and if any of the interested parties find them incorrect, will they please notify me immediately, when the same can be rectified. All the above prizes will be given at the annual prize distribution of the Combined Yorkshire Societies, to be held in March, at the Market Tavern. Full particulars of same will be announced later.—H. HILL, secretary.

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY.

In case there should be some among those who read this notice who are unacquainted with the facts upon which the above appeal is being made, we may repeat that the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds is seeking to establish that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case.

The society recently brought a test case against two London bird-dealers (Messrs. Preston and Flowers). The case came before Mr. Biron, the magistrate sitting at Old Street Police Court, and he arrived at the decision that the society's view of the matter was correct, and he condemned the defendants in costs.

The extreme seriousness of this decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

The need of funds is urgent, however, so do not delay; send your contribution at once, addressed to Mr. Geo. Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in your letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

Here is the third list of subscriptions to come to hand:—Messrs. Geo. and A. Brown (Slater Street, London), £1 1s.; West London F.A., 10s.; W. Gore (Birmingham), 10s.; S. Young (Crewkerne), 10s.; "Heskin," 5s.; Leeds Linnet F.A., 5s.; Three Tunns Bird Club (Uxbridge), 5s.; Rev. H. A. Soames (Bromley), 5s.; Larkhall C.B.A., 5s.; National Quality Linnet S.A. (Blackburn), 5s.; Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S., 5s.; J. Bates (Hounslow), 5s.; T. Heath (London, S.W.), 5s.; Raunds and Dist. F.S., 4s.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S., 4s.; "A Hybrid Lover," 4s.; Keighley and Dist. C.B.S., 3s.; R. Stapleton (London, S.E.), 2s. 6d.; H. Jinks (Sheffield), 2s, 6d.; Fred Allen (Hull), 2s.; Chas. K. (Gorleston-on-Sea), 1s.; E. Rowe (Chatteris), 1s.; Chas. Dart (Plymouth), 1s.; and H. Tomkinson (Doncaster), 6d. This makes a total of £6 1s. 6d., and with the two lists previously published brings the aggregate to £20 2s. 1d.

We had hoped this week to have been in the position to make a full announcement as to the progress of the case, but circumstances have arisen which render it necessary to hold this over until our next issue. Then, too, we hope to be able to publish a list of subscriptions which will bring the total well within sight of the sum which it is estimated this appeal may cost, viz., £50 to £60. Many societies have written stating their intention to take the matter up in a practical manner.

I trust every British bird fancier who has read the most able letter by Mr. Trower in last week's CAGE BIRDS, will be infused with fresh vigour and energy to defeat this dastardly attempt to debar the humble of the only enjoyment which is suitable to their position in life. I endorse Mr. Trower's argument and reasoning that were this particular arrogant society to pay more attention to the horrible cruelties practised by the so-called "gentry" in the methods of seeking "sport" in shooting poultry-reared pheasants, badger-baiting, and deer hunting, then could we recognise the title of the N.S.P.C.A., but while they attack poor men they cannot claim to be anything else than part of the machinery which to-day makes one law for the exalted and one for lowly. Seeing that most of their "officers" are ex-butlers, coachmen, and "poor relations" to some of the badger-baiting fraternity, it becomes almost a serious matter that there should be some test to decide their fitness for their appointment. I would go still further re Mr. Trower's suggestion as to the forming of a league at the Crystal Palace, and say, why not have a "Preston and Flowers Box," or boxes, and appoint stewards to tackle the many visitors personally, for I feel sure that there are many British and Canary fanciers who are so shy that they would rather drop sovereigns in a box than send it. Remember, amateur bird-catching aspirants, that if you go for a day's catching to an unprotected town, under this decision of Mr. Biron, immediately you set foot in your own protected area you are liable to prosecution for unlawful possession. So open your pockets to defeat these "kill-sports" and their feudal methods, and let us have English methods for British fanciers, and one treatment alike for the aristocrat and commoner.—H. J. HAWES.

[We are making arrangements to have a collecting box for this Defence Fund placed upon CAGE BIRDS stall at the Crystal Palace Show; but we question whether the Palace authorities would sanction the importunity of visitors in the interests of the fund, as suggested by Mr. Hawes. We trust, however, that fanciers and other bird-loving visitors to the show will swell the Fund to the best of their ability, and that by the help of this collecting box the still considerable balance necessary to enable the appeal to be carried into effect will be subscribed. We will give full details in our next issue.—EDITOR.]

The results of all our recent competitions (except the Literary) will be announced in our next issue.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Onward Hall, 8. Syllabus for the year, table show, Nor. stock pairs; judge, Mr. S. Cook (Manchester); birds staged 8.20.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of matched pairs, Nor., Yorks. and Muling; judge, Mr. J. Sharples.—H. Foden.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Table show for pairs, 1 champion and 1 Novice class.—Elliott and Wood.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. W. Walsh, on "Breeding and Management of Canaries," Union business, arrangements for members' shows, etc., balance-sheet for tea and concert.—H. Hill.

Battersea C.B.A.—Feb. 2, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Annual report, appointing secretary.—Easterling and Allen.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Feb. 2, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

Beamish C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Bird Inn, 7. Annual meeting and election of officers.—M. Crosby.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 2, City Hotel, Wine Street. Balance-sheet will be read, also officers for the ensuing year elected.—W. H. Hanley.

Barton C. and B.B.C.—Feb. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Fanciers wishing to join, kindly attend.—E. C. Dunn.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 2, 8. Committee meeting; lecture by Mr. G. Davidson, 8.30, subject: "Birds I Have Kept"; fanciers in Carlisle will have a hearty welcome.—J. C. Bell.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Co-op Library, 7.30. Election of officers, judges, etc., fanciers welcomed.—G. Harver.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Round House Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, fanciers invited.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Annual general, election of officers, balance-sheet for tea and concert, classification and judges for members' show.—F. Gelder.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Chequers' Hotel, 8.30. Table show, A.V. cocks, selling 10/6; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.

Choppington C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Headquarters, 7. Elect secretary and officers, etc.—J. Dixon.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 2, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Election of officers, etc.—G. Peters.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 1, Beech Tree Hotel, Beech Street, 7.45. Members' show, Feb. 19, urgent.—T. L. Hancocks.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Feb. 1, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Statement of accounts, election of officers.—J. Swindley.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Doig's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Feb. 2, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Election of officers for 1910, etc.; fanciers and intending members please attend.—Bird and Siddle.

City of Bradford O.S.—eJn. 29, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for annual dinner and revise Y.U.C.B.S. rules, etc.—P. Rhodes.

Colne C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Angel Inn, 8. Balance-sheet for 1909, British Bird Defence Fund, etc.—A. Wilkinson.

Dalkeith C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Ship Inn, 7. General business, new members invited.—J. Ewing.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Half Moon, 8. Balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—E. Brunskill.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Saville Hotel. Members' show, birds staged at 3 o'c.; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—N. Rayner.

East Ham F.S.—Jan 31, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Committee's report re manual, members note, supper (1/6) and social for presentation to secretary, and of annual medals, at "Burnell Arms," High Street, Fed. 2nd, 8; Dr. F. J. McKettrick will preside.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh and Western O.S.—Feb. 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. Smoker statement, increase of Nor. classes.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Feb. 6, 142, High St., 8. New members enrolled.—J. Finnie.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 29, St. John's School, 7.30. Social evening and presentation of medals for 1909, tickets 6d.—L. Booth.

Forfar C.B.&S.—Feb. 5, Granite Bar, 7. Appointment of secretary, etc.—W. Grewar.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, balance-sheet for 1909, etc., Intending members should be present so as to be included in the new list.—R. Binks, jun.

Grimsby O.S.—Jan. 31, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Fanciers invited.—Moore and Harding.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Jan. 29. 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Election of officers.—T. Drysdale.

Great Horton, Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 29, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Bal.-sheet, election of officers, schedules for members' shows, distribution of prizes, and Union business.—H. Schofield.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 29, Griffin Hotel, 8. All unflight, birds, ck., hen, Yorks. green ck., hen, Nor. ck., hen, and the same six classes for novice.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools' C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Y.M.C.A., Whitby St., 7.30. Table show of breeding pairs, Yorks, Nor., Mules, Hyb.; judging competition at 7.30; fancier friends invited.—E. Woodhead.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 1, "Cricket Players," 8.—W. Cottingham.

Inverness O.A.—Feb. 2, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Annual general meeting.—A. Urquhart.

London and Counties O.A.—Jan. 31, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Adjourned general meeting.—W. Gilbert.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper will be read on the Exhibition Goldfinch, by the secretary.—P. Hart.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Fox and Hounds. Show of pairs, Crests and Plainheads, matched for breeding, all exhibits to be at the room by 7.30; judge, Mr. E. A. Bedwell; fanciers invited.—F. Rackham.

Luton C.B.S.—Jan. 31. Table show, breeding pairs of Nor., Yorks., Crests, and A.O.V.; judges, Messrs. Bennett and Webb.—E. Cherry.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To receive subscriptions and ticket money that secretary may send out prize money at once.—D. John.

Llanelly F. and C.B.—Annual meeting, Feb. 5, 8. Business: Show matters, also accounts of late show read out.—D. Griffiths.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor., yell. unflig., green or heavily varieg. hen, open and novice classes.—J. E. Wood.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Feb. 5, King's Head Hotel, Grangetown, 2.30. Pair show.—A. Wathe.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Vose's Rooms, 7.30. Business important.—E. Cowling.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 29, Morbray Arms, 8. Y.U. rules, etc.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Sycamore Hotel. Extra members' show, birds staged at 2.30; Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill), judge.—A. Gledhill.

Nelson C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Bull Hotel, 8. Brit. Bird Defence Fund, etc.—J. England.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Feb. 2, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Table show, stock pairs, two classes, Crests and Nor. (20-mile radius), special prize of one year's subscription to the society for non-members.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 29, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Ring question, etc.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Baptist School, 8. Annual general, election of officers, etc.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 31, Club, 6.30. Committee.—J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Temperance Club, 8. Monthly meeting, shows, etc.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 29, St. George's Hall, 7.—G. Oakes.

Reading C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Palmer Hall, 8. Lecture on Canaries, by Mr. Lewin, admission free, fanciers invited.—W. H. Pyke.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Leed Hotel, 8.—J. W. Lowes.

Selston F.S.—Jan. 29, School Room, Selsdon, 7. Meeting, when all fanciers are invited to attend.—W. Maltby.

South-West London C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, 8.30. To arrange pair show.—J. Jeffrey.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Show of matched pairs for breeding, also washing competition.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 1, Prince of Wales' Hotel, 7. Annual prize distribution, and pie supper, 9d. each, friends cordially invited.—H. Martin.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 1, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. British Bird Defence Fund, and general business.—W. Stafford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Commercial Hotel, 8. Taking entries for Saturday show, stage 3 o'c.; judge, Mr. F. Benn (Great Horton).—J. Lewis.

South Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate, 8. Very important C.B.U. matter, etc.—J. Barrass.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Holm's Lane Hotel, 8. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Hodgson (Bradford).—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. General business.—Duffield and Jennings.

Windhill O.S.—Jan. 29, 8. Correspondence, nomination for judges for winter shows, election of delegates; completion of election of officers; report of entertainment (Feb. 19) committee.—Garnett and Cook, secs.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Com. Hotel, 7. Adjourned annual, important.—W. Elliott.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. General meeting, election of officers, fixing up date, and judge for open show.—J. Gibbons.

West London F.A.—Feb. 3, Bush Hotel, 8. Pair show, classification, and lecture.—G. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on the Border Fancy Canary, by S. Hedwin.—W. Mallinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Fleece Hotel.—W. Ridge.

Walkden C.B.S.—Feb. 1, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil St., 7.30. Table show for British; fanciers invited.—H. Howard.

Windsor C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Star and Garter Hotel, peascod Street, 8.15.—E. A. Strickland.

A NOVEL SCHEME.

At the last meeting of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A., the date of the annual show was discussed, but not definitely decided upon; also what judge should be selected, this being a heated question. There has been a lot of controversy in the Fancy Press, as to which judge goes for the right type and standard, so it was decided to nominate three judges—Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford), Battye (Huddersfield), and A. Wellings (Prescot)—and to await the decision of fanciers (intending exhibitors or readers of CAGE BIRDS), the judge securing most votes to be asked to officiate. Everyone may vote on a postcard, giving the judge's name they fancy, and his (or her) name as a guarantee of good faith. All votes must send before February 1st to me.—J. H. NAYLER, secretary, 6, Mary Street, Lancaster.

[This scheme has certainly the merit of novelty; we do not know, however, whether the secretary has obtained the permission of Messrs. Mundell, Battye and Wellings to put forward their names; further, we doubt if an "election" such as this could possibly prove anything, for we question whether many readers would be found to vote.—EDITOR.]

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bald-necked Hen.

T. H. D.—Did the bird complete her moult last autumn? If this baroness is of only two months' standing, it is quite likely that the moult was suspended when near the finish. It is also possible that matters may right themselves as soon as the weather gets a little warmer and settled, but if the bird is no longer a youngster, there is a great probability of the disfigurement being permanent. Keep her in a comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but in a cosy and equable temperature, quite free from draughts, and extreme variations. Search the cage thoroughly to be quite sure there are no red mites about, and keep it strewn with clean gritty sand. Allow bird to bathe freely if not affected by chill afterwards. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed as staple, and three times a week give a small piece of bread and milk, slightly dusted once each week with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and then sprinkled with a little soft sugar and gold of pleasure seed. On the other two occasions use the sugar and seed only. On the alternating days give a spray of watercress, if available or a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. Moisten the bare skin twice a week with warm olive oil, but avoid soiling the surrounding plumage. Continue treatment for a month.

After a Change.

T. Foyle.—As you say, the bird's illness dates from the time you moved her into a clean cage from one which was infected with red mites, I suspect the change may have something to do with the illness. Is the cage of the same pattern as the previous one, or did you move her from a box cage to an open wire one, and is the cage in a different position, or had any birds recently died in it? The answers to these queries might throw some light on the matter. In the absence of such knowledge I can only advise you to see that the cage is quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold. Also keep red mites at bay, and see that cage and perches are scrupulously clean and strewn with clean gritty sand regularly. Do not allow it to hang near or above any burning light in the evenings. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or plain biscuit with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a few grains of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together.

About Feeding and Breeding.

J. T. F.—Your cages and aviary seem to be situated to the best advantage as far as one can tell from the sketch of the room. The method of feeding leaves but little room for improvement, but you must vary it a little differently now to begin to get the birds ready for breeding. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternating days give the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Once a week give half a teaspoonful of the food you use, and sprinkle it with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. About a fortnight hence begin to give the condition food twice a week, and at the beginning of March again increase it and give either the mixed seed or soft food—each one alternately—every second day, alternately with the rape seed. If there are any birds that appear backward, add an extra pinch of gold of pleasure seed every second day, and give one or two tender young dandelion leaves daily. Do not mate the birds until the end of March or first week in April, according to the weather, and do not mate them until they are ready, irrespective of time or reason. The matings you suggest are quite correct. May good luck attend ye! You have set yourself an excellent ideal in aiming at producing birds like those portrayed on our last coloured plate of Yorkshires. Get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL when ready, and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. each, post free from our Manager, and you need not go far wrong.

Bald and Hearty.

Esperance.—First of all carefully examine the cage for red mites as frequently advised in these columns, and if any are found, take drastic steps to thoroughly eradicate them. Matters will then probably right themselves with the baldness of the cock, and all you need do further is to moisten the place twice a week for a month with warm olive oil, but avoid soiling the surrounding plumage. The wing or tail feather of a small bird may be used to apply it. If no mites are found, treat it as advised to "T.H.D." in this issue. The hen is doubtless a victim of too generous feeding. Put her on a diet of plain canary seed only as a staple for a few weeks, and limit the supply to a small teaspoonful a day, being careful not to forget the daily supply. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and at the same time reduce the canary seed supply by the same amount. Give a good spray of watercress daily if available, or a morsel of banana three times a week when green food cannot be obtained. Keep a supply of clean gritty sand in cage regularly. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and during the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

"Doddering" Crests.

Beaten.—I am not quite clear about what you call sitting violently shaking on the perch. If it is a kind of convulsive shaky movement of the head and neck, I should suspect that the bird was blind, in which case you can do absolutely nothing for her. Examine her to see if this surmise is correct. Then it may be an occasional jerking and twitching of the tail and hinder parts of body, in which case it is simply an effect of constipation. Keep it in a cosy part of the room, not necessarily a very warm one, but where it is as free as possible from variations, and also bright, airy, and not cold. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and on two other days a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On each of the remaining days give a spray of watercress or other green food when obtainable in fit condition, or, as a substitute, a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia every second day for a week, and on the alternate day six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Do not allow the bird to bathe until better. The crest-bred cock has probably had a bad chill in some way, and from what you say about the room I can only imagine it is from too free bathing, unless a window has been left open some time for his benefit (?). All birds cannot withstand cold bathing alike any more than all humans can. Treat him the same as the hen in the matter of heat and position. In addition to staple, give half a teaspoonful of rape every second day, and each alternate day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, with sugar and seed as above, and a scrap of banana three times a week. Give the fluid magnesia for two consecutive days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week; every second day for the next week, then miss a week, and repeat again in same order. Do not allow him to bathe until better. Shall be glad to hear how they are in a month.

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Ruffled and Sneezes.

Forester.—Look into the bird's surroundings, and see if it is not somewhat exposed to chill or draughts, and also see that it is not allowed to hang near or above a burning light in the evenings. Increase the diet a little above the winter standard, by giving a half-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day in addition to the staple of plain canary seed. On the alternate days give twice each week a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with a little soft sugar, and a few grains of a mixture of gold of pleasure seed and inga. On each of the remaining days give a little green food when in fit condition for use. Keep the cage and perches scrupulously clean, see there are no red mites, and supply clean gritty sand regularly. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and for the rest of the next week give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three. For another week after this give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Two in Distress.

Two Barrel Organs.—Am afraid from what you say that the birds are more familiar with suffering and length of days than you seem to give them credit for. Keep them rather on the warm side, but do not overdo it, and overheat them. Still, see they are snug and comfortable, and quite away from any sense of chilliness, and, of course, keep them as regular as possible, and quite out of reach of draughts. Do not let them be near or above burning lights in the evening. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give each bird half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately about five days a week, and twice a week the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, or plain powdered biscuit, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of watercress when available three or four times a week; at other times substitute a scrap of ripe banana. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, paregoric, and chlorodyne, every second day for a fortnight. Then report result, and I will advise further if necessary. Any good chemist will supply you with a small quantity of the mixture; equal parts of ingredients named, and so save you having to buy large bottles of each.

Sib-breeding.

"Shot."—You omit to say whether the buff ticked cock you mated with the Sib hen last season was also a Sib-bred bird. If it was I should imagine one of the birds was very weak in Sib qualities, as their progeny shows there is still a very large proportion of green blood in one or both of them, which is just what Sib breeding aims at obliterating. It is quite as important to have the cocks Sib bred as the hens; a point which you may have overlooked. Unless you are sure the yellow Norwich hen you mention has also been Sib bred, I would not advise you to make the experiment. On the contrary, to go on working off the few birds you have, I would advise you to get, if possible, a clear yellow cock, brother to the hen that died, and mate with the buff marked hen; a clear buff hen, own sister to the hen that died, and mate with the slightly marked yellow cock; and the buff ticked cock you could either pair with the yellow green, or with the clear yellow Norwich, to obtain material as fresh blood for the Sib strain the following season. The latter I should rather prefer, and leave the yellow green out of the Sib strain at this stage, as showing too much affinity for the green blood. The fact of the Norwich hen not being so typical as the other is of comparatively little moment, as typical qualities are not of paramount importance in Sib breeding.

Brevities.

Cause of Death (E. H.).—Thanks for letter. Sorry that after so much improvement the bird should have been seized with sudden death. Only a post-mortem could have shown the real cause of this, though I suspect it was an apoplectic seizure, and you could do nothing to prevent it, or to cure it when it occurred.

Roller not Singing (A Reader).—I really cannot gather from your note whether the bird shows any signs of illness. Is the dark appearance you refer to around the vent on the skin or on the feathers? Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better write again, and give more particulars. For staple food give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and twice each week half a teaspoonful of hemp. On two other days give a bit of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a day or two.

Mating (A. B. Ginner).—It is very difficult to advise you from your description as you both say the bird is very good and bred from typical plainheads, and that it looks just like a crest-bred, and you omitted to say whether the bird is a yellow or buff. I should say it is a buff, and probably is a reversion to a former cross. Whether you should really use it in the breeding cage at all, seeing that you are anxious to breed only high-class Norwich, it is impossible to say without seeing the bird and knowing more about its pedigree. If you do use it you would get the best results from mating it with a typical plainhead yellow hen, about the standard size, and with very short close feathers, inclined to bairiness rather than otherwise, and with as little as possible behind the perch. It should also be rather short on leg, but not squatty.

Egg Food Substitute (Can-Can).—Yes, either cod liver oil, or cod liver oil and malt, puppy biscuits, form an excellent substitute for egg food. But do not use any brand containing meat. I do not think it would be best to moisten them with milk instead of water, because there is the risk of the mixed food turning sour and setting up diarrhœa, besides which the biscuits contain quite a sufficiency of nourishing pabulum in themselves. The best way to prepare the food is to break up the dry biscuit into pieces in a saucer, cover with boiling water, and allow to stand until quite soft. Then drain off all the surplus moisture with a little pressure, and stir into a crumbly mass with a fork. If necessary, add a little dry-powdered biscuit to absorb moisture, and bring all to a crumbly consistency. Cut the linseed out of the mixed seed, and reduce the quantity given by one-half.

Dull and Mopes (C.H.H.).—It is doubtless living at peace with itself and the world. It is taking life easy, and laying on fat; and it may get too lazy to brace up when required. In addition to the staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and on each of the remaining days each week give a fair sized spray of watercress, or young leaf of dandelion, whenever the latter can be obtained in good condition, or, in lieu of either of these, a scrap of ripe banana. Continue this feeding for a month, and discontinue all other items you have been giving which are not mentioned here. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Loss of Plumage (H. J. Rouse).—I am still of opinion that red mite are the cause of the trouble. Your letter seems to infer that you examined the bird for the insects. You should now examine the structure of the cage, and the place where it hangs. With a pin or stiff bristle carefully probe between the joints of the door, and every joint, crack, or small hole, scraping the dust, etc., on to a piece of white paper; then you will probably find the objects of your search. In that case deal with the cage thoroughly, as frequently advised here, and pay similar attention to the place where cage hangs. After this soak a few quassia chips overnight in the bathing water twice a week for a time. The frequent egg-laying may be due to overheating, or over-indulgence in stimulating foods, or both, but as you are quite silent on this point you had better write again, and say how you have been feeding. Meantime, feed on plain canary only, with a good spray of watercress daily, and give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days.

Seed Samples and Diarrhœa (J. P. C.).—I suppose the trouble is symptomatic of diarrhœa, and the seeds are most likely the cause. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb, in each ounce of drinking water daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for the remainder of week. Meantime, get a better sample of seed, and matters will right themselves. No. 1 (rape) is very good, but is probably new, and requires some months' proper storage to make it excellent for use. No. 2 (rape) is a mixture, probably, and a hot acrid sample that is best avoided. No. 3 is a so-called rape; I do not profess to know what species it represents. It is quite cool, and may be good for birds. No. 1 (canary) is quite fair in size, bright, and clean, and fair in quality, but bordering on mediocrity. No. 2 (canary) is very small, contains a lot of extraneous matter, and is decidedly poor. No. 3 (canary) is still smaller than No. 2, and contains a lot of badly ripened seed in addition.

Buff to Buff (Novice).—If the birds' points are as stated in your letter, and you do not wish to get fresh stock for mating, you would do quite right to mate these two buffs. This should give a perceptible increase in size, and if the young should show any tendency to coarseness you must correct this next season by getting a good yellow or two with short and fine feathers, plenty of rich natural colour, to pair up with the young, and do not repeat the double buff experiment with any of these young.

Mate for Border (Will Wimble).—You certainly might have seen it stated that one could get even-marked birds from a green and ticked pair, but in such case, you want to know something of the birds' predecessors as a very great deal depends upon how the green was bred. A green that was bred from a mating of two variegated birds is generally the one to depend upon for these results. I take it from your remarks that this is the result you would like to aim at, and in that case I would advise a clear buff hen bred from an even-marked strain as a mate for the Border cock. If such a bird is not available you may have a very slightly wing-ticked hen, but choose the least possible amount of marking, and insist on the bird coming from a known even-marked strain.

Supposed Asthma (T. D.).—Am inclined to think the supposed asthma merely the results of exposure to draughts or extremes of heat and cold, and unless these causes are removed you will be lucky if you do not find it rapidly becoming much worse. Keep it in a fairly equable temperature, and quite free from draughts. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. If mated at the proper time there is practically no risk of the cock taking the complaint, but if the ailment is at all pronounced or troublesome the bird is certainly the worse for breeding with, inasmuch as none but perfectly healthy birds should be allowed to reproduce their kind.

Very Vague (Joseph Alger).—Sorry, but I must ask you to at least tell me how the birds appear to be affected, as this time you merely tell me what variety you keep, and how you feed them, and then say you cannot give more information as to their illness, that remark being absolutely all the evidence I have that the birds are ill. Meantime, as your feeding is bad put the birds on the following dietary. Staple food, plain canary only. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on two other days a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. Three times a week a spray of watercress or leaf of dandelion, if it can be procured in good condition. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a small pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch for Muling.

Silex.—I think your bird ought certainly to prove a muler. He will come into breeding condition in due course, if well fed. Don't forget that the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May being the month he selects to "keep house" in. House-moulted birds come into breeding condition earlier than those in field plumage. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies; teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, safflower, summer rape, and charlock half-part each. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure and coraflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads, are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible).

The Eternal Sex Problem.

Brookfield.—You are quite right, unfortunately; many hen Linnets are bought as cocks. The best guide for the novice is to choose a bird with a good edging of white to the tail feathers, and which has the white on the flight (wing) feathers extending right back to the quill (shaft), and white underneath the wing as well as on top. The hens are grey in colour, and heavily streaked with markings on the breast; the cock has a nut-brown back and wing butts, and signs of red are to be observed on the breast feathers, especially if ruffled with a finger, and at the end of winter and the approach of the breeding season the breast of the cock becomes very perceptibly red. On the breast of the cock the tips of the feathers have a "mooned" appearance—an edging of brownish-red colour disposed in a shape resembling that of the new moon. Any red feathers on the breast infallibly denote a cock—unless, of course, the "red" has been applied by human hands. A three-year-old cock Linuet in the breeding season develops a really gorgeous crimson head and breast. To sum up: In an adult bird always look for good whites, a rich nut-brown back, and a "mooned" breast, and you can't go wrong. The cock never carries the heavy, streaky "pencilling" on the breast which is found upon the hen; or so seldom as to be only the proverbial exception that proves the rule.

A Good Snow Bunting.

Mc Innes.—Judging from your description I certainly think you have a very good specimen. The three great show points in a Snow Bunting are size, steadiness, and purity of the white parts of the plumage. They vary a good deal in size, and as a rule only an extremely large bird stands a chance in keen competition—a bird with a wide, bold head, and very wide, rounded chest. The white plumage should be as snowy as possible, and whatever brown it may have across the chest and elsewhere be of a warm, rich tone, while the markings on the wings and tail should be distinct, and dense, glossy black. All the Buntings feed very much alike. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few Buntings will eat any quantity of other seeds, though small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten, while some get to like crushed sunflower and safflower. To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to

give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally), according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds; this helps to bring them into condition. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place.

Management of Bullfinch.

A.E.N.—Bullies are very fond of hemp, like many other birds, and this is why they eat only this and leave the Canary seed. I certainly think a large percentage of hemp seed is bad for a Bullfinch. They get very fat and wheezy, as a rule, on excess of it. Probably you will know, too, that it is well established that excess of hemp affects the colour of the Bullfinch, and will even cause it to moult out black, or partially black. I have found that safflower and sunflower seeds are far better than hemp, as a regular thing, for the Bullfinch. The following would make your bird an excellent stock mixture, and any good seedsman would put it up for you. Canary and teazle two pints of each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each, safflower and sunflower a quarter pint of each. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw one part, and give a pinch twice a week, also a little hemp once a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed, and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. For green foods give any of the following, according to season:—Shepherd's purse, daudelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hardheads, and many other wild seeding plants these birds are also very fond of; likewise, an occasional mealworm.

In an Aviary.

C. Hobdell.—Sixteen to twenty birds will be plenty for your aviary. It is bad to overcrowd. It would have been better if a foot wider—four feet instead of three. It is impossible to say what birds will agree; all one can do is to indicate birds that ought to agree. Unfortunately they vary much in disposition. Some Greenfinches, for instance, are very peaceable, others regular savage brutes; which kind you will get hold of I, of course, cannot say. Again, birds which have agreed well together through the autumn and winter will often commence to quarrel and fight viciously when the spring and the breeding season come round. Birds, like human beings, are more than one remove from the angels. They have their lapses from grace, and these "break-outs" often surprise (and annoy) their owner. I have known a Yellowhammer, peaceful enough through the winter, behave like a fiend in the coming of the spring. Either keep all cocks, or keep the sexes of each species equal; and have not more than one pair of Chaffinches and Bramblefinches. Generally speaking, it is better not to mix softbills with hardbills. You could try any of the better known Finches (except the Crosshill) and Buntings. It does not matter what part of the country you obtain them from. Creepers and plants are quickly destroyed by the birds. Ivy is suitable, and the evergreens (privet, box, holly, fir, etc.). Hawthorn bushes and the like get their buds and leaves all picked off.

Treatment of Thrush.

C. I.—You say the bird is a male, was born last April, and does not sing a note. Why do you think it a male? So far as I know, the song is the only sure guide to the sex. So may not your bird be a hen? Anyway, it is not getting sufficient variety in the way of food. Soaked chicken-meal is excellent if a little of a good mixture, specially designed for insectivorous birds, is mixed in with it, and some suitable live foods given, also fruit and berries, according to season. But the best (though not the cheapest) method is to feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush.

Linnet Mules Wanted.

Ploughboy.—You are wise to follow my advice and try the Linnet-Canary couple. They are the best to make a start with. The stock mixture now should be: canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) and during the moult, about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plaintain and groundsel freely in the spring and the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. To bring them on to song and in condition quickly the great "secret" is to give them a good daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well off it. Also put in the "side-pan," or "tit-bit" drawer, daily a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plaintain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This treatment will bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

A Linnet-Canary Couple.

J. Jackson.—Your plans seem to be well laid; you certainly are proceeding on the right lines, and ought to meet with success. You must not be impatient, however; many beginners make a mess of things through trying to start before their birds are ready. The best mixture for a Linnet now is: Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one part each. As regards the "conditioning," see the reply given "Ploughboy" this week. You should gather shepherd's purse, flowering groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc. All these are very valuable in getting one's birds into high breeding condition. Note other replies this week. The hen Canary ought not to have the same mixture as the Linnet. Plain canary seed should be given her, with a little summer rape, daily. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of hemp, and once a week the same quantity of maw and inga mixed (equal parts). This will give variety, and be quite "forcing" enough. A little egg food twice or thrice a week can be commenced about March. But be guided by the condition of your Linnet; you don't want the hen to commence laying eggs before he is "rank," or they will of a certainty be clear. His beak will be blue-black in colour, and his song very vigorous and free when he is in right breeding condition.

Brevities.

A Book (Crescent).—There is not a good up-to-date book published on the subject you mention. One will be issued by CAGE BIRDS in the near future. The two "Nutshell" booklets dealing with the Goldfineh and the Linnet would be very helpful to you.

Linnet Muling (Another New Reader).—See other replies this week about getting Linnets into breeding condition, and the signs of the latter. Was the Linnet which failed last year a housemoulted one? If not, then he may give greater satisfaction this coming season.

More Linnet Mules (Young Hopeful of 16).—Get a Jonque variegated hen of Norwich type, as big as you can. That will be the right bird to breed good Linnet Mules, full of colour. A Linnet born one summer is quite fit to mate up the next summer (i.e., the summer after he himself was bred). I prefer a two-year bird, though, being better developed.

Sib Hens (W. S. Arther).—It is a controversial point. Some people say they do not believe in "Sib" hens; others say the reverse. Personally, I am quite satisfied that certain hens have the faculty of producing light Mules where others fail. Some day I will give my reasons and the results of my experiments. If you do not know of any genuine "Sib" hens, try to get a pink-eyed Yorks type hen bred from as clear stock as possible, or a Lancashire hen.

A Moss-cheeper (Cherry).—What bird do you mean to indicate by the term "moss-cheeper"? I presume the Hedge Sparrow. If so, this bird will live in the house if given one of the soft foods sold for small insectivorous birds (see advertisement columns, or enquire at a seed or bird shop) prepared as advised on the packet. They will also eat a little seed (canary and crushed hemp), and should have a mealworm or two frequently, with flies, etc., as in season. Usually this bird is very unsteady when first caged.

A Bullfinch Disaster (I. F. U.).—I am afraid you alone were to blame. The tail of any Bullfinch will come out if you hang on to it too long. It grows again in five to six weeks. Fresh-caught birds should not be handled at first; it serves to keep them wild by making them nervous of you. Have a door in the side of the cage and run them out (when necessary) through this. Broadly speaking, a bird should be handled by dropping one's hand over its back so as to keep the wings secure against its sides, while the thumb and fingers close around neck and breast. All undue pressure must be avoided.

Three Matters (Silex).—1. The habit mentioned is not a sign of illness. Do you give a sufficient supply of vegetable ingredient in the food? Note another reply this week. 2. This "opening their mouths and panting" is more likely to be due to over-fatness or "congestion" than to bronchial troubles. Dissolve in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much sulphate of soda (crusbed) as will lie upon a shilling. Give two doses, on alternate days; plain water in between. Attend to the vegetable ingredient in the food. 3. Tbrushes do not require chopped meat daily. See reply to "C. I." this week.

Still More Linnet Mules (Beginner).—Mules can certainly be bred from cock Linnet and hen Canary, but the reverse mating is the usual one, and the best and easiest unquestionably, for a beginner. I deal with the feeding in other replies this week. Your four field-moulted Linnets can all be run with the hen Canaries you intend to mate up to them. It may be wise to separate them at the end of February, to keep the hens backward; too early nests mean clear eggs, as a rule. If using double breeders (the best, by far) simply run the wired centre slide between them. When the Linnets seem ready, then go ahead.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Pin-tailed Nonpariel.

Martin.—This species is by no means a long liver in captivity. Are you sure no draught reaches it? Give it one or two doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful to one ounce of water), but while the bowels must be made to operate freely, the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Follow this by a course of Parrish's chemical food. Your diet is satisfactory, but at this juncture I should add thereto a little milksop, which will certainly be helpful if the bird will take it. I am of the opinion the above will meet the case, but if any evidence of a cough remains after days, then instead of the chemical food, give the following, for, say, three days, to be then followed by the chemical food: Ipecacuahana wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; take one part of the mixture and two parts of water, and supply this instead of the drinking water, for the period named.

Are Avadavats Soloists?

G.Y.—While I cannot say that the species as a whole are soloists, or that it is constant, yet I have noticed with Avadavats that as a rule only one sings at a time, the rest listen, and then another performer sings his song, and so on. You must also bear in mind that with wild birds the period of song is often confined almost entirely to the courting and breeding season, and in captivity many species retain this characteristic. I do not think you need restrict numbers, it is very interesting sometimes to watch a row of these feathered mites, one will give his performance, while all the rest listen, then he becomes a listener while one of his fellows performs—birds are much more polite than genus homo in this respect, except Canaries, who are even more rude than the humans who have domesticated them, as a rule, for each seeks to drown the efforts of every other bird in their vicinity.

Amazon Ailing.

E.J.H.—This bird is suffering from the effects of the voyage to this country, and should at present be kept rather warm and free from all draught, yet at the same time where it can get light and air. Cleanse the nostrils once or twice a day with diluted glyco-thymoline, and give the bird several doses of Dinneford's magnesia, with two or three days between each dose—one teaspoonful to each ounce of water; when not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Confine its diet to the following: Seed mixture, ripe fruit ad lib, plain biscuit, nuts; a little dry potato may also be given as a treat. Many Amazons are fond of a little boiled maize twice or thrice a week, and this can be given, but it only keeps fresh one day, and stale corns must not be left about. Do not give any slops or messes, table scraps, or any animal food whatever.

Hooded Siskin Ailing.

Constant Reader.—This species usually arrive in rather a critical state, and, personally, I should certainly put all new arrivals on to a little milk sop, supplying the usual seeds, also spray millet, a little of any kind of fruit it will take. Keep a close watch that the bowels move freely, while the voidings should not be allowed to remain watery, yet these should be hard. At any rate, I should give two doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. Follow the first dose of magnesia with one drop of tincture of opium in the usual quantity (small glass drinker) of drinking water for two days. Crush some cuttle fish to the size of white millet; strew this over sand, and also put a little with the seeds. Personally, I do not believe in any extended use of drugs and usually find if things are taken in time, that an aperient, tonic or cold mixture meets the case. I should advise caging this bird separately for a time—keep it warm and free from draught, yet at the same time where it will get light and air. Maw seed is beneficial in small quantities, but should not be given too freely. Your bird has evidently not yet got over the hardships of importation.

Brevities.

Spermaphila (D.R.).—(1) The Spermaphilæ are the most difficult of any genus I know to name from written descriptions, unless these are very minute. I think, however, your bird is the Reddish Finch, which, though it has been known for many years, has never been imported in any quantity, and of late years has been scarcely heard of. (2) It is a cock, and while the hens are not silent, it is merely a call-note which they utter. (3) Both this and your Waxbill will be quite safe with the Canaries; the only fault of the latter is that they wish to know everybody's business as well as their own—the result of domestication, I presume!

Red-crested Cardinals (V.A.G.).—The Red-crested Cardinal is also known as the Grey Cardinal and the Red-crested Grey Cardinal. I don't consider any of the Cardinals can lay much claim to song, they have some rich notes, but they are not continuous; however, I must qualify this by saying that some Virginians are fairly good songsters, with a little more variety than those named above. A Green, also known as the Black-crested Cardinal, is a handsome bird, worth 15s. to 20s., and has some rather plaintive but peculiar notes, but nothing in the way of sustained song. All the Cardinals are, however, popular favourites and bold and handsome birds.

Green Parrot in Poor Plumage (No Name).—For this bird, even though it is in apparently good health, to have remained so bare for so long a period, points to something radically wrong somewhere, and till you give me full particulars of the bird's demeanour, how you have been feeding and generally treating it, I cannot possibly give you any definite assistance. In the meantime give the bird two or three doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of water), with three days between the doses; on the days you are not giving the magnesia, put Parrish's chemical food in the water. Repeat query, with information as above, and I will try and help you further.

What Troupial? (Folkestone). — (A).—It is a Yellow or Golden Hangnest, an uncommon species, and of which but a comparatively few specimens have reached this country. It was introduced to English aviculture by my esteemed friend, Mr. E. W. Harper, who presented the Zoo with a pair and myself with a young male; since then occasional odd specimens have leaked through, mostly from the continent. Its value is about 50s., though some have been offered for less owing to not being recognised. (B).—I am of the opinion the bird indicated here is the Argentine Silky Cowbird or Troupial. The Zoo called the Red-headed Troupial, the Silky Hangnest. If you would describe the plumage I could then give you a definite answer.

Hand-Rearing Budgerigars (Mrs. Budgerigar).—I must confess to being somewhat of an ignoramus on this topic, never having attempted this feat; for, as a rule, all young Budgies that are hatched out their parents usually rear without difficulty. If I were to make the attempt I should use soaked bread and scalded seed; supply both just warm (that is, with the chill taken off), and to get them used to it gently open their bills at first to accustom them to the food; they soon learn to take it from between the fingers. Unless you wish to have tame hand-reared pets, it is not worth the trouble. If you, however, elect to do so, I should advise you to get "Budgerigars and Cockatells," 6d., plus postage, from "C.B." Office; this booklet I believe gives detailed directions.

What Parrots? (Regular Reader).—No. 1 is a Blue-fronted Amazon; this species, though not as teachable as a Grey, mostly make fair talkers, rare good mimics, and companionable birds—it is very probably a young bird, and will gradually come into good feather. Its present value is from 25s. to 30s., according to condition; this value will increase according to its talent as a talker. No. 2 is, I think, either a Blossom-headed or a Malabar Parrakeet, and should at any rate learn to utter a few words, but it is not usually good practice to let two Parrots out of the cage together, though they can be kept in the same room together, and should emulate each other in speech. They would probably be better with the width of the room between them, but experiment will readily decide this.

Finches for Indoor Aviary Cage (F.T.).—You could keep about a dozen to fifteen birds comfortably in your cage. Neither the Ribbon nor the Nutmeg Finch has any song; at the same time they are not dumb. With the above you could keep Grey Singing Finch, Zebra, Grey and Orange-cheek Waxbills, and Common and Green Avadavats, all the latter have sweet little songs, while the Grey Singing Finch, if you get a good one, is quite an accomplished vocalist. Supply Canary, white, and spray millet, few oats, paddy rice, a little tender lettuce now and again, or a bit of ripe apple. Crush some cuttle-fish to the size of white millet, and mix it both with the seed and sand. In the summer blighty sprays of non-poisonous foliage will greatly conduce to the birds' happiness and well being. Use twiggy branches for perches.

Grey in Moult (Chin-Chin).—I do not think you have cause for any anxiety re your Parrot; the period of the moult is very irregular, and the extremely changeable weather, with the consequent variable temperature indoors, often induces the shedding of a few feathers. While I am inclined to think the dropping of these feathers quite normal, it is best to be on the safe side, and I should advise you to keep the bowels moving freely (not watery loose), with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food.

Amazon Parrots (T.H.).—There are over a dozen different species of Amazon Parrots, and of these, in my opinion, the Blue-front is the best and readiest talker, but no hard and fast line can be drawn, as there is so much individualism among the respective species. I am of the opinion your birds are immature Blue-fronts, and in due course they will pick up what they hear going on around them, both words and sounds. To this end keep them where they will hear plenty of conversation, without being alarmed by too much bustle in their vicinity; also talk to them when they are quiet and restful. It needs patience and perserverance, but in due course you will find them responsive.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Peacock out of Sorts.

G. P.—Try sulphur ointment for the raw place on your peacock's back. I never heard of one being thus affected before. Also examine him to see if he has vermin, and dust him well with insect powder if this is the case. Peafowl do not usually roost with fowls, but in the open on trees or roofs, and it may be that his association with them has caused the mischief. If he is thin and poor, give him some extra food daily, apart from the fowls—a mixture of chopped cooked meat and raw onion would be suitable.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. Dawes.—Replied by post.

T. H. Bowen.—Replied by post.

Cock Canary (Bester).—This bird died from pneumonia affecting both lungs, the left lung principally. It is sporadic in character, there being no evidence of infection, and resulting no doubt from climatic causes. During the prevailing cold weather you should provide extra warmth for your birds, together with a liberal diet.

Hen Gouldian ("Gouldian").—A slow peritonitis, evidently originating from the time you exhibited it, was accountable for the loss of your bird. By the term slow, I mean a peritonitis of a more subacute nature, which would be in its onset slow and insidious in character, not causing any undue distress, but at times manifesting itself in sharp, sudden, painful attacks. Alternating changes of temperature would account for its first onset.

Cock Bullfinch ("Camphell.")—Enteritis was the cause of your bird's death, probably due to some irritant introduced with the food or water, but more probably the former. Your dieting was certainly liberal, but too varied. The intestines were in an inflamed state throughout nearly their whole course, whilst the proventriculus, which never contains much, was in this case perfectly empty, whilst the gizzard contained hardly anything at all; this scarcely coincides with the history you gave me. I should think that the earlier manifestations of the disease were overlooked, and that the bird must have been ailing a day or two before observed. No treatment would have availed at the time the illness became apparent; it would have been too late. You should use care in the selection of the green foods you give your birds, many of which contain active toxic principles which would be quite capable of producing these pathological changes.

Norwich Cock Canary (J. Lamb).—Your birds are suffering from an infectious disease, the true character of which is not yet apparent. I was unable to detect the presence of micro-organisms in the blood or secretions, nor are there any definite lesions sufficiently well marked to be diagnostic of any one particular disease. What I should submit for my inspection any other birds you may lose, which may afford us further evidence. Both lungs were markedly affected with pneumonia, being black in colour, not any one part only being free from attack. The liver substance similarly affected with hepatis, or inflammation of the organ, but the most marked symptom was the connection with the head, the cranial bones being stained with blood. On removing these and exposing the surface of the brain there was found a large effusion of blood, causing pressure, which would result in the irresponsible movements that you describe before death. The meninges, or coverings, were also in an inflammatory condition. This is a specific disease which has invaded [illegible] cies there can be no doubt, and you should take all due precaution to prevent its extension by the isolation of all sick birds, and carrying out a thorough system of disinfection. Get the following prescription made up, and give to the remaining birds in drinking water, one teaspoonful night and morning for a week or ten days. The doses are for one bird; your chemist will prepare according to the number of birds you possess:—Liquor arsenicalis, one grain; acid sulph., two minims; tinct. cardamom Co., six minims; aquam ad., two ounces; one ounce Bis in die.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor

Cutting (C. K. Eaton).—Many thanks.

A Suspended Cage (Miss Hampton).—Many thanks; will endeavour to reproduce the next week.

A Presentation (Wilson Nayler).—Pressure on space necessitated the holding over (which we regret) of the account you sent.

A Hybrid (A. Jay).—We will see that your letter reaches our expert. There will be no need to send the number of the exhibit, we think.

The "Annual" (H. Barnes).—We received the subscription, thanks, and the "Annual" shall duly be sent the first week in February. It is not published until then.

The Clarke versus Cutler Controversy (T. J. E.).—We appreciate the spirit which prompts you to write, but think it is better that the controversy should be left to the two parties concerned.

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Correspondence.

A Phonograph Record of the Linnet's Song.

SIR,—I would like to ask if there is a record made of the Linnet's song, or if it is possible to get a record made for a talking machine with a Linnet's song on it? If any of your readers could give me an answer through the correspondence columns, I should be very much obliged.

C. B.

The New Society for Codnor Park.

SIR,—I see in your valuable paper that they have started a new society for Codnor Park and district, and that the majority of the cage-bird members of the Selston Society have resigned. But I should like to know what "majority" it is that resigned—if two or three is a majority? Had Mr. Mitchell finished with one society first, there would have been no complaint. However, he says a committee man has insulted him. In what way has he insulted him the committee man would like to know?

NOM-DE-PLUME.

The Holding Capacity of Aviaries

SIR,—There is one point in Mr. W. T. Page's interesting article in your issue of 15th January which should not pass without comment, because it is likely to altogether mislead beginners—I allude to Mr. Page's remark that "not more than one pair should be kept to each square foot of the ground area." Obviously he has enormously over-estimated the capacity of an aviary. For instance, the aviary he mentions, measuring 50 ft. by 50 ft., would have a ground area of 2,500 sq. ft., and therefore (according to Mr. Page's estimate) would contain no less than 5,000 birds; and a tiny garden aviary, measuring 10 ft. by 4 ft., would hold no less than 80 birds! Further comment is, I think, needless.

ONLOOKER.

Alleged "Faked" Norwich Plainheads in Scotland.

SIR,—I see that it has not been brought to the notice of the Fancy that a prominent exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads was disqualified at Forfar Show at the New Year. I think cases of this kind cannot be given too much publicity, so that it may deter others. Alleged staining matter was taken off a clear yellow hen and a buff variegated hen with a handkerchief dipped in cold water; when rubbed on the tails it is alleged an orange tint was left. For exhibitors of standing to descend to such mean and disgraceful practices is really disgusting, more especially to honest working-men fanciers, who have quite enough to do to keep things going, without being beaten by such. The best thing these exhibitors can do is to retire as gracefully as possible, for the Forfar case does not stand all alone, as it has been noticed that quite a number of the winners this season have been faked, especially on the wings. I think the sooner the exhibitors are brought to book the better it will be for all concerned.

ONE IN THE FANCY.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a short space in reply to the "marvellous mathematician" of the W.C.B.C. Far from evading the question, Mr. Jones, I have, as previously mentioned, given you both statistical and other proofs in previous issue, and verified by CAGE BIRDS. You seem to ignore these substantial facts altogether, and doubtless for the express purpose of concealing your own delinquencies. No, Mr. J., the adoption of the role of injured innocence ill becomes you, and readers have undoubtedly formed a true conception of yourself also, notwithstanding your plausibility and veraciousness. I am fully aware that it was you who practically on our show date despatched a wire to CAGE BIRDS, withdrawing your patronage, and hoping to materially affect our entries. So your committee authorised you to do so. Did they also authorise you to advise your members in open postal communication to boycott our show? If this is illustrative of the mode in which you uplift the Fancy, you surely work by contrarieties. Our supposed non-compliance with your classification was but the mythical outcome of your own bigoted imagination, unless you had a special classification for Swansea only. Although you bombastically endeavour to proclaim the hypothetical merits of the W.C.B.C., I fully realise that "Ad ogni uccello suo nido e bello," and your words need unprejudiced verification, which, in consequence of your recent contemptible boycotting attempt and under-action, you will find extremely difficulty to obtain. So your conscience is still pricking you, Mr. J., concerning the society that your patronage was practically forced upon, regardless of rules or classification. It was no invention of mine, as you know perfectly well, and your "unalloyed satisfaction" is decidedly premature, as you will receive a rude awakening ere long. In conclusion, I beg to ask, does the W.C.B.C. benefit any society which obtains their patronage? Glance at the deplorable result of the recent Pontypridd Show.

ALF. HITCHINGS,
Hon. Sec. Swansea and Dis. C.B.S.

A Bullie which Sings the Canary's Song.

SIR,—About two months ago I bought a cock Bullfinch, and I have had him hanging between two Canaries. One morning recently I heard him whistling the whole Canary song quite distinctly, and although, of course, very low, it is quite understandable. I should be very pleased to hear if any of your readers have had a similar experience with a Bullie.

H. CLARK.

The Brighton Cage Bird Society

SIR,—It was decided at a meeting held on January 20th, at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, Brighton, to form a Cage Bird Society, with membership open to the United Kingdom. I shall be pleased to receive the applications of any fanciers who would like to join before the next meeting on February 9th. The subscription is to be 2s. 6d. per year, and 1s. entrance. I hope we shall get a good application for membership. We had the good attendance of 25 fanciers at the opening meeting.

A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.
29, Irwood Crescent, Brighton.

Excursions to the Palace Show

Bradford and Neighbourhood.

SIR,—For those desirous of going to Crystal Palace, the Great Northern Railway Co. are running an excursion to London on Saturday, February 5th, leaving Bradford Exchange Station at 7.25 a.m. This train is due in King's Cross at 11.30 a.m. Return train leaves King's Cross Station at 10.45 p.m. If those who intend going by this excursion will kindly send in their names to me as early as possible, I will arrange for a reserved compartment in order that fanciers can be made as comfortable as possible. Fare, 11s.

H. HILL.
15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

Plymouth and the West.

SIR,—I have received information that the London and South-Western Railway will run an excursion to London for the Palace Show as under:—Leaving Friary (Plymouth) at 2.25 p.m. Friday, February 4th, returning on Saturday 12.30 (midnight), fare 12s.; also returning Monday or Tuesday, 17s., or Saturday, February 12th, fare 12s. This train will take up passengers from Wadebridge, Launceston, Exeter, Sidmouth, Yeovil, and Salisbury. The W.C.O.S. are arranging for a saloon, and I should be glad to hear from anyone who would care to join us. The price would be a shilling each extra. The Great Western Railway are running an excursion from Cornwall and Plymouth on Monday, February 7th, leaving Plymouth at 10.45 a.m., returning Tuesday night, fare 12s. I shall be pleased to send on particulars to any enquirers as soon as I receive same from the companies.

THOS. POPE.
98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

Am I a Novice?

SIR,—One of your correspondents needs further information with regard to winning a first prize at an open mixed show. I am very sorry I cannot answer him at greater length, as I have had a rather busy week-end, but I hope that "Novice" will excuse me in this respect if I come straight to the point. The first portion of Rule 37 distinctly states that a novice is one who has not won a first prize in open classes at *any* show. I take it that those responsible for making this rule saw that unless they made a hard and fast rule on this point, all kinds of minor definitions could be given to a fancier who had taken a first prize, as your correspondent suggests, at a mixed show. Therefore, I personally think that they were very wise when framing this rule to include the words *any show*. If the show is termed an open show, and competition is not limited in any way, then it doesn't matter how mixed it is; this definition will hold good—that the novice who wins a first prize at the said show in open classes would not be termed a novice any longer, as far as the Yorkshire Union and its rules are concerned. It may seem hard from "Novice's" standpoint, that this rule should be so rigid with regard to novice members of a society in districts that have to run these mixed shows, but it would take a lot of argument to prove it otherwise to me, that as far as the Yorkshire Union is concerned it has saved an endless amount of bother for them in the government of their shows. I hope this will suffice for "Novice."

H. HILL, Secretary Yorks Union C.B.S.

Catching Magpies.

SIR,—I would like to know the best method of catching Magpies, and hope one of your readers will kindly inform me.

BIRD LOVER.

Breeding & Keeping Bullfinches

SIR,—I wonder if any of your readers would be so kind as to give me some advice as to the keeping of Bullfinches, and how to feed them? And is it possible to breed them in a cage? I have some Canaries, but I have not had any Bullies before.

JAPHETIC.

How Should "Bobbie" be Fed?

SIR,—Would some kind reader please give me a cheap recipe for feeding a Robin without the use of mealworms, which I find very expensive? I have got 20 different kinds of birds, foreign, British and Canaries, but they are all Hardbills, and this is my first attempt at trying to keep a Softbill. Although I have been a bird fancier for the last 10 years, I have never had anything to do with Softbills before. I have taken in your valuable paper for the last five years, and always found it very useful and interesting, and shall be very pleased to hear from some fellow fancier the best means of keeping "Bobbie" in good health.

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.

Mice in the Bird Room.

SIR.—I have tried Dansyz Virus and found it very successful in ridding the bird room of mice. Mr. Williams should get a tube, follow the instructions closely, and he will find the "varmints" depart, as after they have eaten it, they inoculate all others that come in contact with them. After six months I saw one or two, then I repeated the course, and now I am entirely free. I trust Thos. Williams' experience will be as satisfactory as mine, as mice are very detrimental to our songsters, poisoning the seed and frightening the birds into fits.

JAMES STOREY.

SIR,—I gladly give my method of exterminating the mice which periodically find their way to my bird room. Mice usually make two holes, or more, generally to be found in the corners of the room. I make a systematic search and plug them all up with the exception of two. These I leave open, as if plugged up they would simply make another two. Place a trap (one on the spring-drop principle preferred, i.e., "The Nipper") in such a position that the mice are bound to touch the trigger when coming out or going back opposite the holes. Look every morning and you will find your troublesome visitors in such a position as to trouble you no more. I never bait my traps.

FANCIERS' FRIEND.

The Clarke v. Crisp Controversy

SIR,—I cannot allow Mr. R. L. Crisp to escape, cuttlefish fashion, in the cloud of innuendo and irrelevant matter with which he endeavours to obscure the point at issue, and which seriously discounts his expression of regret. Evidently he is still far from concrete. I have in no way provoked the quarrel. What I have done has been in self defence, in order to repel one of the meanest and most persistent attacks that has ever disgraced the Fancy. Under these circumstances, Mr. R. L. Crisp's fresh accusation of self-advertisement, etc., on my part, argues a height of impudence seldom attained to, or a state of mind bordering on distraction on his own part. All the advertisement I have received he alone is responsible for. A greater responsibility also attaches to him in the advertisement he has given himself. That, however, is purely his own affair. Having vindicated myself, I am content. I have no desire to discuss Mr. R. L. Crisp or his affairs, either publicly or privately. My only wish is to live quietly and to forget him and the annoyance he has caused me as quickly as possible.

J. S. CLARKE.

The Value of Hemp Seed for Goldfinches.

SIR,—I was very much interested in a letter published in your valuable paper on Jan. 8th, from Mr. G. Cripps (Oxford), stating that his brother kept a Goldfinch for 11 years on hemp seed and green food in season. About 12 years ago I purchased six Goldies. I sold four and kept two myself. One I had for eight years and the other for ten, in cages. During that time they were kept entirely on hemp seed and the young green leaves of celery, young dandelion leaves and sweet apple. They were two beautiful birds constantly in song, even through the moult, at which time I used to give them Parrish's Chemical Food (a few drops each day) in their drinking water. One died in the moult, and the other, I think, from sheer old age. I found him dead one morning upon removing his cage covering. He was an old bird when I purchased him. A friend of mine, a British bird fancier, bought two from me, and was surprised to see I was feeding them entirely on hemp seed. He told me they would not live longer than twelve months, and that they would eventually go blind if I continued to do so. He kept his in an outdoor aviary, and fed them on Finch seed, in fact, all kinds of seed, including green food in season. One died in ten months and the other he had for about two years. Now, Sir, I think this says a lot for the all-round good qualities of hemp seed, in spite of what we read and are told to the contrary. Of course, for such good results one must purchase the best seed obtainable. Inferior seed of any kind is of no use to any bird and is sure to spell disappointment.

JAS. YOUNG.

Proposed New Society for North-Western Dis. of Glasgow.

SIR,—A meeting of all lovers of cage birds resident in this district will be held in the Clarendon Halls, St. George's Cross, Glasgow, on Friday, 4th February, 1910, at 8 p.m., with the object of forming a cage-bird club to be run on proper lines.

WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Secretary, pro tem.

G. H. Chirgwin's Appeal to Our Readers.

SIR,—I have received a letter from G. H. Chirgwin, Esq., re his Christmas appeal on behalf of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund. I am sending to Mr. Chirgwin one pair of Norwich Plainhead Canaries gratis, for disposal to benefit the fund, which I know is very deserving of help. I hope many others may do the same, and give Mr. Chirgwin a hearty response for a good cause.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

Help Wanted from Skylark. Keepers.

SIR,—Your issue of January 8th contains a letter from Mr. Knight, whose persistent attempts to preserve the lives of his Larks have been baffled. The Lark I have at present has been in my possession for over eight months. It was caught when quite young. It was fed on egg and a little oatmeal mixed with it until it was able to eat for itself. Then it got nothing but mixed Canary seed, a little sand (and a bit of turf only in summer). Now, it is in splendid condition, and is becoming a good singer. In answer to his question on open-air treatment, the Lark should be indoors all the winter, and outdoors for the greater part of the day in summer. I had previous Larks that went the same way as his. I think his mode of feeding is entirely wrong.

R. DOUGALL.

The Modern Cinnamon Canary.

SIR,—In your issue of Jan. 15, "One in Doubt" wishes to know the chief points in the Cinnamon Canary. I can do little better than refer him to the C.C.C. Standard of points revised at the last general meeting. As for markings in Cinnamons, the C.C.C. leave that optional. I find from my own experience that to produce good Cinnamons you must have markings, but not Green, these being very objectionable in the present-day Cinnamons. If you produce one without markings, it is not as rich in tone of colour, and as a rule they run light at the thighs. If "One on Doubt" will let the C.C.C. secretary have his name and address, he will be pleased to forward him a book of the rules and standard of points, viz.: Colour, 35 points; quality of feather, 15; good wing carriage and compactness of tail, 10; shape and type, good round head, showing no lashing, 20; size, 10; condition, health and cleanliness, 10; total, 100.

H. RIDING.

Prize Money in Classes with Short Entries.

SIR,—At the late Sutton-in-Ashfield Show I entered a Jay in Class 18, and was awarded second prize. Their schedule reads: Prize-money, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d., and their regulations state that if not more than eight entries in a class half prize-money will be paid; if not more than four the first prize will be withheld. Now this particular class had only two entries, and instead of cancelling the class, they paid 2s. 6d. for first and 1s. 3d. for second, having first deducted the first prize-money, then paying half on the rest. Knowing the class only contained two entries, they let me send my bird on, at the cost of 1s. 6d. entry and 2s. 10d. carriage. Is this fair to any exhibitor when a class of three is a gain to the show of 9d., and when the top bird can only win 2s. 6d? I received a letter enclosing prize-money, 1s. 3d., and was asked would I kindly let Mr. Longstone (another exhibitor who showed Norwich) know that his bird stood third, but only four entries in class, so there was no prize-money for him. I agree in upholding any show, but I think this is too far-fetched. I wrote the secretary, and he tells me I am the only one to complain, so by this someone else must have had the same treatment. My complaint is on behalf of myself and Mr. Longstone, and I trust we shall have someone else's opinion.

W. F. SWARBRICK.

Prize Money at the Oakengates Show.

SIR,—During the year 1909 I made 93 exhibits at 41 shows in England and Wales, and won 56 prizes, and at all shows where prize money was due to me I received it, except at one, viz., Oakengates show, held on August 9th. I won a second prize with my Hawfinch. I have written the Secretary three times, and only once has he had the courtesy to reply. The sum is only 5s., but I do not like the way I have been treated, and I am sorry it should have happened in the county of Salop, where I have met some of the best sportsmen of the day in the Fancy. I have never yet pressed a single society for money that has been in financial difficulties, but I do not think this is the case with Oakengates society. I shall certainly withhold my support from the next show. I am very pleased to say that I have received many acts of kindness from Secretaries at different shows where I have exhibited British Birds and they have had to stay over Sunday, etc.; among these I may mention the following societies: Bangor, Harwarden, Wigan, Longton, Wakefield, Cambridge, Barnsley, Crook, Great Horton, Guisborough, Doncaster. I only ask for fair play.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Show.

SIR,—Since writing last week I have received special prize and a satisfactory reply from Mr. P. G. Sprules.

W. COLLINGS.

SIR,—At the recent Dulwich Show I was awarded 3rd, vhc, and special with three birds. I also wrote repeatedly to the secretary, but received no answer until I wrote to Mr. P. G. Sprules, the donor of the special prize, when I received per return a very gentlemanly and straightforward letter. I received special this week, but up to time of writing have not received prize-money. It was not for the sake of the money that I wrote to the secretary, but owing to the contempt which that official treated me with after patronising their show. A letter of regret sent to each prize-winner would have saved a lot of friction between this society and their customers.

C. H. GOODMAN.

SIR,—Having shown at Dulwich O.S. Show, and won, we have naturally been expecting to hear from the secretaries. A free dinner (according to schedule) was to be given to all special prize winners, and all cups and specials to be given out then; but up to now it is no dinner and no specials and no prize-money! After writing to those secretaries, they not only do not reply, but we have our letters returned in some cases. So I take it they would sooner answer through the medium of the Fancy Press. We want to know if they intend paying prize and special or not? We, as fanciers, regret having to write CAGE BIRDS on this subject, and should not have done so if we could have got a straightforward reply in any other way. We should like to know if the secretaries are still allve, or in London, or have lost their memories? Then, again, such wins make a novice go into a higher section, besides entailing expense. If Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers will try and recall what happened on October 12th and 13th at the Dulwich Municipal Hall, and give a straightforward answer to this letter, they will greatly oblige.

PARES AND LACEY.

P.S.—There is one question we should like to ask readers and that is: Should a novice count a win when he receives no prize-money from an open show? We have; but is it right that it should be so?

City of Glasgow O.A. General Meeting.

SIR,—I would like to direct attention to the farce which occurred at the general meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A. The programme opened with reading minutes of last general meeting and of the several committee meetings held, none of the committee minutes showing amount of any estimates accepted, nor yet of any accounts being passed for payment. The balance-sheet was next taken in hand, and in reply to an inquiry, the auditors admitted that they had the statement of accounts (placed in the hands of the members) before them at the audit on December 7th, but they had not noticed the error in extension. On enquiring after the statement had been printed, they found that two items of expenditure had also been omitted, which just balanced. Then an enquiry was made as to how the great difference between the entries printed in catalogue and those in balance-sheet was accounted for, when the president told the meeting that they had appointed auditors, and they should take their word. Things were correct (not bad). But the self-same auditors had made no mention in their report of any variance in the entries; and, for all the meeting knew, this also had escaped their notice. When the explanation was forthcoming it showed gross carelessness on either the part of the show manager, or some member of the committee, as regards four birds. Then we were told some party, who evidently did not know what he was doing, had entered two birds in wrong class; then that this (holding up a piece of paper) accounts for the other two, and so on. (Very satisfactory, isn't it?) The printers' account was also called in question, it being pounds above estimate, but neither the president, secretary, nor yet the auditors (whose word we had been asked to accept as correct), could give an explanation, nor could the estimated amount be told from the minutes submitted, nor who had authorised the account to be paid. And the meeting had to do without a reason. Again, when the election of committee came up, what a growl was heard when it was proposed to have a voluntary committee (during the discussion it was shown that the only times in recent years that the Glasgow Show added to its banking account was when a voluntary committee was in command). And what a cry about "Trade union rate of wages" was raised when another member proposed that only 5s., dinner, and drink, should be allowed. Although the self-same men would not assist a few minutes previously a party to get trade union, "local," or any other rate of wages for work done to the order of the secretary. Result, Glasgow Association, with its 200 odd members, cannot get a voluntary committee now.

WM. FRAZER.

Glasgow.

[It is with some reluctance that we publish a letter of this nature, for it seems to us a pity such matters cannot be settled in the club-rooms of societies concerned.—EDITOR.]

Uniform Show Cages for Border Fancies.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see a letter in your last issue on the above subject, and I quite agree with "Looker On," that it is quite time something was done in the matter. It is just the same around London; nearly every exhibitor is using a different pattern show cage, and with the drinkers, seed boxes, and perches in different places. I will own that I can always find my own birds by only catching sight of the cages. I will not go so far as "Looker On" and say I believe it is the cages that win, not the birds; but I certainly think that judges must get to know different exhibitors' cages, and I am sure all judges would be glad to see them all alike. The E.W.B.F.C. rules only state that all cages are to be oval-topped and all black; and they all conform to that. But I think, now that the "Wee Gems" are so popular, it is time we had a club pattern cage, and also all perches and drinkers to be the same pattern. I am sure all true exhibitors would be pleased to see this. If this were done cage-makers would then have something to work to, whereas now they nearly all make different styles and sizes. I hope that exhibitors and judges will let us have their opinions on this matter, and, as I quite expect to be called one, I may as well sign myself as

DISAPPOINTED EXHIBITOR.

Prize Money at the Y.C.C. of Ireland Show.

SIR,—With reference to the letter of the Treasurer of above, which appeared in "C.B." last Saturday week, I wish to say he has my entire sympathy, owing to the way he was fined regarding the payment of prize-money. But that is away from the point altogether. As "Closed Ring" says, why didn't they hold back until they were in a position to pay, and ask those entitled to prize-money to wait? I am sure not one would have refused. Apart from the annoyance caused in not getting prize-money in due course, it does a lot of harm to other societies, because fanciers as a rule like to see how they stand, and often it is the means of their sending another show exhibits, and maybe extra entries, whereas on the other hand when they haven't got the prize-money they cannot enter at all. I must take exception to the remarks of "Closed Ring" re drinkers sent to Dundalk Show. Whether his perusal of the catalogue was hasty or not, Mr. Lavery sent 18 drinkers, and good ones at that, and I sent 6 just ordinary ones. I venture to bet that if it were possible to draw the attention of the exhibitors who got other than their own, and would return them to the Secretary at Dundalk, "Closed Ring" would then see who was right and who was wrong. Strange the Secretary at Dundalk never replied about these drinkers. Nor did the Treasurer of the Y.C.C. reply to mine re cheque being returned. However, I hope we will all live to see another show season, and then!

J. H. O'NEILE.

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS

The C.B.U. in the North.

Is There Trouble Ahead?

SIR,—May I again impose on your generosity for a small space in reply to the letter of Mr. J. Currah in your last issue re the second prize Mule at the late Newcastle Show? Mr. Currah says the reason it could not be found was because the member had placed the label on the top of the cage. Now let me ask J.C. a simple question: does the secretary of the above society keep no books or no records of the entries at their shows? Seemingly the label was the only thing the officiating stewards had to go by (according to J.C.'s explanation). If they do not I will accept J.C.'s explanation as genuine. If they do, a more lame excuse one could not imagine coming from the "Canny Toon." It was the easiest thing in the world to have found the said Mule under such circumstances, as it would be entered in the secretary's books, both in open and members' classes, and as it stood second in the open, there can be no dispute that it was not at the show. Further, it was the only Yellow Siskin Canary in the class belonging to a member, and is catalogued as such in both open and members' classes. I trust to hear a more satisfactory explanation than the above, when readers will be able to judge for themselves, as well as to form an estimate of the character of both "Lover of Justice" and some of the other individnals concerned. There is no spleen whatever, Mr. C., only a desire to see "justice" meted out to whom it ought to be, and the reputation of the N.C.B.S. upheld.

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

SIR,—The Chairman of the Newcastle C.B.S. mentions in his letter something about cliques. At the Gateshead Society's meeting last Wednesday there was a vote taken whether Gateshead should leave the C.B.U. or not. It was carried by a majority of 3 that they leave, 11 voting for leaving and 8 voting for remaining in. What about the "clique" from the Newcastle Society? Out of the 11 in favour, 8 of them comprised the chairman, vice-chairman and six of the committee of the Newcastle Society. Mr. Currah was very anxious that Gateshead Society should take the lead. Why did not the Newcastle Society do so? For the simple reason that it did not turn out as the committee expected at the last general meeting. Mr. C. "People that live in glass houses should not throw stones." Please do not quote Scripture so much; it does not suit you, especially when you are so vindictive about the C.B.U. What more do you know than "Lover of Justice" when you say he is wrong as regards the majority of the members of the Newcastle Society not wanting to leave the C.B.U.? The more I hear about the C.B.U., the more I am convinced it is a clique (never mind what Mr. C. says) that is running this agitation against the C.B.U. If it is the representative for No. 1 District that is causing all this bother (that is one of the opinions I have formed, after hearing a certain member of the Fancy, who said he had been in the Fancy about 40 years, and who would have done better if he had not been so personal and nasty, especially when the man was not there to defend himself) then get him removed. We must have some kind of governing body. I don't care whether it is the C.B.U. or whether a Northern Federation is formed. But will it be any better, if there is a new Federation? You cannot get rules to suit everybody. I do not go in with Rule 17, but let us move with caution, and try to get it removed. I may say I do not agree with "Lover of Justice" in ventilating his grievance the way he has. I have nothing against the officials of the Newcastle Society as regards managing the society, only this, that they should try to be unbiased and look at the situation from both sides.

J. GRAHAM.

SIR,—"Twite's" chief object appears to be to defend his own pet secretary, and to insult the other one, also all other fanciers who cannot see Rule 17 in the same light as he pretends to see it. "Twite" would be well advised to save his powder and shot, as he may need it all in his own defence before he extricates himself from the unenviable position in which he has placed himself. He, of all others, ought to refrain from mentioning the C.B.U. till they get certain little matters (of which he is well aware) cleared up; but more of this anon. "Twite" says that the Newcastle meeting decided by a majority to remain in the Union. This is only another of his misstatements. The resolution passed was in favour of forming a Northern Federation, independent of the C.B.U. Now, in reply to "J. J. Justice," the first fifteen lines of his letter are too utterly contemptible to be worth replying to; he then goes on to speak in favour of coercion, a thing he has never experienced. The coercive Rule 17 only applies to exhibitors who wish to exhibit their birds where they choose. Surely the careers of fanciers in the North who are against Rule 17 will compare favourably with some of the so-called leading lights who have spent so much wind in defending it. How many of those defenders of Rule 17 are exhibitors—I mean exhibitors away from their own doorstep? Those whom Rule 17 does not affect have no right to force it upon others. "Lover of Justice" says the honest exhibitor ought to be protected from those who will stoop to anything to win prizes. Exactly my opinion. But surely he cannot be serious when he makes this statement, and assumes this cloak of innocence. If he is really in earnest then I say charity should begin at home, and a man ought to reform himself and his associates before he undertakes the task of reforming others. Re his question about the Mule, no one is better able than himself to answer this. I will allow him an opportunity to do so; if he fails I will answer it for him, and may also (with the Editor's permission) ask him a few simple, but very pertinent, questions. "Lover of Justice" has adopted a nom-de-plume which is very inappropriate, as he has shown himself to be a lover of injustice and mischief. I will take the liberty of amending his own quotation, and make it read: "The best laid schemes of judge and exhibitor sometimes gang agley." Although in one instance this season the scheme appeared to have succeeded, perhaps this great lover of justice will tell readers who derived most benefit from it.

A MEMBER.

[We publish "A Member's" letter as sent, but we feel it out duty to say that it is written under an entire misapprehension as to the identity of the correspondents who adopted the noms-de-plume of "Twite" and "Lover of Justice."—EDITOR "C. B."]

SIR,—I have to thank you for the opportunity of correcting the secretary's unfair and inaccurate statement, made to your reporter, perhaps with the idea of damaging the C.B.U. The letters from chairman and secretary of the Newcastle Society authenticate my remarks about some officials of societies. Some chairmen, unless they get all their own way, will leave chair, meeting and society at a moment's notice. Men who are elected to these positions should courteously consider both sides of such important questions, striving rather to agree with the majority than to coerce them into their way of thinking. We are promised a federation now. We have a federation, or union at present, composed of the societies who each send a representative, and settle all disputes in the district. What will be the difference?

TWITE.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Lover of Justice," has chosen a nom-de-plume foreign to his letter. No serious-minded man wants hearsay; we want facts. And just as he states that every society affiliated to the C.B.U. became so by the decision of the majority of its members, so did the chairman and secretaries of the Newcastle C.B.S. attain their position, the vote being unanimous. They are hard-working, consistent and self-sacrificing men, respected (even though their views may differ) by every member. They are a credit to the Fancy, and have never shown by word or deed that they desired to rule. In fact, the chairman is always telling us "the matter is in your hands, gentlemen," and he is always encouraging us to give our opinions. The attack is unwarranted and unjustifiable, and discreditable to a "Lover of Justice." Your statement, "Lover of Justice," referring to our last meeting, is not true ("that the majority of our members desired to remain affiliated to the C.B.U. for the present"). What we decided to do is our business, not yours. Further, if you think an injustice has been done to any individual by the N.C.B.S., state your case and show your bona-fides by signing your name and you can rely upon it that the matter will be brought before the members and justice be done. Coming to the question of the C.B.U. in the North, do you deny there is a spirit of dissatisfaction with the C.B.U. in the North, not only in the N.C.B.S., but in others? You fail to see where there is coercion. I have heard men try to justify the C.B.U. But I have never had the pleasure to hear one who could justify or get away from the fact that rule 17 was coercion. Further, have you a C.B.U. official that can explain to the satisfaction of your readers that rule 17 is otherwise? Now, Mr. Raynes, here's your chance, before things become more serious, to show us men of the North the beauties and advantages of such a rule. I hope our Editor will leave his columns open, so that C.B.U. officials and fanciers in general will lay hold of the opportunity to thrash out the question in a friendly, brotherly spirit in the interests of the Fancy.

G. B. VANNER.

Many Letters unavoidably held over.

The Exhibiting of British Birds.

By GAVIN ALSTON (Darvel).

A Lecture recently delivered before the Ayr and District C.B.S.

The keeping of live stock has a greater fascination for many people than anything else. A great painter was once pointing out the beauties of one of his paintings to a friend when the latter replied that he saw no beauty in it; it contained no life. So it is that living animals have a great attraction for some people. But in the cases of many animals the life only must be the attraction. Their outline is not beautiful, their movements not graceful, nor is their colour attractive; and the smell inseparable from them in captivity is not agreeable. Flowers are certainly beautiful; their colours are so pure, and their scent so fragrant; but then they have no living movements to attract us, they emit no sweet sounds to charm us, they have no eye to look us in the face, and they can return no gratitude for love bestowed on them. But birds are fairy creatures. In many species every movement is gracefulness itself. Their voice is musical and their song rapturous. The variations of their plumage are endless; some are chaste and others gorgeous. And above all, they can fly, and that is what we are aspiring to nowadays. No wonder we want to have them near us, and wish to cater for their wants and have them in the best feather we possibly can. Some people keep birds for their song, others keep them for their plumage, and still others keep them for exhibition purposes, and it is these I will speak about.

Birds of the same species differ greatly in their size, in their shape, in their colour and also in their general character. Some are large and stout, others are small and slim. Some are very pronounced in their colour and clear in their markings; while others are comparatively dull in colour and blurred in marking. Some are bold and fearless, and others are wild and untameable. So standards have been drawn up by fanciers for the different species with so many points for the different qualities the bird possesses, so many points being counted for size and shape, so many for colour, so many for quality and condition, and so many for steadiness, making 100 points in all.

The Deciding "How."

The first and most important question that confronts us in our subject is: How are we to become successful exhibitors? We require to know when a bird possesses the points required to make an exhibition specimen. By reading the Press we may learn a great deal, but we must do more than this, we must visit the bird shows and see the birds that are winning, and compare their respective merits with those of the other and less successful birds. We will hear the remarks of fanciers about the different birds; we must read the reporters' opinion in our paper, and we must keep the winning birds in our mind's eye, and try and get some for ourselves like them.

How are we to go about getting birds that will be winners? The experienced fancier looks over the exhibits at a bird show, and also their catalogue prices, and if he sees any that are likely to prove winning birds and reasonable in price, he buys them. This is the surest way of getting a winner. You buy the finished article. You have often to pay a big price, but as a rule you get a good bird. But every body cannot afford to dip their hand so deeply into the pocket. Many of us require to buy at a cheaper rate. We have to buy prospective winners and do the making of them ourselves.

Procuring Birds for Moulting.

What is the best way to get extra good birds for moulting? There are several ways. If you are acquainted with a catcher you can often get the pick of his catch by paying a shilling or two extra, and if we get the pick of one hundred, we will probably get about half a dozen that are worth the trouble of moulting for exhibition. Another way is by purchasing from a catcher who himself selects the good birds out of his catch and advertises them. This method answers well. If you do not know a catcher personally, the next and probably the most common way is to buy them from a dealer. Most of the dealers "grade" their birds, charging about a half more for selected ones and about double the price for "extra specials." Then there are others who make a business of picking birds from the catchers and advertising them. Unless you know that they have a reputation to lose, you are often safer in giving them a wide berth. Of course, when real fanciers have surplus stock to part with (if they are successful exhibitors themselves), you are likely to get something really good from them.

A Good Bird Worth Its Price.

In any case, endeavour to have the birds sent on approval, offering to pay all carriage. Be prepared to give a good price for a good bird, and make it plain to the party you are dealing with that you do not want rubbish, and more likely than not you will get birds which, if they are not just everything you would like, have sufficient excellent properties to enable you to make up your mind to keep them.

Another and the last way I shall mention is to purchase from some one who has moulted the birds and has them ready for immediate exhibition. This is a rather dear way to buy, but if you get the birds on approval the fault is your own if you keep birds that are not likely to do more than pay their way during the show season. A large proportion of the winners are obtained in this way every season and sold again as soon as the show season is over. But the most successful exhibitors stick to their winning birds and endeavour to bring them out the following season better than ever, and this is possible all the more by the fact that a bird's show properties improve as the bird gets older.

The Steadying-Down Process.

We will suppose that you have got a bird that is well worth moulting; you must now endeavour to get it as steady as you can. Some birds are naturally steady, and these make the best exhibition specimens. But the majority need to be worked upon. Always handle them carefully. Offer them a tit-bit occasionally when you go near them. Keep them where they are occasionally seeing some one, and as a rule, with a moult, they will at least be decently steady.

Sometimes one meets with a very good bird, a champion, in fact, if it could be steadied; but it is so wild it will not allow you to even look at it. I don't hold out much hope that you will ever make it a winner, but to deepen your experience there is no harm in trying. The ordinary methods of steadying it are of no avail, and you have to resort to extreme measures. Put your hand cautiously into its cage every day and catch it. Take it out and stroke it gently on the head and back, and let it see that you have no intentions of hurting it. Wash it occasionally; it is fine for experimenting on. Keep it low down in the kitchen, where the children can play with it, and after several years some day you may be amply rewarded for your patience.

These wild specimens I do not now consider worth troubling about, as life is too short to have to wait so long on anything so doubtful. On a big, steady young bird I would willingly wait a second year, supposing it had not just the colour one would like after the first moult.

(To be continued.)

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A Chat About My Yorkshire Canaries.

By W. DEANS.

(Continued from page 519).

We now place our lovely box upon the table and scratch our heads in pleasant delight, wondering how it is we have become so clever. It is a real fair and square work of art, with not a split nor a crack nor a cranny to invite Mr. Redmito to take up his abode. We look all round the box and notice two or three ends and edges overlapping a little, so take a sharp (all cutting tools must be sharp) chisel, plane, or pocket-knife and level all of them nicely flush and flat.

Now for the front woodwork. Take the rule or a straight strip of wood and place it on the spare piece of wood which was cut from the back of cage 1in. from the edge. Pencil down rule and cut with saw. We now have the two front pieces necessary to complete the cage woodwork. To slip behind the cage for a moment, as it were, it should have been said that before nailing on the back it is as well to run the fingers along the back edges to make sure all are nice and level, or a serious gap or opening may remain.

We slide round to the front, and find that the two pieces need smoothing up at the edges a little. We do so with the plane, taking no more wood off than is necessary. Now place these pieces on the lower part of the cage front so that they do not cover bottom edge. But leave a nich of 1-16th in., as it is very desirable to have the bottom piece slack for easy removal when cleaning out cage. Mark off on cage body at points indicated, and remove the parts. Now take the saw and cut down the marks into the cage body half-an-inch deep, or as deep as the thickness of wood; mark off parallel with edge, and carefully cut out the piece marked at each end to allow the two front pieces to fit nicely into the body. The front pieces will now slip easily into place. Push up the top piece close into position, and hold firm. Prick two holes at each end, and wait. The lower loose piece will be slack enough to allow for swelling, and so will not get jammed.

The woodwork of our cage now being complete we proceed to the details. If the birds take their soft food at the front, there will be some thrown out of the cage, and as this is not pleasant, we shall not have an egg-drawer as usual at front, but place this food in the far corner of cage in a suitable vessel. So we shall not need to make any opening in front piece of cage at all. The loose front piece cannot sink in the cage out of place, for it rests at each end in its recess on the edges of cage. It can, however, come forward out of place. We therefore take two nails, each about 1-16th in. thick, and 1¼in. long, and bend at right-angles (¼in. one way and ¾ the other) and cut off the heads, which should be on the ¾in. length. In the top front piece, about 6in. from each end and ¼in. from the lower edge, prick two holes, not too large, and then take the bent nails or wires in the pliers and carefully work the shorter and pointed ends into the holes as far as they will go. They should fit rather tight, and then they will never wear slack. When these wires are turned down, they will hold the loose piece nicely in position.

The Cage Fitments.

We have already purchased half-a-dozen good-sized, well-glazed (circular) water pots. One of these we must fit to the cage. We have also purchased about 3lbs. of strong tinned cage front wire (sufficient for the three cages is required). Take a piece of this (about 9in. long) to make our water pot holder. Then take a water pot and place the middle of the piece of wire at the back of the pot, bending it nicely round, so as to make it fit the pot easily, and the trick is done. Place the holder wire with the ends (which should be of equal length) on the front piece of cage—left-hand side, about 2in. from outer edge, each end of the wire to be ¼in. from the upper edge of wood. Press the wire in a little, so that you are able to mark the position of holes, and then prick the holes, not too large. Now insert the ends of wires in the holes, and with the pliers gently, and with care, force first (it is better to point the ends a little) one side and then the other a little further through the wood until the holder is so far forward as to just easily admit the pot. The ends will now protrude into the cage. Cut them off level inside the cage with wire-cutters. The pot should rest in the holder nice and level, and its top edge should be almost level with the upper edge of the wood.

We next make and fix the little perches on which the birds will perch to feed. The best and simplest is made and fixed as follow: Procure a piece of pine or deal free from holes or cracks 5in. long and ¾in. square. Cut off the corners and make round and smooth. Round each end smoothly and then saw in two in the middle. Now see that the sawed ends are made very square or at right-angles with the sides of perch, or they will not fasten up squarely. It is better to have the glue melted for fixing these. Down the centre of the flat ends prick a small hole to take the nail. Also prick another hole about level with the underneath of water-pot and midway between the wires. Now place the flat end of perch a little into the hot glue for a few moments and insert the nail in the hole in cage front. Place the perch in cage so that the hole in perch is to the hole in front of cage. Press to fix glue. Now push the nail forward a little so that it finds the hole in the perch. Take a heavy hammer or weight and hold to end of perch to take the shock or force of hammering. Then take a small hammer and drive the nail home and allow glue to harden.

Fix the other perch in the same manner at the other side of cage for seed box. In this case we fix the perch about 4in. from side of cage so as to come to the middle of the seed-box, which will be wider than the water-pot. Our perches are neat, strong, reliable and very simple, and though fixed very fast, can be cleaned easily. They will not be under the other two perches, and so will not catch the bird's droppings, and will thus never become very dirty—a very important item to see to when cage-making. We have made progress, and are perhaps as happy with our half-finished cage as if we had the whole world at our feet.

(To be continued.)

Wild Bird Life.

Singing and Nesting in Winter.

Here and there a few Missel Thrushes are to be seen in flocks, but they are very small, as the majority of these fine birds have paired off, and the cocks may be heard from the tops of tall trees singing lustily. They have acquired the name of storm cocks from their habit of singing in wet and stormy weather. One perches on the topmost branches of an elm tree at the end of my garden, and although his song is not the most melodious, it has occasionally some very sweet notes, and the rough climatic conditions under which he sometimes sings appear to enhance his value. A day or two ago, when the wind swept across the Surrey hills in fierce gusts, he clung to his exposed position, singing fiercely. One could only catch a note occasionally, the rest being carried away by the storm. The Storm Thrush has been very shy and difficult to approach since the autumn months. He and his fellows have kept well out in the country, frequenting the open fields or resting in some isolated tree or bush, well away from frequented paths. But now the breeding season is approaching he is gradually losing this shyness, and when actual nesting commences will be bold and even rash, especially in defence of home. The Missel Thrush is one of our earliest birds to nest, frequently commencing operations during February or the early days of stormy March. There are no leaves to protect his home, but I have frequently found it quite at the extremity of a very frail sapling, much too high to reach. The eggs generally number four, and are very handsome; they are marked with reddish brown on a grey ground colour. This bird has evidently acquired its name from its fondness for the berries of the mistletoe. It does not swallow the berries whole, but eats the pulp around the seed. After feeding it wipes its beak on the branch where it stands (as most birds do), and by this means scatters the seed in all directions, for should it be standing on an apple or black poplar tree, which are soft-bark trees, the seed remains till the spring, when it germinates, and in time becomes the "mistletoe bough." Another tree that is frequently sown by wild birds is the common elder; these are constantly springing up near where Starlings perch.

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The Crystal Palace Show.

A Magnificent Entry Obtained for the 51st Annual Event.

Once again it is our very pleasing duty to record another magnificent entry for the Crystal Palace (51st) Show. The schedule has proved to be as popular as ever, and the entry of 2,373 more than gratifying. The enthusiasm of fanciers (both exhibiting and non-exhibiting) seems to rule even higher than ever, and there is every reason for believing that the number of visitors to the show will be as great as on any previous occasion.

The show, it should be remembered, is to last for four days, viz., Feb. 4, 5, 7 and 8. It will open on Friday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m., and at 10 a.m. on each of the other days, and close at 9.30 each evening except the Tuesday, when it will close at 4 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the show, which is free to all comers, beyond the shilling charged for admission to the Crystal Palace itself.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W., again has the solo management of the show. Mr. Ramsden will also pay all prize and sale money. Letters intended for him during the holding of the show should be addressed direct to the Crystal Palace on the show days. Exhibitors should make a special note of the fact that all specimens must be in the exhibition on Thursday, February 3; any that arrive at the Palace after this date will have to be marked "too late for competition." The show attendants will be at the Palace to receive birds at 10 a.m. on February 3.

The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room of the Palace on February 4 (covers at 1.45 p.m.), when Mr. G. Crabb will preside. Admission is by ticket only, obtainable at 2s. 6d. each, from the Show Manager, Mr. Ramsden.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the entrance to the show, where we shall be pleased to meet old friends and make the acquaintance of new ones. Our "Visitors' Book" has become quite a feature of the exhibition, and we have no doubt the majority of visitors to the show will leave their signatures therein as on previous occasions.

Results of the Judging.

No results of the judging can be forwarded to exhibitors by the management. CAGE BIRDS has, therefore, undertaken to supply results to any exhibitors requiring them, upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully-stamped telegrams or postcards must reach us at 154, Fleet Street, E.C., not later than February 3 (mid-day).

2. The number and class of each exhibit must be clearly stated, and spaces left for the writing in of the awards (if any); a telegraph form or postcard should therefore read, for instance—"Jones, 89, Darlington Street, Birmingham—Class 28, 268 ——; 38, 420 ——"; and so on.

3. All applications for results of judging must be marked "Result" at the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

NOTE.—Letters will be the last to be dealt with; telegrams or postcards only (fully stamped) should be sent. We will do all in our power to despatch results as soon as the judges' decisions have been arrived at, and applicants will help us much by conforming strictly to the above rules, and by making their communications as brief and as simple to understand as possible.

Particulars of the Entry.

With his usual courtesy Mr. J. W. Ramsden granted CAGE BIRDS representative an interview on Tuesday evening last, when we were informed that a magnificent entry had been obtained, one which, with the exception of last year's (the "Jubilee" record), has only been twice beaten since Mr. Ramsden first took over the management of the Palace shows in 1901. The total number of entries for this year's event is 2,373, which, while it is below last year's phenomenal total of 2,820, is only 24 below that of 1908, which was the largest since 1901. So that this year's entry is considerably above the average for the past nine years.

The total number of exhibitors is 700, which includes "a whole crowd of new ones," to quote the genial show manager, who assured us also that there were a large number of exhibitors of one and two birds only. "And these," he added, "are the ones we want."

The only disappointing feature of the entry is the paucity of entries in the Champion Crest and Crestbred sections, only 17 birds all told being entered; and it is a moot point, we were informed, as to whether or not these will have to be cancelled. The novices, however, have done better, with 20 entries all told. All other sections have been well patronised.

The Norwich Plainheads received 140 entries in the Champion section, and 128 in the Novice section, making a total of 268. The Yorkshires in both Champion and Novice sections total 331, which is only 18 below last year's total, when there was more prize-money to be won. The Greens (both Yorkshire and Norwich) total 117, the Cinnamons 54, and the Limit Classes no less than 236. The Border Fancies scored better than any, the total entry in this section being 161 (giving an average of over 20 per class), which is larger even than last year's by eight. This is a very gratifying response, and one of which Mr. Ramsden felt justly proud. And we heard casually that several entries had been refused, being made too late. We append a statement giving the figures in the various Canary sections:—

Canary Classes.

Nor. Plainheads ...	268	Border Fancies ...	161
Yorkshires	331	Scotch Fancies ...	20
Crests	37	Belgians	26
Greens	117	Dutch Frills ...	13
Cinnamons ...	54	A.O.V. Canary ...	32
Lancashires ...	15	Rollers	80
Lizards	21	Limit	236

The above figures include both the champion and the novice entries.

The Mules and Hybrids.

The eleven Mule and Hybrid classes provided for have drawn an entry altogether of 170, which gives an average of 16 per class. There were only four more Mules at the "Jubilee" show.

British and Foreign Birds.

The entries in the British Bird section must also be voted good, the grand total here being 437. Mr. J. F. Dewar's classes (Bullfinch cocks and Bullfinch hens), have drawn a total entry of 55; the seven classes for Goldfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches, Lesser Redpolls, Twites, Siskins, and Bramblefinches (judge, Mr. G. E. Weston), a total of 172; Mr. Allen Silver's eight classes (Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, A.O.S. Bunting, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Starling, and Magpie, etc.), a total of 120; and Mr. W. Swaysland's seven (pied, etc., Britisher, British hens, Nightingale, etc., Lark, etc., Grey Wagtail, etc., Wheatear, etc., and A.O.S. Insectiv. large), a total of about 70. The Limit Finch class has a total of 20.

In the Foreign Bird section, in Mr. H. T. Camps' classes (Budgerigars, Parrakeets, and Parrots), 30 birds nearly have been entered. In the remaining classes (which were to have been judged by Mr. Russell Humphrys, but which will be adjudicated upon in his absence from England by Mr. Frank Finn, F.Z.S.), the total number of birds entered is 58, making the total in the Foreign Bird section nearly 90. No fewer than 280 birds have been entered in the Extra Stock class (six more than last year), and the cage classes have received an entry of 45.

The Ideal Schedule.

We understand that under pressure Mr. Ramsden agreed to provide two separate classes for Lesser Redpolls and Twites in this year's schedule, instead of only one as in former years; but he did not do so without expressing it as his opinion that it would be better not to. And events have justified his opinion, for whereas last year the single class for Lesser Redpolls and Twites drew an entry of 31, the total in the two separate classes this year is only 29. A similar thing occurs in the Foreign Bird section where, at the urgent request of a prominent member of the Foreign Bird Club, Mr. Ramsden decided to divide the "A.O.S. Foreign" this year into "A.O.S Small and A.O.S. Large." The result here was a total entry of 16 in the two classes, against 21 last year. These two instances have served to prove conclusively to Mr. Ramsden the impolicy of dividing the classes named, and he is of opinion, after many years' experience of show management, that the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show (not last year's, as that was a special one for a special occasion), is just about the ideal, and that to attempt to improve it is only to invite failure in one form or another.

The rare-feathered British bird class will include a white Reed Bunting, a white Jackdaw, two white Sparrows, a white Blackbird, and a clear yellow Yellowhammer. The foreigners will include the Hunstein's Bird of Paradise shown recently at the Horticultural Hall. The Hybrid class will include a rare, absolutely black Goldfinch-Canary Mule. Birds have been entered from as far away as Cork, Fort William, Dublin, Isle of Man, and one from Dresden (Germany).

Club Meetings at the Palace.

Clubs desirous of holding meetings during the Palace Show should make early application to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager, who has the lotting of the board-room, and other convenient rooms, for this purpose. The Crest Club are holding their meeting at 3 o'clock in the Board Room, where the National British Bird and Mule Club will also hold theirs at 6 o'clock. The meeting of the Cage Bird Union will be held at 3.30 o'clock.

Railway Arrangements.

(*See also letters on page* 82.)

We understand that Mr. J. W. Ramsden has made arrangements with the principal railway companies for the following excursions:—

London and North Western Railway: Half and three-day trips on February 3rd from Dudley, Smethick, Leamington, Warwick, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Coventry, and districts; three-day trips on February 5th from Carlisle, Lancaster, Morecambe, etc.; one and three-day trips on February 5th from Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Chester, Shrewsbury; half, one, and three-day trips on February 5th from Tamworth, Nuneaton, etc.; one-day trips on February 7th from Northampton, Stamford, and district; half and three-day trips on February 7th from the Birmingham district.

Great Northern Railway: On February 5th for one and three-day trips, from Doncaster, Gainsboro', Hull, Lancashire, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Spalding, West Riding, and York districts; for half and one-day trips from Letchworth, Cambridge, and districts; for one, two, or three-day trips from Lynn, Norfolk, Wisbeck, Derby, Nottingham.

Great Central Railway: On February 5th one, three, four, etc., day trips from Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, and all principal stations north of Nottingham; and half-day from Aylesbury, Gt. Missenden, and districts.

Great Western Railway: February 3rd for three, five, and eight days from Llanelly, Swansea, Newport districts; three days, Wolverhampton, South Staffordshire, Birmingham districts; for two, three, and five days, Tiverton, Taunton, Bridgwater districts; and one, two, three, and five days, Stratford-on-Avon. On February 5th for one, three, etc., days, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, Wrexham, etc. February 7th, half and three days, Wolverhampton, South Staffordshire, and Birmingham; two, four, etc., days, principal West of England stations.

Midland Railway: February 5th, half, one, etc., day trips from Nottingham and Leicester districts; one and two-day trips from Rye Bridge, and Ilkeston; day and half-day from Ampthill, Luton, and districts.

South Eastern and Chatham Railway: February 7th (one day), from Chatham, Dover Harbour, Deal, Ramsgate, Margate, Faversham, Sheerness, Sevenoaks districts.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway: February 4th for three, four, etc., days from Bradford, Halifax, and one, three, and four days from Sowerby Bridge, Todmorden, etc. On February 5th to Monday, February 7th, from most stations in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Readers should note that these arrangements are by no means complete; they should inquire for fuller particulars at the local railway stations.

Routes for Visitors.

For convenience of visitors, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.)—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.)—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.)—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.)—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.)—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle (or the "Bakerloo" tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

THE LAWS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

By ALEX. G. FORREST (Solicitor), Perth.

In view of the recent decision of Mr. Biron at Old Street (London) Police Court, it has occurred to the writer that this article may be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS.

As most people are aware, the law of Scotland, speaking generally, differs in many respects from that of England, but in the matter of the protection of wild birds the same laws are equally applicable to both countries. All Acts dealing with the preservation of wild birds prior to 1880 were abolished by the Act passed in that year. This Act (The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880), with an amending Act passed in 1881, forms the principal Act for the preservation of the birds themselves, while in 1894 a further amending Act was passed extending the principle of preservation to the eggs of wild birds. The subsequent Acts were passed in 1896, 1902, and 1904.

By the 1880 Act a close time is provided for all wild birds from 1st March to 1st August, and any person who between these dates destroys any wild bird or uses any line, trap, snare, net, or other instrument for the purpose of taking any wild bird, or exposes or offers for sale or has in his control or possession after 15th March any wild bird recently taken renders himself liable to a penalty not exceeding £1 for each bird, and costs in the event of the bird taken being one of the following:—American Quail, Auk, Avocet, Bee-eater, Bittern, Bouxie, Colin, Cornish-chough, Coulterneb, Cuckoo, Curlew, Diver, Dotterel, Dunbird, Dunlin, Eiderduck, Fern-owl, Fulmar, Gannet, Goat-sucker, Godwit, Goldfinch, Grebe, Greenshank, Gnillemot, Gull (except black-legged Gull), Hoopoe, Kingfisher, Kittiwake, Lapwing, Loon, Mallard, Marrot, Merganser, Murre, Night-hawk, Night-jar, Nightingale, Oriole, Owl, Ox Bird, Oyster-catcher, Peewit, Petrel, Phalarope, Plover, Plover-spage, Pochard, Puffin, Purre, Razorbill, Redshank, Reeve or Ruff, Roller, Sanderling, Sandpiper, Scout, Sealark, Seamew, Sea Parrot, Sea Swallow, Shearwater, Shelldrake, Shoveller, Skua, Smew, Snipe, Solan Goose, Spoonbill, Stint, Stone Curlew, Stonehatch, Summersnipe, Tarrock, Teal, Tern, Thicknee, Tystey, Whaup, Whimbrel, Widgeon, Wild Duck, Willock, Woodcock, Woodpecker.

By the 1881 Act the Lark was added to the above list, and the 1894 Act gives power to the Secretary of State on the representation of any County Council to order that the principal Act shall apply within that county or any part or parts thereof to any species of wild bird not included in the foregoing list. In the writer's county (Perthshire, Scotland) sixteen birds have been added by the above method, including the Bullfinch.

The penalty for all other birds is a reprimand and costs for a first offence, and five shillings per bird and costs thereafter.

In the principal Act it is laid down that the above penalties shall not be exigible provided it is proved that the bird was killed, taken, bought, or received during the period in which such bird could be legally killed or taken from some person residing out of the United Kingdom. Doubts having arisen with regard to the construction of the above exception, it was by the Act of 1881 repealed and replaced by the following: "A person shall not be liable to be convicted under Section 3 of the Wild Birds Protection Act of 1880 exposing or offering for sale or having the control or possession of any wild bird recently killed if he satisfies the Court before whom he is charged either (1) that the killing of such wild bird if in a place to which the said Act extends was lawful at the time when and by the person by whom it was killed, or (2) that the wild bird was killed in some place to which the said Act does not extend, and the fact that the wild bird was imported from some place to which the said Act does not extend shall until the contrary is proved be evidence that the bird was killed in some place to which the said Act does not extend." It will be noticed that the principal Act mentions the killing or taking or buying or receiving, while the amending Act mentions only killing.

Any person may require an offender against the Act to give his name and address, and if he refuses or gives a false name or address, an additional penalty of 10s. may be imposed. The Secretary of State may extend the close time for any district or may prohibit the taking of eggs of any specified wild birds or of any wild birds whatever. He may also prohibit the taking of particular kinds of wild birds during the whole or any part of that period of the year to which the protection of wild birds under that Act does not extend, or the taking of all wild birds in particular places during the whole or any part of that period. Due intimation is given in the local newspapers and also by fixing notices of the order in conspicuous spots within and near each place in which the order operates, and in such other manner as is thonght fit with a view to making the order known to the public.

In Perthshire 17 species of birds are protected throughout the whole year, the Goldfinch being probably the only one of the number which closely interests cage bird fanciers. The eggs of 45 species of birds are protected, including the Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and Skylark. The penalty for contravening the order is £1 for every egg taken or destroyed and £1 for every scheduled wild bird. The order remains in force for three years, when it is again renewed. It is understood that in some counties in Scotland wild birds are protected on all Sundays during the year; but such is not the case in Perthshire at present.

Where a person is convicted of any offence under the Wild Birds' Protection Acts the Court may, in addition to imposing a penalty, order any trap, net, snare, or decoy bird used by such person for taking any wild bird, to be forfeited, together with any wild bird or wild birds' eggs in respect of which the offence has been committed.

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In the Courts.

The Use of Decoy Birds.

At Lawford's Gate Petty Sessions on January 20th, Stanley Buckley (19), collier, and George Buckley (14), were charged with "ill-treating and torturing a Goldfinch" at Wadley's End, Winterbourne, on December 31st.

P.C. Holmes deposed as to catching the defendants at 12.30 p.m. in a field using an apparatus for trapping birds. A string was tied round the body of the Goldfinch, and its wings were left free to flutter. By means of another string attached to a stick the bird was jerked up in the air, with the intention of attracting other birds.

George Buckley did not appear, and his brother said he had nothing to do with the birds.—The Magistrates' Clerk said George Buckley was evidently assisting.

The bench characterised the offence as a most cruel one, and the defendants were fined 10s. and costs each, or seven days' hard labour. —"Bristol Evening Times and Echo."

Two Months' Imprisonment.

Last week we published details of the case in which a Dublin bird dealer named King, was charged with false preaences. The prisoner was brought before the Recorder on the Monday for sentence, which was two months' imprisonment.

Under the White Rose.

THE list of shows arranged by the Yorkshire Union has now completed its course, Hoyland being the last of the fixtures. Up to the Christmas vacation entries came up exceedingly well, only two shows having any cause for complaint; but since then they have been exceedingly bad, the last three shows being very meagrely supported by exhibitors. No doubt a good number of birds were about "knocked out," this probably accounting for a few "shorts."

YORKSHIRE County B.B. and M.C. completed their list of patronage shows with Yarm on January 8th, and a glance through the table of points and entries, goes a long way to prove that this is one of the coming clubs. In all the patronage was given to seven shows, and at these the members of the club put down the grand total of 285 birds, an average of above 40 birds per show. In the champion section, Mr. D. Duncan, jun., leads the way with 98 points, Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby and Mr. J. P. Stamp tieing for second place with 77 points each, Mr. T. H. Inman being fourth with 58 points, closely followed by Mr. W. Woods with 51 points, Next in order come Mr. T. Boyle 46, and Mr. J. Bousfield 25. The run for CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs proved very keen, Mr. J. Meadows scoring 44 points, and Mr. J. Isherwood 43, truly a tight race; 3rd place was secured by Mr. B. H. Wilson with 30 points, Mr. James Wilson being runner up with 28 points, followed by Mr. J. Lane, 18 points. Exhibitors are now looking forward to the Great National Show at the Palace, and it is fully expected that the Yorkshiremen will be well represented both personally and, I was going to say, "birdally."

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Robin that Lives in a Shop.

A Robin has taken up its abode in a florist's shop in the main street of Leicester. It flies in and out of the shop during the day, roosts in a basket hanging from the ceiling, and takes grapes from the hands of the assistants. Taken from "The People."—Sent by Dorothy P. Lawrence (age 11), Mill Lane, Robin's Bridge Road, Coggeshall, Essex.

*Long-Lived and Lively Linnet.

My dada has a Linnet which is 13 years old. One night a cat knocked "Joey" and his cage to the floor, and pulled his wings and tail out. This was not the first time the cat had knocked him about, for it had its paw on "Joey's" head once, which left a mark just above his beak. But with all his troubles he is as lively as ever, and sings day and night.—Sent by Nellie Botts (age 8), 30, Brook Street, Longton, Staffs.

**The Cuckoo Rhyme.

The Cuckoo's a merry bird,
She sings as she flies;
She brings us good tidings,
And tells us no lies.

She sucks all the small birds' eggs
To make her voice clear,
And she never sings "Cuckoo"
Till summer is near.

She comes in in April,
In full song in May;
In June she decreases,
In July--"Good day!"

Sent by A. Hamilton (age 12), 3, Lodge Avenue, Urmston, near Manchester.

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The Shows.

MARGATE.

For an end of the season show, run in the midst of the local election, the fixture of the Isle of Thanet F.S., which was held in the Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate, on Jan. 26 and 27, was a very nice little affair. Competition was restricted to the County of Kent, yet the entry was fairly good, and the quality well up to the average. Messrs. Boncey and Moore made a pair of indefatigable and courteous secretaries, and their efforts were most ably seconded by the committee, who worked hard and well under the leadership of their chairman, Mr. Jones. The weather was fine, but fearfully cold, and many of the birds seemed to be suffering from its effects. Mr. C. W. Evans, the local bird specialist, of Duke Street, had a nicely-arranged stall upon which were displayed, in addition to his own wares, a nice assortment of the publications issued from the office of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 2, vhc, Gibbs, big, shapely bird, capital col. and quality, nice style; 3, bc, Taylor, neater and smaller, lovely quality, not so warm, good shape; hc, Denton; c, Harrod. BUFF (6): 2, 3, hc, sp, Taylor, capital shape, feather and col., very stylish and smart, a good pair; vbc, Brown; hc, Kew. TKD. (6): 2, vhc, c, Gibbs, big, bouncing neck-tkd. yell., capital shape and col., was feeling the weather; 3, Inglis, very neat and smart tick-headed yell., grand quality; hc, Taylor. UNFLIG. CL. (6): 2, 3, Gibbs, very shapely, grandly-feathered pair, capital col. and type; vhc, hc, c, Taylor. TKD. (4): 2, Howard, tick-headed buff, good chest and shoulders, nice shape and feather; 3, hc, Taylor, not so much col., but capital shape and quality, well shown; vhc, Gibbs. NON-FED CL. (4): 2, Boncey, neat yell., nice type, grandly feathered, rare style, well staged; 3, vhc, hc, Jones, good, shapely buff leading, nice feather and carriage. TKD. (9): 1, vhc, c, Williams, varieg. yell., fine bold bird of good shape and style, nicely feathered; 2, 3, Joues, rump tkd. yell., and varieg. yell, two capital birds, short and fine in feather, deep chests, good shoulders and backs; hc, Digby. UNFLIG. (11): 1, hc, sp, Williams, grand shaped buff, nice head, back and chest, neat and stylish, well feathered; 2, 3, vhc, Jones, two nice shaped, close feathered yells., neat and stylish; c, Brown. CREST AND C.-B. both cancelled. YORKS CL. (6): 2, 3, hc, Gibbs, yell. and buff, two long, stylish, graceful birds, stand well up, neat lu wings and tail, well cut away and nicely feathered, capital col.; hc, Taylor; c, Evans. TKD. (5): 2, 3, Gibbs, tkd. neck and wing mkd. yells., former the neatest in shape, best quality of feather, and richest col., but the latter the longest, both very stylish; hc, Taylor, Mrs. Fasham; c, Evans. UNFLIG. (5): 2, hc, Taylor, grandly made yell., very rich col., grand quality, nicely tapered body, very stylish; 3, hc, Gibbs, again a tip-top yell., full of style and quality; 3, Rolington. BORDERS and A.O.V. cancelled. PAIRS (11): 1, vhc, hc, Gibbs, yell. and buff Nor., two grandly matched birds, rare shape and full of quality; 2, 3, Taylor, Yorks, yell. cock, varieg. buff hen, very grandly matched, capital shape, style and feather, we liked much; 3, yell. Nor. cock and varieg. buff hen, very typical, full of quality and style; c, Brown. SELL (25/-) cancelled. (20/-) (6): 2, Jeffrey; 3, Kew; vhc, Taylor; hc, Inglis; c, Webb. (15/-) (5): 2, Kew; 3, Taylor; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Digby. SELL. (10/-) and MULES cancelled. BRIT. GOLD. ETC. (19): 1, sp, Kew, nice smart little Goldie, very rich and bright in col., clean-cut blaze, cheeks and collar, nice bars and buttons, in rare feather; 2, Cooper, hardly so bright and well polished as winner, but grand shape, style and feather, a most taking Finch; 3, Digby, rattling good Bullfie, wonderfully rich in col., lovely cap and back, nice wings; vhc, Mrs. Fasham; hc, Wickham; c, Miles. LINNET, ETC. (5): 2, vhc, Digby, nice bright col., well-mkd., close-feathered Greenfinch; 3, Wickham, another rare good Greenie, not quite so steady; hc, Papworth; ahsent, Acland. A.O.V. LARGE and SMALL, cancelled. FOR. SMALL (4): 2, 3, vhc, sp, Digby, very pretty Aryx Weaver and a nice pair of Cordon Bleus; hc, Boncey. LARGE FOR. and GIFT cancelled.

COLDSTREAM, N.B.

Coldstream held their first annual show on Jan. 22nd, and, taken all round, the entry was very creditable. Norwich, on the whole, were good and competition was keen. Borders were a choice selection, all the noted winners being forward. The medal for best Border was secured by a grand Green, admirably staged by Mr. Lloyd, and tho win was a very popular one. An offer of £3 was refused, we heard, for this bird at the show. These classes were handled by an old veteran, Mr. Bell (Earlston, late of Jedhurgh), and his awards were well received. Mules and British, as was only to be expected in this hot-bed, were a grand collection, and here again some of the best specimens were present. All the classes were keenly contested, many good birds having to give way to others. Mr. Mason, the well-known Scotch exhibitor, judged these classes, and his awards were well received. The show was held in the Mechanics' Hall, an ideal place for a show; it is capable of staging over 1,000 entries, is splendidly lighted, and free from draughts. The committee were composed of hard-working fanciers, and the stewards were: For the Border section, Messrs. A. C. Bruce and G. Ford; for British, Messrs. J. Dickson and A. Smith; and they carried out their duties admirably. We were pleased to see Mr. J. Smith, the now well-known exhibitor of Border fancies present; unfortunately for over a year he has been confined to his room; but a few visits the same as he had on Saturday works him up to his former self. Mr. J. W. Bruce had the secretarial duties in hand, and everything passed off AI. We hope to see Coldstream again to the front in the holding of a great show as in days gone by.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (9): 1, 2, 4, Cameron, fine trio, leader in grand bloom, hot fed, teeming with quality; 2, shade slim in front but marvellous bloom; 4, good stout one; 3, Borthwick, lovely feather, grand head and wing carriage; vhc, Dickson Bros., grand shape and size; hc, Aikman; c, Mahon. HEN (5): 1, Mahon, hot one, grand bloom, nicely rounded, plenty of substance, in lovely trim; 2, 3, 4, Cameron, 2, noted uneven buff, falls to winner only in front, feather like wax; 3, 4, two sweet ones, beaten only in wing carriage; vhc, Makins. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 3, 4, Cameron, again leading with a rare team, leader grandly fed, good size, well moulded; 3, sweet shape, but not quite so well burnished up; 4, demon for col. and quality; 2, Mahon, good yell. varieg., rare shape and position, well rounded, grandly put down; vhc, hc, Dickson Bros.; c, Aikman. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Lloyd, fine bloom, grand wing carriage, inclined to crouch at times, nice size and weight, hard pressed by 2, McKenzie, "National" medal winner, staged in extra fine order, rare front and shape; 3, Bennet, well drawn, lovely pose and quality; 4, Armstrong, shapely, good front and wing carriage; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Smart; c, Smith. HEN (11): 1, 4, Gilchrist, leader old warrior, looking as fit as ever, fine size, grand front and taper, extra good in feather, staged to win; 4, shade slim, but lovely feather and finish; 2, vhc, Bennet, good foul, sweet shape, nice front, well tapered; 3, Hogg, fine wing carriage, good head and finish; hc, McKenzie; c, Smith. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 4, Bennet, leader in full bloom, nicely drawn, good wing carriage, AI size and shape, put down in fine form; 4, good shaped one; 2, Brockie, well rounded, neat head, nicely tapered; 3, Gilchrist, in lovely order, grand size and quality; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Smith; c, Schooles. HEN (11): 1, hc, Smart, good shape, finely moulded, nice full front, well drawn, AI position; 2, Voy, similar shape, nice depth throughout, grand wing carriage; 3, vhc, Bennet, well drawn, good front and taper, fine wing carriage; 4, Patterson, good shape, grand quality of feather; c, Smith. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, good all-round bird, sweet shape and quality of feather, neatly balanced; 2, Patterson, well mkd., good eyes and wings, beaten a trifle in finish; 3, McKenzie, again nicely balanced in eyes and wings; 4, Smith, shade light on eyes, but grandly balanced wings; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Hamilton. UNEVEN RUFF (8): 1, sp, Brockie, typical Border, sweet one, grand shape, nicely mkd., fine style, well staged; 2, vhc, Bennet, shade stronger in front, but lovely feather, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Smart, rare bloom, fine front and taper; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, nicely finished, grand wings; hc, Amos; c, Chisholm. YELL. (7): 1, Gilchrist, noted yell. hen, in full bloom, wins on its marvellous style and finish; 2, Smart, nice one, not so stylish as winner, but good shape and fine wing carriage; 3, Hutchison, sweet one, AI quality feather, gem for taper and wing carriage; 4, Patterson, all there for quality and finish; vhc, hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Voy. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, B.F.C. medal, Lloyd, one of the best Greens out this season, grand shape and size, marvel for col. and pencilling; 2, hc, Arnot and Jamieson, old warrior, looking quite fit, grand green; 3, Hamilton, lovely Cinn., in rare trim, fine depth of col., well laced, good shape and quality; 4, Brown, another Green, hot one for shape and quality; vhc, Young; c, Amos. SELL. (8): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Lloyd; 3, hc, Mather; 4, Bennet; vhc, Bruce; c, Arnot and Jamieson. A.O.V. (3): 1, Makins, good green Crest, nice size and quality; 2, Wilson, some thought might have won, good all-round Crest; 3, Elliott, nice Scotch Fancy, good feather. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Miss O. Duncan, noted "Perfection" cl. Linnet mule leading, in grand bloom, lovely exhibit, greatly admired; 2, varieg. buff Greenfinch, grand size, lightly mkd., two noted winners; 3, hc, Jamieson, large varieg. Goldfinch, in good trim, lightly mkd., grand feather; 4, Bell and Dewar, sweet Goldie-Bullie, good col. and shape; vhc, Bruce. DARK (4): 1, Master W. Duncan, hot-fed, romping dark yell. Goldfinch mule, rare size, dense col., graud bloom; 2, McNairn Bros., slashing Jonque, rare size, good one; 3, Jamieson, fine Jonque Linnet, well up in size and col.; 4, Bruce, large buff Greenfinch, beaten in this company. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Bruce, well-known winner, grand shape and size, dense cap, good bars, staged in grand trim; 2, Telfer Bros., another hot one, good breast col., in lovely order, well placed; 3, Brown, sweet one, dense col., well up in size; 4, Dryden, stylish bird, fine col., neat cap, etc.; vhc, Ford; hc, McGillvray Bros.; c, Donaldson. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Hillier Bros., wins, hot Finch all over, dense face, fine, impressive well-cut blaze, grand wings, lovely moons, deep in tannings; 2, sp, Bell and Dewar, another nice Finch, fine cut, deep blaze, grand shape, deep col. throughout; 3, Taylor, sweet one, well forward in face, grand style; 4, Jamieson, close up, grand size and shape, well forward in col.; vhc, Huggan; bc, Whiteford; c, Henderson. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, Bald, fed and non-fed, both yell., and for size and quality need no comment, noted Scotch winners, staged to perfection, closely followed by 3, Aikman, clinking hand-reared one, bouncer for shape and quality; 4, Minto, good all-round Finch; vhc, Hillier Bros.; hc, Meln; c, Grey. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Ford, well fed Siskin, grand size, good bib, neat cap, finely barred, teeming with quality, exceedingly well staged; 2, McGavin, another Siskin, also a hot one for size and quality; 3, vhc, Leech and Leckie, good Twite, fine size and pencilling, good flights; 4, Butler, grand Linnet, dense mkgs., rare size and quality of feather; hc, Bruce; c, Bell and Dewar. GREENFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED (9): 1, Sharp, steady as a rock, fine size and quality of feather, staged in AI bloom, Bathgate winner; 2, 3, Bald, two hot ones, close up, grand yellows, rare size and quality, very steady; 4, hc, McGavin, good Finch, neat shape, good col., fine flights and bars; vhc, Bruce; c, Crearie and Son. LINNET, ETC., FIELD-MOULTED (5): 1, Patterson, clinking Linnet, sweet size and shape, grandly laced, steady, in fine bloom; 2, Bald, close up, again full of life, well laced; 3, Roper, tip-top Linnet, about as good as any, grand flights, lovely lacing, steady, rare shape, likely bird; 4, Leech and Leckie, large one, a wee shade light in ground col., extra good feather; vhc, Bruce. BUNTING (5): 1, Taylor, well mkd., steady, large Meadow, in full bloom; 2, Ford, good Cirl, fine shape and mkgs., very steady; 3, Bruce, good all-round yell., nice head and eye mkgs., plenty of size; 4, Henderson, Cirl, nicely mkd., plenty of size; vhc, Grey. HEN, SMALL (suitable for mule breeding) (14): 1, vhc, Bald, clinking Bullfinch, in full bloom, grand col., rare cap, in lovely condition; 2, Bruce, Albion Greenfinch, slim, staged in rare trim, likely light mule breeder; 3, hc, Storrie, clinking Bullfinch for size, noted winner, dense col., grand cap; 4, Grey, neat Bramble, well up in size, good col., neatly laced, in full bloom; vhc, Bold; bc, Storrie; c, Leech and Leckie, a grand class. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Henderson, tip-top Chaffie, dense col., grand size, lovely whites, rare cap; 2, 4, McVoy, close up, also good ones, second the larger, both well forward in col.; 3, Messer, neat Bramble, deep col. and lacing, well shown, plenty of polish, very steady; vhc, Ford; hc, Stavert; c, Lees. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Ford, rare Wheatear and lovely Blackcap, extra fine specimens, both staged to perfection; 3, Telfer Bros., grand Redstart, slightly soiled in tail, but a gem for size and shape, well staged. LARGE (6): 1, Bruce, noted Song Thrush "Border Queen," again to the front; 2, Hutchison, good, large, well-staged Missel Thrush, in full bloom; 3, McWilliams, steady, large, well-feathered Fieldfare; 4, Schooles, Hawfinch, in grand feather; vhc, Borthwick; hc, Stavert. BRIT. SELL. (5/-): 1, 3 Bruce; 2, Sharp; 4, Stevenson; vhc, hc, Aikman; c, Grey. FOR. (5): 1, Wilson, Swainson's Lorrikeet, in grand bloom, great winner; 2, Ford, Black-headed Gouldian Finch, in fine form; 3, McWilliams, Black-headed Calque, in excellent trim, an interesting exhibit; 4, Imrie, Red-headed Gouldian, wee shade soft; 5, Dryden. GIFT (6): 1, 3, Bruce; 2, McGillivray Bros.; 4, Gilchrist; vhc, hc, Aikman.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER O.O.

The Provincial Roller C.C. held their second annual contest at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Jan. 14th and 15th. The judges were Messrs. F. E. Lester (London), T. W. Walton (Leeds), and F. Oldroyd (Wakefield), and their awards gave general satisfaction. The rooms set apart for the show were the best we have seen for a Roller contest; they were light and warm, and there were plenty of convenient places for the judging. The number of entries was 184, which, we believe, is a record for Rollers. With one exception, all the exhibits faced the judges. Mr. Cole (Llanelly) had the honour of winning the P.R.C.C. trophy—a very handsome silver cup. First prize winners in Classes 1 and 2 were both claimed at catalogue prices. The attendance hardly came up to expectations, but doubtless the weather (it turned out very wet) and the election would account for this. Mr. Lester judged Classes 1 and 4, Mr. Walton Classes 3, 5, and 6, and Mr. Oldroyd Classes 2 and 7. The bulk of the birds were removed on the Saturday. Quite an innovation is taking place at this show.

The cores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, three spls, Cole, holl roll 7, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, schockel 5, flute 3, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 28 points—good song, very full tone; 2, spl, Pattison, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off aufzug, total 26 points—nice sweet songster; 3, two spls, Warcing, holl. roll 8, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 25 points—soft and mellow; 4, two spls, Massey and Radings, holl roll 8, bass roll 3, schockel 5, flute 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 24 points; vhc, spl, Foulds, 23 points; vhc, Pattison, 23 points; vhc, Lyons, 22 points. NOVICE: 1, three spls, Cole, holl. roll 5, bass roll 4, schockel 4, glucke 4, flute 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, 1 off aufzug, total 25 points—winner of Mr. Lester's cup and P.R.C.C. trophy; 2, spl, Wirth, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, flute 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22 points; 3, spl, Rhodes, holl. roll 4, bass roll 5, schockel 5, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22 points; 4, spl, Austin, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, schockel 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 21 points; vhc, spl, Wirth, total 21 points; hc, Ives, total 20 points. B.R.C.C. RUNG BIRDS (bred previous to 1909): 1, two spls, Wirth, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, flute 3, water glucke 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 4, total 19 points; 2, spl, Wareing, holl. roll 2, holl. bell 4, bass roll 1, schockel 3, flute 1, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 3, total 15 points; 3, spl, Collins, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, water glucke 2, gen. eff. 2, 1 off aufzug, total 12 points; 4, spl, Pattison, holl. roll 3, bell roll 2, schockel 3, water glucke 2, gen. eff. 2, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 11 points. OPEN, ANY AGE: 1, cup, Wirth, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute 3, water roll 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 29 points—nice free singer of good quality; 2, spl, Kremner, holl roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute 2, water roll 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 23 points—beautiful drop in the hollow bell and hollow roll; 3, spl, Kremner, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 4, schockel 5, flute 3, water roll 2, D.B.W.T. 3, gen. eff. 4, 1 off H.S., total 27 points—fine free songster of good variety; 4s. spl, Gostling, holl roll 7, holl bell 3, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute 2, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp flute, total 25 points; vhc, Gostling, total 23 points; vhc, Hesling, total 24 points. AMATEUR: 1, three spls, Schluter, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schockel 3, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 5, total 24 points; 2, spl, Turner, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, flute 4, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 3, 1 off sharp flute and 2 bad nasal tour, total 20 points; 3, spl, Williams, holl. roll 5, bass roll 4, schockel 3, flute 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off aufzug, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 19 points; 4, spl, Banks, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 1, schockel 2, water roll 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off aufzug, total 18 points; vhc, spl, Tomlinson, total 17 points; hc, Peel, total 17 points. MEMBERS: 1, three spls, Routledge, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schockel 2, flute 2, D.B.W.T. 1, gen. eff. 4, total 18 points; 2, two spls, Lord, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, flute 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 2, total 11 points; 3, spl, Percival, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 2, total 11 points; 4, spl, Percival, holl. roll 5, flute 3, gen. eff 1, total 9 points. SELL. (£2): 1, spl, Banks; 2, spl, Kremner; 3, spl, Williams; 4, spl, Hesling; vhc, Kremner.

BATH AND DISTRICT O.S.

Show held on January 20th. Our section was well represented in British, the Canaries being few in number. Nevertheless, the few Norwich entered by Mr. Follwell were good. In the British section Mr. F. Russell won the cup with the Yellow Bunting that took a similar award at the Bristol C.B.S. in November last. Mr. Jones, too, put down a good team, also Miss Byerley, of Bristol. Mr. W. H. Manley (Bristol) judged.

NOR. OR YORK. CK. (6): 1, 2, Folwell, young cl. yell. leading, grand col. and subst., neat head, wings, and tail; 2, another good one; 3, Mardling, Yorks., nice length and type; vhc, Russell and Sons; hc, Day. HEN (4): 1, Folwell, well modelled buff, nicely frosted, grand condition; 2, Russell and Sons, neat Yorks., well filled in, neat wings and tail; 3, Mardling, another Yorks; vhc, Day. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Russell, grand blaze, well taunced, nice size, very steady for a Greypate; 2, 3, Jones, former typical Finch, nice square blaze, wings, and buttons; 3, another good bird; vhc, Morris; hc, Hussey; c, Russell. BULLFINCH (11): 1, F. Russell, grand size cap and condition, an easy win; 2, 3, W. Hussey, former dense cap and col., nice bars and mantle; 3, fine head, sound col., nice wings and carriage; 4, vhc, Chivers, grand all round bird, in nice feather; 5, hc, Jones, extra good col.; c, Gibbons. LINNET (6): 1, Miss Byerley, grand size, col., and markings, shown in fine form; 2, c, W. Hussey, former grand col. and markings; 3, Chivers, nice size; vhc, Jones; hc, Chivers. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, F. Russell, well known Twite, in grand form; 2, Chivers, Redpoll, good size and condition, close up; 3, Siskin, Miss Byerley, nice size, cap, and markings; hc, Chivers; c, Hussey. MULE: 1, Miss Byerley. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, Jones, grand Starling, well spangled, in first-class fettle; 2, J. Gibbon, Crossbill, tight in feather, nice size, very steady; 3, Jones, Thrush, grand size; 4, Jones, Starling. SMALL: 1, 3, Russell, both Yell. Buntings, former excels in v and eye markings, grand shape and size, cup winner; 3, another good one, very steady; 2, Gibbons, giant Snow Bunting, in nice condition, nicely marked; 4, Chivers, Greenie, nice feather and col.; vhc, Jones. HEN: 1, Russell, neat Yell. Bunting, good one; 2, J. Gibbons, Bullfie, nice cap and colour. FOR.: 1, Culverhouse; 2, Fishlock.

SOUTHALL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Table show held January 17th. Mr. Hobby judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Morgan; 2, Jeffery; 3, 4, Bamber. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, Morgan; 2, 3, Jeffery; 4, Morgan. A.V. BUFF: 1, Jeffery; 2, 3, Bamber.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

AUCHTERARDER, N.B.

The Auchterarder F.S. held their annual show on January 22nd in the Aytoun Hall, which is one of the best and well-lighted halls he have had the pleasure of being in. The weather was all that could be desired from a visitor's point of view, although some of the birds seemed to feel the effects of the cold journeys, but as the day wore on they picked up and looked better. The Canary section, although not large, contained birds that were good in quality. The British birds were the feature of the show, especially the Bullfinch, Linnet and Goldfinch classes, which were well filled with some of the best seen out. In fact, all present said that it was the best turn-out of Britishers they had ever had. The judging was rather late in commencing, but was well got through, the public being allowed in at one o'clock. Mr. Dow, junr., is to be complimented on the splendid way he got through his work, and he and a good committee to back him up deserve the greatest praise. The judges, Messrs. R. McLay (Kirkintilloch) and R. V. Raine (Cathcart) appeared to give every satisfaction.

Mr. McLay's Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, Todd, excels in type, good quality, wins well; 2, 7, Kerr, similar to winner, good one, looks a little worn; 3, Grewar, right good one, wee shade soft at judging time; 4, 6, Henderson. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 5, Kerr, grand mated tkd., big winner under a prominent Dundee fancier's name; 2, Grewer, neat cl., nice quality and col.; 3, Todd, sweet cl., well shown; 4, Thompson; 6 (no name). YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Grewar, grand one, correct stamp, good bird; 2, Henderson, another similar, not much to choose between the 1st and 2nd; 3, 4, Kerr, nice birds. BUFF: 1, Henderson, nice one, good head, rare front, well placed; 2, 3, Kerr, presses winner hard, grand bird. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Kerr, very fine variegs., Scottish National winner, if we are not mistaken, under another name; 2, Kydd, neat one, not in the running with the winner, but a good bird for all that; 4, Henderson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Kerr, brace of grand ones, well-known scorers for another Dundee fancier; 3, Grewar, again a nice one, beaten here; 4, Henderson, falls only in quality to winners, good bird. BUFF: 1, spl, Kerr, another grand one from the same stable as the others; 2, Thompson, clinker, hard lines to meet winner, a real good one; 3, Gilles, very good quality, falls only in type to winners; 4, spl (no name); 5, Kydd. HEN: 1, 3, 5, Kerr, right good lot, all well shown and well placed; 2, Grewar, grand-headed hen, nice wings, presses winner; 4, Kydd; 6, Mickie. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Craig, gem, correct type, A1 quality, well worth its place; 2, Munroe, very similar, but not quite the finish of winner; 3, Walker, another grand one, just a wee bit thick; 4, spl, Fairweather; 5, Thompson; 6, Matthews. HEN: 1, spl, Walker, right good one, perfect head and neck, finished to perfection; 2, J. Craig, just a wee bit strong all over, a very nice one otherwise; 3, Matthews, lovely hen, in great company. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Craig, not much to choose between them, staged to perfection; 3, Thompson, another nice one, not quite the finish of winners, but well worth its position; 4, Shields; 5, Walker; 6, Marshall. HEN: 1, spl, Walker, grand hen all over; 2, Fairweather, good bird, typical, and well shown; 3, Craig; 4, Shields; 5 (no name). VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Walker, grand one, nice wings and tail, in perfect condition; 2, Brenner, presses hard, good one, and typical; 3, Fairweather; 4, Craig; 5, Donaldson. BUFF: 1, spl, Craig, another hot one, lovely quality and in perfect condition; 2, Thompson, excellent type, fails only in quality; 3, Campbell Bros.; 4, Walker; 5, Hyslop; 6, Munroe. DARK CREST CK.: 1, spl, Howie, well known; 2, Nimmo; 3, Moreland. HEN: 1, Moreland, good hen, nice front, well placed; 2, McPherson Bros.; 3, Cameron. C.B. CK.: 1, spl, McDonald, "National" winner; 2, Cameron. HEN: 1, 6, Nimmo, good-headed hen, good lash, plenty of feather; 2, McDonald, presses winner; 3, 4, McPherson; 5, Campbell Bros. GREY CREST: 1, 2, Nimmo, former grand Grey, latter fails only in front; 3, Morcland, moulting Crest. SELL.: 1, Todd; 2, Kerr; 3, Moreland; 4, Maiker. LOCAL: 1, McLeod; 2, Maiker.

Mr. R. V. Raine's Classes.

GOLDIE (12): 1, McCall and Henderson, beauty, good in blaze, shown in best of condition; 2, Taylor, grand bird, beaten in condition only; 3, Arnott, well up in blaze to winners, nice all through; r, Allison, very good field-moulted, if spared should make a great winner; 5, Hovelsrond; 6, Howie; 7, Irvine. BULLFINCH (18): Best class for quality in this section: 1, Thomson, the best Bullie seen out this season, should make a bold bid for victory at Palace if sent, the National, etc., winner; 2, McLaren, A1 for col. and condition, well shown, field-moulted; 3, Shields, not far behind, beaten only in condition, good one; res., Granna; 5, McNee; 6, Hovelsrond; 7, McLaren. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Bishop, very massive, grand col, shown in A1 form, fine exhibit; 2, McLaren, close up, very good in col. and condition; res., Miller and Eadie, very unsteady, but a good one, should be a winner next season when steady; 5, 7, Hally and Smeaton; 6, Bremner. LINNETS (15): 1, McLaren, large, good Yorks. type, very steady, shown in grand style, wee bit pale in col.; 2, Cullen, field-moulted and a stormer for size, colour and condition, should moult out a great winner, as it has size, colour and markings combined; 3, Miller and Eadie, loses in size, but very good otherwise; res., Erskine, well-known face, little soft when judged, or might have won; it won same for best res. in British classes; 5, McLaren; 6, Gentleman; 7, Hally and Smeaton. SISKIN (5): 1, Bishop, nicely fed one, fine bib and cap; 2, Cullen, nat. col., in the best of condition; 3, Shields, well fed, good bird, rather too steady, as it would not move to show himself off; res., Irvine; 5, Christie. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Erskine, grand large mealy of lovely col., nice bib, shown to the best advantage, wins easily; 2, Gentleman, Twite, good in col., well laced, has a slipped claw; 3, Arnott, Twite, beaten only in size and condition, good one; res., Miller and Eadie, Lesser Poll; 5, Hally and Smeaton; 6, Winton; 7, Dow. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Miller and Eadie, Chaffie and Bramble, in very good order; 3, Brown, Bramble, loses only in colour, nice bird; res., 7, Miller and Eadie, Chaffinch, good one; 5, Donaldson; 6, Hally and Smeaton. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, 3, Erskine, Black-headed Bunting, good one, Kilsyth winner, in grand condition; 3, Shore-lark, well shown, very steady, and perfect in feather; 2, Hyslop, very fine Yellowhammer, in the best of condition, beautifully marked, shows very distinctly, well fed; res., Arnott, beautiful Meadow Pipit, in perfect order; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Kirkwood; 7, Charlin. LARGE: 1, 2, Brown, leading with the invincible Missel Thrush and Fieldfare, needs no comment, often described; 3, Miller and Eadie, real good Blackie, hard lines to meet such as leaders; res., Kirkwood, Corn Bunting, and a good one, too; Bathgate winner; 2, D. Roy, another nice one; 3, was pouring out his song all day. BRIT. HEN, SMALL: 1, Arnott, beauty of a Bullie, leading in first-class condition; 2, 3, Miller and Eadie; 2, Corn Bunting, a beauty for colour and condition; 3, Bramble, in best form, worth its place; res., Granny, Siskin, wee gem, very nicely shown; 5, Fairweather; 6, Mailer; 7, Brown. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, R. Jamieson, junr., lightly marked buff variegs. Goldie, looking well, in the best of condition; 2, A. and N. McPherson, variegs., in good order; 3, Todd, sweet little Redpoll Siskin; res., Jamieson; 5, Mrs. Lindsay; 6, Donaldson. DARK: 1, Stewart and Milne, rare good Linnet, plenty of size, fine col.; 2, McLaren, Goldie, in rare trim, nice one; 3, Jamieson, Linnet, not quite so good in col., but a really fine bird. SELL. BRIT. OR MULE (7s. 6d.): 1, Gentleman; 2, Fairweather; 3, Miller and Eadie. GOLDIE, FOR.: 1, Howie, well known, good as ever, and the best seen out this season; Bathgate winner; 2, D. Roy, another nice one; 3, Brown; res., Lawrence. LOCAL BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Roy, two real good ones, winner best in condition; 3, Granna, not so steady, but a fine bird; res., Hally and Smeaton; 5, Geen; 6, Peter McLellan; 7, Glen. BRIT. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Roy, one of the best Siskins we have seen, good bib, cap and col., very distinct; 2, Eadie, Nuthatch, in perfect order, well shown; 3, Hally and Smeaton, very neat Goldie, nice square blaze, well cut, capital wing bars, well mounted, should moult a winner; res., Cranna; 5, Gardiner; 6, Roy; 7, Glen. JUVENILES' CLASS AND A.O.V. CANARY OR BRIT.: 1, McLaren, Bullie, nice, in good condition; 2, Eadie, Nor. Plainhead; 3, Hally, junr.; res. and 5, Eadie; 6, Dow; 7, Lawrence.

BROTTON.

This fixture, held on Jan. 22, was unfortunate, first of all in clashing with the general election, entries closing just when everybody was excited about the results in the district, and secondly on account of the show day being marred by a blinding snowstorm. The entry and and gate consequently suffered. The prizes were awarded on the principle of a class being full at eight and first prize withheld at less than six. The room in which the birds were staged was comfortably warm, but the bad weather made it necessary to have artificial light. The Secretary, Mr. Beaglehole, is a capable official, and it is unfortunate that this year's event had to contend against the difficulties referred to. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

YELL. YORKS (13): 1, Dixon, grand shape, feather and style, tkd. on wing; 2, Bright, lovely feather and style, nice head and waist, tkd. on eye; 3, Cook, longest of the three, but loses a wee trifle in style and position; r, Want; vhc, Ware; he, Shaw Bros., Midland; c, Lines. BUFF (9): 1, Cook, long and slim, nice feather and style, tkd. on eye; 2, Dixon, cl., best shape, fine style and feather; 3, Ware, long raking bird, fails only in feather; r, Shaw Bros.; vhc, Want; he, Ware. HENS (6): 1, Bright, buff, nice length and shape, grand feather; 3, Ware, smart feather, nice style, well up on leg, buff; vhc, Hood; he, Midland; c, Lines. NOR. CK. (5): 2, Clayton and Smith, buff, topping shape, nice feather and col.; 3, Mrs. Dixon, buff, nice head and chest; r, vhc, Freeman; he, Darnborough. HENS (5): 2, 3, Clayton and Smith, leader topping little yell., grand shape and feather; 3, nice buff, pale col.; vhc, Mrs. Dixon. BRIT. FINCH (15): 1, r, Watson, very good Bramblefinch leading, A1 spangling, col. and feather; 2, Barwick, Bullfinch, grand col, lustrous cap and A1 feather, very steady; 3, he (2), Foster, leader, good Bramble; vhc, Ward, Challis; he, Darnborough. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Lowe, first easily the best in feather, col., and pencilling; r, Robinson; he, c, Dunn. Several Britishers evidently left out for having damaged flights through being unsteady.

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.S.

Confined show, held January 22nd, in the Union Hall. Border Fancy judge, Mr. W. H. Reid; Norwich and British, Mr. Robert Thomson.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL: 1, 4, Robertson, jun.; 2, 3, Linton; 5, Rodger; 6, Philip. BUFF: 1, 3, Watson, jun.; 2, Linton; 8, Rodger; 4, 6, Robertson; 7, Philip. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, Robertson; 3, Hogg; 5, Mrs. Hart. UNEVENLY: 1, 7, Robertson; 2, Linton; 3, 5, Rodger; 4, Thomson; 6, Philip. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Rodger; 2, 3, 5, Murray; 4, 6, Robertson; 7, Philip. SELL., CKS. 7/6, HENS, 5/-: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, Linton; 4, Watson. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, 4, Lawrie; 2, 5, Reid; 6, 7, Scott. HEN: 1, 3, 5, Lawrie; 2, 6, 7, Reid; 4, Young. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, 2, 5, 4, 5, 6, Lawrie; 7, J. Rodger. GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, Beattie; 2, Hardie; 3, 5, Scott. BULLFINCH: 1, 4, J. Brown; 2, Reid; 3, A. Brown; 5, Scott; 6, Young; 7, Hogg. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Scott; 2, Brown; 4, Reid; 5, Lawrie; A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 6, Reid; 2, 5, Brown; 4, Lawrie; 6, Hogg; 7, Scott. FOR.: 1, Lawrie; 2, Pringle. R. Lawrie won cup for most points in Canary section.

EASTFIELD SIDE.

The Eastfield Side (Sutton-in-Ashfield) C.B.S. held their annual members' show in the large club-room of the Masons' Arms on January 15th. Eight open classes were also provided. Entries came up well considering the time of year, and the quality of the exhibits in most classes was of the highest order. The Norwich were a grand lot, containing birds that had done credit to their owners before this season. The Crest and C.B.s were not very numerous, but the lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Mr. J. Carlin, the secretary, and his committee deserve the highest praise for the way in which the show was carried out. The birds were staged three-deep, and so arranged as to get the full benefit of the light. At night, when the ball was lit up, the birds and cages were quite a picture to look at. Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham) judged, and his decisions gave every satisfaction.

OPEN CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, vhc, Vardy; 2, 3, Barmise; he, Connor; all rare type, with good substance, real Nor. BUFF: Grand class, containing birds we love to gaze upon; 1, 3, Vardy, former mutlg., grand one, well mkd., rare substance, short body, wings and tail; 2rd, similar bird; 2, vhc, Beardall and Walker, another gem of the right type, also unflig Nor. HEN: 1, 2, Beardall and Walker, both gems of the highest order, rare type, head and neck, veiny, carriage splendid; 3, Vardy, another nice type hen, good one; vhc, Connor. CREST: 1, 2, 3, J. Norwood, all good birds. C.B.: 1, Norwood, good one, well shown. A.O.V.: 1, Vardy. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Vardy, former grand Bullie, steady and in the pink; 2nd, nice Hawfinch); 3, Hunt, Bullie. SOFTBILL: 1, Baggally; 2, Wright Bros. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, Hawksley; 2, Hunt; 3, Smedley; vhc, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 2, Smedley; 3, Hawksley; vhc, he, Woolley; c, Hunt. YELL. HEN: 1, Hawksley; 2, Hall Bros.; 3, G. Nuttall; vhc, J. Hunt; he, Woolley. BUFF: 1, Hawksley; 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Hunt; vhc, Smedley; he, Woolley. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Smedley; 2, Hawksley; 3, Hunt. BUFF: 1, 3, Hawksley; 2, Smedley; vhc, Hall Bros. CREST: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Osborne. C.B.: 1, Osborne; 2, Nuttall Bros. STOCK PAIRS, NOR.: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Hawksley; vhc, Hunt. CREST STOCK: 1, Osborne; 2, Nuttall Bros. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Smedley; 2, Nuttall Bros. NAT. COL. YELL.: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Wright Bros. BUFF; 1, Wright Bros. OIET: 1, Hall Bros.

NORTHALLERTON.

Annual show held in the Town Hall on Jan. 22. We were sorry to hear of Mr. Richardson's (the secretary's) illness, but some willing workers were in charge of the bird section; Messrs. Cotton, Taylor, Gebank, Robson, Braithwaites, and Marwood looked well after the birds, and the cards were all on by 1.30. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL (10): 1, Rhodes, grand type and quality, well-braced wings and tail, good head, clean on breast, pair of grand legs; 2, Watts, lovely quality, good wings and tail, rich col., very slim and stylish; 3, Campling, rich col., well up on leg, good wings and tail; vhc, c, Jeffreys; he, Barfe. The rest of the Canary classes were cancelled. The committee returned entries for several classes which would have filled up well after the following day's post. Exhibitors are to blame for not sending off their entries sooner. DARK MULE (5): 1, 2, Bond, Can.-Bullie, in lovely condition, well staged; 2, yell. Linnet, fine size, rich col., a little wild when we saw it; 3, Todd and Son; vhc, c, Taylor; he, Townley. MULE A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Bond, 1, cl. buff Goldie, well-known; 2, three-pointed yell. Goldie, at times drops wing just a little; 3, Kimmings, six-pointed buff Goldie, in lovely condition; vhc Atkinson; he, Townley; c, Blackburn. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, 1, good blaze, grand bars and buttons, in tip-top condition; 2, good square blaze, not quite so distinct in markings as winner, nice size, well shown; 3, Axe, good blaze, fine bars and buttons; vhc, Hill; he, Milburn; c, Wilson. BRIT. BULLIE (13): 1, Robinson, rich col. breast, good head and cap, nicely barred, excellent condition; 2, Woods, rich col., nice bars, falls only in head to winner; 3, Forster, nice type, good sound col., fine cap; vhc, Robson Bros.; he, Ford; c, Axe. LINNET (10): 1, Simpson, lovely nut brown, beautifully pencilled, in grand condition, very steady; 2, 3, Stamp, two splendid nut-brown birds, nicely pencilled, close up to winner; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; he, Sherwood; c, Pogie. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Wilford and Swales, Twite, rich col., nicely pencilled, very steady; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, in the pink of condition, nice bib, well laced, rich col., nicely put down; 3, Stamp, Redpoll, lovely col., very steady, benched in Mr. S.'s well-known style; vhc, Simpson; he, Nicholson and Son; c, Mrs. A. Rymer. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, Axe, lovely Yellowhammer, rich col., nicely mkd.; 2, Poole, Hawfinch, good bird, in the pink of condition; 3, Milburn, yell. Greenie, good head, in tip-top condition; vhc, Sherwood; he, Todd and Son; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. SOFTBILL (12): This was the most difficult class in the show for the judge to handle, two or three sets of winners could easily be found: 1, c, Davidson, 1, lovely Waxwing, in the pink of show form; 2, Merrin, bearded Tit, a real gem; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, excellent Thrush; vhc, he, Wilkinson and Danby, two well-known winners, Wryneck and Redstart; he, Briscoe; he, Mrs. S. Woodhouse; c, Robinson. SELL. (10/-) (18): 1, 2, Cotton; 3, Richmond; vhc, Axe; he, Barfe; c, Watson; c, Cumpling; he, Watts; vhc, Tate. (5/-): 1, Barfe; 2, Richmond; 3, Tait; vhc, Foster, Clayton and Smith; he, Nevison; c, Tait.

FORT WILLIAM O.S.

Eighth annual show held in the Town Hall on January 13. The rain came down in torrents all day, which unfortunately told its tale as regards the "gate." However, it was a most successful show as regards the quality and numbers of exhibits, and many winners were staged. The Scotch Fancies were a nice level lot, and here that keen fancier Mr. Fotheringham secured all the prizes. The Norwich were a fine lot, and Messrs. Skinner and McDougall had it all their own way. Yorkshires were here in force, too. Mr. McDougall captured Hyde's special. Borders were a good show, and the variety class contained fine Crest-breds. The matched pairs were headed by pair of Fancies of fine position. The Mule class contained some fine birds, and the British were a splendid lot. The boys' class was fine; a really good Siskin headed the class, and should be heard of again. The cup (given by D. Machiven), was won by Mr. D. M. D. Skinner, the runner-up being W. H. McDougall, only 4 points separating them. The president, Mr. Colin Young, keeps the committee busy. Special praise should be given to them; they are Messrs. W. Swan, W. McMaster, J. Hope, R. Cameron, P. Chisholm, J. L. Blair, Wm. Fraser, jun., W. H. McDougall, Angler (E. F.), jun., Jas. Forsyth, and the able secretary, Mr. W. Simpson, who is giving up the secretaryship, we heard. We hope the show will turn out on the right side. Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton) placed the cards.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCIES (3): 1, 2, 3, Fotheringham, very fine team, staged to perfection, in grand condition. NOR. (NON-FED): 1, 3, Skinner, former grand size and wing carriage, in rare condition; 2, Hope, another stormer for size and colour, fine silky feather; 3, rare shape. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 3, Skinner, very typical, nice shape, good quality; 2, Bryce, another beauty, rare quality, fine feather, put down to perfection; 3, grand bird, rare substance. COL.-FED CK.: 1, 2, McDougall, fine shape and quality, rare size and wing carriage, hot col.; 2, another of his gems in rare bloom; 3, Cameron, typical, fine size and colour. HEN: 1, 2, 6, Skinner, rare team, staged to perfection, all in grand form. VARIEG., ETC. CK.: 1, 2, Skinner, another brace of beauties, need no comment; 3, McDougall, grand one, fine size and shape. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Skinner, nice hen, rare size, rich pure col.; 2, rare size and shape, in grand condition. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Mackenzie, nice length and shape, beautiful quality and col., close feather, put down to perfection; 2, 3, McDougall, another gem, rare length and quality, nice colour and style; 3, similar length and shape. BUFF: Hyde's spl, 1, McDougall, well-known winner, rare length, shape, and quality, looking as fit as ever; 2, McKenzie, nice size and shape, fine colour; 3, McDougall, similar shape, smart carriage. YELL. HEN: 1, Skinner, beautiful shape, very fine feather, rare style and quality, in fine bloom; 2, 3, McDougall, not much behind winner, gem for shape; 3, another of the same, nice feather. BUFF: 1, Mackenzie, fine cl. nice length and shape, in prime condition, A1 quality; 2, 3, McDougall, excellent shape and style, very fine feather. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Simpson, needs no comment, well-known winners; 3, Skinner. BUFF: 1, 3, Simpson, cl. buff, a gem, and no mistake, tight as wax; 3, Variegs. cock, an old warrior; 2, McDougall, another nice cl., in rare feather, close and compact wings. HEN: 1, 2, Simpson, another brace of gems from this stable; 3, McDougall, nice yell. hen, in tip-top condition, tight as wax. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, Fotheringham, 1, pair of Scotch Fancies, very fine even pair, in grand form; 2, Hope, nice pair of well-balanced Nor., staged to perfection; 3, McDougall, pair of real good typical Yorks. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, McDougall, buff Crest-bred cock leading, rare length and shape; 2, Crest, in fine form, nice frontal; 3, Cinnamon, fine pure col. MULE: 1, 2, Skinner. 1, Goldie, rare size, nice lustre, lovely col.; 2, Siskin, fine size, will make a good one, nice marking, A1 condition; 3, McDougall, lovely Twite, grand size, in pink of condition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, McDougall, nicely tanned, fine clean-cut blaze, rare size, neat wings; 2, Forsyth, another beauty, beautiful shade of col., fine buttons and tannings, steady as a rock; 3, Skinner, nice clean-cut cheeks, rare tanning. BULLFINCH, a fine class: 1, McDougall, nice breast col., rare cap and bars, in fine condition; 2, Skinner, another nice one, fine cap and bars; 3, Dr. Reid, grand col., cap and bars. LINNET: 1, 2, Skinner, brace of beauties, fine level brown shade all over, nice marks.; 3, Mackenzie, lovely level col., fine breast work. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Hope, Lesser Poll, good col., fine bib and side lacings, in perfect condition; 2, Simpson, nice Twite, grand level col., nice lacing, in faultless condition; 3, McDougall, fine mealy hen, nice col. SISKIN: 1, 3, Cameron, two stormers, first, his noted winner, in A1 form, needs no comment, staged to perfection; 2, Skinner, nice one, fine size, all three are fit to win in keen competition. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Simpson, noted Hawfinch ("Lochaber Chief"), looking as fit as ever; 2, McDougall, clinking Yellowhammer, in grand form. BOYS' CLASS (Siskin or Twite): 1, Master McDonald (Achintee), 1, good Siskin, rare bib and size, good lacing, only two months in cage, real beauty; 2, Gillis (A.), another good exhibit; 3, Johnnie Hope. BOYS A.O.V.: 1, 2, James Cameron, very fine Bullie and Linnet; 3, Johnnie Hope, another nice Linnet.

LARKHALL, N.B.

Larkhall (N.B.) held their Grand Annual Show in the Public Hall on Jan. 22. Pres. of Committee, Mr. W. Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Archibald; Committee, Messrs. J. Anderson, W. Hamilton, W. McEwan, J. Graham, J. Merton, J. W. Clelland, A. Kerr, W. Lambie, T. Welsh, A. Strang J. Newlands, P. Meek, R. Cockburn, M. Miller, A. Longmuir; Treasr., Mr. J. Kerr; Minutes Sec., Mr. T. McEwan; Sec., Mr. J. McEwan. Judge for Cage Bird Section, Mr. J. Smillie (Kilmarnock). Entries, all over, were a shade down on former years, but the quality was quite up to the average. The Cage Birds were located in one of the side rooms, a great improvement on the platform method formerly adopted. There was good light, and the position was entirely free from draughts. As usual, the show was well patronised by the public and Fanciers. Sec. McEwan and his band of workers had everything in apple-pie order. Pres. W. Hamilton carried off the two principal Specials, Clock and Gold Medal, with his handsome Blue Fronted Amazon Parrot. Mr. P. McQuiston was also a notable winner—eight firsts in eight classes. Borders and British were a fine lot, some good birds being staged. Mr. Smillie's awards were well received. The show was a big success.

The Critique.

GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT. (9): 1 spl., 2, McQuiston; first Bullfinch, good stamp, nice col., splendid Cap, lovely sheen, in fine condition; 2, Goldfinch, grand blaze, nice size, good bars and moons; 3, A. Kerr, very fine Bullie, better size than first, nice shape, cap and col., but barely so tight in feather; 4 Drummond, Goldfinch, grand face and body col.; vhc, Clark; he, Falconer. BRITFINCH, A.O.S. (11): 1, spl., McQuiston, Greenfinch, nice col., neat head and body; 2, Davidson, Greenie, nice thickness through, grand shape, good wings, lovely head and col., presses hard; 3, McAlpine, Greenie, nice size and col., good chest, fine type; 4, Kerr, another nice Greenfinch; v.h.c., Nisbet; h.c., c., Douglas. LINNET (9): 1, McQuiston, Grey, fine size, smart and shapely, rich col. nicely laced; 2, Davidson, grand for size and shape, nice rich col. and lacing, lovely feather, presses; 3, Williams, another nice Grey, fine shape and col., nice even lacings; 4, A. Kerr, nicely marked Grey; v.h.c., Summerhill, grand type; h.c., McColl; c., Douglas. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1 spl., McQuiston, Siskin, smart, nice size and shape, good cap, bill, and lacing; 2, Kerr, Twite, soft to-day, not looking well when we saw it; 3, Davidson, another Twite, nice rich col. and pencilling; 4, Perrie, Twite, nice col. and pencilling, value even for second place; v.h.c., Walter Johnstone, Twite. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, McQuiston, nice well marked Redpoll, staged in rare condition, wins; 2, 4, Kerr, second, nicely marked, in splendid condition; 4, another good 'poll in lovely feather; 3, Davidson, very nicely marked, good shape; v.h.c., Williams. BORD., FCY., CK, CL (8): 1, Duncan, gem for shape, quality and style, nice silky feather, jaunty carriage, wins; 2, Kerr; 3, Bennet, grand type and carriage; 4, Dunn, nice typical Border; v.h.c. T. McEwan; h.c., Walter Johnstone; c., Anderson. HEN (6): 1, spl., Bennet, Buff, good shape, wings and tail, nice jaunty carriage and feather; 2, Duncan, Border of undoubted merit, nice type; 3, Walter Johnstone, yell. hen, very smart and shapely, feathers like wax, some thought should have been second; 4, Wm. Johnstone, yell., nice type and shape, very steady, good carriage; v.h.c., McEwan. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, J. Kerr, first, Green Border, of excellent merit easy win; 2, 4, 5, J. Graham, nice cinn., very jaunty good carriage and feathers like wax; 3, Forrest, another green Border, nice size, shape, and style; h.c., Bennet, soft at judging time we heard. A.O.C., CK (4): 1, Bennet, yell., neat size, grand shape, nice wings and tail, in spotless condition, 2, Duncan, another nicely marked yell. very jaunty and compact in feather; 3, McGhee, nicely marked bird, very steady and smart, neat carriage; 4, Inglis. HEN (6): 1, spl., A. Kerr, eye and wing marked Buff, in grand condition, neat and typical; 2, Duncan, nicely marked yell., very neat model, jaunty carriage, grand feather; 3, Meek, grand Buff, in point of merit practically as good as any; 4, Inglis, lovely quality and shape, fine feather, like wax; v.h.c., T. McEwan. COMMON CAN. (12): 1, Kerr, Border type, nice one; 2, c., Sandilands, Nor. type, in grand condition; 3, 4, Walter Johnstone, yell. in spotless condition some thought a good second; 4, nice type and condition; v.h.c., Miller; h.c., Graham. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, McQuiston, Cornbunting, in lovely feather and condition; 2, Arnott, Fieldfare, grand size, lovely markings and feather. SMALL (4): 1 spl., McQuiston, Bearded Tit, nicely marked, in lovely feather and condition; 2, A. and J. Shankley, Yellowhammer, in lovely feather and condition; 3, McAlpine, another beautiful Yellowhammer, grand rich col. and spotless condition; 4 (no name in catalogue), Hawfinch, in grand condition. FOR., LARGE (5): 1 spl., 2, Wm. Hamilton first, Blue Fronted Amazon Parrot; 2, King Parrot, both staged in the pink of condition (first wins clock and gold medal); 3, Morrison, Rosella Parrots, nice rich col., staged in the pink of condition; 4, Blythe, Grey Parrot, lovely bird in perfect condition; v.h.c., Tait. MULE OR HY. (6): 1, 4, McQuiston, first, Goldie-Bullie, grand size and shape, rich markings; 4, Linnet-Can., nice size and style, good shape; 2, 3, Walter Johnstone, second, Goldie Can., nicely marked tight in feather; 3, Linnet-Bullie, fine feather and condition, good shape; v.h.c., Orr.

SPALDING.

Spalding and District F.A. held their annual open ow on January 20th in the Corn Exchange. Enies in the cage bird section were not up to expecations, and several of the classes had to be canlled owing to insufficient entries. It is to be hoped iat at their next open show the society will be etter supported. They are worthy of a much rger entry. Messrs. Elviss and Mouncey, joint ecretaries, with their untiring energy, are both ourteous and obliging to all concerned. The birds ere staged in good time, and the cards placed on revious to the appointed time for the opening of ie show. Through illness Mr. Roe was unable to fficiate, but W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged, and is awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. 1909 CL. ETC. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Axe, grand ype and shape, good head, neck and body, well over erch, nice substance, col. and quality of feather; , Allen, cl. buff, good in type and shape, grand even ol. and quality of feather; 3, r, vhc, c, Brown, 3rd l. buff, what a grand col., in excellent feather, good ype; r, cl. buff, in grand feather; hc, Twine. HEN 7): 1, Howe, yell., tkd. ou head, extra type and hape, grand head, neck and body, nice col.; 2, llen, yell., mkd. on head, good even col., rare uality feather; 3, c, Brown, beautiful Nor. for hape and type, good short wings and tail; r, Calam, l. yell., big slashing hen, nice even col., in good orm; vhc, Harper; hc, Thompson. YORKS. CL. TC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ross, cinn. mark yell., nkd. on head, extra type, straight as a rush, grand osition, steady as a rock, lovely col. and quality; , c, Murrell, cl. yell., rare length, very showy, good ype and shape; 3, Hedworth, extra length, very teady, nice type and shape, good col.; r, Mrs. Stapleton, tkd. on neck, yell., nat. col., very typical pecimen, nice col; vhc, Brown; hc, Stapleton. BUFF 7): 1, spl best Yorks., Hedworth, cl. buff, grand ype and shape, stands like a guardsman, lovely even ol., in perfect condition; 2, Anton Bros., grand Yorks. for type and shape, grand head and body; , Ross, cl. buff, true Yorks., nice col. and feather; , Shaw Bros., good typical specimen; vhc, Williams; hc, Murrell; c, Brown. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Murrell, 1st variegyell., nice type and shape, rare tand, good position, even col. and quality of feather, n fine order; 2nd, tkd. yell., left wing, good type nd shape, well up on perch; 3, c, Brown, mkd. ead and wiug, nice shape and style, good quality f feather; r, Williams, yell., tkd. on neck, good ype and shape, stands well; hc, Ross. YOEKS., 909 (11): 1, Harriman, cl. buff, grand type and hape, rare length, good stand, soon in position; 2, Murrell, cl. yell., very neat exhibit, full of quality, xtra stand, splendid rich col., well placed; 3, Jones, l. buff, nice length, good stand and type, even col.; , Shaw Bros.; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Brown. YORKS. IEN (9): 1, Jones, cl. buff, a good stylish exhibit, xtra type and shape, nice stand, well up on leg, good quality feather; 2, vhc, Murrell, cl. buff, very ypical, good length, typo and shape; 3, Anton Bros., l. yell., good for type and shape, excellent col. and uality of feather; r, Ross, grizzle, mkd. saddle, very steady, in grand form; hc, Davies; c, Brown. IYB. (14): 1, spl, Belsher, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand exhibit, extra size and col., distinct marking, n faultless condition; 2, Andrews, Goldfinch-Bullinch, grand size and shape, good distinct markings, teady and well shown; 3, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfinch, gem, well up in col., extra quality feather, close up, harp lines to meet winners; r, hc, Cocks, another grand bird, Linnet-Bullie; vhc, Lysh; c, Rudd Bros.; bs., Nos. 5, 13, 14. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Andrews, grand size and shape, good expanse of blaze of rich col., well mkd. chest, good back and bars; 2, Jupe, another good Finch, gem of richness of col., good blaze, back and bars; 3, Harris, good all-round Finch, square cut blaze, well tanned breast and well-mooned wings; r, Axe, true Britisher all over; vhc, Fowl Bros.; hc, Wilson; c, Pawlett. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Harris, lovely exhibit, grand size and shape, nice clean cut cap, rich soft tone of col., good back and bars; 2, Belsher, good specimen, fine cap, back and bars, rich col. breast; 3, vhc, Jupe, equal in col. and marks, feather like boxwood, very steady; r, Axe, fine size and shape, good col.; hc, Brown; c, Walsh. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Hipwell, Siskin, good all-round exhibit, good clean cut cap and bib, nice col., well laced, in the best of condition; 2, Belsher, Lesser Redpoll, extra size, good bib, rich col., grand lacing; 3, Andrews, col.-fed Siskin, nice clean cut cap; r, Poole, Siskin, good col. and feather; vhc, Lowne; hc, Walsh; c, Dady. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Hernshaw, Linnet, grand col., well-defined marking, well laced, rich whites in wing, well shown; 2, Walsh, Greenfinch, splendid size and shape, lovely col.; 3, Walsh, Greenfinch, grand bird, little to choose between them, not quite so rich in col.; r, Poole, Greenfinch, good col. and feather, tight as boxwood, very steady; vhc, Harris; hc, Murrell; c, Malton; abs., No. 2. A.O.S. HARDBILLS (8): 1, Axe, Yellow Bunting, good size, nice rich col., well-defined markings, in the best of condition; 2, Hernshaw, Bramblefinch, grand head, well spangled, rich col; 3, Walsh, Chaffinch, nice size and shape, good col. head, back, and breast; r, Tyler, Grosbeak, good col. and feather; vhc, hc, Lowne; c, Harrison. SELL. (25/-) (11): 1, Woods; 2, Anton Bros.; 3, Harrison; r, Smith; vhc, J. Harrison; hc, Cahn; c, Brown. (15/-) (12): 1, Linsey; 2, Kenworth; 3, Harrison; r, Twine; vhc, Anton Bros.; hc, c, Brown.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

The first show of the year was held on January 22 at St. John's School, Paley Road, we having changed from the Bailey Mow Hotel. The show was a success, both in number of entries and financially. There were 129 birds in 16 classes. Some grand Yorkshires were on view, and the competition for points was very keen. Mr. J. Wilman (Baildon) had no light task in judging the cards, but the awards gave entire satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Gledhill; 2, hc, Dinsdale; 3, Casey; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Bleazard; c, Clark. BUFF (30): 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Bleazard; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Firth; c, Bywater. YELL. HEN (30): 1, Gledhill; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Firth; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Bywater; c, Clark. BUFF (16): 1, Atkinson; 2, Clark; 3, Dinsdale; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Casey; hc, Hodgson; c, Firth. FOUL MKD., CK. (7): 1, hc, Clark; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Casey; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Woolmer; c, Mitchell. ENV., ETC., MKD. HEN (3): 1, Hodgson; 2, 4, Warburton; 3, Clark. CINN. MKD. CK. (3): 1, Bywater; 2, Clark; 3, Atkinson. HEN (10): 1, Firth; 2, Warburton; 3, vhc, Bywater; 4, Hodgson; hc, Woolmer; c, Atkinson. NOVICE SECTION. —CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, vhc, hc, Shaw; 2, Booth; 3, Calloway; 4, Padgett; c, H. Hodgson. BUFF (9): 1, Shaw; 2, Booth, 3, Padgett; 4, Calloway; vhc, Rawes; hc, Day; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Rix; 4, Booth; vhc, Shaw; hc, Rawes; c, Marshall. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Booth; 2, Day; 4, vhc, Shaw; hc, H. Hodgson; c, Padgett. FOUL MKD. CK. (2): 1, Rawes; 2, Booth. HEN: 1, Calloway. CINN. MKD. HEN (2): 1, Padgett; 2, Marshall.—L. Booth, Sec.

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TREDEGAR.

A nice show was that of the Tredegar F.F.S., which was held in the Market Hall on January 20th. The entry was good in most of the classes, and the quality really splendid. All the arrangements were excellently carried out, and the birds nicely staged at the far end of the hall, under the superintendence of Mr. Bevan, the society's popular chairman. Mr. Griffiths made a most admirable secretary, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Edwards, very handsome wing mkd., lovely shape, col., and quality; 2, Lees, grand-shaped saddle mkd., in rare fettle; 3, hc, Thomas, very nice shaped variegy., capital col., hardly so tight; vhc, G. Jones. BUFF (11): 1, c, spl, Tedstone, slashing variegy., rare shape, feather, and col., in grand form; 2, G. Jones, very smart cl., neat and stylish, capital feather, broken in col. on head; 3, Edwards, lovely feathered cl. of good col., not so stout; vhc, Lees; hc, Hill. HEN (11): 1, spl, Hill, a regular little gem, grand shape, short and compact in wings and tail; 2, vhc, G. Jones, another good-shaped bull, hardly so tight; 3, Thomas, good quality, nice col., yell.; hc, W. H. Davies; c, W. Davies. NOVICE (11): 1, c, two spls, Carter, very handsome little buff, full of quality, feathered like a Java, rare shape; 2, Miss Mullany, nice shapely yell. of good col.; 3, vhc, hc, Powell, nice stamp of yell., not so stylish. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Portman, capital length and shape, nicely feathered; 2, Mortimer, neat head, grand shoulders, capital quality, shorter; 3, Bevan, two members' spls, nice-shaped stylish bird, bit inclined to spread tail; vhc, Williams; hc, Jeffreys; c, Yeo. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Portman, splendid cl., rare shape, style, and quality of feather; 2, Pritchard, very pretty three-pointed, lovely quality and col., very stylish; 3, Bevan, neat-feathered cl., good shape and style, stands well; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Williams; c, Cook. HEN (10): 1, spl, Lovell, a toppling buff, fine head, neat wings and flights, rare feather and style; 2, Castree, very long, slim, stylish yell., nice feather; 3, Mortimer, very high quality cinn.-mkd. yell., not quite so slim; vhc, Newell; hc, Bevan; c, Cook. NOVICE (15): 1, spl, c, Newell, nice shapely yell., good length and style, well feathered; 2, Phillips, smart, neat, stylish, nice shaped buff; 3, Clee, lovely yell., rare quality, col. and shape, but had gone a bit soft; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Watkins. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, Jones, grand shaped, quick-actioned pied buff Scot., and a nice wing-mkd. Crest; 3, Gamble; vhc, c, Moore; vhc, Edwards; hc, Morris, Jeffreys. MULES (9): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, very handsome even-mkd. yell., grand shape, col. and feather; 2, Lees, very shapely, grand feathered, lightly variegy. Linnet; 3, Arnold, very rich bright wing-mkd. yell., lovely feather; vhc, hc, Edwards; hc, Phillips; c, Lewis. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, Castree; 2, hc, Jeffreys; 3, Jones; vhc, Gamble, Tedstone; hc, T. Davies; c, Muscott. BRIT. GOLD. (11): 1, spl, Edwards, very rich, bright, sharp cut blaze, lovely bars and buttons, capital cheeks and collar; 2, vhc, Ray, greater depth of col., splendid feather and shape, loses in legs; 3 (no name), grandly mkd., hardly so bright in col., nice feather; hc, Parfitt; c, Arnold. GREYPATE (11): 1, spl, Lovell, a topper, wonderful col., grand deep cut blaze, rare bars and back; 2, hc, Edwards, larger in body, nicely cut markings, but not so bright; 3, Lewis, rattling good Finch, but has not steadied down; vhc, Ray; hc, Hodgson. A.O.V. H.B.: 2, Edwards, beautiful Greenfinch, rare col., shape and feather; 3, Ray, very nicely mkd. Hawfinch. SOFTBILL (3): 2, spl., Castree, very handsome Bearded Tit, in lovely condition and col.; 3, Lee, grand shaped, rich-coloured Blackbird, capital bill and eere; vhc, Jones. PARROTS (3): 2, Hurley, very handsome Golden-naped Amazon; 3, Summers, very nice Grey. A.O.V. FOR. (3): 2 spl., Greenland, rich-coloured, well mkd., nice feathered King Parrakeet; 3, Castree, well-known Toucan, had to go down on account of condition, give him a larger cage, Mr. C. SELL. (2): 2, Phillips; 3, Jones.

WIGAN.

The Roller Canary section of the Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. held their first open singing contest in the large room at the Fleece Hotel, Market Street, on January 21 and 22. Entries came up fairly well, numbering nearly 60 in 4 classes, whilst the quality was of the very best. The winner in the novice section is a particularly good bird, having a grand variety of notes, and a good delivery, and would take some beating in the champion section. Mr. W. Massey (Bolton) judged, and gave every satisfaction, not a single grumble being heard in the room. Mr. W. Ridge, the secretary, had everything in first-class order, and the show was excellently conducted in every detail

YOUND BIRD BRED 1909 (18): 1, spl., Foulds, holl. roll. 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 1, schockel 1, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, total 20; 2, spl., Foulds, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schockel 3, flute note 1, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 19; 3, spl., Foulds, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, flute note 1, deep bubbling water tour 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 18; 4, Wirlh, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 3, gen. eff. 4, total 18; vhc, Foulds, 17; hc, Foulds, 15; c, Foulds, 14; Nos. 15 and 17 did not sing. OPEN, ANY AGE (14): 1, spl., Pilling, holl roll 4, holl. bell 2, bell roll 4, schockel 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 7, total 25; 2, spl., Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, Schockel 2, flute notes 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5, total 22; 3, spl., Warcing, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 1, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, total 21; 4, Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, Schockel 3, flute notes 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, total 21; vhc, Banks, 18; hc, Foulds, 18; c, Chadwick, 17. OPEN NOVICE (11): 1, spl., Webster, holl roll 6, holl bell 3, bass roll 3, Schockel 3, flute notes 1, water glucke 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, total 27; 2, spl., Meadows, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, Schockel 3, flute notes 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 19; 3, spl., Collins, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, Schockel 2, flute note 1, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, deduct hard aufzug 1, sharp flute note 1, total 18; 4, Chadwick, holl. roll 5, bass roll 2, Schockel 3, flute notes 1, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, deduct hard aufzug 1, total 18; vhc, Routledge, 11; hc, Percival, 7; c, Routledge, 7; Nos. 4 and 10 did not sing. 30/- SELL. (11): 1, spl., Kremner, holl. roll, 6, bass roll 4, Schockel 4, flute note 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5, total 22; 2, 3, 4, spl., Kremner; vhc, hc, Foulds; c, Broadhead; No. 12 did not sing.

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HOYLAND.

The Hoyland and Dist. O.S. held their ninth annual show on January 22nd. The Town Hall, in which the exhibits were housed, is light, lofty, well ventilated, and of nice size. The weather was cold, but by the aid of a fire and the gases being lit up, the room was of a cosy description. The officials are to be complimented for so looking after the comfort of both visitors and the birds. This being a Y.U. show (last one previous to the Palace Show), one fully expected to see a very fine array of feathered gems present competing for the various trophies. Expectations, we are sorry to have to record, were, however, rudely shaken. The schedule provided 20 classes, five of which had unfortunately to be cancelled. The 15 classes that stood contained only 104 entries, barely seven birds per class. This, we were informed, was by far the worst open fixture as regards entries ever experienced at this noted colliery district. Hoyland fanciers are true to the core, and our sympathy is with them; they deserved every support for the admirable way they carry out their work. The staging was of a very neat order, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The president, Mr. T. Taylor, is quite an enthusiast, and a capital worker; the vice-president, Mr. T. Whittinghaun, makes a most capable understudy. The support rendered was of a most liberal character. The stewards were Messrs. T. Taylor (president), Thompson, Hanson, A. Taylor, Waters, Guest, and Oakley. Praise is due to each and everyone of them. As each class was adjudicated upon cards were displayed, and the show was open in good time. Mr. J. Warrender, the worthy sec., is the right man in the right place. Nothing is too much for Jabez to do, has the society at heart, and the only thing that was not to his liking was the poor response. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. Ramsden's medal, Mr. A. H. Waters.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and neck, rich col. and quality, lengthy of A1 position; 2nd, mkd. wing, straight up, superior quality, very stylish; 3, 4, vhc, Bailey, thigh tick, tight as wax, very lengthy, rare back; 4th, cl., shone like polished marble, shooty; hc, Dykes; c, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Bailey, nice team, former noted check mkd., this making (thereabouts) its 40th win, looking as well as ever; 2nd, mkd. head, unflig., "right 'un," rare length; 3, Ogden Bros., thigh tick, rich salmon-tinted col., good length and feather, nice back; 4, Dykes, nice style; vhc, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, cl., lovely col., feathered to perfection, stands like a guardsman, slashing length; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings, head and neck, A1 quality, straight as a pencil, well up on leg; 3, 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., capital trio, lightly variegy., marvellous length, rich col. and feather; 4th, mkd. wings and eyes, rare col.; hc, Whittingham; c, Hill. BUFF (9): 1, Wilson, thigh tick, rich col. and quality, beautifully drawn, good length, capital back and wings; 2, 4, hc, Ogden Bros., cl., feathered like a Java, lengthy and legay, A1 position, nervy and stylish; 4th, cl., grand col., feather and frosting; 3, vhc, Edmondson and Son, very fine lengthy cl., stands like a rush; c, Bailey, some thought might have gone up a bit. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hill, cl., looks very much like Shipley winner, unbeatable for quality, full of style, A1 position; 2, 3, Bailey, mkd. wing and root of tail, longer than 1st, teeming with quality, lovely position; 3rd, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, rare length, grand back wings and tail; 4, vhc, hc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and cheeks, very lengthy, nice col. and feather. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, cl., nice quality and bloom, good back wings and tail, shorter, and loose about waist; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and neck, much longer, smooth as glass, lovely frosting; 3, 4, Edmondson and Son, mkd. wing and eyes, slashing feather, straight as a pencil, when handled all right, but appearing little soft when benched, maybe little overshown; 4th, cl., grandly clothed, smooth as wax; vhc, c, Bailey, vhc the noted neck tkd., some thought far and away best in class. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, 2, hc, Waters, cl., rare col. and feather, nice substance, cobby and good carriage, clean cut away; 2nd, warm fed unflig. cl., capital shape, nice front, very promising; 3, Dr. Herd, tkd. eye, bouncer, lovely feather and shape, jaunty carriage; 4, Harland, cl., good in col. and feather, fine head, neck and chest; vhc, Pepper. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, cl., nice feather and col., neat body; 2, 3, Waters, both cl., far more substance, grand feather and col., former leads a little in condition; 4, Pepper, cl., rare shape and size; vhc, Dr. Herd, very bonny cl.; hc, Harland; c, Hoyes. CLASSES 9, 10, 11, 12: Cancelled. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Jowett, cinn. mkd. wings and head, wonderful length, rattling col. and feather, fine position; 2, Thomas, lightly variegy., slim and upstanding, beautiful feather, grand back; 3, Hutson, wonderful lengthy cl., A1 back flights and tail; 4, Hall, cl., good position, neat and narrow; vhc, Hutton; hc, Casey. BUFF (6): 1, Priestley, cl., fine quality, good stand, nice sides, back and wings, not of the longest but one of the smartest; 2, Jowett, cl., rich salmon-tinged col., lengthy and slim, well up on leg, must have pressed; 3, Hutton, cl., tight as a drum, full of nerve and style, lengthy, clever legs; 4, Hall, mkd. wings and head; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Tyas. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Thomas, thigh tick, lovely feather, neat and narrow, capital back flights and tail, draws; 2, Hall, cl., rattling length, sweet expression of head, down in condition somewhat, or no doubt would have won; 3, Casey, mkd. neck, finely fed, rich feather, slim and lengthy; 4, Hutton, thigh tick, A1 quality, nice head properties; vhc, Race. BUFF (6): 1, Wilkinson Bros., tkd. neck, good feather, nice position, full of style; 2, Thomas, variegy., smooth as glass, stands well, good length, nice back and wings, rightly placed; 3, Hall, mkd. wing, tight as a drum, lovely type; 4, vhc, Race, mkd. wing, rich col. and mealing; hc, Hoyes. YELL. HEN (9): 1, hc, Thomas, fine lengthy cl., grand feather and col., good stand, bonny damsel; 2, 4, Wilkinson Bros., both cl., full of style, beaten in length only; 4th, little soft; 3, Casey, cl., nice quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Priestley; c, Hutton. CLASS 18: Cancelled. NOR. (6): 1, 3, Robinson, massive yell., mkd., good shape and col., bit open in feather; 3rd, also big bird, similar to 1st, both good for stock; 2, Thompson, buff mkd. wings and head, 1909 bred, capital col. and feather, nice shape; 4, Hoyes, cl. buff, bonny shaped body, nice feather, col. and frosting; vhc, hc, Laister. HEN (5): 1, 2, Robinson, cl. buff and cl. yell. respectively, both very massive in frame, nice col. and feather, grand ones for breeding with; 3, Thompson, mkd. yell., nice shape, full of quality, good col.; 4, Laister, cl. yell., very shapely, too small; No. 2, Hoyes, w.c., passed as a cock.

LLANELLY.

In the Yellowhammer Class at Llanelly show, writes our reporter, Mr. A. Coffey was 1st and Mr. W. J. Bancroft 2nd. In the Linebills, 2nd, Price (Reed Bunting), the 3rd being Ray (Hawfinch). BORD. HEN (8): 1, Mugford, splendid typical one, neatly carried wings and tail, good feather; 2, Mrs. Dunkwater, very neat, jaunty Border of correct type, well fitting wings; 3, D. Williams, well moulded, neatly staged, splendid carriage; 4, Hammacott and Card; vhc, c, Bayley; hc, Dowes.

LARNE (Ireland).

First annual open show of the Larne C.B.A., was held on January 20th and 21st, in the M'Garil Town Hall. This hall is an ideal one for the purpose, being well lighted, spacious, and free from draughts. Mr. J. Wilcock (Ecclesbill) judged, and his awards were well received. The entries did not come quite up to expectations, but, owing to the season getting so late, many exhibitors are keeping their birds at home, preparing them for the breeding season. The Norwich classes were small as regards entries, but some very taking birds were put down. The Yorkshires were a grand lot, some of the finest birds being staged. The show was held under the patronage of the Y.C.C., Y.C.S., and N.P.H. of Ireland. The various challenge cups, medals, etc., were contested for, and special prizes were won by Messrs. Neill, Stewart, Geddis, Owen and Magee, Loughridge, Barclay, Lavery, Keating, Fleming, M'Neill, Gaskin, Mulligan, Kane, Harvey, and Haste. Mr. Geddis, the courteous and energetic secretary, with a hard-working committee consisting of Messrs. Kane, Haste, Smith, Gillesby, Mann, Owens, Rogan, Streight, McConkey, Buchannan, Gilchrist and Fullerton, had everything well in hand, and this being their first venture, we heartily congratulate them upon the able and willing manner in which each man performed the duties entrusted to him. The exhibits were all packed and away in good time, and when the balance-sheet is made up, it will probably be found that there will be a few pounds to bring forward to next year's fixture.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Niell, team hard to find fault with, well-known, and often described. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Niell, another team, well-known, grand shoulders, lovely drive, handles well. NOR., CREST CK. (4): 1, 2, Stewart, pair of good Crests, well balanced; 3, Geddis, a wee bit on the small side, good bird; 4, M'Mullan. HEN: 1, 3, Stewart, plenty of feather, good drooping Crests; 2, M'Atter, very good head, neat Crest. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Geddis, good head, well balanced bird; 2, McMullan, nice size, good all round. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CK., CL., YELL. (1): 1, Stewart, good head, lovely short wings and tail, A1 col. TICK. YELL. (3): 1, Lavery, good size, rare neck and head, nice col., wins; 2, Loughridge, grand quality, well balanced, short, chubby bird; 3, Owens and Magee, equal in shape, nice one. CL. BUFF (1): 1, Carson, nice shape, good feather. TICK. (2): 1, Loughridge, nice shape, good head; 2, Carson, very compact, close, short flights. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Stewart, real pair of gems, good all round; 3, Loughridge, fine size, good ones; 4, Cooke, very stylish. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Owens and Magee, good, all-round, typical bird, nice feather; 2, Cooke, good col. and quality; 3, Carson, fine, bold head, rich in col. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Stewart, good shape, fine, silky feather, bold head; 2, 4, Lavery, good size, and head, lovely short, compact flights, good shape and position; 3, Barclay, nice shape, thick-set, bold head; hc, Owens and Magee. TICK (2): 1, Loughridge, good shape, nice, close silky feather; 2, Owens and Magee, fine shape head and flights. HEN VARIEG. (4): 1, Lavery, well up in size, good shape, A1 feather; 2, Loughridge, nice size, grand wings and tail; 3, 4, Mrs. Taylor, smaller, shapely, good feather. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Keating, grand length and shape, fine position, lovely quality; 2, Devins, magnificent quality, very smart shape and position; 3, Gillies, splendid shape, very straight, good legs; 4, vhc, Fleming, well up in position; hc, McNeilly. HEN (4): 1, Devins, good shape, neat wing carriage, good quality; 2, Fleming, full of quality, very stylish; 3, McNeilly, smaller, perhaps, but true Yorkie type. TICK., ETC. (7): 1, Fleming, cin.-tkd., grand type, very stylish; 2, Keating, yell., mkd. on back, lovely quality, well up; 3, Gillen, nice size and shape, handles well; 4, vhc, J. Mulligan, good all round properties; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Devins. CL. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Keating, gem for shape, lovely feather, grand flights; 2, Devins, nice bird, stands like a soldier; 3, Gillen, true Yorkie type; 4, M'Neilly, very stylish; vhc, C. J. Mulligan; hc, Fleming. HEN (7): 1, Devins, close-fitting jacket, grand legs, handles well; 2, vhc, Keating, very stylish, gem for shape; 3, Gillen, typical, good feather; 4, Fleming, very close and compact, nice shape; hc, M'Neilly. TICK., ETC., HEN (7): 1, M'Neilly, lovely shape and feather, very typical; 2, Keating, straight as a gun-barrel, well up on leg; 3, vhc, Fleming, nice shape, good back, head and well up; 4, Devins, good size, shape and style; hc, C. J. Mulligan. NOVICE, YORKS., CL. CK. (7): 1, Gaskin, grand length and col., lovely shape, good flights and tail; 2, Jamieson, fine feather, shape and style; 2, M. Mulligan, good all round, typical specimen; 4, vhc, Woods, nice length; hc, Carroll. HEN (9): 1, M. Mulligan, good shape, grand head, flights, and tail; 2, 4, vhc, Jamison, good style, 4th nice shape and feather; 3, hc, Woods, good head, true Yorkie, A1 feather; c, Carroll. TICK, ETC., CK. (7): 1, M. Mulligan, grand length, well up on leg, good shape; 2, Mrs. Taylor, cinn. mkd., red-hot col., lovely shape and style, A1 flights and tail, good, taking bird; 3, hc, Jamison, nice shape, neat and stylish; 4, Carroll, good flights and tail; vhc, Gaskin. HEN (3): 1, Gaskin, nice shape, good feather; 2, M. Mulligan, grand style, well shown. CAN. MULE CL., ETC.: 1, Owens and Magee, grand size, good feather. A.O.V. CAN. MULE, DK. (10): 1, Barclay, Greenie-Can., grand size, lovely col., A1 feather; 2, vhc, Owens and Magee, Goldie-Can., grand shape and feather, well shown; 3, O'Hara, Siskin-Cau., grand shape and col.; 4, Geddis, Linnet-Can.; hc, Gilchrist; c, Devins. HYB.: Cancelled. MATCHED PAIRS (for Muling): 1, vhc, Owens and Magee, Greenfinch-Can., good pair; 2, Gilchrist, Greenie-Bullie, very steady; 3, Barclay, Goldie-Can., should do well; 4, Haste, another Goldie-Can.; hc, Gettinby. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Barclay, well-known winner "Pride of Erin," looking very fit; 2, Carson, grand size, shape, and feather, lovely moons, good 2nd; 3, Owens and Magee, nice shape and size, well shown; 4, Haste, very stylish, good, square-cut blaze; vhc, hc, Ross; c, Harvey. GREY LINNET (9): 1, Carson, lovely pencillings, grand col. and size; 2, Owens and Magee, nice shape and size, good nut-brown col.; 3, Barclay, very shapely, nice bird; 4, Kane, smaller, but ideal pencillings. BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Owens and Magee, Bullies, grand size, shape, and col., lovely exhibits, credit to owner; 3, Barclay, Greenie, bold and upright, very steady; 4, Devins, Bullie, splendid col., very steady; vhc, Carson; hc, Harvey; c, Haste. LARK, ETC.: 1, Gettinby, Blackbird, grand size, good feather; 2, Mrs. Mills, Song Thrush, nice markings. SELL., 20/- (5): 1, Barclay; 2, O'Hara; 3, Devins; 4, M'Neilly. NOR. 15/- (7): 1, Carson; 2, Mulligan; 3, Mrs. Taylor; 4, Loughridge; vhc, Barclay; hc, Cooke; c, Cooke. SONG BIRD, 12/-: 1, Owens and Magee; 2, M'Caldin; 3, Carson; 4, Harvey; vhc, O'Hara; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, M'Cookin.

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VARIOUS BIRDS.

1909 dark Goldfinch Mule and show cage, 7/6; large yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; two pairs Bullies, 5/-; wanted camera: W. Ross, Westerfield, Suffolk.

SIX high-class 1909 Norwich hens, part Trengove strain, also Linnet and Canary, bred 8 Mules last season; what offers?: J. Heneghan, 29, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds.

TWENTY pairs of good Yorkshires from 8/- a pair; house-moulted Siberian Bullfinch, 7/6; approval; cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-; state wants: H. Stuke, Daisy Croft, Brighouse, Yorks.

MUST clear, room required: Lancashire buff Plainhead cock, 25/-; yellow ditto, 15/-; buff coppy hen, 15/-; buff Norwich Plainhead hen, 3rd prize Rochdale Town Hall, 25/-; light yellow variegated Goldfinch Mule, winner, 25/-; Yellow Bunting, 15/6, can win; mahogany-fronted flight cage, 8ft. 6in. by 3ft. 12ins., loose front, 16/; lemon Pomeranian toy bitch, 8½lbs. weight, 16 months, 50/-; sell or exchange anything useful; stamp: Law, Joiner and Undertaker, Mereficld, Rochdale.

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See my advertisements under British, Norwich, Yorkshires: T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries, Southall.

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WANTED, mitre-cutting machine; state price: J. Travis, Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED, good fly rod; exchange Lancashire; approval: Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

FERRETS, wanted quantity; state lowest price; carriage paid: Saunders, Wraysbury-rd., Staines.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules; state lowest price: Henderson's, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth.

GOOD British or Canaries for gent's frock coats, mourning suit; as new: Chinchen, Park-st., Cowes.

WANTED revolver; exchange pair of Canaries: Wilkinson, 92, South-st., New Whittington, Chesterfield.

WANTED Hartz cock on approval; exchange Fulton's Pigeon Book and cash: Battenbo, 42, Oxford-st., Aberdare.

WANTED, offers in cage birds for deep sea fishing rod, or would sell same for 10/-: Brown, The Mews, Herne Bay.

WANTED, good Norwich hen, approval, exchange two pairs songsters; sale 14/-: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay.

ANY quantity of healthy hen Canaries, best price given, required on approval: Evans, 12, Key Hill, Birmingham.

WANTED, adult yellow hen and pair green Budgerigars for Yorkshire cock Canaries: 15, Havelock-sq., Sheffield.

GOLDFINCH cock, a winner; exchange magazine camera, cost £1 1s., as new: Young, 32, Shrubland, Berkhamsted.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED, Budgerigars or Canaries; exchange pair show homers, value 50/-: Arpert, 30, Seven Sisters-rd., Holloway.

STRAND Magazine wanted, July, 1903: Anyone having one for sale write to Burling, Queen's Arms Hotel, Margate.

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich cock, 1908, for two buff unflighted cocks; approval: Barclay, Normand-pl., Kelty.

WANTED cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, exchange pair 1909 Yorkshire Canaries: I. Moses, Butts, Stanhope, co. Durham.

WANTED, 3 yellow Norwich hens; exchange self green Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/6: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

WANTED Canaries, Budgerigars, bees-wax, small Forceners; exchange garden aviary: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts.

WANTED, large Norwich hens, exchange combination front back rim brake, accessories: Paver, Cycle Agent, South Milford.

WANTED, acclimatised, small foreign Seedeaters, exchange pair good buff Norwich; offers: Pace, 18, Westbury st, Thornaby.

WANTED, slim Yorkshire cock, exchange singing Roller cock and cage; sell 12/6; offers: Hornsby, Lodge-st., Byers Green.

SINGING cock Canary wanted; will exchange walking-stick (snakewood), two silver mounts, cost 6/-: 12, Edward-rd., Folkestone.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange wire fronts and all cage requirements; see advertisement: Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED Canaries or anything useful in exchange for Black Pom bitch, pedigree, or sell 25/-: Beetham, 169, Sheffington-rd., Preston.

WANTED, a writing desk; exchange 1 pair Norwich Canaries, good birds, value 10/6: Fraser, Park View, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

WANTED good Scifert Rollers; exchange light Goldie and Yellow Greenfinch Mules; Rollers first: Rogers, Butcher, Cambridge.

WANTED Rollers for new accordeon, cost 15/-; also zither harp, for Rollers or offers, sell 20/-: Peters, School-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED, Canaries for aviary; exchange good coloured Belgian does, 6 months, value 10/-: Rev. Soames, Lyncroft, Bromley, Kent.

WANTED, Budcrigars, etc., new breeding Locks, exchange breeding cages, as new; approval: Horton, Bridge, Flexton, Manchester.

WANTED, clear yellow Yorkshire cock, in exchange for pair of Norwich, or sell, cocks 6/-, hens 2/6: Young, Confectioner, Whitby.

WANTED, One cock or three hen Canaries; exchange pair hollow-ground razors in case; approval: Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

NOTICE, wanted 10 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Scotch Fancies; must be reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, pair common and green Avadavats, Sydney and St. Helena Waxbills, hen Cordon Bleu, hen Silverbill, acclimatised: Morse, Derry.

BUY, sell or exchange live stock, prize pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, British and Foreign birds: Maynard, Naturalist, Bethnal Green.

WANTED, exhibition blackleg Goldie and show-cage, or offers for H.M. Siberian Goldie, or sell 15/-: Mr. Timberlake, 38, Waltham-rd., Southall.

WANTED, weekly supply of Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; 1/3 given for hen Canaries; wanted hen mules: Blackett, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

WANTED cage birds, flying Homers, or anything useful, for Irish Terrier, ratter, rabbiter, and splendid water dog: Jones, 6, Lambpit-st., Wrexham.

WANTED, high-class pair of Yorkshires, must be standard length, exchange good songsters: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

WANTED large heavily variegated Yellow 1909 Norwich hen; exchange grand cock Goldie Mule; approval: Waldock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green.

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WANTED, two Cock Canaries; exchange smooth fox terrier dog, 7 months, good pedigree; yours first, or sell £1: Bacon, near Post Office, Selston, Notts.

WANTED three cock Canaries or Mules, singing, or nine hens; exchange large heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for treadle lathe and fret-saw combined, or sell 30/-; or exchange anything useful: E. Perks, 4, North-st., Fleetwood, Lancashire.

LARGE unflighted yellow Norwich Plainhead hen, good head and neck, exchange good Yorkshire cock; good Yorkshire cocks cheap: Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

WANTED, Edison phonograph; exchange two pair Yorkshires, 10/- pair; also Magpie and cage, 8/-; Missel Thrush and cage, 10/-: Charles Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

WANTED, Cinnamons, also self green Yorkshires, good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich stock cock; exchange Harmsworth Atlas, 37 7d. parts, unbound; no rubbish wanted or offered: Lanfear, 24a, Higher Wood-st., Middleton, Lancashire.

WANTED, 3 brace Partridges, 3 pairs green or golden Plover, 2 hen Silver Pheasants, all healthy live birds; also Partridge eggs in season: Philip Gaffney, Upper Grauge, Waterford.

WANTED, high-class Norwich Plainhead Canaries (stock birds); exchange double-barrel, breach-loader gun, 12 bore, good as new, cost £8 8s.: John H. Ireland, Parliament-st., Morecambe, Lancs.

WANTED, large Norwich or Lancashire hens: exchange 2 cock Goldfinches, 5 hens, 4 cock Canaries, 2 hens, 1 cock Goldfinch mule, 8 hens; all outdoor aviary birds: Canning, Lisnevagh, Howth-rd., Dublin.

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Mainly British
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SIX hen Bullfinches, caught weeks, 8/-, or exchange: R. Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

FOUR cock Chaffinches, exchange lot for good cock Goldfinch: Cockburn, 18, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

FEW good Linnets, 9d.; also Yellow Finches, 6d. each: Strachan, 77, Rosemount-viaduct, Aberdeen.

WHAT offers, 12 cock Chaffinches, 6 large yellow cock Greenfinches: Sutton, 2, Orchard-walk, Aberdeen.

FOUR cock Goldies and cash for pair 1909 pure Rollers; approval: Bayliss, Princes-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford.

WILL give 2 cock Bullfinches fit for show, 4 cock Linnets, for yellow Norwich hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

HEN Bullfinches for sale, 9d. each; or exchange for Imp. records: C. Coleman, East Street, Long Buckby.

MULING pairs, Linnet and Canary, 3/6; yellow Greenfinch and Canary, 2/6: Sutton, 2, Orchard-walk, Aberdeen.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch Mule, 1909, in full song, exchange good Norwich, or sell £1: 96, Woodford-la., Over, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE, 3 Worcestershire cock muling Goldfinches, 1 hen, for Yorkshires: S. Parker, Evesham-rd., Astwood, Bk.

FIVE Linnet Mules, 3 cocks, 2 hens, - house-moulted Linnet, father of same, sell £1; offers: Dixon, Axholme-st., Goole.

TWO house moulted cock Goldfinches, one bred mules, sell 11/-; exchange: Atkins, Wheatsheaf Raunds, Wellingboro'.

LINNET, singing, proved muler, 6/6; exchange Goldfinch, Norwich, or Roller cock: Brown, 365, Gairtraid-st., Glasgow.

HOUSE-moulted English cock Goldfinch, 7/6; useful exchange, trout rod, tackle: F. Lockett, 20, Picton-st, Leek, Staffs.

COCK Linnet hen Canary, bred Mules last season, exchange three black Rosy-combed Bantams: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, for large house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch: Bounds, Clark's Yard, Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE, breeding Goldfinch for good Buff Norwich hen, or sell, 12/6; approval: Thomas Stephens, Helston, Cornwall.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, singing; exchange stock pair Norwich; approval; sell, 10/-: P. Nillips, Police Station, Kingstone, Hereford.

WANTED, cock Bullfinch or Hawfinch; exchange German singing cage; sell 5/6; offers: Dudley, 1, Spring Hill, Wellington, Salop.

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THREE selected cock Goldfinches, grand blaze, bars and buttons, 4/- each; exchange, Canaries preferred: Baker, City rd., Cardiff.

EXHIBITORS, monster yellow cock Greenfinches 1/- each, selected cock Redpolls 1/- each; approval: Shennan, Marle-st., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE winning Blackbird, show-cage and case, for Hawfinch; also Thrush show-cage for hen Yorkshires: Price, Velindre, Kidwelly.

COCK Siskin, house-moulted, reserve, vhe only times shown, 7/6; or exchange 1909 Norwich hens; approval: T. Jenkins, 87, Pottery-rd., Llanelly.

BARGAIN; cock Goldfinch hen Canary, bred Mules, 10/-; 3 splendid cock Mules from above, 7/- each; singing; offers: Wood, 14, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

WILL exchange cock Mule Linnet, Siskin, or Goldfinch for 2 Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 1 Yellow, 1 Buff: Matthew Shields, 110, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

EXHIBITION Linnet, show cage and case, vhe and he, house-moulted, 8/6, or exchange exhibition Hawfinch: C. Nevison, Emgali, Bedale, York.

THREE pair Bullfinches, 3/- pair; Russian cock Goldfinches, 5/-; or exchange for 1909 Yorkshire hen Canaries: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

PAIR Zebra Finches, Linnet mule, Goldfinch mule, cocks, cock Bullfinch, hen Goldfinch; exchange cock Goldfinches or Canaries; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch, pair Canary-reared Greenfinches, for new double-breeders, joiner made; yours first; offers; sell 10/-: J. T. Brewin, Heanor, Notts.

BLACK cock and hen Goldfinch muler cock, singing, 15/6, or exchange pair good clear Yorkshire Canaries; yours first: Dodd, 9a, Kingston-rd., Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE 2 white-legged cock Goldfinches (mulers) for 2 Yellow Norwich unflighted cocks; approval both ways: H. Hines, 56, Norwich-rd., Ipswich.

FIVE Snow Buntings, five Larks, four Greenfinches, will exchange for cock Siskins or show cages or offer: Sadler, 130, Blundell-avenue, New Clecthorpes.

SIX grand Siberian cock Goldfinches; will exchange them for colour-fed hen Canaries; must be good hens: Crossman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE, Goldfinch Mule, full song, for unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, must be standard length: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

EXHIBITION black Tumbler, cock (winner), yellow (almond-bred) cock; also good Cumulet cock: exchange good British Hardbills: Gell, Drumgold, S.I., Douglas, I.O.M.

FIVE Goldfinch Mules, cocks 7/6 each, 30/- lot: exchange unflighted yellow green Norwich hen: dulcimer or joiner's tools: J. Grierson, Turtholm, Lesmahagow, N.B.

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FIVE cocks, 6 hens, Bullfinches, large, tame, splendid colour, caged Sept. 3rd., fit for Muling, lot 15/-, worth 30/-; exchange Canaries, anything: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

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SIX Linnets, 2 Greenfinches, 2 1909 Chaffinches, all cocks; 8 hen Linnets, 6/- lot; exchange house-moulted cock Siskin and hen Canary: Charles Lee, 79, North-st., Stanground, Peterboro'.

GIVING up Fancy, Goldfinch cock, two cock Linnets, cages, etc., all house-moulted, 10/-, cheap at double for Muling, take mincer part exchange; approved, deposit: Papworth, 11, Providence-st., Rotherham.

HAVE for Sale, Exchange: 8/6 hens, paired for Muling, Siberian Goldfinch and Bullfinch, British, Yorkshires; wanted large Lancashire, Norwich, Lizards; approx.: Metcalfe, 23, Rycott-st., Broughton, Manchester.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for mulling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

GOLDFINCHES in full song, 2 good square blaze, 6/- each; large Norwich hen variegated, 4/-; pair Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, like silk, 10/6, all 1909; approval, deposit; no rubbish: A. Holmes, Inhams-rd., Whittlesea, Peterboro'.

Mainly Canaries.
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OFFERS wanted for 4 pairs Bullfinches; very big birds: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton.

FIVE Roller hens, 10/-, or exchange for Border show cages: Sewell, 19, William-st., Carlisle.

COCK Norwich, exchange for Yorkshire hen; yours first: Curry, 10, Rectory-gr., Clapham, S.W.

EXCHANGE, double yellow cock Canary (1909) for good Linnet; yours first: 5, Monk's-st., Warrington.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks, can win, 12/6, 15/- each; exchange Mules or British: Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

WHAT offers for three double yellow cock Canaries (1909)? Anything useful; address 5, Monk's-st., Warrington.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens for 4 Roller hens; yours first: H. Deeming, 23, Burleigh-rd., Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens for Roller or Mule, full song; yours first: Annis, 42, Squires-la., Finchley, London.

BUFF green cock 7/-, large clear hen 3/6; exchange yellow-green Yorkshire hen: Cockayne, 56, Cockburn-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE good Norwich buff cock for good lengthy Yorkshire hens: H. Perrins, 267, Uttoxeter-rd., Longton.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshire cock Canaries for pullets, or sell £1: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Globe-rd., London, E.

EXCHANGE invited; young healthy Canaries; cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6: F. Wood, 43a, Radnor-st., Peckham, London.

EXCHANGE 1909 var. Buff Norwich cock for Yellow hen, approval both ways, or sell 5/6: Rose, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

25 pairs high-class Yorkshires, 7/6 pair, exchange Zonophone records, anything useful: Minikin, 26, Grape-st., Keighley.

FIVE medium-sized Yellow Norwich hen Canaries, slightly marked, healthy 1909 birds; offers: French, Doddington, March.

BARGAIN; pair typical Norwich, sell 15/-; exchange gent's gold ring; offers: Wood, 6, Goodman-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks for yellow green or variegated cock (1909) Norwich, value 30/-: Walter Clarkson, Victoria-pl., Falkirk.

EXCHANGE Plainhead hen Crested cock, Crested hen, for 2 Norwich cocks; sell £1: T. Edwards, Hunter-st., Sacriston.

CRESTED Norwich cock, winner, 20/-; exchange buff Norwich Plainhead hen: Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge.

WANTED, Crested hen; exchange, yellow Norwich cock and cage, 8/6; two single breeders, 4/-: Clark, Queen-st., Peterhead.

TWO clear buff hens for Mule breeding, exchange for yellow Border cock: W. Richardson, 55, Low Westwood, Ebchester.

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EXCHANGE one pair of stock Yorkshires, worth 30/-, for a small Fox or English Terrier dog: Allen, 342, Battersea Park-rd.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- each, or will exchange for bird seed, hen Canaries, or British birds: Stinchcombe, Aston-rd., Wem.

1909 Norwich hens, 2/6; a few good Yorkshire hens; exchange singing cock; offers, seen any time: 26, Woolwich-rd., E. Greenwich.

EXCHANGE 8 good Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens, as bred, for pair of Yorkshires; no rubbish: Rate Collector, Irthlingborough.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

EXCHANGE 1909 buff Plainhead Lancashire hen for British Hardbills; sell 12/6; mutual approval: Entwistle, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

WINNING strain Norwich, 6 cocks, 4 hens; exchange cycle, phonograph, anything; offers: Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

ROLLERS, two hens wanted, will exchange nice healthy Cheverel Goldfinch and good cock Linnet: Beenham, 73, Mawson-rd., Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE cock, St. Andreasberg hen, sell 10/-, or exchange for Norwich cock and Seifert hen; yours first: O. Bennet, Ruardean, Gloucestershire.

NORWICH cocks, large, good strains, 7/6 to 15/-; exchange; wanted exhibition Hawfinch, Goldfinch, large muling hens: Fiddes, Melville-lane, Montrose.

GIVING up the Fancy; all my stock for sale; some good pairs of Norwich, also some good Border Fancies; stamp: P. R. Munwick, Quakerfield, Bannockburn.

EXCHANGE for pair Yorkshires high-class orange yellow variegated Rollers, Norwich, or Sib. hens, sell 3/- each, bargain; stamp: Davies, Ivydene, Craven Arms.

TWO hen Canaries and a Canary-reared cock Bullfinch, grand healthy birds; sell 8/6; exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock: G. Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

BERT Kewley, Mount Murray, Santon, Isle of Man; pair of Norwich Canaries (Storey's) and breeding cage, complete, 9/- lot; exchange for table poultry.

GRAND pair prize-bred Borders; exchange buff Norwich cock and buff Norwich hen, unflighted; no rubbish offered or wanted: Hamilton, Eddlewood, Hamilton.

EXCHANGE good Crested cock Canary, unflighted, or cock Goldfinch Mule, for two large unflighted yellow Plainhead hens: Walker, 404, Barridge-rd., Nottingham.

THREE good exhibition Homers, Pigeons, exchange for Canaries. What offers also good hand-reared cock Blackbird for Norwich cock?: Phipps, Mill Platt, Isleworth.

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EXCHANGE two pairs Canaries for large 1909 sing- cock Canary, sell 12/-; also 4 Linnets, bred Mules, aviary, for 1909 singing Canary, sell 12/-: Allum, Berens-rd., Kensal Rise.

GRAND pair of Borders, 1st and 2nd prize winners; change large yellow Norwich hen, 1909, or sell ; approval, deposit: Williams, Greenfield-rd., rnubank, Lanarkshire, N.B.

FIVE 1909 Norwich, one cock certain, 14/-; or change wringing machine or dog biscuit crusher, working order; cash if needed: Barrett, London ouse, Princes Risborough, Bucks.

TWO buff, 2 yellow Yorkshire hens, 1 buff York- ire cock; exchange for good marked yellow Nor- ich cock, good show bird, or sell 17/6: French, 90, ourne-st., Eastbourne: yours first.

YORKSHIRES, 3 yellow, 3 buff 1909 cocks, cold om bred and in grand condition; accept 5/6 each, r exchange for 2 1909 unflighted yellow hens: H. obson, , Northend, Northallerton.

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FOR sale, 3 Norwich P.H. cocks, 7/6 each; 1 York- ire cock and Sib. hen, 10/6 pair; or exchange for lean, healthy polecat ferrets trained to ratting: ollinson, Boot Maker, Waterloo-rd., Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE good Buff Norwich Plainhead cock, on-fed for good Buff Plainhead Norwich hen; utual approval; yours first; no rubbish wanted or iven: John Reid, Longridge, Fauldhouse, Lmlithgow- ire.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies and 1 buff Crested orwich hen for good buff variegated or green Nor- ich hen, must be large and good type; approval oth ways: Morland, 5, Infirmary-sq., Berwick-upon- weed.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cock, 15/-; large buff Cinna- on cock (foul tail), 7/6; green Crest-bred cock, 0/6; will exchange for Norwich Cinnamon hens; pproval: Bairstow, 22, Livingstone-st., Lee Mount, alifax.

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COLD room, two unflighted buff Yorkshire hens, 2nd nd 4th prizes, 18/-; exchange for typical yellow arked unflighted Yorkshire cock, three good Nor- ich stock cocks, yellow Cinnamon, 1st prizes, 15/-; uff green, 10/-; variegated buff, 10/-; 4-compart- ent breeder, 42-28-14, black, blue, 10/-; offers: llen, Upperthrift-st., Northampton.

Mainly Foreign.

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WANTED, offers in Yorkshire hens for talking arrakeet and cage; approval: Bignell, 170, Mey- ick-rd., Battersea.

EXCHANGE, Blue-fronted Amazon, commencing o talk, also cage, value £2 What offers?: 58, High-st., Folkestone.

EXCHANGE real Australian Grey Parrot and cage or Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canaries: 70, Upper ooting-rd., London.

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SALE, large Parrot and cage, plain talker, £3 10/-, anted gent's gold watch, gold Albert, Canaries: E. White, High Flat, Crook, co. Durham.

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EXCHANGE two pair yellow Budgerigars, good reeders, also 3 young, breed 1909, and auto-harp for talking machine and records, or offers: S. Freer, Queen-st., Desborough, Northants.

WHAT offers in Gouldian, Parson, Grass Finches, or other small foreign for a very fine Grey Parrot, very plain and fluent talker; exchange to value, £7 10s., or sell £7: Holmes, 46, Aglionby-st., Carlisle.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

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SALE or exchange Edison-Bell records for York- shire Canaries: Wise, Barons-yard, Keswick.

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GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-; for Mules or offers; approval: B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell, E.C.

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ALL white Bull Terrier bitch, 6 months, 12/6, great bargain, or exchange birds: Aaron, Headlands, Knot- tingley.

SWEET machine, 58 pairs Rollers, cost £70; take £12; exchange: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle- on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE good red felt, 20ft. long, 4ft. wide, suit- able for bedroom, for hen Rollers: Hache, Holroyd- st., Leeds.

PAIR Blue Madeira pigeons, 7/0, or offers ex- change; approval: Hinson, Leeds House, Hooper-st., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE 40-piece floral design china teaset for Canaries: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Globe-rd., London, E.

EXCHANGE 150 engravings by 150 artists, cost 50/-, for Canaries; sell 30/-.—Pepworth, Roseberry-avenue, Bridgwater.

EXCHANGE pair Homing pigeons, flown 120 miles, for cock Canary: Hunt, 7, Claytou-st., Skelmersdale, nr. Ormskirk.

WILL exchange 4-compartment breeding cage for hen Canaries: Henry Hatfield, 7, South-st., Eastgate, Peterborough.

SALE or exchange for Norwich cock Silver Watch and Safety Razor; birds first: Lenall, 67, Westeru- rd., Brighton.

GRAND curly Retriever bitch, good watch, 18 months old; exchange for Canaries: J. Howie, Byres- rd., Kilwinning.

SET of drawing instruments, in velvet case, 17/6; exchange cock Canary or cages: D. Pigott, Edgmond, Newport, Salop.

MONKEY, very small, tame, clean, very amusing, used to chain, 25/-, or exchange: J. Leaf, 23, Water- loo-rd., Hunslet.

SALE, silver English lever watch, good timekeeper, 25/-; or exchange Canaries: J. Wilshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol

EXCHANGE 143 "Cage Birds" and 34 plates for good racy Yorkshire hen: W. Jones, 22, St. Mary's- st., Newport, Mon.

TWO double-breeders, flight cage, 7/-; Fishing Rod, 7/6; exchange Canaries: Brown, 3, Weldon- st., Hunslet, Leeds.

FAWN Pug bitch; exchange Canaries, anything useful; excellent breeder: Sullivan, 5, Chester-st., Victoria Park, N.E.

BOX of Cycle Accessories, 5/-; Peramberoat, cost £3, sell 17/6, or exchange Birds: Percy Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

BROWN leather shoes, never worn, misfit, for hen Canaries or Goldfinches; sell 8/-: Taylor, 53, Wals- grave-rd., Coventry.

PAIR Developers, Black and Tan toy dog, watch; offers, yours first: Dodd, 5, Catherine-terr., New Kyo, Gunfield Plain.

EXCHANGE model steam engine for Canaries, British birds, clap nets, value 7/-: Cadman, 45, Princes-rd., Brighton.

COCK Bullfinch and hen Canary, 2/3 each; hen Bullfinch, 1/3; wanted Goldfinches: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

PHONOGRAPH and records, value 15/-; exchange Canaries or offers: Richardson, 50, Union-rd., Old Chesterton, Cambridge.

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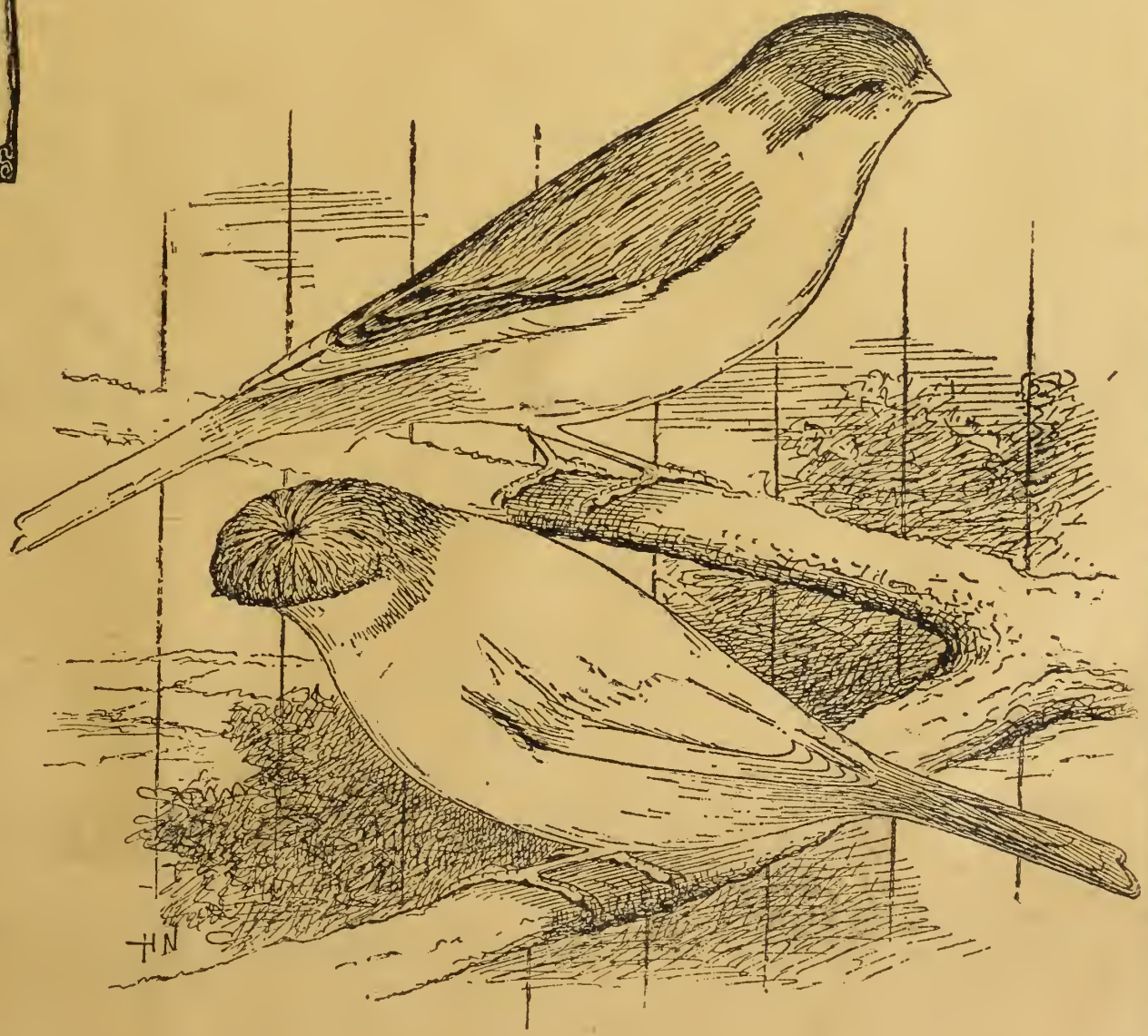
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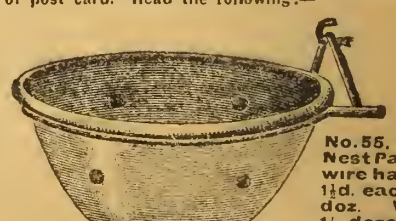
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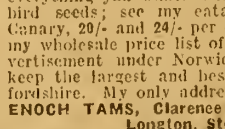
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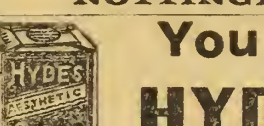
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THIRTY Borders and Yorkshires, all high-class birds, from 5/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FEW good Borders, cold-room bred; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6: Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, clears, good type and quality, bred 1909, reasonable prices; approval: Welsh, 18, Deanpark-st., Edinburgh.

PRIZE-bred Borders for sale, 1 yellow cock, 6 hens, all colours, cheap; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

GREEN cocks and hens, also Buff Cinnamon cocks, cheap to clear; approval: Buglass, 3, Meadowbank-crescent, Edinburgh.

YOUNG hens, grand lot, healthy, Bennet's strain, no rubbish, some prize-bred, 1/9 each: R. Story-Easton, Jedburgh, N.B.

BORDERS, grand even marked buff hen, 10/-; 4 clear buff hens, 3/ -each: F. Cotton, Church-rd., Leckhampton, Cheltenham.

BORDERS, all colours, even-marked, winning strain, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cold room: John Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS of correct type and feather, no better blood obtainable, from 12/6 pair: H. Norman, Bird Artist, "The Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey.

GOOD yellow marked cock, 5/-; buff cock, 4/6; cinnamon marked yellow hen, 3/6; buff hens, 3/-; approval: Nixon, 15, Graham-st., Carlisle.

COCKS, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; bred from Bennett's and Wilson's direct strains, and own prize winners; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, all our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

YELLOW green cock, two foul green cocks, yellow green hen, two clear yellow hens, two buff hens; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; approval.—Studholme, Dryfe Bridge, Lockerbie.

BORDERS: Can now offer for sale few of my well-known winners, clears, Marks, and Greens, also selected pairs for breeding; reasonable and on approval: Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

BORDERS, all clear, 2 cocks and 4 hens for sale, including 1st prize at Windsor, bred from birds purchased from J. Patterson, Cbirnside; must sell for want of room; take 20/- for the lot: Stickland, Alma-rd., Windsor.

DO you want classical Borders at common prices? I think many do. Well, I have them, cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/- up, hens 2/6, 3/6, up; they are right, don't let the price deter you; all on approval; travelling cages 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HENRY Bennet, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, winner 61 1sts, cups, medals, other honours this season, offers reliable bred birds single and pairs, cocks 6/- to 30/-; hens, 4/- to 25/-, all colours; buff green cock, 1st spl, Glasgow, 1st Earlston, 25/-; ditto 3rd, Whitburn, 5th Scottish National, 20/-; other greens, 8/6, to 25/-; buff uneven hen 6 1sts, 3 2nds, 30/-; ditto 2 1sts, 20/-; ditto, 1 1st, 2 2nds, 20/-; approval, stamp.

Cinnamons.

TWENTY Cinnamons, own breeding, capital strain, also few Norwich: Bexson, Lyndhurst-st., Derby.

LARGE Buff Cinnamon cocks, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6; and hens, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6; few Yellows: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

HIGH-class Cinnamons, 3 yellow 1909 Cinnamon Norwich hens, large birds, bred from a pair that cost £8; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertie, 521, Wood borough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has 20 Crests and Crest-breds for sale, Yellows and Buffs, from 15/- each.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-: Long, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

CHAMPION show birds, Crests, Crestbreds, cocks and hens; splendid stuff: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

GEORGE Grant, Thirlestone Hall, Cheltenham, has a few good Crests, hens £1 10/- to £5; cocks £1 to £3; approval.

LARGE buff green 1909 Crested cock, extra well bred, 17/6; approval: E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

SPLENDID young Crested cocks 12/6, Crested and Crestbred hens 10/-; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-ter., Hampstead.

LARGE young Crested and Crestbred cocks, good stock. Barnet's strain, 10/- to 15/- each: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

DOBSON and Son, 103, James-st., Blaydon, have four pairs of Crests for sale, same strain as their winners at all leading shows; approval.

LARGE Crest cocks, plenty of feather, 25/-; 2 Crest-bred hens, feather to end of beak, 15/-, 20/-: Neal, 37, Ullswater-st., Leicester.

WORTH notice, grand lot Crests and Crestbred, prices reasonable, easy payments taken: M'Keand Seabrigbt Villa, Castle Douglas.

MASIVE Crest breds from 15/-, plenty feather (Barnett's strain); approval, deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

DARK Crest wing-marked hen, 15/-; ditto cock, 20/-; Green Crest cock, 15/-; approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

FEW pairs Crest and Crestbreds, buff and variegated, young birds, several winners, and from Joyce's strain: Grant, Saddler, Mid-st., Keith.

CRESTS and Crestbreds: I have a few very good stock Crest and Crestbreds for sale, reasonable: A. J. Slade, 24, Vaughan-rd., Camberwell.

WANTED Crests in exchange for matched pair Blue Balds, cock winner; no rubbish; mutual approval: Morrow, 98, Northbourne-st., Gateshead.

GRAND Crested hen, £1; Crest-bred cock, 12/6; same strain as 2 champion winners; approval: J. Nichols, Damgate-st., Wymondham, Norfolk.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, 15/- pair; cocks from 8/6; first-rate birds, splendid feather, very cheap to clear; Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

A few good pairs for disposal, also odd Crested cocks, for stock or show, but no odd hens; state wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

LARGE var. dark Crest cock, var. C.B. hen, 50/-; also var. C.B. cock, 1st Falkirk, 2nd Stirling, 30/-; one year bred: J. McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

WANTED big Green Buff Crest-bred cock; exchange Cassell's British Birds, unbound, coloured plates: Fred. Henry, Rainbow Yard, Lower King-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, same strain as my winners; state wants; seen evenings, Saturday afternoon; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

GRIZZLE Crest Yellow cock, 7/-; also Crest-bred Yellow cock, 6/6; hen, 3/6; April-hatched; best of healthy: Green, Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Brighton.

F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner Lord Mayor's Bowl, Bristol, Crested Canary Club Challenge Cup, has a few Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 20/-.

BUSINESS pressure compels clearance, seven high-class Crest Crestbreds, four cocks, three hens, grand condition feather, £2: Strawbridge, Alexander-ter., Wallington.

EXCELLENT grey Crested cock, winner several prizes, 30/-; Crestbred hen to match, bred from winners, 15/-; approval: Muscott, 2, Boundary-ter., Llandrindod.

WELL bred heavy feather Crest and Crestbred hens, also Crest and Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £10: W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

FEW pairs Crests and Crest-breds, Yellow and Buff, good stock birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

CLEAR body, dark Crested cock, 22/6; lightly marked Crestbred hen 15/6; do cock, 20/-; dark Crested hen, 15/6; approval: Hayling, 5, Moorend-ter., Cheltenham.

One clear body dark Crest hen, 2nd Elgin, 1st Buckie; Green Crest hen, daughter of above; also Green Crest-bred cock, from same parents: Webster, 80, Moss-st., Keith.

HIGH-class Crests, two large Crestbred hens, and one Crestbred cock, large 1909 birds, bred from a pair worth £20; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

VARIEGATED Crestbred cock, 8/-; Green Crested cock, 8/-; 2 Green Crested hens, 5/- each, 1909; bargain; approval, deposit: Thomas Appledore, Cottage, Llansant, Kidwelly, Carm'shire.

OVER year Crestbred cock, 1st and special novice Wallsend, only time shown, see report "Cage Birds," November 20th, in good condition, 40/-; approval: Hislop, Home Cottage, Cotherstone.

HAVING selected breeding stock can spare large green Crested cock, winner, 20/6; buff variegated Crest-brede cock, 15/-; nearly green Crest-bred cock, 12/6: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Hansfield.

GRAND thick-bodied young heavy variegated Crested cock, bred from Rochdale and Guisborough winning Crest, 15/-; approval: Henry Radley, Paradise-sq., King-st., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crest-bred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

JOHN Corke, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft (late Norwich), amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor 1909, Norwich, two firsts (C.C.C. guinea special), Lowestoft, bred 1909, first, cup, from 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit.

DARK Crest cock, 35/-; yellow Crest cock, 20/-; green and variegated Crestbred cocks, 30/-; dark Crested hen, 20/-; yellow Crested hen, 20/-; green Crestbred hen, 30/-; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

LARGE, heavily-marked Crest-bred Plainhead, also lightly-variegated cocks, good stock birds, 12/6 each; cheap at sovereign each; large, clear Crest cock, 15/-; all 1909; approval: Lilley, 5, Mysore-rd., Lavender-hill, London.

FEW grand strong healthy high-class Crested and Crestbred hens, rare type and quality, very heavily feathered, Barnett's strain, prices reasonable, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

A VERY IMPORTANT PURCHASE !!!

Containing the best blood of the present day. If you want something reliable at a really nominal figure, just state requirements to me. You will draw no silly and base falsehoods from me for the sake of selling a few extra birds. I trust I shall always be above stooping to such a practice. Others as follows, nearly all exceptionally well bred, and certainly exceptional in value. Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards; crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards; Crested-Bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 100/- per pair. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD Specialist, **NORWICH.**

FOR sale, clear body, dark Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen, 45/-; also wing-marked dark Crest cock, clear Crest-bred hen, 40/-; best blood obtainable; approval: Ed. Richardson, 3, Waverley-ter., Sheldon.

GIVING up the Fancy, all my well-bred Crests and Crest-breds, cages, etc., for sale; no reasonable offer refused; winning blood from 10/- each; or exchange anything useful; no live stock; approval: W. H. Bale, 55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

POOL'S champion Crest and Crestbreds, Yorkshires, and Plainhead Norwich, from 15/- up to £10 a pair, single birds equally ch up; approval; these birds must be cleared to make room for breeding: A. A. Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

MAGNIFICENT pair, perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Crests, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare the following: Large green Crestbred cock, 30/-; ditto, 15/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; all 1909 birds, same blood as my winning Crests; approval: G. F. Adamson, 23w, Netherton-st., Kilmarnock.

CRESTED; wanted a really good pair, properly matched for breeding; will give in exchange No. 1 folding pocket Kodak, large magic lantern, and quantity of slides, all in good condition, and worth £6 the lot; approval: Turner, 54, Ross-rd., Wallington.

HEALTHY typical Crests and Crestbreds at prices to suit all Grand stock that must be cleared; please state requirements. Selected matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; odd birds supplied; highest satisfaction guaranteed. All cold-room bred, and willingly on approval: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

HEAVILY variegated Buff Crest cock, 50/-; Yellow clear body Crest cock, 20/-; Yellow nearly Green Crest cock, 20/-; these are healthy and in song, reliable; wanted, grey or lightly-marked Crest cock, 1909 bird; would give good exchange any of the above for good bird; approval both ways: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers this week 20 pairs of good stock Crests, 40/6, 50/6, 60/6, 80/6 pair; bred from Crests worth very large amount of money, and some of the best on the bench; three of the best Yellow Crest-bred cocks living, £5 each; several topping Yellow Crested cocks, winners, at £3, £4, £10 each; approval.

BEAUTIFULLY matched pair high-class Crests, rare type and quality, very heavily feathered, certain to breed winners, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also several other very heavily feathered Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, at very reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; monster green ditto, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster green Crest hen, 10/6 monster variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; massive feathery green, ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 8/6; all massive healthy birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition crest, £1 5s.; monster, ditto, perfect Crest, £1; massive heavy feathered ditto, 13/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 15/-; massive feather clear-bodied dark crest hen, 12/-; monster clear Crest hen, 14/-; massive heavy, feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 12/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1 5/-; monster heavy-feathered ditto, £1; monster heavy-feathered yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 18/-; massive heavy-feathered clear buff ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, 17/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered green ditto, 11/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Look, Look, Look! Unequalled; the talk of the Fancy; pay what you like; large collections Crests, Crestbreds, Yorkshires, etc.; send for terms before purchasing elsewhere; price to meet all fanciers: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

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Crests and Crestbreds, quality unsurpassed, all on approval; grand Crested and Crestbred cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 63/-, 84/-, upwards; ditto hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/- upwards; pairs selected and matched for Crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 63/-, 84/- pair upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; simply state wants; 50 years' unblemished reputation; correspondence a pleasure: Wicks Bros., Norwich.

Greens.

GRAND unflighted Buff Green cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 12/6, and £1; Ball, Barracks, Pemberton, Wigan.

H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st., South, Birkenhead, has a few Yorkshire Greens for sale, cheap; approval, stamp.

PAIR Greens, winners of 3rd, 4th, vhe prizes, cards sent, splendid pair, 21/-, bargain; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

GRAND stock of Yorkshire Greens for sale, singles or pairs, reasonable; approval willingly: Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth-avenue, New Brighton.

YORKSHIRE Greens, standard length, good type, price, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; singing cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

MUST sell my fine stock of Yorkshire Greens; these are my own breeding, and guaranteed colour; grand offer of 40 pairs fine stock, and young exhibition birds, some Norwich: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAR.

Lancashires.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires, winner at all the leading shows; approval.

A few good Lancashires for sale cheap, my own breeding: Collinge, 126, Platting-lane, Rochdale.

BUFF coppy and Plainhead cocks to spare, cheap, room wanted; approval; stamp reply: Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

FOUR buff Coppy cocks, 10/-, 20/-; young buff Crest cock, 12/-; approval: Whipp, Rushcroft, Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

TICKED yellow Coppy cock, yellow Coppy hen, buff Plainhead cock, 1909 bred; approval, stamp; cheap: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham.

LANCASHIRES, a few pairs and odd hens on sale from Rochdale, Manchester, Palace diploma winners; stamp: John Garner, 14, Lever-st., Hazel Grove.

FOR sale, the following high-class Lancashires: splendid buff coppy cock, winner, 30/-; grand yellow Plainhead cock, winner, 25/-; good yellow coppy cock, 25/-; two good buff Plainhead cocks, 12/6, 15/-; two buff coppy hens, and one yellow coppy hen, 10/-, 12/6; quality; approval willingly; stamp reply; inspection invited: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

GOLD and silver cocks 8/- and 10/-, hens 5/-; cash deposit: Wrigley, 15, Compton-st., Oldham.

FEW high class Silver Lizards, cocks, 8/- each; approval: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

LIZARDS for stock or exhibition, reasonable; approval: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-square, Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED Lizards; exchange pure prize-bred Schipperke bitch, six month, sell 25/-: Dent, Spring Cliffe, Bradford.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard Challenge Cup three years in succession, winner all leading shows, see reports; have most my winners and stock birds for sale; inspection invited; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply.—23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

JEFFERY, of Southall, for Norwich cocks, 7/6, hens 3/6; approval.

TWO pair Norwich, 9/- pair, or lot 17/-: C. Woodhull, Bath-rd., Banbury.

4/- will buy splendid cock Canaries, singing finely: Moat House, Brentwood, Essex.

PURE Norwich, single or pairs, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st.,; Enderby, Leicester.

OWING to removal, have few pairs of Norwich at 6/6: Salter, 277, Tonbridge-rd., Maidstone.

GENUINE Norwich cock, singing, 2/9 each: Henderson, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth, London.

TO be sold, 20 Norwich Canaries, 1909, aviary bred, cocks 4/-, hens 1/6: Springett, Hawkhurst.

NORWICH, same strain as my winners, 4/- to 15/-; approval: F. Peberdy, 22, Myrtle-rd., Leicester.

BEAUTIFULLY marked 1909 cock, yellow, very cheap, 5/6; bargain; approval: Bush, Chard.

UNFLIGHTED Buff hens, grand type and feather, from 10/-: J. McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

NORWICH bred songster cocks, 5/- upwards, young healthy birds: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

TWO pairs Norwich, cheap for cash; or exchange: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH, few good cocks from 6/-; hens from 5/-: J. Jenkinson, 4, Higher Audley-st., Blackburn.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, perfect condition; seen any time; 6, Mornington-rd., N.W.

NORWICH, bred from prize winners, clear and variegated: Marshall, Cattle Copse, Heckfield, Hants.

EIGHT pairs prize bred Norwich, 10/- pair, 70/- lot, worth double: Papworth, 127, Chiswick High-rd.

TWO pair of Norwich, 10/6 pair; approval, deposit, carriage paid: Frank Saxton, March-st., Consbrough.

LARGE healthy Norwich pairs for breeding, 10/6; yellow and buff cocks 7/6, hens 3/6: Hunnick, March.

GOOD Norwich Canaries, healthy, 6/- a pair: J. Norton, 6, Brighton-rd., New Humberstone, Leicester.

FOR sale, 40 variegated stock or show birds, price reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

GRAND yellow Norwich cock, and green Norwich hen, 7/6; room wanted: E. Ward, Measham, Atherstone.

SIXTY Norwich Canaries, Crested and plain heads, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

LARGE Norwich cocks 5/6, must clear through illness; approval: Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knights-bridge.

SHORT thick 1908 buff Norwich cock, 2nd prize winner open class, 10/6: Crathorne, Prince-st., Bridlington.

NORWICH, first-class stock birds, the right stamp, all colours; approval: Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

NORWICH songsters, colour-fed, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/- each; approval, deposit: Jessop, 439, Springhall-rd., Sheffield.

H. Jeffery, Eden Park, Edenbridge, has some big Buff cocks for sale, cheap; same as my winners; approval.

BIG buff cock, smart yellow hen, 12/-; deep yellow cock, big buff hen, 10/6; approval.—Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

FEW pairs Norwich cocks and hens, make good stock birds; cocks in full song: Grant, Saddler, Mid-st., Keith.

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

SEVERAL well-bred yellow and buff hens, 4/- and 5/- each; approval: Ford, Isolation Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

TWO prize-bred Norwich cocks, 6/- each; 2 Cinnamon hens, 3/6 each; 3 days approval: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

ROOM wanted; 15 hens, 11 cocks, some great among them; prices reasonable: Gardiner, Hairdresser, Newtongrange.

ARTHUR Green, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers several pairs Norwich hens, from 8/6 pair; approval, write for particulars.

ADAMS and Carvell have a few grand Norwich at bargain prices, state wants: Eagle Aviaries, High-st., Folkestone.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/-; approval, deposit: Sharp, Wheatsheaf-yard, Kirk-gate, Newark, Notts.

NORWICH Plainhead and Crest-bred cocks from 7/6 each: Wallace, 5, Fern Villas, Feltham-rd., Ashford, Middlesex.

TWENTY pairs properly matched, my own breeding, price 20/- per pair: Wilkinson, 43, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Norwich yellow hens, from 5/- each, also 2 grey Crest hens, 10/6 each.

WANTED, large, typical yellow cock; exchange dark Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch song, show cage: Cook, Pembridge.

GRAND Norwich cocks, including winners, from 10/6 to £1, also Crests: A. Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

STRAIN second to none, typical buff cocks, fit to win, from 15/-; approval, stamp; George Scalfe, Ranlhouse, Scotland.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

UNFLIGHTED Buff Norwich cock, winner Mems Show, 8/6; Buff hens, 4/- each; approval: Ratcliffe, Greenhill, Grantham.

GRAND Norwich cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6, unflighted, cash or deposit: Edwin Hoyle, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

NOTICE, grand lot high-class Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

H. Luff, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea, has some champion Norwich Yellows, Buffs; grand stock pairs from 12/6 to 40/-; approval.

EXHIBITORS, giant yellow Norwich cock, 1st club show, Jan. 27th, 25/-; ditto, ticked buff, 2nd, 21/-: Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

NORWICH yellow, buffs, and variegated cocks, 4/-, hens 2/-, pairs 6/-; cash or deposit: A. Hewitt, Church gate, Shepshed.

GRAND Norwich, 1909, cold bred, splendid colour, singing well, cocks from 6/- hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

J. M. Wilson has a few cheaper pairs left, stock birds, cocks 7/6 to 12/-, hens 5/- to 10/-: 16, Chapel-st., Peterhead, Scotland.

PAIR Cinnamons, pair greens, dark cock, yellow or buff hen, 12/6 pair, and breeding cage: Andrews, 35, Beatrice-st., Swindon.

PAIR young Norwich Canaries, ticked and clear, 10/6; cocks 6/6, hens 3/6, cold room: Castleman Brown, Leeds, Maidstone.

WALTON and Noakes' special offer, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfield, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich unflighted cocks from 7/6, grand unflighted hens from 5/-. Rorke, 30, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

FIFTY good Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready for breeding, buff 2/6, yellow 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

I have few grand Norwich Canaries for sale, cocks from 6/- up to 10/6, pairs from 8/6 up to 12/6: P. Beare, Mill Hill, Newmarket.

THREE buff cocks, 20/- lot; buff cock, winner 2nd, yellow hen, 30/- pair, Baker's strain; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

FOR sale, 3 unflighted clear buff and 1 clear yellow 1908 Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, all good birds: Stephen, 16, Maria-st., Kirkcaldy.

NORWICH for sale, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 10/6 upwards; approval; stamp: Irons, 42, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

E. Rowbotham, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, is disposing (through ill-health), of all his high-class Norwich, 10/6 pair, upwards; approval.

TWENTY Norwich cocks and hens, good type and quality, from 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: James O'Connor, 44, Easson-rd., Darlington.

BEAUTIFUL Norwich Canary, beautiful songster, accept 10/6; reason for selling, makes too much noise: Butler, Clothier, Bridlington.

GEO. Harland's champion Norwich; have few unflighted Buff cocks to spare, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

ONE Yellow var. hen, 1 Buff var., 15/- the 2; clear and Yellow var. cocks, 10/-, 12/6; Buff, 7/6; unflighted: Myles, 16, Chalmers-st., Arbroath.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

CHUBBY Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, same type, 3/6; splendid stock birds, worth double; approval, deposit: Morgan, 5, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich.

EXTRAORDINARY large buff Norwich cock, 15/-; two buff hens, Bullfinch type, 6/6 each; approval, deposit: Cyril Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

FINE big green Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, unflighted, pink condition, from leading strains; approval: stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

THOMAS Cleminson, breeder and exhibitor of Norwich, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6 each, hens from 5/- to 7/- each; approval: 38, Hume-ter., Darlington.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sedgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

I have some good Norwich Plainheads for sale, cocks 7/-, 8/-, 10/6; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: Smith, 14, Park-rd., Aldeburgh-on-Sea, Suffolk.

BEAUTIFUL large slightly ticked Buff Norwich hen, 2 1sts, only twice shown, 10/-; approval willingly: deposit: Ernest Despard, Donore, Mountrath.

MAGNIFICENT pair large Norwich, fed, 1909, buff cock, yellow hen, took 2nd prize, 5 weeks ago, card sent, 15/-, worth 21/-: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

NORWICH Plainheads, Severno strain, cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6 upwards; also Crest and Crest-breds, from 10/6: Jacklin, 10, Orchard-st., Bucknall Torkard, Notts.

FEW pairs of grand cobby Norwich Canaries for sale, own breeding, cold-room, 8/6 per pair; approval, deposit: Turner, Ashels, Quorn, Loughborough.

HIGH-class Norwich, lovely type, full of colour, from 10/- pairs, well matched to breed show birds, 20/- to 40/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

NORWICH bargains; Buff cocks, Yellow hens, 10/- pair; odd cocks, all colours, from 5/-, prize-bred; must clear; approval: Smith, Higher Lux-st., Liskeard, Cornwall.

NORWICH Plainheads, can spare a few buffs and yellows, including some of the winners at all the leading shows, including National, cheap to clear: Lawrie, Falkland.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks; Yellows, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, singing nicely, guaranteed clean, healthy; Bulls, 4/6, 5/-; sound Buff hens, 2/-, 2/6; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

NINE buff cocks, 11 hens, 6 yellow cocks, 4 hens; Treugove, Godley, etc., 4/- to 8/- each, half value; bred from good stock; approval: Wilcox and Son, New Sawley, Derby.

W. G. Muir, winner of many first prizes this season, has for disposal a few unflighted buff cocks and buff hens, 10/- each; yellow cock, 7/6; approval: Deanterrace, Kilmarnock.

I have a good collection of Norwich Plainheads for sale; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

CAN spare a few stock birds, pairs or singles, bred from champions or champion strain; no extravagant prices; approval: W. H. Richards, 137a, Wellingboro'-rd., Northampton.

EXCHANGE Bullfinch winner, Linnet winner, or 21/- worth Bovril picture coupons, for prize-bred yellow Norwich hen: Hayward, Blenheim-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

SMART clear yellow cock, perfect shape and carriage, close feather, medium size, 12/6, approval; see reports Coventry, Northampton, Bedford, etc.: Notley, King's-place, Bedford.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, Buff cock, Green hen, single breeding cage, 10/6; Crested hen, 3/6; breeding cages, two single, one double, 8/6; offers: H. Bingham, Works, Long Sutton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

BARGAIN. Prize-bred Norwich, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 1908, good single breeding cage, quantity appliances, 15/- lot; approval; giving up: E. Dunn, Rose Villa, Avenue-rd., Ashby-Zouch.

HIGH-class Norwich Plainhead Canaries, some very large, stout, clubby birds, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 per pair; cocks from 5/- each; hens, 3/-: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

BUY from the breeder. Typical Norwich, open 1st spl. Walthamstow, Diss, Lowestoft, Yarmouth; pairs 15/- upwards; cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6 upwards; stamp: Kirk, House Furnisher, Lowestoft.

J. Eccles has three pairs good Norwich, bred from and related to winners, 25/- to 60/- pair; three buff and two yellow hens, from 7/6 each; approval: 32, Kay-st., Ardwick Green, Manchester.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; hens, Buff, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 each; Yellows, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs from 7/6; list of cages, post free: Draper and Hubbard, 103, Belgrave-gate, Leicester.

NORWICH flighted and unflighted clear and variegated cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-, all in perfect condition, a grand lot.—Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, King Edward-st., Fraserburgh.

EXTRA good Norwich to clear, 4 odd cocks, 2 clear yellows, 2 clear buffs, also 3 cock Goldfinch Mules, 1 light, 2 dark, can be seen at any time; no approval: Turnbull, 50, Castle-st., Montrose.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, splendid birds for exhibition or song, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6 each; also a few genuine Seifert Rollers, guaranteed, 8/6, 10/6, each; approval willingly: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

SHORT, typical, good quality feather, bred from my own winning strain; also good Yorkshires, long, slim birds, Shackleton's strain direct; can be seen any time: Herbert Ingles, East-st., Bromley, Kent.

FOR sale, high-class Norwich Canaries, bought direct from R. Worthington, late Worthington Bros., all his surplus stock, 7/6, 10/- and 15/- each; approval, deposit: Cottier, Towngate, Gt. Harwood.

W. Cundiff can still spare a few pairs, also one of my winning buffs; prices reasonable; see reports Burnley, Bellvue, Pendleton, Birmingham, and Gateshead; approval, stamp: 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TYPICAL Norwich, bred same as my winners, at Leyton, Walthamstow (challenge cup), North London, and Woolwich, cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; matched pairs, from 10/6: Billingsley, 99, Manor-rd., Leyton.

MUST reduce stock. I can spare seventeen splendid yellow and buff cocks, and a few good hens, singly or pairs; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; approval, deposit: Tesseyman, Church-hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

STRONG healthy typical high-class Norwich Plainheads, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, all cold-room bred, prices reasonable; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

W. Miles, Aviaries, Chichester, winner 8 challenge cups and over 3,000 prizes, must greatly reduce his stock, owing to business pressure, about 100 will be sold reasonable, to effect a quick clearance; state wants; approval, stamp.

NORWICH, winner Queen's Park cup, see reports West London; also best unflighted City and Suburban; shown by Warwick, appointment, on Sunday morning; cheap; Cooper's strain: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

MAGNIFICENT pair high-class Norwich Plainheads, perfectly matched, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

FIRST-class typical young Norwich, strong birds, in grand form, noted winning strain, cocks or hens, all prices; also few choice large 1908 hens, yellow or buff, splendid quality; approval, deposit: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-aven., Ramsgate.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/0, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

A. Brown, 7, Norman Avenue West, Wood Green, can spare 5 yellow, 2 buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; 2 yellow hens, 10/6 each; 3 buff hens, 6/- each; unflighted, fed, Robson, Hodder strains; also few Yorkshire cocks, from 8/6; hens, 4/-: Ambler's; approval willingly.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes, cocks, 7/0, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; yellow buff or variegated hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply: M. T. Stewart, 24, Richmond-place, Bracondale, Norwich.

GRAND lot of healthy typical Plainheads, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, at most reasonable prices; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; all enquirics answered; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HAVING been most successful, can spare following massive typical Norwich, bred direct from winners; grand clear bun cock, 10/6; grand stout clear yellow cock, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 7/6; grand clear buff hen, 8/6; splendid clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto, gem, 6/6; lovely quality; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MR. Eckersley will spare a typical marked yellow cock and fine large 1908 buff hen, price, £2 only; a grand thick-set 1908 buff cock, superb quality, perfect wing carriage, and large, very typical marked yellow hen, £4, a bargain; few other excellent pairs from 30/-: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

I have the following Norwich for sale: 3 large buff cocks, grand stock birds, 15/- each, also an unflighted buff clear, good quality and type, 2nd Ashton, 25/-; a clear yellow cock, 12/0; and a few yellow and buff hens, 10/- each; all bred from my winners: Wm. Foxall, 31, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GRAND exhibition buff Norwich cock, full of quality, sure winner, only 15/-, cheap at 35/-; also magnificent yellow cock, bred several winners, only 15/-, recently cost 30/-; also extra choice buff hen, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 10/6, honestly worth double; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

HAVING purchased the entire stock of Mr. J. H. Roe (the noted judge), I offer same at quarter value, which include some really good stock birds, extra large wing-marked yellow cock, grand stock bird, 15/6; 2 stout clear buff cocks, splendid size, 10/6 each; extra smart clear buff hen, 10/6; typical variegated buff cock, 10/6; I have also cocks of good size, according to price, at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; grand hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; pairs, correctly matched, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; these are bargains and the finest strain in the Fancy: send orders early to avoid disappointment, to an old advertiser; all on approval; cash or deposit: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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J. C. WILMOT,

The Arcade, Bedford, has a few good Norwich to spare from 10/- per pair.

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Norwich for show or stock, see what I am giving away on page 92: Enoch Tams, Clarence Aviaries, Church-st., Longton.

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Four pairs to part with, same strain as my winners at all leading shows, price 30/- and 35/-; approval: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

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40a, West Cliff, Preston, have some good Norwich cocks for sale, show or stock birds, guaranteed healthy; approval: 40a, West Cliff, Preston.

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Grand cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/- each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/-; grand bargains; approval: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

HIGH CLASS NORWICH

Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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Large, typical cocks and hens, show or stock birds, cheap to make room; approval; see reports for winnings, Darlington, Middlesbro', Hartlepool, Stockton, Hetton, Crook: 41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.

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84, Heath-rd., Norwich, have a lot of good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads. See report Norwich Show. Pairs, 8/6, 12/6, 12/6 upwards; show birds, 15/-, 20/- upwards; grand cocks for stock or song, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; a lot of good hens, well bred, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; approval.

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winner of the O.N.P.C. trophy, has for disposal clear Yellow cock, winner; ticked Buff cock, winner; also unflighted and year-old birds, real Norwich for sale; note winnings at all O.N.P.C. shows; cold-room bred, and all on approval: 65, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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Hens—Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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A BREEDER'S OFFER.

For one week only I am offering Norwich pairs, yellow and buff, for 10/6, usual price 15/6; this is not bounce, but a special offer until February 13th; cut this out, and send now: Hudson, 54, Rhodes-st., Halifax.

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WINNING NORWICH.

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F. RACKHAM,

162, London-rd., South Lowestoft.—Challenge cup winner 2 years in succession, also medal and special forbest bird in show; few good Norwich Plainheads to spare, cocks from 8/6 to 20/-, hens from 6/- to 20/-; state wants, few pairs Cinnamons, cheap; approval, deposit.

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are now offering Norwich cocks, buff, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; yellow cocks, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, matched, 7/6, 10/6; Bullfinch hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval, deposit; travelling cages, 3d. extra; trade supplied: St. Andrew's, Norwich.

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In view of the approaching breeding season, can now supply from my champion stock, admitted by the unanimous view of the Press and Fancy at large to be the finest in the world, magnificent high-class Norwich; no cheap rubbish kept or sold; pairs 20/- to 60/-, properly matched to breed show specimens; single cocks and hens, yellow or buffs, 12/6 to 40/-; finest blood, and the strain which stands the test; approval with pleasure; satisfaction assurred: Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

WINNERS

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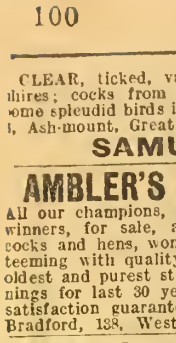
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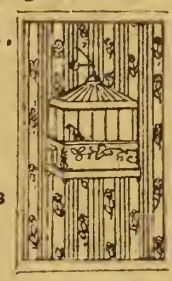
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OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual party in connection with the above society took place on January 29th in the large room at their headquarters, Shaw-road, when about 50 members and friends partook of an excellent tea. Later the room was cleared for music and dancing, which was heartily indulged in. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Sharples. Songs were rendered in an efficient manner by Messrs. Hitchen and Addison and Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Howarth and Miss E. Dickenson created amusement with their Lancashire dialect. Mr. Miller was the accompanist, and Mr. Steeple played for dancing, the M.C. being Mr. W. Whyatt.

CLUB REPORTS.

(*See also page* 110.)

ABERDEEN O.S.

A washing exhibition was given in the Trades Hall on January 28. There was a large attendance, despite the stormy weather. Birds were washed by Messrs. Balfour, Sandison, Strachan, and Hector, in their different styles, varying from that of twenty years ago to the most up-to-date method. The proceedings were watched with great interest, and while the birds were drying Mr. Hector explained the way to dress and stage a Crest. Questions were asked, the answers bringing out some interesting points. A vote of thanks to the performers brought a pleasant and instructive meeting to a close.—J. BRYSON, Sec.

AMBLE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 29th at headquarters. The balance-sheet for 1909 showed a balance in hand of £5 12s. 6d., which was approved of by all. The following officers were elected for 1910: President, Mr. A. Scott; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. H. Smith, G. Brown, and G. Penrose; chairman, Mr. A. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Luke; secretary, Mr. J. T. Crackett; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Hume; treasurer, Mr. J. P. Whittle; committee, Messrs. R. Glass, T. Glass, T. Inglis, R. Morgan, H. Gair, G. Geggie, T. Richardson, G. Robson, and O. Paxton; auditors, Messrs. R. Luke and H. Gair.—J. T. CRACKETT, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Special meeting held on January 29 to consider some very important business. Mr. J. Fararr occupied the chair. The secretary placed before the members the agenda of the Cage Bird Union delegates' meeting at the forthcoming Palace show. The next business was the proposal from the Newcastle Society, inviting the other northern societies to consider the advisability of forming a Northern Federation. This matter was discussed at considerable length, and received most careful consideration, and it was ultimately decided that we remain affiliated to the union, and a delegate was elected to attend the proposed northern conference on our behalf, to discuss the question.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on January 28th, in the Marie Stuart Halls, Langside-road, Mr. J. M. Edwards presiding. The financial statements of club show and club were submitted, and these met with approval. A balance of £4 13s. 9d. was carried forward to the current year. The following office-bearers were elected for 1910:—President, R. Thomson; vice-president, R. Jeffrey; secretary, Robt. Heggie; treasurer, J. Taylor; auditors, Messrs. R. Miller, A. Torrence; and committee, Messrs. Geo. Gentles, R. Rennie, D. Taylor, Geo. Smith, A. Miller, Jas. Powell, G. McDowall, and R. Miller. A hearty vote of thanks was given the retiring office-bearers for their good support given the club during their term of office. It was arranged that this club should be purely amateur. There will be a show of matched pairs at the next meeting on February 25th; Mr. Thomson judge.—ROBT. HEGGIE, Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DIST O.S.

Annual general meeting held January 25th at headquarters, for the election of officers. President, Mr. J. Perry; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. W. Howarth and H. Turner; treasurer, Mr. R. Schofield; auditors, Messrs. J. Waddington and O. Wilson; committee, the exhibiting members; secretary, A. H. Meadowcroft; assist.-secretary, Mr. Jesse Ridings. The society is in a good financial position, and the prospects for the coming year are also good. While the business was being transacted, Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale) was judging a good class of pairs in another part of the room. 1st, J. Waddington (Nor.); 2nd, Richard Schofield (Yorks.); 3rd, J. W. Howarth (Nor.). Afterwards Mr. Lees gave his reasons for the placing of the winning pairs. Several of the members took part in a discussion at the close of which, on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. J. Waddington, Mr. Lees was thanked for his services. We are doing our best to secure a cup for the coming members' show.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Sec.

CREWE O.S.

Extraordinary general meeting held at Beech Tree Hotel, January 25th. The meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the society holding an open show. After the minor business, the Chairman (Mr. F. E. Cooper) said that a number of the members had for several years thought the society should hold an open show, but had very wisely held back until the finances were such as to put the club on a sound basis. He now thought they were in a good position and might well make the venture. But if we did so it would mean that the whole of the members would have to work hard. After much discussion it was unanimously decided to hold an open show on October 14th and 15th. It was also decided to apply for a number of specialist clubs' patronage, and the Secretary was instructed to write to several judges. Further discussion was then brought to a close owing to the lateness of the hour. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—J. C. HEATON.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first annual tea and concert were held on January 22nd in the Bankfoot Schools. This event had been looked forward to with no small interest by its members, who had done everything possible to make it a great success, which, indeed, it turned out to be. Close on 200 persons sat down to an excellent tea, presided over by the wives and lady friends of our members. By way of showing the keen interest taken in this new society, I may say that several ladies were kept busy despatching teas to people who could not attend, but who were only too willing to help the society to the best of their ability, and to these the society tender their best thanks. After tea, the guests took their places in the concert room, a room specially engaged. Mr. H. Rayner (accompanist) played several selections on the piano. The concert far exceeded in interest any similar attempt in the district. Some of the very best artistes available were procured, every one of whom deserved and received well-merited rounds of applause. Miss E. Murgatroyd opened the concert with an excellent rendering of "Flight of Ages" and "River of Years." Mr. H. Wakefield, Miss E. Lupton, Mr. H. Priestley (phono fiddle selection), Miss A. Priestley, Mr. H. Barker, Miss J. Ogden (a promising contralto), Mr. J. H. Barraclough, Miss Laura Harrison, Miss Hird, Mr. W. Lawson (selections from "Maritana" on the violin), and the Low Moor Merry Mascots contributed to the evening's splendid entertainment. The Chairman, Mr. E. W. Johnson (our worthy President), referred to the advancement of the society since its inauguration in July last, when it led off with 26 members. The membership is now nearly doubled, owing no doubt to the smooth and friendly working of all the members, and to the school authorities' kindness in giving us the free use of the schools. Mr. Johnson paid the highest tributes, and mentioned that at the three shows held so far close on 300 birds were put on the show bench by the members, and, what is more, the society could hold its own with any other society in the district if only the present members would show the same enthusiasm in the future as in the past. No doubt a few obstacles will have to be surmounted, but with all members of one mind we shall face them smiling. So far this season we have had some of the very best talent in the way of lectures, with still more to follow. Mr. H. Gray presented the prizes. Every member who showed a bird during this last year received a prize, a scheme which the society intend to pursue again this year. The first show will be held on Feb. 12th, so that all intending members can still give in their names. The positions of the prize-winners were as follows:—1st, Mr. G. Hudson; Mr. O. Priestley and Mr. C. Hardaker tie for 2nd place; 4th, F. Gelder; 5th, Taylor Bros.; 6th, R. Wilkinson; 7th, R. Hinchliffe; 8th, J. Lawson; 9th, S. Warner; 10th, R. Sargeant; 11th, C. Bastow; 12th, F. Oldfield; 13th, B. Welman; 14th, Bywater and Waddington; 15th, A. Hiley; 16th, W. North; 17th, G. Musson; 18th, J. Crowther; 19th, f. Nicholl; 20th, W. Ketteringham. Mr. f. Nicholl secured as consolation prize a set of silver-mounted carvers in case, and a further consolation prize (a jam dish) was won by Mr. W. Ketteringham. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. H. Gray for his kindness in presenting the society's first lot of prizes. This was seconded by Mr. H. Taylor, and carried unanimously. Mr. Gray replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. North to the ladies, for their kindness in taking such a prominent part in the tea-room, and without whose help we should have been lost. The same gentleman also proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes. This was seconded by our Chairman, Mr. E. Johnson, and the proceedings terminated with all the artistes being entertained to supper.—F. GELDER, sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held January 27th, when Mr. F. W. Walters presided. Schedule for February show was drawn up and date fixed for February 19th. The show will be held at the Blue Bell Sale Rooms. Mr. W. R. Knowles will judge. We have decided to purchase four cups, which are to be won outright this season. One of these cups is confined to novices in £2 limit classes; this should prove an inducement for fanciers to join. We have arranged to have a paper or a lecture for every monthly meeting. Anyone interested in cage birds are invited to attend.—C. DUKES, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES B.C.

Meeting held in the Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Jan. 29, Mr. Ramsay presiding over a good turnout of members. The balance-sheet, after being read, and the items explained, the members thought very satisfactory, there being a balance of £7 2s. 10d. in hand. The members then considered the letter from the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, re the defence fund on behalf of the British bird fanciers, and after the matter had been discussed by all the members, it was carried, that we grant £1 1s. out of the funds of the club to the defence fund. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. Ramsay; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. King and D. Johnstone; treasurer, Mr. P. Pettigrew; secretary, Mr. T. Drysdale; auditors, Messrs. A. Cant and W. Connelly; committee, Messrs. A. Thomson, W. Munro, D. Knox, A. Malcolmson, G. Marlin, and H. Brown. The members granted the sum of £2 to the secretary. The pair show for next monthly meeting was settled to be the same as last year, except the Crests classes, which were left out. It was carried that we have morocco cards for our monthly shows, entry money 3d. per cage.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

Annual general meeting held on January 6th, but owing to the amount of business to be transacted, was adjourned to January 25th, at Hanwell Public Library. The Secretary's report of the year's work and balance-sheet were passed, the latter showing a satisfactory state of affairs. The distribution of prize money won at the annual and Grand United Metropolitan Shows then took place, and amidst much applause the silver cups awarded, the fortunate recipients being Messrs. F. Smith (cage birds cup), G. Melsom, F. W. Wilks, and J. W. Smales. The election of officers for 1910 was a somewhat protracted business. The Society are fortunate in securing James Morley, Esq., LL.M., J.P., as President. In responding, the new President expressed his pleasure at being elected, intimating his willingness to help forward the work of the Society in every possible way. Mr. J. W. Smales was again unanimously elected Chairman for the 5th year in succession. Mr. J. R. Higgins, Vice-Chairman; Committee: Messrs. B. Melsom, A. T. Clarke, W. Davis, O. J. Clarke, S. Hutt, W. Neale, F. Smith, G. Thursby. Hon. Sec., W. Bird; Hon. Assist. Sec. and Treas., J. F. Kendall. The Vice-Presidents were all unanimously re-elected, a pleasing feature being the election of two ladies as Vice-Presidents, namely, Mrs. Morley and Mrs. W. Bird, the Society now having quite a number of lady members. The programme for the year, next considered, includes seven lectures, seven evening shows, a young stock show, and usual annual members' show. Mr. P. P. Butcher then announced his pleasure in presenting a silver cup (challenge), also a silver cup to the member introducing most new members in 1910. Mr. F. Smith also promised a silver cup for cage birds section. These gifts were announced amidst loud applause. The lectures will be given at Hanwell Public Library, and the evening shows at the St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. Subscriptions 2/6 per year; entrance fee, 1/-. Further information will be gladly supplied by the Hon. Assist. Sec. and Treas., J. F. Kendall, 76, Mayfield-avenue, West Ealing, or by me.—W. BIRD, Hon. Sec., 20, Shakespeare-rd., Hanwell.

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We are holding our annual show on November 2nd and 3rd, write Messrs. Abbott and Austen, hon. secretaries, Dover and Dis. F. and F. Society.

All correspondence for the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S. in future must be addressed to me, writes Mr. H. Chubb, the secretary, 227, Gt. Horton Road, Bradford.

I have had a number of CAGE BIRDS plates framed this year for special prizes, writes Mr. F. Easterling (London, S.W.). I find they are more appreciated than medals.

The London and Counties O.S. are holding their pair show on February 19th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary of the Keighley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Binns, and all society communications should be addressed to me at 28, Lustre Street, Keigbley.

Visitors to London for the Palace Show will find Birch's Hotel (162, Strand) very conveniently situated as a stopping-place, and exceptionally comfortable, while the charges are extremely moderate.

Kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.; so all correspondence should in future be addressed to me at 33, Oxford Street, Loughborough, writes Mr. G. Jeffery.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. LINSEY (Cambridge).

I regret to have to report the death of one of the best fanciers the Cambridge and Cambs. Cage Bird Society ever had, Mr. W. Linsey, of Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. He was operated upon for some internal trouble, and he got over the actual operation, but burst a blood vessel a few hours afterwards. He leaves a widow and one son. His age was 46. He was really beloved by us all, an ardent fancier, a kind friend, and really one of the mainstays of the society. We deeply mourn his loss.—T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. F. King (Cambridge) that I have to announce the sad death of our esteemed friend, Mr. W. Linsey, after a long and painful illness. He was an ardent fancier, and always willing to advise and help a brother fancier. I am sure that all who knew him will deeply sympathise with his wife, relatives, and the Cambridge fanciers in their severe loss.

Mr. W. SKIRROW (Windhill).

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Mr. Wade Skirrow, one of the committee of our society, writes Mr. J. Cook, assistant secretary of the Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S. Mr. Skirrow had been a very hard worker for the society for a good number of years, and the bereaved wife and children have the deepest sympathy of all the members.

Will Mr. Wm. Proctor kindly send his address to me? writes Mr. David Hepburn, 130, Main Street, Lumphinnans by Cowdenbeath, Fifeshire, N.B. He was giving a hint on net making in CAGE BIRDS of January 22nd.

When you are down at the Palace, make a point of seeing the "Ever Ready" movable bracket exhibit. This popular and handy little appliance, will be shown on the stall in actual use. See advertisement.—(ADVT.)

I think your routes for visitors to the Crystal Palace Show very good indeed. I visited the show last year, and found them most helpful. I hope to come up this year, and shall certainly have them in my pocket.—J. H. WILLOWS (Wednesbury).

Mr. Adams, the well-known Northern cage bird judge, has removed to the Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone, Kent, where he will be pleased to receive any communication regarding engagements for the coming show season.—(ADVT.)

Will all friends in the Fancy please note my change of address from Drayton Road to 14, Avenue Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, where all orders will have best and prompt attention, writes Mr. W. H. Uzzell (late secretary, Midland Counties Y.C.C.).

A members' show of matched pairs for breeding is to be held at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, London, W., in connection with the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A., on February 12th. There will be 14 classes, and Mr. F. Easterling will judge.

The 1910 syllabus of the Hull C.B.S. is very neatly got up, and the programme is a very excellent one, including seven members' shows, a wild seeds, etc., competition, a washing exhibition, etc. The secretary is Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.

With reference to the paragraph which appeared under "Twitterings" last week concerning Wellington (Salop) Show, we understand that owing to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Hitchman, meeting with an unfortunate accident the show is indefinitely postponed.

Kindly note that Mr. W. Beal having resigned the secretaryship of the Nottingham and District Permanent O.S., I have taken over this office, and I should be glad if fanciers interested would note my address.—J. WALMSLEY, 6, Brand Street, Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

Our Young Stock Show will be held on Saturday, July 9th, and the Annual Show on Saturday, December 3rd, both shows to be judged by Mr. J. Robson, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. secretary, Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

There is a report in circulation that the Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland is in debt, writes Mr. J. R. Hyland, the hon. secretary. This is not true, and I am anxious that this rumour should be contradicted as soon as possible, as it will not be of any good service to our membership.

The annual social of the Bolton and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the hon. secretary, will be held on February 9th, at the Joiners' Arms. It will commence at 7.30, and tickets (at a shilling each) admit lady and gentleman. We shall be pleased to see any local fancier friends.

As the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. financial year ended on January 30th, I should be very pleased to hear from fanciers not belonging to a society, and who would like to join one, in Coventry, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the secretary (12, Berry Street). Nomination fee 1s., and 1s. per quarter contributions.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show opens to-day, Friday, at 3 o'clock, and closes Tuesday next at 4 o'clock. About 3,000 birds on view. Hundreds of good birds on sale, from celebrated breeders, at from 7s. 6d. to 30s. each. Judges lunch to-day (Friday) at 1.45; visitors welcome; tickets 2s. 6d. each. No extra charge to see the bird show.—J. W. RAMSDEN, show manager.—(ADVT.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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England.

1910.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).
*Sept. 30. & Oct. 1.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove).
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road).
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(W. Melvin, 63 King Street).
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(O. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayo, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

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NEXT week will be published, according to custom, CAGE BIRDS great Crystal Palace Show number, and we are making every endeavour to ensure this being as complete a success as any ever issued by us in past years. A most charming plate has been produced to accompany it, a plate which is both educative and artistic, while the report of the huge National Show will be thorough in every detail, and the work of the leading experts of the Fancy.

Advertisers should take advantage of the remarkable world-wide circulation the Crystal Palace number always achieves, and we earnestly impress upon them the necessity of sending in their announcements as early as possible, in any case not later than first post next Tuesday, February 8th. Advertisements may be handed in at our stall at the Crystal Palace Show, where we hope to meet many new friends as well as all the old ones who regularly visit this function. Don't forget to put your name and address in our Visitors' Book.

We have taken CAGE BIRDS ever since it started, and we consider it a most valuable paper, and have derived much knowledge from it, and useful information.—BLANCHE GRIFFITHS (Hastings).

The drawing for Mr. Wilson's subscription sale has been postponed owing to the delay in the return of books, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. secretary of the Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S. Will fanciers who are in possession of these books kindly return them at once, as the delay is causing great inconvenience.

Llanelly report credits me with 1st in Yellowhammer class, but I was not an exhibitor in that class, my only exhibit being a Siskin and Hawfinch, both securing 1st in their respective classes. The Siskin was also placed 1st at Spalding two days later, and the report credits Hipwell with this in error.—W. G. POOLE (Stratford-on-Avon).

The Nottingham and Dis. Permanent O.S. is now open to a radius of 20 miles from Nottingham, writes Mr. J. Walmsley, the secretary (6, Brand Street). We hold three shows per annum (two for members only, and 1 open), not counting table shows, etc, and valuable specials are open for members on points gained at the three shows. We heartily welcome all fanciers living within the prescribed area to join us, especially novices.

All readers should be sure and send their full addresses, plainly written, when answering advertisements, writes Mr. J. Dodgson (Bradford). Strange to say, nearly half of them send insufficient addresses, and we are constantly receiving our letters back from the "dead letter office." It is a waste of time and stamps having so many letters returned. I send one of my letters for a sample. (This is addressed: Mr. J. Bradley, South Molton, Devon.)

As our monthly meeting on February 7th clashes with the Palace Show, we have decided to abandon meeting that evening, and hold a pair show and the annual meeting on the Monday following, February 14th. Mr. J. Robson will judge the pair show. On that occasion we hope to comply with the excellent suggestion of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to send the hat round on behalf of the Preston and Flowers Defence Fund.—H. SMITH, hon. secretary, Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.

Please thank the many friends, writes Mr. Sydney L. Cocks (Peterborough), who have written condoling with me in the recent loss of my father. As I shall now, for a year or two, at least, have double work to do, I have decided not to attempt any bird breeding, but, of course, shall not go out of the Fancy.

A very comprehensive price-list of cages (stock, breeding, show, etc.), aviaries, wire-fronts, baths, hoppers, and general fitments reaches us from Mr. J. A. Reece, Jockey Wire-works, Colston Street Yard, Bristol. The prices quoted are exceptionally low, and the quality of the goods guaranteed.

The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. are now preparing their manual for 1910, write Messrs. Forse and Son, the hon. secretaries. Fanciers desirous of joining should communicate at once with us at Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E., so that their names may be included. One of the new features is the specials presented by Messrs. Cooper and Billingsley for most points throughout the year, one for novices and one for champions and amateurs. The association is giving 10s. cash for most points over all sections. Members who have not paid their subscription for 1909 should do so at once to ensure their names appearing in the new manual.

Liverpool to Crystal Palace.

The saloon for the Crystal Palace Show leaves Lime Street Station (Liverpool) on Friday night at 12.15, and the return fare is 11s., writes Mr. V. H. Deacon.

Yorkshire Union Prizes.

Mr. S. Haigh ties for 12th medal in Yorkshire Novice Classes, one point having been omitted from catalogue. This makes F. Firth and S. Haigh 63 points each. In CAGE BIRDS' Amateur Competition, Mr. J. Isherwood won 10s. special, and Mr. W. Markwell 8s. special. These names replace those of Messrs. A. Wright and Son, E. Clegg, and F. Townsend, whose names were published in last week's list; the said three names should have been omitted. The winners of 2nd and 3rd sectional prizes in the above competition will be declared afterwards, as Messrs. T. Bentley and P. Drake and Son have won special prizes of more value in the other specialist clubs' competitions.—H. HILL, secretary, Y.U.C.B.S.

A Group of Gems from Foreign Climes.

Specially written round Mr. Goodchild's recent Coloured Plate.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

(*Continued from page* 168.)

The Zosterop—continued.

The worst feature of these charming birds is that they usually arrive in a very poor condition, and need careful nursing for the first few weeks of their stay in this country. If you have a garden which supplies you with blighty foliage, and can get live ants' cocoons, the task of getting them fit will be a comparatively easy one. Sponge cake soaked in boiled milk and ripe fruit *ad lib* and some live food must be given regularly.

These exquisite and attractive birds may well cause the writer to deal in superlatives, and when I say that in demeanour and characteristics they are Tit like, I feel I have said sufficient to endear them to every lover of birds. Even those in our northern counties could keep them outdoors during the summer months. Under such circumstances, amid growing greenery, they are simply immense; and if given a roomy cage indoors for the winter months (the temperature of any ordinary bird—or living room would meet all their requirements. Only those who have seen them under such conditions can realise how entrancing they are as they search the foliage for insects or indulge in their silent flight round the aviary.

Yellow-Winged Sugar Bird (*Cereba cyanea*).—This lovely Blue Creeper is yet another species that calls for a lavish use of superlatives, for beautiful as the figure on our plate is, it does but scant justice to their glistening beauty and irridescent plumage, and fails to show how it responds to the effects of light and shade, while its jewelled turquoise crown glistens like the scales of a snake. Its beauty simply beggars description.

However, those who saw Mr. Townsend's exquisite specimen recently at the Horticultural Hall will know that the above description is not over-drawn. I also saw out of doors in a Cambridgeshire aviary last October a beautiful specimen that had been out of doors all the year round. Its owner described to me (what I also saw) the entrancing vision of this dainty species, uncurling the leaves of the Tamarisk bushes with which this aviary was furnished, in search of insect life. (Engaged in a similar occupation, and equally entrancing, was a lovely Necklace Tanager.) In the morning sun they were like living diamonds, throwing out dazzling rays of light on every side.

Here again we are confronted with the difficult task of getting them into condition, for this species also arrives in this country, mostly in a very weak and poor condition, but careful nursing will pull them round. Good grapes, milk-sop sweetened with honey, and small insects of any kind, living ants' cocoons, aphidæ, etc., are about the best means to use to bring them round. Consult their tastes, study them as individuals, and once you have got them fit, it is not difficult to keep them so, but some considerable trouble is necessary in attending to their wants. They cannot endure draught, but they need light and air, and fragile and dainty as they appear, they most certainly do not need a hothouse to keep them fit.

A Perfect Dream of Loveliness.

The Blue-winged Siva (*Siva cyanouroptera*).—This handsome species, which belongs to the sub-family Leiotrichinæ, is found in the Himalayas from Nepal to Bootan, and also in the hills of Assam; and, like its near relative, the Pekin Robin (*L. luteus*), is hardy and enduring, even amid English weather. Possibly some of my readers may disagree with my headline; well, we shall have to agree to differ. Though perhaps one of the quietest-coloured (therein perchance lies its chief charm) species on our beautiful plate, it suffers somewhat from association with the brighter coloured species thereon; but in either cage or aviary, what a lovely creature it is! How complete is the harmony and balance of colour—not a harsh line anywhere, but just a combination of restful and exquisite beauty.

It does not, however, rest on beauty of plumage alone; its characteristics and demeanour are of the first order. It is about the size of the English Chaffinch, but of slightly more slender build. It is equally pert and restlessly active in its movements, but has none of the wildness of Fringilla. To the above qualities must be added many Tit-like attributes, that must be seen to be appreciated.

My esteemed friend and fellow-aviculturist, Mr. E. W. Harper, was the first one to introduce this species to English aviculture, and for many years I enjoyed the acquaintance of the specimen which he presented to the Zoo. This bird never failed to come to the front of his cage to have his poll and nape of the neck scratched, and gave a sort of birdy-purr of satisfaction while the operation was being performed. Unless disturbed by other visitors he would remain quiet and enjoy being so indulged for quite a lengthy period; in fact, the writer usually tired first, and I confess to being an enthusiast where birds are concerned.

As a last word, permit me to say, Do not take all this for granted; take the first opportunity and procure a specimen and judge for yourself. If he is kept as a cage pet let him have a fly round the room daily. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit and live insects. Jerdon, in his "Birds of India," names it the "Blue-winged Hill-Tit." In July, 1901, I wrote in the "Avicultural Magazine" concerning this species—"I consider it more beautiful than even the Violet-eared Waxbill." Most comparisons, I am fully aware, are odious, but after eight years' experience of the species my opinion is unaltered.

A Wee Mite.

The Flame-breasted Flower-pecker (*Dicæum ignicolle*).—It is generally that which is hardest to obtain for which we long and strive, and, most certainly, whate'er its cost, the first opportunity that comes my way of possessing this species, will not be overlooked. To Mr. E. W. Harper also belongs the honour of introducing Flower-peckers to English aviculture, though, unfortunately, the pair of Crimson-backed (*D. cruentatum*) and single Tickell's (*D. erythrorynchus*) which he presented to the Zoo, had but a short stay there, and were, for the greater part of the time, "behind the scenes."

These wee mites, only about the size of an English Wren, are fearless and confiding, even in their native haunts, frequenting woods and gardens. Their food in a state of nature is insects, fruit, buds, and the nectar of flowers. In captivity they thrive on some good soft-food mixture; sponge-cake scalded with milk, ripe fruit and small insects.

The specimen from which our figure is drawn was imported by Mr. W. Frost among the birds he collected for Sir W. Ingram, and has now been for some months on deposit at the Zoo. There on many occasions I have watched this wee mite for quite long periods, simply entranced, until the spell has been temporarily broken by the hasty movement of some passing visitor. His deportment is both Tit-like and Wren-like. How I should like to see him on a branch with blighty foliage. He is apparently quite as much at his ease "wrong side up" as he is in the normal position. He takes short rests hanging head downwards from the top of his cage, and has a habit of jerking his tail up perpendicularly in Wren-like fashion. The keeper tells me he thinks the bird's going a brief time without his diet would kill it. The food consists of banana (which he visits every few minutes), one mealworm per day, or biscuit meal, sugar, condensed milk and a little water. Fortunately he is thriving and is improving every day, and when one visits the Zoo he should certainly receive a visit. His address is: "Small Bird Home."

An Atom of Avian Beauty.

The Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*).—I have used all my adjectives up and yet am confronted with a species that deserves them as much as any of the preceding. This species has been known about nine years, but during that period but very few specimens have been imported. As far back as 1902 Mr. R. Phillips succeeded in breeding this species—truly an achievement of which any aviculturist might be proud. I had the privilege and delight of seeing both the old and young when the latter was quite strong on the wing.

The English Wren is a favourite of all, and when I have said that in addition to the exquisite nuptial plumage of the male, their deportment is similar to plainly clad "Jenny" so dear to English hearts, it goes without saying that I have set many of my readers longing to possess it.

These birds seem to do well under the conditions of cage life, if the cage be a roomy one, judging by the specimens at the Zoo, which came over with the Australian collection in 1908. Last season they were placed in the open flights, outside the Small Bird House, and often have I gazed almost spellbound at the glowing beauty of the male. Perfect and exquisite as our plate is, it does not do justice to the glowing beauty of the male; the areas of blue are beyond description, either by pen or brush. He is an atom of jewelled beauty, by no means as fragile as his appearance would lead one to suppose.

In captivity they must have soft food, ripe fruit and live insects. Minute plant lice they cannot have too many of. It would be the sight of a life-time to see a pair of this species clearing a blighty plant or small bush of its parasites. Judging by the account Mr. Phillips gives of his success with the species, to anyone possessing a fairly roomy natural aviary and sufficient leisure to keep up a supply of minute insect life, there should be no insuperable difficulty in breeding them; that is, basing this judgment upon birds I have had under observation. But Mr. Phillips' success is unique so far. To any of my readers having friends in Australia, it should not be difficult to get some sent over, as they are plentiful enough in the localities they frequent.

(*To be continued.*)

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THE INSURANCE SCHEME OF THE LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

The Insurance Scheme of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies has at last issued from the realm of things theoretical, and, it is hoped by its promoters, has attained the status of a practicability. Our readers will remember that one of the chief obstacles in the way of the formation of a practical insurance scheme for the benefit of London fanciers belonging to affiliated societies, was the stamp duty imposed by the Inland Revenue Department of Somerset House, and that at the meeting of the Council held on October 8th, the sub-committee were asked to consider the advisability of providing three separate kinds of slips to cover the three risks—to, at, and from shows.

At the meeting of the Federation held on December 22nd, however, a scheme was successfully evolved and made ready for being put into operation on January 1st of this year.

Calling recently upon Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the secretary of the Federation, Cage Birds representative found him more than willing to talk about "the grandest thing ever put before London fanciers," as Mr. A. termed it.

"We have got a splendid scheme," he said. "The Council are now in the position to offer its members 150 per cent. more benefits in the way of the insurance of birds than the railway companies. Whereas the railway companies for the fee of threepence will only insure one's birds for the one journey, the Federation are prepared not only to insure a bird (or birds) on the homeward journey as well as the outward journey (either when birds are sent on approval anywhere or to an exhibition), but to insure them against robbery and fire while at a show—and all for the same fee, viz., threepence. Thus, the first rule (all the other rules remain as before) has been amended to read as follows: 'Insurance under the scheme of the Federation shall cover Canaries and cage-moulted British hardbills against all risks, including mortality in transit while in the railway companies' care, to and from a show, and robbery and fire while at a show.'"

"Are there any other advantages?" we ventured to ask at the risk of being charged with greediness.

"Yes, there are. There is the advantage that a fancier hasn't half the trouble when insuring his birds under this scheme that he had before. But the great advantage"—and we were asked to emphasise this point—"is that whereas an insurer under the railway company's scheme had personally to prove negligence on the part of a company before being able to claim anything in respect of the loss of birds (one of the hardest things imaginable), he is now able to leave this entirely to the Federation which will undertake this."

"So that," we ventured to summarise, "a fancier enjoys two *practical* advantages (the covering of risks on railway homeward journeys, and risks arising from robbery and fire at shows), and one *moral* advantage (the fancier being able to leave to the Council the responsibility of proving negligence), over and above those enjoyed under the railway company's insurance scheme?"

"Yes, that is so, precisely."

"Well, now," we asked, "what has a fancier to do if he wishes to insure his birds under the Federation scheme?"

"In the first place," Mr. Adamthwaite replied, "the fancier must be a member of a society which is affiliated to the Federation; otherwise he cannot enjoy these privileges. Next, he buys from the Federation a book of six threepenny certificates; this costs him one-and-sixpence. That does away once and for all with the misunderstanding about the certificates. Under the old scheme, if a man wanted to insure his birds three times he had to fill up three separate certificates, each of which was liable to a penny stamp duty; now, he can do all three under one. It is not a new scheme, but the old one revised upon the advice of the underwriters at Lloyds."

"Then Lloyds are backing up your scheme?" we interrupted.

"Yes, that is the great point about this scheme?"

"But nothing was said about that when the previous schemes were under discussion?"

"No; that was the card up our sleeve, so to speak. We were not working in the dark. The Council have all their claims covered at Lloyds."

Referring again to the method of procedure, we were told that, having applied for and received a book of certificates, a fancier would be able to insure his bird (or birds) with one of the certificates (the certificate only covers a face value for the journey definitely stated thereon) to the amount of £1. Or he would be at liberty to use the six certificates for an insurance value of £6, and any number of books of certificates may, we were informed, be purchased for use upon a similar basis.

"If a man," it was added, "insures five birds at a show for £10, say, and one of them gets killed by a fire at the show, for instance, he would, according to the rules of the insurance, be entitled to £2, but in the case of any single bird the largest amount it can be insured for is £5."

The Council propose also to issue a separate insurance for fire under ordinary conditions, at the rate of one shilling for the first £10 (which is the minimum) and sixpence for every additional £10. So that if any member wishes to insure his stock for £50, he can do so upon payment of an insurance fee of three shillings.

With regard to illnesses and deaths of birds at shows (other than by fire), a notification to the secretary of the Federation or to the exhibitor (or exhibitors) concerned by the show secretary, will, we were informed, be deemed sufficient.

Mr. Adamthwaite himself brought the interview to a suitable conclusion by stating that the scheme was well thought out and well backed up, and that not only were the claims fully covered at Lloyds, but if by some extraordinary happening their policy should "run out," then any claims still outstanding would be met by the Council itself. The Council, to use Mr. Adamthwaite's own words, "having now set themselves to pay, under the insurance scheme, all legitimate claims, fanciers need have no hesitation in taking up with the new scheme."

"The Federation," he added, just as we were saying goodbye, "intends now to stand or fall by what it has done, both in the way of this Insurance Scheme and otherwise; and London fanciers can either accept or reject what has been done exclusively for their benefit."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**A Clever Thrush.

For some years we have kept a pet Thrush in our garden. One day, while we were having dinner, we heard a crash. The next moment our servant rushed into the dining-room and told us that a Thrush had flown through the open doorway into the kitchen. We came, and saw the Thrush sitting on a jug on the dresser. We went into the garden, and found that it was our own Thrush, whose rotten old cage had fallen from its nail in the wall and smashed to pieces. We were all pleased our pet had not flown away or been hurt. Wasn't it a dear, clever bird to come and tell that its cage was broken?—Dorothy Rodgers (aged 10), 123, Radford Boulevard, Nottingham.

*A Walk in the Fields.

One day my cousin and I went for a walk in some fields. As we were going we saw a man with an air gun, and we watched him for a minute or two, and while watching we saw him shoot a bird, which he found was a Robin. The man gave it to me and my cousin, and I ran home with it. We put it in a cage, and gave it some seed to eat and water to drink. When the weather got warmer we let the Robin go.—Sent by Sidney Bamford (age 11), 28, Mount Road, Walsall.

*A Talking Canary.

At a cottage in Sheerness there is to be seen and heard a talking Canary. He constantly pulls up short in the middle of his trill, inquiring in the clearest possible voice, "How do you do, Mrs. Munyeon?" "Quite well, Mrs. Munyeon?" and then he will rattle on again, only to stop again with "Pretty little dear, come and kiss Dicky."—Sent by A. Clements (age 10), 99, Dempsey Street, Stepney, E.

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The Shows.

WATERLOO (Liverpool).

The Waterloo Progressive C.B.S. held their annual members' show on Jan. 15th, 1910, in the Oxford Hall, St. John's Palace, where from 80 to 90 exhibits turned up. The birds were of good average merit, and the Canary section contained all Yorkshires from clears to greens. Mules or Hybrids and British birds were of nice quality, though not very numerous. There were sufficient special prizes offered to afford every member who was showing a chance of winning one, which all did. Mr. J. Hunt, the hon. sec., had the birds all ready to judge in very good time, and it is not often one can record the fact that the show was judged, and the Secretary had his prize money and specials completed and some of it actually paid to the winners before 12 o'clock noon. We saw this actually done. Mr. Hunt must be a glutton for work, for he has had the courage to take on the Secretary's duty in connection with three shows in four weeks—Bootle, Liverpool and District (Amalgamated) and this. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. 1, 2, Knowles, first largest, both grand type and A1 col., in fine feather and condition; 3, Potter, fine col., wee bit rough in feather about thighs; vhc, Algie. BUFF: 1, 3, Knowles, 1, deep col., nice bloom, good type, dark points, 3, shorter, grand col., type and condition; 2, Rimmer, thicker body, nice col., etc. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Potter, lovely self, good col., nice dark points, A1 type; 2, Rimmer, foul tail, larger, nice col. BUFF: 1, Potter, self, fine col., nice type, good points; 2, Hunt, heavy foul, large, fine col., wee bit thick to-day; 3, Rimmer, slimmer, heaten only in col. YELL. CK.: 1, Rimmer, pretty level col., fine type, nice deep points, in good condition; 2, Algie, grand col. and type. BUFF: 1, Potter; 2, Algie, not much between them, both possessing good green properties; 3, nice yell., in wrong class. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Schrimshaw, best all round type, position, condition, and stands well up on leg, neat head; 2, Howard, fine bird, beaten in feather only a bit; 3, Bell, nice quality and condition. BUFF: 1, Algie, nice type and feather. TKD. YELL: 1, Potter, fine position, neat head, wings and tail, well rounded off; 2, Bell, fine feathered variegated, grand quality, carries right wing flights slovenly to-day. BUFF: 1, Chorley, variegated, A1 all over it; 2, Potter, nearly cl. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Chorley, grand slim type, full of breed, in fine condition; 2, Hunt, not quite up to condition of 1, good type; 3, Howard, nice type. BUFF: 1, Algie, grand type and feather, very clean and level all over; 2, Chorley, fine bloom, col. and type. TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Potter, mkd. head, fine position, rare shape, upstanding, well posted; 2, Algie, tkd. root of tail, fine feather, nice type and quality. YELL. CK.: UNFLIG.: 1, Algie, A1 stand and type, grand condition and quality; 2, Chorley, lovely col., very pretty type; 3, Bell; vhc, Howard. BUFF: 1, Algie, fine all-round cl., in rare feather and condition; 2, Potter, rare breed and quality; 3, Chorley, variegated, good type and quality, well up, neat through; vhc, Bell; he, Schrimshaw. YELL. HEN: 1, Chorley, tkd. head, best all-round bird, fine finish on it. BUFF: 1, Hunt, best carriage, fine feather and finish; 2, Algie, grand bold bird; 3, Potter, good feather. NAT. COL. BUFF: 1, Chorley; 2, Hunt; former very good conditioned one; No. 3, yell., in wrong class. YELL. HEN: 1, Hunt, heavy variegated, A1 type, etc.; 2, Schrimshaw, even mkd., fine feather, soiled on top of tail feathers; 3, Chorley, in fine condition. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bell; 2, Hunt, latter stands down on condition, good bird when right. BUFF: 1, Potter, best condition to-day; 2, Algie, fine bird; 3, Bell. NOVICE YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, sp, for best Novice Green, Blundell, fine bird, grand col. and type, well finished; 2, Kincla, grand col., type and condition. BUFF: 1, Kincla, fine buff self; 2, Blundell, foul, nice one. HEN: 1, Blundell, best col., nice type and feather; 2, Kincla. LIGHT MULE: 1, Horne, lightly variegated buff Goldie-Can., A1 condition; 2, Potter, dark variegated Goldie-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Horne, fine cage-moulted, good blaze, tans, bars, and buttons, fine feather; 2, Algie, nice wild-moulted, good one. GREENFINCH: 1, Schrimshaw, best all round to-day; 2, 3, Horne, 2, smaller, 3rd larger, and might have won if tail had been perfect, both good. LINNET: 1, Howard, in lovely condition, nice markgs., etc. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Horne, good Bramble, and a fine-shaped Bullie leading; vhc, another nice Bramble; 3, Schrimshaw, pale col. Chaffinch, good quality. PAIR YORKS. (4): (Names missed). PAIR GREENS: 1, 2, Knowles, very good and well matched. SELL. (30/-) PAIRS: 1, 2, Knowles. (15/-): 1, Rimmer; 2, Knowles. GIFT: 1, Rimmer. WINNERS OF SPECIALS, OPEN: Messrs. Algie, Potter, Chorley, Horne, Hunt, Knowles, Rimmer, Bell and Howard; NOVICES: Messrs. Kincla and J. Blundell.

WISBEACH

The members of the Working Men's Club and Institute F. and F. S. held their annual show on Jan. 12 in the Institute Hall, which is well suited for a show of this kind. The entry of 352 constitutes a record, being about 30 more than last year. The quality of the exhibits reflects great credit upon the members. The competition in some classes was very keen, the winners being very little better than their less fortunate competitors. The cage bird section contained some really good specimens. Unfortunately there was really too much for one judge to get through in time for the opening of the show. The last section to be judged (the cagebirds), in consequence, got a jump. The society will, no doubt, obviate this another year by appointing two judges. Mr. C. Wicks (Norwich) judged.

NOR. COL.-FED. (9): 1, sp, 2, 4, hc, c, Handley and Son, 1, good yell., nice type and quality; 2, fine buff, good head and wing carriage; 4, nice quality; 3, Markillie; vhc, Harper. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Harradance, buff, nice clean-cut Nor., rare quality; 2, sp, 3, hc, Handley and Son; 2, fine bold hen, good head, full of quality, some thought might have won; 3, nice bird, good quality; No. 266, unnoticed, good one all over. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Harper, nice Cinn., good type and quality; 2, vhc, Handley and Son, fine yell. Yorks.; 3, Ramsdale, Nor. green, lovely type; he, Harradance; c, Wioterbone. CAN. A.V. 1909 (12): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Handley and Son, 1, buff Nor., full of quality, wins; 2, yell. Nor.; 3, 4, Markille, 4, yell. variegated Nor., splendid bird, full of quality, well shown; 3, as good in quality as 4, but loses a trifle in size and type. BRIT. (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Hipwell, 1, Bramblefinch, sound col., good spangling, some thought lucky to beat 3, a fine Siskin, well-known winner, in fine form; 2, Grey Wagtail, well shown; 4, Ely, Goldfinch; hc, Markillo; c, Winterbone. MULE (6): 1, sp, Handley and Son, very nice dark Goldfinch mule, rare blaze, good col.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Hipwell, 2, nice Goldfinch mule, 3, another Goldfinch mule, large and fine. FOR. (5): 1, Beckett, African Grey, in fine order, easy win; 2, sp, 3, 4, vhc, Hipwell, 2, Green Cardinal, tails only in crest, 3, Redrump, 4, Cockatiels, very fine pair, which some preferred to 3. SELL. (10/-) (12): 1, 2, vhc, Handley and Son; 3, Winterbone; 4, Harper; vhc, Ramsdale; hc, Wilson; c, Hipwell and Markillie. NOVICE A.V. (15): 1, sp, 3, hc, c, Hipwell, 1, yell. Nor., good quality; 2, vhc, hc, Harradance, 2, good yell.; 4, Ramsdale, nice Yorks. BEST PAIR (mated for breeding) (8), good class: 1, sp, 3, Handley and Son; 2, Harper; 4, vhc, hc, Markillie; hc, Harradance; c, Harrold.

YORK C.B.S.

Successful members' show, held at headquarters, All Saints' School Rooms, North-street, on January 17th, the first of a series to be held during the year, at which the committee are offering many valuable specials, including a silver cup (to be won outright during the year). The members staged 130 birds, and the allotting of the prizes proved no easy task, as all the classes contained some good specimens.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, c, Shorney; 2, vhc, c, Humphries. BUFF: 1, 2, Humphries; 3, Wright; vhc, hc, Pickering; c, Hunter. HEN: 1, hc, c, Pickering; 2, Humphries; 3, vhc, Wright. PAIRS: 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Pickering; 3, Humphries; he, Sissons; c, Warriner. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Campling; 3, vhc, Simeson; hc, c, O'Reilly. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Campling; vhc, Warriner; he, c, Simeson. HEN: 1, Warriner; 2, c, vhc, Simeson; hc, c, O'Reilly. PAIRS: 1, vhc, Campling; 2, 3, Simeson; hc, c, O'Reilly. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Richardson; vhc, Wright. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1,Wright; 2, Hunter; 3, Sissons. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 2, hc, Boyle; 3, Pickering; vhc, Sissons. BRIT. GOLD., ETC.: 1, Dodgson; 2, Bell; 3, Simeson; vhc, Hunter; he, Wright; c, Chittenden, Sen. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Hunter; 2, Wright; 3, Shorney; vhc, c, Sissons; hc, Zimmerman. BRIT. HEN: 1, Pink; 2, Shorney; 3, Sissons; vhc, c, Chittenden, sen.; hc, Bell. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, hc, Sissons; 2, Chittenden, sen.; 3, Boyle; c, Zimmerman. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Boyle. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Boyle; 2, Shorney; vhc, hc, Sissons. FOR., SMALL: 1, 3, Zimmerman; 2, Sissous.—A. WARD, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

The deciding show for the society's prizes was held on January 15th, when 80 birds faced Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), who gave every satisfaction as judge.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, W. Jowett; 2, Lumb; 3, J. H. Fowle; vhc, A. Craven; hc, Briggs and Jagger. BUFF: 1, vhc, Thomas; 2, Grundy; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, A. Jowett. TKD. YELL.: 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Myers; hc, Lumb; c, A. Craven. BUFF: 1, Lumb; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Stocks and Fowle; hc, W. Jowett; c, A. Jowett. UNEVEN., ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, c, Thomas; 2, Lumb; 4, W. Jowett; vhc, A. Craven; hc, McDonald. BUFF: 1, A. Craven; 2, Kirkbright Bros.; 3, Smith; 4, Thomas; vhc, Grundy. CL. YELL., HEN: 1, A. Craven; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, Lumb. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Myers; 4, vhc, Myers; hc, J. H. Fowle. TKD. YELL.; 1, hc, Thomas; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, Lumb; 4, Myers; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Lumb; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, Thomas; 4, Stocks and Fowle; vbc, Briggs and Jagger; bc, A. Craven; c, Kirkbright Bros. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Lumb; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, W. Jowett; 4, vhc, J, McDonald; hc, Stocks and Fowle; c, Grundy. BUFF: 1, c, Lumb; 2, Smith; 3, Myers; 4, Alderson; vhc, hc, A. Craven. Joe Thomas wins silver medal for best fed bird (on Ramsden's pepper), and A. Craven that for most vhc's. Result of competitions: No. 1 Section, Joe Thomas, most points, 133 points; H. Smith, second, 126 points (gold medal for most points gained by starred birds); J. H. Fowle, third, 117 points; and H. Myers fourth, 105 points. No. 2 Section: Briggs and Jagger, most points, 85 points, and gold medal for most points gained by starred birds; J. McDonald, second, 51 points; and Stocks and Fowle, third, 45 points.

PELTON FELL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Show held January 8th, in the Old Institute Hall. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL., OLD (4): 1, sp, Stanger; 2, A. Forster; 3, W. Forster; vhc, Herdman. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, R. Forster; vhc, Elliott. HEN (8): 1, 3, sp, Stanger; 2, Herdman; vhc, A. Forster; hc, R. Forster; c, G. Parnaby. NOR. BRED 1909, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, W. Forster; 3, Stanger; vhc, Elliott; he, A. Forster. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, R. Forster; 3, Stanger. HEN (5): 1, sp, W. Forster; 2, R. Forster; 3, Herdman; vhc, Parnaby; hc, Stanger. CREST, OLD (5): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Stanger; 3, vhc, Parnaby. C.B. (3): 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Hall; 3, Davidson (abs.). C.B., 1909 (3): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Elliott; 3, Davidson (abs.). YORKS, OLD (4): 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Parnaby; 3, Herdman; Elliott (abs.). BRED 1909 (4): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Elliott; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Elliott. CINN., OLD. (2): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Stanger. BRED 1909 (2): 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Elliott. BORD., OLD, CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, sp, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, A. Forster. BUFF (5): 1, sp, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Herdman; vhc, T. Elliott; he, Hall. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Stanger; vhc, Herring; he, Hall. BRED 1909, CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, sp, vhc, Stanger; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, R. Forster; hc, T. Elliott; c, Herring. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Stanger; vhc, Hall. HEN (7): 1, sp, 3, J. H. Elliott; 2, vhc, Stanger; he, W. Forster; c, Hall. NOVICE, CAN. (2): 1, sp, A. Forster; 2, Parnaby. A.O.V. (4): 1, sp, Parnaby; 2, Herdman; 3, T. Elliott; vhc, R. Forster. BRIT. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (6): 1, sp, 2, Boyd; 3, Davidson; vhc, Stanger; he, Herring. FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, sp, W. Forster; 2, Herring; 3, vhc, Boyd; hc, T. Elliott; c, Parnaby. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Davidson; 3, A. Forster; vhc, Herdman; hc, Boyd. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, sp, 3, Davidson; 2, vhc, hc, Boyd. BRIT. FINCH, SEED-EATERS (8): 1, sp, Boyd; 2, Stanger; 3, Herdman; vhc, Davidson; hc, c, Hall. MULE (4): 1, sp, Boyd; 2 T. Elliott; 3, Herdman; vhc, Davidson. FOR. (3): 1, McDowell; 2, R. Forster; 3, Boyd. LINNET (OPEN) (16): 1, sp, c, Boyd; 2, Forster; 3, Herring; vhc, Davidson; hc, McGuire.

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Club Reports.

METROPOLITAN C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters, on January 13th, four new members being elected, and one nominated. The election of officers for 1910 took place. We much regretted the retirement of our late chairman, Mr. Martin, and after a hearty vote of thanks for past services rendered, he assured us of his earnest support in the future. A vote of thanks was also given to retiring officers, bringing an enjoyable evening to a close.—G. HARWOOD, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BELFAST O.S.

Usual meeting, held at 11, Waring-street, on January 8th, Mr. R. Trimble presiding. This being the annual meeting, the principal business was the election of officers for 1910, and after a lively discussion of the affairs of the society for the past year, the following gentlemen were duly elected. Mr. R. Trimble, president; Mr. A. Russell, vice-president; Mr. J. Ronaldsen, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. J. Neill, W. Trimble, R. Tedford, J. McAuley, H. McConnell, committee. It was arranged to hold our annual club show on the first Saturday in November, and that in addition to our usual classes for Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries, we give five classes for Norwich to meet the views of some of our members who breed both varieties, the classes to run as follows: Cl. or tkd. yell. cock, ditto buff, ditto yellow hen, and ditto buff and variegated cock or hen. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—J. RONALDSON, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Fourth annual general meeting, held at the George Hotel, on January 12th, when Mr. H. C. Carter presided over a good company. The secretary presented the balance-sheet, which showed the association to be in a good financial position, with a balance of £11 3s. 5½d. in hand, which was passed as read. The following officers were elected for 1910: Chairman, H. C. Carter; vice-chairman, C. D. Cooper; treasurer, J. Wildsmith; auditors, H. Hawkins and G. Tolson; hon. secretary, R. S. Black; committee, H. C. Carter, C. D. Cooper, J. O'Connor, H. Robinson, and J. G. Stephenson. A programme drawn up by the secretary for meetings during 1910 was submitted, and, after a deal of discussion, it was decided that the programme be acted upon. It was decided to hold our annual open show on October 15th. It was decided to hold a smoking concert at the club house on February 3rd, and we shall be pleased to see as many members and friends present as possible.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTH & NORTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Gregg's Cafe, January 5th, Mr. W. Thompson in the chair. Three important questions were put before the meeting, viz., members' subscriptions, removal of headquarters, and the financial position of the society. It was proposed, and carried, that we fall in line with other northern societies and make our subscriptions 2/6 per year, with 1/- on entry. Secondly, "That we seek more convenient headquarters, nearer the Market Place and Ferries, to suit North Side fanciers, as many have promised to join as this year." (Carried.) The financial position of the society was given by the secretary, but it was the worst year the society had had in regard to entries. The Norwich, Cinnamon, and Crest classes, which were in former years a show in themselves, this year were standing with one, two, and three in a class. But I am proud to say we paid all open prize money within seven days, and, having regard to the great kindness of our most worthy supporters, Sir W. S. Robson, Mr. J. Kirkley, Mr. Readhead, and others, and the attention of Mr. Duke, our late secretary, to the donation list, we are almost on the right side of the ledger.—JAS. BARRASS, Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Flying Dutchman, on January 15th, when there was a capital attendance, Mr. Helliwell in the chair. The balance-sheet was gone through, showing a splendid balance of over £15 to the good on the year's working, placing the society in a sound financial condition. This was passed with a bumper, as also a vote of thanks to the officers and committee for their contributions to the success. Election of officers result:—Chairman, W. Wharton; vice-chairmen, J. S. Clarkson, J. Fortnam, and J. Clark; delegates to the Yorks. Union, J. S. Clarkson, J. Fortnam, and J. Clark; treasurer, F. Ludbrook; auditors, J. Clark and G. Hunter; secretary, F. Rhodes; assistant secretary, W. Morement. The annual dinner came up for discussion, the arrangements being left in the hands of a small sub-committee. It was decided to have it in the Market Tavern on February 8th at 7 p.m. (tickets, 2s. 6d. single, and 4s. 6d. couple). No doubt judging by the menu and the talent we have, it should be one of the best. We had to leave the Union rules (revisal, etc.) to the next meeting. A few new members were made, and we shall be pleased to see a few more roll up. A hearty vote of thanks to our new chairman, Mr. Wharton, brought the meeting to a close.—F. RHODES, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held January 6th, in the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. It having been thought by some that we ought to be advertised more, Mr. J. Woolhouse was appointed to send reports of meetings to the Fancy Press. Mr. Kelby was appointed delegate to the annual meeting of the C.B.U., to be held at the Palace Show. The following resolutions were proposed for our delegate to bring forward: First, That the rule affecting members showing at non-Union shows be altered; second, That the C.B.U. sink their difference with the Yorkshire Union, and come to some terms, also that the Union hold a show, open only to Union members. The subject of our again joining the C.B.U. was deferred till after that meeting. The date of our annual show has been altered from the first Friday and Saturday in November to December 2nd and 3rd. Several gentlemen were named as judges for our open show, and it was left to the secretaries to see if they could officiate. The February meeting is to be a table show of matched pairs for breeding, and a washing competition. Mr. Bingham was elected to judge Yorkshires, and Mr. Tow, Norwich and washing; several members promised to bring birds to wash. An excellent programme for the year has been arranged. Messrs. F. Knight and H. E. Wilkinson were elected new members.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

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THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY.

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

The need of funds is urgent, however, so do not delay; send your contribution at once, addressed to Mr. Geo. Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in your letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

We publish this week the fourth list of subscriptions which have reached Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday night last:—The National British Bird and Mule Club, £2 2s.; Glasgow and Western Counties' N.M.B. and F.B.C., £1 1s.; Blackburn Lark F.A., 10s.; Cheltenham C.B.S., 8s. 6d.; Ilkeston O.S., 8s.; London and Counties' O.S., 7s. 6d.; Swansea C.B.A., 7s.; Dunfermline C.B.C., 5s. 6d.; Liverpool O.S., 5s. 6d.; Amble C.B.S., 5s.; Glasshoughton Linnet Club, 5s.; Harry Allen, 5s.; Poplar C.B.S., 5s.; Barrow C.B.A., 4s.; Sale Open O.S., 3s.; E. Jones (Newport, Mon.), 2s. 6d.; P. Brade (Preston), 2s. 6d.; Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A., 2s. 6d.; W. Lowne (Yarmouth), 2s. 6d.; W. Lucas (Coventry), 2s.; F. Cutting (London, S.E.), 2s.; J. Newell Rochdale), 1s.; Dan McArthur (Edinburgh), 1s.; Geo. Busbridge (Poundstock), 6d. These total £7 18s. 6d., and with the amounts previously acknowledged, bring the aggregate subscriptions to £28 0s. 7d.

We may say that the prosecution of the appeal is being duly proceeded with, and that Messrs. Margetts and Co., the solicitors for the appellants (Messrs. Preston and Flowers) have instructed a well-known London barrister, Mr. Artemus Jones, to conduct the case. We regret to learn from Mr. Ramsden (vide the letter published below) that the Crystal Palace authorities cannot sanction collections being made in the building. Still, all fanciers desirous of contributing to this Defence Fund can leave their subscriptions with the person in charge of CAGE BIRDS stall, and all such amounts will duly be handed over to Mr. Crabb and acknowledged in our columns. We hope the Fund will in this way be largely augmented.

SIR,—I submitted the current number of CAGE BIRDS to the Palace authorities this morning, pointing out the paragraph relative to collecting boxes for the Preston and Flowers Fund. I am instructed to inform you that no collection can be made inside the Crystal Palace for any object whatever, either by collectors or stallholders. This is a rule strictly enforced by the Palace authorities. They have many applications for permission to collect, chiefly from charitable concerns, but a polite refusal is made to all. Will you therefore kindly make a note of this in your next issue?

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

Already at a sub-committee meeting we have decided to put every effort forward to assist the cause, and I will let you know as soon as possible the result and remit any money collected.
—W. NISBET, secretary, Musselburgh, O.S.

I wish you may be successful in your undertaking re Flowers and Preston, and hope all bird lovers will assist you to their uttermost. It would not be safe to have a bird if this ruling stands. If a bird in a cage was not happy he would not sing as he does. I have birds singing now 16 hours a day; they don't do that in the field.—G. TURNEY (East Ham).



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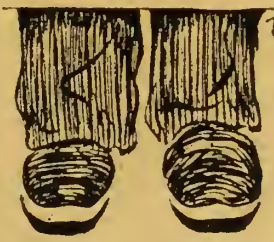
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I am sending my "widow's mite" towards the fund for the defence of Messrs. Preston and Flowers, and would add my humble protest against this unwarranted attack upon the harmless hobby of so many of our fellows. If the R.S.P.C.A. (or any other society) will first sweep the land clean of really cruel sport, such as otter hunting, badger baiting, tame pigeon shoots, and "preserved" deer and game, it will not lack supporters to aid it in any needful protection of birds. I hope that the small men like myself will not be ashamed to send their little. It is a good cause, and we must each see to it.—DAN MCARTHUR (Edinburgh).

The members of the Ardwick and District C.B. Society unanimously decided that this was a most serious and important call on all societies for the members' consideration, and although this society is only in its infancy and has only a moderate balance in hand, we thought we could not do less than send 5s. out of the funds to this good cause, which I hope you will be successful with. If left unchallenged, this decision would cripple the interest in British birds and take away the attraction from our shows, which I am sure would not be complete without them.—J. SPENCER (secretary).

Kindly accept enclosed 10s. as donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." I am sorry not to have sent earlier, but can only plead pressure of business. I cannot think the magistrate, Mr. Biron, could have given the case proper consideration, as it seems ridiculous to think that one man may keep as many Britishers as he likes, and another, although only probably living a few yards away, be debarred from keeping any at all. I sincerely hope the appeal will have a sucessful issue from the bird-keeper's point of view.—W. GORE (Birmingham).

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Feb. 7.—**Cowal.**—J. Mackinnon, Woodburn, M'Arthur Street, Dunoon.

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Accrington C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers, show date, etc.—J. W. Philpott.

Ayr C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Good Templer Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Entries for club show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Admiral Duncan O.S.—Feb. 5, "Admiral Duncan," 8. Annual meeting, election of officers.—W. Healey.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Annual meeting and election of officers, etc., also members' show classification.—T. Harrison.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Members' supper, tables will be laid for 8.30.—W. Richinson.

Aberdaen O.S.—Feb. 11, Trades Hall, 8. Date of show, nomination of judges.—J. Bryson.

Burnley C.B.F.S.—Feb. 6, 5, Mosley Street, 7.30. Show business and election of judges, etc.—R. Towler.

Bolton O.S.—Feb. 7, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8.—H. Parkinson.

Bury C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. W. Downing, on the Yorks. Can; friends invited.—H. Jamesou.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Feb. 8, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, 7.30. Lecture given on the Roller Canary song; friends invited.—W. Massey.

Brighton C.B.A.—Feb. 9, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Election of committee, etc.; new members invited.—A. T. Riddles.

British Rollar C.C.—Feb. 5, Crystal Palace, 5. Annual general meeting; meeting place will be posted up in Roller Section.—J. W. Norris.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb 8, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 7. Annual dinner, tickets 4/6 double, 2/6 single; fanciers and friends cordially invited.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 5, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Members' show for cup, etc., all entries to be sent by post to headquarters, first post Feb. 5, all birds to be staged at 2; meeting at 8.—Parker and Parkes.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Feb. 7, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Fixing date of club and open shows; judges, etc.—J. Kerr.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Chequers Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—W. H. Bray.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 14, 7.30. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers, date of meeting altered on account of Palace Show.—A. C. Askew.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Judge for next show, etc.—W. H. Wright.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Albany Hotel, 8. Fanciers joining at this meeting will be eligible for competition at our show on Feb. 26.—C. Bescoby.

Derby C.B.C.—Feb. 12, Derwent Hotel, 7.—W. Stevens.

Dudley C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Crown Hotel, 8.30. General business, etc.—J. G. Leech.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Feb. 5, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. —G. G. Stafford.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Church Hall, 6.30. Ball, etc., business.—J. Brown.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Saville Hotel, 7. Last meeting of year.—N. Rayner.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 9, George Hotel, 8. Arrangements for pair and table shows; judges for open show, distribution of new cards to members, etc.—R. S. Black.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S.—Feb. 9, Hanwell Public Library, 8. Lecture by P. H. Baylis, Esq., "Hatching and Rearing."—W. Bird.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Feb. 7, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Fixing annual show date, nomination of judges, etc., new members.—G. R. Smith.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—Feb. 9, 114, High St., 8. New members enrolled.—S. Hewit.

Guisbro' "Priory" C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Wear's Rooms, 7.—R. Mays.

Grangemouth O.S.—Feb. 7, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Selecting judges for Nov. show, and joining new members.—G. Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 7, Northumberland Street Schoolroom, 8. Arrangements of members' winter show, Feb. 12, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 5, Griffin Hotel, 8.—J. F. Thackray.

Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Pair show; judges, Messrs. T. Perkins and G. Harland. —E. R. Ridley.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Wadsworth View, 8. Election of chairman and vice-chairman; new members enrolled.—P. S. Mathers.

Hamilton (C.O.) O.S.—Feb. 5, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Balance-sheet, election of officers, and show date.—A. Cant.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 5, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Discussion Roller Canary's song, etc.; fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 12, Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, 8.30. Table show and judging competition.—G. Brown.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Mason's Arms, Loanhead, 7. New members enrolled, fanciers residing inside 10 miles radius invited to join; terms in "Cage Birds Annual."—W. B. Smart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor. pairs matched for breeding, open and novice classes: A.O.V. Can. pairs matched for breeding; all interested in cage birds invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Miners' Hall, 12. Show of pairs, Bord., Nor., com. A.O.V. pairs, Bullie hen, A.O.V. hen, Hybrid pair, Mulling pair for Hybrid pair; judge, Mr. D. Hamilton.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important, re members' show.—D. John.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification and judges for this year's competition, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30 Confirmation of new rules; shall we have an open show? Fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Passing of balance-sheet.—C. J. Cafferty.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb., Oldham Hall, 8. Night show of pairs; 4 Yorks. classes, 4 Norwich, A.O.V., and 1 pair (for Mule or Hybrid breeding); judge, S. Hadwin.—F. E. Hawkes.—(No date given.—ED.)

Loughborough C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Charnwood Coffee House, 8. Members' show of Nor., yell and buff; fanciers invited.—G. Jeffery.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 5. Mowbray Arms, 7. Judging competition.—H. Grange.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Washing demonstration by Mr. J. Coulson.—E. H. Jones.

Middleton C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance-sheet for 1909, election of officers for 1910, important business, re Mr. Birchley's lecture.—J. Oldham.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Masonic Hall, 8. —J. Lamb.

Nottingham P.O.S.—Feb. 12, Grapes Inn, 8. Fixing show dates, etc.—J. Walmsley.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Headquarters, 8. Election of auditors, will members who have ticket money, etc., kindly send in, so that report may be made?—J. Davey.

National Brit. Bird and M.C.—Feb. 5, Board Room of the Crystal Palace, 6. Annual general meeting. —Plumbridge and Carr.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Headquarters, 8. Pair show arrangements and collection for the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund."—T. H. Tiffen.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show of Yorks., fanciers and friends invited. —F. Steeple.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Ordinary business.—J. C. Birch.

Radford C.B.S. (Nottingham).—Feb. 8, Pheasant Inn, Radford, 8.—F. Walters.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 7, Club, 8.30. Selection of judge and classes for Brit. Bird show, Feb. 19.—J. Butterworth.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for pair show, etc.—A. Hitchings.

South London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 10, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. To consider a new feature for 1910 book of rules.—G. A. Jefferys.

Sandy Lane C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Headquarters, 8.—S. Edmondson.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Feb. 12, Institute, 7.30.—J. Pickering.

Stonehouse C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Royal Oak Tavern, 7. Show of matched pairs for breeding, three classes, Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids.—W. Melvin.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Commercial Hotel, 8. —J. Lewis.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 5, National School, 7. Pair show; judge, Mr. Morgan Gregory.—F. Elliott.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

Sale Open O.S.—Feb. 7, Technical School, 8. Pay out prize money and specials for members' show.—J. Irlam.

South-West London C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Pair show, etc.; fanciers invited.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Special and very important business.—J. Smith.

Walkley C.B.S.—Feb. 10, St. Philip's Mission Room, 8. Table pair Show.—W. E. Clarke.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Feb. 9. Station Hotel, 7.30. To fix date of annual show, election of judges, etc.—Richardson and Greenwell.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show; judge Mr. F. Self; monthly meeting 7, important.—E. W. Johnson.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Feb. 8, 165, High Street, 8.30. Members to whom prize money is due please attend; two auditors wanted.—T. Callegarl.

West of Scotland.—Feb. 5, Nelson Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Show of matched pairs for breeding, points medal and other specials offered, classes for all varieties Canaries, Mules and Hybs. —G. Smart.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sex and Breeding for Song.

J.F.R.—As regards the bird which only sings when some noise is going on, if the song then is short and choppy, you are probably correct in your estimation of its sex. Get a more practical fancier to look at it and tell you what sex it is. If it is really a cock, it might open out better if you could let it hear another free-singing bird for the next few weeks. You should see that its cage is not infested with insects, and not too near the fire or burning lights in the evenings. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give a teaspoonful of the mixture you now use as staple twice a week only. Once a week give also a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. You should be able to make a fair start in breeding good song birds for 30s. to 40s. Say, two good singing Roller cocks at 15/- and 20/-, and two hens (also Rollers) at 2s. 6d. each. You could run them as two separate pairs, or keep the best singing cock specially as a songster and tutor, and run the other cock with both hens alternately. The advantage of the latter method would be that you would keep the song of the best cock pure, as mating often causes the song to deteriorate in quality.

Ringing Queries.

W.I.—(1) The use of rings is about the best and most reliable method of marking the birds in order to keep the pedigree. Unless one is breeding Rollers for certain club purposes, ringing is not compulsory. (2) No. If properly carried out, ringing has practically no detrimental effects at all. Some hens have been known to throw the young out of the nest after the rings were put on. That, however, is scarcely the effect of the ring. The hens probably thought they were throwing out certain discarded substances, as a good hen should do, and, of course, the baby had to go with it. It is not a very common occurrence. (3) From seven to nine days old is the best age to put on rings, but there is no hard and fast rule. Must depend to a certain extent upon the development of the youngsters. If rung too soon rings are apt to slip off again; if left too long, there is a difficulty in putting rings on at all without injuring the birds. (4) Certainly there are different size rings for large and small breeds. Tell the vendor your breed when purchasing, and you will get the proper rings.

Cause and Effect.

Nick.—I think you give both these in your note. A bird kept in a brass wire cage, and hung high up in the window, would be a *rara avis* if it did not sooner or later become troubled with feathers falling out, cough, and asthma. If it has not gone too far, you may remedy it to some extent by the following; but please note, the removal of the cause is even more important than medical or any other treatment. Transfer the bird to a box cage, and keep it in the room away from the window, and not too near the fire, or where it will be exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. It should not hang higher than the level of burning lights, and must be quite free from all draughts. If not moved to a box cage, see that the open cage is kept as near as possible under these conditions, and also see that it is quite free from red-mites. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give, first, six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for two consecutive days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week, or a little longer if the loss of feathers has not ceased, or nearly so, by that time. As soon as the feathers have ceased dropping, discontinue the latter mixture, and give instead twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after. If not sufficiently recovered by that time, miss a week, and repeat the last-named medicine in the same order for another two weeks.

Birds Queer.

R.G. (Camberwell).—There must be something radically wrong with your management, or the place where the birds are kept. This must be discovered and remedied before any treatment will prove availing. See they are kept in a comfortable place, not necessarily over-heated, but just away from the cold side, and, above all, quite free from sudden fluctuations of heat and cold, or damp, or draughts. The cages also must be well strewn regularly with clean gritty sand, and the perches kept scrupulously clean. Then see that the cages are perfectly free from red-mites. Give plain Canary seed as the staple food, and add separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. Twice each week, on the alternating days, give a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar; and on two other days give a few grains only of a mixture of hemp, inga, gold of pleasure, and charlock. Three or four times a week give a good-sized spray of watercress. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week. In the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and five each of paregoric and chlorodyne. Then miss a week, and, if necessary, repeat it again the following week.

Scurfy Skin.

J.L.—Had you said how you have been feeding this bird, and given its age, it would have been a great help in advising. I must also assume you have quite satisfied yourself the effect is not caused by friction due to too small or badly-placed wire holes, in which case all you would need to do would be to remove the cause and leave Nature to cure the effect. Keep the cage and perches scrupulously clean, and well provided with clean gritty sand; see that no trace of red-mites or grey lice are present in the cage or on the bird, and allow bird to bathe freely, but see that it is not exposed to chills afterwards. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape daily. Twice each week give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and three or four times a week a spray of watercress or other green food, if obtainable in good condition; and when green-stuff is not available, give a morsel of banana as a substitute. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks. Moisten the scurfy parts twice a week with a smear of zinc ointment.

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Bald and Blind Roller.

W. I. E.—You should chloroform her; there is little probability of any improvement or of her being of any further use, whilst on the other hand there is a great likelihood of her becoming worse. There are doubtless some internal lesions, but it is not possible to say what they are without seeing the bird. To try to cure it, give twelve drops of dandelion juice, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid; then miss a week and repeat again. Add a spray of green food to the diet in preference to fruit whenever the former is obtainable. Give also a small piece of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week. Bathe the head two or three times a week with a warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid in a breakfast cup of hot water. If you decide to carry out my first suggestion, thoroughly cleanse the cage afterwards, with a strong solution of carbolic. Better still, burn it if it is an old one.

Noises at Night.

H. L.—The hen which disturbs the silent watches with squeaky noises and difficult breathing will never be of any more use to you, I am afraid. However, see that she is kept in a nice comfortable position; not necessarily overheated, nor yet cold; perfectly free from draughts or great variations of heat and cold, and in a pure fresh atmosphere; not near or above any lights that burn in the evenings. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and see that it is quite free from red mites. Do not allow the bath, save in quite mild weather, until well. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give a few grains only of hemp twice a week. Every second day for the next fortnight give a half-teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternating days give a spray of watercress or chickweed as soon as obtainable, or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, and during the latter interval give on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. Shall be glad to hear how the bird is at the end of that time.

Brevities.

Novelties (F.J.C.).—(1) Certainly, it is possible to obtain good results from two Canaries bred in 1909 if paired this season. It is, nevertheless, advisable to mate a yearling bird with one over a year old whenever possible. (2) The age limit of a cock fertilising eggs must necessarily depend solely upon the individual's health and stamina. The great majority begin to deteriorate more or less rapidly after the third or fourth season, but it is not very uncommon to hear of cocks eight, ten, or twelve years old filling eggs. What constitutes the actual record I do not know—probably something near a score. (3) It depends upon your object whether a fair result could be obtained by mating a Norwich with a Yorkshire. If it was only for song birds it would succeed as well as most crosses, but for any other purpose it would be an utter failure. Neither variety has anything to gain from such a cross which cannot be obtained by a far easier and shorter method. Therefore, the result would be simply wasters, and of little or no use save as songsters.

Sample of Grit (H.M., Thanet).—The sample of sand sent will serve excellently as a covering for the cage floors. There is no need to screen it any differently to the sample sent. You must deem yourself fortunate in having a free supply of such stuff at hand.

Mating (Greenie).—Your description is not altogether clear. Do you mean a foul green bred from cinnamons, or what? A "foul buff green cinnamon" seems to be a trifle mixed or overdone. Whatever may be the bird's colour or pedigree, the correct mate depends upon what you wish to breed, and you have omitted this information. Write again and say which colour this bird is, and if you know the parents, also say what colour they are and if you also add a note of what you aim at producing, it may help me to give you some real practical advice.

Result of Accident (J. Anderson).—As the bird is a pet, and only required for such a purpose, you certainly need not destroy it because it has had a leg broken quite off. Keep it in a low-topped cage with the perches quite low, and the food and water inside, so as to be very easily getatable by the bird without any straining. If the fractured stump has begun to heal, and appears to be going on all right, leave it entirely alone, but if it is not, and seems inflamed, touch it once with a drop of Friar's Balsam on the tip of a small feather, and repeat this the second day after. Subsequently slightly anoint it with boracic ointment daily until all seems to be going on well. The bird will quickly get clever at going about on one leg, when the stump of the other has healed.

Swelling on Flank (Anxious).—Without seeing the bird I cannot advise any interference with the tumour, if such it is. If the bird is a valuable one, your best course is to show it to your medical man or a veterinary, and ask their advice. It is quite on the cards it may be a simple abscess which could be evacuated and safely removed, but it may also be more serious, and unskilled interference is more likely to do harm than good. Feed it on a plain, wholesome diet, as frequently advised for songsters; keep bowels rather loose with saline aperients, or green food, and give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid three times a week as a tonic. If it should have broken and discharged, wash well with a boracic solution, and anoint with carbolised vaseline.

Rollers Losing Voice (Killarney).—It is not quite true that Rollers always lose their vocal powers after two seasons, though it must be admitted that a number of them do. It is, however, purely a question of proper treatment and management, and if these points are kept well in order, with ordinary care a Roller will retain its vocal powers for a much longer period, and in many cases quite as long as any other variety. In addition to this, should its song become corrupted, or inferior, from a Roller point of view, it will still, in all probability, be rather better and more varied than that of an ordinary bred and wholly untutored bird. If you get a 1909 trained Roller, you will not go far wrong. The different fancy names are of little or no importance—the quality of song naturally depends upon the price paid.

Norwich Hen Unwell (Constant Reader).—I suspect this is nothing more serious than constipation. Give her half a teaspoonful of rape daily in addition to the staple diet of plain canary. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and see that it is not infested with red mites. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for a week after, six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Give a little watercress daily if obtainable in good condition for use.

Seed Mixture for Aviary (G. Ward).—If you had said of what the mixture you are using consists, I might have been able to tell you what was causing the tendency to diarrhœa, and I should also have seen whether the seed was really at fault or not. Surely there may be other causes. If your mixture contains much linseed, this would be responsible, as also would too large a proportion of some of the so-called rapes. You will find it most economical to give the seeds in separate vessels. In one give plain Canary only; in another about one-third the size summer rape; a third about same size should contain hemp; and in a fourth about same size a mixture of equal parts inga, thistle, teazle, millet, linseed, charlock, maw, and gold of pleasure.

Early Starters (Novice, Rhondda).—How do you keep the birds in regard to each other? Not in the same cage, I hope, though this may not be unlikely considering the weather the past few weeks, your method of treatment, and the birds' forward condition. If you do this, or even if you keep them hanging side by side, you should separate them more effectually at once. It would be an advantage to remove the cock to another room, not warmer than the one he is now in, for a few weeks, and give the hens plain Canary only as a staple for the next fortnight, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice each week, and on two other days the same quantity of the mixture of seeds you are using. You have, by the way, been giving twice as much as you ought to have of this mixture. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for two or three days. Do not pair up if you can avoid for another six weeks.

A Sure Cure (No Nom-de-plume).—For asthma of a pronounced and chronic nature, I'm afraid, to be quite candid with you, I cannot recommend you a sure cure. In a very great number of cases cure is impossible, and alleviation is all that must be expected. As yours seems to be of recent origin the outlook is more hopeful. See, first of all, that the cause—draughts, damp, extremes of heat and cold, and impure air—are completely removed. Keep bird in a comfortable place—not over-heated, nor yet cold. Withhold the bath until better, and give a small scrap of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, twice a week only. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Feather Pulling (D.E.P.).—Assuming the bird moulted properly last autumn, I am inclined to suspect it is a hen in very fresh condition and anxious to begin nesting. If it did not moult all right, and has not been exposed to these extremes of heat and cold prevalent lately it may be about moulting, in which case keep it warm, free from great fluctuations, and give a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water four times a week. If neither of these is correct, look carefully again for red mites, scraping out any likely crevices or joints with a pin, and also examine bird for grey lice. Let it bathe freely, and for a time soak a few quassia chips in the bathing water overnight. Also give the bread and milk as above for a fortnight, and dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, in the drinking water every second day for a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Budgerigar Unwell.

Mrs. B.—There is no doubt your bird has been egg-bound, but seeing that she has got rid of the egg should gradually recover. If there should be further recurrence of the helplessness, repeat at once the steaming, etc. Till she is able to get about again as usual, stick an inclined branch in the ground, so that it rests against her husk; she will thus be able to get up and down easily, without straining the wing in any way. There is another course open to you, viz., to cage up this pair of birds in a large cage, together with the husk, and bring them indoors till the worst of the weather is past; if not, I much fear she will ultimately succumb to egg-binding, now she has once been affected by it, before the end of March is reached. Your treatment was perfectly correct, and I hope you will now have no further trouble with it. See that she has access to crushed mortar rubbish and cuttle-fish.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

Novice.—Limit your breeding pairs to 15, and do not introduce British Buntings, Bramblings, or Chaffinches—for such an aviary the best of our indigenous species would be Gold and Bullfinches, Redpolls, Twites, Linnets, and Siskins. The following species would agree with these Zebra Waxbills, common and green Avadavats, Zebra Finches, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, White Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, and green singing Finches. A pleasing variety would be a pair of minute Diamond Doves and a pair of equally minute Chinese Painted Quails. In addition to the seeds supplied to the British Finches, it will suffice if you supply white and spray millet, with oats and paddy rice in limited quantities, a little ripe fruit, and green food. Though you have all seed-eaters, do not neglect to throw into the aviary any smooth caterpillars, spiders, beetles, etc., that you can capture. Supply soft food when they have young.

A Galah Cockatoo.

Anxious.—I think you have a bird which will turn out well, and make a fair talker. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food, and it should continue to do well. This species as a rule do not make good talkers in this country; nevertheless, I have come across many talented birds of this species one time and another—yours is certainly a promising specimen. Keep it in your midst, where it will hear plenty of conversation; also talk to it, and fuss with it generally, and I opine it will gradually develop into a good talker. Once the point is thoroughly hard (any limps should be scraped off), I do not think any harm is likely to result therefrom. I have a Senegal Parrot in a painted cage, and though it is gradually stripping the paint off, there have been no ill-effects.

Sexing Pekin Robins.

"Liothrex Luteus."—This is by no means easy, the intensity of colouration varies so with birds from different localities; again, unless you are comparing adult birds, young males and females resemble the adult hen. However, as you have procured a number from one source, it will be fairly safe to conclude they are from one locality; to assume that they are all adult, or all young, without seeing them is quite another matter. It may be taken that the female is less brightly coloured throughout, but more noticeably so on the throat, breast, and the red edges of the primaries; the latter are vermilion in the male, but only sienna-red in the female. The eye region in the female is whitish, in the male this is yellow. The bill of the female is shorter, stouter at the tip, narrower at the base, and not of so intense a red as that of the male. I also opine that even if your birds are young, you will find those with only the call note females, and those with the variable notes cocks. By the aid of the above you should be able to sex the majority as soon as they are in decent feather. The size and shape of the bill should be your safest guide.

A Feather Puller.

Nemo.—You give but few details, but stop your present seed mixture, and give the following: Canary seed, oats, hemp, paddy rice, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. Also supply such ripe fruit as it will eat, plain biscuit, nuts, and green food. Keep a piece of clean cuttle-fish hanging in the cage. I should give a little boiled maize daily, about a tablespoonful, if the bird will eat it, after draining away all water, well dust it with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. For a time give Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food alternately in the drinking water; of course, if the voidings become watery you must discontinue the magnesia for a time. I expect recovery will be slow, as these birds seem to cling to this habit once it is taken up. You must persevere with the above treatment. Report progress in a month. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Roseate Cockatoo with Swelling.

M. A. Rogers.—I should keep the bowels of this bird moving quite freely. At the same time the voidings should not be continuously watery loose; keep them regulation with doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) as necessary, with at least a day between the doses. From your description I take it the growth is not humorous, and that the skin of same is whole; in such case anoint it daily with tincture of iodine; in the event of the growth containing pus, I should foment it with warm water, and as soon as it is ripe, get rid of the contents by gentle pressure after lancing. However, I must say that in all these cases it is best to let a vet. see it, as the true character of the growth can only be ascertained by an examination—possibly it could be cut away, and a rapid cure effected. But if you wish to treat it yourself, and the conditions are as I have indicated, the above treatment should prove effective. In such case you had better report progress in a fortnight, with full details, or in case of it appearing worse either call in a vet., or write again at once.

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Parrot Unwell.

E. J. McKinnon.—If the bird has difficulty in swallowing hard seed, supply a little boiled maize daily, but do not give any milk slops or puddings; plain boiled rice, well strained so that each grain is separate, if the bird will take it. Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water—with two days' intervals between the doses; the bowels must move freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Well cleanse the nostrils, twice daily, with diluted glycothymoline—also put some honey and borax (can be procured ready mixed from any chemist) on its tongue, say, twice a day, the feather or camel-hair brush should be well cleansed for each occasion. Note. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and stale grains must not be left about. You will, of course, supply seed mixture and ripe fruit as usual in addition to the above diet. As the bird has been ill some time you must persevere with the treatment, as recovery in such case cannot be rapid. Keep it warm, yet where it can get light and air without draught.

Brevities.

What Parrot? (Highlander).—So far as I can gather from your description, it is a Yellow-fronted Amazon, but I cannot be certain upon the point. Please repeat query next week, and give me an idea of the size of the bird, and whether it has a long or short tail. If the tail is short I think you may take it that it is correctly named above.

What Birds (Liverpolitan).—(1) This is almost certainly a Spermophila, but the species are so numerous, and many of them so similar to each other that naming some of them is difficult even with the living bird before one. From your description I should say the bird is the Guttural Finch. (2) I cannot place this at the moment and have no time to search before going to press; I am keeping the query before me and will try and answer it in our next issue.

What Bird (E.P.J.).—It is a Cockatoil, and a cock bird. The hen has the head grey, very slightly suffused with yellow, and the red cheek patches much obscured by grey. It should have a roomy cage, and while in common with all species, it cannot endure draughts, at the same time it is more hardy than our native sparrows. A diet of canary, white spray millet, a few oats, greenfood, grit, and water for drinking and bathing, will suffice to keep them fit. A piece of clean cuttlefish should be kept hanging in every hardbill's cage.

Early Nesting of Budgerigars (W.H.W.).—There is nothing abnormal in the early nesting of your birds; I have had them breed all through the winter, in an open outdoor aviary, and many young reared. In your aviary they should be quite comfortable, and I should simply leave them alone; attend to their cleanliness and supply them with sweet food as per directions already given, and your book. There is little doubt but what the young will be successfully reared, and the probability is you will have a successful season.

A Screaming Parrot (Beckett).—It is rather difficult to know what to suggest, but I think you will be able to overcome this in a measure by kindness, and as it becomes older and more fluent of speech it will exercise its voice otherwise than by screaming. I should, however, try the effect of gently covering it up whenever it becomes noisy and uncovering when it is quiet again—my experience of Parrots teaches me that they soon learn the meaning of it, and I and others have found it fairly effective.

An Indian Mynah (Minah).—These birds are practically omnivorous, and but little comes amiss to them. Some good soft food mixture should form the staple diet—for a change two or three times weekly a good portion of boiled potato (passed through a masher) can be added thereto; supply also ripe fruit ad lib, mealworms, and almost any insect you can capture. A little of any milk pudding you have at table can also be given—and general table scraps may be given regularly for it to pick over. It should have a large cage, which will require frequent cleaning to keep it sweet, as this species is a large eater.

What Parrakeets (P. R. E.).—(1) It is a Quaker Parrakeet, a Brazilian species, which is also known as the Grey-crested and Monk Parrakeet. (2) Some species of Conure, very probably the Gold-fronted, which is also known as the Jendaya. It is also a South American species, and an adult birds in good feather is very handsome indeed. Both are rather noisy species, not to be classed with the talking species, though I have met with talkers of both species, they become chummy, and are droll, and accomplished "tumblers," especially the former.

Birds for Small Aviary (Mackman).—Your aviary is not large, and I may say at once that if you attempt to keep Budgerigars with Finches you will certainly have many losses—maimed or murdered Finches are the ultimate outcome of such mixtures. I should not keep more than 24 birds therein. I should advise you to put in only 3 pairs of foreign birds, when, if you turn out your young Canaries later, the accommodation will be fairly well occupied. As you are a Canary fancier, why not put in three cocks, viz., green singing Finch, grey singing Finch, and Alario Finch, if you can get it, with the same number of Canary hens, and some interesting hybrids would result. With them you could keep a pair each of White Java Sparrows and Zebra Finches. If you are determined to keep Budgerigars you must give up the whole aviary to this class of bird; in such case repeat your query.

Green Parrots (St. John).—It is hard to imagine anyone would be so brutish as you describe. In the long run it does not pay even when looked at from that sordid point alone. I felt the case was hopeless, but many Parrots are so tenacious that I never give up hope myself while they live. In the light of your knowledge of facts you have done quite right in taking the step you have. It must, however, be borne in mind that these birds often come to hand in a shocking condition, practically naked; add to this that they are not particularly gentle with each other en route, while huddled together in the travelling cage, and it will be easy to understand what scarecrows and objects of pity some of them appear on landing.

Shama with Swollen Legs and Feet (Folkestone).—I fear old age is the principal cause, but you should at any rate be able to give the bird some relief. Mine regularly sheds the skin from its legs and feet very similar to the sloughing of a snake; probably this may occur with your bird a little later. Soak the affected parts in a hot (not sufficiently hot to cause discomfort) decoction of camomile flowers, dry with a soft cloth, and then lightly paint with turps, using a small camel-hair brush for the purpose, which should be well cleansed for each occasion. Let the food be nourishing, and supply at least six mealworms per diem.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Points of the Hawfinch.

A Constant Reader.—As a general rule it is safe to say a show Hawfinch needs to be as big as possible, consistent with fine quality of feather. The ideal colour is as near a rich reddish chestnut as possible, deepening on the back and to brownish on the head. The chest and shoulders must be very broad, and the head bold and wide, set on a short, thick neck. A narrow-headed bird, or one "hammer-headed," as it is termed (narrow either at front or back) is to be avoided. The wing markings must be rich and well defined, especially the bar, also those peculiar looking blue-black wing featbers with the metallic sheen. The bib is a most important marking. It should be as nearly as possible a perfect V shape, clean cut at the edges, and dense, solid black in colour—the wider and bigger the better. A common failing with otherwise good Hawfinches is to run pale in colour on the forehead—such birds are generally, however, on the pale side in colour all over. A Hawfinch will certainly thrive in a large cage. It should have plenty of good sunflower seed in addition to the usual Finch seeds.

A Red-backed Shrike.

A First Attempt.—It is impossible for me to say whether or not the bird was caught in England. I think you can safely take the word of the person who sold it. In any case, it matters very little, to my way of thinking, where it was captured. The sexes are easily to be distinguished. The dense black eye streak alone is sufficient to proclaim the bird a male, to say nothing of the pink suffused breast yellowish-buff in the hen. They require a good insectivorous mixture of biscuit meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal—or puppy meal, or "Melox" would answer admirably as the basis—moistened with grated raw carrot, etc. Finely scraped, or minced, raw lean beef or mutton must be regularly given, especially during the moult, also hard-boiled egg. Live ants' eggs are relished, likewise cockroaches ("black beetles"), mealworms, and most other insects (including bees), mice and tiny birds. They improve at the second moult. In captivity the males make really excellent songsters, and will acquire the notes of many other birds.

Concerning Redpolls.

Tiny Tim.—A Redpoll, whether the Mealy or the Lesser, should be managed on much the same lines as the Linnet. One of the best possible seed mixtures is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. During the moult add one part of hemp, and towards the finish of the moult increase the proportion of linseed to one part. Also give a little maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished, and can be given freely during the moult. Seeding green food, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, knotgrass, plantain, etc. is very good for them, and these things, too, require to be given more freely during the moult than at any other period. In fact, it is a free supply of them, and a free use of the bath, which put colour into, and gloss on to, the plumage. These wild seeding plants should be gathered fresh as often as possible, and the more minute, crawling insect life there is about them, the better for the birds. Redpolls also like thistle and hardheads. As a "conditioner" (for show or song) use the special mixture (gold of pleasure, etc.) recommended "Ploughboy" last week. A Mealy Redpoll must not be colour-fed; the bird should be, in my own opinion, mealy in colour, as its name indicates. No doubt many Lessers get some colour-food given them.

A Chough Puzzle.

Dubiety.—Your suspicions are quite justified, for it is the Alpine, and not the Cornish, Chough which has come into your possession. The short (comparatively) and yellowish bill settles the identity at once. As regards the chief points of a good exhibition Cornish Chough, these are size—a big, well-built, good-skulled bird being essential— and colour. The body colour should be a deep shining metallic black, with a distinct bluish cast, the legs and bill a solid, rich red, approaching crimson. Sometimes the legs and bill are a pale salmon colour, and patchy, at that, while the plumage is a dull, sooty black. The hen is a smaller, "meaner" looking bird than the cock, with a smaller head and bill, and is duller in colour. A cage is not really suitable for regular use, a medium-sized outdoor aviary being the ideal place, one with a stone trough, or suitable galvanised bath in it, to hold a decent supply of water. If you use a cage, it will have to be extremely large to permit the bird keeping in "show form." A rockery in the aviary would be very suitable; all perches should be very stout ones. Both Cornish and Alpine Choughs would need to be fed on similar lines in captivity. If your bird has not been got used to artificial food, you will need to give it plenty of flesh food, both raw and cooked, which can be cut up and rubbed into crushed dog biscuit made moist with hot water. Any of the biscuit meals prepared for dogs (such as "Melox" or Spratt's) will do for the latter purpose. You will find almost any live foods accepted with thanks—cockroaches ("blackbeetles"), gentles, garden worms, mealworms (by the hundred). The Chough I had was very fond of "messes" from the table—a mixture of potatoes, greens, meat, and gravy.

Brevities.

Goldfinch with Cold (A. Downes).—One of the best remedies for colds in birds (I have heard of many cures being effected by it), is a small teaspoonful of the following mixture stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water: oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, one ounce of each, mixed. Any chemist will prepare it for you. It must be given over a reasonable period, not given for a few days and then left off. Keep the bird out of draughts.

Linnet Muling (Beginner of 16).—Am under the impression I answered this query last week; or one under a similar nom-de-plume. A tame, steady cock Linnet, which was caught last December, is quite likely to breed Mules this coming season. A German hen will answer as a mate; they make good mothers, but the young will, of course, be on the small side as regards size. I did not receive any seed mixture with your query. Use that recommended a correspondent of mine last week.

Linnet with Worms (No Nom-de-plume).—I have never been troubled by a case of worms in any bird I have kept, so have had no practical experience as to curing birds affected with them. Mr. G. Yates, the veterinary surgeon who conducts post-mortems for Cage Birds, states that many different kinds infest birds, and that the treatment varies according to the particular brand of worm. Send a specimen on to him (525, Caledonian-road, London, N.), and he will advise you of the best method of effecting a cure.

Goldfinches and Linnets (Goldie).—No doubt you would see the two answers given last week which dealt with the feeding of the Goldfinch and Linnet.

Feeding a Throstle (A.B.C.).—One of the best possible methods of feeding a Song Thrush to get him into high condition and full song, is that which was recommended to a correspondent in this column last week. I take it that you would see and peruse the answer to which I refer.

Hardheads, Etc. (Amateur).—Good knapweed (hardhead) seed is excellent for Goldfinches. I wish I had a supply of it myself. It is usual to put up a Foreign Goldfinch when trying to breed very large exhibition Mules. Some people say that the Foreign Finch is not so good a breeder (not so free) as the British. This may be true of the very large, very fat, and very lazy type of Foreign Goldie (not at all uncommon), but I find that the right stamp of Foreign Finch is as reliable as our native Goldie.

To the States (Americus).—I have had no experience of taking birds over to the U.S.A., but beyond seeing that you have suitable seeds for the Goldie and Bullie (as advised in the answers of last week, to which you refer), I do not know that you have anything else to worry about. The journey is short, and the birds can require nothing else beyond water and proper food. I take it that you will have to provide very small cages, and the wicker Roller Canary cages will be bad to beat, being both easily carried and easily kept clean, while they can be thrown away at the journey's end. You will, I think, find it best to cage each of the four birds separately.

A Tonic (M.G.F.).—A great many contest singers give their birds a tonic containing strychnine to "screw" them up to "concert pitch." That preparation known as Easton's Syrup is as good as any. It, of course, requires using with discretion, being very powerful. Give it in a glass or pot drinker only. Dose, commence with 5 or 6 drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and gradually increase to 9 or 10 drops. Give plain water occasionally and when the bird is "fierce" give the syrup only on special occasions (when needed). Of course, I presume your bird is in sound health.

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Identity of Bird (Bunting).—The bird you describe is a Reed Bunting (sometimes, but erroneously, termed the Black-headed Bunting). It is a male in winter plumage. In the spring the bird's plumage takes on a more ruddy tint and the black head markings become more solid (dense) and glossy.

Privet Berries (R.N.S.T.).—It is possible to give an unlimited supply of privet berries to a Bullfinch and no harm accrue. I have done this many a time. Still, two or three good bunches daily are ample for the average pet bird.

About a Blackbird (Only a Novice).—Your Blackbird is not a "he," unfortunately, but a hen. This, of course, explains the absence of song. The cock bird is a solid black all over; he has not a "brown, mottled-looking breast," this being a certain sign of the feminine gender. Your feeding is fairly correct; if you omit the hemp, bread-crumbs, and chopped meat (or give but very, very little) it will be very good. I don't know whether you are aware that punch bar wire fronts can vary a great deal in quality and that the cheapest at first do not always prove so in the long run. We are not allowed to mention particular advertisers; it would not be fair.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Collecting at the Crystal Palace Show (H. J. Hawes).—Accept our thanks for your kindness in writing us.

Illustrated Ideas (S Bramley).—These perches have been previously given.

Cuttings, Etc. (G. W. D.).—Many thanks. The result of the Essay Competition we are afraid cannot be announced for a week or two yet. The task of weighing the merits of the many articles is a heavy one.

Open and Members (No Nom-de-plume).—The word "open" applied to a show and the classes thereat means that anyone may exhibit who cares to enter; whether he is attached to any society, or otherwise, does not matter. We do not understand how you could be told that a show which advertised "26 open classes was a members' show." There must be a mistake (or a misunderstanding) somewhere.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Clarke.—Replied by post.

John Hamilton—Parrot.—You should furnish particulars as to history of the case, the length of time your bird was ailing, etc.; these are valuable for purposes of investigation. Death was brought about by a process of depletion, due to the presence of worms in the intestines. The bird was literally fleshless, and in a most emaciated condition, the breast bone being most prominent. Nor could I discover a particle of fat in connection with the interior of the body. The trouble was of some standing, and even though you fed your bird most liberally, yet imperfect assimilation, due to the presence of these parasites, would rapidly conduce to a condition of innutrition. I should very much liked to have known whether there was any diarrhœa; circumstances lead me to think this might have been the case, as the proventriculus, or true digestive stomach, was reddened and inflamed. The bowels were perfectly devoid of any food contents, containing only mucous in which numbers of these worms were present. The worms were of the tape-worm class, and mostly in forms of segments or parts of mature worms. Unfortunately, I was unable to procure a good specimen of them for preservative purposes, as they were in rather a broken condition, and only properly recognised under a low power of the microscope. This would have been a suitable case for treatment. A little freshly-grated areca nut, made into a suitable consistency with butter, and administered by the beak occasionally, alternated with a suitable tonic preparation, might have afforded some good had the presence of the parasites been early discovered.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held at Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, on January 29. Mr. A. Foulds (chairman). A good number of members were present. The balance-sheet was presented. It showed a surplus in hand of £15 0s. 10d., which we consider very good. Eleven new members were elected. Afterwards a discussion took place in reference to rings. Eventually it was unanimously decided that the P.R.C.C. adopt rings of their own. Further information can be obtained from—Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Crown Hotel, January 22nd, when the following officers were elected: President, Sir Samuel Sadler; Vice-President, Dr. Howe; chairman, Mr. J. Hanson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. W. Watson; Treasurer, Mr. G. Harker; Secretary, Mr. A. Wake; Assistant Sec., J. Swinsco; Committee, Rev. B. Wilton, Messrs. R. Unthank, T. Oliver, F. Sahnon, T. Wells, J. Greenfield, D. Wells, J. Carr, C. Mallory, W. Thompson, T. Gibson, G. E. Lancaster, R. Taylor, T. Jenkinson, J. W. Thompson, H. Brown, J. Appleton, W. Rand, J. Unthank, E. Ward, Darnborough, G. Brown, W. Zealand; Auditors, Messrs. W. Thompson and Swinsco. A good number of members attended. The balance sheet proved to be highly satisfactory. After paying for two trips for the members, there was a balance of £14 5s. 1½d. in hand. We also decided to hold our annual open show on the usual date, viz., October 22nd. We should be pleased to enrol any new member at our next meeting on February 19th; entrance fee 1/-, and 6d. per month subscription.—A. Wake, Hon. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Annual meeting held on Jan. 29, in the Church Schools, Southfield, Lane. Mr. G. R. Rushworth in the chair. Election of officers: President, G. R. Rushworth; vice-presidents, A. W. Hartley, G. Riley, and D. Bartle; treasurer, A. Holden; secretary, H. Chubb; asst. sec, H. Worsnop; auditors, W. Ketteringham and H. Gornall; Yorkshire Union delegates, H. Schofield and D. Bartle. Mr. A. Holden then presented the prizes to the following members for points for the year: 1, A. Holden; 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, T. S. Whiteley; 4, H. Schofield; 5, D. Bartle; 6, C. Walker; 7, G. R. Rushworth; and 8, A. Firth. The following also won specials for Starred Birds: Messrs. Hartley and T. S. Whiteley. This year the society will hold 5 members' shows, 3 old bird shows, and two first feather shows. A very good list of special prizes has been promised for the above shows, and all augurs well for a good season. So rally up, members. The Yorkshire Union rules were discussed at great length, and one or two alterations were recommended. An invitation is extended to fanciers to join the society at the very low subscription of 3s. per year.—H. Chubb, Sec., 227, Great Horton Road, Bradford, Yorkshire.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At a meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, recently, new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. T. Steel (Wallsend), A. Hamilton and G. Allinson (Newcastle), R. Blore (Jarrow), and W. McGinn (Walker), who were unanimously elected. It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that samples of medals be got for selection at our next meeting. Proposed by Mr. J. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. G. Taylor, that we hold a table show at our next meeting, the following classes to be provided for: Field-moulted British: Class 1, Linnet; 2, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 3, A.O.S.: and 4, For, for those who have never won a money prize in open competition. Mr. G. Taylor was appointed to judge. Table show held in conjunction with the Northern Yorkshire C.C. resulted as follows: LINNET: 1, Bertram and Storey; 2, G. Taylor; 3, G. Steele. GREENFINCH: 1, J. Irving; 2, Bertram and Storey; 3, G. Taylor. HEN FINCH, ETC.: 1, G. Taylor; 2, Shepherd and Son; 3, T. Steele. FOR.: 1, J. McKenzie; 2, G. Taylor; 3, C. G. Pettersson. Mr. Maddison judged, giving every satisfaction. Proposed by Mr. J. Shepherd, that a hearty vote of thanks be given him; Mr. T. C. Crawhall seconded, supported by Mr. J. Curry. Mr. Maddison suitably replied, bringing a most enjoyable and interesting meeting to a close.—J. Bertram, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A.

The above society held a social and coffee supper on January 29th, in St. John's School, in connection with the distribution of prizes for 1909. There was a splendid turn-up of members and friends, the room being well filled. All present were agreed that it was the most successful function the society had ever held. The president, Mr. Robinson, occupied the chair. The following artistes sustained a capital programme throughout the evening:—Soprano, Mrs. Holdsworth; tenor, Mr. Clough; bass, Mr. Tempest; female impersonators, Messrs. Wilson and Thompson; accompanist, Miss Eyder. Each artiste was well received, and had to respond with encores. During the interval the prizes were presented to the successful exhibitors by Dr. A. J. Wheatley. The winners of the society's were A. Gledhill, J. Firth, and W. Helliwell in the open section, and Robinson and Sharp, F. Batersby, and H. Mitchell in novice section. L. C. Casey won Sandiford's medal for hottest bird fed on Sandiford's colour food. We also congratulate two of our members on having won novice medals under the Yorkshire Union. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Wheatley for presenting the medals, to the artistes, and to the ladies for providing the supper. After this the audience all joined in singing the National Anthem.—L. Booth, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S

First annual meeting held in the Co-operative Hall on January 29th, and in conjunction with it was held a breeding pair show. Mr. W. Hogg (Oakley) made the awards. CREST PAIRS: 1, Howie; 2, 4, Allan; 3, Kemp. NOR.: 1, 2, Barclay. BORD.: 1, 2, R. T. Campbell; 2, 4, W. Campbell; 5, Kay. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Howie; 2, 3, Rankine; 4, Kemp; 5, Rolland.—There was a good attendance, and the committee were amply repaid for their trouble. The members then sat down to business, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Rankine, and the following officials were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. Rankine; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Culley and J. Allan; committee, Messrs. H. Kemp, H. Barclay, A. Howie, A. Bowman, J. McGovems, W. Rolland, W. Campbell, G. Coutts, J. Fotheringham, and W. Malcolm. The members have agreed to have a ramble, the date being fixed for June 11th. The first feather show will be held on July 30th. The ordinary members' show will take place about the beginning of November, date and venue to be fixed. Since the society was formed a year ago, it has filled up a long-felt want in the district, and with a good programme to work on the committee are anxious that fanciers will come forward and give them their support.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

Correspondence.

A Phonograph Record of the Linnet's Song.

SIR,—I should like a phonograph record of a Linnet's song. Would Mr. Fred Allen let us know if it is possible to get one? I see another correspondent in CAGE BIRDS would like one, too.

PHONOGRAPH.

A New Cage Bird Society for Heptonstall and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting held here on January 13th it was decided to form a new cage bird society, to be called the Heptonstall and Dist. Cage Bird Society. I was appointed secretary, and Mr. Herbert Smith (Smithwell Lane) treasurer. A chairman and vice-chairman are to be chosen at our next meeting. We have up to the time of writing enrolled sixteen members, and I am hoping that at the next meeting we shall have a few more.

PERCY F. MATHERS,
Smithwell Lane, Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge.

Mice in the Bird Room.

SIR,—I have read both Mr. Storey's and "Fancier's Friend's" methods of ridding the bird room of mice, but I think the way I cleared my room of them is a lot better than either. In the first place fix sheet-tin on the legs of your rack so as to make it impossible for the mice to get on the cages. Then procure a few ounces of ordinary pepper and well sprinkle it on the cages, for fear of one getting on them, and around the skirting boards of the room, and whatever holes they may have. Then fill your powder bellows and puff as much as you can into the holes. Then in a day or two plaster or board up all the holes, after giving them a final sprinkle. I have used the above method with success. F. S. HOWARD.

The L. & P.O.S. Case of Stuffed Prize-winning Birds.

SIR,—I have recently received for the London and Provincial O.S. case of stuffed birds the following, for which, on behalf of the society, I tender the donors my best thanks:—Reddish Finch, from Mr. H. K. Picard (Hampstead); Buff Norwich Plainhead hen, from Mr. J. T. Billington (Twickenham); Sun Conure, Purple Naped Lory, and Lesser Hill Mynah, all from Mrs. K. L. Miller (Belgravia); Clear Yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule, from Mr. R. Browning (Lydford, Devon); variegated Buff Norwich hen, from Mr. L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe); ticked Yellow Lancashire Coppy, from Mr. W. Adams (Rochdale); Yellow Yorkshire (1909) and Buff Norwich cock, both from Mr. G. J. Warley (Tulse Hill); ticked Yellow Norwich, from Mr. A. J. Kilby (Caterham); Broken-cap Gold Lizard, from Mr. J. Rukin (Rawtenstall). All the birds I have got together will be on view at the Palace Show. I am still open to accept many varieties, and, needless to say, I shall be very pleased to receive deceased prize specimens from anyone in the Fancy (although I wish no one bad luck). The address of the bird stuffer is Mr. H. Small, 15, Grosvenor Road, South Norwood, London, S.E. The cost of the setting-up is defrayed by myself. G. CRABB.

Arrangements for the Great Yorkshire Prize Distribution.

SIR,—A committee representing each of the specialist societies in Yorkshire met at the Empress Hotel on Jan. 29th, to make the necessary arrangements for the annual prize-distribution and dinner. Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, was elected to the chair, and the following business was transacted. Mr. H. Hill was elected secretary for this event. The committee decided on Saturday, March 5th as the likeliest date, and that a dinner should be provided as before for all who desire to attend, the price of same being 1s. 6d. per head, to take place at the headquarters, the Market Tavern, Bradford. It was unanimously decided that the prize distribution take the form of a social evening, and the following artistes were announced, subject to their acceptance: Messrs. Stafford, Mason, Mitchell, Midgley, and Berry, with Mr. Midgley as pianist. All the ladies are specially invited for this occasion, and it is hoped they will turn up in good numbers, both at the dinner and concert, to make the affair a success. Mr. D. Sunderland was again elected chairman for the occasion, the committee feeling he was the right man in the right place. It was proposed to hold the dinner at 4 o'clock prompt, the social to commence at 5.30. The committee balloted for the order in which the prizes should be given, with the following result, and in the order named: Yorkshire C.C., Open Norwich P.C., Yorks County British Bird and M.C., Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., CAGE BIRDS, National Green Marked Y.C.C., and the Yorkshire Union. Prize-winners to receive all prizes from each specialist club at one time. It being found necessary to appoint a prize steward, Mr. John Greaves was appointed to that position. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, this bringing the meeting to a close. The next committee meeting will be held half-an-hour before the Union Council meeting at the Market Tavern on February 12th. Will all fanciers and friends desirous of attending the annual dinner please notify me to that effect as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made for same?

H. HILL, Secretary.
31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. and Show Irregularities.

SIR,—I have been waiting, before writing, to see if some abler member of the Union took up this question, but, seeing none, I should like to write a few words. I was disgusted (but not surprised) with the decision of the Y.U. Council re an exhibitor having mixed seed in his show cages instead of white (as per rule). To let an exhibitor off with a caution, without any punishment whatever, especially a man who is a prominent exhibitor, and has been a prominent judge, even at Y.U. shows—surely, he ought to know better—is simply ridiculous, and spoils the whole Fancy. Can we wonder at novice members resorting to fraudulent practices when a leading exhibitor can get off scot free (even to the concealing of his name) for a violation of the rules, so that the Fancy cannot judge for themselves whether he is a guilty person or not? I write this letter, knowing that I am only voicing the opinion of a good many fellow-members of the Y.U.

Halifax. H. H. MITCHELL.

How Should "Bobbie" be Fed?

SIR,—I see Mr. A. Hollingshead wishes to know, How Bobbie should be fed? Well, I had two in my aviary, just out of the nest. I reared them on nothing but ordinary chicken meal at 2d. per lb., with what live food I could obtain in the garden, viz., wood lice, small earth worms, and occasionally a green caterpillar. They got exceedingly tame and would take the wood lice out of my hand. I might say they used to help themselves occasionally out of the seed boxes of the other birds; as for meal worms, they never had any whatever. S. MOODY.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, A. Hollingshead, re a cheap recipe for feeding a Robin without the use of meal worms, which he finds very expensive, I strongly advise him to give the bird its freedom, as without the use of mealworms and insects the Robin is doomed within a very short time. I know of no cheap recipe, but if he intends keeping this bird, then the best way of feeding I find is to get a packet of good insectivorous food (as advertised) and mix with it daily half-a-teaspoonful of ants' eggs, using water to bring it to a crumbly state; in addition to this give four or five mealworms daily. In the summer flies, spiders, and caterpillars should be given. Your correspondent must not forget that this bird is of a very active nature, and therefore should have a very roomy cage.

G. MARGARITIS.

Some Trifles that Matter.

SIR,—In your issue of January 22nd I note a sketch of perch with staple at end by Mr. Maisey. I may say my perches have a nail in the end to keep perch about quarter of an inch from back of cage. The staple, I consider, is dangerous, as any bird may get its claw fast and be dead before you find it. I have found birds hanging by the loops that fasten sliding doors to front of cages. I do not grumble at our friend for showing his ideas, because we all like to learn, but having had a lesson with the loops of cage front doors, I thought I would place my reason for not using staples before your readers. About four years ago I saw in your paper how to crush biscuit by rolling it with a bottle. I took this advice and it went well for a few weeks, better than I expected, but to finish up, the neck of the bottle came off and I had three days at home with the thick of my thumb laid open. So much for the bottle. Another thing I should like to impress upon your readers is never to hang an all-wire top cage on a nail that has any string attached to it. This is why: I had a splendid cock Chaffinch and hung him out in the sun on such a nail, and on my wife calling my attention to it I thought it was fast in the wires, and, rushing out to release it, I snatched the cage sharp off the wall, with the result that the bird's leg was ripped out at the hip, and this through a small bit of string getting fast round its leg. F. PURSER.

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A New Society for Huntly and District.

SIR,—At a very enthusiastic meeting held in the Temperance Hotel on January 27 it was decided to form a new association for Huntly and District, to be called the Strathbogie P.P. and Cage Bird Association. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. John Wilson; Vice-President, Mr. Andrew Baird. A committee was also formed, composed of prominent fanciers in the town. It has long been felt that such an association was needed; so now it has got a start, I hope fanciers in Huntly and District will put their shoulders to the wheel and make no doubt as to its success. Anyone wanting particulars as to membership, etc., can have same on applying to me.

S. DENISON, Secretary.
23, Bogie-street, Huntly, N.B.

Bullfinches and Hemp Seed.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS that Bullfinches turn black sometimes when fed on hemp seed. That is not my experience, for I bought a lovely coloured bird, and he would only eat hemp, though I put all seeds but hemp in his cage. I tamed him, though two years old, by giving him hemp in my fingers, but finding he was hungry I gave him some in his cage, too. He was very ill moulting, but I kept him alive with egg and cracked hemp seed. He was too ill to get his food, so I fed him entirely by hand. He recovered, and was beautiful in colour, so it can only be in some cases that hemp does harm. I had a Bullfinch nearly black which had no hemp, but I gave him some to tame him. It was sold to me for a hen, but turned out a cock. I see in a bird book, too, that someone had a black cock Bullfinch which never had a grain of hemp. F. B.

The Judging of Roller Canaries.

SIR,—I have recently heard many discussions on the above subject, and on viewing the judging sheets of the present season, I find that Mr. J. Netherwood, of Wakefield, and Mr. F. A. Lester, of London, have frequently deducted points for high schockel, and on referring to the judging standard published in the British Roller Canary Club's book of rules I find they have no authority to do so. Now, I have the greatest respect for both these gentlemen, having exhibited successfully under them, both during past and the present seasons, and have not suffered in any way through these deductions. My object is to bring the matter to the notice of all Roller fanciers, and I trust they will express their views in this column, as either the judging standard should be altered, or these deductions not made. Clearly, one or the other is at fault, and now is the time to put matters right before the new book of rules (for the present year) is printed. It is no use having a judging standard unless we adhere to it. Many birds sing schockel in both a high and a low key, which adds to the variety, and the question is: Should this be penalised? I have heard many fanciers say the tendency of present-day song is to be short of variety, and that it is becoming monotonous.

ARTHUR FOULDS.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—I regret having to take up more of your valuable space to again reply to Mr. Battison. Why correspondence at all when it is apparent to any sane thinking man that if he does not comply with the rules of a society he is out of order? What is the use of having rules unless they are enforced? Regarding what was said on the morning of the show (when Mr. Battison brought in his birds) I again repeat that—"You know the rules of the Association, and I shall have nothing to say in the matter," were the words I spoke, and others that were present can prove it. I fail to see why my name should be continually used, because if the Secretary had not carried out the rules it would have gone bad against him afterwards with the other members. Regarding cups, the cup classes were done away with this year, and starred birds taken from the unflighted classes and judged for cups; the competition for the Norwich cup was 15 birds by six exhibitors. Regarding alteration of rules of the show, these have not been altered (to my knowledge) for some years, except to add the Federation of London Societies' Clauses, and the cup rules, which do not carry any prize money. The remarks that schedule rules are never carried out is, I am afraid, not quite right; if so, why have rules at all? Of course, in an open show the point is stretched regarding the arrival of birds by rail, but in a members' show it is different, and all members must be treated on the same basis. I am pleased to say that the rule was carried out on Dec. 15th, and the birds were in at 9 p.m. and staged by 9.45 p.m. One member did not bring all his birds entered, but he would not go back and fetch the rest, as it was too late. This is a matter which the Secretary and Committee can prove. I hold a position as a committee-man of the West London F.A., and as such I think it is my duty to bring to the notice of the Society any matter that is detrimental to the general welfare of the members. The novice was not "downed," as Mr. Battison remarks, but saw his mistake (when pointed out by the committee), and did not waste columns in the Fancy Press when he knew he had not complied with the rules. Mr. Battison remarks that young fanciers often upset and alter rules. Old fanciers, such as our friend, Mr. Battison, who never attends the meetings, should be satisfied with the rules of young fanciers; the business must be carried on with those members that are there. As he says, he has a perfect right to his own views, right or wrong, but if he does not know when he is wrong he must be told, even by a young fancier. Every member of a society, when he has paid his subscription, should be on the same footing. Mr. Battison said he has helped the Fancy through Associations at his own expense. I think all fanciers will agree that what help they give to the Fancy they do it at their own expense, or I have been "out" when there has been anything to gain (except knowledge, which I am pleased to receive at all times). Members of our Association have known Mr. Battison for twenty years, and for that time he has always been the last in, and as soon as the judge had finished, and he had compared his birds with others, mostly with dissatisfaction, he would ask if he could take them away, as he had something very important happening at home. If his excuse has always been true, then he must have a very large family, and he has my sympathy.

A. J. LACK.

A Resignation at Tredegar.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in reply to "One in the Know." He states I resigned because I could not have a dark Goldfinch Mule class, in which I believed I could win. I did not attend one of the meetings to draw the classes out, so how could he say I wanted that class? But I always like to see a dark Canary Mule class, so that the dark Mules shall have a chance, because they do not stand any chance with the light Mules. I should not be sure of winning, as I have been beaten before at Cardiff, but I try to win if I can by fair play. So, my good fellow, let the specials go out in the open, and try and win there if you can. If you would like to know a little more, I shall be pleased to meet you, as I am no paper talker.

R. TIPPINS.

[We have deleted one or two sentences from the above letter, which seem to us to have no connection with the point at issue, and think the correspondence may now very well close.—EDITOR.]

Can Chaffinch-Bramblefinches be Bred in a Cage?

SIR.—In reference to the letter in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 15 on this subject, I can answer that question positively in the affirmative. I have at the present time a five-year house-moulted cock Chaffinch and a three-year house-moulted hen Bramblefinch, and the season before last the hen built a splendid nest in a twig I placed in the cage. She laid five eggs, which I took away, and put her some Canary eggs to sit on, which she hatched. The five eggs she laid I put under a hen Canary. About a week from hatching I looked at the eggs and found four out of the five good. I broke one accidentally, and the other three I replaced, and they duly hatched out. The Bramblefinch hatched the Canaries a day after. The Hybrids were three large, strong birds, and the Canary fed them well—as long as she had them. But on the Bramblefinch's eggs hatching, I decided to give her her own youngsters to bring up. This was when they were about three days old. So replacing them one morning, I went to work, leaving plenty of live food in the cage; but on returning at dinner time I found the youngsters flattened out, with the hen still on them. Whether it was my disturbing her by replacing, etc., I cannot say, but she seemed never to have got off the nest. I left the cock Chaffinch in the whole of the time from the eggs being laid till the young were hatched, and had no bother with broken eggs, all eggs being laid in the nest. I have also had fertile eggs from a hen Canary and a cock Bullfinch, but the young died in shell. Last season my Chaffinch-Bramblefinch pair did not breed till it was too late in the year to be of any use. I am hoping this year to be the possessor of a Hybrid from this pair, if I decide to keep them. I had a few members of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, also its secretary, to see the young Hybrids, and they were also referred to in CAGE BIRDS by the secretary about July 7th, 1908. Hope by this letter to be able to convince "Hybrid" that the Chaffinch-Bramblefinch can be bred in a cage. If he tries again, I advise him to give plenty of young blowflies.

JAMES LANE.

To Tighten Birds Up in Feather

SIR,—Will any of my friends, readers of CAGE BIRDS, tell me in the correspondence columns how I can keep my birds in tight feather? Mine are very loose in feather, but they are not moulting. A NOVICE.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—Perhaps "Netter" and others who have so readily and so lucidly instructed us as to how to net, how to make our own netting needles, how to arm our nets, and how to outwit "sharped" Goldies, will further complete their contributions by advising us as to the *kind* of linen thread that should be used in the making of a first-class bird-net? Will carpet thread do, or is it too thick? Which is the lightest and best thread, and where may it be obtained and for how much? Brown or khaki colour is a showy one on grass. Is drab or green better?

ANOTHER AMATEUR.

G. H. Chirgwin's Appeal to Our Readers.

SIR,—I should be extremely obliged if you would allow me to thank Mr. J. H. Jowett for the two handsome Norwich Plainheads he has sent me to be sold for the benefit of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund, and also for his kind letter that you were good enough to publish in last week's issue. I may say that Mr. Joe Elvin has bought one of them, and Mr. Charles Osborne, the celebrated song writer and composer, the other one.

GEO. H. CHIRGWIN,
President of the V.A.B.F.

The Recent Llanelly Show.

SIR,—I wish to thank you for the good report you gave our show, and also the exhibitors for their kind support. One thing I am sorry to say, that our show came on the eve of the election (which was on the following day), and as there were no less than four political meetings being held in the town on our show day, this made a great difference to our gate, which only came to £1 16s. 9d. I can assure you that our show was worthy of more public support than is shown by the gate. By the time this is in print I hope to have all my prize money sent out. At meeting held last Saturday evening it was decided that there should be held (providing we can get a suitable place) a members' 8 miles radius show (open to the County of Carmarthen), to assist the members to get out of their deficit; the same to be held on Saturday, Feb. 26. As I have felt the strain and work so much, I fully intended resigning my position as secretary (not the society), but have made up my mind to see this through, and do not intend that my successor should take the position as secretary with an encumbrance. Since January 5, 1909, I have worked two open cage bird shows as secretary, and have been assistant secretary in the working of two members' shows and the late County Fanciers' Association Shows, therefore you may see that to follow my daily work and to give so much time to the Fancy was bound to take effect on my health and comfort. At the same time, the Fancy locally may rely on having all the assistance it lays in my power to give.

DANIEL JOHN, Hon. Secretary.

Prize Money at Dulwich O.S. Show.

SIR,—On behalf of the Dulwich O.S., I beg to tender our sincere regrets to those exhibitors who are still waiting for their prize-money or special prizes. A meeting will shortly be held to discuss the predicament the society has found itself in, and to see if arrangements can be made for a scheme to help us out of the difficulty. In the meantime, I earnestly beseech those donors to the prize fund, or of special prizes, to fulfil those promises which are at present only on paper; also I beseech those officials who did not pay their entry fees, and who have sold tickets and not accounted for them, or who have received money and not handed it over, and those (and they are many) who did not pay their annual subscription to do so at once, and avoid further unpleasantness or proceedings. In answer to Messrs. Parks and Lacey, the dinner they mention did actually take place, and all specials in hand were presented. The donors of the others have been written to, but without results. We are sorry these gentlemen did not honour us by their presence, for they would have had a right good welcome and jolly time at the expense of the contributors. We perfectly remember what took place at the show—congratulations on all sides re the splendid hall and on the comfort and staging of the birds. Personally, I don't wish to pose, in my position as co-show manager, as a paragon of all the virtues, for I, in common humanity, have many failings, and if by any chance I have overlooked any exhibitor's queries, I beg to apologise for my apparent want of courtesy. If they will take into consideration that for some months I have been upset by private worries, coupled with piles of threatening letters from irate exhibitors, they will perhaps take a lenient view, and sympathise over the situation. Now the D.O.S. is going through troubled waters most of the officers and members have deserted it like rats from a sinking ship. But I am thankful to say I have still two or three good officers left on the bridge, including the popular vice-chairman, Mr. P. G. Sprules, who mean to try, with help, to weather the storm, and bring the society safely into the harbour of success.

C. F. WOOLHOUSE.
Chairman of Committee.

Norwich Plainheads at Auchterarder Show.

SIR,—In reference to your report of the recent cage bird show held at Auchterarder on the 22nd of January, in the criticism of the birds exhibited by me on that occasion, while I am quite willing to admit that as far as my birds are concerned, you paid them a high compliment, a more personal, spiteful, insinuating attack was never made by one fancier upon another, and I ask upon what grounds the reporter makes the assertion that the birds exhibited by me were not my own, but belonged to another Dundee fancier? Being quite a young fancier, and a working man at that, my record for the season will compare favourably with that of any fancier in the North-East of Scotland, having won over 60 prizes, along with a championship cup, under all kinds of judges, not one of whom have I ever spoken to or toadied with in my life. Now, to take up the classes seriatum, take up my young yellow cock bird beginning at the City of Glasgow Show in the early part of the season. He has never been out of the prize list, except upon one occasion. As for yellow hens, I have also been a strong exhibitor, notably in Fifeshire, which you will see on looking up the reports of the shows there. In the Buff cock class my winner was one of four which I bought at the back of the New Year; and what is there wrong with that? In the Buff hen class my unfed, which was first at Buckhaven and third at Cardenden, was second at Auchterarder, against colour-fed birds. As for my third-prize bird, a better specimen does not stand in Scotland to-day, only she went into a second moult, which has left her somewhat patchy. Now to come to the Yellow variegated cock class, here your critic "takes the cake." He designates my first and special bird as "the Scottish National winner," if he is not mistaken—a bird which I have shown all through the season, and only on one occasion (at Dundee) has he been otherwise than amongst the prize-winners. In the Yellow variegated hen class your critic has much need to learn the adage, "That fools rush in where angels fear to tread." My first prize hen (aye, and my second one, too), while I am quite willing to admit is a grand one, has never appeared upon the show bench before. The second one was first at our local club show. Now, to come to the Buff variegated class, both of my young cock birds, which were first and second, I have shown in the unflighted classes both at Lochcraig and Cardenden, which you will see by looking over the prize lists of these shows. Now, to come to the variegated hen class, where the bird is supposed to come from the same stable as the last; my first and third birds have hardly been a Saturday in the house since the show season commenced, and as far as my first one is concerned, she has never been out of the winning every time shown. And as for my third prize bird, no bird is better known on the show bench in Fifeshire, where the reporter, in criticising the Kirkcaldy Show, designated her as "the most stylish" bird in the hall. As I have condescended far enough to give particulars of my birds for the sake of my own personal honour, I call upon my ungentlemanly critic either to substantiate his charges or give me an unqualified apology. Thanking you in anticipation that my denial of his baseless charges may be given the same publicity as the charges preferred against me.

JAMES KERR, 61, Provost Road, Dundee.

[Although it is against our rules to publish comments on show reports, we print the above letter as sent, for the simple reason that we think our correspondent has entirely misconstrued the remarks made by our reporter, who, in this case, happened to be the judge himself who awarded the prizes. Any charge of malice, therefore, falls completely to the ground, the obvious intention of the remarks being to show that these awards had been endorsed by other judges.—Editor C.B.]

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Can British Birds be Stolen with Impunity?

SIR,—I am writing to you of a case I have had at the South Western (London) Police Court to-day (Jan. 31), where a man, last Saturday, came into my shop and asked to be shown some Goldfinches, which must be good ones. So my wife showed him a three-year-old Goldfinch among some others. He took the three-year-old Goldfinch off the counter to look at, and asked the wife to show him another one. While she went to get the other, he opened the cage door, took the bird out, and ran away. The wife followed him until a policeman came in sight, and then she gave him in charge. But the policeman said he could not take the man, as it was a wild bird! I was not satisfied with that when I came home, so I went to the station and asked whether the policeman was right. There was a doubt about it, so they sent a detective to the address that he gave, found him, and brought him back to the station, then sent for us to charge him, which I did, and the case came on to-day. He was charged with stealing a bird and cage valued at 12s. 6d., and with an assault on a young fellow who tried to stop him. I had a witness who was in the shop and saw him take the bird out of the cage and throw the cage back. But the magistrate who heard the case brought it in "drunk and disorderly," fine 5s., and 10s. for assault. Now the court was full of police-constables to see whether the policeman was right in not charging the man. They say that a wild bird belongs to anybody. If that is so, bird shop keepers must look out. People can come into your place and take all the wild birds out of their cages, and you cannot convict them. This man admitted taking the bird, by coming down and offering to pay for it. I must tell you that it was 4.30 p.m. when it happened, and the man went home and went to bed, and was not charged until 10.30 p.m. I don't know how they could bring it in "drunk and disorderly"! He was not drunk when he came into the shop. It is getting very serious for us. We must not have recently taken birds, and we must not have the old ones, by this. All the fanciers about here have asked me to write you. This bird had won a lot of singing contests, and was well known. I think there is some injustice somewhere. Whether it was done to screen the policeman I do not know. When giving a verdict the magistrate never mentioned the bird and cage. T. GOODRIDGE.
257, York Road, Battersea.

[We are indebted to Mr. Goodridge for sending the report of this interesting case. He, and other dealers, with British bird keepers generally, need be under no alarm, however, concerning the attitude of the Police Constable mentioned. Any person taking a British bird under such circumstances as detailed by Mr. Goodridge can most certainly be prosecuted for theft. It is a fact (as our Barrister-at-law pointed out in our columns some few months back), that when a wild (i.e., British) bird makes its escape from captivity, it is held by the law that the bird (broadly speaking) reverts to its wild condition, and that its former owner loses his title to it—i.e., if re-captured it becomes the property of whosoever effects its capture. But this, of course, has nothing whatever to do with the deliberate theft of birds out of their cages, which is unquestionably a punishable offence. The magistrates' decision in convicting the man of an offence he had not been charged with (assuming Mr. Goodridge to know the full extent of the charges laid), is one, of course, which we cannot explain.—EDITOR.]

The C.B.U. in the North.

Is there Trouble Ahead?

SIR,—"Lover of Justice" is not satisfied with my explanation re the Mule at Newcastle Show. Allow me to express the hope that he was present at Thursday night's meeting in "Canny Toon." If not, perhaps he has heard something which will satisfy his "love for justice." With reference to the letter by J. Graham, I ask your readers to take note of the report of Gateshead Society meeting, and compare J. G.'s letter with it. Mark the words in report, "Not one spoke in favour of the C.B.U." Yet here is one who has nothing to say in defence of the C.B.U. at the meeting of his society, who rushes into print with his grievances to impress your readers that he is one of those to whom the C.B.U. is dear. Take my advice, J. G., and voice your sentiments at the meetings of your society; it will have more effect. Also, it would be much more to your credit to avoid personalities. J. G.'s reference to what he terms the "clique" from Newcastle is rather amusing than otherwise. I would like to ask him if members of the Gateshead Society who live in Newcastle should be gagged and muzzled, and not allowed to either speak or vote? It would appear so from his letter. With reference to J. G.'s personal comments about myself, allow me to say that I don't live in a glass house and throw stones, but rather prefer to come into the open and fight fair and square against principles or powers that I consider to be wrong. With regard to quoting Scripture, which he says does not suit me (never mind what J. G. says), it will perhaps edify and profit him to ponder well these words: "First cast out the beam that is in thine own eye; then thou shalt see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye." With reference to "Twite," may I be allowed to point out to him that he is descending to a very low level of morality when he begins to strike below the belt? I would like him to answer two questions, and I trust he will do so truthfully and without prevarication. First, have I, as chairman of the N.C.B.S., at any time during my term of office, when presiding, ever left the chair at a moment's notice? I take it that he wishes readers to infer that I have done so? Second, have I at any time been lacking in courtesy when discharging my duties as chairman of the N.C.B.S.? Now, "Twite," let us have the truth, please, and nothing but the truth; also, along with your name. Don't hide any longer behind the hedge, and throw mud at those who are doing their best to forward and lift up the Cage Bird Fancy to a higher plane of morality.

J. CURRAH.

SIR,—When the Union took shape, Newcastle Society affiliated, though not without opposition. Mr. Currah was elected delegate to the District Committee. After attending the committee meeting he tendered his resignation to the Newcastle Society as their representative, giving as his reason that he found instead of trying to create good feeling the committee showed a greater desire to cause unpleasantness by their treatment of fanciers, and it was his desire to stand well in the eyes of all fanciers. As no other member would accept the position Mr. MacPartling volunteered to act rather than have the Society unrepresented. Then one of Newcastle's finest members at that time got into trouble, which caused a flare among them and it was sought by the irreconcilables to make the most of the opportunity to leave the Union, which failed. At the same time Newcastle Society was "bought to book" by an exhibitor at their 1907 show for handing a valuable special over to another exhibitor whose bird was not judged for this special (according to the judge's statement), the claimant being accredited on slip and catalogue. The Council of the Union upheld the judge's decision. This brought the Newcastle Society to fever heat. An attempt was made to have this decision set aside, but failed, the Council endorsing their previous action. There have been several attempts to "burst" the Union by the chairman and secretary with the help of the present vice and one or two of the committee, which till now have been frustrated. This brings us to the present crisis, which has worked up since the representative. Mr. MacPartling, attended the last annual general meeting of the Union and gave his report on what transpired then. He was savagely attacked for the action he took by these same members, who, among other things, called him a "traitor." That night finished by a vote of confidence in the honesty and ability of Mr. MacPartling being carried by a two to one majority. At a committee meeting held previous to the recent Scottish National Show it was decided to leave the Union, hence the hilarity on that excursion. At the meeting of the Society on the 6th of January the business of the night was on the resolution: "That we do not affiliate to the Cage Bird Union." An amendment was moved "That we obtain the views of the other societies in the North as to whether they are prepared to leave the Union, and form a Federation for the North, before we sever our connection with it." The mover of this believes in a governing body, which explains the caution noticeable in the wording. The question was debated from a little after 8 till 10.30 p.m., seven or eight speaking in favour of severance and three speaking in favour of the Union. When the vote was taken 38 voted for the amendment. For the resolution the vote was so small that the chairman did not declare it, and when asked for the result said the amendment was carried by a large majority. This was a serious and unlooked-for result, knowing what was to appear in the Press that week-end. The members of the Newcastle Society have been placed in an awkward position by these advisers refusing to have the verdict of the C.B.U. Council in favour of the winner of the carvers carried out, every one being liable to suspension. Leaving the Union does not free them from that rule; hence the appeal to other societies in the North. A circular has been drawn up to send to societies which does not give a true impression of the Newcastle position.

FATE.

(Owing to pressure on space, we have been compelled to hold over until next week several letters on the above subject, including one from Mr. Crawhall.—EDITOR.)

Results of our Recent Competitions.

The Coloured Frontispiece.

A very large number of readers entered for the competition in which was set the task of colouring the frontispiece of the special Christmas issue, and the merit of the paintings was very good on the whole, though, curiously enough, a much larger proportion of competitors than has been the case in former years apparently failed to correctly identify the birds, the small bird in the top right-hand corner proving the chief stumbling block. This, in reality a Gold-Crested Wren, was turned into Siskin, Redpoll, various members of the Tit family, and even the Chaffinch, by certain of those who competed for the prize. Needless to say, this greatly handicapped their chances of success. The prize (half-a-guinea cash) has been awarded to

MR. W. COLLINS,
Croyde House,
Norfolk Road,
Southampton.

The effort adjudged second in order of merit was sent in by Mr. James Palmer, 22, Learmonth Grove, Edinburgh, while Mrs. Rose, George Street West, Luton, secured second place. These three paintings have been framed, and will be on view at the Crystal Palace Show this week-end as an attraction for CAGE BIRDS' stall.

In addition to the trio above, very excellent efforts were sent in by the following: Miss M. C. Palmer (Herne Bay), Miss Beatrice Smith (Worcester Park, Surrey), Miss Edith Bettison (Bude), and Messrs. C. Kennedy (Leyton), Jas Ruffel, jun. (Glasgow), R. Clarke (Thirsk), H. G. Brooks (Leamington Spa), T. Binmore (Torquay), A. McLauchlan (Govan), S. H. Walker (Malton), and C. P. Leggett (Sudbury).

The Puzzle Canary.

The Puzzle Canary competition in our birthday number proved immensely popular, several thousand readers evidently whiling away pleasant hours pasting together the squares which had been purposely jumbled by our artist. What is more, a good number of competitors succeeded in getting the squares into their proper order, unlike last year when in a somewhat similar competition not one solution proved to be correct. This necessitated the winning solution being selected on the score of neatness, and the judges awarded the palm in this respect to

MR. G. FUIDGE,
97, Avenue Road,
Southampton,

who, however, was closely pressed by Mrs. A. Durant (South Woodford), Miss A. Brampton (Hampstead, N.W.), and Messrs. A. F. Carrington (Hitchin), and G. M'Allister (Dunoon, N.B.), whose arrangements of the squares were embodiments of neatness.

Our Conundrums.

In this competition four prizes of 2s. 6d. each were offered for the four best replies, written on postcards, to the following questions:—

Question 1.—What new variety of Canary ought breeders to strive for?

The prize is awarded to Mr. H. C. Brooks, 2, Dovonshire Road, Horsham, Sussex, for this answer:

I am of opinion that breeders should strive to produce a variety of Canary, combining the spangling and cap of the present day Lizard, with the beautiful colour of the Green Canary. Nobody denies the beauty of the spangling of the Lizard, but the drawback of this variety is undoubtedly the fact that its plumage fades with each succeeding moult. On the other hand a Green is generally considered to improve in colour with each moult for several years, so that if the spangling could be grafted on to the "fixed" green colour, I cannot but believe a very handsome new variety of Canary would result.

Question 2.—What British bird is best for the beginner—and why?

The prize here goes to Mr. B. J. Pounsett, Jasper Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., who says:

The Linnet has claims for the novice unequalled by those of any other Britisher. It can be obtained very cheaply; is easy to manage; can be comfortably "housed" at a small outlay; is a delightful songster, and an altogether charming birdie pet. Good, wholesome seed, plenty of pure water for drinking and bathing, a position free from draughts and damp, and a clean cage, are all "Lintie" wants, and he will delight his owner with his charming music for many months in the year. If required of him, he will not be backward in taking unto himself a Canary wife, and himself aid in the production of Mules, which will prove fine songsters and usually long-lived. I plump for the Linnet.

Question 3.—Is cage or aviary the best for Hybrid breeding purposes—and why?

The award goes to Mr. J. Horsey, 1, East Sheen Avenue, Mortlake, who plumps for

The cage, if large enough—24in. long, 18in. high, is a suitable size. Keep in a rather secluded place. Have the nest opposite or close to the door. Provide plenty of wild seeds, and grit. Make foundation of nest with usual nesting material, then put a little chaff, small feathers, or other stuff which wild birds use in building nests in corner of cage. Birds are quite contented under such conditions. The cage is better for one to get at the birds to remove eggs, etc., and they are not disturbed so much as in an aviary, where, when you go to attend to one nest, you possibly frighten the hens of others. Valuable time is also wasted through hens "flirting" or "scrapping" with the aviary's other occupants. Lastly, an aviary is too costly for most of us.

Question 4.—What foreign bird makes the best ladies' pet—and why?

The following, sent by Mrs. Ambler, Station Road, Worsbro Dale, near Barnsley, is the winning postcard:

It is with confidence I recommend a Green Amazon Parrot for a lady's pet (the green proving more sagacious than the grey), as I possess a wonderfully tame and faithful one, being able to do anything with her. She perches on my shoulder, climbs about me, and kisses me continually, also following me about on the floor like a dog. Her sayings are based upon her affection for me, being such as, "Hallo, love," "Little pet," "Kiss poll," etc. She even sleeps on my knee if I am resting in the twilight, cooing to me all the time. Why do I think it is the best? Because if kindly treated it shows and returns its affection more vividly than other birds. Of birds, they are the nearest human in their intelligence and discernment, and give sensible answers in conversation; also they allow of handling and fondling. Lastly, and most important, I think, their conversation proves company of itself, often helping someone who has to spend many a lonesome hour to pass the time pleasantly.

A great number of other interesting replies were received, and we shall hope to print a selection of them in our next issue, together with an analysis of the voting on the various points raised by the questions which were set competitors.

Club Reports.

DENTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The first meeting was held at headquarters, Denton Brotherhood, Jan. 24th, when a fair number of fanciers were present. Mr. E. Marlor was elected chairman. The Chairman made a few remarks re the work of the society for the coming year. It was decided to hold a pair show, Norwich and Yorkshires, at our next meeting, Feb. 21st. It was a very successful meeting, and we enrolled several members. Any others wishing to join would oblige by communicating with me, when I shall be happy to present their names at our next meeting.—W. HOPWOOD, Sec., 63, Market Street, Denton.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 20th at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. The balance-sheet for 1909 was passed, the club having a grand total of £9 in hand. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, and as that grand old tried and trusted fancier, Mr. Lilley, who has been sec. for so many years thought it was time he had a rest, the members had to accept his resignation with regret. Mr. McLaughton was elected chairman, with Mr. Lilley as treas. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. Graham, Lester, Ralph, Bruges, Broughton, Slade, Walkin, and McGregor. The pair show will take place on February 10th, when I hope members will rally round me and let us have a good beginning.—JOHN JEFFREY, Hon. Sec.

LUTON C.B.S.

General meeting held on Jan. 17th. The Secretary read the balance-sheet, which showed the society to be £6 6s. 1½d. to the good. This was considered very satisfactory, considering over £6 was lost on the open show. The officers for 1910 are as follows:—President, Dr. Rose; chairman, Mr. G. Bennett; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Bloomfield; committee, Messrs. Ball, F. Webb, Codd, E. Litchfield, Rhodes, Brewer, Thring and Meadows; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. Titmus; auditor, Mr. S. Parkin. Mr. E. Cherry was elected secretary for the sixth year. The open show was fixed for Dec. 7th. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver. The question of the recent British bird law case was gone into, and our society considers it the duty of the C.B.U. to take up the appeal in the interests of the Fancy generally.—E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIS. O.S.

Annual general meeting and election of office-bearers held in the Rechabites' Hall, on Jan. 17th, Mr. Joel in the chair. Mr. F. Wilson, secretary, submitted the balance-sheet, which showed a very satisfactory surplus of £7 1s. 0d. in the treasurer's hands. The following gentleman were unanimously elected to the various posts: President, Baillie Love; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. M. Tod and R. Livingstone; secretary and treasurer, V. Johnson; committee, Messrs. Lappin, Livingstone, Bennett, Brownlie, Frame, and Rennie. It was arranged that Mr. Livingstone should give a paper on Norwich Plainheads at our next meeting on Feb. 21st. A vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary for his past services, and to the Chairman, brought a most successful meeting to a close.—V. JOHNSON, "Ivanhoe," Stonelaw Road, Rutherglen.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Annual meeting held recently, and the officers for 1910 are as follows: President, Mr. J. L. Turner; chairman and treasurer, Mr. E. Padgett; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Wharton; secretary, Mr. J. E. Hudson, 75, New Hey Road, Bowling, Bradford; trustees, Messrs. A. Bottomley and H. Shoesmith. Meet at Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, first Wednesday in each month.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

YORKSHIRE .C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on January 31st. The following members were present: Mr. C. A. O'Reilly (Chairman), Messrs. Kenny, Dulgenan, Dowling, Neale, and Hyland, Hon. Sec. The Secretary read the correspondence ,and Mr. Duigenan promised to give his prompt attention to several complaints that were read. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that Mr. J. P. Rooney and a fully qualified chartered accountant (who is not a member of the club) be appointed to audit the balance-sheet for the forthcoming general meeting. A number of new members were duly elected. The next meeting will be held on February 10th. Mr. Duigenan promised to have a balance-sheet ready for the committee by then, and it is hoped there will be a full attendance. According to report, the club is heavily in debt. This is not a fact, and I will do my best to let every member of the club know how the club stands when the balance-sheet is ready.—J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec.

STONEHOUSE C.B. AND H.S.

Meeting held January 15th in the Royal Oak Tavern. Mr. J. Cuthbertson presided. It was decided to hold our annual show on November 5th. It was also decided to guarantee our show in CAGE BIRDS. Decided "That William Melvin be responsible for this advertising." Also a table show was held. Judge, Mr. T. Sorbie. CK. CAN.: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, 4, Murdoch; 3, Mather; vhc, Gray; hc, Wallace. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Cuthbertson; 3, Melvin; vhc, Gray; hc, c, Smith. MULE: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Burns; 3, Gray. BRIT.: 1, 4, Melvin; 2, Sorbic; 3, Gray; vhc, hc, Whitelaw; c, Smith. Next meeting February 12th, when there will be three classes of matched pairs—Canary, Muling Pair, and Hybrid Breeding Pair. A special will be given by Mr. J. Cuthbertson for most points in three classes, also one by Mr. D. Sorbie for best hybrid breeding pair; also a special by Mr. K. Wallace for best Goldfinch cock. Judging at 7 p.m.—WILLIAM MELVIN, Assist.-Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Annual general meeting held January 17th at headquarters, Session House Hotel, Clerkenwell-road, Mr. F. W. Thorpe (president) in the chair. Mr. Pretty proposed, and Mr. F. W. Thorpe seconded, that the secretary send a letter of regret to Mr. E. S. Lugg for having to resign. Proposed by Mr. H. J. Pearce, and seconded by Mr. O. Heine, that a letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morrison expressing regret at losing (for the benefit of Queensland, Australia) two of their most respected members and good fanciers. The society thank them for the goodwill of both displayed in helping to make the society successful. The auditors presented the balance-sheet for 1909, showing a balance in hand and assets valued at £4 14s. Mr. F. W. Thorpe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. Gilbert as secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the auditors, Messrs. R. J. Pretty and H. J. Pearce. Proposed that Rule 37 be suspended, and a provisional meeting of six committeemen be held. Five new members were made: Messrs. E. Pretty, W. Shakespeare, D. W. Tatten, G. Thurling, and T. W. Chappell. Officers for 1910 as follows:—President, F. W. Thorpe; hon. secretary, W. Gilbert; committee, Messrs. F. Green, O. Heine, E. Pretty, W. Shakespeare, D. W. Tatten, and G. Thurling. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. GILBERT, Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

At the meeting held on Jan. 13th, Mr. Meades in the chair, a recommendation of the committee, "that this society remove its headquarters from the 'Two Brewers' to the Cecil Hall, Woolwich Road, East Greenwich," came up for discussion. It was pointed out that members generally preferred non-licensed premises for their meetings, and that the membership was likely to increase by the change. It was unanimously agreed that the headquarters on and after February 11th be the Cecil Hall as above. The Cecil Hall is an institute in connection with Christ Church, East Greenwich, and is directly on the tram route, a "stop" being outside the premises. The new meeting room is comfortably warmed, and is of convenient size for the table shows. Other business transacted was the adoption of pair stock, and British Bird Show Schedules, which will be held on Feb. 11th and March 11th respectively. The Committee trust all members will do their utmost to make the first show in the new headquarters a record one. Arrangements are being made for an attractive programme for the year, and an improvement is being made by abandoning the August meeting, which is very poorly supported, being as it is in the middle of the holiday season. The society is again giving two silver spoons for second most points, and one for third most points scored throughout year. Four gentlemen were elected members.—HAMER AND PUTNER, Hon. Secs.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) O.S.

First Annual Dinner.

The first Annual Dinner drew a very fair number of members at the residence of one of our fellow-members, Mr. J. Hamson, when full justice was done to a six-course dinner, after which we held a concert. Our President, Mr. Collinge, took the chair. Mr. Cromby, of Littleborough, accompanied. Songs were sung by Messrs. Perry, Meadowcroft, Schofield, Lees, and Pleasance. A few selections were also given on the gramophone, after which a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess and artistes brought a pleasant evening to a close. On Jan. 18 a large assembly was present when Mr. T. Holt gave an excellent washing exhibition and lecture, which was followed by a competition for two prizes, and proved a great source of interest, owing to the different methods of the competitors. The winners turned up in Messrs. Sidaway and Leach, Mr. B. Lord undertaking the judging. The following evening we held our third table show of hens, and again some well-known winners were staged, Messrs G. Adams and W. T. Banks judging. Prize winners:—LANCS.: 1, 2, Adams. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, Haytock; 4 and v.h.c, Nuttall. NOR.: 1 and vhc, Harrison and Rayner; 2, Schofield; 3, 4, Dewhurst; h.c. and c., Lees. YORKS.: 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Faulkner. A discussion took place on birds staged and proved interesting, as a great deal of information was forthcoming, and I may also state that we have put a very important question for the Cage Bird Union meeting at the Palace, asking for all the societies to be balloted with regard to having the same privilege as the Yorkshire Union Members as members of affiliated C.B.U. societies have not equal chances, the Union members being able to show at any exhibition whether affiliated with the C.B.U. or not.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

NEW STEVENSTON AND DIS. O.S.

Second general meeting held in the Masonic Hall (Mr. Wm. Wood in the chair) on January 11. After all prize money and specials had been paid out, and all working expenses taken off, we found that we have the sum of £6 1s. to carry forward to next year, and that even after buying three silver cups (one for young Norwich, one for young Border, and one for young Scotch Fancies). The cups have been won this year by Messrs. D. Clark (Norwich), R. Murdock (Scotch Fancy), and W. Wood (Border Fancy). Our radius is 5 miles, and we shall be pleased to enroll new members from next meeting, February 8, in the Masonic Hall, until the second Tuesday in May, entry money 1/6, and 6d. per month January to December. Members may show as many birds at our annual show as they think fit free of charge, only they must be clear on the society's books. All intending members and fanciers will be welcome.—JAS. LAMB, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Spencer Hall on 27th January for the election of officers The result: Chairman, Mr. G Gardner; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Dickson; Treasurer, Mr. Fisher; Secretary, Mr. Law; Assist. Sec., Mr. Hyde; Auditors, Messrs. Horner and Shearer; Committee, Messrs. Shakespeare, Johnson, Cooper, Pile, Street, Bush, Knight, Hall, Penney, Dann, H. T. Jones, and Abrams. The balance-sheet was then read, showing a substantial balance on the right side, due to the excellent way in which the shows during the year had been patronised, all four shows showing a fair profit. It was decided to hold the pair show on February 26th, Judge, Mr. G. Gardner; British Bird Show, May 26th, Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare; Young Stock Show, July 9th, Judge, Mr. Dobson; and the annual show on Nov. 11th and 12th; Judge, Mr. J. Robson. It was also decided to help the fund for the defence of Messrs. Flowers and Preston by an appeal to all our members for donations. Will all members willing to subscribe, please send to the Secretary their donation at once? Also, will all members willing to advertise in Rule Book send adverts on at once, the latest date for receiving same, February 8th.—C. W. LAW, Secretary.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, Feathers' Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Jan. 27th; present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), C. T. Maxwell, C. Cooper, T. R. Trower, J. Dewhurst, W. H. Vale, W. A. Lott, J. Dobson, H. J. Fulljames, J. Frostick, A. Silver, H. Goodchild, G. E. Weston, H. J. Hawes, M. Preston, S. Palmer, Plumbridge and Carr. A letter was read from Mr. Marley, which the secretaries were instructed to answer. Mr. Cooper related the interview he had with Mr. Ramsden re the club's patronage and the reserve judge at Crystal Palace Show. It was unanimously carried on the proposition of Mr. Fulljames, and seconded by Mr. Trower, "That whereas it is recognised by the committee of the N.B.B. and M.C. that the decision of Mr. Biron in the case of the R.S.P.C.A. versus Flower and Preston would, if allowed to stand, imperil the object of the club, which has the promoting of the proper keeping and exhibiting of British birds and their hybrids, to the extent, at least, of entirely prohibiting the exhibition of British birds, the sum of two guineas be voted out of the funds of the club for the purpose of assisting an appeal to have such decision set aside and prevented from being recorded as a precedent." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Nichols and Mr. Plumbridge for the trouble they had taken in the said case. Mr. Tout (Portsea) was elected a member. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, secs.

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"Cage Birds" Record Birthday Number: SOME OPINIONS FROM READERS.

Good luck to CAGE BIRDS. The Birthday Number was a champion.—P. MARSDEN (Gateahead).

Your lovely plates with the last double number were splendid.—CHARLES F. KEELER (London, E.).

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS.—H. BUTLER (Bournemouth).

I must say your Birthday Number and the plates are more than a success. CAGE BIRDS is always my first thought on a Friday morning.—A. J. SHIPTON (London, S.W.).

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since its birth, and find it to be a great benefit. Your Birthday Number was a real treat.—SAM HAIGH (Halifax).

I was delighted with CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number. It was a marvellous threepennyworth—worth sixpence, in fact.—S. A. SCOTT (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

I cannot find words to eulogise your Birthday Number sufficiently. May CAGE BIRDS be long spared to cater for our wants.—J. G. HUTCHINSON (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

May I congratulate you on your last Birthday Number? I think it surpasses all previous numbers of its kind.—H. A. ROGERS (Nottingham).

The Birthday Number is certainly a record. Up to the time of writing I have not finished reading it. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its staff every success.—H. BARNARD (Bude).

Only one word needed for Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS—magnificent. May new readers come in their thousands and, at the birds' election, give their vote for CAGE BIRDS.—H. REES (London, S.W.).

Thank you for the splendid Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. I think the plates and the Calendar are excellent, and the best you have produced. Success to CAGE BIRDS is my wish.—A. M. PENFOLN (Mortlake).

I think CAGE BIRDS should be known more here in Lowestoft, and I will do my best for you. I must also thank you for the grand Birthday Number. I think it is perfect. CAGE BIRDS is getting better than ever.—G. KNIGHT (Lowestoft).

I had one of the first copies issued of CAGE BIRDS. To think of that and look at the Birthday Number which is before me, and note the strides you have made, well, I cannot find words to express my congratulation. Good iron, go ahead.—T. H. SPURRY (Cardigan).

I must congratulate you on the Birthday Number. It is a real masterpiece from Mr. Norman's brush. I have taken CAGE BIRDS almost from the commencement. I have never seen the like of this number before. I wish CAGE BIRDS even more success.—J. GARNER.

I must congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number with coloured plates. I have been taking your paper ever since you first started, and would not go without it. I have been a breeder and keeper of cage birds this last 58 years. I wish you many more birthdays.—WM. SIMPSON (Londonderry).

Your Birthday Number was the best you have ever put in circulation. Our boys hung on to the election cartoon on the front page, and we were some time before we could get hold of "C.B." ourselves to dip into the interior. You have excelled your greatest efforts.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

I find it impossible to express my sentiments in words concerning your Birthday Number. May its records never be less, and we only want some more like it. The 'Xmas and Birthday Numbers are being sent to my brother in South Africa.—WALTER LE NEAVE (St. Pancras, London, N.W.).

May I be allowed to congratulate CAGE BIRDS and its enterprising staff upon the excellence of the Birthday Number. For variety of interests, fairness in giving the humblest reader a hearing, as it were, and practical worth to learners in any of the multifarious matters which concern birds, I believe it stands unequalled.—R. RHYDDERCH (Rhyl).

Allow me to congratulate you on the great success of your excellent Birthday Number. You cannot say, with the little birds on the front cover, "It's work we want," as you and your able staff have had work enough, and it is surprising how well it is all done. CAGE BIRDS is a good "Budget," providing for the needs of the country. No wonder you head the poll by a large majority. The coloured plates are grand. The plate of the Sandpiper, too, is a treat to all bird lovers, and is worthy of a place amongst the best pictures in all fanciers' homes. I wish CAGE BIRDS many happy returns.—THOS. ROBSON (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

There is no doubt you will receive many an appreciative letter in commendation of your Birthday Number. I do not think it could be surpassed, the plates and reading matter being alike excellent. My wife and I had eagerly looked forward to its production, but no imagination could have foretold how beautiful it would prove. It would indeed be invidious to name this or that as particular where all is so good. I bind the volumes of CAGE BIRDS each half-year into a cloth cover, and in this way it is a never-failing well of knowledge from which to draw in times of doubt. I intend to keep the calendar to make a frontispiece for the new volume just begun. I wish "C. B." many happy and prosperous returns of the day.—A. N. EVANS (Asdley Guise. Beds.).

Your Birthday Number was simply A1.—E. E. SOW.

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number was a treat, and the coloured platea alone were worth the money.—S. BROWNE (Partick).

Your Birthday Number is a perfect treat. The plates, too, are simply grand, and could not possibly be better.—K. MACLEAN (Forres).

Your Birthday Issue, I am sure, is a treat; the pictures alone are worth twice the money.—JOHN H. JOWETT (Bradford).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number was simply grand, and the plates and calendar beautiful.—W. NISBET, secretary, Musselbrough O.S.

Your Birthday Number is a very fine one. The plates, too, are very good.—H. CROSSLAND (Hale).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is simply beautiful, and worth double the price charged for it.—H. CLARK (London, N.).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS was a topper. Every success to the journal and its staff.—E. NOLAN (Llandudno).

Your Birthday Number beats all issues yet published. I wonder what next you are going to give us.—R. V. RAINE (Cathcart).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is a treat, and Mr. Goodchild's Foreign bird plate and the calendar could not, I am sure, be improved upon.—JAS. CLARKE (Rothesay).

I must congratulate you on your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, especially on the black and white plate, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. MINTY (Frome).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is A1—a real knock-out. I wonder how it is got up so cheaply. I wish the journal every good wish.—G. JONNSTON (Carlisle).

I was greatly delighted with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRNS, and the cartoon on the front page is great.—R. HAMILTON, secretary, Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S.

I must congratulate you upon the splendid Birthday Number this year. It fairly eclipses all previous ones.—R. MITCHELL (Bournemouth).

CAGE BIRNS Birthday Number is a marvel. I have taken it in from the first issue, and it is wonderful what strides it has taken. I wish it continued success.—W. THOMPSON (Chatham).

I wish to congratulate you upon the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, which was splendid. I wish the journal every future success.—E. R. ROBERTS (Penygroes).

Your Birthday Number is a regular eye-opener. The coloured plate of Yorkshires is a study. How happy any fancier would be if he could breed a team like them.—G. H. BARNWELL, hon. secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S.

Your Birthday Number is simply marvellous. The coloured plates make one just stare. I hope you will be able to record a big number of birthdays.—J. FORD, hon. sec., Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

I cannot sufficiently express my delight with CAGE BIRDS immense Double Numbers. They are a boon to all fanciers. I always follow CAGE BIRDS, the only true fanciers' guide.—C. GORNON (Taunton).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is marvellous; it is just simply lovely. I send you my thanks for such a treat. The plates are fit for a frame—to adorn the walls of a mansion or cottage.—G. TURNEY (East Ham).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is a marvel, and any fancier who has missed seeing it has missed a good thing. My wish, on behalf of my society, is that CAGE BIRDS may long flourish.—J. FORRESTER, hon. sec. of the Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.

I feel I cannot let this opportunity pass without offering you my congratulations upon your record Birthday Number. I should be delighted to pay 3d. for same every week. The plate of Yorkshires is really marvellous. I wish you every success.—S. DENISON (Huntly).

Your Birthday Number was grand, and beats all previous numbers. It is the best I have ever seen. The plates are simply wonderful. It is a pity breeders do not all try to follow your plates more.—J. W. ROGERS (Fishguard).

I must say your Birthday Number is a clinker. The plates are excellent, and the calendar has been well worth waiting for. It is worth its place on any wall. I wish CAGE BIRDS still greater success.—JNO. KILPATRICK (Uddingston).

I am glad I have a copy of CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number. I have the 1909 Birthday Number, too, which also was very beautiful, but I think this year's beats all that have ever come under my notice.—C. A. BOURDON (Jersey).

I have the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, and the front page ("The Birds' Election") is worth the money, never mind the beautiful plates, and other information re birds. I am showing it to friends.—PETER SMITH (Tyldesbury).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS since its first number, and I consider I am doing myself a good turn by continuing to do so. Although a bit late, I wish "C.B." a prosperous new year. I congratulate you upon the wonderful Birthday Number.—G. FRANCIS (Lowestoft).

I must say the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is worth anyone's while to read. I have given it to my mate, who is starting to be a bird lover, and there is no doubt he will, like myself, be a constant reader. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS even greater success.—J. H. SILVER (Highgate, N.).

Your record Birthday Number is magnificent.—J. J. ROLSON (Great Corby).

I congratulate you on CAGE BIRNS Birthday Number.—L. E. BLACKLEY (Falmouth).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRNS was really a treat.—D. TURNBULL (Winchburgh).

Just a word to congratulate you on your Birthday Number. It is simply grand.—S. MOODY (Bristol).

I think the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRNS is excellent. The plates alone I think are worth the money charged. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—C. EVANS (Hucknall Torkard).

I was very pleased with the Birthday Number. It really gets better each year. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—G. COSTA (London, S.E.).

Your Birthday Number was magnificent; and I am quite proud of the coloured plates. I have introduced this grand number to my friends.—S. BECKETT (Oldham).

Let me offer you my thanks for both your Christmas and Birthday issues. They were simply superb in their photos and coloured plates, while the letterpress in the supplement was delightful to read.—D. MCARTHUR (Edinburgh).

Allow me to congratulate you on your grand Birthday Number. Why, the cover was worth the money. I will go in for "protection" on behalf of our feathered pets till we can grow our own bold Spanish and our nutty brown German rape. I wish CAGE BIRNS every success.—F. HUGHES (Henley).

Your Birthday Number was a grand success and the product of splendid workmanship on the part of your staff. I have had a copy of CAGE BIRNS weekly for six years now, and I have handed copies to birdy friends of mine, and they never miss purchasing a copy of it either.—CHAS. QUINN (Donnybrook).

Allow me to congratulate you on your Birthday Number. It was magnificent in every respect, and I particularly appreciated the beautiful coloured plate of lovely foreign birds, which I am having framed. I wish CAGE BIRDS the continued increasing success it so fully deserves.—G. E. HAGGIE (Oxford).

Heartiest congratulations upon your superb Birthday Number. It is indeed great value for money, and I wish you "many happy returns." The birds' election picture is really clever, and caused many a hearty laugh in my household. My advice to birdy men is to vote solidly for CAGE BIRDS.—J. B. WATERMAN (Dulwich, S.E.)

I was agreeably surprised on receiving the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, and was especially pleased with the coloured plate of Yorkshires. I consider it honestly worth double the price charged. May I wish you many happy returns of the day?—JAS. DICKENSON (Derby).

Many thanks for the splendid Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, containing the plates and calendar, which latter I have posted up in my living room. A Sandpiper (as depicted on page 17) was seen 28 years ago by my wife at Laxey, I.O.M., who noticed that it was always alone, apparently without a friend.—E. N. SMITH (Redditch).

Allow me to congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number, which is a long way in front of any of your previous Special Numbers. Your photo, too, of the Scottish National committee and judges is a credit to CAGE BIRDS. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—WALTER B. SMART, hon. sec. of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.

I wish your up-to-date journal every success. Your Birthday Special Number is a treat. Being a good old Liberal, your front page fairly took my eye, and I guess it has also made some of the Tariff Reform men do a good broad smile. Whoever the artist was he must have had his brains in the right spot.—D. H. TEDSTONE (Brecon).

I think CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is simply grand, and I was pleased to see the article on "Jack" the talking Starling; it interested me very much. And after reading Mr. Chirgwin's account of his bird, too, it has put me more in the mind to make the Starling one of my pets. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success in the years to come.—JOHN YOUNG (Glasgow).

Just a line to congratulate you and your artists upon the grand Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. It is a paper every fancier ought to take in and read with interest, for help it gives of every description and some very good advice. I only wish there was a C. B. Society in this district. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success and brother fanciers also.—W. FORDHAM (Bishop's Stortford).

I appreciate highly your Birthday Number; it is wonderful. Fanciers (whether they think it or not) are under a deep debt of gratitude to you and your staff, and the support you have in the advertising department must be most encouraging. You have beaten all records, and I hope by the next birthday you will be able to announce a further record.—THOMAS SMITH (Glasgow).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is simply marvellous. Allow me to thank you, too, for reproducing the picture of myself in its supplement pages. CAGE BIRDS should be read by everyone who has the hobby of bird-keeping and breeding at heart, for anything one wants to know by writing to CAGE BIRDS they will get an answer about. It was through reading "C.B." that I got to know about that famous bird the Belgian.—JOHN FAIRLY (Coatbridge

I am greatly pleased with the Birthday Number. I think it is a marvellous threepennyworth, and honestly worth twice the money.—E. TREADWAY (Isleworth).

I cannot let slip this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid Birthday Number which you have given us. The coloured plates and calendar are really works of art, and suitable for hanging in any home, while the reading matter is quite a treat.—GEO. RAESIDE (Irvine).

Allow me to congratulate you on your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. It was a great surprise to me to see my Clear Cap Silver Lizard, winner at the Scottish National, on the plate. I have taken CAGE BIRDS from the first number, and I have all the special number plates. I think this a masterpiece, a "knock-out." It excels all others in my opinion. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. DEWSNAP (Glossop).

Your Birthday issue was splendid. It was a coincidence that CAGE BIRNS Birthday Number arrived on my own birthday, and I was delighted to see you had given my cage with glass litter-preventer a place in it. It may interest you to know that I have had a letter from a fancier at Spalding asking me to make him one like it, as he (with many another fancier) has a wife who likes birds, but does not like the litter they make.—F. THOMAS (Margate).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRNS undoubtedly breaks all records in "birdy" literature. A beautiful art supplement, two coloured plates and a novel coloured calender, together with a tremendous collection of bright, chatty, up-to-date literature about our feathered favourites, make up a splendid issue. Cage bird fanciers should at once procure a copy of this marvellous production.—"Rex," in "The Dewsbury Reporter."

I have to congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number. It is a marvel of cheapness, and is brimful of information. Imagine my surprise in opening the pages of your supplement to see the photograph of my old lady and myself. Words fail me to express my thanks for your kindness in placing my photograph in such a magnificent number. You say all records by this number are broken. I say the same.—ALEX. GREENHORN (Mid-Calder).

This is the first time I have ventured to write personally to you, but I cannot refrain from thanking you for the surprise I received when I opened my Birthday Number of "C.B." Never before did I see such a birdy treat—the exquisite coloured plates, the beautiful calendar, the art supplement, and last, but not least, the excellent comic cover (which I had a good laugh over). The Double Numbers this year have been regular feasts.—MISS C. D. FITZMAURICE (Kilrush).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is splendid. It improves every year. We (the old fanciers round this district) used to think we had two good fanciers' papers in the eighties and nineties, but they are not to be named beside good old CAGE BIRDS. The plate of Yorkshires is a masterpiece. I always look out for my CAGE BIRDS every Friday morning, and I have been a reader of it since its first number. In the year 1875, when I started bird keeping we had to get our support from older bird fanciers, but the novice of to-day has CAGE BIRDS to look for every week with good advantage. I wish you many happy returns and much success.—J. T. BURNETT (Nelson, Lancs.).

Allow me to offer you my hearty congratulations on the excellence of the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The handsome coloured plates and the other charming illustrations are marvels of artistic beauty. I attach these plates in an album, which I procured specially for the purpose. It is needless for me to say that the pictures are most interesting and greatly admired. I have been getting CAGE BIRDS regularly every week now for a number of years, and I can assure you it is with the keenest pleasure I look forward to its arrival; in fact, its arrival is the event of the week. I wish CAGE BIRDS prolonged and increased prosperity.—FRANCIS SHAND (Fochabers, Morayshire).

I must congratulate CAGE BIRDS and its staff upon the Birthday Number. It is a credit to all concerned. It is the best number that has been published yet, and there have been some good ones from time to time. The plates are fit to be framed to hang up in any fancier's birdroom. I give nearly all my plates to young fanciers, some of whom have gone to the trouble of getting them framed. I always keep one or two copies of CAGE BIRDS in my boxes (I am a signalman on the railway), and as lots of people from all parts of the country come in, I show them the plates and then they beg them of me. I have got several subscribers to the paper by doing so, and this number has nearly turned them cage-bird mad; in fact, some of them have bought the number for the sage of the plates.

We tender our sincere thanks to the many kindly readers who have sent us congratulations, and regret that it has proved impossible to acknowledge them all in this issue.—EDITOR.

Notes from Erin.

FANCIERS will be delighted to learn that the new Dublin society, the Y.C.S. of I., has a balance of £12 to its credit after paying all liabilities. This shows that each officer entrusted to look after the club's welfare performed his duty, and great credit is due to Mr. Carroll, the hon. secretary, and his band of workers. Congratulations to every member of the committee on their achievement. This club went to great expense, purchasing silver trophies for competition amongst members.

IT has been proposed to give a big "spread-out" to the members of the Y.C.S. of I., and to invite delegates from all provincial societies. A committee has been appointed to go into the matter and make a report as regards expenditure, etc. This is just what is required in the Irish Fancy, so as to bring us together, and become personally known to one another, and have a chat over our hobby. There is no reason why other clubs should not follow the example of the Y.C.S. or I., and give a social evening. I am sure we would all heartily join in with this movement, as the cost per member would be trifling. We could have a very enjoyable evening together, no doubt profitable to champion and novice alike, for we could exchange opinions, and go away feeling that we had educated ourselves and obtained valuable assistance in connection with our hobby.

RUMOUR has it that at a recent committee meeting held in Dublin the chairman was obliged to vacate the chair owing to the threatening attitude of one of the officers. It would be interesting to know if this gentleman is training for the light-weight belt, or is he only preparing himself for a "knock-out"? In any case, I understand that the latter has "come off"; he is suspended from the committee.

THE exhibition season ended for the Y.C.S. of I., Y.C.C. of I., and N.P.C. challenge and novice cups on Friday last at Larne show. The officers and committee deserve great praise for the able manner in which they carried this, their first venture, through. We trust they will be recompensed for their labours by having a good balance to their credit.

LAST show of this season will be held in Cork early next month. We trust this fixture will be well patronised, and that having had to postpone it will not affect them. We should all do our utmost to try and assist in making our hobby more popular in the south. I trust that our Cork friends will next season join us hand-in-hand as of yore, and with unity amongst us our hobby and clubs are bound to prosper.

"CLOSED RING."

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD CITY O.S. hold their annual dinner and social on February 8th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, and they will be pleased to see any friends on that evening. This affair is always a very pleasing one, and all visitors can rest assured of a convivial and joyous time.

ARRANGEMENTS are now well in hand for the great amalgamated prize distribution and social of the combined societies interested in the Fancy. As usual this will take place at the headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, those taking part being the Yorkshire Union Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., O.N.P.C., and the N.C.M.Y.C.S. Also the Bradford East rose bowl will be presented on this occasion. The date is not yet quite settled, but will be either on March 5th or 12th, and fanciers will do well to keep both dates open until such time as the exact date is arranged. The display of talent this year is to be quite "classical," several notabilities having been arranged with by friends in the Fancy. Also the dinner as inaugurated so successfully last year, will again be included, and last, but not least, "ladies are again specially invited." So don't forget, we want more of you there than we had last year. But we don't want quite as much snow as came down last year on March 6th; those from outside districts were hard put to it to get home.

VERY many fanciers who keep their birds in the top storey (and they are numerous in Bradford, Halifax, and other districts), have had a very hard time of it through the last two weeks of frost and snow. Many times have the water glasses been frozen and required warming in order to enable fanciers to get the block of ice out. The windows, too, have been covered with snow to the depth of several inches, keeping out every ray of light, and necessitating the use of artificial means of lighting for the birds to see to feed. A large number of glasses are broken by thawing, and I know of one fancier who put candles under the skylight to remove the snow so as to admit daylight, and "flop went the glass"—a big crack right across. My word! What a time we are having; it makes one long for the summer time.

I AM sorry to hear that the energetic and obliging secretary of the Shipley Society has sustained a very severe loss. He was afraid the birds could not stand the hard and cold weather, so he arranged a heating apparatus with an oil stove, and by some means the fumes escaped and suffocated very nearly all his birds; the few that are left are not likely to recover. This is very hard, as Mr. Martin had spared no expense or trouble, and had got a splendid stock together, having scored top points at their members' shows and won their cup. But he is a true Yorkshire fancier, and it is hoped he will continue in the Fancy, and not be long before he is out amongst the winners again—hard lines

ANOTHER fancier has, I regret to report, passed away in the person of Mr. John Bennett, who for many years was a member and hard worker for the Great Horton Society. He was a keen fancier of the Yorkshire, though for a year or two he has not had any birds in his possession. The Fancy's sympathy is with his family in their sudden bereavement.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Wild Bird Life.

Birds in Wind and Snow.

Very rough, stormy weather has prevailed this last few days, with snow, heavy wind, and rain, so that life in the open has been anything but pleasant. Wild birds have deserted the more exposed situations, and are to be found upon the sheltered sides of the woods and hedgerows. Flocks of Sparrows, Greenbirds and Buntings seek the vicinity of the ricks, and even there one notices how they instinctively make for the side less exposed to the wind. Birds of all kinds dislike to have their feathers ruffled by the gale, and the big Rooks feeding on the slope are no exceptions to the rule; all have their heads to the wind. So have the Plovers away in the low-lying water meadows, where they may be seen daily in ever-increasing numbers. Lately they have been joined by a few snow-white Gulls, possibly driven inland by the gale round the coast. A perky Robin alights on the fence, the feathers round his flanks ruffled by the wind. In a twinkling he turns facing the opposite direction. Birds move quicker, and are most restless, than any other form of animal life. Their existence frequently depends upon watchfulness, as there is danger in the air, upon the ground, and on every side of them. While the hard weather lasted wild birds did not seek the vicinity of houses to the extent one might have expected. One is inclined to think that by some unknown sense they may be aware that the weather conditions would only be of short duration. Last season the Redwings flocked in hundreds from the higher ground, down to the meadows around the village, previous to a long spell of frost and snow, which appeared to me to be a sign that they had some foreknowledge of hard times to follow. While living in the country I have seen hundreds of birds suddenly appear upon farm and woodland, previous to very bad weather; this may be accounted for by their deserting a district farther north where the elements were against them. This is a form of migration constantly taking place during the winter months. Looking from the window before daylight recently a dark object was just discernible upon the lawn; this proved to be a Blackbird, which was evidently feeding by touch, as it was still too dark to see the worm. It was certainly a case of the early bird and the worm once again.

The Speedy Starling.

During migration Starlings are supposed to fly considerably faster than Skylarks, although the latter birds possess the longer wings, and are not easily overtaken by a Hawk hunting singly.

The Magpie of the Shore.

One of the most singular birds of the seashore is the Oystercatcher. It is best described as "the Magpie of the beach," its black and white plumage, brilliant orange bill, and pink legs making it a very conspicuous object along the coast. It loves the sand and shingle and rock-bound coast, with quiet bays and creeks.

A Note on the Chaffinch.

A Swedish naturalist states that the female Chaffinches migrate from Sweden, but that the males do not. On the Continent Chaffinches appear to be more highly prized as cage and song birds than they are in this country. It was in France that the saying originated: "As gay as a Chaffinch."

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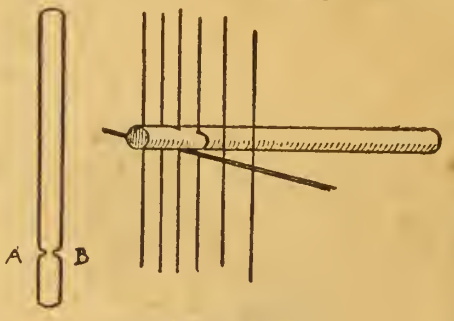
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No. 382.
A Useful Spring Perch.

Sent by Mr. J. Limb, Buxton Terrace, Holloway, near Matlock Bath, Derbyshire.

Enclosed is a sketch of a useful spring perch, which is of very great convenience. To the bird it is something like nature, as it springs just the same as the branch of a tree does when a bird alights on it. It also prevents red mite coming from the back of the cage along the perch. To the bird-keeper it is also



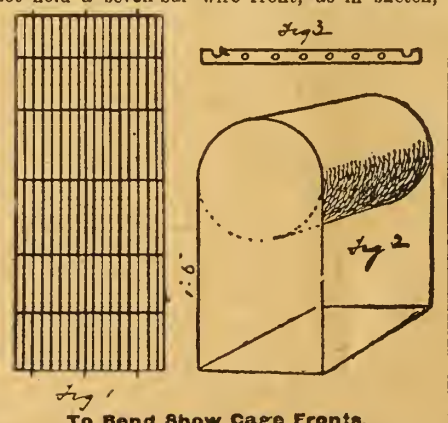
To Fit a Spring Perch.

beneficial, because it can be taken from the outside of the cage to be cleaned; thus it does not disturb the bird. It is simple, and easily made out of a piece of wood cut to the shape as shown in the sketch. It can be left as far from the back of the cage, and as far out at the front, as the maker chooses. You cut the grooves (A and B) out opposite each other. These are to fit down between two of the wires, so make them to fit as tightly as possible, and then the perch will be firmer, and give a better result. I hope the sketch will make all quite clear.—J. LIMB.

No. 383.
How to Bend Cage Fronts.

Sent by Mr. F. Western, 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.

It is in the bending of show cages where so many fanciers fail. Having tried several ways myself, I find the following the best, simplest, and easiest method of making them. First, cut your wire and punched bars the desired lengths, and place in your frame the same as if making a loose front. If your frame does not hold a seven-bar wire front, as in sketch,



To Bend Show Cage Fronts.

solder the bottom half, say four bars, and then take it out and solder the other three. Having the front made, next comes the bending. Get an old machine roller about 6½ inches wide, and 15 or 16ins. long. Nail this to a frame the same as in Fig. 2. Then cut a groove across the centre of the roller for the middle punch bar to fit in. Get six pieces of punched bar, and file into the holes (Fig. 3) for the ends. When bending place the centre punched bar into the groove, place one hand on each side of the front, and press both hands down together until it is the proper shape. Then put your ends on and solder. Thread your wires down at the ends and solder. Make the body; bore three holes each side for the top to fit in, as in Fig. 1. The same method applies to making bath tops in bending. I nail a piece of wood on a table as a gauge to hold the front to; then bend each end separately over the end of the table, making a square top; and then solder a bottom to it. This cage, when finished, looks very neat, every wire being bent alike, which is the main art of show-cage making.—F. WESTERN.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Thirsk, Feb. 18, Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. 9 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Feb. 11 to J. BELL, Ingramgate, Thirsk, Yorks.

Cowal, Feb. 12, Town Hall, Dunoon.—Judge, Mr. Stark. 2 classes (confined to members). Ent. close Feb. 7 to J. MACKINNON, Woodburn, M'Arthur St., Dunoon.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Once again it seems that the great Crystal Palace Show is likely to be held under mild weather conditions, the outlook at the time of penning these lines being extremely favourable over the South of England.

For convenience of visitors, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.)—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.).—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.)—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.)—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.)—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle (or the "Bakerloo" tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

Additional Excursions.

In addition to the railway excursion arrangements detailed in our last issue, the following particulars have come to hand.—

Gt. Eastern Railway: On February 5th, for 1, 2, 3, or 5 days, from Ely, Lynn, Wisbech, Cromer, Aylsham, Wroxham, Saxmundham, Norwich Thorpe, Dereham, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, and districts; 1 day from Clacton-on-Sea, Hythe, and districts; and half-day from Cambridge.

North Eastern and Midland Railways: For 1, 3, or 4 days, on Feb. 5th, from Harrogate.

Midland Railway: On February 5th, for 1, 3, or 4 days, from Ilkley, Guiseley, Barnsley, Swinton, Rotherham, Sheffield, Chesterfield, and districts; for 1, 2, 3, etc., days, on February 5th, from Lincoln, Newark, Bradford, Kirkstall, Leeds, Normanton, Manchester, Chester, Winsford, Knutsford, Altrincham, Matlock Bath, Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, and districts.

Great Northern and Gt. Eastern Joint Railways: On February 5th, for 3, 4, etc., days, from York, Doncaster, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Sleaford, Spalding, and districts.

ANNUAL MEETINGS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The Cage Bird Union.

The annual meeting of the Cage Bird Union will be held in the Electric Theatre at the Crystal Palace on February 5th, at 4 o'clock, for the Council, and at 4.30 o'clock for the delegates. The agenda is as follows:—

1. Sunderland Society: "That all delegates required to attend delegate meetings, to receive at least a fortnight's notice."

2. "That the monthly list of C.B.U. shows to appear in the Press a fortnight before the date of the first show."

3. "That members showing at non-affiliated or non-licensed show be severely dealt with, and that district secretaries obtain catalogues of all shows in that district, and inquire into doubtful cases."

4. Leek Society. "That any member showing Canaries in Mule classes be expelled for three years."

5. Sheffield Society: "That Rule 22 be deleted."

6. To hold a show for members only.

7. "That an arrangement be made with the Yorkshire Union, so as to allow members of both Unions to show at both Union shows."

8. Rochdale (G.I.): "That all affiliated societies be balloted regarding Rule 22, so as to give C.B.U. members an equal chance of exhibiting with the Yorkshire Union at any show, whether affiliated or not."

9. Mr. D. A. S. Longden: "That all birds be the bona-fide property and in the possession of exhibitors at least 7 days before the date of show."

10. Mr. Longden: "That any exhibitor not being a member of the Union be debarred from showing at any C.B.U. show, Crystal Palace excepted."

Southend Society: "That the Union do not affiliate or license any society unless the said society guarantee to pay all prize money within 14 days. Secretaries failing to notify the Union secretary within 21 days, the secretary do take such steps as may be necessary for the recovery of same, and that catalogues be sent to the Union secretary containing a list of names and addresses of exhibitors."

12. Pendleton Society: "That entries from non-registered members of the Union be not accepted at shows held under C.B.U. rules."

13. "That the Union try to get better terms from the Railway companies as regards rates of carriage of birds to and from shows."

14. Any suggestions calculated to advance the interests of the Union.

15. To fix place for annual meeting for next year.—J. RAYNES, secretary, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

The Crested Canary Club.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace, on February 5th, at 3 p.m. Members unable to attend should send observations or suggestions on the agenda by letter to reach me in time to be laid before the meeting.

AGENDA.—I.—To receive balance-sheet and annual report.

II.—To discuss Mr. G. C. Ley's scheme for providing more classes in Crest and Crestbred section; to obtain better entry, and to limit the loss of societies on these classes to a minimum.

III.—To arrive at a definite decision as to the conditions upon which one or two of the cash specials will be given that are at present more often withheld.

IV.—Presentation to John Tyson, Esq. (late hon. secretary); V, any other business.

The "Roberts' Cup" is for competition among C.C.C. members at the Palace Show. In addition a very handsome medal in case is given by the Toronto Cage Bird Society, to be won by the best Crest shown by a C.C.C. member.

Result of the voting for 1910.—Committee: T. Heath 49, R. Rhodes 44, W. E. Greeves 40, T. Taylor 39, R. L. Crisp 35, G. C. Ley 35, T. R. Ind 32, R. Armstrong 27, R. B. Tope 25, W. Glasscock 18, J. Brotherton 14, J. Robson 48, T. J. King 41, F. W. Barnett 39, J. Tyson 38, J. Dobson 35, G. Colledge 32, H. Mills 29, Rev. Joyce 27, J. S. Clarke 25, C. Roberts 17, J. Broad 13. C.C.C. Judges: T. Heath 45, J. Robson 45, R. Rhodes 40, W. E. Greeves 39, T. J. King 37, J. S. Clarke 34, T. Taylor 34, J. Dobson 32, R. B. Tope 32, J. Tyson 31, Rev. Joyce 28, George Colledge 20. Auditors: T. Heath 48, J. Robson 26. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. S. Clarke, practically unanimous. Fifty-seven voting papers were sent in, four of these being spoiled.—J. S. CLARKE, hon. sec.

The Southern Norwich P.C.

Will members of the S.N.P. Club make every effort to attend the annual general meeting on Monday evening, February 7th, at 7.30 prompt, in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace, as there will be important alterations in rules.

Moved by Mr. E. Baker: "That byelaws be altered as will be recommended by committee."

Moved by Mr. Woolhouse. "That a new rule be inserted to govern patronage: 'That the clubs or societies applying for our patronage shall be submitted to the whole of the members, and those obtaining the highest number of votes to receive the same.'"

Moved by Mr. Midgley: "That the shows for the cup competition be reduced to four in number and spread over a longer space of time."

Moved by Mr. A. E. Godden: "Members joining after August 1st, subscription to be paid within one month, or before any show competing at, to be enabled to partake in any benefits of membership."

Moved by Mr. Tottle: "That all points scored by members competing for club specials at shows under club patronage, be published by the hon. secretary in the Fancy Press within 14 days of such shows, and all appeals against such points to be made to the hon. secretary within 10 days of such publication.—F. S. MATTHES, hon. secretary.

Cinnamon Canary Club.

The annual general meeting will be held February 5th at the Crystal Palace Show. Time and place will be posted on the cage of the winning Yellow cock. The following resolutions moved at the general meeting at Manchester last October:—

1. Proposed by Mr. H. Riding, seconded by Mr. L. Roberts, "That the club's novice rule read the same as that of the Cage Bird Union."

2. Proposed by Mr. H. Riding, and seconded by Mr. A. Bentley, "That a subscription list be opened to provide a trophy to be competed for annually, and to be won three times in all. A medal to be given to the winner each year." The proposer suggests that it be given for the best unflighted; the seconder's suggestion is, to be competed for at the club shows.

3. Proposed by Mr. Seed, and seconded by Mr. Hill, "That a novice's points count throughout the show season."

Any other notice of motion should be forwarded as soon as possible, so that it may be placed upon the agenda.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

A List of the Meetings.

On Saturday, February 5th, the following club meetings have been arranged to be held at the Crystal Palace Show:—

Cage Bird Union, Council at 4 o'clock, and delegates at 4.30, in the Electric Theatre.

Crested Canary Club, at 3, in the Board Room.

National British Bird and M.C., at 6, in the Board Room.

Roller Canary Club, at 5, in the King's Room.

On Monday, February 7th, the Southern Norwich P.C. meets, at 7 p.m., in the Board Room.

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The Shows.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show of unflighted birds held at the Griffin Hotel, January 29. Judges, Messrs. Taylor (Halifax) and A. Wooler (Sheif), who gave every satisfaction.

UNFLIG. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vbc, Townsend; bc, c, Ross. HEN: 1, 3, bc, c, Townsend; 2, vhc, Ross. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, bc, c, Pilling. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pilling. NOVICE YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, c, Morrison; 3, vhc, Burdikin Bros.; hc, Staff. HEN: 1, vhc, Staff; 2, Dewhirst; 3, bc, Morrison; c, Smith. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Simpson; bc, Smith. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, 3, vhc, Simpson. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Tillett.—H. WHITAKER, asst. secretary.

SHIPLEY O.S.

On January 18th the last members' show of the season was held, some really fine Yorkshires being staged. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill) judged, to the satisfaction of all.

CL. YELL.: 1, Batty; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Brown and Son. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Brown; 3, bc, Batty; vhc, Martin. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, vbc, Pearson; 2, Tillotson; 3, Robinson; bc, Grange. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, Batty; 3, Long; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Towers; c, Armstead. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Tillotson; 3, Parker; vbc, Bradshaw; hc, c, Martin. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Brown; vhc, Long; bc, Towers; c, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Brown; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Towers; hc, Grange; c, Batty. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Long; 2, Martin; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Brown. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, hc, c, Tillotson; 2, Brown; 3, Towers; vhc, Padgett. HEN: 1, Padgett, 2, Grange; 3, Tillotson; vbc, Towers; bc, Garnett. FOUL MKD.: 1, Grange; 2, Armstead. NOVICE. CK.: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Leighton; vhc, Garnett. HEN: 1, Garnett; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson; vhc, hc, c, Leighton. SPECIAL PRIZES: Best bird in show and best bc bird, winner H. Martin; best vhc, G. H. Padgett; best bird washed with Lustrcine (open classes), H. Long, (novice classes) H. Leighton. H. Martin wins the cup for most points gained throughout the season, with the following runners-up, in the order named: H. H. Towers, H. Long, E. Grange, A. Tillotson, W. Batty, L. Crossland, H. Dobson, and H. Bradshaw.

LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held at White Swan, Market Place, on January 15th, and proved one of the largest held by the Society, over 120 birds facing the judge, Mr. T. Ride, whose awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Sarson; 3, Gibbins. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Freestone; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Pole; vhc, Gibbins; hc, Orme. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Sanders. BUFF: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Orme; 3, Gibbins. YELL. HEN (UNFLIG.): 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Hulse BUFF: 1, Sanders; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Peberdy; vhc, Hulse; hc, Pole; c, Freestone. YELL, UNFLIG.: 1, Peberdy; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Pole; vhc, Hulse; hc, Pole. BUFF: 1, Peberdy; 2, Hulse; 3, Freestone. GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Freestone; 2, Gibbins. HEN: 1, Freestone; 2, vbc, Gibbins; 3, Pole; hc, Hulse; c, Freestone. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Gibbins. A.O.V. CAN., ETC.: 1, Allen; 2, Sheriff, jun.; 3, vbc, Whelband and Tomlinson. NOVICE, NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Moores; 3, Barratt. MKD., ETC.: 1, Kilshy; 2, Sherriff, jun.; 3, Bell. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Bull; 2, Barratt; 3, Boulter; vbc, Buck; bc, Moores; c, Draycott. YELL. HEN: 1, Wood; 2, Barratt; 3, Kilsby. BUFF: 1, vhc, Wood; 2, Bull; 3, Sherriff, jun. BUFF HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Kilsby; 2, Cobley; 3, Moores; vhc, Boulter. YELL. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, Kilshy; 2, Barratt. BUFF: 1, Kilsby; 2, Sherriff, jun.; 3, Boulter; vhc, Barratt; bc, Bell; c, Chambers and Son. GREEN, ETC. CK.: 1, Boulter; 2, Moores. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Kilshy; 2, vhc, Buck; 3, Wood; bc, Chambers and Son. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Whelhand and Tomlinson; 2, Orme; 3, c, Kilsby; vbc, Wood; hc, Sanders. GREENFINCH: 1, vhc, Allen; 2, Chambers and Son; 3, Gibbins. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Mothersole; 2, Sanders; 3, c, Gibbins; vhc, Allen; hc, Sarson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Orme; 2, Gamble. BRIT. HEN: 1, Chambers and Son; 2, Kilsby.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Members' annual show, held January 29th, in a room kindly lent by the president, Mr. T. Shield, Queen's Hotel. Mr. A. Royle placed the awards, and gave general satisfaction, 94 birds being staged. Some very fine specimens were amongst these, notably in Norwich and British. Mr. C. R. Field won special for best Canary and best bird in show, with an unflighted yellow, Mr. G. Hickson pressing very hard with a very fine buff Yorkshire. Special for best British bird was captured by Mr. G. Allcock with a lovely brown Linnet, after a hard struggle with a beautiful Goldfinch belonging to Master T. Fielding, who was runner-up. An extra special was given to this bird. A splendid yellow-green Norwich, shown by Mr. E. Jones stood first in class, but unfortunately, through some person putting drinker on too soon, allowing him to bathe freely, it was stopped from being judged for specials. Some good Mules were also staged. The secretary and assistant secretary had things well in hand, backed up by the president, who was quite enthusiastic and courteous to all. Several of the committee were very conspicuous by their hard work, and attention. Specials for points were also won by Messrs. Critchley, E. Jones, G. Allcock, H. Whitney and Son, A. Taylor, and Whitney and Son.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Hickson; 2, Griffith. BUFF: 1, 2, Hickson, very nice pair, former runner up for best bird; 3, Griffith. BUFF: 1, 2, Hickson, very nice pair. NOR. YELL.: 1, Whalley, very nice substance; 2, Field, close up; 3, Critchley, very nice bird, washed itself too late. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Field, takes spl. for best Canary and best bird; 2, Critchley, variegated, very nice quality; 3, 4, Whitney and Son, former good bird, rather wet when we noticed it. YELL. HEN: 1, Field, nice bird. BUFF CK.: 1, C. R. Field; 2, Whalley, hard to separate. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, Field, another nice youngster; 2, 3, Critchley, former close up. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Whitney and Son, former very neat; 2, Field, another good one, close up. NOR. GREEN CK.: 1, 3, 4, Jones, winner very neat, typical bird teeming with col. and quality; 2, Critchley, good 2nd, nice buff. HEN: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Jones, splendid team; 2, Critchley, very neat yell. hen, not one of biggest, but good. GREEN YORKS.: 1, Hickson, very nice foul buff, good length. Nat. COL.: 1, Wood, splendid col.; 2, 3, 4, Critchley, very nice trio. GOLDFINCH: 1, Fielding, runner-up for best bird, very neat bird, well up in size and col., beautiful blaze; 2, Taylor, very close up; 3, Morgan, another good one, worth its place; 4, Wood; vhc, c, Whitney and Son; hc, Holt. BULLFINCH: 1, Wood, nice bird, quickly claimed; 2, Whitney and Son, good bird. LINNET (Best British Bird): 1, Allcock, well up in size, grand col. and pencilling; 2, Allcock, close up; 3, Whalley, very neat; 4, Holt, nice bird; vhc, hc, Taylor. REDPOLL: 1, Allcock, very good and well staged; 2, Wood, presses hard; 3, vhc, Holt, two nice exhibits; 4, Morgan; hc, Taylor; c, Whitney and Son. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Whalley, nice Siskin, good col.; 2, Morgan, Siskin, fine bird; 3, Dunkley, very neat Twite. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Whitney and Son, neat and nice; 2, Taylor, close up; 3, Dunkley, fine bird, good col.; 4, Jones. CHAFFINCH: 1, hc, Whitney and Son, winner shown in splendid order; 2, vhc, Dunkley, former presses hard, splendid col.; 3, Gray, very good bird, but seemed a little down when we saw it; 4, Alcock, another nice bird. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Allcock, winner splendid col. and quality, 3rd neat one; 2, vhc, hc, Whitney and Son, big bird; 4, c, Holt. HAWFINCH: 1, Morgan, very nice young bird, should be heard of again. MULE OR HYB. (some extra good birds in this class): 1, Whalley Greenie-Can., put down in best of condition and col.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Taylor, splendid team, 2nd bird Goldfinch-Mule, well up in size, 3rd bird fine Linnet-Mule; bc, c, Dunkley.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first show for 1910 was held on January 8, at "Horse and Groom." Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. The point winners were: Hudson (26), Mann (23), and Thornton (18), J. Taylor (16). Mr. Ellerton, of Ashley Street, showed a Lizard in the A.O.V. class, and a great deal of interest was taken in this small but handsome bird; Mr. Ellerton has been a breeder and exhibitor of this variety close on 30 years.

CL. YELL.: 1, Jowett; 2, Thornton; 3, vhc, Mann; 4, Town; hc, Hanson; c, Hanson. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Mann; 4, Bairstow and Chapman; vbc, hc, Hillas; c, Lister and Woodhead. TKD. YELL.: 1, Swailes Bros.; 2, Hudson; 3, c, Mann; 4, Lister and Woodhead; vhc, J. Taylor; hc, Hanson. BUFF: 1, 4, Swailes Bros.; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Hindle; vhc, Town. UNEVEN MKD. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, J Taylor; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; bc, Mann. EVEN MKD.: 1, Bastow; 2, Balrstow and Chapman. CINN. CK.: 1, Thornton; 2, vhc, Hillas; 3, J. Crowther; 4, J. Taylor. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Mann; 2, 4, Hanson; vbc, Thornton; hc, Town; c, Lister and Woodhead. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, hc, Hiley; 4, vhc, Mann; c, Jowett. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Jowett; 4, vhc, Wilman Bros.; vhc, Wright; c, Sutcliffe. CINN.: 1, vbc, Hillas; 2, 3, 4, Thornton. A.O.V.: 1, Ellerton; 2, Ellerton. There were 79 birds exhibited in 12 classes. Messrs. Swailes Bros. won special for best cock in show, and Mr. G. Hudson special for best hen.—E. W. JOHNSON, sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.S.

Annual pair show held at headquarters, Lavender Hill, S.W., on January 27th. There was a very good entry of both Canaries and pairs for Hybrid breeding. The Norwich and Yorkshires were well represented, the novice class in the latter being a very fine collection. In this section, Mr. J. King took premier honours with a beautifully balanced pair; these also secured special for best pair of Yorkshires in show. Mr. F. Tibbs secured second and third with two grandly matched pairs, shown in high fettle. The Norwich were a nice collection of typical birds, Mr. F. Martin showing some of his best. This society always have a good class of Borders at their shows, and this one was no exception to the rule. Mrs. L. Thynne sent a capital team, the winners being in fine form. The Hybrid class was well above the average, a good Goldie and fine Norwich hen leading. The special winners were Messrs. Martin, King, Best and Mrs. L. Thynne Mr. H. Norman judged, and during the evening gave a short lecture on pairing, which was listened to with careful attention by the good muster of members. Mr. G. Harwood carried out his duties as secretary in his usual efficient manner.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Martin; vhc, hc, c, McGregor. YORKS.: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Harwood. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. I. Thynne; hc, Mrs. McGregor. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Durham; 2, Harwood; 3, Burgess YORKS.: 1, King; 2, 3, Tibbs; vhc, c, King; bc, Lloyd.. BORD.: 1, Burgess; 2, Gollop. HYB.: 1, 2, Best; 3, Everett; vhc, Newton; hc, Burgess.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Show of pairs matched for breeding held at the Church Institute, Paddington-street, in glorious weather, on January 29th. The entries totalled 142, or five less than last year. The Canary pairs, as usual, maintained their high standard of excellence, notably in the Crest, Yorkshire, and Plainhead sections, where the pairs of Messrs. H. Dickinson, T. C. Pickard, F. J. Martin, A. W. Curtis, F. Knight, T. Hart, R. L. Crisp, G. Menhennett, F. King, and F. A. Tebbs were especially meritorious. The hybrid pairs were not quite up to what is generally seen, a slight reaction having set in after the famous struggle of the annual show. However, Messrs. G. Pile, F. Curry, and Elgar put down some creditable pairs. Special for best champion pair was captured by Mrs. F. J. Martin with a beautifully-staged pair of Plainheads of exceptional size; for best amateur, Mr. H. Dickinson with a pair of Crests; and for best novice, Mr. F. King, with a sweet pair of Yorkshires. The correct and dignified carriage of the Scotch Fancy of Miss Louisa Jolliffe's easily captured the special for the best pair shown by a lady, and attracted a large share of attention from the outside public. The plated teapot, presented by Mr. T. Monger, was won by Mr. R. L. Crisp with 17 points, and the Wynn cup by Mr. W. W. Elgar, 12 points. The superior catalogues, with awards which are a feature at these shows, were on sale at 2.30. The attendance was good, including well-known visitors. Mr. J. Robson officiated.

NOR, CHAMP. (9): 1, spl, 3, Martin; 2, vbc, spl, Curtis; hc, c, Wynn. AMAT. (11): 1, 2, 3, hc, F. Knight; vbc, Pile; c, A. W. Hart. NOV. (16): 1, 2, hc, c, T. Hart; 3, vhc, Parr; ex vhc, Warwick. CRESTS, AMAT. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, spl, bc, Dickinson. NOV. (7): 1, 2, 3, bc, Pickard; vhc, c, Sanders. YORKS., CHAMP. (10): 1, 2, 3, c, Crisp; vhc, spl, hc, Hawes Bros. AMAT. (7): 1, 2, c, Menhenett; 3, bc, W. Knight; vhc, Pile. NOV. (18): 1, spl, 3, ex 3, King; 2, vhc, c, Tebbs; ex vhc, hc, Monger. BORD. FCY. AMAT. (1): 1, Pile. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Stevens. A.O.V. CHAMP. (2): 1, Curtis (Greens); 2, Wynn (Cinn.). AMAT. (1): 1, W. Knight (Greene). NOV. (2): 1, spl, Miss Jolliffe (Scotch Fancy); 2, Warwick (Cinn.). GOLDFINCH AND CAN. (7): 1, spl, Pile; 2, G. Elgar; 3, Miss R. Shephard; c, vhc, spl, W. Elgar; bc, Thrower. LINNET AND CAN. (5): 1, 2, Pile; 3, Offord; vhc, hc, W. Elgar. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, 3, Pile; 2, Brinkworth; vhc, Clark. CAN. OR BRIT. AND BULLFINCH (8): 1, 2, Pile; 3, vhc, spl, Page; hc, Wyse; c, Offord. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, 3, Pile; 2, G. Elgar; vhc, W. Elgar. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Curry (Goldfinch-Linnet); 2, Pile (Linnet-Siskin); 3, Thrower (Siskin-Linnet); vhc, hc, Offord (Redpoll-Goldfinch and Linnet-Greenie). SELL. CRESTS (1): 1, Dickinson. A.O.V. (9): 1, Pile; 2, Warwick; 3, Knight; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, T. Hart. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (2): 1, Page; 2, Offord. SINGLE (6): 1, 2, 3, Page; vhc, Pile; hc, G. Elgar.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Another successful table show was held on Jan. 26th, at headquarters. Mr. Noakes gave every satisfaction in his placing of the awards.

NOR. YELL. HEN (OPEN): 1, 3, Christian; 2, Heighton; vhc, Adams; hc, Gray. (NOVICE): 1, Dyson; 2, Beyless. BUFF (OPEN): 1, 3, Heighton; 2, e, Moore; vhc, Christian; hc, Adams. (NOVICE): 1, Yates; 2, vhc, Beyless; 3, Dyson.—J. A. TYLOR, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Table show of pairs matched for breeding held at the club room on January 27th. Mr. Hales judged, and no fault could be found with his awards.

YORKS. GREENS (8): 1, c, Hadwin; 2, 3, White; vhc, hc, Dickinson. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (3): 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Tyrer. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Hawkes; 2, Tyrer. YORKS. CL. ETC. (3): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Lloyd. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hadwin; vhc, Lloyd. Special best pair, Hadwin. Most points: 1st, Hadwin; 2nd, Hawkes; 3rd, White. Novice, White.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Fourth table show of the season was held at headquarters, Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey-lane, on January 24th. Mr. R. B. Fryer judged, and gave great satisfaction. On account of the bad weather, and the local election on the same day, rather a disappointing entry of birds was staged.

STOCK PAIR YORKS.: 1, 3, Topping; 2, Lester. NOR.: 1, 2, Myers. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Lester; 2, Wilson. PAIR FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Lester; 2, Fairhurst. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Lester. FIELD-MOULTED BRFT. SMALL: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Lester; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Wilson; c, Knight.—F. WASHBOURNE, Hon. Sec.

GORLESTON, SOUTHTOWN, &c. F.S

First annual members' show held in the Queen's Memorial Hall, High-street, Gorleston, on January 27th. Mr. J. C. Hull is the secretary, and had the arrangements wonderfully well in hand; it is, in fact, largely due to his able management that the show was such a great success. Messrs. Keymer Bros. secured the specials for best Canary and best Britisb bird.

CL. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Keymer Bros. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Read; 3, P.C. Hoy. TKD.: 1, Dady; 2, P.C. Hoy; 3, Jarvis. YELL. HEN: 1, Wacey; 2, Keymer Bros.; 3, Barton. BUFF: 1, Dady; 2, 3, Keymer Bros. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Wacey. CREST: 1, 2, Wacey; 3, Barton. CREST-BRED: 1, Read; 2, Wacey; 3, Barton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dady; 3, Barber. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Wacey; 3, Limmer. BRIT. FINCH: 1, spl, Keymer Bros.; 2, Barton; 3, Wacey. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Keymer Bros.; 2, Dady; 3, Hubbard. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dady; 3, Keymer Bros.

SHIREBROOK AND DIS. C.B.F.A.

Members' show held in the Institute on January 29th, when Mr. W. Vardy (Hathwaite) made the awards. The birds were a very fine and creditable collection. Mr. J. Pic[illegible] (the sec.) had everything well arranged, and things were in nice working order.

NOR. STOCK PAIRS (10): 1, 2, Hunt, 1st varieg. yell. ck. and buff hen, grand pair, well matched for breeding; 2nd, varieg. buff ck. and yell. hen, close up; 3, Pickering, mkd. buff ck. and cl. hen, another nice pair, should do well in the breeding room; vhc, hc, c, Goodwin, all nice pairs. YORKS. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (6): 1, vhc, Blanchon, very nice varieg. buff ck. with cl. yell. hen, extra well staged; 2, c, Pickering, cl. buff ck. and yell. mkd. hen, fine pair; 3, hc, Chambers. LIZ. PAIRS (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Pickering, all good pairs, 1st, cl. cap Gold ck., with an extra fine back, mated to a very nice broken cap hen, good pair; 2nd, cl. cap Silver ck. to a nice broken cap Gold hen; vhc, Goodwin. BORD. PAIRS (3): 1, 2, 3, Gurner, all very nice pairs. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 3, Hunt, 1st very fine Goldfinch; 3rd, Bullfinch; 2, c, Gurner, 2nd nice Bullfinch; vhc, Annibal; hc, Pickering.

N. MANCHESTER C.B.S.

The members held their annual show in the St. Stephen's Schools, Cowan Street, Harpurhey, on January 29th, when some 130 exhibits were staged. The Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders held the fort in the Canary section. There were also a few British bird and Hybrid classes. The extreme cold weather told on some of the birds, which caused them to hunch their backs a bit, and otherwise good birds had to stand down in consequence. The special for best bird in the show went to a really good variegated buff belonging to Mr. J. Norris. There was a Cinnamon-marked yellow Yorkshire hen in the novice section which would have won this special (a real beauty) except that it was not eligible as it belonged to Mr. G. Pike, the donor, and debarred his own exhibits from competing. This is a young society, which holds three shows per year for its members, and a large list of special prizes is offered for each. Mr. J. Davey is hon. secretary, and he spares neither time nor trouble to make the society's affairs a success. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and all present appeared satisfied with the results.

The Critique.

CHAMPION SECTION.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Dalzell, 1st very finely drawn clean through, neat carriage; 2, Deakin, nice type, good style and position; 3, Clarke, good feather and type. BUFF: 1, Dalzell; 2, Norris; 3, Deakin, very even, nice type, rare feather, good position. TICK YELL.: 1, Clarke, full of breed and style, well up on leg, good carriage; 2, Deakin, very neat and close up; 3, Dalzell, also good one. BUFF: 1, spl, for best in show, Norris, varieg. on back, very fine all round, full of style, like satin on back; 2, Clarke, grand quality, good carriage; 3, Dalzell, fine length and position. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Norris, pretty pair, fine in type and position, neat head; 2, vhc, hc, Dalzell, very good trio; 4, Deakin, well up. BUFF: 1, Norris, very smart, fine feather, rare carriage; 2, 4, Dalzell, very good pair, fine quality and style; 3, Deakin. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Slater, tight feather, good col. and shape, medium size; 2, Robinson, fine head, thick-set body. BUFF: 1, Craighill, neatest all through to-day; 2, Slater, best head, fine size. TK. YELL.: 1, Deakin, tick wing, fine quality and condition. TICK BUFF: 1, Deakin, fine head, good body, wings a bit off. HEN: 1, Slater, cinn. mark yell., grand type, col. and feather; 2, Robinson; big body buff, chubby, fine quality; 3, Craighill, nice type. 1909 COCKS: 1, Slater, A1 quality and shape, good head, neat wings; 2, Robinson, heavy varieg., good shape, fine feather and condition; 3, 4, vhc, Deakin. HENS: 1, Robinson. BORD. YELL.: 1, Davey, wins on condition, neat type, fine feather; 2, Colley, good type, neat, compact bird, when in tight condition. BUFF: 1, Davey, full size, fine carriage, lovely feather, etc.; 2, Colley, very good type, wings, etc.; 3, Dalzell, grand little Border. HENS: 1, 3, 4, hc, Colley, fairly good quartet, varieg.; 2, Dalzell, very neat; vhc, Craighill. NOVICES.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Pike, grand yell good as open class birds, capital position, clean as a pencil; 2, Crowther, nice one; 3, Kenyon, fine type, etc.; 4, Rev. J. Appleyard. BUFF: 1, —, Appleyard grand type and quality, very neat; 2, Slater, fine shape; 3, Crowther. TICK. YELL.: 1, Pike, well up on leg, fine upstanding, neat position bird; 2, Crowther, nice type; 3, Hopley, heavy varieg. nice quality; 4, Ball and Halliday; vhc, Rev. Appleyard. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Pike; 3, Slater; 4, Hall, all good, and not much to choose between them. YELL. HEN, best class in show: 1, Pike, cinn. mark, yell., grand bird all over; 2, hc, Kenyon, both good, former very fine and neat; 3, 4, Slater, also good type; vhc, c, Hopley. BUFF: 2 best class in show, all good: 1, vhc, Hopley, grand quality and type; 2, Ball and Halliday, fine feather, rare position; 3, Crowther, much like 2nd, neat carriage; 4, Slater; hc, c, Kenyon. GREEN OR CINN. VARIEG.: 1, Hall. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Wood, nice type, etc. BUFF: 1, Vint, fine all round. TICK. YELL.: 1, Vint, wing and neck mark. BUFF: 1, Robinson, dark cap, buff. HENS: 1, 3, Vint; 2, Ely. 1909 COCKS: 1, 3, Woods, good clean yell.; 2, Ely, finer feathered buff. HENS: 1, Woods; 2, Ely. BRITISH, GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 4, Craighill, Goldie leading, nice colour all over, good condition; 2, 3, Ball and Halliday, pair Bullies, 2nd largest and best feathered; vhc, Fish. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Robinson, very neat Linnet, and a nice feathered Greenfinch; 3, Deakin, bonny Linnet; 4, c, Dalzell, good Greenfinch; vhc, Fish; hc, Craighill. REDPOLL: 1, Craighill, nice moulted bird; 2, Robinson, bonny field-moulted bird. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, Fish, Bramble and Chaffinch respectively, in nice condition. HYB.: 1, Hopley, very fine foul tail Green-Can., A1 col., feather and condition; 2, Robinson, good nat. col., yell, Green-Can.; 3, Fish, like a hen Linnet-Can. SELL. YORKS., 12/6: 1, Kenyon; 2, Dalzell. NOR., 12/6: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Craighill; spl best commended, J. Hopley.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Table show of pairs, matched for breeding, held January 26th. Mr. A. Grundy, judge.

YORKS.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, vhc, J. Brooks; hc, Proctor; c, Woods. NORWICH: 1, Grundy; 2, Simms and Taylor; 3, Woods; vhc, Hughson; hc, c, Sims and Taylor.—H. PARKINSON, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

General meeting held January 18th. Election of officers:—President, Mr. Cory; vice-presidents, Messrs. Hurrel, Hughes, and Nichols; chairman, Mr. Burns; vice-chairman, Mr. Harding; committee, Messrs. Hawkes, Richardson, Sands, Shaw, Lewis, Greatrix, and Morton; auditors, Messrs. Nichols and Morton; treasurer, Mr. Watson; secretary, Mr. A. E. Lloyd, 84, Rodney-street. Balance-sheet passed subject to a slight alteration. Night show held same evening at 8 p.m.

YORKS. YELL. TKD. CK.: 1, 3, Harding; 2, H. Hawkes; vhc, Morton; hc, Sands; c, Richardson. BUFF: 1, H. Hawkes; 2, Shaw; 3, hc, Harding; vhc, Morton; c, Sands. HEN: 1, 2, Sands; 3, Morton; vhc, Richardson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Richardson; 2, Lewis; 3, Harding. BUFF: 1, Lewis; 2, Richardson. Mr. Young judged, and gave every satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the judge. Two new members were made—Messrs. Howlett and McKeaggan.—A. E. LLOYD, Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held on Jauuary 29th, at the Holme Lane Hotel. There were 67 birds staged. Mr. J. Hodgson (Bradford) was judge, and gave undoubted satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Gledhill; 2, vhc, Hodgson; c, Walker; 4, Worsman and Son; hc, Shaw; c, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Mitchell; 3, Shaw; vhc, Worsman and Son; hc, Clarke; c, Tidswell. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Clarke; 2, Gledhill; 3, Tidswell; 4, vhc, Carey; hc, Mitchell; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Clarke. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Mitchell; 3, Worsman and Son; 4, Dawson. CINN. CK.: 1, Shaw; 2, 4, Clarke; 3, Walker; vhc, O. Atkinson; hc, Dawson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Gledhill; 2, Carey; 3, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Hodgson; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Casey; hc, c, Gledhill; c, Walker. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Worsman and Son. CINN. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Tidswell. STOCK: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Worsman and son. Mr. Shaw won Mr. Tower's special for points.

DALMELLINGTON (N.B.)

The 42nd annual exhibition of the Dalmellington O.A. was held in the Public School on January 29th. Entries were quite up to those of former years, while the quality was good. This little show, which is confined to a district, could boast quite a few champion moulted specimens. Could this society not see their way to extend the radius, or, better still, make theirs an open show, as there are plenty of exhibitors in the shire? The Public School is quite an ideal place for a cage bird show, being roomy, free from draughts, and affording excellent light. The exhibits were nicely staged. The show was well patronised, and the committee are to be congratulated on their success. Mr. James Pettigrew makes an efficient secretary, and thoroughly understands what he is about. He was ably backed up by a strong band of workers, each one doing his utmost, and president Pettigrew, and vice-president McKnight are also to be congratulated. Judging was got through in good time, and the awards, which were made by Mr. P. Pettigrew, all round were well received.

CAN. CK.: 1, Burgess, cl. yell. Bord., nice stamp, good mould, well rounded; 2, Richmond, Buff fed Nor., good size and substance; 3, Gault, yell. fed Nor., good col.; 4, Burgess, nat. col. Plainhead; 5, Bruce; 6, Rorke. HEN: 1, spl, Richmond, varieg. buff Plainhead, fine size, good col., grand chest; 2, Barbour, cinn. mkd. Yorks., nice length, splendid shape, good col., well up on leg; 3, Gault, cl. buff Nor., well staged and placed; 4, Wight, yell. Nor.; 5, Burgess; 6, Miller. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, 2, Rorke, 1st grand stamp, fine expansive rose of grand hue, well cut collar, neat tans; 2nd, good bird; 3, Barr, nice Goldie, in grand order. LINNET: 1, Baird, fine size, easily the best, lovely col.; 2, 3, Hodge, 2nd hen-moulted, nat. col., nice bloom; 3rd, field-moulted specimen, good exhibit; 4, Wight; 5, Logan; 6, Graham. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Rorke, Twite, fine size and col., nicely mkd., well put down; 2, Murphy, Twite, great col.; 3, Rorke, Siskin, nat. col., well placed; 4, McLean, Twite; 5, McLung. REDPOLL: 1, McLung, fine size and stylish, good bib, wins; 2, McCutcheon, also nice one; 3, Baird; 4, Heron; 5, Murphy; 6, Buchanan. GREENFINCH: 1, Wight, buff, topper for size and substance, good head and shoulders, fine col.; 2, Hodge, nice one; 3, Baird; 4, McLung. GREENFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Graham, good col., fine size and substance, rare bloom; 2, Murphy, also nice one; 3, McLung, pressed 2nd hard. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Orr, Bullfinch, fine size, good breast col., rare jet head, fine bars; 2, McLung, Bramblefinch, good col., fine head; 3, No. 7 (no name), Bullfinch, fine bird all over; 4, Hodge, lovely Bullie; 5, 6, Burgess. SELL. (5/-): 1, Burgess; 2, Wight; 3, No. 7 (no name); 4, McLung; 5, Hodge. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Richmond, yell. Goldie Can., good col., fine substance; 2, 3, Wight, Greenfinch-Can., fine col.; 3rd, buff Goldie-Can.

NEWTON ABBOT.

Annual members' show of the Newton Abbot and Dis. P.P.C.B. and R.S., held on January 22nd, was a great success, the entries numbering 200, against 200 at the last. H. H. Wills (Plymouth) judged. Mr. F. A. Redwood carried out the secretarial duties.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Bowden; 2, Cleave. BUFF, TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, spl, Bowden; 2, 3, Cleave. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bowden. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, spl, Redwood; 2, Fox. BUFF: 1, C. Bowden; 2 Fox; 3, Redwood. HEN: 1, Fox; 2, 3, Redwood. MULE: 1, Fox; 2, C. Rowden; 3, Watts. BRIT. FINCH: 1, spl, Fox; 2, Webber; 3, Harris. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Webber; 3, Johnson. SELL.: 1, Fox; 2, Redwood; 3, Honeywell.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Third winter show, held in the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, January 29th. Entries did not come up as we expected, no doubt owing to the very bad weather. There were only 66 exhibits. Mr. F. Allen won most points with 59, W. Fielding 31 second, H. Hadwen 33 third, also special given by Mr. J. Barron. The awards of the judge, Mr. F. Benn, gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Hadwen; 2, 3, Fielding; 4, B. Wood; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Hadwen; 2, 3, hc, Fielding; 4, Allen; vhc, Wood; c, Fawcett. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Sheard; 2, 3, 4, Allen; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Wood. BUFF: 1, 4, hc, c, Allen; 2, Fielding; 3, Grayshon; vhc, Wood. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Hadwen; 2, Wood; 4, Fielding; vhc, Grayshon; hc, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Grayshon; 2, Wood. CINN. TKD., ETC. YELL: 1, 2, Grayshon. BUFF: 1, Fielding; 2, Wood. HEN, YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, Grayshon. BUFF: 1, 4, Hadwen; 2, Fielding; 3, Allen; vhc, Sheard; hc, Woods; c, Grayshon. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, Grayshon. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Wood; 2, 4, Allen. SELL 10/-: 1, 2, Fielding.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Second members' show, held on January 29th, at the Saville Hotel. Entries came up very well, numbering 86. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, his awards leaving little room for complaints. In the champion section Messrs. Pickering 32, Hinchliffe 30, Hall 30, and Blackburn 24 are running well together for points. In the novice section Messrs. Taylor 35, Rayner 33, Clennett 30, Pollard 27, Shaw 24 are also going strong.

CL., ETC. YELL (7): 1, Hall; 2, Clennett; 3, hc, Pollard; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Blakeley. BUFF (5): 1, Rayner; 2, Blackburn; 3, Hinchliffe; vhc, Pickering; hc, Blaimires. YELL. MKD. CK. (5): Hinchliffe; 2, Clennett; 3, Rayner; vhc, Shaw; ch, Pollard. BUFF (8): 1, Rayner; 2, vhc, hc, Taylor; 3, Blakeley; c, Blaimires. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Pollard; 3, Blakeley; hc, Hall; c, Pickering. BUFF (8): 1, c, Pickering; 2, Pollard; 3, Rayner; vhc, hc, Shaw. YELL. MKD. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Rayner; 2, Hinchliffe; 3 ,Blackburn; hc, Pickering; c, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Blackburn; 2, hc, Hall; 3, c, Pickering. HEAVY MKD. CK. (2): 1, Pollard; 2, Blaimires. HEN (8): 1, Hall; 2, Rayner; 3, Blaimires; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Blackburn; c, Lee. BRIT. (9): 1, Rayner, Snowbunting; 2, Clennett, Goldfinch; 3, vhc, Shaw, Chaffinch, Linnet; c, Taylor, Bullfinch. SELL. CK. (9): 1, c, Taylor; 2, Pollard; 3, Hall; vhc, Clennett; hc, Hinchliffe. HEN (6): 1, 3, Rayner; 2, Pickering; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Taylor; c, Lee.—N. RAYNER, Sec.

NANTYMOEL.

Show held at the Public Hall January 26th and 27th. The cage birds were not laid out to give the spectators the best view of the birds, but no doubt this will be rectified another year. The hon. sec., Mr. W. Graves, is a most courteous person, and is ably assisted by a hard-working committee. Mr. J. Harrison judged.

The Critique.

NOR. UNFLIGH.: 1, 2, W. Hughes, pair of good specimens, fine stamp, size, and col., very nicely feathered; 3, Hill, also large, well shaped specimen, short flights, and tail, shown in fine style; 4, James, very correct Nor., good shape and quality; res., Davies; vhc, E. Morris; hc, Llewellyn. NOR. CK.: 1, 4 spls, 2, 4, vhc, hc, W. Hughes, really smart team; leader, typical bird, fine shape, size and col., good position, lovely short wings and tail; 2, also neat model of ample size and substance, good head and chest properties; 4, very choice, correct type; 3, W. Davies, very smart, cobby bird, good col. and size; r, Hill; c, Trigg. HEN: 1, James, lovely finished feather like silk, fine head and chest, good cobby specimen; 2, A. Hill, very close to leader, similar in shape and quality of feather, good round head; 3, Carter, good body and wings, nice size, in very smart order; 4, r, vhc, hc, c, W. Hughes, grand team, all looking in the pink; 4, James. YORKS. CL. ETC. CK. (9): 1, Hoare Bros., good length of side, neat carriage, fine wings and tail; 2, Williams, cl. yell., nice race, many thought should have won, rare col. and quality; 3, vhc, hc, W. Hughes, good length and carriage, well clothed; 4, Bighard, in splendid condition; res., Quinland; c, Goppy. HEN (9): 1, Goppy, very smart hen, fine length and style, good wings and tail; 2, 4, vhc, Bighard; 4, bird very nice one; 2, very neatly drawn, fine side, well braced wings; 3, Hoare Bros., sweet hen, good position and style, close fitting jacket; r, c, W. Hughes; vhc, Quinland. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, hc, W. Thomas, nice bird, though some thought inferior to 2nd; 2, Small, good big-bodied bird, fine square blaze, lovely polish, splendid tans; 3, D. Jones, very neat cut of face, good col. and polish warm tans, good back and buttons; 4, Bighard, smart, well-contrasted colours; r, D. Jones; vhc, Vile Bros.; hc, Griffiths. SELL. (15): 1, Llewellyn; 2, Morris; 3, c, Vile Bros.; r, Auckland; 4, Morris; hc, Davies. MEMBERS' CAN. (4): 1, Llewellyn; 2, Hughes; 3, John; 4, Thomas. HARDBILL (5): 1, W. Hughes, tidy Hawfinch, clean in bib, good polish; 2, Smith, Goldfinch, nice blaze, fine tans and bars; 3 (no name in catalogue), Goldie, fails only in face to former, nice one; 4, John, smart Bramble hen. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, Thomas, very smart, good col. Hawfinch, lovely bib, fine quality of feather, in splendid fettle; 2, Trigg, Greenfinch, level col., neat shape, good condition; 3, Lewis, Bullie, good cap, fine col. on breast and bars; r, Bighard; vhc, Buckley; 4, Johns.

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BELPER (Derby).

The 20th annual show, held in the Public Hall, in connection with the local show, on January 29th. The cage birds were nicely staged at one end of the hall, and every care was taken of the exhibits by that willing steward, Mr. W. Elkins. There were two very noted birds on view in Mr. W. G. Poole's noted Hawfinch, which still looks well, and Mr. W. C. Harrison's Bullfinch. Mr. Elkins had on view a very fine black Bullfinch, which attracted great attention. This "gate" was very good indeed, and we expect to see Belper with a case hard show entirely on its own in the near future. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and gave satisfaction.

YORKS. (9): 1, two spls, Elkins, cl. buff, nice length, capital col., neat head and neck, grand wings; 2, vhc, Richmond, cl. yell., very slim and upstanding, grand col., splendid length and position; 3, Elkins, cl. yell., splendid length, stands on grand pair of legs, lovely even col., A1 condition; r, Green and Sons, neck-mkd. yell.; vhc, Osborne (2). UNFLIG. (11): 1, spl, Richmond, cinn.-mkd. yell., capital length and col., lovely wings and tail, stands well, wins easily; 2, members' spl, Smith, cl. yell., very slim and upstanding, neat head and neck, A1 col. and position; 3, Elkins, varieg. buff, nice col., neat head; r, Richmond, very stylish; vhc, Walker, Green and Sons, Riley. MULE (5): 1, 3, Robinson, leader dark, good col.; 3rd, really grand mule, very nice size; 2, Orme, also really good one, nice col., looks well; all Goldfinch Mules. BRIT. (15): 1, spl, Poole, noted Hawfinch, capital shape and size, splendid bib, in lovely condition; 2, Harrison, noted Bullfinch, in grand form; 3, Orme, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good col., fine size; vhc, Blount and Sons; hc, England Bros., Robinson, Osborne, Green and Sons. SELL. (7/6) (6): 1, vhc, Smith; 2, Elkins; 3, Shelton; vhc, Elkins (2). NOR. CLASSES: Cancelled.

Singing Contests.

YORK.

Usual Linnet contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result:—1st, Bean; 2nd, Granger; 3rd, Smith. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, January 29th, when 20 birds faced the judge (Mr. J. Andrews), whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, Mangham; 2, Kendra; 3, Guy Wilson; 4, Buckle; 5, Harrison. Mr. J. Limbert was timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at Kings Head, Shannon Street, January 29. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Stead. Judges, W. Naylor and A. Jennings. Also on January 30, when some very good singing was heard. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. Also on same evening grand Canary contest was held. 1, Wake; 2, Jowitt; 3, shared between Sissons and Grey. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Jennings, and Hoban.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, on January 30th, when 12 birds sang. 1, Simmons; 2, Thurkill; 3, Green. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Gallie

Usual fortnightly Roller singing contest held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane. Some nice singing was heard from some very lengthy rolling and note-changing birds. 1, Longbottom; 2, Wake; 3, Jowett. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and H. Jennings. Next contest, February 6th, commence 7.30 p.m.; open to all. Also, seeing there are no time singing contests for Linnets in Leeds, Mr. Kendall will give three good prizes to encourage this style of singing, which gives every Linnet fancier a chance. February 6th; commence 1 o'clock.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

LONDON.

Owing to the "Queen Victoria," Wharfdale Road, King's Cross, not having room enough, singing handicaps are not held, writes Mr. F. Westmore, but we have a large show of Goldfinches, Linnets, and Mules, as Mr. Harry Cadd has a side room, and is pleased to give any bird a trial. A large number of fanciers meet there, and Mr. Cadd is always pleased to see them.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held in Barton-road Boys' School, Dover, on January 26th, and was well attended; chairman, Mr. N. Campany. The balance-sheet, and also the secretary's report, were submitted. Both were accepted and passed. Messrs. Rayner and Heritage respectively moved and seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for the satisfactory way in which he had carried out his duties, and congratulated him on the state of the balance-sheet, which, although showing a small deficit, was a very great improvement on the previous one. Result of elections:—President, Mr. J. Broad; vice-presidents, Messrs. Birch, Worstold (deputy Mayor of Dover), Gibbs, Dr. T. A. Howes, and Col. Norris, M.V.O. Mr. Campany declining re-election as chairman, owing to business considerations he had in prospect, Mr. E. C. Rayner was elected to that position, and Mr. J. Reeve vice-chairman. Mr. Campany at this stage vacated the chair, and upon his successor taking his seat, proposed a vote of thanks to the late chairman for the able and impartial manner in which he had always filled the position. This was carried with much acclamation, testifying greatly to the esteem in which he is held generally by the association. Mr. Campany, responding, assured us he would not desert us, but would at all times do what he could for the association. Committee: Headquarters, Messrs. Abbott, Austen, Eade, Hendry, Heritage, Hunt, Lockett, and Leaver; County, Messrs. Brett, Taylor, Patterson, Weaver, Thompson, Meades, Holness, Jenner, JorCan, Flint, Wood, and the Rev. H. A. Seames. A local member (whose modesty is only exceeded by his loyalty and devotion to our hobby) offered the use of a room in his house for a bird-washing demonstration on February 9th, at 7 p.m., he finding soap, towels, drying cages, fire, etc., on condition his name is not published in the Fancy Press. Needless to say, the offer was "jumped at," and a hearty vote of thanks accorded Mr. —— for his kindness. Messrs. H. Sarjeant and Geo. Sanderson were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Messrs. Heritage and Leaver moved and seconded that we hold an evening show in Barton-road Boys' School on February 23rd; Mr. Abbott judge. Entry fees are as usual, for the benefit of the association. Mr. Leaver offered a silver medal to the member making the most entries. Mr. Heritage a silver medal for most points throughout the show, and Mr. E. C. Rayner a silver medal for most points in British birds. The ballot papers were ordered to be destroyed, which brought a splendid meeting to a close with the usual vote to the chairman for presiding.—GEORGE SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., 17, Beaconsfield-avenue, Dover.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED pair of winning Borders, will exchange pair of Crests; yours first: Settle, Bond-st., Coventry.

WANTED Crestbred cock Canary, exchange yellow Yorkshire cock Canary; approval: Peerless, 2, Coburg Villas, Camden-rd., Bath.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange wire fronts and all cage requirements; see advertisement: Pimm, Ecklield Port-rd., Birmingham.

ANY quantity healthy Yorkshires on approval; state price, will deposit: Burke, 72, Greenway-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

WANTED offers in unflighted Norwich hens for billiard cue and case, cost 25/-, as new: Keymer, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston.

NORWICH Buff cock, 3rd Lancaster; exchange Yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, good head, neck: Whalley, Adelaide, Lancaster.

WANTED weekly supply Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, other British birds; send prices: Spark, Bird Dealer, Hanwell.

WANTED buff green Norwich hen, unflighted; exchange 2 buff Norwich cocks, value 12/-; approval: Geaty, Hospital-la., Leicester.

WANTED aviary-bred Grey Java Sparrows or Foreign Finches; buy or exchange rabbits: Rev. Henry Soames, Bromley, Kent.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, in exchange for gramophone and 45 records, value 30/-: Whitehead, 257, Shrewsbury-rd., Forest Gate.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch and Siberian hen Bullfinch, Wrynock, 1st Broxburn, 10/6: Taylor, 4, Rulston-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

WANTED yellow Norwich hens or small Foreigners, in exchange for pedigree bulldog, brindle; particulars. Holmes, 46, Aglionby-st., Carlisle.

WANTED 1909 Rollers; exchange 1909 buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, sell 12/6; approval: J. Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale.

WANTED Canaries, British, Budgerigars, Parrots; exchange new cylinder or disc records; over 1,000 select from: Stores, 614, Fulham-rd.

WANTED pair of Norwich Plainheads, exchange cock Hawfinch and pair of Yorkshires: H. Challis, 9, East Parade, Skelton, Cleveland.

WANTED cages and cage birds; exchange winning Dutch and Belgiums to value of £4: Apply early to G. Nettleton, 222, Quay-rd., Bridlington.

WANTED unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen for two hand-reared cock Linnets, suitable for muliug or sell 5/- each: Dobby, Queen-st., Redcar.

WANTED, common cock Canary, songster; exchange hand reared white-legged cock Goldfinch, sell 5/6: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury.

WANTED two hens, Norwich or Yorkshire, in exchange for pair of carvers, buckhorn handles, new; birds first: Manley, 31, Colne-rd., Earby.

WANTED any quantity of cock Goldfinch Mules, must be full in song, for cash; state wants: Enoch Powers, 91, Selat.r-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED gent's free wheel bicycle, complete, good condition, give birds, cages, and cash to value: Cooper, 9, Frampton-terrace, Gainsborough.

BUY, sell or exchange live stock, prize pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, British and Foreign birds: Maynard, Naturalist, Bethnal Green.

WANTED cock Linnet, hen Canary, or British show cages; exchange five flying tipplers, sell 7/-; yours first: Sheppard, 30, New Buildings, Frome.

WANTED Linnets, Goldfinches, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, mice, guinea pigs, anything alive; cash or exchange: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries or Mules; exchange box calf, leather-lined boots, 7's and 8's, 11/- pair; approval: Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

WANTED Goldfinches for cash, best price paid; also surplus stocks of Canaries, state lowest price to: Parker and Wilden, Spring Hill, Birmingham

LARGE cobby yellow Norwich hen, or pair, exchange camera outfit, ½-plate, Beck lens, 55/-; birds first, must be good: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

WANTED typical clear yellow Yorkshire cock, pink-eyed, unflighted, 7in., exchange Waltham Lever watch, sell 22/-: Seeney, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

WANTED Norwich fit to win, exchange 3 Norwich, 2 Yorkshire cocks, 8 Norwich, 1 Yorkshire, 1 Crest, 3 Seifert hens: Bridge, 113, Ridge-st., Watford.

WANTED, 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; exchange 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 teaspoons: Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WANTED good Seifert Rollers, exchange small Yorkshire terrier brood bitch, good coat and mother, 35/-; birds first: Brown, 77, Amberley-rd., Armley.

WANTED, pair Yorkshire Canaries; exchange 2 pairs tinmen's snips, 1 special hollow ground razor; approval: W. James Ronksley, 11, Kenyon-st., Sheffield.

WANTED Yorkshires; exchange drawing-room gas-stove, 20/-; overcoat, 10/-; mackintosh, 10/-; inlaid oval table, 40/-; approval: 126, Yews Hill-rd., Lockwood.

WANTED stout unflighted var. buff Norwich hen, exchange Harmsworth Educator, complete, with covers, unbound, sell 25/-: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

WANTED two large yellow cock Siskins and two extra large rich-coloured well marked Twites, for moulting out: Henshaw, 24, Wesley-st., Cotmanhay, Ilkeston.

WANTED British, Canaries, Parrots, etc.; buyers of anything alive, state lowest prices, or exchange for what stock you do want: Fitall, 1, Garden-rd., Folkestone.

WANTED Zebra Finches, cock Bengalese, hen Yellow Budgerigars, cock Yorkshire; exchange Green Budgerigars, Saffron Finches, hen Canaries: P. Brown, Potton.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests, and Scotch Fancy cheap for cash, or exchange high-class winning pigeons or bantams: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED 2 big Norwich hens, give Canary-reared Greenfinch and Linnet, cocks, and 2 small Norwich hens, reared together: Sutton, Poplar-st., Norton-canes, Cannock.

WANTED Roller Schoolmasters in exchange for beautiful long and wide dark brown fur stole and muff, never worn: Mrs. Fawcett, Laburnum Cottage, Thomas-st., Chester.

WANTED, Cinnamons, also self green Yorkshires, good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED offers in double breeding cages, fitted complete, for gent's cycle, guaranteed sound and reliable, complete, dirt cheap, at 50/-: Bulleyment, Woodhouse, Maltby, Rotherham.

WANTED, small Foreigners for cash: cheap and acclimatised; will deposit with Editor: Address, with full particulars and lowest price, to Wright, 36, Hartfield-rd., Wimbledon, Surrey.

WANTED exhibition Canaries, Yorkshires or Norwich, exchange Lachnel's concertina, thirty keys, value £3, also treadle fret saw turning lathe, value £3: 7, St. Cuthbert-st., Worksop.

WANTED 2 Norwich cocks, buff and yellow, must be good size for stock birds; exchange Pathe disc twin records, list sent: Wells, Means-terrace, Burradon, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

WANTED good pair Yorkshire or Norwich; exchange cock Linnet, guaranteed breeder, his two hen Mules, two Greenfinch cocks, four hen Canaries, feeders, 15/-: Jones, 64, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

WANTED crossbred pullets, exchange two handsome house-moulted cock brown Linnets and one very nice cock Goldfinch, all bred Mules last season: Mrs. Biskinshaw, Pointers-aven., Carlton-rd., Nottingham.

WANTED two good cock Canaries, Hartz Mountain Rollers, or Yorkshires; exchange Himalayan or Dutch Rabbits, or Archangel Pigeons (C.R.); no rubbish offered, none wanted; approval: Page, Baker, Dunstable, Beds.

WANTED Yorkshire, Norwich, Borders, British, etc., exchange large hand-made cloth hearthrug, value 15/6; pair brocaded well-stuffed cushions, value 6/-; lace curtains, etc.: Cooper, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED, for export, any quantity of hen Canaries; will give 1/- each small hens, large 1/4, 9d. each; hen Goldfinch-Mules, cock Linnets, and Larks, 4/- dozen; hens, 1/-; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; hens, 9d. each: Gough's Aviaries, 69, Wellington-rd., Leeds.

WANTED good Norwich or Yorkshires for splendid Minerva gramophone and records; Edison phonograph, three horns, recorder, 60 records and case; hand camera, glazier's diamond, English lever watch; particulars, stamp: Gardener, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Rollers, etc., for cash; or exchange table cutlery, tools, and electro-plated goods of every description; special offer: 4-bottle dinner cruet, E.P.N.S., for 3 hen Canaries or 1 cock: Exchange Co., 30, Woolken-st., Sheffield.

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To be Sold or Exchanged.

BULLFINCH, very tame, 2/- pair; exchange bird seed, anything: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

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EXCHANGE 3 Redpolls, one red-breasted, for large Norwich hen: F. White 14, Medina-rd. Finsbury Park.

FOUR cock Bullfinches, sell 2/- each; exchange Canaries or anything: Frank Tyler, Great Dunmow, Essex.

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GOLDFINCH Mule, good songster, sell 5/-, or exchange 2 hen Canaries: Gurmin, Cemetery-rd., Dukestown, Tredegar.

SELECTED large yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/-; exchange other British Hardbills: Cowan, 25, New Stock-st., Paisley.

GRAND house-moulted cock Goldfinch, yellow hen Canary, sell 10/-, or exchange: J. Cooper, Brington-rd., Long Buckby.

SHOW specimens; cock Linnet, 2 Greenfinches, lot 4/6; exchange hen Canary: Strachan, 77, Rosemount-viaduct, Aberdeen.

THREE Goldfinch Canary Mules, 5/6 each, splendid songsters, exchange 2 big Norwich hens: Moores, 57, Ashton-rd., Denton.

EXCHANGE three house-moulted cock Linnets for good Norwich cock, or sell 3/- each: Riff, 15, Lower Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

GIANT Scotch Siskins, cocks, 3/-; hens, beautifully laced, 1 6; exchange Canaries: Allan, 16, Inglefield-st., Govan Hill, Glasgow.

GOOD exhibition Goldfinches, also Goldfinch Mule, sure winner, exchange common Canaries: Watson, 68, Lard-st., Rotherham.

THREE splendid cock Bullfinches, sell 6/-, or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock; yours first: J. Slade, London Inn, Chard.

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BULLFINCH and snow cage, winner, approval, for modern game Bantam hen, or sell 5/6: Richard Lewis, 22 ,Gilbert-pl., Llanelly.

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FOUR grand cock Bullfinches, 2 6 each, two hens 1/- each, exchange pair Yorkshires: John Radley, 250, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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WOULD exchange good cock Redpoll Mule for Goldfinch or Siskin, to moult for exhibition; yours first: Coutts, Bonawe Quarries, Argyllshire.

WANTED, exchange English cock Goldfinches for Canaries, provisions, left-off clothing: stamp reply: Harrison, Catcher, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

THREE pair Bullfinches, 3/- pair; Russian cock Goldfinches, 5/-; or exchange for 1909 Yorkshire hen Canaries: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

BLACK cock and hen Goldfinch mules, cock singing, 15/6, or exchange pair good clear Yorkshire Canaries; yours first: Dodd, 9a, Kingston-rd., Wimbledon.

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HOUSE-moulted Hawfinch and Linnet, with show cages, and buff Yorkshires, for large typical Norwich hens, green or clears: Davies, Fern Cottages, Penkeith, nr. Warrington.

W. Kay, 16, Hollins-rd., Macclesfield, will exchange cock Bullfinch, two hens, cock Twite, two Greenfinch hens, caged September; what offers cock Goldfinches or hen Canaries?

EXCHANGE 5 cock Bullfinches and one hen, one cock Redpoll, cock green Linnet, one hen Canary, for 2 cock Goldfinches or pair Rollers: James Arlow, Pound-st., Banbridge, Ireland

EXCHANGE large exhibition 1909 dark Goldfinch Mule for 1909 Lancashire Plainhead hen Canary, must be large, or sell 15/6; yours first; approval: 47, Bryn Gwyn-rd., Six Bells, Abertillery, Mon.

EXCHANGE nearly all white Goldfinch, two years old, twice moulted white, good songster, for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, or sell 30/-: Cullen, 7, Alexander-rd., The Homes, Bexhill.

EIGHT good cock Bullies, 2/- each, 4 hens, 1/6 each, caught month; 4 singing Canaries, 5/- each; exchange Crests or Crest-bred, anything; offers, deposit: J. Fyth, White House, Swaffham, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE 5 Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinch, father of same, 1 h.m. cock brown Linnet, from outdoor aviary, for a good yellow unflighted Norwich cock, sell 12/6: Payne, Saddler, Wellingborough.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, regular beauty, 1st prize Fraserburgh Show, 10 in class; see report in the Birthday Number; sell 12/6, exchange good Border Fancies preferred: E. Hendry, Fraserburgh.

WHAT offers in exchange Borders for a house-moulted cock Redpoll and a house-moulted hen Bullfinch and two field-moulted cock Linnets? Borders first; on approval: Campbell, 12, Murray-st., Annan.

GOOD house-moulted cock Yellowhammer and cock Bramblefinch, 3/6 each; exchange both, with house-moulted hen Linnet, for really good cock Goldfinch; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

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NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, Silver Lizard Canary, Sib cock Canary, all 1909 bred, and all in full song, for large house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 22/6; approval both ways; Finch first: Currans, 115, Wilson-st., Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.

TWO cock Linnet Mules, one Goldfinch Mule, 5/- each; cock Linnet, large Norwich hen, parents of above, breeding cage included, 10/-; four large Siberian cock Linnets, cages included, 2/- each; exchange fowls: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE muling and Hybrid pair for prize-bred Norwich, yellow cinnamon-marked hen, and house-moulted Goldfinch, house-moulted Bullfinch, laid last year, with big Greenfinch, together since October, sell £1: Clark, Photographer, Holton, Halesworth, Suffolk.

EXHIBITORS, six large cock Yellowhammers, well marked, nearly yellow, certain winners; 2 very large upstanding cock Skylarks, loud singers, all aviary moulted; exchange large Norwich hens, variegated cock Mules, cock Goldfinches: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

HAND-reared singing cock Thrush, cage, noisy for owner, 6/-; piping cock Bullfinch, feeds from hand, 3/6; cock Linnet, caged months, 1/6; pair Satinette, rung 1909, 5/-; Black-tan Toy bitch, 7lbs., 18 months, 7/-; exchange pullets, Canaries; yours first: Caretaker, 216, Dudley, Port.

NOTICE: I have for disposal three giant Siberian cock Crossbills, every bird being in good condition and blood-red, will sell at 5/- each, or exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules in full song; also three massive Siberian cock Goldfinches, with deep square blazes, 7/6 each; or exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules in full song: Enock Powers, 91, Schater-st., Shoreditch, London.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOUR pairs of Canaries, 7/- pair; or exchange cage fronts: Abel Hellawell, Underbank, Holmfirth.

EXCHANGE grand pair Norwich for Pathe records, disc, or offers: 1, Garden-rd., Folkestone.

EXCHANGE a really good 1909 Buff Norwich cock for Yellow hen, or sell 10/-: Schreiber, Lymington.

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EXCHANGE 1 roach pole and 1 fly rod for cock or hen Canaries: French, 89, Compton-rd., Brighton.

YELLOW cock Siskins, 3/-; one perfect bird, 5/-; exchange Canaries: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

WILL give 4 young German hens and 1 cock for large young Buff Norwich cock: Rogers, Painter, Wem.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks, can win, 12/6, 15/- each; exchange Mules or British: Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks from 8/6, or exchange surplus Norwich or Crests: McNair, 10, New-st., Paisley.

TWO pairs Lovebirds 7/-, Pekin Nightingale cock 2/6; exchange Canaries: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

GOOD thick buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each, or exchange good babit cloth: Crathorne, Prince-st., Bridlington.

EXCHANGE pair clap nets 20 ft. by 4 ft. 3, for Yorkshire cock: H. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Borders for field-glasses or anything useful in home: E. Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading.

YORKSHIRES, cock, 7 in., buff hen, 17/6; slim cock, 7/6; exchange household: 27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnersbury.

SEIFERT Rollers, pure songsters, 8/6; or exchange best offers, poultry preferred: Holloway, 54, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

NORWICH.—Good stock birds; cocks, from 5/-; hens, 3/-; useful exchange: Royce, 29, Tennyson-st., Nottingham.

THREE pairs Norwich, some fed, 10/- pair: 1 pair Yorks., 7/6; Green Crested hen, 5/-. Breeze, Mount Pleasant, Wisbech.

EXCHANGE 5 hen Canaries and cock Goldfinch for pair Roller Canaries, or sell 12/-: B. Simpson, Lord-st., Mansfield, Notts.

TWO pair Borders 12/6, exchange pair Yorkshires or Norwich; yours first, anything useful. Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

HIGH-class Yorkshires and Norwich, sale reasonable; or exchange good bull bitch: Middleton, 1, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds.

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TWO young variegated Norwich cocks, in song, 16/-, exchange yellow Norwich hens: Harvey, 62, Bathurst-mews, Paddington.

EXCHANGE two Roller cocks, full song, for genuine house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch cock: George Gibbons, 95, Peel-ter., Stafford.

NORWICH Canaries, good birds, healthy, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, exchange Yorks hens; offers: Roe, Jeweller, Whittington Moor.

GOOD pair of Borders, 8/6; exchange young muling hens; mutual approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE buff coppy hen, 1908, good feeder, for 2 Yorkshire cocks, 1909, or sell 10/6; approval: Dearden, 18, Mount-st., Rochdale.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

TWO 1909 Norwich variegated hen Canaries, exchange cock Siskin and cock Goldfinch, or offers: Stowe, Burnham Market, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRES; pair of high-class birds for sale, price 21/-; exchange watch or jewellery; yours first: Bibson, Euston Hotel, Fleetwood.

EXCHANGE young clear Buff Scotch Fancy cock; offers Buff Border cocks; sell 12/6: Cuthbertson, 30, Townhead-st., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy Buff pied cock for Yellow hen or Yellow pied hen; must be good stock: Malcolm Love, 24, Church-st., Ballveon.

FOUR pairs Borders, 1909 bred, winners at local show, 10/6 a pair, or exchange, Norwich preferred: Renwick, 88, High-st., Berwick-on-Tweed.

LARGE joiner-made flight cage, 8/-; 4 double breeders, good condition, 10/-; exchange birds: Marshall, 56, Chilwell-rd., Beeston, Notts.

1909 large Norwich buff cocks, two 2,6 each; Greenie cock, muler, 2,6, or exchange large yellow cock: Peter Martin, Thistle-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

EXCHANGE; sell prize strain Norwich for Edison Home phonograph, weather glass, anything useful: Harding, Boscombe, Southend-on-Sea.

TWO Norwich Crest hens, 1909 bred, 8/-; also Norwich Plainhead cock; exchange house-moulted cock Goldie; your first: H. Duke, Bath-st., Chard.

TWO large Crested dark hens, 1908, for large Yellow Crest-bred cock; cock first; no rubbish please; cash 7/6 each: Swyer, 40, Russell-rd., Croydon.

EXCHANGE 3 Norwich, 2 Yorkshire cocks, 8 Norwich, 1 Yorkshire, 1 Crest, 3 Seifert hens, for Norwich fit to win: Bridge, 113, Ridge-rd., Watford.

LARGE Buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, 15/-; exchange large young muling hens; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

TEN 1909 Norwich hen Canaries, 3/- each, three Goldfinch Cauary, one Greenfinch Canary Mules, 7/6 each: exchange hen Cinnamons: Mainprize, Witham.

SMART stylish young Yorkshire cock, 10/-; exchange for good young Buff Border cock; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

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PAIR or Norwich, well bred, 12/6, exchange for large Norwich hen, either yellow, green, or heavily variegated yellow: Sbaddock, 97, Moor-st., Earlsdon, Coventry.

SALE or exchange, Borders, Yorks., Norwich, 6/6 pair; pair hand-reared Bullfinches, 3/6; breeding cages, loose fronts, 1/- each: Law, Stamford-st., Milnrow-rd., Rochdale.

FOUR pairs yell. and buff border Fancy, Bennett's strain, 7/- pair; 6 odd Border hens, 11/- the 6; room wanted, bargain, useful exchange: Childs, 68, Bromley-rd., Leyton, Essex.

EXCHANGE Crested cock, green, and Crested hen, variegated, strain, winners, Beckie, for Crested cock buff; approval both ways; no rubbish: Murray, 24, Old-rd., Huntly, N.B.

TWO large Yellow Norwich cocks and Buff hen, 20/-; lady's 18-carat gold watch, 30/-; 54 engravings, 25/-; exchange 4 pair good Yorksbires: F. Haddiard, 46, Wyeverne-rd., Cardiff.

GRAND Norwich Plainheads and Crests, Plainhead hens 3/- and 4/- each; cocks 6/6 to 7/6 each; Crest hens, good, 10/- each, would win; sale or exchange: Burgh, St. Peter, Beccles.

GENT'S cycle, free-wheel, suit workman; exchange 2 pairs Yorkshires or Norwich; also piccolo, six keys, never used; exchange Yorkshire hen: W. Stead, 27, Cole-st., Moston, Manchester.

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WIL exchange four splendid Yorkshire hens for one true pair yellow and one pair green Budgerigars, adults; yours first; approval each: Hugreen, 4, Cockden Hill, Eastwood, Todmorden.

TWO clear hen Canaries, clean Crests, 2/6 each, 4/9 the two; cock Canaries, clear, green and variegated, in full song, 6/- each, or 11/- for two: Nicholls, Tobacconist, Whitstable.

PRIZE-bred Borders, cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6 upwards; variegated buff Norwich cock, 7/6; exchange any for unflighted yellow Norwich hen: Greenfinches, specials, 1/-; extra, 1/3: Jackson, Meiklearnock, Hamilton.

YELLOW Yorkshire hen, typical, good feather, 12/6; variegated Buff Norwich hen, short and thick, 7/6; exchange either for Norwich cock Yellow, bold head, full song: 33, Preston-avenue, Highams Park, Chingford.

TWO pairs of Canaries, 2 green marked cocks, 1 green marked hen, 1 buff hen, 3 quarter Yorkshire, good feeding strain, 1909; exchange pair of Crests, 1909; yours first: Thomas Oates, Marton-cum-Grafton, York.

PAIR Black Rosecombs, 12/-; Lady Allington's; D concert flute, Douglas, London, in case, cost 27/-; 6 flying Homers, 6/-; exchange Norwich Plainheads, Budgerigars; offers: Schoolmaster, Boltons, Wigton, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE pair green Yorkshires for two cinnamon-marked Yellow Yorkshires, cock and hen, Linnet Mule, Linnet house-moulted cocks, for good Buff Yorkshire hens; offers; approval; yours first: Ellis, 256, Pellon-lane, Halifax.

WHAT offers in Canaries and cages for the following splendid ½-plate camera and accessories, value 55/-, real good Collie dog, splendid head, clean, and affectionate, 25/-; particulars stamp: Turner, 34, Kingsley-rd., Millbrook, Southampton.

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Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Quaker Parrakeet, outdoor aviary, for cage birds, or sell 6/-: McKinnell, 22, Mill-st., Daibeattie.

SALE, large Australian Parrot and cage, 3 years' old, kept in cold room, £2 5s., or useful exchange: F. Guun, 79, Verulem-rd., St. Albans.

TWO Indian Rock Parrots, one talking, winner at first show, 30/-; younger bird, 20/-; exchange Canaries: J. Wilshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol.

EXCHANGE pair of aviary-moulted Cockatiels (breeders) for large yellow hen Canaries, or sell 12/6: D. Murray, Galloway-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

WANTED lawn mower, also mirror, 4 ft. by 2 ft.; exohange Yellow and Green Budgerigars; Yellows, 7/6 to 10/6 pair; few odd Green cocks at 2/-: Joues, 261, Branstone-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

WHAT offers birds for set iron lasts, 7 x 10, 11 x 1: Cannon, Bootmaker, Kendal.

FOR sale, Welsh Terrier dog, 6 months, exchange offers: Davies, Square, Llandulas.

A violin and bow for sale, 10/6; exchange a pair of Canaries: Gwynns, Crumlin, Mon.

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EXCHANGE 143 Hobbies and designs for two Yorkshire hens: J. Platt 2, Priscilla-st., Crewe.

EXCHANGE 1 cwt. of new cage wire for birds or aviary: King, 40, Westbourne-rd., Barnsbury.

WHIPPET dogs, very fast; exchange anything useful; particulars: Reid, 103, Hospital-st., Glasgow.

WANTED birds, dogs, Parrots, Pigeons, etc., purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pair of Old English Spangle Bantams, for Yorkshire Canaries: W. Stanbope, Easingwold.

EXCHANGE gold-cased bunter watch for pair Norwiob: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

GREAT Dane bitch, 50/-; must sell, or exchange; leaving town: J. Paul, 27, Tulip-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

LADIES' new walking shoes, fours and fives, exchange Canaries: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool.

SIX white Angora rabbits for sale, or exchange anytbing useful; particulars: Shaw, Bank-st., Malvern.

WHAT offers in cash for 225 papers dealing with all cage birds?: F. Limb, Milltown, Asbover, Chesterfield.

GOOD crossbred yard dog, a demon night watch, will tackle anything: Pearson, West-st., Quarry Bank.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries, first class pair men's tan boots, stitched, new: Grant-Davies, Llangollen.

WIRE Fox Terrier dog; exchange British, Foreign, or hand-reared cock Larks, sell £1: W. Outram, Heanor.

WHAT offers for cage-maker's wood triplane, splendid wood cleaner: Carmont, Artbur-st., Newton-Stewart.

DUST-coat, 7/6; mackintosh, 7/6; exchange Canaries or British Hardbills: Ralph Nichols, King's-rd., Oakham.

EXCHANGE gent's gold tie pin for complete single breeding cage: H. Dixon, Wbepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE smooth fox terrier dog, sire Dark Blue, for Canaries, air gun, or poultry.—Wood, Briggate, Knaresbro.

EXCHANGE 21 "C.B." coloured plates for good Jay; approval: Edwards, 39, Park view, Waun Llwyd, Mon.

JOINER-made rack, holds 12, two double breeders, loose fronts, exchango anything: 32, Bolton-st., Colne, Lancs.

HOLLOW ground razors, splendid pair, in case, 10/6; exchango singing cock Canary: Bond, High-st., Eastleigh.

ROOK or rabbit rifle, good condition, exchange Canaries, or anything: Mallinder 84, Talbot-st. Park, Sheffield.

THREE excellent Black Jacobins, 1909, one who Sandy, grand birds, 10/- each; offers exchange: Lunn, Spalding.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, for Mules, Canaries, or offers; approval: B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell, E.C.

BEARD'S 100 incubator, in working order, for sale, £4; or will exchango for Canaries: 129, Goldsmith-row, Hackney-rd.

TOP boots, size 7, medium fitting, scarcely worn, 3/6, too cheap approval: Kitchen, 20, Blanchard-rd., Dalston, London.

WELL-Marked steel Dutch buck, 4/-, a bargain; or exchange Canaries, or offers: Bassett, 196, Shirland-rd., London.

PAIR of exhibition Homers, 10/-; exchange Budgerigars or Goldfinches, or offers: Harrison, 10, Parliament-st., Goole.

EGCHANGE good double breeding cage for good cock Goldfinch: Wheelhouse, 3, Alvey's Yard, Fisher Gate, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE new large double bell copper alarm clock for two large yellow Norwich hens or sell 6/-: Griffiths, Chopwell.

EXCHANGE rifle, cock Linnets, Bullfinches, Larks, etc., for hen Canaries: E. Tancock, 41, George-st., Weston-super-Mare.

FAWN Pug bitch, good breeder, will exchange for Canaries, or any live stock: Adams, 50, Cumberland-st., Calton, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE ½-plate camera, for Canaries or British birds, or sell 15/-: W. Bettles, 17, Grove-st., New Fletton, Peterborough.

GENT'S overcoat, new, Scotch tweed, velvet collar, chest 36 inches, cost 50/-; exchange phonograph, Canaries, anytbing useful: Grocer, 79, Villa-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE smoking cabinet, made in fret-work, for pair good Yorkshires, or watch: Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford, Staffs.

36 Wood carving tools, sell cheap; exchange Roller cocks, offers, anything useful: Porter, 2, Lower Villiers-st., Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE gramophone and 29 records, in good order, for winning Mule or bybrid: J. Jones, Pbeasant Inn, Dawley, Salop.

EXCHANGE quantity of flies, casts, spinning tackle, 2½ gunmetal reel, for Canaries; offers: G. Kirkbride, Heathwaite, Windermere.

EXCHANGE ten pigeons, Tipplers and Tumblers, for Canaries, Rollers preferred, or offers: Williams, 16, Gadlys-st., Aberdare.

EXCHANGE 3 nice hand-reared Wood Pigeons for Budgerigars, Parrot, or offers: White, Forge Cottage, Bridge, Canterbury.

GOOD stock Pug dog, 4 years, sell £1; exchange 4 Canaries; approval both ways: Samson, 135, Old Bethnal Green-rd., London.

"STAR" treadle fretwork machine, new; sell 20/-; exchange Canaries or Bees: Harrison, Masongill, Kirkby-Lonsdale, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 2 cages, suit Mule, worth 4/-; new football boots, worth 6/-, for Norwich hens: Wright, 10, Sheffield-rd., Southport.

SPLENDID violin, bow, case, sell £1; exchange anything; rollers preferred: Day, 5, Botanic-place, Stanforth-place, Hessle-rd., Hull.

WHAT offers exchange, gent's silver English lever watch, value 45/-; Parrot preferred: Ernest Litt, Belmont House, Cockermouth.

EXCHANGE set carvers, knife, fork, and steel, in silk-lined case, for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries: Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handle knives, 6 nickle forks, 6 tea spoons, 1 pair table spoons, 2 cocks or 6 hens: Robertson, Newton-lane, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 1 doz. ivorine handle knives, 1 doz. nickle-silver forks, ditto tea spoons, 3 pair Canaries: Hill, 95, Eyre-la., Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE cock, Norwich hen, cock Linnet, pair Zebra Finches, 5 cages; exchange; no live stock: A. Royce, High-st., Esher, Surrey.

VERY smart Irish Terrier bitch, 7 months, both parents prize winners, exchange for 2 cock Canaries: Langridge, 4, Linkee-rd., Hornsey.

PEDIGREE Yorkshire Terrier dog, 18 weeks' old, good coat and tan, price 20/-; exchange Canaries: Wilshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol.

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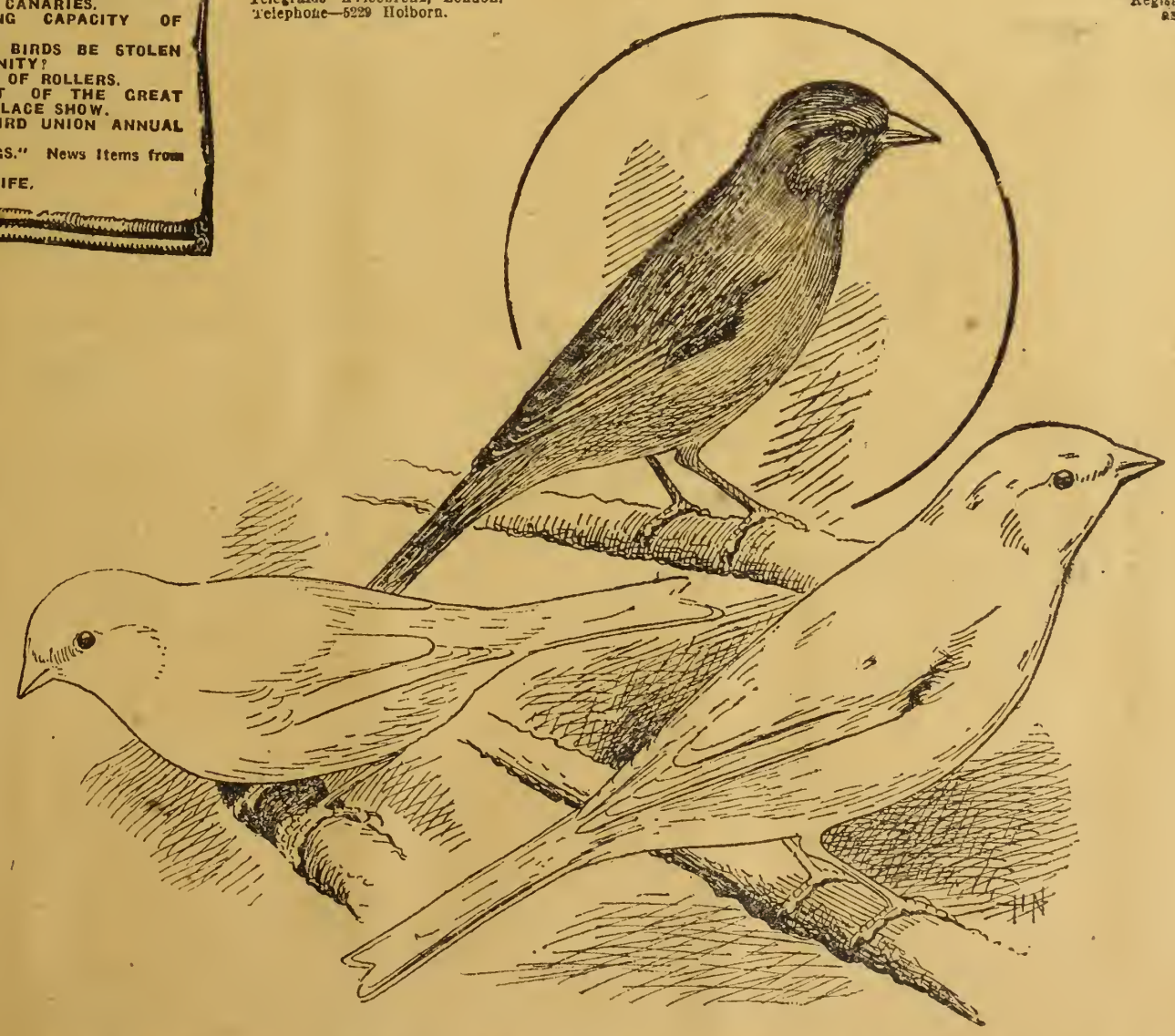
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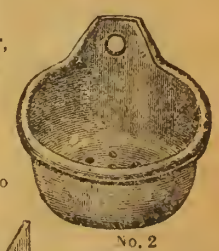


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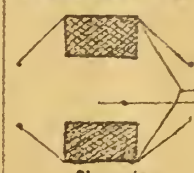
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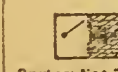
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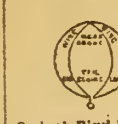
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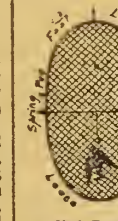
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1909 buff cock, £1; do. yellow, the Barnstaple, 25/-; must clear; approval: Dart, Sunny-bank, Barnstaple.

SEVERAL large typical birds for sale from my winners Palace, Plymouth, Gateshead, cheap, approval: Horrill, Barnstaple.

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HENS, 2/6; buff cinnamon marked hen, 5/-: Gillies, 40, Fullarton-st., Irvine.

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BORDERS, clear buffs, 2 cocks 4 hens, bred 1909, cheap: R. Thomson, 16, Bridge-st., Kelso.

SINGLE or pairs, all varieties, reasonable; list post free: Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

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GOOD Borders, cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6; bred from winners: Levason, Mosswell House, Whitehaven.

HIGH-class Borders for sale, cocks, 4/6 upwards; hens, 3/- upwards: And. Cargill, Cantedam, Kelty, Fife.

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THREE pairs greens, 10/6, 12/6 pair; also clears, marks, from 5/6 pair: Whittaker, 17, Waterville-rd., North Shields.

BORDERS, pair for mark breeding, buff, and buff marked cocks, and buff hen, cheap: Brown, Imagerow, Chirnside.

BORDERS, typical yellow cocks, 5/6; buff, 4/6; hens, 3/-; marked cocks, 4/-: Graham, 4, Rowanburn, Canonbie.

STILL some splendid Borders and Yorkshires for sale. See Palace Show report: Blair, Postman, Kippin, Stirlingshire.

REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-pl., Liverpool.

GREEN Borders, from best green blood in the Fancy, cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; approval willingly: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

STILL few good Borders left, cold room, including buff even mark cock, do. hen, reasonable: John Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

STILL left, few choice pairs, winners, 8/6 to 15/-; even marked cocks or hens, 10/-; worth double; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

BORDERS, some good ones left; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; approval: Siberian Goldfinch wanted: Cockburn, 18, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

BORDER Fancies, cocks, hens, related to my winners; see Palace report; approval: Pennington, 17, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland.

BORDERS, belonging to the late Robert Watson, Galashiels, yellows and buffs, to clear cheap: Apply W. Dick, Forsonce, Stow, Midlothian.

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BORDERS of correct type and feather, no better blood obtainable, from 12/6 pair: H. Norman, Bird Artist, "The Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey.

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HIGH-class 1909 cocks; (1) clear buff, brother to 1st prize winner Crystal Palace; (2) marked yellow, winner 2nd Eaglesfield, 12/6 each: Sampson, Pontardulais.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, all our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

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HIGH-class Borders at reasonable prices, matched pairs or single cocks and hens, marked and clears, all winners or bred from winners: W. C. Thomas, 1, Derwent-sq., Stoneycroft, Liverpool.

SEVERAL good Borders for sale, same strain as my winners at Selkirk, Carlisle, Galashiels, Altrincham, Scottish National, etc.; approval; cheap to clear: John Tait, 281, Gala Park-rd., Galashiels, N.B.

BORDERS: Can now offer for sale few of my well-known winners, clears, Marks, and Greens, also selected pairs for breeding; reasonable and on approval: Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

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BORDERS, clears, marks, greens, all bred from winners, clear buff ben, twice 1st, £1; foul buff cock, 1st, spl, Biggar, 15/-; yellow cock, 1st Stonehouse, 15/-; others from 5/-; approval: Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

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HAVING selected my stock, have still 20 typical Borders for disposal, from 10/- to 15/- pair, 3/6 to 5/6 each; no rubbish kept; state wants and get one to improve your stock to breed winners; approval; clears, Cinnamons; see reports Palace this week: E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes S.O., Wales.

ANOTHER genuine offer, high-class show and stock Borders; can offer few yellow, buff and foul cocks, 3/6 10/6, 15/-; ditto hens, 4/- to 15/-; buff Cinnamon ben, 4th Gateshead, against greens, 17/6; ditto, 1908, 7/6; typical uneven hens, 10/- to 25/-; buff Green cocks, sound colour, 10/6 to 15/-; hens, 5/- to 15/-; approval, stamp: Henry Bennet, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso.

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YELLOW cock, prize buff hen 17/6, yellow hen 7/6, approval, deposit: Want, Bootmaker, Dover.

CINNAMON Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/6; hens 7/-; approval: Clapham, 138, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

J. Dobson has some good Cinnamons for sale at reasonable prices; cocks from 12/6; approval, stamp: 18, East-rd., London, N.

PAIR Norwich Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 1908, non-fed, cold room; approval, 13/6: F. Wood, 26, George-st. West, Hall-st., Stockport.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cocks, also yellows, 10 large buff hens, crossed with Crestbred to increase size and head: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list. See also my advertisement on page —.—Rudd.

CINNAMONS, large buff cock, 15/-; 3 buff hens, 10/6 each; 1909 Norwich type, grand colour; best blood: Smith, 51, Bismarck-rd., Dunstall, Wolverhampton.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertie, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

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ONE Crested cock and Crest-bred hen, 8/6; approval: F. Shand, Fochabert.

VERY good Crest hen, 15/-, one 12/-; Crest cock, 10/6: Winton, 7, North Lindsey-st., Dundee.

MONSTER buff C.B. cock, buff Crested hen, 1909 bred, 10/6 each: Tanner, 70, Ellison-rd., Streatham.

TWO Crest-bred cocks, 10/6 each; approval; worth double: J. Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham.

CREST and Crest-breds, from 25/- to £10 per pair; inspection invited: Fletcher, 216, Welford-rd., Nottingham.

WING marked dark Crested cock, 10/-; Grizzle cock, Crest-bred hen, 10/- pair: Runacres, Lorne-rd., Lowestoft.

CHAMPION show birds, Crests, Crestbreds, cocks and hens; splendid stuff: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

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SOME very good 1909 Crested cock Canaries, on full song, 7/6 each; hens, 4/-: Aves, Bottisham Hall Gardens, Cambs.

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TEN Crest-bred cocks, good heads and feather, cheap, 15/- to 30/-; pairs from 25/-; approval; H. Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

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BARNETT'S direct Crests and Crest-bred, good, strong, healthy stock birds, cheap: Busbell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

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J. SYMON'S, Brisbane-terr., Liskeard, Cornwall, have few good Crests and Crest-breds for sale, grand stock birds, reasonable; approval, stamp.

WANTED, dark Crest hen; must be long frontal Crest; exchange Crest-bred cocks, or winning British Goldies; no rubbish: J. Cockram, Dawlish.

SEVERAL good pairs 15/-, cocks 8/6, richly coloured buff Crestbred cock 30/-, or complete pair £2: Campling, 3, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

MASSIVE Crests and Crest-breds, greens, yellows, and wing-marked; pairs from 15/- to 40/-; approval: Brust, 13, Farningham-rd., Tottenham, London.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list. See also my advertisement on page 128: Rudd.

GRAND specimens, pairs and single birds; some grand crest-bred hens, cheap to clear; state wants; all on approval: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 3/- to 25/-; few breeding cages, from 2/- to 4/-; stamp reply: W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

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GEORGE Grant, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has the following good bred birds for sale: Crest cock, C.B. hen, 30/-; Crest hen, marked one wing, 30/-; Crest hen, green, 30/-.

FIVE dark Crested cocks, 10/6 each; 3 C.-B. cocks, 10/- each; C.-B. hens, 7/6 each; Barnett's strain, pure; approval, deposit: T. and E. Wright, Tunn-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

CRESTED and Crest-breds, both sexes, overstocked, bred from winners, large healthy birds, abundance of feather, 6/6, 7/6 each, or 12/6 pair; approval: J. Tait, 1, Monkton-rd., Jarrow.

Some grand crest and crested bred cocks, for sale, Palace strain of the late Mr. John Simms; state wants; approval willingly: Simms and Fox, 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

WALLACE, twice winner silver challenge cup, also bronze medal (points) Palace, can supply useful stock birds. 12/6 to 40/-; no better blood anywhere; approval: 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

LARGE green Crested cock, winner, 20/6; buff varicgated Crest-bred cock, 15/6; nearly green Crestbred cock, 12/-; all good feathered birds, bred from winners; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crestbred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

IF you are in need of a good Crest or Crest-bred we can supply you with Crested cocks from 7/6; Crest-bred cocks from 6/6; Crested hens from 8/6; all 1909 birds, and no better blood obtainable: Shaw and Booth, 66, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts

CRESTS,
CRESTED-BREDS.

Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards; crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards; Crested-Bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 60/-, 100/- per pair. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

See my advt. on page 128.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD Specialist, NORWICH.

JOHN Corke, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft (late Norwich), amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor 1909, Norwich, two firsts (C.C.C. guinea special), Lowestoft, bred 1909, first, cup, from 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit.

GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; Crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; Crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; cash or deposit; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: M. T. Stewart, Richmond-pl., Bracondale, Norwich.

HIGH-class Crest-bred cock, Crested hen, 40/-; Crested cock, Crest-bred hen, 25/-; above worth double the price; few odd cocks from 10/-, all from my well-known birds; on approval: Fellows, Hill-lane, Southampton.

SEVEN Crested, two Crestbred cocks, four Crested hens, one Goldfinch Mule, cock, two Linnet Mules, the lot 80/-; will sell separate or pairs; must sell, unemployment: Oram, 13, New-st., Rathwell, Norths; approval, deposit.

W. Miles, Aviaries, Chichester, has grand even-marked dark Crested cock, winner, 40/-; large variegated Crestbred cock, good head, winner, 35/-; variegated Crestbred cock and dark Crested hen to match, 15/- pair; approval.

WING marked, dark crest, cock, 30/-; grey crest cock, 20/-; yellow Crestbred cock, 20/-; green Crestbred cock, 30/-; variegated Crestbred cock, 25/-; approval, stamp reply: J. G. Hutchinson, 72, South View West, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

POOL'S champion Crest and Crestbreds, Yorkshires, and Plainhead Norwich, from 15/- up to £10 a pair, single birds equally cheap; approval; these birds must be cleared to make room for breeding: A. A. Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

MAGNIFICENT pair, perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Crests, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners, only 15/-, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

LARGE Yellow cock, first cross, Lancashire, 20/6; massive clear Yellow, second cross, 25/6; Green, 1908, Crest-bred cock, broad head, dense coarse head feather, 20/6; cheap at 40/-; lightly marked cross-bred cock, giant, great winner, £5; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

HEALTHY typical Crests and Crestbreds at prices to suit all Grand stock that must be cleared; please state requirements. Selected matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; odd birds supplied; highest satisfaction guaranteed. All cold-room bred, and willingly on approval: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has collection of Crests of unrivalled excellence, testified by their wins during last 40 years. A personal inspection invited; list sent for stamped envelope; some real good stock pairs at 50/-; show birds from £5 each; not the common birds usually offered, but real good specimens; approval; cold-room.

EVINS Brothers, offers dark cap Crest-bred cock, mass of bead feather, turns over beyond beak end, the bird to increase frontal crest, 40/-; green ditto, lovely round bead, and beautifully browed, 25/-; another green (nest brother to our young Crest, winner of C.C.C. guinea special at Plymouth), 25/-; all 1909 bred, and grand stock birds: High-st., Exeter.

PERFECTLY matched pair high-class Crests, rare type and quality, very heavily feathered, both winners, and certain to breed winners, only 30/-, recently cost £3, genuine bargain; also several other very heavily feathered Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition at very reasonable prices, cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, graud head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 3/6; pairs properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Baruett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster even marked dark crest cock, grand crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; monster variegated dark crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; ditto, nice crest, 10/6; massive feathery clear crest hen, 11/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; monster yellow variegated crestbred cock, grand head, 17/6; monster clear crestbred cock, 12/6; monster feathery variegated crestbred cock, 12/6; monster green crestbred hen, £1; monster variegated crestbred hen, 17/6; massive heavy feathered ditto, 13/6; massive clear crestbred hen, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition, winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CREST AND CRESTED BRED.
For sale, Crested cocks, from 10/- to 20/- each; Crested bred cocks, 10/- each; green Crest-bred hens, one Crested hen, 10/- each; grand chance for quality; cheap, best blood obtainable; approval willingly; stamp, reply; inspection invited: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

NEAME'S EASY PURCHASE SYSTEM.
Look, Look, Look! Unequalled; the talk of the Fancy; pay what you like; large collections Crests, Crestbreds, Yorkshires, etc.; send for terms before purchasing elsewhere; price to meet all fanciers: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

WICKS, BROS., NORWICH
Crests and Crestbreds, quality unsurpassed, all on approval; grand Crested and Cresthred cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 63/-, 84/-, upwards; ditto hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/- upwards; pairs selected and matched for Crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 63/-, 84/- pair upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; simply state wants; 50 years' unblemished reputation; correspondence a pleasure: Wicks Bros., Norwich.

Frills.

DUTCH Frills, Parisians, magnificent parlour songsters, 7/6, 10/6; all colours: Williams, 9, Thirlmere, Liscard.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list. See also my advertisement on page 128.—Rudd.

Greens.

H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st., South, Birkenhead, has a few Yorkshire Greens for sale, cheap; approval, stamp.

PAIR Greens, winners of 3rd, 4th, vhc prizes, cards sent, splendid pair, 21/-, bargain; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton.

ROWLAND'S strain, Yorkshire cocks, two yellows, three buffs, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-; no hens: Davies, 22, Valley-rd., Liverpool.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 6 pairs, yellow and buff, 25/- to 40/- per pair; the best obtainable: P. Drinkwater, 10, Victoria-st., Altrincham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GRAND stock of Yorkshire Greens for sale, singles or pairs, reasonable; approval willingly: Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth-avenue, New Brighton.

MUST sell my fine stock of Yorkshire Greens; these are my own breeding, and guaranteed colour; grand offer of 40 pairs, fine stock, and young exhibition birds, some Norwich: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires, winner at all the leading shows; approval.

A few good Lancashires for sale cheap, my own breeding: Collinge, 126, Platting-laue, Rochdale.

LARGE 1909 Plainhead yellow cock, first cross Lancashire Crest, 12/6: Millwood, Cane Hill, Coulsdon, Surrey.

PAIR of prize Lancashires to sell, grand chance for beginner; also cages: Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

TWO buff coppy cocks, 12/- and 20/-, buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; approval: Whipp, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

LANCASHIRE yellow coppy cock, hen to match; buff coppy cock, yellow coppy hen; on sale; approval: Arthur King, Milnrow.

YELLOW coppy cock, yellow coppy hen, buff Plainhead cock; approval, stamp; vide report Palace show: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham.

CLEAR yellow coppy cock, 20/-; ticked yellow coppy cock, 25/-; clear yellow Plainhead cock, 25/-; approval: Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

LARGE buff Plainhead cock, 14/-; yellow Plainhead cock, 15/-; yellow coppy cock, 12/6; approval anywhere: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, a few pairs and odd hens on sale from Rochdale, Manchester, Palace diploma winners; stamp: John Garner, 14, Lever-st., Hazel Grove.

BUFF coppy cock, 12/6; buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; yellow Plainhead cocks, 15/-, 20/-; buff coppy hen, 15/-; even-marked yellow Border hen, 3/-; approval, deposit: John Swalwell, 146, Middleton-rd., Oldham.

FOR sale, the following high-class Lancashires: splendid buff coppy cock, winner, 30/-; grand yellow Plainhead cock, winner, 25/-; good yellow coppy cock, 25/-; two good buff Plainhead cocks, 12/6, 15/-; two buff coppy hens, and one yellow coppy hen, 10/-, 12/6; quality; approval willingly; stamp reply; inspection invited: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

WINNING, clear cap silver cock, 7/6: Ward, Bootmaker, Dover.

WANTED, offers in Lizards for 1909 pair Crests; Roberts and King strain: Epps, Herne Bay.

FEW high-class Silver Lizards, cocks, 8/- each; approval: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

CHAMPION Lizards, including Manchester, Rochdale, Palace, and other winners, cheap; also grand stock birds, cock from 8/6, hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

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THE Lizard Prince offers high-class winners and stock birds, bred from his winning strain, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

LOVELY gold Lizard hen, 3rd Frome, Whipp strain, slightly broken cap: fine clear cap silver cock, same strain, both 1909 birds, 10/- each; approval, deposit: Miss Price, Inveravon, Clifton, Bristol.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard Challenge Cup three years in succession; have winners and stock birds for sale; reasonable; see Palace reports this week; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. Barnes, cage bird judge, breeder champion Lizards. Just to hand: Commercial-st., Kirkcaldy, Jan. 28th. Sir,—Received bird safe and in good condition. Thanking you for fair dealing, James Elder. No better strain obtainable; see Palace report; cocks from 8/6, hens 6/-: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

W. P. BARNES,
Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

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Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

SMART yellow cock, big variegated buff hen, 10/6; approval: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

PURE Norwich, single or pairs, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st.,; Enderby, Leicester.

THREE good buff Norwich hens, 3/- each; 8/6 the lot: Rainer, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

COCK, 4 hens, 4 mules, double breeder, £1 the lot, to clear: 64, Chapter-rd., Cricklewood.

PRIZE bred Norwich hens, 4/- each; a large yellow cock, 15/-: Thomas, Queen's-rd., Ashford.

TO be sold, 20 Norwich Canaries, 1909, aviary bred, cocks 4/-, hens 1/6: Springett, Hawkhurst.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens; cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6: F., 138, Haliburton-rd., Twickenham.

NORWICH, same strain as my winners, 4/- to 15/-; approval: F. Peberdy, 22, Myrtle-rd., Leicester.

WHAT offers for 12 cock Norwich Canaries, young? Cash: P., 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford, London.

NORWICH bred songster cocks, 5/- upwards, young healthy birds: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

WANTED, large hens, large or small quantities; dealers' prices: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

GOOD Norwich Canaries, healthy, 6/- pair: J. Norton, 6, Brighton-rd., New Humberstone, Leicester.

NORWICH, few good pairs, from 10/-; cocks from 7/-, hens 3/6: Mathers, 168, Pollokshaws-rd., Glasgow.

NORWICH, bred from prize winners, clear and variegated: Marshall, Cattle Copse, Heckfield, Hants.

EIGHT pairs prize bred Norwich, 10/- pair, 70/- lot, worth double: Papworth, 127, Chiswick High-rd.

STILL a few grand cocks to sell, cheap, to clear, prize bred; approval: Aikenhead, Painter, Brechin.

FEW useful Norwich, from winners, cheap; seen any time: Hollands, 7, Kingswood-pl., Dacre-pk., Lee.

GOOD singing Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each, 50/- per dozen; breeder: Stanton, 197, Maple-rd., Penge, S.E.

W. Cundiff can still spare few good Norwich; see show reports; approval, stamp: High-st., Macclesfield.

CHAMPION Norwich. A few good ones for sale. State wants; stamp: Davidson, 8, Thistle-st., Aberdeen.

ONE grand Crestbred hen 12/6, two Norwich Plainhead hens 3/- each: Thomas Horsley, Bargate, nr. Derby.

TO clear, fine cock Canaries, good songsters, 4/-: Goldfinch-Canary mule, 6/-: Moat House, Brentwood, Essex.

SIXTY Norwich Canaries, Crested and Plainheads, cocks, 6/-, hens, 2/6: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

NORWICH, few good cocks, from 6/-; hens from 5/-: T. Harrop, 21, Park-st., Kirkhy-in-Ashfield, Notts.

LARGE healthy Norwich breeding pairs 10/6, yellow and buff cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6: Hunnick, March.

TWELVE buff cocks, 10/- to 20/-, well worth the money; approval: H. Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

WANTED three 1909 buff Hens, bold chest, short tails, flights, exchange yellow cocks: Cooper, Judge, Norwich.

SALE, buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; or what offers for two?: P. Leighton, Bollington-cross, Macclesfield.

THREE pairs good Norwich, 7/6 pair, £1 the lot: approval, deposit: Costello, 51, Newington-st., Leicester.

NORWICH hen Canaries, buff, 1909, all healthy birds, 2/- each: John Shipton, Post Office, Prittlewell, Essex.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, cocks 7/-, hens 5/-; inspection invited anytime: J. Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

UNFLIGHTED and 1908 buff Norwich cocks, large birds, cheap; approval: Jas. Smith, 27, Kinniard-pl., Brechin.

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

WANTED, large yellow Norwich hen, cheap, or exchange songsters, hen first: Smith, 19, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

FEW good yellow and buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; cocks from 7/-: J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

ARTHUR Green, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers several pairs Norwich hens, from 8/6 pair; approval, write for particulars.

EIGHTY high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, both sexes, cages and flights: Hill, 18, Coachter., Longsight.

NORWICH Plainhead and Crest-bred cocks from 7/6 each: Wallace, 5, Fern Villas, Feltham-rd., Ashford, Middlesex.

HIGH class Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, from 8/-; hens from 5/6: approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield

TWENTY pairs properly matched, my own breeding, price 20/- per pair: Wilkinson, 43, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

MUST clear several choice large Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6; approval; hargain prices: Porter, Southter., Darlington.

A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Norwich yellow hens, from 5/- each, also 2 grey Crest hens, 10/6 each.

FINE, healthy Yellow 1909 Norwich Canaries, cocks, full song, 4/9 and 6/- each; hens 2/6: Mrs. Mossop, Ketton, Rutland.

NORWICH Canaries, the best and cheapest in the kingdom; send for price list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

MRS. Titchfield has some grand pairs matched for breeding, see awards Palace, from 15/-: 2, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham.

STRAIN second to none, typical buff cocks, fit to win, from 15/-; approval, stamp; George Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand hens to part with, large, grand type, approval: Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster

CHAMPION Norwich, from 12/6 pair; several hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/-; approval, deposit: Sharp, Wheatsheaf Yard, Kirkegate, Newark, Notts.

TWENTY pairs prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, 12/6 to 25/0; odd birds if wanted: Robinson, 191, Leuik's-st., Kirkcaldy.

NORWICH: Yellow variegated hen, 20/-; green buff hen, unflighted buff hen, cheap, approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brecbin.

NOTICE, grand lot high-class Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SALE, few 1909 Norwich Yellow, also Cinnamon Canaries; cocks, 7/6, 10/- each: Williams, Manor House, Sharow, Ripon.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, has some good unflighted buff hens for disposal, from 7/6 to 10/- each; approval.

NORWICH yellow, buffs, and variegated cocks, 4/-, hens 2/-, pairs 6/-; cash or deposit: A. Hewitt, Church gate, Shepshed.

GRAND Norwich, 1909, cold bred, splendid colour, singing well, cocks from 6/- hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

OVERSTOCKED. Large typical Norwich hens, 5/-, 4/-, 3/- each, tested breeders: Parkinson, "Horns," Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.

TEN splendid Norwich cocks 6/6, and 16 hens 3/- each, yellows and buffs, in good condition: Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

NORWICH bred songsters, rich yellow, cold room, large stock; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6: L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyn's, Hove, Sussex.

WALTON and Noakes' special offer, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfield, Leicester.

JUST five left, 3 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, 1 yellow variegated hen; prices reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

EXCHANGE buff coppy Lancashire cock for good Norwich Plainhead yellow hen: Whipp, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

SPLENDID Norwich yellow varieg. hen, £1; 12 common hens, 18/-: James Mathieson (119E), Airhles-st., Motherwell. Stamp reply.

FIVE grand buff Norwich cocks (1909), 7/6 each; bargain, to clear, room wanted; approval willingly: Murrell, Stationer, Spalding.

FORTY Norwich hens, clear or marked, healtby, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven King's, Essex.

FOR sale, two champion clear Buff Norwich cocks (Miles' strain), one unflighted, 50/- each; beautiful quality: 37, East-st., Chichester.

VARDY and Seeds' direct strains, clear yellow 1909 cocks, exchange for buff hens, short feathered, hold-chested: Cooper, Judge, Norwich.

LARGE healthy Norwich, 7/6, 10/6 pair; cock, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2,6, 3/6, 5/6; buff or yellow, cold-room bred: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

SELLING out, 20 prize and prize-bred Norwich, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-, or sell lot cheap: Louis Peck, 83, Neill-rd., Sheffield.

CLEARING sale of Norwich Canaries, also two Linnets' cages, cases, etc.; approval, cash: G. J. H. Whyte, Hatton R.S.O., Aberdeenshire

FOUL buff green cock, 2nd Falkirk, variegated buff cock, 10/- each; unfed buff variegated cock, 7/6; approval: Buchan, Stewart-rd., Falkirk.

NORWICH hens, large buff marked, 3/6; another smaller, but good type green, marked, 3/6; cheap: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

LARGE clear buff cock, variegated buff cock, variegated buff hens, all unflighted, cheap; approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

SIXTY Norwich Plainheads, Crests and Crest-bred, for sale, cold room bred; cocks from 5/-, pairs from 7/6: Parsons, 66, Sprules-rd., Brockley, S.E.

TWO healthy Norwich hens, buff, 1908 birds, 3/- each, or 5/6 the two; exceptional hargain: P. De Saulles, 35, Derwent-rd., Palmer's Green, N.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

NORWICH a few buff cocks and hens for sale; cocks from 5/6, hens 3/-; cold room hred: M. Coltman, 32, West-st., Hebburn Colliery, Durham.

FIFTEEN pairs Norwich 1909, as bred, natural colour; will take £4 for lot; cash or deposit: H. English, Manor House, Fleet, Holbeach, Lincs.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock and large clear yellow hen, 23/- the pair; buff hens from 6/-; cocks from 7/6; approval: Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

FOR sale, two champion clear Buff Norwich cocks (Miles' strain), one unflighted, 30/- each; winners: Apply Dash, Mansfield Whyke-lane, Chichester.

FINE big green Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, unflighted, pink condition, from leading strains; approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

FEW grand buff Norwich hens, large Bullfinch type, from 4/6; yellow cocks from 7/6; worth treble; approval, deposit: Evans, 14, Bridge-pl., Croydon.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sidgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

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HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NOTICE: Large Norwich Canaries, Crested or Plain, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-; sell or exchange: Collins, Wyche-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

NORWICH cock, good songster, 4/9, cash or deposit; wanted field-moulted British for winning Norwich: Smith, 3, Union-ter., Morden-rd., Merton, Surrey.

H. Pennells has several nice buff and yellow cocks, bred same as my winners, strong, healthy and good colour, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each: 95, Station-rd., Bexhill-on-Sea.

CLEARANCE sale: Some really good Norwich, cheap, clears and greens; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Daniels, 69, Derby-lane, Stoneycroft, Liverpool.

YELLOW cocks, 20/-, 25/-; have won, best of type, quality. Buff cocks, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, ditto. Few odd buff hens, from 7/6: Williamson, 63, Murchison-rd., Leyton.

THOMAS Trevena, Sticker, St. Austell, has a few good 1909 Norwich cocks for sale, cheap, including winners and others bred from winners; lovely type and quality.

SIX unflighted yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 16/-, 20/-; one buff, 20/-; several hens from 6/-; bred from the very best; approval: H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil, Som.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; cock mules, 6/6, 7/6; approval, cash or deposit: Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

NORWICH, good pair, yellow cock, buff hen, 30/-; also buff cock, yellow hen, 25/-, and a few odd hens; stamp for reply; W. Smith, 2, Church Side, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

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PURE-hred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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SEIFERT'S Rollers, bred from winners, own breeding, B.R.C.C. rung, 1909, cocks from 8/6, hens 4/-; approval: Watkins, Gaythorne-st., Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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CHAMPION Glucke Rollers, pure Randall, Fisher blood, stock cocks from 10/6-; clinking hens from 6/6; full particulars stamp: consult Chillcott, 151, South-avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

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TO make room for breeding; three Seifert Roller cocks, 7/6 each, 4 at 10/6, 2 at 12/6 each, guaranteed free from any bad notes; a few good hens at 3/6 each; all 1909 birds and closed club rung; approval, deposit: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

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Sir,—Roller arrived safe. I am very pleased with him. I have had a lot of birds, but this one takes the cake. He has been singing ever since he was unpacked. Yours, G. Neve." When you take into consideration the above letters are written by persons, who apart from business transactions, are entire straugers to me, it will at once be seen that my statements are not empty clap-trap, but sound, stubborn facts, and the birds are what I claim for them, absolutely the best on the market. I am sole importer of Hans Webers' Leipzig Rollers. Every cock bird is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber," and no other dealer in England can sell you one feather of this strain unless he first purchases it from me. All birds safely and warmly packed with food for 48 hours, free of extra charge, and sent on seven clear days' trial at my risk, during whole time; cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, whichever you prefer. Kindly note carriage on one to three birds costs 6d. only to any part of kingdom. 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HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 9/-, 10/-; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

C. Pickles has a few good Yorkshires to dispose of, pairs from 10/-; also a few green,; state wants; approval, stamp reply: 2, Margate-st., Sowerby Bridge.

THIRTY pairs of grand Yorkshires, from 12/6 pair; try my champion mixture, to bring birds in condition, 7d. quart: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

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SIX tip-top Yorkshire cocks, colour-fed, full song, finest feather, fine stock birds, real bargain, at 8/6, 9/6; try one; 5 hens, 17/6 lot: J. T. Brewin, Heanor, Notts.

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YORKSHIRES, bred from the finest strains in the country, yellow and buff cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; satisfaction certain: Ambrose, Taxidermist, 71, Berners-st., Ipswich.

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AN opportunity. Owing to business reasons I am compelled to dispose of my grand stock of Yorkshires; some 7in., also cages regardless of cost; approval; state wants: Welsh, 4, Holland-st., Hr Broughton, Manchester.

WINNING Yorkshires, buff cock, 2nd and vhc, 17/6; grand leggy cinnamon hen, 15/-; leggy yellow cock, 3rd prize, 15/-; racy cinnamon marked buff hen, 8/6: Rennicks, Ruddings, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks from 5/-; matched pairs, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6 upwards; worth double; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

I have still left few champion Yorkshires, bred off or related to cup winners, in clears or marked, cocks from 5/6, hens from 4/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; 7 days' approval: Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

H. Smith, cup winner Horticultural Hall, 1908 and 1909, has some real good Yorkshires for sale, closely related to cup winners; prices reasonable; also others; cocks and hens from 7/6; seen any time: Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire stock bird, 20/-, hen to match, 10/-; clear yellow Yorkshire stock bird, 20/-, hen to match 7/6; Cinnamon marked buff cock, 15/-, hen to match 10/-; 7 days' approval, deposit: 27, Kingswood-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

WINNING Yorkshires for sale, long slim yellow ticked cock, 3rd at Luton, 22/6; yellow ticked cock, vhc at Cambridge, 20/-; buff hens, certain to breed winners, 10/- each; songsters, 6/- each; approval, deposit: Cyril Brown, Spring-gdns., Spalding.

NICE variegated Yorkshire hen, 4/-; clear yellow, 5/-; clear buff, 4/6; two yellow variegated cocks, 7/6 each; two good pairs, 15/- each; all are healthy 1909 hatched; worth double; Shackleton's strain direct; approval: H. Walker, The Hermitage, Frome.

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HIGH class Yorkshires.—Good clear yellow cocks, two 1sts only times shown, £1; another very good clear yellow cock, 15/-; also few buff and yellow hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each, cocks, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; pairs, properly matched, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; approval, cash or deposit: Wright, 122, Greenhow-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

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T. C. CRAWHALL, is disposing of his whole stock of Yorkshires, every bird is related to Crystal Palace winners; cocks from 7/6 to 40/-; hens from 5/- to 40/-; pairs to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-; 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LONG, slim typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, racy cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; upstanding hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval, willingly: Hatton, Windmill.

W. Beaumont, champion Yorkshire novice 1908 and 1909, offers following Yorkshire cocks: 3 clear yellows and 2 ticked yellows, 12/6 each, 2 clear buffs and 2 ticked buffs, 10/6 each; approval, cash or deposit: King-st., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

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CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, 3rd, vhc, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 2nd, 15/-; grand cocks, both clears and ticked, from 7/6; hens from 6/6 upwards; pairs properly mated to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair, all cold room kept; 26 years breeder and exhibitor; approval; prize cards sent: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

LINDSAY'S champion Yorkshires, same strain as my challenge cup winners; nearly every bird I have shown this season has been in the money; they are of the highest possible breed, grand length, splendid type and quality, feathered like boxwood, undoubtedly one of the finest strains in the country, and cannot be got at double the price anywhere else; inspection invited: 202, King James-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds, all from winning strain, in all colours, and cold-room bred, at working-men's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 per pair, worth 20/- and 25/- per pair; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; will send carriage paid on seven days approval; cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercer-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, magnificent clear buff cock, £1; grand shapely clear buff cock, 15/-; another, lovely quality, 10/6; grand reachy clear yellow cock, 15/-, splendid yellow marked ditto, 10/6; lovely clear ditto, 10/6; magnificent clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; lovely marked ditto, 8/6; splendid clear buff hen 10/6; another grand reachy bird, 8/6; marked ditto, gem, 8/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; bred direct from winners; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

I have still left some grand Yorkshires, hens from 6/-, cocks from 7/6; three days' approval; cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

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High-class Yorkshires, bred from my winning strain, cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 8/1; sent on approval, cash or deposit: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

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Yorkshires have been winning 20 years; Cinnamon marked buff, 12/6, wing ticked buff, 10/-; clear buff, 10/-; clear yellow, 12/6; marked yellow, 10/-; all in full song; hens, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

THEY

are certain to Please.



if you will only allow me to submit them for your approval, for it has never been my practice to make statements that cannot be fully borne out by facts. I claim nothing that cannot be proved. Here are

YORKSHIRES

that for quality and price positively defy all competition, and all claims: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; **PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING,** 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Cages 3d. extra. Extended list free.

N.B.—If you have birds a **bit too fine,** and want to introduce fresh blood and length, let me know, I can fit you up properly; having some of the largest birds in the "Fancy." this is no silly, idle boast; I have no place or time for that in my life.

See my advert. on page 128.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

W. Downings, Ardwick, has 40 of his Yorkshires for sale, both winners and stock birds, clinking good yellow cocks and buff cocks and hens; apply: W. Lloyd, 4, Potts-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

ELSMORE PALACE WINNER.

In champion competition this season my birds have won first prizes at the Palace, Horticultural Hall, Plymouth, Gloucester, Wimbledon; second prizes at Dulwich, Southend, Frome, S.G.C.C. trophy, L.C.B.A. cup. A few for disposal, guaranteed own breeding; approval, cash or deposit: Elsmore, Billet-st., Taunton.

FAULKNER'S WINNING YORKSHIRES.

During the last month I have sent birds all over England, and not a single bird returned, which speaks for itself. I guarantee every bird I offer bred from my own winning strain, and will willingly refund money if not satisfied. Can spare clear yell. cock, winner of two 2nds in open, with tkd. buff hen, 30/- pair, worth double; also a few matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/- pair; approval: 82, Park-rd., Rochdale.

HARRIS'S WINNING YORKS.

Are all for sale, grand yellow of buff cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; all on 3 days' approval, cash or deposit: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

YORKSHIRE HENS CHEAP

related to my winners of 20 1sts and other prizes at the principal shows; see reports; also a few cocks; approval: Apply, W. Binns, 9, Albert-terrace, Blackpool.

CLEAR, ticked, variegated, foul or Green Yorkshires; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid birds in stock; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

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THREE brown Linnet, 1 green Linnet Mules, 1908 bred, warranted cocks, 5/- each: Dr. Riddell, Sandbach.

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4th FEBRUARY.—9 and 10, North Earl Street, Dublin,—Birds arrived all right, and in good condition. Many thanks for your kind attention. F. Shanks to W. Rudd.

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4th FEBRUARY.—Hopedale, Camelon,—Norwich hen arrived safe, in good condition, and am very pleased with her. H. M. Davidson to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—Ael y Bryn, Pendergast, Llanelly, —I have received bird quite safe, and we are more than pleased with it. It is singing beautifully, and we hope to give you more orders. H. Williams to W. Rudd.

Just What I Wanted,—FEBRUARY 4th,—35, Burngreave Bank, Pitsmoor, Sheffield,—Bird arrived safe, and I am pleased with same. It is just what I wanted, will write for Yorkshires later. F. Cobb to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—10, Bradstone Avenue, Folkestone, —I am pleased to say the birds arrived quite safe, and in good condition after so long a journey. R. Spickett to W. Rudd.

More than Pleased.—FEBRUARY 4th.—70, High Street, Portsmouth,—Received bird quite safe, I must say am more than pleased with same. Anything I can do to further your business, I will do so. F. H. Sykes to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—15, London Road, New Quarrington, Sleaford,—Birds arrived safe, and give me satisfaction. Thanking you very much. A. Corby to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—10 Lingard St., Reddish.—I received the bird this morning. He started singing as soon as I put him in its cage. I am very well satisfied with him. J. Oakden to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—31, Carrington Street, Hull,—Birds arrived safely, in good condition, Highly satisfied with cage. L. Rutherford to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—10. Lennox St., Edinburgh.—W. J. Henderson has received the Canary, and is very pleased with it, as it has begun to sing beautifully.

4th FEBRUARY.—Wroughton, Swindon.—Bird arrived quite safe, and in good condition. I am very well pleased with it. A Hawkins to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—Sherburn, Sth. Milford.—Bird to hand; am very pleased with same, and it gives every satisfaction. It is a marvel of cheapness. Thanking you for promptness.

4th FEBRUARY.—Elm Cottages, Charnwood Road, Shepstead,—The bird arrived quite safe, and gives satisfaction. G. Miller to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—3, Gayfere Street, Westminster, London, S.W.,—Bird arrived quite safe, and am very pleased with it. G. H. Ford to W. Rudd.

4th FEBRUARY.—2, Trafalgar Terrace, Neylene, Pem.,—Bird arrived to-day in good condition, and I am very pleased with same. A. Leggatt to W. Rudd.

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5th FEBRUARY.—Solefield, Sevenoaks.—The birds have safely reached me, and are quite satisfactory. H. S. to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—7, Hothersall Street, Lower Broughton,—Birds arrived safe, and I am well pleased with them. E. Matthews to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—166, Whitelee Road, Mexboro.—Bird to hand safe. Am highly delighted with it; shall recommend you to my friends. Only had it caged about ten minutes before it gave us a song. Thanks for prompt delivery. J. Brown to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—16, Brierley St., Fishpool, Bury, Lancs,—The birds we sent to you for have arrived safe, and in good condition, and we are highly pleased with them. G. Brough to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—18, Priory Street, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, Received bird quite safe. Very pleased with same. A. Hills to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—Brinvarden, Dervock, co. Antrim, —I received the two Lizard Canaries on Friday, in good condition, after so long a journey. Am more than pleased with them. Every one that has seen them thinks they are just lovely. W. J. Clarke to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—Hagley Road, Quinton, Birmingham.—Birds arrived safe; very satisfactory. E. Flowers to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—Coaltown of Wemyss, Fife.—I received Yorkshire hen safely; am pleased with to T. Nicol to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—22, South Parade, Waterford Ireland,—I received the two birds quite safe. They are quite healthy, and none the worse for the journey. They are certainly a couple of splendid cocks. Sergt. R. Chambers to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—110, Corporation Street, Belfast.—Roller safe to hand. I am well pleased with it. It was singing before I had the paper off it. E. Corr to W. Rudd.

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5th FEBRUARY.—School Lane, Hartford,—I have received the bird all right, and I am very pleased with it. J. Goulden to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—North Main Street, Naas,—Received Canaries in good condition. J. Jennings to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—23, Greenfield-terr., Penydarren, Merthyr Tydvil,—Bird arrived safe, and I am pleased with it, as it is in healthy condition. I had been told to deal with you by my father. He had dealings with you about 15 years ago. W. B. McCarthy to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—Argoed, Mon.—We received the bird quite safe, and am very pleased with same. We are going to send more orders. W. James to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—33, The Lynch, Uxbridge,—I am pleased to say the bird arrived safe on Friday morning, and is very satisfactory. The cock I had of you before has turned out a fine bird. I hope to give you another order soon. S. Hunt to W. Rudd.

5th FEBRUARY.—2, Granville Terrace, Lindsay St., Epping,—Bird arrived safely. The cock started singing soon after arrival, and am very pleased with it. I shall soon be wanting more, and shall certainly send to you. W. Hampton to W. Rudd.

Since 1904.—FEBRUARY 3rd,—Stannon Heights, near Plymouth,—Bird arrived quite safely, and in the best of condition. I am exceedingly [illegible] I have had Canaries from you off and on, since I took up bird keeping in 1904, and they always gave me the best results; in fact, last year they did so well that in the event of no mishap, I shall use the same birds this coming season. H. Bridle to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—45, Loganlea Row, Addlewell,—The Linnet to hand this day, for which I tender you my sincerest thanks. I am highly pleased with him, and think he is well worth the money. Wm. Currie to W. Rudd.

Best Ever Bought on the Market, etc.—FEBRUARY 3rd.—99, Vale Lane, Woodhouses, near Ashton-under-Lyne,—I received the bird you sent all right, and I am very pleased with it, and I thank you very much for the prompt despatch and the neat way in which it was packed. I shall be sending for one of your Perfection breeding cages. I think they are one of the best cages ever brought on the market. B. Wood to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—Elsfield, Oxford.—I received my bird quite safe, and it suits me very well indeed. S. Pipe to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—36, Wilton Street, Southampton,—Birds arrived quite safe. I am very well pleased with them. R. Lockett to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—27, Faith St., Carr Lane, South Kirkby,—I have received the birds this morning, and I am highly satisfied with them. H. Harrison to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—153, Douhie Chadwick St., Cornsay Colliery, co. Durham,—The bird arrived all right. I thank you for sending it so quick. It is a fine bird. J. Gregg to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—12, Stamforth Road, Newbury Park, Ilford,—Received bird. Quite satisfactory. Does not seem a bit worse for his journey. G. Holmes to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—Serrick Bank, Whitchurch.—Birds arrived all right, and none the worse for journey. T. Jackson to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—5, Triangle, Ruby St., Old Kent Road, London,—I received the bird this morning in good condition, am very pleased with her. Thanks for prompt attention. L. Dean to W. Rudd.

3rd FEBRUARY.—18, Athelstone Road, Conisboro, Yorks,—Bird arrived safe; quite satisfied. C. Brown to W. Rudd.

Worth Double the Money, etc.—FEBRUARY 2nd,—185, Overgate, Dundee,—My very best thanks for the two splendid birds you sent me some weeks ago. The Hartz Roller is a splendid songster, and worth double the money. The yellow Norwich cock is also a beauty, and one of the strongest songsters I ever heard. I wish you a prosperous year, and recommended you for your business methods and honest value. I shall want some birds later, and you shall certainly have the order. J. Donaghey (Chemist) to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—28, Phœnix Street, Clarendon St., Hulme, Manchester,—I received the pair of Norwich Plainheads safe, also the Norwich cock. I am perfectly satisfied with all three. E. Jones to W. Rudd.

More than Satisfied.—FEBRUARY 2nd.—40, Hawthorne Road, Willesden Green, London, N.W.,—I beg to acknowledge safe arrival of birds, and I am more than satisfied. E. Tatchell to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—12, Gardener's Road, Roman Road, Old Ford, London,—The bird arrived quite safe, and gives every satisfaction, and I shall be sending for another shortly. W. J. Travers to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—Shaftesbury,—Bird arrived quite safe, and I am very pleased with it. E. Gray to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—Myrtle Villa, Chalsey,—The bird arrived quite safe, and in good condition, looks a very nice bird. R. Lewes to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—28, Torkington Street, Edgeley, Stockport,—I received the birds quite safe, and am highly satisfied. W. H. Smith to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—8, Bridge Street, Hakin,—I received the birds quite safe, and I am quite satisfied with them. R. P. Palmer to W. Rudd.

Well Worth the Money.—FEBRUARY 2nd.—126, Westfield Lane, Mansfield,—Received double breeding cage all right. I think it is well worth the money. I am very pleased with it. W. T. Rigby to W. Rudd.

2nd FEBRUARY.—40, Lever St., Little Lever, near Bolton,—The Bullfinch came to hand to-day; he was in splendid condition. I am highly pleased with it. C. Hughes to W. Rudd.

Simply Delighted. FEBRUARY 2nd.—7, Livingstone Street, South Shields,—Birds to hand, I am simply delighted with them. J. M. Curry to W. Rudd.

1st FEBRUARY.—65, Tavistock Avenue, Walthamstow,—Birds and roods arrived safely. All very [illegible] for prompt delivery. E. J. Bodingfield to W. Rudd.

1st [illegible]—[illegible] on Place, Whetstone,—I am very pleased with the birds that you sent me. They arrived quite safe. I am also well satisfied with the cage. J. Andrews to W. Rudd.

1st FEBRUARY.—14, Third Avenue, Forrest Town,—Birds to hand; kindly accept my thanks for same. Cock began to sing as soon as the wrapper was taken off. E. Blount to W. Rudd.

1st FEBRUARY.—52, Walford Street, Beswitch,—Birds arrived safe; am delighted with them. T. Mills to W. Rudd.

1st FEBRUARY.—Lutterworth,—Received birds safe; very pleased with same; thanking you for straight dealings. J. Dickens to W. Rudd.

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1st FEBRUARY.—Norwood Villa, Hughenden Road, High Wycombe,—Received bird to-day, am very pleased with it. Thanking you for your trouble. J. Newnes to W. Rudd.

1st FEBRUARY.—21, Green Street, Old Town, Eastbourne,—Bird arrived quite safely, and she is apparently none the worse for her journey. L. Dines to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—North Main Street, Lismore, co. Waterford, Ireland,—The birds arrived here safe. I am very pleased with them. J. Ryan to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—18, Anderson Street, Cambusinethan,—I am writing for second order, as the last Roller is pleasing well. F. Chalmers to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—5, De la Beche Terrace, Morriston, near Swansea,—We received the two Roller hens all right. Quite satisfied. Wm. Rabey to W. Rudd.

Quite Another Sort—and a Pleasure.—FEBRUARY 7th.—Received cheque safely this morning for birds. Many thanks for prompt settlement. It is a pleasure to have dealings with one who does business in such a satisfactory manner. T. R. N. to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—67, Alexandra Street, Shotton, N. Wales,—We received Canary safely, and are satisfied with it. W. Langton to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—Aeron Villa, Rhymney, Mon,—Allow me to thank you for the bird you sent me. I am quite satisfied with it. H. Mills to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—Wombwell,—Received the birds all right, and they give satisfaction. F. Dyson to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—4, Sussex Street, Leeholme,—We received the bird all right; very pleased with it. Wm. Graham to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—9, Evesham Road, Partway, West Ham, London,—Bird to hand quite safe and well; my wife and I are very pleased with it indeed. A. J. Fairchild to W. Rudd.

7th FEBRUARY.—27, Brook St., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts,—We received the bird all right; are very pleased with it. J. Clarke to W. Rudd.

6th FEBRUARY.—50, Ripon St., Monkwearmouth,—The Yorkshire songster you sent me arrived in the pink of condition. I am quite satisfied with same. It is a pleasure to deal with such an honest man. A. E. Wharton to W. Rudd.

6th FEBRUARY.—8, Hasborough Street, Harrow Road, Paddington, London,—I write to say the bird reached us safely. Very pleased with him. He sings beautifully. F. Deacon to W. Rudd.

6th FEBRUARY.—Taff Street, Tonguynlais,—We received the bird quite safe on February 3rd, and we are very well pleased with it. J. Edwards to W. Rudd.

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HOUSE moulted Linnet, hen Bullie, 7/6; two house-moulted Linnets, 3/- each; tame hen Linnet, 2,6; breeders, Esplin, Bonnybridge.

COCK Linnet-Mule, in full song, 5/6; hen Goldfinch-Mule, laid twice, 2/-: Wm. Duncan, Moray Bank, Lamphinnant-rd., Cowdenbeath.

TWICE house-moulted hens, Goldfinch and Redpoll, both laid fertile eggs last season, 3/- each, 5,6 two: E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

UNIQUE hybrids, to breeders; hen Hawfinch, feed from fingers, matched cock Bullfinch, hand-reared, 15/- pair: Cooper, Judge, Norwich.

HYBRID breeders, large German hand-reared hen Bullfinches, sure breeders, only 5/- and 6/- each: Dewar, 2, St. Patrick-sq., Edinburgh.

TWO hand-reared hen Bullfinches, 2,6 each; 1909 full-coloured Welsh cock Goldfinches, 3,6 each; do. hen, 1/-: Owen Lloyd, Llanfyllin.

COCK brown Linnet, hen Canary, 3/- pair; cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, 3/- pair, or 5,6 lot to clear: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

GRAND Greenfinch, father of Hybrids two seasons, also cock Redpoll, proved Muler, and charming Siskin Mule, 5/- each; offer invited: H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

TWO 1908 dark Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch notes, been used for catching, 6/6 each; two pairs Goldfinches, 3/6 a pair cash, a bargain: H. Casey, 57, Cowley-rd., Oxford.

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All on approval, and value guaranteed unapproachable.

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LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WILL give grand house-moulted Goldfinch and muling hen Canary for good st. Andreasburg Roller; cold room; free from chopping; sell 12/6: J. Almond, 35, Aston-st., Blackburn.

LARGE cock Siskin mule, cock Linnet, and 2 hen Goldfinch mules; exchange for house-moulted Goldfinch and yellow Norwich Sib hen: E. G. Rolph, Police Cottages, Hatfield, Herts.

GRAND exhibition British Goldfinch, winner, and can win, 12/6; also very light variegated Goldfinch-Mule, winner, breil by the above, 12/-: Bowers, 79, Wellington-rd. N., Stockport.

TO Mule breeders.—Twice cage-moulted cock brown Linnet, full song, mules, 5/-; Canary-reared Greenfinches, cock, 1/-; two hens, 2/6 each; three Sib. Norwich hens, 4/- each: Holloway, Bentinck-cottages, Kirkby, Notts.

TWO cock Goldfinches, 2 hen Canaries, both bred mules last year; 2 pair Bullfinches, 2 pairs Canary-Greenfinch mules, and 6 Canary-Goldfinch mules; exchange for poultry or ducks; what offers?: C. Dorricott, Walford, Baschurch, Salop.

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet S.S. held a contest on Feb. 6. Result: 1, Palfreyman, 74; 2, Bisby, 44; 3, Burkenshaw, 43.—E. BISBY, Sec.

HINCKLEY.

Usual Linnet contest held at White Hart, on Feb. 5th, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Towers and Leason. Result: 1, E. Garner; 2, J. Smith; 3, Towers. Timekeeper, G. Jones.—T. TOWERS, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 15 birds sang; some good singing was heard. 1, 2, Green; 3, Simmonds. Judges, Messrs. Benton and Gallie.

On February 6th, at 8 o'clock, we had a novice Canary contest, and Mr. W. Tillotson gave three good prizes. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Bairstow. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Hoban. Also on February 13th, a grand Canary contest, open to all, at the above house, commence at 8 o'clock prompt. Glad to see new fanciers as well as old.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held an open singing match for quality and time at the Weavers' Arms, Scholes, last week-end, when 30 birds sang for good prizes. The birds came from Blackburn, Warrington, Leigh, Westhoughton, and Wigan. Judge, A. Parker. Timekeepers, Messrs. E. Parker, J. Mawsdley. Winners for quality: 1st, Parker; 2nd, Seddon; 3rd, Mawsdley; 4th Stothum. For time: 1st, Stutham, 106; 2nd, Seddon, 86; Mawsdley, 50; 4th, Jones, 26. There will be an open match for quality and time at the Dog and Partridge, Standish, on February 19th.—A. PARKER, Sec.

LONDON, N.

On January 29th we had four pairs, "Country Dick" being winner, and "Fanny" second. On January 30th (dinner-time) the winner of the handicap (Linnet) was Mr. Dave, Mr. Jack being 2nd.—F. WESTMORE.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result:—1st and 3rd, Bean; 2nd, Smith; 4th, Weaver; 5, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, February 5th, when 20 birds entered. Result: 1st, Buckle; 2nd, Firth; 3rd, Laverick; 4th, Maugham; 5th, Kendra. Mr. J. Andrews officiated as judge; Mr. J. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

GLASGOW.

First Linnet singing competition held in Glasgow on February 5th, in Mr. Muir's Saloon, 176, Saltmarket-street. Prizes, 1st 7s. 6d., 2nd 5s., 3rd and 4th, 2s. 6d. each. Eleven birds faced the judges, but the birds were slow to respond. However, as this is only a beginning, and expected to be held every week, we may anticipate a better entry, and an improvement in the singing. About 70 paid for admission, which augurs well. 1st, McPhee; 2nd, Ross; 3rd Marr; 4th, Sellars. The three first birds were bought by auction in same room for less than 6d. each; the 4th bird was supposed to be an English winner.—A. LINNET ADMIRER.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Time singing (Linnet) contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, off North-street, February 6th. 1st prize, Tiny Hargreaves, 76secs.; 2nd prize, J. Rennie, 34secs.; 3rd, J. Fenwick, 29secs (five minutes hang). Timekeepers, T. Summers and J. Hargreaves. Time singing contests will be held February 13th, and weekly after, 1 o'clock. Usual fortnightly Roller contest; 14 entrants, among them being some lady fanciers. 1st prize, W. Wake; 2nd and 3rd shared between B. Green and J. Bland. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss, A. Jennings, T. Johnson. Next contest February 20th, commence 7.30; open to all.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Usual Sunday Linnet contest on January 30th, when 15 birds were hung up. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, N. Soloman. Judges, J. Clark and A. Lauriman. Timekeeper, G. Towers. Usual contest February 6th, when 15 birds were hung up. 1st, Soloman; 2nd, Madden; 3rd, Butler. Judges, H. Hayes, W. Dean, and G. Towers.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting held on Feb. 5th, when the balance-sheet was read and passed; a nice sum was to be handed over to our new treasurer, Mr. R. Sutcliffe. The new secretaries are Messrs. R. Garnett, 17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill, and J. Cook, 16, Fair Bank, Cragg Road, Windhill. It was decided to hold our members' show on July 16th. We are holding our tea and social on Feb. 19th. This is one of the old sort of teas—plenty of joints, served hot, at 1/6 per head, so hurry up members and friends, and let us have a good tea together. The concert will be one of the best ever held. Please let me know how many tickets are required as soon as possible.—J. COOK, Assist. Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

A well-attended committee meeting was held on February 1st, under the presidency of Mr. J. N. Sulton. The Secretary reported that Sir Robert Hermon Hodge, Bart., M.P., had kindly consented to accept the office of president, and he was sure his acceptance would be appreciated by the members. Mr. T. B. Mason (Thornton Heath) was unanimously elected vice-president. The chief item on the agenda was the date and place of the next general meeting, and it was decided to hold it at the St. Andrew's Institute and Club, Lower Coombe Street, on February 15th, to which all fanciers (residing within a radius of 7 miles of the Town Hall) are invited. In the meantime, particulars can be obtained of me at 70, Oakfield Road, Croydon.—A. G. HEWENS, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

I am obliged to postpone our annual meeting, which should have taken place on February 12th, but the Rochdale O.C. have postponed their British Bird Show till February 19th. So will members please note that the annual meeting will take place on February 19th, instead of the 12th. All intending members are invited.—C. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.F. & F.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Crown Hotel, on Jan. 26th, when the following officers were elected: President, H. P. Douglas, Esq., vice-presidents, F. W. Morson, Esq., H. Pratt, Esq., M. Dawson, Esq.; chairman, A. Bainbridge; vice-chairman, W. Brown; treasurer, F. E. Rudkins; secretary, Bird section: F. Brown; other sections, J. Homer; sub-committee, J. Siddle, M. Dawson, W. Brown, H. Rudkin, A. Rudkin, J. Traylor, T. Hindmarsh, F. Heslop, and W. Watson; full committee, A. Bowes, M. Nattrass, W. Messenger, R. Elliott, J. Metcalf, W. Lister, F. Feetham, J. Thompson, R. Brown, J. Brown, J. Cuthbertson; auditors, A. Bowes and M. Nattrass. The society is still in a good position, with a balance in hand, although this year has not been a successful one. However, things point to a prosperous new year. We shall be pleased to enrol new members at our next meeting, Feb. 16th; annual subscription 2/6.—BROWN AND HORNER, Secs.

HAMILTON (C.O.) O.S.

Meeting held on February 5th in the Lesser Hall; 14 present, Mr. D. Johnston (vice-president) in the chair during the early part of the evening, and Mr. W. Haddow (president) during the latter portion. A discussion ensued as to whether we hold an open or confined show. It was eventually decided to hold an open show, the date to be fixed at next meeting. The balance-sheet was read by the secretary, and showed a substantial balance, although our late members' show was not a success financially. It was decided to hold the balance-sheet over until next meeting, as the audit had not been completed. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. Hamilton; vice-president, Mr. J. Braidwood; secretary and treasurer, S.Q.M.-Sgt. A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street; auditors, Messrs. J. B. Smith and W. Shearer, jun.; collectors, Messrs. A. M. Kendrick and J. B. Smith; committee, Messrs. Hamilton, Braidwood, Cant, Smith, Shearer, junr., Johnston and Shearer, sen. The Secretary announced he would give a gold, a silver and a bronze medal, which offer was unanimously accepted. A discussion ensued as to the allocation of these, and the result will be announced at next meeting. The hat was then passed round in aid of the Preston and Flowers Defence Fund, and resulted in a collection of 4s. 6d. A committee meeting will be held on February 19th at 48, Barrack Street. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. CANT, sec. and treasurer.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Special meeting held January 27th, when letter of "Lover of Justice" came up for discussion. The gentleman (Mr. Johnstone) whose Mule is referred to, was summoned to attend, and he said that he could hardly find words strong enough to condemn the action of the writer. He put him down as a mischief-maker, and he had no right to interfere because, so far as he (Mr. Johnstone) was concerned, the case was settled at the show. He was quite satisfied after the show manager, Mr. Currah, had explained to him the reason his bird could not be found to be judged in the members' class. Mr. David Scott moved that the best thanks of the society be given to Mr. Johnstone for the able manner in which he had stated his case and cleared the Newcastle Cage Bird Society from all blame, and in condemning "Lover of Justice" for writing this letter. This resolution was seconded by Mr. J. Shepherd, and was carried unanimously, and most of the members present strongly condemned the action of this would-be "Lover of Justice." The next item was to hear our delegate's report in regard to a C.B.U. meeting held December 4th, to hear Dr. Galloway's decision on the Mules which had been protested against at the late Wallsend Show. But Mr. Macpartling failed to put in an appearance. The secretaries were instructed to ask him to give his report at our next meeting, or send a written statement. We might remind members that our annual social will be held on Tuesday, February 22, and tickets can be had from the secretaries or committee. We hope to see a large turnout of members and friends.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Secs.

BANKFOOT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Meeting.

Annual general meeting held February 1st at Bankfoot Schools, Mr. E. W. Johnson (president) in the chair. The balance-sheet for our first annual tea and concert was read and passed, showing a good balance on the right side. The balance-sheet for the year also shows a good balance. This society, though only seven months old, has a nice banking account, besides having given splendid prizes for competition. Decided, that we hold four old and two young bird shows, the first to take place on February 12th, second on June 18th, third July 23rd, fourth October 15th, fifth November 12th, and last December 24th. The first three prizes are as follows: First prize, cup value 30s.; 2nd, gold medal, value 25s.; and 3rd, gold medal, 15s. Mr. E. W. Johnson, who was again elected president, promised a special value 10s. 6d., and Mr. H. Taylor a special value 5s., for those members who do not gain a 1st in a full class up to the last show. A further list of prizes is in course of arrangement. As was the case last year, every member who shows a bird during the competition will receive a prize. The list of prizes given will compare favourably with that of any other society. Any fancier wishing to join and exhibit at our first show may give his name to any member, and bring along his birds on February 12th, when he will receive a welcome. The voting was as follows:—President, Mr. E. W. Johnson; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Kershaw and H. Taylor; treasurer, E. M. Waddington; auditors, Messrs. H. Smith and B. Wilman; assistant sec., Mr. W. North; Management Committee, J. Lawson, R. Hinchliffe, B. Wilkinson, W. Ketteringham, and J. Hodgson; trustees, O. Priestley and F. Gelder.—F. GELDER, sec.

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Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting was held in the Board Room of the Crystal Palace on Feb. 7th, Mr. E. Baker in the chair. There were also present Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, L. Richardson, R. A. Newley, T. Botell, A. T. Bellinger, E. W. Rogers, G. F. Woolhouse, H. Schneider, H. Frost, S. Gill, G. Crabb, A. J. Kilby, Geo. Gardner, F. Lathlieff, R. J. Pretty A. E. Lawrence, G. W. Saunders, C. Young, and C. J. Godfrey. The Secretary announced that the specials had been won as follows:—Messrs. Gill and Pethick, the £10 10s. cup, with 128 points and the £3 3s. special with 92 points; Mr. E. Baker the £1 1s. special with 74 points; Mr. Midgley the 15s. special with 69 points; Mr. Hodder the 10s. special with 58 points; and Mr. Rennie the 5s. special with 56 points; Mr. E. Baker won the £1 1s. cup at Battersea with 19 points; and Mr. Kirby the £1 1s. cup at Swansea with 14 points. In the novice competition Mr. G. Palmer won the teapot, also the 2s. 6d. special for best 4th prize bird at Southend; and Mr. F. Botell the 2s. 6d. special for best vhc bird at same show. Mr. F. Knight won the teapot at Wimbledon; and Messrs. Berry and Mitchell the 2s. 6d. specials for best 4th prize and best vhc birds at the same show. Mr. Billington won the teapot at Horticultural Hall, and Mr. G. A. Thursby the 2s. 6d. special for best vhc bird. Mr. Billington won the £1 1s. cup for novice section for most points; Messrs. Gill and Pethick the special for most points given by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and Mr. Billington for second most points for birds fed on his pure pepper.

Mr. E. Baker was re-elected president; Mr. Matthes, treasurer; and Messrs. Heath and Simpson auditors. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. Hodder, Ramsden, Geo. Gardner, Curtis, Robson, and Morris, for London; and Messrs. Midgley, Rennie, A. J. Kilby, Collings, Rippon, Ellis, for the provinces; and in case of Mr. Rennie declining to stand, his place will be filled by Mr. A. E. Godden.

The Financial Position.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the balance-sheet for the year, and made a brief statement of the work of the club. They had had fairly good competition at the shows during the year. He would like to have seen a few more novices enter the competition, but they seemed to leave off just at the point when they ought to go forword to success. They had £33 6s. 7d. in hand on Dec. 30th, but there were a lot of expenses, amounting to £27 9s., which left a balance in hand of £5 15s. 7d. Their assets, including specials, were worth £8 10s. 7d., and if they received donations to the sum of about 30s., they would be able to provide all specials. Several gentlemen at once subscribed towards the sum asked for by the secretary. They had enrolled from eighteen to twenty new members, and he had received six resignations, which left an increase of twelve to fourteen members on the year, but he thought they would have to strike off about ten or twelve members who were in arrears. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Woolhouse, seconded by Mr. A. J. Kilby.

Mr. G. F. Woolhouse moved: "That a new rule be inserted to govern patronage: 'That the clubs or societies applying for our patronage shall be submitted to the whole of the members, and those obtaining the highest number of votes to receive the same.'" As no one rose to second the motion, Mr. Gardner said, in order that it should be discussed, and without pledging himself to agreement, he seconded the motion.—Mr. Newley said he could not see that any good was likely to accrue from the adoption of the proposal.—Mr. Kilby: Shows which have been given the club's patronage have always been selected by the committee.—Mr. Matthes said he could not see how the proposal could be worked. It would cause muddle, and perhaps the sending out of three sets of voting papers before their patronage was settled. This would entail additional expense of 7s. or 8s. in postage, etc., and he would rather they spent the money in specials. He assured Mr. Woolhouse that when the committee granted patronage they did so without any bias or feeling, and solely with a view to benefitting the club's members.

Others took part in the discussion, and ultimately the motion was lost.

Mr. Midgley moved: "That the shows for the cup competition be reduced to four in number and spread over a longer space of time."—This motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson, and the Chairman said he thought it unfair to run these shows so close together. Another thing he would like to mention, the societies which received the club's patronage frequently gave no other specials, which made things very unfair to non-members of the club who were exhibiting. He thought that when granting club patronage some intimation should be given to societies that the club did not think it fair for committees to withdraw all other specials.—Mr. Matthes thought four shows would not be sufficient.—After further discussion, Mr. Gill moved that patronage be given to six shows, leaving it to the discretion of the committee to fix the details, bearing in mind the opinions expressed.—This was carried.

Mr. Baker (the chairman) having to leave the meeting, it was moved that Mr. R. Pretty take the chair for the remainder of the business.

Mr. Godden moved: "That members joining after August 1st, subscription to be paid within one month, or before any show competing at, to be enabled to partake in any benefits of membership."—Mr. Richardson seconded.—After some discussion, the motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. Tottle moved: "That all points scored by members competing for club specials at shows under club patronage, be published by the hon. secretary in the Fancy Press within fourteen days of such shows, and all appeals against such points to be made to the hon. secretary within ten days of such publication"; but as it was not seconded the resolution fell through. But the Secretary promised to give as much information in the Press as he was able to get as to points after each show.

Proposed by Mr. Woolhouse, seconded by Mr. Saunders, "that a hearty vote of thanks to sent to Mr. E. Baker (president) for his past services."—Carried.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers, moved by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Young, concluded the meeting, which was about the best annual meeting the club had had since its formation.—The Secretary then announced that he could only thank all for their kind assistance to himself and the officers. To those who won specials he said he would get them as soon as possible, and send them on after a presentation meeting, to be held in conjunction with a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. Robson in March.

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

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At the recent roller skating carnival held at the St. Margaret's Hall, Twickenham, one of our readers, Mr. W. H. S. Shoobert, took first prize for the most original fancy costume, which was entitled "Cage Birds," and made from our coloured plates, etc.

Seven cage-bird classes are provided for the members' show of the Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A., to be held in the Friendley Societies' Hall, Camden Road, on February 16th. The public will be admitted at 7.30 p.m. A good show is expected.

I am pleased to inform you, writes Mr. G. Hitchman, the hon. secretary of the Wellington (Salop) and Dis. P.P. and Cage Bird Society, that I am making satisfactory progress towards recovery from my accident, and hope to get out of doors (on crutches) in a few days' time.

The 1910 programme of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. is a very inviting one, including lectures by Mr. J. W. Cutmore (Popular British Birds), Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Management of the Yorkshire Canary), Mr. J. Bottle (The Norwich Canary), Mr. W. A. Bladon (Experiments with Cinnamon Blood), Mr. C. Houlton (Hybrid Breeding), washing demonstrations, etc. The secretary is Mr. H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.

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Twitterings.

The annual social of the Newcastle C.B.S. is due to be held on February 22nd next, and members and friends are requested to make a note of date.

I am pleased to inform you that the new hon. secretary for the Coventry O.S. is Mr. J. Shaddock, of 97, Moor Street, Coventry, writes Mr. Geo. Peters, the late hon. secretary.

The 1909 balance-sheet of the Midland Roller Canary Club shows a balance in hand of £6 8s. 3½d., which, considering the club is a new one, is highly satisfactory. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Willows, and his colleagues are to be congratulated.

I very much regret that my new price-list is not ready yet, writes Mr. E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard). I have been expecting it for a fortnight. The delay is caused through the firm that is making the blocks being dilatory; but to those who have sent their address we will post us early as possible (free of charge).

Mr. Duigenan has informed me, writes Mr. J. R. Hyland, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland, that through unforseen circumstances he is unable to have the balance sheet ready for the committee which he promised for February 10th. Therefore the meeting will not be held till February 17th.

We have received an order (cash enclosed) for a copy of "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," and a copy of "The British Bird Manual—Hardbills," but the sender's name and address appear not to have been sent. Upon receipt of this information we shall be pleased to execute the order at once.

We have secured the services of Mr. Wilcock of Bradford, to judge our show on October 29th next, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, hon. secretary of the Hartlepools C.B.S. As this is his first appearance at our fixture, we hope exhibitors, especially Yorkshiremen, will give him a flattering entry.

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We are asked to state that Mr. Harry E. Wilkinson and Mr. Fred. W. Elliott have gone into partnership.

First in Class 31 at Llanelly Show should read Quarman instead of Morgan and Willcox.—S. W. Quarman (Bristol).

Messrs. A. Hallam and W. Lovatt have been appointed secretaries of the Longton and Dis. C.B.S., and all communications should be sent to them at No. 5, Francis Street, Longton, Staffs.

Owing to the Brotton Fanciers' Society not having got all the subscriptions in up to date, they are compelled to postpone the payment of prize money until they have a meeting on February 16th, writes Mr. W. J. Beaglehole, the secretary.

Kindly note that I have taken over the secretaryship of the Blackpool and Fylde Cage Bird Society. I shall be pleased to receive names of fanciers who would care to join our society, writes Mr. Jas. R. Crossby, 91, Handsworth Road, Blackpool.

May I draw Metropolitan fanciers' attention to the fact that we are having a lecture by Mr. R. J. Watts on "Foreign Birds," at our next meeting on February 21st, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, London and Counties O.S. All fancier friends are invited.

I have disposed, at a very handsome figure, of my winning team of Mules and Hybrids, viz., the clear Linnet Mule, yellow var., Goldfinch Mules, yellow Canary Bullie, and Linnet Bullie, winners of 26 prizes in Scotland to Mr. H. Christian, of Leicester, and wish the plucky owner every success, writes Mr. Charles Douglas (Tarbert).

The proprietors of the H.D.S. "Ever-ready" movable bracket, write us expressing their appreciation of the courtesy and help extended to them in connection with their stall by Mr. J. W. Ramsden during the recent Palace Show.

Mr. G. Taylor, of Hatfield, near Doncaster, draws our attention to an error in his advertisement last week. The price given as 7s. should be 70s. Will applicants who have received no reply to their letters please accept this explanation?

At the next general meeting of the Preston O.S., to be held at the Tokio Cafe, on March 3rd, after the usual business there will be a tea, followed by a concert, when some good talent will be in evidence. It is expected all members will be present, also any local fancier who would like to spend the evening with us will be welcome.—R. Taylor, secretary.

It may interest you to know, writes Mr. R. Taylor (Preston), that there is a Canary here in Preston which is over 18 years old. Mr. Cleminson was a neighbour of the people who owned the bird 15 years ago, and knows the bird well. It is only a common one, and is singing hard at the present time, and can be seen at Mrs. Walker's, 11, Brad Street, Preston.

Our next show will be held on November 12th, writes Mr. T. Arnott, hon. secretary of the Kirkcaldy C.B.S. The judges of same are: for Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodger (Slateford); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream); for Norwich, A. Thomson (Aberdeen); for Crests, Mr. W. Reid (Falkirk); and for British, Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate). These gentlemen are all specialists in the respective varieties, and are well-known exhibitors themselves.

We hear that Mr. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, has been engaged to judge the British, Mules, etc., at the annual show of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., to be held on December 8th.

The next meeting night being February 15th, and it being the last meeting of the year, it has been arranged to have a social evening and presentation of prizes at headquarters, when all members who have gained points will receive a special.—F. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.

Our young bird show takes place on July 2nd, and the annual show on November 18th and 19th, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B. Will secretaries kindly note, so that the dates may not clash with our neighbours'? These are the same as last year.

Members of the Newcastle C.B.S. are earnestly requested to attend at the special meeting to be held on February 17th, when it is expected that our president, A. J. Heggie, Esq., will be attending, write Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, the secretaries. The election of officers has been held over until this meeting by request.

We are holding our show on Easter Tuesday, March 29th, writes Mr. F. J. Davies, hon. secretary of the Aberdare P.P. and Cage Bird Association. Mr. Castree will judge the cage birds. It is hoped other secretaries will note the date to avoid clashing. We hope to make the show an annual event, it having been dropped for some years.

The Selston and Dis. F.S., writes Mr. F. Maltby, the secretary, has decided to hold a table show on February 19th, entry fee 6d., when all above six entries in each class will go towards the society funds. All exhibits must be at the schoolroom, Selston, not later than 7 o'clock. Fanciers wishing to join the society should apply to me.

I take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging and thanking all who have assisted us in the matter of Mr. Wilson's subscription sale, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. secretary, Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S. The winning numbers will be published in the Fancy Press and in a local paper issued on February 19th. If there are any duplicates of sold tickets not yet returned, I will be pleased to receive them up to February 12th.

For the 26th year in succession the exhibits at Cruft's great dog show are being benched by Spratt's Patent, Limited, and during the three days Spratt's meat "Fibrine" dog cakes, "Rodnie" or puppy biscuits are exclusively used for all breeds. It is satisfactory to know Messrs. Spratt's guarantee that their dog cakes contain neither chemicals nor added sugar, both ingredients being regarded by that company as injurious if continuously given.

We are informed that a remarkable consignment of Australian birds (valued at over £1,000) has just been received by Messrs. De Von, Ltd., the well-known dealers, of Bethnal Green Road, London, E., who imported them direct. The birds have had a very good voyage, arriving in fine condition. Included are some rare Parrakeets, Red and Black-headed Gouldians, and a few of the rare and beautiful Painted Finches, besides numerous Finches of the better-known species.

The balance-sheet of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. for the year ended December, 1909, shows a balance in hand of £8 17s. 2d. which, considering four honorariums amounting in all to £14 14s., were paid, and £3 6s. devoted to special prizes for the July First Feather Show, must be regarded as very satisfactory indeed. The late secretary, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe and the present secretary, Mr. H. Boothman, are to be complimented on this result.

The first show of the Irvine and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. W. S. Clark, the hon. secretary, closed at 4 o'clock, and we had every bird out of the hall, and those going by rail off to the station, and fed and watered about a dozen birds that were not able to reach their home, or catch their connections—all shortly after 7 o'clock. Everything, too, went off without a hitch. I think this says much for us. Our drawings amounted to over nine pounds, and we will be able to carry all this and more over to next year. So our outlook for our next show is very bright.

The last of the series of four table shows, in connection with the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Adams, the secretary, is to be held on February 16th, birds staged at 7.30, and show to open at 8.30 p.m. The competition having proved so keen in previous shows, several being equal in number of points, extra classes are being provided. It is the outside fanciers who are not already members whom we desire to see, and they are just as welcome as our own members. The society is gradually making its way to the top, and we hope we shall have a good response to this call, as if time permits there will be a discussion on the birds staged.

The Early Birds.

I have three nests of Roller Canaries (12 in all), and one Mule (Goldfinch and Canary), all January (1910) birds, writes Mr. J. Leverland (Leeds).

A Secretary Protests.

I very much regret to have to express my feelings regarding the poor attendance of the members at the meetings of the Admiral Duncan (Notts.) O.S., writes Mr. Wm. Healey, the secretary. As secretary I cannot do otherwise than take it as a personal insult to myself. There were six members present at the general meeting, and five members (including a new one) at the annual meeting! I cannot possibly do business with such poor support. There is small wonder at secretaries resigning when their efforts on behalf of their society receive such lukewarm support from the members.

The Exhibiting of British Birds.

By GAVIN ALSTON (Darvel).

A Lecture recently delivered before the Ayr and District C.B.C.

(Continued from page 84.)

Moulting and Colour-feeding.

We will suppose we have got a specimen we have great hopes in, and are about to prepare to moult it. It has great size in its favour, fine shape, and carriage, and is a beauty for colour and marking, and we cannot help looking at it every time we enter the birdroom. How are we to treat it during the moult so as to be able to stage it afterwards in the best possible form?

Different species require different treatment. Let a large portion of their bill of fare be the same as they are used to getting during the moulting season in a natural state. Give a Goldfinch plenty of thistles and hardheads, and a Bullfinch plenty of rowans. Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, and Siskins, enjoy a mixture of wild mustard, chickweed, and all the other common weeds. In addition to these a Greenfinch is very tenacious on the half-ripe heads of oats and sunflower seeds. A Chaffinch and Bramblefinch moult best in an open wire flight, where they can get plenty of winged insect life. All these extras should be given in addition to the usual bird seed of best quality. The Buntings are easily catered for, some ripe oats, a mealworm or two daily, and Canary seed only being required.

Colour-food is also sometimes supplied to many of the British birds particularly the Greenfinch, Siskin and Yellowhammer. Some individuals eat it readily, and it only requires to be supplied in addition to their other food, for the greater part of the day, so as to force them to eat the colour-food. There is a diversity of opinion as to how highly they should be fed, but I believe in either feeding them as heavily as possible or keeping them their natural colour. Red feed should be used, and not yellow, as is sometimes advised, and should be mixed up the same as for feeding Canaries—two heaped teaspoonfuls to one egg, with an equal quantity of biscuit powder. Begin with it lightly at first as soon as you see any feathers shed, and increase it gradually till you see the excrement quite red in colour, and by it you will know they are getting plenty. Continue the colour food till after they are quite through the moult, and let them have a little of it once or twice a week afterwards all through the show season.

A Moulting Essential.

The great thing in moulting birds for exhibition is to get them through the moult as early in the season as possible. The new feathers assume neither their full depth of colour nor their full lustre at first. These develop gradually after the birds are clean-moulted. It is advisable, therefore, to allow sufficient time for this before placing the bird in a show-room. It is also advantageous to get a bird through the moult as quickly as possible. A quick moult denotes a healthy subject, a very slow moult a weak one. I think birds moult earlier and get through it quicker if kept in a birdroom that gets well heated up with the sun through the day; and they moult quicker in a large flight than in a small cage. Plenty of fresh air, light and exercise, are all in their favour. Draughts, however, must be avoided, as half-naked birds are very liable to catch cold. When the birds are clean-moulted they should be allowed a bath every bright day, also a little lint seed, as these are two very good conditioners. If the birds will not use the bath in a cage they should be sprayed, and this some of them greatly enjoy. Keep spraying them first one side and then the other, till the water begins to trickle off them. Then they have had enough.

To be sure of winning you should moult at least three birds of the different species. One may disappoint you in the moulting, and you are all the better for having two you can send out. Suppose they differ considerably in type and marking, they are none the worse for that. Judges differ in their tastes; they vary as to what in their opinion constitutes a good bird, so that the specimen that pleased one may not at all appeal to another. You can see the proof of this at almost every show. Birds may be winning in a large class one Saturday, and yet not in the cards in the same company on the next one, and it is only a bird that no judge can get past that tops the class every time, and such birds do not turn up every season, but only once in a while.

Judges and their Judging.

Some judges must have a very large bird, something that "fills the eye"; others lay more stress on shape and quality, and if you don't know the judge's taste you will do better to give him the choice of two birds, so that if you are "out of it" with the one, you may chance to be "in" with the other. Often it will be the exhibit that you think least of that comes nearest the front. You can see that every week if you study the show catalogues and the prices of an exhibitor's two entries. The one that is first in the catalogue and in at the bigger price is probably left out, and the one marked at the lower price is among the tickets.

If you find that a judge does not care for your exhibit, don't trouble him with it any more. It is only throwing money away; but if you find that he puts it well to the front, follow him up with it to the next show he is judging. You will run a good chance again of winning. And so it is that some judges get into bad repute with some exhibitors. Exhibitors say "Oh, he'll just give so-and-so the prize," when all the time it is just that exhibitor's particular bird he is partial to. Therefore, brother fanciers, suppose a judge does not give your exhibit the place you think you are entitled to, do not begin to blackguard him; rather incline to the belief that he acted fairly, and that he considered the different birds were entitled to the places he put them in. Of course, I am aware there are some glaring cases where anyone can see your birds were beaten by inferior ones. But it is bad policy for a judge to act unfairly, because at the next show he adjudicates at he will find fanciers do not patronise it because they have not confidence in his placings. And, after all, it is not flattering to a judge's skill if nobody can see eye to eye with him; but if a judge has the reputation of putting the best birds to the front just see what an entry is sent out to him.

Some judges again have the unenviable reputation of being "terrors on fakers"; they turn their glasses over a lot of the birds and test any they are suspicious of. While I would be the last to defend dishonest exhibiting, I do think no judge should be allowed to remove any bird from its cage to be tested till at least two of the show officials have sanctioned the procedure, and then the secretary should be instructed to communicate at once with the exhibitor informing him of the action that had been taken, and giving the result of the testing. This would give the exhibitor a fair chance of vindicating himself on the spot. I think it should only be in cases of the gravest suspicion that a bird should be caught and so run the risk of being spoiled for the rest of the season.

To Prevent Birds Washing at Shows.

It must be apparent to societies that the success of a show depends largely on the party (or parties) appointed to judge it. It is essential then that you hold your meeting for that purpose early in the season, so that you can engage the judge you wish, as the best men are generally "picked up" early. Be early then, and save disappointment.

But to return to our subject; there are other reasons for your exhibit being placed further back than you think it deserved. It very frequently happens that when you send your birds to a show, whoever is unpacking them fills up the drinkers to the lip. If the morning happens to be bright, the birds want to have a splash in it, and when the judge comes to look at the class, the faces of your birds are all wet. If the exhibit is a Goldfinch or a Goldfinch hybrid, no judge can see its merits when it is in such a state. Any bird, in fact, is placed at a disadvantage if its face is wet. If you are staging your birds yourself, you can avoid this by only putting a little water in the bottom of the tin, but it is not always convenient to accompany your birds to a show, and in that case a tin drinker (with a hinged flap and a small round hole) should be used; this entirely obviates any chance of a bird performing its ablutions on a show morning.

(To be continued).

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My Experiences in the Breeding of the Crested Canary.

By A. F. FIFIELD.

My favourite variety of Canary is the Crest, and for the last four years I have confined myself to this variety. My income being very limited, I have to do things on a small scale, so it is quality I go in for, and not quantity.

My bird-room is outdoors, and is 7ft. long by 5ft. wide, and 6ft. 6ins. high. Inside it is fitted out with two flight cages, 40ins. by 20ins. by 11ins. along the bottom, with two rows of four cages, 20ins. by 15ins. by 11ins. on top, altogether making a very useful and compact stack, nicely filling out the shed, and accommodating about 20 birds.

My Ideal Crest.

The great drawback to Crests is blindness. I therefore favour the spreading crest, coming nicely to beak-end with a good droop. I do not like to see a crest too dense and heavy, as apart from affecting the eyes it makes the bird look top-heavy, and out of proportion. I also like to see plenty of good body feather, nice and veiny, as I think this always adds to the appearance of a good Crest. The coloured plate with one of the Birthday Numbers of CAGE BIRDS depicts a good specimen of what I have in my mind's eye, and makes an excellent model for anybody to work to. It does the artist great credit.

Early in the spring I look up all the breeding utensils and thoroughly clean them, and get everything in readiness. I generally pair the birds together early in April, having in the meantime got my birds into good trim, by being rather liberal with their diet, giving them plenty of green food, and a little egg-food twice a week, for about a month before putting them together. I usually put up four pairs of Crests, and one pair for feeders.

When they have been together about three days, I put the nest-pan in and some moss, and find they generally soon get to business. I always take the eggs away each day until the third is laid, substituting "dummies," as this is the safest way. If the cock behaves himself, I leave him with the hen, as he will be a great help to her when the eggs hatch; but if he is at all meddlesome, I take him away, as it is risky leaving him.

When the Hens are Nervous.

In case the hen is nervous while sitting, I always put an ordinary post-card in the wires, in front of the nest, making it serve a double purpose by planning it out in the following manner:—

Cage No..... FIRST ROUND.

Description of Parents.....

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No. of Eggs Laid.....

No. Hatched.....

Date Due to Hatch .....

Remarks.....

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I fill the cards up and keep them, putting a fresh one in for each round. Then at the end of the season, I can soon total up what each pair has bred. I hang the bath on two or three days before the young are due to hatch, as I consider it helps to soften the shell, thereby making it easier for the young to get out.

When the young are about a week old, I give a little green food, in the way of very young lettuce leaves (having previously planted some lettuce seed), which I find more beneficial than either watercress or dandelion leaves.

The Food Supplied.

I use egg and biscuits, making it gradually weaker and weaker until the young are weaned on to seed at about six weeks old, by which time, of course, they are by themselves in the flight cages, the Crests in one, and the Crest-breds in the other. When they are about seven weeks old, I give them nothing but good, sound, plain Canary seed, with a bread-and-milk diet once a week, as I find this freshens the birds up wonderfully.

I might add a warning note here: Keep your eyes open for "plucking" hens. Last year I had two young hatch out of four eggs, they were both self-greens and very promising youngsters. All went well until they were about three weeks old. The parents appeared to be feeding and behaving themselves all right, but on coming home one evening, I found they had plucked absolutely every feather out of the young birds. I had to remove them to a nursery cage, but the parents refused to feed them, so I fed them by hand until they could pick up for themselves. They looked despicable objects in the nursery cage, and I never expected to rear them, but I did, and they were a lot of trouble for a long time, as they kept partially moulting, being two late birds.

I never take more than three nests from one pair of birds, as I think they have had enough by then, so I turn them all into the flight cages for a stretch.

The Moulting of Crests.

The moulting period is generally a most trying time to all fanciers, more especially to the breeders of the other varieties, that must essentially be colour-fed to do any good on the show bench. Personally I always adopt the plan of singling out the most promising youngsters, and moulting them by themselves, leaving all the others in the flights, Crests in one and Crest-breds in the other. I give a bath on warm days, as I think it invigorates them, and helps them to shed the old feathers better. I also give them a little egg-food occasionally, and put a little Parish's Chemical Food in the drinking water once a week, as I am a firm believer in the saying: "Prevention is better than cure."

I always keep chemical food at hand, as I find it a good pick-me-up with youngsters in the moult, and in very bad cases I put two or three drops daily direct into the beak, always with beneficial results. I use sawdust during the winter on the bottoms of the cages, putting the grit in a separate tin for them. I start using the sawdust when the birds begin moulting, and use it throughout the winter, till pairing up time; then I go back to sand for breeding time and the summer. I find that this answers satisfactorily. In conclusion, let me say that if ever I am in doubt about anything, I always look up CAGE BIRDS, as I am sure of being able to pick up a wrinkle or two from it.

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How I Bred My Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids.

By Mrs. M. H. ASKHAM.

Specially written to accompany Mr. Norman's Coloured Plate.

The very artistic and life-like coloured plate by Mr. H. Norman, which accompanies our Crystal Palace number was painted, so far as the two Hybrids are concerned, from the beautiful specimens so successfully exhibited by Mrs. M. H. Askham. The cock was awarded first prize at this Palace Show in probably the strongest competition yet seen where Canary-Bullies have been concerned. It is with pleasure we publish, by courtesy of Mrs. Askham, an account of the methods by which her Hybrids were produced.

As possibly my experiences in the breeding of Canary-Bullies may be of interest to some of your readers, I will endeavour to recount them. Having been given a cock Norwich Canary from a good strain, it was suggested to me that I should find a mate for him, and dispose of the young birds to my friends. This I did and little by little increased my stock, until I had three or four pairs going.

Fired with Ambition.

In 1906 I visited the Crystal Palace show, and there saw the two beautiful Canary-Bullies exhibited by Mrs. Skey. I was so charmed with those lovely birds, and so astonished at the enormous value assigned to them, that I became fired with ambition to endeavour to breed some of the same kind.

I studied the pages of CAGE BIRDS, and availed myself very freely of the facilities afforded through the correspondence columns of that valuable paper for obtaining information, and I attribute much of my success to the advice so generously given. Seeing an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of what appeared to be a likely hen Bullfinch for sale, I procured her. She came from a rural district of Norfolk, and was described as house-reared. I paired her with a young Norwich cock of my own breeding, but the match was not a happy one. Master Canary led a truly hen-pecked life, and without the aid of counsel or court, a separation was speedily resorted to. A fresh mate in the shape of another home-bred Buff Norwich Canary, then over six years old, was introduced, and friendly relations between the pair were soon established, and Mrs. Bullie in due time went to nest. Alas! all four eggs were clear. Later she laid one more egg, and curiosity on my part led to disaster. On testing the egg I had the misfortune to chip it with my nail. To my disgust I found that I had damaged an egg containing a well-formed chick.

Being now late in the season, I had to be content with this semblance of success, and hope for better luck next year. After the moult I turned all the birds into a large flight cage, where they remained a happy and merry party until it was time to start them housekeeping again.

The season of 1907, my second attempt at Hybrid breeding was attended with more cheerful results, for on June 9th I was delighted to find that I possessed a fine healthy Canary-Bullie chick. This turned out to be a hen, and though perfect in shape and size, is wanting in the depth of colour possessed by her brothers, and thus, while always getting a good deal of admiration, is not able to stand up on the show bench against her more highly coloured rivals. Nevertheless, she has brought home several prize cards.

On 7th July two more chicks appeared, one with white feathers in his tail. He has been successful on the few occasions where a variegated class appears in a show schedule, but when there are only light and dark classes much uncertainty exists as to the proper place for him. One judge will award him a prize in the dark class, while a week later another judge will "wrong class" him. It requires a good deal of imagination to say that a Canary Bullfinch is a light hybrid, and possibly some day an authoritative ruling may be given as to the correct classification of similar birds.

The second chick, startled by a severe thunderstorm and the heavy rain and hail on the glass roof of the small conservatory in which the birds are located, managed to wriggle between the wires of his cage, and flying with great force against the glass came to an untimely end. Other settings this season were abortive.

At My Wits' Ends.

More success attended my efforts in 1908. On 9th June a fine cock bird, without any white feathers, was hatched, and despite the vicissitudes of his early days, which I will relate presently, has gained for me many honours, and I am hoping he may yet bring in more glory in securing for me another win towards the possession of the challenge cup offered by the London and Provincial O.S.

When he was six days old I was horrified to find that the foster mother (hen Canary) had gone off her feed and that the chick was starving. All my other hens were sitting, and I was at my wits' end to know what to do next. My birds are so used to being handled by me that I can with impunity take a hen off her nest, change her into another cage, in fact, do just what I please with them. I accordingly placed the "orphan" under a very reliable hen for warmth, and decided to try hand feeding. The hen took no exception to the intruder, or to my feeding him, and after 24 hours I was surprised and delighted to discover that my confidence had not been misplaced, and that the good old hen had started feeding him on her own account.

Immediately he began to thrive. For a week the hen sat on her eggs (the product of Mrs. Bullie), and fed the stranger. Then I transferred the eggs to another hen to finish off, which she did successfully.

I may say that I was led to adopt this course because, earlier in the season, I had the misfortune to lose a hen which had hatched and was rearing a Canary-Bullie and a Canary chick. Having no foster mother available, I sent the Bullie to a friend, but the hen there resented the intrusion and kicked the stranger out to perish, while the Canary chick which I had stuffed under this same hen was calmly adopted and brought up.

The Sixth Canary-Bullie.

On 23rd June my sixth Canary-Bullie was hatched from one of the above-mentioned transferred eggs. This also was a cock with a white marking on its tail feathers, and as I was now getting more birds than I could manage, I parted with him at a good price to a fancier from the Continent. The year 1909 was a blank entirely, and this season I shall try a younger cock.

I have no regular bird-room, but keep them in cages in a small conservatory, facing south-east, and very much shaded by large trees on the south side. People are constantly passing through the conservatory to the garden, but so confident are my birds that beyond evincing a little curiosity, they take but little notice even when dogs are in the place.

All through the winter the birds run together in a large flight cage, and during the breeding season I use the ordinary London breeding cages with only an open shelf, on which the nest pans are placed in full view of all persons passing in and out of the house.

Mrs. Bullie will neither build nor sit, so I provide her with wild Finches' nests, new if possible. After a little pulling about she establishes herself in it, and rarely drops her eggs outside. She keeps three pairs of Canaries working hard all the season, and this means that I must, except for the early broods, sacrifice all my Canary eggs. So ravenous are the hybrid chicks that two, or one hybrid and one Canary, are all that a pair of Canaries can properly attend to.

As regards feeding, none of my birds have ever tasted egg or egg foods. The diet of the young chicks consists of dried flies, ants' eggs and crushed Osborne biscuits. Mealworms, canary, hemp, rape and whatever seeds seem necessary as the birds progress are given with green food, wild seeds and berries when available.

The Canaries are educated to take the dried flies, ants' eggs and biscuit mixture, and so are ready to start feeding the hybrids with appropriate food directly they are required to. The mixture is, as a rule, given dry, and a fresh supply three times a day is provided.

Mrs. Bullie is very fond of sunflower seeds of which she gets a very liberal supply, wire worms, green fly (aphides), spiders, caterpillars from the currant bush, all in the course of time appear on her menu card. She also gets in the spring shoots from currant, hawthorn, plum and the fruit trees. She likes apples and grapes, and during the breeding time dandelion flowers and seeding heads.

I do not hand wash my birds, but they are supplied freely with baths of rain water, and if indisposed to bathe are sprayed with a fine scent spray. All cages are thoroughly cleaned out every day to keep them sweet.

I have tried to get the Bullfinch-Canary cross without success. Mr. Bullie treats all attempts at flirtation on the part of the Canary hen with the greatest contempt. Last season one of the hybrid cocks displayed amorous tendencies towards a hen Canary, but here again there was no result. To any would-be Canary-Bullie breeders I say, be not discouraged by failures and disappointments at first. Persevere, get on good terms with your birds, tame them as much as possible, and in all matters of doubt take advantage of the advice which can so readily be obtained from the experts on the staff of CAGE BIRDS. There is no reason why others should not be as successful as I have been.

Our Conundrum Competition.

Some highly interesting replies to four interesting questions.

We append a selection from the answers sent in by readers who entered our "Conundrum Competition," the prize-winners in which we announced last week.

Question 1.—What New Variety of Canary ought Breeders to Strive for?

A FANTAIL NORWICH.

Why not strive for the Fantail Norwich Canary? This variety could be obtained by training the tail to grow upwards, at the same time spreading the feathers in the shape of a fan. This variety would look very pretty, and be much sought after.—SAMUEL ANDERSON (Dundee).

A BREED OF WHITE ONES.

A good (new) variety of Canary would be a breed of white ones; pure in colour as a white Java Sparrow.—H. G. HALL (Gorleston-on-Sea).

HALF-WAY BETWIXT A BORDER AND NORWICH.

I would advise the making of a new variety of Houdan-Canary. The type I would suggest is a jaunty type, half-way betwixt that of the Border and the Norwich. The main features to be the Houdan Poll or Busby, as in the poultry of this name. This head-dress should grow up and backwards from the frontal to a good length, so as to make a nice perfect "bob" on the head, the eye to be visible. The best colours to cultivate would be white and cream, and later on possibly there could be an article in these columns theorising the way to proceed to make speckled birds in this variety. The birds would be a distinct improvement on our present Crest, being of a more jaunty type, and therefore pleasant to the eye. The type also suggests a much hardier bird with more prolific qualities, for the Border and Norwich (from which they should be formed mainly) are generally both hardy and fruitful birds. No doubt CAGE BIRDS' artist could draw an ideal sketch of this suggested type.—EDW. WILLIAMS (Liscard).

WHITE CANARIES NORWICH IN TYPE.

Canary breeders ought to strive for a breed of Canaries pure white in colour, and of the Norwich type, but as large as possible; these would be both ornamental and exceedingly useful as clear Mule or Hybrid breeders, throwing out lovely tints of colour when crossed with most of our British birds.—WM. COWARD (Barrow-in-Furness).

WHAT ABOUT THE WELSHMEN?

Breeders should strive for a Welsh Fancy Canary. Other counties have their own breed, and there are, I think, plenty of good fanciers in Wales to take up a new variety.—JAMES HOARE (Bridgend).

IRELAND WITHOUT A FEATHER.

The new variety of Canary breeders should strive for is the one to be called the Irish Fancy. As you know, poor Ireland is left without a feather, as it were.—THOMAS ORMISTON (Dublin).

CANARIES WITH FRILL NECKS.

I have been reading a fancier's view of the Dutch Frill Canary, and he strongly recommends it to the novices as well as the old hands, giving his reasons for same. Why not strive for a new variety in the form of a frill neck, bred on the same lines as a Jacobin pigeon, i.e., with hood and mane, etc., and the better these points the more valuable the bird?—H. K. (Birmingham).

BEAUTIFUL AND EASILY BRED.

The Yorkshire Self Cinnamon. It is easily bred, and when one breeds a good typical bird and gets it nicely colour-fed, it is, to my mind, one of the most beautiful of the Yorkshire varieties, and no doubt would soon be as popular as his brother, the Yorkshire Green.—FRED ALLEN (Cleckheaton).

A WHITE EVEN-MARKED BORDER.

An even-marked Green (Border type) Canary. Ideal bird to have body colour either yellow or buff-green. Markings to consist of light spectacle eyes, either five or seven inside flight feathers in each wing, also light, and one or two either side of tail; in short, just the opposite colouring to the even-marked bird now shown.—J. M. B. MOORE (Whitehaven).

WELL WORTH STRIVING FOR.

If it can fairly be called "new," I think the Cinnamon-marked Norwich would be well worth striving for. To my mind, any Cinnamon-marked variety of Canary is very handsome, the Buffs in particular, especially when colour-fed, and as the Norwich variety is very rich in colour, and takes colour-food well, the result of grafting the Cinnamon-marks on to that variety should be an extremely handsome bird, which could not fail to win many admirers.—H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

WHY NOT A BLACK NORWICH?

I think fanciers ought to try to breed a strain of Black Canaries, shape and form similar to the Norwich Canary.—THOMAS HAYES (Kirkham).

AN "ELIZABETH" YORKSHIRE.

Why not an Elizabeth Yorkshire? This variety, possessing a collar round the neck but open at the throat (the same as worn by Queen Elizabeth) could be obtained by training the feathers to grow upwards, also cropping them to make them grow longer?—SAMUEL ANDERSON (Dundee).

Question 2.—What British Bird is best for the beginner and why?

The Brown Linnet is the best for a beginner, it being a bird that is easily catered for and one that is admired for its song. If it has the good points of an exhibition bird, it generally finds a place on the show bench. This in many cases makes a beginner a keen fancier.—E. THORPE (Barugh, near Barnsley).

A BIRD WHICH GREETS ITS OWNER.

What is the best Britisher for the beginner? The Linnet, because it is a charming songster. With kind attention, too, it soon settles down to cage life. It invariably greets its owner with its lovely call notes, which show they are contented. It will make a prolific Muler paired to a Canary. The majority are safe with eggs, and feed the young. Linnet-Mules (if only as good songsters) fetch 10s. to 15s. each, and are nearly always preferred to Canaries, whilst exhibition Mules can and are bred by novices and champions alike for an outlay of 4s. or 5s. only.—J. HORSEY (Mortlake).

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FINCH.

The best British bird for the beginner, I should say, is the Goldfinch, as it is the most beautiful of our British Finches, a free songster, cheap to buy, and easy to keep. Novices should purchase Greypates, and feed them on a mixture of a half-pound of niger, 3ozs. of Spanish canary seed, 3ozs. of linseed, 2ozs. of crushed hemp seed, and give fresh water two or three times a day, and every other day a pinch of Epsom salts in drink. The birds would then be very little trouble.—J. HOARE (Bridgend).

A BIRD WHICH CHEERS.

The Goldfinch is the best bird, in my opinion. Why? Because he is always cheering you up with his song. It is a bird that requires very little attention. It is also a good Muler. A novice will find it thriving on canary seed with a little mixture twice a week. It is very fond of greenstuff and a bit of apple or any fruit is good for him. Don't forget that the best cage is one with plenty of room, and only open in the front.—C. F. WILLIAMS (Gloucester).

THE POOR MAN'S SONGSTER.

What British bird is best for the beginner? I say the poor man's songster—the Linnet. Why? Because, in the words of Mr. G. E. Weston, "Song in the Linnet is not a question of price; it is possible any day in the week to buy for 6d. a bird that will become a charming singer." He will want taming, of course, which I have found to be an easy matter, for though at first a shy, timid bird, he soon becomes reconciled to captivity, and being a seed-eater is but little trouble. And given a nice, roomy cage, with plenty of clean gritty sand and a free use of the bath, there is no reason why the Linnet should not be a never-ending source of delight to the beginner in the fascinating hobby of British bird keeping. The best seeds for the Linnet are Canary, teazle, rape, charlock, linseed, with maw, niger, thistle, mustard, sesame as tit-bits; green food, shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain.—WM. FORDEY (Rochdale).

FINE AND BOLD LOOKING.

I consider Greenfinches are the best birds for beginners. They are fine, bold-looking birds, and can stand rougher treatment than other Finches, as a rule. They do not bash about so much when fresh caught, and they soon become tame and confiding. They keep in good tight feather in limited quarters, and are easy to cater for, sunflower, canary, a little hemp, linseed, and rape, with shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, knapweed, dandelion, and especially cornflower heads, and nearly-ripe wheat, with plenty of baths and a well-cleaned and sanded cage, keeping them in health for years. Their song is certainly not very much, but their call note of "Joey! Joey!" is as sweet and clear as that uttered by any bird. Some Greenfinches are fond of blackberries, and in severe weather I have seen them crack and eat maize. A good Greenfinch costs about 6d., and is not so liable to die off as a Goldfinch or Linnet costing three or four times as much.—G. O. STRIDE (St. Alban's).

BEYOND COMPARE.

The Goldfinch is the best for a beginner. My reasons are that no British bird can compare with the Goldfinch in beauty, song, and muling collectively. He adapts himself readily to cage life, is hardy, and easily catered for. A bird combining so many good qualities must appeal to a beginner, creating the "fever," and will make him, like Oliver Twist, "ask for more." It is a fact that for beauty of plumage the Goldfinch yields the palm to no other British cage bird. As a songster, with the exception, perhaps, of the Linnet, he is in the top flight amongst the hardbills. He also takes first place, being more applicable for hybridising, both with the Canary and other species. As a result of which his progeny also excels, both for beauty and variety, and commands a ready sale. Finally, and, perhaps, most important, a bird possessing so many attractions will soon win his way in the home, overcoming scruples or objections, whether these originate from stern parent or careful wife.—S. R. FULLER (Harrow).

(To be continued.)

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.



A TRIUMPH OF THE HYBRID BREEDER.

A Yellow Cock Canary and Hen Siberian Bullfinch, with their progeny, the rare and valuable Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, Cock (lower figure) and Hen.



From a drawing] [by B. Goodchild.

NOTABLE FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Notes on these birds, by Mr. Wesley T. Page, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak: Mrs. E. Galloway (Bedford.)
Hooded Siskin: Mr. C. T. Maxwell (Brixton.)
Levaillant's Barbet: Mr. S. Beaty (Alderley Edge.)
Stella Lory: Mr. O. Millsum (Swindon.)
Cape Sparrow: Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh.)
Indian Pitta: Mr. C. Cushny (Penge.)

Correspondence.

The Heating of Bird-houses.

SIR,—I should like to hear from other working-men fanciers what they consider the best and cheapest way of heating a bird house. I bought one about a year ago. I have about twenty birds at the present time, and am pleased to say that although the water gets frozen up they are looking well, but owing to a recent illness I find I cannot stop long with them, as it is too cold at present. I thought of putting another thickness of board inside; would that answer? The last day I went to work I took a copy of CAGE BIRDS down the mine with me to give to a young man who is just commencing to keep birds.

W. T.

Chaffinches that were Hatched and Reared by Canaries.

SIR,—The views of your correspondent "Hybrid," in January 15 issue, regarding Chaffinches not being reared by Canaries, are wrong. For instance, last breeding season I put a Chaffinch's egg under a hen Canary sitting on two eggs of her own. Unfortunately the egg came out four or five days sooner than her own, and in consequence the young Chaffinch smothered her two young ones the second day after they came out. In a second nest a hen Canary (a buff Norwich) hatched and reared five young Chaffinches on egg and biscuits. When strong three of them took fright one day and flew out of the nest, and the hen would not feed them afterwards, and so allowed them to die. But two remained in the nest. These she successfully brought up, and they are alive still—two strong, healthy birds. They are both hens I presume. She laid four eggs and sat close the usual time, but they were all clear. But the cock Canary was unsuccessful with his own species also. The Chaffinches get nothing to eat except mixed seed. The other three were cocks. A friend of mine two seasons ago Canary-reared a hen Chaffinch from the egg he put under her. This hen Chaffinch he put in last season with an indifferent cock Canary.

P. HANLEY.

Longford.

Holding Capacity of Aviaries.

SIR.—By the merest chance I noticed "Onlooker's" letter a fortnight ago, for I make it a rule never to read letters placed over a pseudonym, and but for catching sight of my own name it would have been passed as usual. While thanking "Onlooker" for drawing attention to anything that might mislead your readers (and my unqualified remark might possibly do so), I do not think many of your readers would take his extreme view. In the first place, my allusion to the aviary 50ft. by 50ft. was but a passing one—it is but one of a series no one having such an aviary, or shall I say such space, at his command would be likely to confine a pair of birds to 6ft. of ground space, let alone one. Again, a crowd of 5,000 birds could not be kept together, where 80, even in a very confined space, could! I will, to prevent new readers going astray, recapitulate what I have written on many occasions in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. Capacity of an Aviary.—One bird only, the size of a Norwich Canary, or two Waxbills, must be allowed to each square foot of the floor area of any aviary; larger birds must be given space *pro rata*. For breeding purposes not more than one pair of birds should be kept to each foot frontage of the aviary—two or even three feet would be the better. Nearly all my contributions have been written for the mass of birdkeepers who, like myself, have but limited accommodation for their birds, and must, perforce, get the utmost they can out of it, and not for the few who have almost unlimited space and means to provide palatial aviaries (palaces) for their birds. I fear I have on many occasions transgressed my own rules as to the number of birds to be kept in a given space, though I never keep any in small cages. To prevent any possibility of further confusion permit me to state that last year, in an aviary 12ft. × 10ft. × 6½ft. high (this ground area includes shed and flight) I kept the following: One pair Himalayan Grey-winged Ouzels, 2 Rosella Parrakeets, 1 Gold-fronted Conure, 1 Senegal Parrot, 10 Budgerigars, 1 pair Cockatiels, 1 pair Common Sparrows, 1 pair Peaceful Doves, 1 pair Green Cardinals, 1 pair Rosy Pastors, 1 pair Black-headed Sibias, 1 pair Silvery crowned Friar Birds, 1 Sombre Miner (Australian Honey-sucker), 1 Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, 1 pair Cowbirds, 1 pair Red crested Cardinals, and 1 pair of Quails. To give the proper significance to the above, I must state that but few of the birds enumerated are smaller than Thrushes, and many of them larger than Pigeons. Moreover, many years ago, when I set up my first aviary, it was a small affair, 10ft. long, 1½ ft. wide, and 6ft. high. Three feet of the length was a small shed. In this aviary I had 25 to 30 birds, such as Cutthroats, Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Canaries, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Siskins etc.; and I may say that I have never had an aviary since that gave me better results—I had nests and reared young from six species the first year it was set up. I may further say, for the encouragement of the aviarist with but limited accommodation, that at the present time the only ground area I am able to devote to birds is 23ft. by 10ft., forming two aviaries of about equal size, one other 2ft. x 6ft. deep and high, and a greenhouse bird-room 10ft. x 6ft. I usually have between 80 to 100 birds, much as given above, and though many of my aviculturist friends look upon me as a hopeless and confirmed heretic, yet my records have not been bad, and but few of my birds (after they have passed the critical first few weeks in England) are with me for a less period than five or six years, many of them much longer. I must ask pardon for writing at such length, but have done so in the hope of making my position clear once and for all, especially for those who have the zeal though little space, time, etc., to devote to their hobby.

W. T. PAGE.

Can Tame Bullfinches be Bred in Captivity.

SIR,—I have in my possession a pair of Bullfinches which have become very tame indeed. Can any of your readers inform me if I stand any chance of breeding with them in captivity? At first I thought I would give them their liberty in my bird room, and let them do as they pleased, but I am afraid they would upset the breeding of my Yorkshires. If any of your readers have had success in breeding Bullfinches in captivity, may I ask them, through our friend CAGE BIRDS, how they managed same with regard to size of cage, foods, etc., for which I should thank them most heartily.

PERCY JOHN JAMIESON.

Whose Should the Prize Card be?

SIR,—On receiving CAGE BIRDS of December 4th, 1909, from a friend of mine, and coming across the above subject, I would like to give my opinion, as I had a similar case at Bathgate show last year. The person that will take (or expect to take) the prize card that another exhibitor has won (although of very little value), has no respect for rights of property. At Bathgate show, January 16th, 1909, I exhibited a Yellowhammer in the British Bird Selling Class. He was awarded 1st prize, and claimed, cage not included; neither was the prize card, in my way of thinking, as I was charged 1s. for this card, a "Model Card." The purchaser did manage to leave the cage but no card was there after the bird had gone. This is written with all due respect to the Secretary and members of the above show, not with any animosity, as I wrote the Secretary about the prize card being missing, and he allowed me what he had deducted from my prize money for it. But this is not the point. I am exposing the person that, in my opinion, stole the card. I intended bringing the subject up then, but I did not have time. But if ever I get to know in a reasonable length of time who has it, and it is not returned either to the Secretary or me (the rightful owner of the card, although not charged for it), I intend making a test case of this. The subject is simple to me, and no conundrum about it—the card is the property of the exhibitor it is awarded to. The claimant buys the bird and sometimes you find the cage is included in the sale, but I have read hundreds of schedules and never yet come across one where the prize card is included in the sale. If the buyer is entitled to the card, why does he not send in a claim for the prize money also, as in my case he was getting a part of it, as the price of the card was deducted from the prize money? But the same applies to free prize cards certainly.

R. D. PARLETT.

St. Louis, U.S.A.

P.S.—If anyone needs a reply to the above it will take about three weeks.

[We certainly think that the purchaser of any winning show-bird is not legally entitled to take the prize-card which has been awarded the said bird, this clearly being the property of the exhibitor. We have no doubt, however, that secretaries would provide a duplicate card (marked "duplicate") if requested to do so. In Mr. Parlett's case, however, a charge is made, and in our opinion the card remains the sole property of the society until that charge is paid. In all probability the buyer of his bird took away the prize-card in ignorance and all good faith; and probably the society would have sold the purchaser one had they been asked so to do.—EDITOR.]

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Catching Magpies.

SIR,—Wild birds are better for decoy birds than those reared from the nest, for these never know the call-note well, or, at least, do not repeat it often enough. Now, the Magpie is 18in. in length, of which the tail alone measures ten, and the tail shines near the end with a purple tint, gradually shading into a steel blue. The Magpie builds near towns and villages, and feeds on worms, insects, fruits, or roots, and sometimes eats eggs and young birds in their nests. He can easily be caught in winter with lime twigs placed near some small pieces of meat. Let "Bird Lover" use a little patience, and bait the place for three or four days, where he sees the coveted Magpie, and he will find (if he is not too anxious to get him in a cage) that his would-be pet will get used to his feeding, thus ensuring his getting used to the change of diet when he is in captivity. The cause of a quarter of the wild birds losing their lives is the sudden change of diet. When you have caught your bird, you can, if you like, cut the flight feathers of its wings. In the following autumn they may again be allowed to grow. By this method you will be able to get a few nestlings, as the bird will keep about the place, and in the following spring build near your place. Then you can take the young as soon as you see the tail feathers sprouting, when you will have birds which you can teach anything, and which will follow you wherever you go. Only be careful not to leave anything shining about, or your pet will hide it, even to your silver spoons or gold rings. Above all things, get some good bird lime, not a mixture resembling treacle, because if your Magpie gets on and should happen to break away, he is not caught so easily the second time. I remember spending £5 to catch one that had been on and got off. So just use a little patience, and you are bound to succeed, either in catching the one or the pair.

GEORGE TURNEY.

A Novice's Advice to Novices.

SIR,—No doubt novice readers of CAGE BIRDS would benefit by the experiences of a novice in dealings with some advertisers. I started in the Fancy with a common pair presented to me by a friend which died before I could try my hand at the breeding of Canaries. I was looking through the columns of a newspaper when I noticed this:—"Grand slim Yorkshire cocks, three-and-sixpence each." I thought, here is a chance to make another start; so I wrote to the advertiser for price of hens. His answer was one-and-sixpence each. I sent the money for one pair. I received the birds alright, but I received two Roller hens. One was healthy and the other had asthma. I was only fifteen years of age, and pocket money does not reach a very high figure at that age. So I was in a fix. An elder brother bought a cock bird and we went in shares with the youngsters that were reared. The result was: First round, five youngsters, second round, four; and third round, three. So I think I did well, considering the way I fed them, which was on Canary and hemp seeds, equal parts, and as much egg-food as they could eat, and green food. No fancy seeds of any kind did I know of then. I sold my share of youngsters and sent to a reliable man for a yellow Yorkshire cock, price ten shillings; which I received alright, and it was a very nice bird. But in my ignorance of bird-keeping I hung the bird in the draught and he caught a chill. I wrote to the man I bought the bird of and explained how my bird was; I also told him I would pay for a remedy if he would send me the price. But I got no answer, so I took good care not to deal with him again—once bit, twice shy, is my motto in buying birds and other things. This was a few years ago, and since I have taken CAGE BIRDS in I have found it a valuable paper for the Fancy. For the first few years I had very bad luck with my birds. I could not rear any youngsters. I remember one season I bred nine youngsters. There was only one cock in the lot. In 1907 I had four pairs of Hartz Rollers, and only bred six, so I thought I would start Norwich-breeding. I started with five cocks and eight hens, and I bred five youngsters. The hens laid in all sixty-three eggs; three-parts of them were full eggs. I had thirty-two hatch out alright, but the hens would not feed their young. In 1908, with nine hens I only bred seven youngsters. I had plenty of birds hatched out, but with the same result—bad feeders again. And I am sure these bad results were only by my being too eager to start my birds. I started them too early. This, I think, I can prove by my 1909 breeding season. I put the birds up the second week in April, six weeks later than in the other two years, and I bred thirty-two youngsters with the very same birds I used in the 1908 breeding season. I think that will show that it is a great mistake to start early. So, beginners, don't be too eager to start your birds breeding

A NOVICE.

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Books for Bird Lovers.

Brief particulars of some of "Cage Birds" SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS for keepers of birds, with post free prices.

THE HYGIENE OF BIRD-KEEPING, 1/1.—By W. Geo. Creswell, M.D. Thoroughly treats of modern hygiene (the science of health) in bird-keeping.

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Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
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Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(W. Melvin, 63 King Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

THE JUDGES' LUNCHEON AT THE PALACE SHOW.

This function was well attended, amongst those who sat down under the presidency of Mr. G. Crabb being Mr. and Mrs. Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. Read, Mrs. Gill, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Messrs. Battye, Brown, Camps, Dewar, Dobson, Finn, Gardner, Heath, Lester, Mundell, Robson, Silver, Swaysland, Broadley, Day, Matthes, Wright, Carl, Law, Holder, Dickens, Oldaker, Couzens, Roehl, Trower, Newley, Graves, Contanche, Pretty, Norman, Collins, House, etc.

Mr. Crabb said he only intended giving the company one toast, because he knew that all wanted to get back to the birds, and that toast, "The Judges," they could not miss. He was pleased to welcome the company present; he was pleased at the big entry, an entry he did not expect, as he thought that after the Jubilee show there would be a kind of reaction, but it had kept up well, and was above the average. This was due in some measure to the most excellent schedule sent out by Mr. Ramsden, and to the fact that the judges engaged to make the awards had the confidence of the exhibitors. It was interesting year by year to watch the numbers, and the Yorkshires, as usual nowadays, came out well on top, being far the most numerous; then followed the Norwich, Borders, and Greens. He was sorry to find that the open Crest section was cancelled. Crest men should see to this, or they would be losing their position in the Fancy entirely. So far as the Palace executive were concerned, they could not be blamed for cancelling the section. It only contained 17 entries; therefore, what could they do? The chief credit of the wonderful success achieved was due to Mr. Ramsden—(applause)—who so ably managed the show—it could not be done better. Mr. Ramsden was always thinking and working out some new idea. Speaking of the exhibits, Mr. Crabb said: We get rare birds and rarer birds. Each year has its novelty; last year we had the White Canary; on this occasion we have the Black Mule. Before the show we had the Hunstein's Bird of Paradise, one of the rarest birds ever seen, but that to-day has been beaten by one rarer still, the Stella Lory, which had never been seen on the show bench before. Thus we go on, as I said, with our new features and rare birds. He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs. W. Mundell and W. Swaysland, whom they seldom met, but were always pleased to welcome. (Applause.)

Mr. Mundell, in a humorous speech, thanked Mr. Crabb for his kind remarks, and the company for the way in which the toast had been received. As to the judges, well, some were good and some were bad. They would hear about the latter to-morrow, when the exhibitors who had lost were in the show. As to the Palace judges, they tried to do right; in fact, some of them almost fell over themselves in their efforts in that direction. As for himself, he only tried to please one man, himself, and he had done it. He must say, however, that Mr. Ramsden, good man as he was, hurried the judges rather, so that they should finish by luncheon time. Now, if he had given them a couple of hours longer they would have been able to have made luncheon do for tea, and thus have saved themselves a couple of shillings each. (Laughter.)

Mr. Swaysland said he was pleased to see such a good show, and such a good lot of exhibitors. The committee had worked well, and he hoped the show would be a big success.

Mr. Ramsden announced that he had received letters from two old friends, Messrs. J. F. Mills and S. Cook; the former was prevented being with them because he was attending the funeral of his sister, and Mr. Cook, he was sorry to say, was laid up with influenza.

Mr. Dewar proposed "The Chairman," a toast heartily received, after which the gathering dispersed.

GOSSIP FROM THE PALACE SHOW.

Will Enlist Again.

Among the old timers was Mr. G. Sands, of Camberwell, a one-time Yorkshire enthusiast. It was a wrench to have to give them up; and to try and make it easier he dropped the Fancy papers as well. But he told us in confidence that he simply had to come to the Palace! We shall surely see him in the ranks again some day.

A Long Bird at a Short Price.

That champions of the season do not always command tip-top prices is exemplified by the fact that Messrs. Ambler's famous yellow unflighted which won the championship at the Crystal Palace, was, we are informed, purchased by its present owners for the low price of 30s.

In Luck.

It was exceedingly interesting to go down the rows of cages, stop at the places where "sold" in large type was conspicuous, look up the price in the catalogue and note the merit of the exhibit. Many exhibitors will wear "the smile that won't come off" when they receive the official notice of the disposal of their charmers.

Slow But Sure.

The sporting spirit ran riot for about twenty minutes one morning of the show, when one of the small foreigners becoming tired of his quarters, went roaming "on his own." Good old Small was quickly on the spot with the net, but the little dodger knew just how to manœuvre between the cages, and then dart away to another district. The cry "here he is" came from all quarters at once. But Small wasn't having any. "No! No!" he said; "let him come to me. I'll wait beside his cage!"

Seeing is Believing.

"Comparisons are odious," but there is no other way of convincing some fanciers. They cannot understand how that yellow cock which has won first and special at ——, and so on, could have been beaten. But you quietly reach down the winner and place them side by side. Then, dear me! they would never have thought it.

Prattle from the Parrots.

On the last day of the show one of the Amazon Parrots proved quite talkative. Of course, like all of its kind, the words "Pretty Polly" frequently came in. This was too much for the big Macaw opposite, who could not resist telling him to "shut up." How unmannerly!

All is Not Gold.

"A rattling hen that, and cheap at the limit!" said a connoisseur of the variety. "Not worth 9d.!" spoke another, in a soft whisper, to his chum, as they stood by. And he added: "She has never laid an egg, and I have had her for two seasons!" You never know your luck with good hens in limit classes!

Money Back.

Racing to the sales office to claim a bird in a £3 limit class, a veteran fancier planked down the three sovereigns. The clerk looked at book, then said: "We will let you have it at catalogue price, 25s., sir. Will that suit you better?" The old hand had gone by the classification, not looked at the catalogue price, and, needless to say, he vowed that it was the smartest purchase he had ever made.

The F.B.C. at Tea.

A meeting of the Foreign Bird Club was held on the Saturday, the first of its kind, and of an experimental nature—18 sat down to tea, and a pleasant social time was spent. It will certainly not be the last gathering of this nature. Mr. Wesley T. Page in a few words touched upon how nearly the club was to being "wound up" three years ago, and very keen appreciation was expressed of the part Mrs. K. L. Miller and, later, Mr. Tinniswood Miller, had taken by stepping into the breech as hon. treasurers during a very trying period. Mr. Page also welcomed Mr. H. Willford as a colleague for the present year, as hon. business secretary and treasurer. Mr. Page stated that their prospects had never been brighter, the steady increase of membership had been maintained (the past year showed a net gain of 38), while the interest of members was fully maintained. Two members' gatherings were arranged to take place at the Zoo in April and August respectively. Conditions of the cup competition were discussed, and the duration of shows mooted, both subjects being left to the Council to deal with.

Not a Scare Crow.

"Have you heard the whistling Crow?" asked a Canary fancier. "No, where is it?" was the reply. "You'll find it on the bird food stall, just outside," was the tip! I went, and lo! there stood a certain pa of a family listening in raptures. "My word, and isn't it grand! Isn't it sweet! Where does it come from?" he asked. "Why, out of the mouth of the bird sitting in that cage," I said, pointing to a "hand-made" bird. "That thing?" he answered. "Why, I thaw't that wur heer to frighten off the Sparrows from the bird food."

A Surprise.

A North Country tourist to the show, when shown the hot-water pipe and told its purpose, said. "That pipe! I thow't it wur the feeder for the Thames from the Manchester Ship Canal!"

Candid.

"White Canary?—White elephant!" said a blunt fancier of the old school. "They are common enough in my country. I have often seen them. Some of the chaps get double buffing, and one of this sort comes!" Singular! but the breeder of "the" white Canary avers that it came from two yellows!

A Long Run.

It was with regret we heard that an attack of illness prevented that much-respected veteran British bird judge, Mr. Sam Cook, from attending. Up to and including last year's "Jubilee" event, he had been present at Crystal Palace shows for 34 years without one single break.

A Veteran Goldie-Bullie.

A nine-year-old Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid was exhibited by Mr. W. Andrews (Weston, Bucks). The bird has been a great prize-winner, and certainly provides the exception to the general rule, for most fanciers consider examples of this mating to be short-lived. The veteran was looking in the pink of condition. His owner states that he has been put outdoors every day, and kept in a cold room at night.

What a Record!

A Cornish Chough, exhibited by Miss V. Lewis (Maryport) is stated in the catalogue to be the winner of 138 1st and special prizes. Truly a grand reward—hard to beat, we should imagine.

Black the Fashionable Colour.

Last year saw the "run" upon the white Canary. This year the public affection—and that of the Press—was lavished upon a black Canary-Goldfinch Hybrid, which, by the misunderstanding of the reporter of a certain widely-read daily paper found itself christened and "boomed" as a "Black Canary," quite the latest thing in birdy fashions. How the public flocked to gaze upon this marvel; crowds pushed and jostled before its cage the whole day long. "Where is that black Canary?" seemed the first words of every visitor. It was bought for £2 2s. (catalogue price), by the Rev. G. H. Raynor.

CLUB NOTICES—Continued.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Feb. 16, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Table show; Linnet; Goldfinch or Bullfinch; A.O.S. Brit. field-moulted, and Foreign; judge, Mr. G. Taylor.—J. Bertram.

North London C.B.A.—Feb. 23, headquarters, 8. Members' pair show. Please note alteration of date. All welcome.—R. R. Harper.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 12, 7, 68, Griffin Road, the hall not being available. Adjourned general. Election of officers, and balance-sheet.—W. Pawley.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 14, Chapel Street Hall, 7.—H. Clayton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 12, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Rings.—A. Percival.

Pendlebury, Swinton C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Wallwork's Shop, 8. Table show, etc.—A. Donnelly.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Baptist School.—W. Jagger.

Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).—Feb. 14, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 6.30. Annual pair show, and lecture by Mr. Sugg. A collection will be made on behalf of the Preston and Flowers Defence Fund.—Baldock and Weller.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 17, club, 9. Receiving entries for British bird show, Feb. 19.—J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Temperance Club, 7.30. Table show of pairs, Lanes., Liz., Crests, Nor., Yorks, Hyb., Muling, Brit., and Mules. Admission free. To be followed by discussion if time permits.—W. Adams.

Southall C.B.—Feb. 14, St. John's Schools, 8. Table show.—T. G. Jeffery.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Feb. 16, 8. Lecture on "Incubation," by Mr. P. H. Bayliss. Place of meeting to be notified by post.—J. A. Roberts.

St. Helen's O.S.—Feb. 14, George Inn, Water Street.—J. Hesketh.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 15, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet, etc.—W. Stafford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 14, headquarters. Last table show of season; birds to be staged 7.30.—F. Washbourne.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Bull's Head Hotel, 3. Monthly show (pairs only); judge, W. H. Cundall (Halifax).—A. E. Morton.

Walkden C.B.S.—Feb. 15, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30. Arranging for pair show for next meeting night.—H. Howard.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Feb. 14, 6, The Broadway, 7. Pair show; Mr. J. Robson, judge. Annual meeting.—H. Smith.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Com. Hotel, 7. Adjourned An. meeting.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Schedule for pair show, also to appoint judge or judges. Members being over 6 months in arrears are excluded from society.—Jennings and Viles.

Yorkshire Union.—Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Feb. 12, 5.30. Annual ballot, objections, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Yorkshire Prize Distribution Committee.—Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Feb. 12, 5. Arrangements for dinner and prize distribution.—H. Hill.

York C.B.S.—Feb. 14, All Saints' School Room, 6.30. Table show, classes same as in Jan. All members and friends are earnestly requested to attend.—A. Waud.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 19, "Admiral Duncan," 8. Extraordinary general meeting.—W. Healey.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road, 8. Table show, Yorks. stock pairs; judge, Mr. J. Norris (Harpurhey); birds staged 8.30; fixing show date.—J. Spencer.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Round House Inn, 8. Presentation of prizes, social evening; fanciers invited.—F. Mitchell.

Bath F.A.—Feb. 17, Foresters' Hall. Payment of prize money won at January show; table show of British birds; members are asked to bring specimens, which will be judged by Mr. A. C. Brackstone; Mr. S. E. Jones will afterwards explain the different points of birds; a silver spoon will be given for best exhibit.—H. Turtle.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting.—G. Harver.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual dinner and concert.—M. Skirrow.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 15, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Table show of pairs and discussion on pairing, by Mr. J. Burns; birds staged at 8.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Bankfoot Schools, 3. Members show; judge, Mr. J. W. Wharton; entries taken Friday night, or up to 2.30 Saturday.—P. Gelder.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Members shows, etc., also discussion, opened by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, on his schedule scheme, at 9 o'clock; fanciers interested invited.—F. Western.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Feb. 16, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Furthering table show business for March 5th, etc.—A. Lupton.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Nor. pairs table show, price not to exceed 15/-; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 12, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Feb. 16, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—Brown and Horner.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Settlement of show business, appointment of auditors, nomination of officers, arrangements for members' show and cup competition.—W. Sampson.

Croydon F.A.—Feb. 15, St. Andrew's Hall and Institute, Lower Coombe Street, 8.30. To confirm rules, etc.—A. C. N. Hewens.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Egg-food competition, handsome struck silver and bronze medals presented, interested visitors heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 15, Earl of Chester Hotel, Wistaston road, 7.45. Close of Entries for February show, open show business, etc.; please send a bumping entry.—T. L. Hancocks.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 16, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Fixing annual show, etc.—G. Peters.

Dalziel O.A.—Feb. 19, Y.M.C.I. Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of office bearers.—J. Mathieson.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Headquarters, Denton Brotherhood, 7.30. Special meeting; fanciers wishing to join may be enrolled at this meeting.—W. Hopwood.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Fountain Inn, 7.30. Lecture on "Pairing and Breeding," by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), followed by a smoking concert; fanciers and friends invited.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh (Open) O.A.—Feb. 12, Buchanan's Hotel, 114 High Street, 7.30. This is the only notice to those living outside Edinburgh and Leith.—J. R. Meikle.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc., balance-sheet.—G. Buck.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Howard Arms.—F. C. S. Waters.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business, also schedules for members' shows.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and West of Scot. N.M.F. & F.B.C.—Feb. 15, The Good Templar's Halls, 122, Ingram Street, 7.45. Pair show.—R. Watson.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 19, Saddle Hotel, Market St., Annual members' pair show; 8 Yorks. and 4 Norwich classes, and the same 12 classes for novice birds, to be staged at 3 o'clock; entries 2.30; ent. fee 6d. per pair; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Crown Inn, 7. Nomination of judge for F.F. show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Feb. 14, St. George's Schools, 8. Table show, Can., Brit. and Mules; Mr. E. Marlor judge; debate after on exhibited birds; intending members invited.—F. Barraclough.

Holywood C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Old Masonic Hall, 8.—F. Cole.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Cricket Players, 8. Table show (Nor. stock pairs). Mr. L. Burrows judge; friends invited.—W. Cottingham.

Inverness O.A.—Feb. 16, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Selecting judges for show to be held Nov. 23.—A. Urquhart.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 15, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Intending members requested to attend.—J. Binns.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 16, Railway Hotel, 8. To decide upon date of smoker, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Table show of matched pairs for breeding; friends invited; secretary judge.—P. Hart.

Leyton C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Headquarters, 4. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke.—Forse and Son.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 15, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, buff ck. un flig., green, etc. ck. (any age), both open and novice classes.—J. E. Wood.

London and Provincial O.S.—Feb. 17, Ragla Hotel, 7 p.m. Annual pair show. Judge, Mr. T. Heath. Judging at 7.30. Show open to visitors at 8. Admission free.—H. E. Tringham.

London and Counties O.A.—Feb. 21, The Sessio House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Lectur by Mr. R. J. Watts on "Foreign Bird." Fancier and friends invited.—W. Gilbert.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Pr posal of joining Union.—A. Gledhill.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Crow Hotel, 8. Open show.—A. Wake.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Morbray Arms, Dinner.—H. Grange.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Feb. 16, Lockhart's Caf 65, Grainger Street, 8. Distribution of cups a medals. Secretary's report and balance-sheet. Ele tion of officers. Revision of rules.—T. C. Crawha

Newcastle C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Lockhart's, 65, Graing Street, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—Curry a Hutchinson.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Concerning a Crestbred.

Scotch Boy.—Am glad to hear treatment has had such good effect on Crest-bred hen. As regards future treatment, I certainly would not advise you to hang her in the window again now. That course would probably result in bringing about a speedy relapse. By all means bring her out of the dark corner, but hang her in some bright spot further in the room, and not anywhere close to the window. Her peculiar behaviour when you go near is probably merely a symptom of tameness in the first stage, which would be the natural outcome of her seclusion whilst in the dark corner and being attended to regularly. It will probably soon pass off when she comes out in a bright light position again. You may stop all medicines now, or give them only about twice a week for another fortnight to make the cure more permanent. Also stop giving the hemp so often, and if you are going to breed with the bird give instead a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga twice a week, and a half teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed twice or thrice a week. Give green-food four times a week. The same staple diet is suitable for your other birds. Supply the bath four times a week.

Losing Feathers.

Feather Plucking.—I do not at all share your opinion that the loss of feathers is due to the bird plucking himself. The probability is he is badly in moult, and if he moulted properly last season he is now most likely exposed to draughts, or hung high up near the ceiling in an impure atmosphere, or badly worried by red mites. Look well into these points and remedy the causes if they exist. Keep him fairly cosy, but not too warm. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and a morsel of ripe banana. Allow him to bathe freely if he does not appear to suffer from chill afterwards. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, or a little longer if it seems necessary. You should not put the birds together until the end of March or beginning of April, by which time the Yorkshire should be in good condition. If not, you may start with the Linnet as you suggest. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free from our Manager.

Two and One.

W. C.—The two hens can scarcely seem to be quite healthy so long as they show the symptoms. Your feeding is incorrect; you give far too much gold of pleasure seed. First of all see the birds are quite free from draughts from the window. If this is assured, it will be quite correct to keep them on the wall opposite the window, where they will have a good light. They should also be free from damp or sudden extremes of heat and cold. As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for the next fortnight, give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a scrap of ripe banana and a few grains of hemp. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards if necessary. The cock should be kept in a box cage, and not so near the ceiling. Let its cage be at least as low down as the level of gas burners, and not in close proximity to them when in use. Feed him the same as advised for the hens, and in the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel, every second day until he ceases losing feathers. Then give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water daily for a time. A bird singing in the breeding cage is not a certain sign that it will fill the eggs, nor yet is a mute bird bound to prove infertile.

Protracted Moult & Not Singing.

H. Barker.—It is more than likely the position in the kitchen window is the direct cause of the very protracted moult, and the latter, of course, is accountable for the birds not singing. As they are well beyond their youth now, you must not expect them to recommence singing after moulting so promptly as previously. Keep them in a fairly comfortable and equable temperature, not necessarily very warm, but as free as possible from fluctuations, and in a pure atmosphere, out of reach of any fumes from burning lights in the evenings, and, above all, see they are quite free from draughts, as is very unlikely to be the case whilst hanging in the window. It would be much better to move them to a bright place further in the room. Also see that the cages are quite free from red-mites. Having seen to these points, feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape to each, and on the alternate days for a fortnight the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. After the first fortnight stop this, and give instead a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week. Twice each week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and black rape. Four times a week give a spray of green food —dandelion for preference, as soon as it is obtainable. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Silent since Moulting.

Anxious.—If you had said how you feed and treat the bird, and given some idea as to its age, it would have helped me. It is not uncommon for cock birds to remain silent from the time of moulting until the spring, after the first vigour of youth is passed, so if your's is a few years old, there may be nothing at all wrong. However, you can do no harm in carrying out the following instructions. First see he is kept in a fairly equable temperature without great variations of heat and cold—not necessarily very warm, nor yet cold—and quite free from all draughts and chills, and damp. See also that the cage is quite free from red-mites, and as a staple diet give three parts canary to one part summer rape seed. Every second day for the next fortnight, and twice a week for the following fortnight, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On two other days each week, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Give a spray of watercress of two young leaves of dandelion, when obtainable, four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

A Stylitic Crest.

R.C.—Am not quite sure if the initials are correct; the query concerns the Crest which sits with his back up, thinking perhaps, but not singing. There is doubtless something seriously wrong with his treatment. Try what a month of the following will do, and adhere strictly to this regimen in the meanwhile. As a staple diet give plain canary only. What you call "mixed Canary seed" is probably a haphazard mixture of many kinds of seed besides Canary, and you must drop this, for the present at any rate. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Twice a week give also about half a teaspoonful, not more, of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and black rape. Four times a week give a good spray of watereress, or a leaf of dandelion, if obtainable. After the first fortnight stop the sponge cake and give instead a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Hanging near the window is very risky, and you must assure yourself it is perfectly free from any draught.

Misguided Efforts.

X.Y.Z.—You must surely now see the folly of following the advice of wild experimentalists. How the scalding, if such it is, could have arisen if you had given nothing more than you say, I do not quite see. As regards the bird not singing, you ought to have first satisfied yourself it was a cock. If it has now any difficulty in feeding owing to the soreness, supply bread and milk daily until it is able to eat seed freely again; then, or at once if it is now able to eat seed, put it on a diet of plain canary seed, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give the same quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well

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mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, maw, inga, teazle, and sesame seeds. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards colour the water to a light pink colour with a crystal or two of permanganate of potash. Continue this for a fortnight, and then report result. Do not give any other medicines of any kind until you hear from us again after reporting result. Slightly smear the sore places externally with boracic ointment twice a week, but avoid soiling the feathers as much as possible.

Loss of Voice.

Yellow Cock.—Although you say the bird is out of all draught, I suspect he got a severe cold in some way to bring about the loss of voice. Keep it in a cosy place, free from sudden fluctuations, but not overheated, nor yet on the cold side. In addition to your present staple diet, give it half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, twice a week, and a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga, on two other days each week. Give a small tuft of flower heads of groundsel or a spray of chickweed or watereress four times a week, and when these are not obtainable, or not in good condition, give a morsel of ripe banana as a substitute, but no apple, and give the preference to the green food in the order named whenever available. Stop giving sugar, and substitute instead a cube of hard common table salt for a time. See it always has plenty of fresh pure air. Make a paste by well mixing as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, in a teaspoonful of honey, and adding just enough fine biscuit powder to make a soft paste. Give a piece the size of a small pea on the end of a perch daily. Continue this for a month, and then report result.

About a Room and Feeding.

Spouty.—Your sketch shows a ventilator in the centre of the room, which you do not mention in letter. Is this intended to indicate the one over the window? If not and there is really an inlet for fresh air in the centre of room, there is no need for you to keep the door open. The outlet you have made over the window should be fitted with a sliding solid cover to enable you to regulate its size and effect. With holes in the door you need not keep it open continually. Keep the room aired and fresh, and see that it is not damp or stuffy. Do not give the bath freely to the one or two birds which are inclined to wheeziness until the weather becomes milder. I do not think you need worry about them; the recent weather is doubtless responsible. Give them a little bread and milk, two or three times a week with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Also increase the diet by giving in addition to the staple half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and three times a week the same quantity of a mixture of one part each hemp, inga, charlock, and a half-part each of linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure. As you keep the birds in cages you may keep as many birds as you can conveniently find space for on the wall opposite window for breeding cages. The wall opposite the door would accommodate two large flights for young birds. But do not commence with the limit of your capacity—remember that a good increase is expected during the next few months.

Results of Mating.

Jacques.—You are incorrectly informed about the mating of clear Yorkshire cock with no Cinnamon blood, and a self Cinnamon hen not breeding any cocks among their young. What was probably meant was that you would not produce any cinnamon-coloured cocks from such a mating. If the Yorkshire is really untainted by Cinnamon blood you may go a step further, and say you will get no Cinnamon young at all—neither cocks nor hens—from the mating. The progeny will probably consist largely of green and variegated greens, but there will be both cocks and hens. There is, however, so much Cinnamon blood now diffused among Yorkshires that it is next to impossible to tell from external appearances whether any given bird is affected by it or not. If your Yorkshire is quite free from it, you may confidently expect the above results, but if he is even remotely connected with Cinnamon blood, it may upset this forecast. Had the mating been the other way, viz., a Cinnamon cock with a Yorkshire hen, free from Cinnamon blood, then you would have bred Cinnamons among the young, but every Cinnamon youngster would invariably have been a hen. This is probably how your informant got mixed.

Four in One.

Dubious.—(1) The four young Yorkshire cocks will not be too young to breed with this season, unless they were hatched very late in the summer, and even then you might take a nest from them in the coming summer. They should be mated for preference to 1908 or 1907 hens. With giving the mixture you name as staple food, they should require little or no preparation for mating, beyond a half teaspoonful of egg-food three times a week, and a leaf or two of dandelion daily as soon as it is available and fit for use. You would do better to feed as frequently described in these columns. (2) Mate one of the young cocks with this hen in preference to the half-bred. Provided the birds have not previously been in-bred it will not matter if it happens to be one of the related birds. I fancy you will find a reference in book to the age for mating. (3) The aviary will not be a good place to breed in, nor even to keep the young in for any length of time, unless you can prevent the heat becoming excessive, which you might do by having the top well ventilated by raised "lights" and covering the glass roof with "summer cloud" shading. I would not advise you to keep the birds in it through the winter. (4) You do not say what works they are, the noise of which you are anxious about. If the noise is fairly constant, and not accompanied by great vibration or shock, it would probably not affect the birds breeding at all.

A Trio.

W. R. and R. R.—The query being on two sheets, each of which bears one of these signatures, I give both to ensure identification. (1) You should have described the appearance of the skin on the bare place, and also said whether the bird moulted properly last autumn. Feed on a staple of plain Canary; give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Twice each week also slightly dust it with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one of chlorate of potash. Give a spray of green food four times a week; allow it to bathe freely; see cage is perfectly free from red mite; and slightly anoint bare place twice a week with sulphur ointment. If not better in two or three weeks, write again, and give particulars asked for. (2) You will find the following an improvement upon your dietary at this season. In addition to the staple, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternate days give twice a week a similar quantity of egg-food, and twice a week the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Stop using apple now, and give green food instead; and stop giving linseed altogether. (3) I will certainly not advise you to use an oil-stove in such a small room. It would be more than usually risky in such cramped quarters. If you think you must have some form of heat, a system of flow and return hot-water pipes, with the boiler and heating apparatus—which might be an oil-stove if necessary—placed outside under a separate cover, would be most suitable.

Moulting and Diarrhœa.

W. Billington.—There must be something seriously wrong with your management for the diarrhœa to have lasted so long, and you ought to have said how you feed and keep the bird. If the cage it occupies is an old one I would strongly advise you to break it up and burn it. In any case, move the bird temporarily, and wash out the cage with a fairly strong solution of carbolic. When dry, return bird to it, keep the floor thickly strewn with sawdust, which remove and burn daily until the looseness is quite stopped. Keep it in a comfortable place, free from sudden extremes of heat and cold, and impure air, and quite out of reach of draughts. Allow it to bathe three times a week if it does not seem chilled afterwards. See that all your seeds and food and water are quite pure and free from contamination by vermin. If any doubt about the water, boil all before use, and do not use rain-water from storage cisterns by any means. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a few grains only of hemp, and a morsel of ripe banana. Give no green food until some days after diarrhœa is stopped. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day only, and afterwards give six drops of dandelion juice, six of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium in the water every second day until the bowels are normal.

Brevities.

A Broken Tail (Saltash).—If you have now removed the Canary to a cage by itself, as your letter seems to imply, remove the feathers gradually by plucking out three, one from each outer side, and one from the middle, every second day. Remove them with a firm gentle pull, and the operation will be trifling. The tail will then be reproduced in a very short time. Of course, if any perfect feathers are remaining, you need not remove them, but only the broken ones.

To Tune His Merry Throat (Music).—See reply to "Anxious," and feed and treat the bird as therein advised. Pay particular attention to the remarks anent mites, draughts, and impure air, and if your bird is subject to any of these causes see they are wholly removed before beginning treatment.

Not Singing (H. Lucas).—I should be doubtful about the sex of this bird if it is supposed to be of the sterner material, as I suspect is the case, as you think, and rightly too, that it should be in song. Better get someone to look at it who can decide the question for you. You can try the treatment advised to "Anxious" for a month, and if it is really a cock it should be in full song at the end of that time. Give a dandelion leaf daily for green food as soon as you can obtain them.

Moulting Stopped (Constant Reader).—Glad to hear the treatment has been successful in stopping the moulting. Of course, you may discontinue the treatment now, and perhaps by the time this appears the bird will have shown more signs of starting to sing again. If not, you must exercise a little patience, and it will probably make a start in a week or two. Go on keeping it under healthful conditions as previously directed, and feed it now as you will see frequently advised for song birds here. Give a leaf of dandelion daily as soon as obtainable.

Medicines (Derry).—You will find much information on the matter you enquire about in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which will probably be on sale when this appears, 8d., post free, from our Manager. Saffron is often of use to help a bird to break away in the moult; gentian is a good general tonic, and the preparation of rhubarb is a very useful and safe aperient, to mention those you ask about. Take a word of good advice, however: Never use drugs or medicines of any kind whatever, without there exists a real necessity, and even then, if you know nothing about them, or the effect they are likely to produce, only employ them under advice.

In-breeding (C. J.).—You would be much better advised to leave in-breeding severely alone until you have gained more experience in the ordinary course of mating. Your object being to increase the size of your next young brood is very doubtful indeed of being fulfilled, if, as I suspect is the case, your present stock is rather on the small side. Had your stock been rather on the large side, and not previously in-bred, you might have mated them as you suggest, but on the whole I think you would do better to get unrelated birds, with plenty of size, and suitable in other points, even if you have to dispose of the birds you propose as mates to procure the new ones.

Pecking Cage (Paddy).—I expect it would be somewhat misleading to call them little woodpeckers. The birds are all right, and this mischievous habit is doubtless the result of the approaching Spring stirring up their energies to greater activities. They are only working off steam, but unfortunately for the appearance of the cage you cannot well cure the habit. Try painting the nibbled places with a feather dipped in castor oil, or eucalyptus oil, and at the same time stick a few pieces of cuttlefish in the wires, and tie on the wires a bit or two of string for them to unravel. This may divert their attention.

Song, Colour, and Mating (A. Munday).—You cannot break the Canary of singing the Chaffinch song, save by keeping it where it would hear only Canaries singing, when it may possibly discard the acquired song in the course of time. You could breed with him, and remove the young cocks out of his hearing as soon as they can do for themselves, when they will sing the proper Canary song if you only allow them to hear a good singing Canary cock. It would be mere waste of time to attempt to colour feed your birds with pastry colouring. Tasteless pepper is so much better than any of these discarded substances that you would probably find yourself a long way behind all your competitors in colour. No, do not mate up the hen for a few weeks to come. Put her on plain canary seed, and a liberal supply of green food for a week.

Numerous Deformities (Innocent).—Sorry, but I really cannot tell you the reason without knowing very full particulars as to treatment. Were the legs really broken just above the feet, or was it the whole of the claws that were clutched together and turned underneath. I should rather think the latter, as really broken legs among young in the nests are very uncommon, and would probably be due to accidents, quarrels, or vice, among parents. Are you sure no one was in the habit of interfering with the young? And are your old birds strong and healthy and unrelated? Again, did the deformities occur most frequently among large or small broods? These are points I should like information upon, as also the size of your cages and nest pans, and a knowledge where they are kept. I may then be able to help you to avoid the trouble.

New Purchase Coughs (E. Helps).—It is possible the birds caught a cold on their journey, or perhaps may have been kept in a warmer place than yours. Do not overheat, but see they are in a nice cosy place, perfectly free from draughts, and as free as possible from extremes of heat and cold. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, very second day for a week, by which time they should be quite restored. You omit to say how you feed, but you will be able to gather the best method from other replies, and in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, on the alternate days between the above medicine for a week. Stop giving linseed tea. The bird that does not sing may probably prove to be a hen. I assume you are keeping them in separate cages; if not, you should do so.

Mating Yorkshire (P. Humphrey).—You must not by any means mate the yellow cock which is too thin in neck with yellow hen, as you will, by so doing, probably intensify the fault in the young. Get two good lengthy buffs which are rather inclined to stoutness in neck, and with rather strong shoulder properties. If one of these hens is bred from a three-quarter Belgian hen and a typical Yorkshire cock, so much the better, as it will give you some useful material for next year's work, as well as a fair chance of getting a good bird or two for show the coming season. Of course, if the cock bird is clear, you should get ticked or marked hens, and vice versa.

Roller Hen Fat (Nirvana).—If the hen has been having no other luxuries than the simple diet you name, she ought not to have been over-fat, especially in such a roomy cage. If she is not in such an overfed condition as to be lethargic, I do not think you need trouble about trying to reduce her much, as she will be none the worse for being just on the plump side if you are going to mate her in the coming season. Give her a liberal supply of green food daily—watercress, chickweed (as soon as obtainable), flower heads of groundsel, and a leaf of dandelion daily. Also limit the diet to a small teaspoonful of seed daily for a fortnight, and every third day give only half this quantity. Keep cage clean and free from husk meanwhile.

Plan of Room (Working Man).—I cannot quite grip the plan. What is, or has been, the room in question? Is it a conservatory, or something of that kind, and does the glass portion you indicate by double lines extend from the roof to the floor, or how far, and where is the window placed? If you will try again and send me another rough sketch giving these particulars, and also say which you call the back wall, I will do my best to help you. Meantime keep the birds in their present position, but see they do not get overheated, until the beginning of April, when you should be able to transfer them to the room with safety. During this interval you must make any necessary alterations in the room to ensure its being well ventilated, and as free as possible from extreme fluctuations of heat and cold.

Seed Samples (G. Dear).—A is a trifle small, but very plump, sound, and well ripened; it is sweet and of very good quality. B is smaller still, also thin, not so well ripened, not very sweet, and of decided poor quality. C, exceedingly small, none too well ripened, and seems badly harvested; dear at any price. D, practically the same as C, but seems better harvested, and a trifle sweeter; still not desirable. No E sample reached me; will reply if to hand later. F is an ungraded sample of from moderate to very small size. It is of fair average quality. G, a well-ripened seed of fair size and good quality. H, trifle small and thin, not over sweet, and seems badly stored. The order of merit is A, G, F, D, B, C, H, the four last all undesirable. As regards the bird, put a thin perch where he roosts and keep the others rather on the thin side, too. I do not advise you to try any other mechanical aid. Glad to hear other birds are now doing well. Comment on E sample next week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Amazon with Cold.

A.M.A.—I should advise the keeping of this bird in *one* room for a time, at any rate, so as to secure a fairly equable temperature for it. Give it for one day only, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water; repeat this after an interval of two days; in between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, supply for its drinking water as under two parts water to one of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. Your diet is very unsatisfactory; it is the "bits or most things" which is doing the mischief. Confine the diet to the seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and it would be well to keep its nostrils well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline. Do not give any slops, or table scraps of any kind; treat as above, and report progress in about 10 days, and I will try and assist you further. I think the bird will recover, though you have let it get into a very bad way before writing. See rules *re* reply per post.

In Poor Plumage.

J.K.—I cannot even now be quite sure of the species, as you do not say whether it has a long or short tail; however, I take it to be some species of Amazon. Carry out our previous instructions as to magnesia and ripe fruit, and for a month I should lightly spray it with diluted quassia solution; this can be procured ready for use from several of our advertisers. Use a fine sprayer. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the bird is in condition again. Diet: prepare the following seed mixture: Three parts each Canary and white millet seed, and one part each hemp, sunflower, oats and paddy rice; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also for a time (if the bird will eat it) moisten a piece of plain biscuit with water and dust it with flowers of sulphur. Continue this till it is in feather again. It can have a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops or slops, nor yet any kind of animal food; it is this which has caused the trouble, and it will take some time to right it. However, continue the above treatment, and the bird will ultimately recover. A Parrot may like to have food with you at mealtimes; have something to hand which can safely be given, say chemical food water, and moisten a bit of stale bread or biscuit therein occasionally, and give this.

A Sick Grey.

H.B.R.—I do not gather from your reply whether you have given the Dinneford's Magnesia, or carried out the directions given in my previous reply; if not, do so. Your diet is satisfactory, and I am rather surprised the biscuit you name should have had that effect, and can only conclude that by chance something unwholesome had crept in in the course of manufacture. The same applies to the plant, unless it is really of a poisonous nature; but even then, since the bird still lives, the effects have by this partially passed away. Give sufficient of the magnesia to clear out the bowels, and then put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food till it is quite fit again. I am of opinion the trouble will soon disappear. A little of the honey and borax on the tongue occasionally will help to keep the mouth clear. If there should be any further relapse, please write at once, giving full details.

Constructing an Aviary.

G.H.—While a good aviary can be made on the lines you suggest, I do not quite like some of your propositions. The wire partition you propose to use to form the inner flight seems to me very unsuitable to provide against draught. You must have small outlets to the open both on ground level and higher up, and it appears to me that unless great care was taken these would cause a more or less continuous draught; have the partition dividing off your inside flight from the shed, principally of wood and glass, and then fix your branches so that the birds will be protected from draught—provide no perching accommodation where any draught is possible. I fear Canaries will make sad havoc with your plants and bushes, especially in spring, before the trees are in leaf—the buds are eaten as soon as they show green. Canaries are almost as bad as Parrakeets for killing growing shrubs. I should also make the indoor flight at least 3½ ft. wide, and the first four or five feet of outdoor flight should be roofed in; the floor of this portion might with advantage be kept loose and covered with a good three inches of gravel, mortar rubbish, and shingle. You could keep 100 birds in the aviary; of course, all bushes, etc., would soon be killed, and breeding results would be few. You should get excellent results from a dozen pairs in such an aviary. Hops make excellent climbers for the aviary, and are very ornamental. I should also put in several box and fir trees, and one or two clumps of bamboo. Note: Bullfinches are fond of buds, and soon kill trees and bushes in captivity. The following would be a nice series to begin with: Long and Rufous-tailed Grass Finches; Masked, Pectoral, Ribbon, Zebra, and Red-headed Finches; Diamond Sparrows; White Java Sparrows; Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; Common and Green Avadavats; Orange-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills; and pairs each of some small species of Dove and Quail. Get "Foreign Birds for Beginners"; see advert. in this issue.

What Cockatoo?

"Cockney."—(a) I am of opinion your bird is a Goffin's Cockatoo; it is not, by any means, a common species, and is usually a very handsome and intelligent bird. (b) The majority of Cockatoos are not great talkers, though all talk a little, and I have come across really talented talkers. (c) If my supposition is correct, then the bird is certainly worth 60s.; but there are two points your description is very vague upon. If there is a patch of reddish-pink on the breast, and the upper mandible is three-quarters of an inch longer than the under mandible, then you have a Slender-billed Cockatoo, a much cheaper species, the full value of which is about 30s.; this latter species does not make much of a talker. (d) A seed mixture of canary and white millet, hemp, maize, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seed in about equal parts, well mix before supplying to the bird, this will form your staple diet; also supply such ripe fruit as it will eat, plain biscuit, dry boiled potato, nuts, and green food. Do not give table scraps and other messes.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

H.B.R.—You make it very difficult for me to help you, by giving me practically no information. I can only form the conclusion that a long course of improper dietary has brought it into a very precarious condition. Please send me these particulars at once. Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water—but stop same as soon as the voidings become watery. Bathe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline once or twice daily, and put a little honey and borax on its tongue two or three times a day. Also give it a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) several times a day, but not sufficiently often to prevent it drinking the magnesia water freely. If it has any difficulty with dry seed, try it with a little boiled roaize (this only keeps fresh one day), plain biscuit, just moistened with water, and ripe fruit ad lib, any kind it will take. When it went off its food a query should have been put through at once—you have lost valuable time. Please send details asked for, and I will try to assist further.

Brevities.

Green Singing Finch (A.M.M.).—Many thanks for informing us of the complete recovery of your bird; we much feared the worst, as the case appeared hopeless when you last wrote. The slight wheezing will disappear with the advent of warmer weather, though there may be a recurrence of same during next winter. Take up the treatment again at once in the case of any slight relapse.

What Cockatoo? ("Briton").—I think your bird is the Lemon-crested Cockatoo, and that it is yet quite a young bird; they are not noted as fluent talkers, nevertheless, most of them talk a little, also scream a little; but a well-trained specimen is an interesting bird, and also very handsome when clean and tight. I do not believe in butter or other fats for Parrots or Cockatoos; such sooner or later usually set up feather pulling and eating. Give it a seed mixture of Canary and millet, hemp, oats, sunflower, paddy rice, and maize, in about equal parts; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage, and either keep the drinking water in the cage or permit it to satisfy its thirst two or three times a day. Do not give table scraps or slops and messes of any kind.

What Bird? (F.P.).—The body sent me was that of an Orange-breasted Waxbill, a minute, beautiful, and hardy species. These birds usually do well on a diet of canary, white and spray millet seed, with seeding grass and fresh lettuce as green food, and a little ripe fruit for such species as will take it. Draughts soon kill birds, and in the window is a dangerous place in most rooms.

Seed Mixture for Grey Parrot (H. E. Bush).—You would find the following meet the case; of course, any item which the bird refused to eat could be dropped: Two parts each Canary and white millet seeds, and one part each hemp, sunflower, paddy rice, oats, dari, and small maize, well mix, and keep up a continuous supply. (1) Practically nothing certain is known on this point, but probably three or four years old at least. Grey Parrots

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mature slowly. (2) Yes, the bare skin on the sides of the face is pear-shaped in one bird, and round in the other. (3) Simply getting them thoroughly fit; buying the ordinary plain wholesome diet is all you can do. I should say you have a true pair, but you can do nothing to hasten matters, save, perhaps, supplying them with a large log.

What Parrot? (T. H.).—The small coloured illustration sent is that of a Blue-fronted Amazon; this species, though not as a rule as clear a talker as the Grey Parrot, yet ranks next to it, and most specimens make fair talkers, good whistlers and mimics. I heard individuals laugh, cry, mimic cat, dog, or any calls they had been accustomed to hear in a marvellously realistic manner. Keep it in your midst, talk to it and fuss with it generally, and it will ultimately respond, and both repeat words and sentences and mimic sounds which it hears.

Parrakeet in Poor Plumage (J.K.).—It is very difficult for me to advise you, as you do not give me sufficient data to recognise the species. Kindly describe its plumage, and state if it gets anything else to eat—scraps, etc. Please give me fullest details. A bird that gets so much liberty as yours does, ought not to be in that condition. In the meantime, get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia and put one teaspoonful into each ounce of the drinking water every other day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Also give as much ripe fruit as the bird will take; if it refuses one kind try it with another. Upon receipt of yours I will reply per return.

Lovebirds Not Hatching Out (Sambo).—I suppose your birds are Budgerigars; but it is not safe to answer queries on supposition, and I must ask you to repeat query with a sufficient description of the plumage to enable me to recognise what they are—all species of Lovebirds are mostly green in hue. Canaries could not bring up their young. Leave them alone for the present, then at the end of March remove the old husks and replace with new—possibly parasites are causing trouble.

Green Parrot in Poor Feather (L.B.).—Providing the bird does not over drink, the water is best left continuously in the cage; but if this is not safe, then let it satisfy its thirst about three times a day. If the bird will eat sufficient of it, give it a seed mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and only give the large seeds in small quantity two or three times a week. Supply daily about a tablespoonful of boiled maize (note: it only keeps fresh one day), boil till soft, the grains should be whole, drain away all water, and well dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit should be also supplied. Continue to give the chemical food for some time yet, and also the magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely, but not loose. When weather is not too severe, spray the birds with quassia solution twice a week. Recovery of condition must of necessity be somewhat slow seeing the condition the bird has got into.

Grey Parrot with Growth under Tongue (W.H.S.).—If your bird is a valuable one, I should advise you to let a vet. see it; probably the growth could be cut away and the bird relieved at once, and the cause permanently removed. However, examine the tongue carefully and note whether there appears to be a splinter of any kind in it; such happenings, though not common, have occurred, and occasioned the bird much trouble and pain till removed. If you elect to treat it yourself, keep the bowels moving freely (not loose) with Dinneford's magnesia, and with a camel hair brush anoint the sore daily or oftener with honey and borax; if it is a simple sore, I have known this to work wonders, and it can do not harm at any rate; the brush must be well cleaned for each occasion, and also a fresh portion of the mixture used each time. A Grey Parrot should have seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and a few nuts, also cuttlefish and grit.

Continuous Moult ("Blood-feather").—The bird has got into a generally bad condition by your former improper dieting, and only time and a plain, wholesome diet will put matters right. Diet as follows: Seed mixture—two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, sunflower, maize, paddy rice and oats, in equal parts; well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. Confine your diet as above, and on no account give any table scraps or slops of any kind. Keep the bowels moving freely (not loose) with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia, and when not giving this, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. A continuous supply of cuttlefish and grit should be kept up.

Avadavats Bare of Plumage (Denys W.).—You have practically done all you could for them. The fact is, none of them have ever got over the hardships of importation, and the difficult feature is that once they become bare, Waxbills and the small Ornamental Finches keep each other so. You must keep a watch that it is not being plucked by its fellow captives. I can only suggest that you hang one or two cocoanut shell nests in the cage, pushing a little moss in each. The birds will crowd into these, and keep themselves warm during the cold nights. You have done all that you can, and I fear there will be little improvement till the warm weather comes round.

African Silverbills (A. W.).—Such mishaps are by no means uncommon, though Silverbills as a rule make excellent parents. So far as I remember, young Silverbills in my aviary have always been reared entirely upon seed and green food, though they had access to the soft food provided for the softbills sharing their enclosure. I should supply canary, white millet, also spray millet and a little of some good soft food mixture and green food ad lib. Silverbills have bred in almost every month in my aviary from March to October inclusive, though at this time I have no Silverbills, the aviary being mostly given up to rare softbills.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sex of Skylarks.

A. Lord.—The cock and hen Skylark are coloured and marked exactly alike, practically speaking, and no beginner could sex them by these points. The cock Skylark is always an appreciably bigger bird than the hen, and has a longer sweep of wing. The difference in these points is very apparent when a good cock bird is compared with an average hen. Even when folded, the wings of the cock can be seen to reach farther down over the tail. Once one has had a little experience with the species, the sexing is by no means difficult. Any dealer worth his salt can pick you out a cock bird with absolute certainty. Pay him a fair price for doing so.

Beginners and Muling.

Lady W.—The safest, easiest, and most likely to be successful method for the beginner in Mule breeding is the adoption of one or other of the following plans:—Either put the cock Linnet and cock Goldfinch in the breeding cages now with their Canary mates, or else hang them close to each other (cock to hen) so that they can see one another and become acquainted. In the latter case you would put them together for breeding about the last week in March. I can't tell you any exact date, for that depends entirely on the condition of your Britishers, and only

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you yourself can answer for the latter. If you have double breeders, with a wired centre partition, you can put cock one side, hen the other, and withdraw the slides when the hens seem desirous of going to nest, which they will show by carrying pieces of nesting material about in their beaks, and by loud "calling" accompanied by much vigorous bouncing about the cage and flapping of wings.

An Opinion of Sunflower Seed.

Black and White.—In my opinion sunflower seed is a very excellent and wholesome food for all seed-eating birds, either whole, for those who can shell it, or lightly-cracked, for those which find it too large to be negotiated otherwise. All seed-eaters are fond of it, once they have tasted it. Larks, Pipits, and similar semi-grain-eating birds, relish it very much when shelled and just "kibbled" (broken up), either given alone or placed on top of their soft food. I get through a large quantity of sunflower seed, and never have any but good results from its use. Of course, it must not be given so freely to some birds as to others. Greenfinches, Crossbills, and Hawfinches, for instance, will hardly do really well unless they have it in plenty; Chaffinches and Bramblefinches should have it fairly freely; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and other small Finches should be given a frequent feed. For growing young birds (especially Hybrids), it is excellent, not only being a nutritious food, but providing them with something to exercise their beaks on, and pass away spare moments which otherwise would very likely be devoted to pecking at their companion's plumage—everyone knows how mischievous young Mules can be in this latter respect. For adult Hybrids, of whatever variety, a small feed of sunflower seed daily is very good; the larger varieties (Bullfinch or Greenfinch cross, for instance) may have a more liberal supply.

Breeding in an Aviary.

Constant Reader. It is not at all necessary to put a shrub (a living plant) into an aviary for hen British birds to nest in. As likely as not they would ignore it, though quite possibly they might use it. They do some strange things. I myself have fixed up the most secret and snug corners for them to build their homes in, but they only "turned up their noses" at my contriving, and planted their nests right out in the open, within a very few inches of the wire-netting front. Fix up as many likely spots as possible (one cannot do more), and then leave the birds to go their own sweet way, keeping an eye open, however, for fear two couples should fancy the same site, for a pitched battle is almost certain to result should this happen, and unless one or the other gives way it may become necessary to interfere. Hang up nest-boxes in likely corners (or place them on shelves, etc.), and arrange bundles of pea-sticks, or suitable dead branches branches, here and there about the place. It is a very good plan to get a few old, yet not dilapidated, Blackbird and Thrush nests out of the hedgerows, and stick these about. Many Bullfinch and other hens will gladly re-line and use them. It is possible to get disused "first-round" nests of the above species in the season in plenty of time for use in one's aviaries and cages.

More Muling Troubles.

Puzzled.—Some Canary hens absolutely will not accept the attentions of cock British birds; such are rare, it is true—but I have had them myself, and so has many another fancier. Still, it often happens when two birds are rushed together, and one of them is not ripe for breeding, that serious fighting ensues, which embitters the couple for the rest of the season. Again, not even the luckiest of breeders can expect to meet with success from every hen put up. The Goldfinch and the hen Canary should be introduced in a double breeding-cage, having the wired slide down the centre—that is, one bird in each compartment. When the hen begins to carry nesting material about in her beak, and appears to be looking for a receptacle in which to deposit it, hang up a nest-box, withdraw the slide, and let the Goldfinch run in with her. Before this takes place, I fancy you will find him (if, as he ought to be, in condition) both singing to her and feeding her through the wires. If so, you can shake hands with yourself on a rosy outlook. A great deal more depends on the proper mating of Muling (and other) couples than the majority of breeders seem to credit. Some do not even seem to worry about whether the birds are in breeding condition; when they think the time has come for them to breed, pop they go together. Then there is trouble should one of the twain happen to be rank and its partner contrariwise.

Feeding for Breeding.

Parroket.—To get Finches into high breeding condition, pinches of gold of pleasure, sesame, hemp, niger, maw, dandelion, and similar "wild" seeds are invaluable. You must look out for early tender dandelion leaves and the flowering and seeding heads, and give the bird a free supply, seeing they are never in a frosted condition when offered. This is invaluable as a "conditioner" for breeding birds. For early supplies, look on sheltered banks (railway embankments for instance) which face south. Also let the bird have sprigs of seeding shepherd's purse, and chickweed, and flowering groundsel tops, looking out for the earliest possible supplies. The hen Canary does not want forcing, or she will go to nest before the Finch is fit, and the result will be disappointment, in the shape of clear eggs. Let her have good, sound canary seed only, with a little summer rape every second day, and a "nip" of hemp and niger twice a week. A small feed of egg-food once a week will do her no harm; plenty of time to give it oftener when the month of March is well in. In these matters, however, all fanciers must use their judgment according to the breeding condition or otherwise of their birds.

Early Bullie Eggs.

Lover of Birds.—It is early yet for fertile eggs from Bullies. If any of the eggs chance to prove fertile, transfer them at once, by all means, to the reliable feeding hen Canary you have. She will rear the young without any trouble on the usual food supplied to hens having young Canaries under them, i.e., egg food, crushed hemp, summer rape, young leaves of chickweed, shepherd's purse, lettuce, etc., giving in addition, of course, insectivorous food and any live foods you can command. One word of caution. Don't get messing and fussing about the cage to an utterly unnecessary extent, or you may quite likely put her off her duties. Should she unfortunately neglect them, remember that the hand-rearing of Bullfinch Hybrids offers but little difficulty, even when it has to be undertaken at quite a tender age. the chief things to observe are frequency and regularity of feeding, and giving but a little at a time—not over-stuffing them.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and an accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

R. N. S. Tebb.—Canary. Death arose from consolidation of the lungs, originating in an attack of pneumonia. It is not common to find the lungs of birds in this state, as pneumatic attacks in same are generally of such an acute character as to allow no time for consolidation. It no doubt originated in the first place from cold, and it is plain to see that distress in breathing would be more manifest after handling as you describe. The grinding noise would be actuated by attacks of pain. The affection has been originating some little time. The consolidation is due to the fact that an outpouring of inflammatory material takes place, filling up the minute air spaces of the lungs, giving it a solid appearance, and as it increased in quantity so the breathing would become more and more distressed.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

The Wild Bird Act (D. MacArthur).—Thanks for your kindness; will find a corner for it next week.

A Cutting (H. Bennett).—Many thanks for sending this interesting item.

A Newspaper Cutting (Wilson Naylor).—Many thanks for sending this.

A Photo (T. H. Black).—Thanks for an interesting photograph, which we shall hope to utilise in the near future.

Painting Competition (H. L. Chancellor).—You would doubtless see the announcement of this result in last week's issue.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Where has the Whiskey Gone?

SIR,—I won at Felinfoel on the 18th Dec., as special in class 24, a bottle of whiskey, as the secretary, Mr. T. J. Davies, wrote to me when he sent me 5s. as half-prize money. I did not receive the whiskey. I wrote twice to Mr. Davies, and have not had any acknowledgment.

JUSTICE.

What Size Should Travelling Cages be?

SIR,—Will some kind reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly give me information on the proper size of travelling cages for one, two, three, four, five, six pairs of birds respectively? Also how many can you send in one cage, so as to be clear of the law? I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, but have never seen this referred to.

INQUISITIVE.

How to Remove Ice-blocks from Water-tins.

SIR,—I see that "Straight Un" complains of difficulty of thawing frozen drinkers, etc. I find the following plan excellent. I take a pail of cold water (straight from tap) into the bird-room, collect all the drinkers, and put them into it. By the time I have given the birds some seed, I have only to turn the drinkers upside down and out drop the blocks of ice. I use the little "top hat" drinkers. If fanciers will only give this method a trial, they will be agreeably surprised with the result.

V. S. HORWOOD.

The Preparation of Crests for Exhibition.

What is Legitimate.

SIR,—May I crave a small space in the columns of your valuable paper to enable a few fanciers in this city to elicit some information regarding the preparation of Crests for exhibition? I was present at a Bird Washing Competition, on January 28th, held under the auspices of the Aberdeen O.S., when a lecture was given on how to prepare Crests for exhibition. In his remarks the lecturer said that most of the leading fanciers trimmed their Crests, as it was almost impossible to breed a bird with a perfect formation of crest—one that was fit for exhibition without trimming. In the rules of most societies there is a statement to the effect that all exhibits having clipped, drawn, or painted plumage will be disqualified. Now, in spite of this, it was here openly confessed that they clip all objectionable feathers that make the formation of a crest imperfect. I should like to know if this is allowable in competition as regards Crests? Seeing that most of those present, along with myself, are novices in the art of exhibiting Crests, would not such a statement have a detrimental effect on the Fancy, as novices could have no chance of gaining the coveted prize ticket against the wiles of professional fakers? I do not think that anyone would object to the use of hot water and irons to assist the feather to keep in place and make a perfect formation, but when it comes to removing objectionable feathers it cannot, in my opinion, be called other than trimming. Should this letter come to the notice of any Crest exhibitors I should be exceedingly obliged if they could enlighten us on this most important subject.

J. WRIGHT.

Aberdeen.

Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—I have read many letters concerning Mr. Knight's mode of feeding the Skylark. Now, having bred many Skylarks in captivity I would like your readers to know how I feed my birds. I have an old coffee mill, and I grind up 1lb. hemp seed, ½lb. rape seed, ¼lb. maw seed, ¼lb. linseed, half pint grey peas. I mix all together, and afterwards I add 2ozs. of ants' eggs. I take a teaspoonful for each bird, and I add to this breadcrumbs and scraped carrots and turnips. For a change I add chopped sprouts, scraped swedes, celery, chickweed, watercress, stewed English wheat, rice, pearl barley, chopped mealworms, boiled and baked liver and boiled eggs. The green food and stewed food are mixed with the breadcrumbs and seed, which will keep the food moistened, and will also keep the birds in good condition. I keep my birds in a room with the temperature from 55 to 60 degrees. I have bred over 30 Skylarks in captivity, and I have taken numerous prizes both by showing and in singing contests. I have also sung Skylarks in some of the public concert halls in Birmingham for the Christmas Tree Fund, also for the Lord Mayor's Fund and City Aid Society Funds, and employment funds, and several other minor charitable funds, with my famous Skylark "Charity." I can safely say that my food is good for restoring the bird's life. Our president, Mr. Joseph Jukes, had a bird live to the age of 22 years. The bird's name was "Rule Britannia," and it was fed on the above-named diet. When the bird was 21 years old he beat my famous "Charity" by half a second in a contest of 28 singers. Our secretary, Mr. W. Martin, holds testimony of several large contests, etc., of my bird's doings. There is no doubt our friend, Mr. Knight, is quite puzzled as to what style of feeding he shall commence upon with his new bird, so let me advise him to follow my example, where there is so much proof of my birds doings from the above modes of diet.

J. SOULS, Treasurer of
The Midland Counties Skylark Society.

A Recipe Wanted for a "Conditioner."

SIR,—Will the fancier who wrote an article some year or two ago, called, "Hints for Novices," kindly favour me by again stating his recipe for a "Conditioner"? It was made up of port wine, honey, and I believe sulphate of iron. Have lost the article, and I wish to make up another bottle. It has proved a most useful tonic, and saved a good bird with chronic diarrhœa for me.

G. P. MORGAN.

Prize Money and Entry Fees at Abertillery Show.

SIR,—I entered two birds at the above show. I received number and label for one bird; the other class was cancelled. I sent my Greenfinch, and secured first with him. Up to the time of writing I have not received either prize money or my returned entry fee. I have written to the secretary twice, but have not received a reply to either of my letters. The show was held under C.B.U. rules, and I trust that they will make a note of this.

DAVID S. LEE.

The New Society for Codnor Park.

SIR,—I notice a letter from one who signs himself "Nom-de-plumo" referring to the Codnor Park Cage Bird Society, also myself. "Nom-de-plume" states that he would like to know what I call a majority. What I stated say 2 to 1 is a majority. What I stated in my letter of January 21st, that the majority of the cage bird fanciers had resigned from Selston Society is correct, and I defy "Nom-de-plume" to say it is false. I can say without fear that there are 7 resigned, which left 3 members on the books for the cage bird section when I gave up. As regards my resignation of the secretaryship of the Selston Society, I ask of you, "Nom-de-plume," to withdraw the remarks you have published as to my not having given up one post before taking over the secretaryship of the Codnor Park Cage Bird Society. I defy you, or any other present member of the Selston Society, to state that I had not sent my resignation in, by letter, as I was unable to get to the meeting, as I was at work that night, and this you are aware of, as I told all the members present at the previous meeting I should be unable to get. My resignation had been delivered and read out at your meeting before I had been approached, or had any idea of forming, a society at Codnor Park. I have proof of my letter being read out at the meeting, but by what I gathered from one and then another you were not going to accept it. Yet none of you could write to me and tell me so, but sent the minutes of the meeting for me to copy, and seek fresh headquarters for you to hold your meetings. I hope, "Nom-de-plume," that you have got what you wanted by being made hon. secretary.

J. H. MITCHELL,
Hon. Sec., Codnor Park C.B.S.

[We have also received letters from "Seven to Three" and "One in the Know," stating that Mr. Mitchell's resignation was read out, and supporting him on other points.—EDITOR.]

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The Cage Bird Union in the North.

SIR,—I notice another correspondent has entered the arena re the above subject, and signs himself "Fate." If he is man enough to disclose his identity, he will be fully answered, as his effusion is nothing but a parcel of inaccuracies and misrepresentations. If he is not prepared to back up his statements with his name, then I for one will treat it with contmpt.

J. CURRAH.

SIR,—I have no wish to introduce the personal element into my correspondence My first letter was a simple query about a statement in your journal, which I proved to be incorrect. It was not signed, so I also decided to use a "Nom de plume." I neither mentioned Mr. Currah nor a society. If you choose to take everything to apply to yourself, Mr. C., you are entitled to do so; but there is no "coercion." When you replied, and Mr. Curry also admitted his inaccurate statement, you showed the Fancy how things stood. My letter was written in defence of the C.B.U., and to that I intend to confine myself "at present." (Mark the "at present.")

"TWITE."

SIR,—I think the most abused man in the North of England at the present time (I think I can even include politicians) is Mr. MacPartling, and all through being so unfortunate as to be the Union representative for our society. It is scandalous how he has been abused by these cowards (what else can I call them?), who abuse people under noms-de-plume. At the time of penning these few lines I don't know what the result of his Mule case will be, but whatever the result, there is not a fancier or workmate but will bear me out when I say that a more respectable, truthful, straightforward, aye, man of the highest integrity, you will not find in the Fancy. When elected to be our C.B.U. representative, it was not with his free will, for he was not desirous of filling the position, but since he was elected, I must say that a better champion the Union never had. If the birds are not Mules, then I'm afraid that some of his hens must have been "lying awrang" or been with an "unco (strange) man" quite unknown to Mr. MacPartling. Whatever the verdict may be, I am sure Mac's character needs no vindication. As I have heard that my name has been mentioned as the writer of some of these anonymous letters, I would be much obliged to you if you would kindly contradict such rumour.

J. G. HUTCHINSON.

[We have received no letter other than the above from Mr. Hutchinson concerning the "C.B.U. in the North."—Editor.]

SIR,—This correspondence is not of the edifying nature one could wish it to be. If writers would only confine themselves to the point of whether the C.B.U. has justified its existence up to the present time, then one would be better able to understand the position. May I appeal to my brother fanciers to leave personalities alone, to sink petty jealousies, and to join hands to elevate and uplift the Fancy in the district to a higher plane? Whether this is done through the C.B.U. or through a Northern Federation, I for one care little. When the Union was formed, I was one of its greatest supporters in the district, and would continue to be so if I thought that its tendency was to elevate the Fancy, but when I see it used as the cat's paw for the relief of the feelings of jealous members, when it does things it ought not to do, and leaves undone things it ought to do, when it suspends one man (myself to wit) for showing at a small country show out of the regular show season, and takes no action in the scores of other cases which are happening on all sides in the regular show season, when men, to evade rule 17, are showing in their daughter's, son's, wife's, and other names, and no action is taken, then one begins to wonder if the Union is the power it ought to be. I know it will be replied that these cases have not been reported to the officials, but so far as I know, there is no appointed secretary for No. 1 district. Even if there were the discredit to which the Union has fallen is such that no respectable fancier would undertake to report these cases, much less send an anonymous catalogue. Another thing which we fanciers have to complain about is that the business which is conducted is not reported in the Fancy Press, and unless we happen to be present at the club meeting following the district committee's meeting, when the delegate usually gives his report, we know nothing of their doings. All other clubs' doings are reported in your columns, but so far as I remember, only about three meetings of all held by the twelve district committees have ever been reported, and I do not remember ever seeing the report of an executive meeting since the formation of the C.B.U. It is quite possible that the Union in other parts is doing some good work, but if so, why hide its light under a bushel? Surely its doings ought to bear the light of scrutiny. We want official reports of its transactions, so that we may know what the officials who are elected annually have done during their term of office. We want to know who those officials are, and to whom we ought to report any cases of irregularity which are brought to our notice.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—Mr. Currah asks your readers to look at the report of Gateshead meeting and compare "J. G.'s" letter with it. I am astonished at one who professes to uphold truth writing such a thing, for he knows perfectly well that the report of the meeting is not correct. There were remarks made for and against the C.B.U. Examine the report again, Mr. C. It says, "after some very heated discussion," etc. How could there be "very heated discussion" if everyone present was in favour? What about my figures, 11 for and 8 against? Who is hiding behind the hedge now, taking advantage of a report he knows is not correct? As for the quotation, "First cast out the beam," etc., I think you had better start yourself, Mr. C. I hope you will be man enough to acknowledge you are in the wrong this time. I never thought you were a humorist. I am glad I tickled you about your clique (or "flying squadron"). It would have been as well if one of your clique had been muzzled at the Gateshead meeting. I suppose he was very nice to Mr. MacPartling at the Newcastle meeting. What a nice man he can be to your face. "J. G." does not wish to stop any member (mark you, "member") from speaking or voting. What I object to is anyone not a member of the society doing both. I have been told (how far it is correct I do not know yet) that some of the clique who supported the resolution to leave the C.B.U., were not members of Gateshead Society. I will ask your readers to judge for themselves whether "J. G." or Mr. C." is correct about the result of that meeting. I think the Gateshead secretary has been very indiscreet in his report of the meeting in his remarks about the representative of No. 1 district. The case is not settled yet, and even if it was, I think the remarks were quite uncalled for. I think Mr. MacPartling honestly believes the birds are Mules. If I have hurt your feelings, Mr. C., I am sorry, but remember you are not the only one who wants "the truth and nothing but the truth."

J. GRAHAM.

SIR,—I have certainly no wish to enter into any controversy, as it is not in my line, but I am compelled on this occasion in the interests of justice. Being the owner of the Mule that one of your correspondents, who signs himself "Lover of Justice" is harping on about not being judged in the members' class, I consider it my unbounded duty to give your readers the true state of affairs. That it could not be found when wanted was entirely my own fault, for, instead of gumming the member's tally on the front of the cage, I put it on the top corner, and when the stewards of the Mule section came to look for it to be judged in the members' class, quite naturally they were looking for the label on the front of the cage. No doubt I felt rather annoyed when I came in immediately after the members' class was judged (although it was detained for about twenty minutes in the hunt for my bird) at finding my bird had never been out, and probably said in my vexation some things that would have been better left unsaid. About half an hour after this I met Mr. Currah, our respected chairman and show manager in the show room, and, of course, I told him about the business, and, I can tell you, he felt rather grieved over the matter, and said he would have the class judged over again, as "right was right." But such a course I would not sanction, as by this time I had got over my feelings, and had had an explanation from the steward who was in charge of the section, and "who" had "no" self-interests in the Mule section. So, you see, "Lover of Justice," you should not be so hasty in going to the Press over so trifling a matter without the facts of the case, and accusing officials, which are second to none, of neglect of duty. As far as I was concerned, I had forgot all about the affair, and was rather surprised when I saw it brought forward, after a lapse of three months. If "Lover of Justice" is a member of the N.C.B.S., why didn't he bring the matter up at the club room, the proper place, where it would have got a fair and square hearing? And, on the other hand, if he is not a member, let him mind his own business, as I am quite capable of looking after mine

JAMES JOHNSTON.

(Owing to considerations of space, we have been compelled to condense some of the above letters.—EDITOR.)

Mice in the Bird Room.

SIR,—Having read the different methods of ridding the bird-room of mice, I think this method would be of use. Fill all holes up with broken glass so as to stop the mice from eating their way through; then bend some sheet tin so as to nail on to the floor and skirting boards. I have tried this with success. KELLY.

SIR,—I send you my experience in one house for ten years. The mice were very bad in it and I set to work and got some tar and some pieces of wood; then I tarred the back of the wood with it and fixed wood round the best way I could. Then for the small holes I put some tar in an old tin and a little water in it. Then I put paper into it and soaked it; finally filled up the holes as tight as possible with the mixture. I have never seen a mouse since. The next-door neighbour asked me what I had been doing as the mice were running all over. I told him to do as I had been doing and send them downstairs. This same cure applies to outdoor aviaries. You dig a small channel round and round and fill it up with thick tar; then cover with earth. Neither mice nor rats will go through it. You can get coal tar from any plumber or drysalter.

CHARLES LILLIE KIRK.

Can British Birds be Stolen with Impunity?

SIR,—Being a lover of British birds I was greatly interested on reading Mr. Goodridge's letter under this heading. It reminds me of a case I heard of some time ago, which happened here in Bristol. A man took a tame Magpie from a cage which was hanging outside its owner's house, and took it to a bird dealer's shop, and offered it for sale The dealer gave him a fair price for the bird, but a day or so after a gentleman called at his shop and claimed the bird as his, which, no doubt, was true, for upon talking to it and calling it by a pet name it was quite evident whose bird it was. The police were communicated with, but the parties were told that it was a wild bird, and therefore a charge of theft against the man who took it from the cage would not stand. The Magpie was, I think, by mutual arrangement returned to its owner.

ST. GEORGE.

SIR,—I should say certainly not. I fail to follow the magistrate's unjust decision. For a man to go into a shop and ask to see some birds, one of which, when shown him, he deliberately opens the door to take—a bird which has been in the shop-keeper's possession over three years, and surely that is long enough to entitle him to ownership—while he draws the attention away by asking to be shown another, making off out of the shop with the bird—I should think is robbery in one of its worst forms. I should like to have seen him severely dealt with. Besides which he assaults a young man who tries to stop him with the stolen bird in his possession. The man after being charged (but which is not accepted by the police) owns that he is guilty of the theft by offering to pay for the bird, there being also a witness in the shop who saw the occurrence. Yet the magistrate fined him 5s. for another offence for which he was not charged—viz., for being "Drunk and disorderly." Neither, I believe, was anything said about, nor had he the appearance of being so. Therefore, I fail to see or follow the reason of such a verdict. Was the magistrate "caught napping" or his thoughts gone wool-gathering? He also fined him in addition 10s. for assault, but for the charge and bird and cage nothing was done or mentioned. If they (police) say a "wild bird belongs to anybody," how can that be, if they are not in anybody's possession and proteeted all the year round? I think the decision very hard and unjust and an encouragement to such persons to go and do likewise in any shop where wild birds are for sale. If this is the law, then the sooner it is altered the better. Could not the case be taken up again and retried?

F. J. W. S.

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The Judging of Roller Canaries

SIR,—At our meeting on Feb. 5th, Mr. Foulds' letter was read, as published in CAGE BIRDS re the judging of Rollers, and all our members were most unanimous in support of Mr. Foulds' statement with regard to high schockel, no such tour being included in the B.R.C.C. standard. Probably these birds have been singing high bell tour, and should have been penalised for such and not for high schockel, as appears on judging sheet. How and where did this tour come from, and whose invention? We are of the opinion with regard to high and low schockel, that this schockel tour is a waving hollow tour, and cannot be sung in a high key to give offence; therefore this schockel should not be penalised, as already has been. We should like to hear other fanciers' views on this matter.

T. W. WALTON, Sec. Leeds Roller C.C.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In reply to "Another Amateur" re thread for making a good net, the kind I use is as follows: Go to your bootmaker and get him to send for a pound or half-pound of linen machine thread, the same sort that is used for stitching the uppers of the boots together. This is very fine and very strong. You can get it in 2oz. spools, of about 600 yards, without a knot in it. It is very smooth and works up very nice, but the cost is about 5s. 4d. a pound. Or you can buy it by the spool, about 8½d., any colour. The colour I use is white. Brown hardly shows on the ground. For arming the nets I use brown water cord, the size they use for pike fishing, and for the top lines I use curbing line, same as the men use for laying of curb stones, very tight, but wonderfully strong. If "Another Amateur" will give his address, I will send him a sample of the thread, and he can see for himself. Any further information I am willing to give to any on the above.

NETTER.

Prize Money at Oakengates Show.

SIR,—Our attention has been called to a letter written you by Mr. W. P. Bell and published in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of January 29. In it, he complains that he has not received his prize-money, 5s., also that he has written the secretary three times, and only received one reply. He does not say that he was distinctly told in that letter that his prize-money had been sent, and that it was sent on August 10, the day after the show; also that we had a witness who checked the account, and also saw it posted. We do not say he received it, but we are positively certain it was posted to him. We have received many letters from successful exhibitors thanking us for the prompt way in which we paid their prize-money. It was a great surprise to us to receive a postcard from Mr. Bell a month after his prize-money had been sent, saying he had not received it. This is the only complaint we have received. Mr. Bell says he will withhold his support from our next show. We do not suppose this will ruin us, as actions speak louder than words, and several exhibitors were so pleased at the satisfactory way everything in connection with our show was carried out, that they have offered us several special prizes for our next show. We hope you will kindly insert this explanation in your next issue.

G. WARD AND A. BROTHWOOD, Secs.

A Crown Claimed from the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—At the last meeting of the Whittington Moor Cage Bird Society, I was instructed to let you know of the treatment we are receiving at the hands of the C.B.U. We held our first open show on Boxing Day, and, without the aid of the C.B.U., it proved a grand success. Shortly before the last day for receiving entries, several members of neighbouring societies approached us to obtain a licence from the C.B.U. that they might make a few entries. We at once sent off the necessary 5s., but received a reply to say that, being purely a cage bird society, we could not be granted a licence. This we now know is according to rule, but, note, no 5s. was returned. Being unable to have a licence granted us, we had no option but to refuse about 30 entries from Union members. But this is not our grievance. Our secretary wrote off for the return of the 5s., and, in reply, came the following letter:—

January 15, 1910.

MESSRS. BARBER AND ATKINS.

GENTS,—Re 5s. sent for your last show, as you have had your show, I cannot see quite that you want your money back. If you have held it under our rules, and induced some of our members to support you by making entries, and if any have done so they would be breaking the rules. Kindly send me a schedule and catalogue, and if none of our members have shown, then I might suggest to you that the 5s. sent should go to making you members of the Union for the coming year, as you say you might join this coming year.

J. RAYNES, Sec. C.B.U.

If you cannot trust either our society or your own members, Mr. Raynes, please don't expect confidence from them in return. In answer to this letter, our secretary wrote (more than a fortnight ago) to say we refused entries from C.B.U. members, and that we had decided not to join the C.B.U., and would he kindly return the 5s. To this we can get no answer. This is our last application, Mr. Raynes. We are determined to have the deposit returned at any cost, and if you require a catalogue for proof of any support from your members, please pay the 4d. for it, the same as other people, and you can have one. We don't feel inclined to allow you any further credit by sending you a catalogue free, you have quite sufficient now belonging to us. If this is a sample of the work carried on by this great Cage Bird Union, no wonder we hear and read so much about it, and we feel we are certainly well advised in not joining its ranks.

J. THORP.

Whittington Moor C.B. Society.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Some Notable Birds at the Crystal Palace Show.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(See drawing on page 135.)

This article is not intended to cover the whole of the Palace "aristocracy," but merely to describe the six species figured on our plate by Mr. Goodchild.

HUNSTEIN'S MAGNIFICENT BIRD OF PARADISE: Though not figured on our plate, we cannot well pass this magnificent specimen without some notice, though described and illustrated in December last. But the bird has marvellously improved since, and during the course of the show treated many fortunate observers to characteristic attitudinizing and displaying. It was most interesting to see the straw-coloured hood at the back of the neck raised almost perpendicularly and the wings dropped with every feather quivering—a sight long to be remembered—and the rich colouring was displayed in a manner not to be realised by those who have only seen it so far in the normal attitude. Well did it merit its title of Magnificent. The silkiness of its plumage and richness and purity of colouring have increased—it is also much steadier than when last exhibited.

The Stella Lory.

Words fail one to describe the gorgeous tropical colouring of this lovely species. The body colouring is glowing carmine and crimson, a violet-purple crown adorns the top of the head, the wings and tail, rich, dark grass-green, and the beak, legs, and feet, orange-yellow. It is a native of New Guinea, and with this species must ever be associated the name of Mr. Walter Goodfellow, who collected and brought over the group which now adorn the aviaries of Mr. E. J. Brook, of Ecclefechan, whose fine series of rare Lories and Lorikeets surpasses even that at the London Zoo. The specimen herein described came from Mr. Brook's collection. The longest tail feathers are 10½ inches and are flexible, the bird having the power to curl them up and straighten them out again in almost any direction at will. There is also another species, the Fair Lory, very similar to the above in general colouration, of which Mr. Brook also possesses a good series. Mr. Millsum is to be congratulated on this acquisition, of which any aviculturist might well be proud.

Levaillant's Barbet.

The quaint markings of this rare and interesting species (only two specimens of which have ever reached this country alive) are clearly shown in Mr. Goodchild's characteristic drawing. With this before us, the only description necessary is to say that the mottlings consist of white, pale yellow, dull red, and lustrous black. Since a recent London show, this specimen has passed into the hands of Mr. S. Beaty. The bird is now quite tame for a Barbet and in beautiful condition. If not as gorgeous as some of its tropical rivals, it is a handsome and striking species, of much interest and full of character. Barbets must not be trusted with birds other than those which are larger and stronger than themselves.

The Indian Pitta.

As will be seen from the drawing on our plate, this is another quaint species, something like a Quail on stilts. It is an interesting and beautiful bird, principal colouration: head, dark brownish-black; upper eye streak pale fawn colour; lower face and throat pure white; back and wings bluish-green, relieved with black and also a white wing bar; the under-surface is pale reddish-rufous, with the centre of abdomen and central region glowing scarlet; the tail is but rudimentary. This species is very quarrelsome and pugnacious unless it has plenty of space, and even then it should be kept under observation, though most of his enormities are reserved for his own species. According to Jordan this species throughout the whole of India feeds chiefly on various coleopterous insects, and in captivity it should have a liberal supply of live food. Its mode of progression on the ground is by hopping. The specimen here described was exhibited by Mr. C. Cushney, and was in excellent condition.

The Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak.

A fine outstanding species, of pleasing contour for a Grosbeak, of subdued colouring, yet how beautifully the brown and dull blue harmonise; all plainness is lost and a really beautiful bird is the result. Mr. Goodchild's drawing fully indicates its "reachy" carriage, and conveys a good idea of the colour areas. The body colouring is dull blue, with wings of various shades of brown. It is to be hoped that the fortunate owner of the pair, Mrs. E. Galloway, will be able to give them breeding quarters for the summer months, as she has an undoubted pair. Mixed seeds, green food, live food of some kind, such fruit as they will take, and also a little soft food if they will eat same will fully meet the needs of this fine species. The common Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca cyanea*) was bred by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker in one of his outdoor aviaries last year; so why not the Brown-winged?

The Hooded Siskin.

If this lovely bird only came over in larger numbers and reached our shores in a little more robust condition, it would soon become everybody's bird, for of all the birds that graced the benches of the National Show surely this charming little species would merit such a title. It is beautiful indeed in its striking silky garment of fiery orange and black. It is a seed-eater and it is said to mate freely (in Italy, at any rate) with the Canary, producing very beautiful hybrids. Those interested in hybrid breeding would do well to keep this charming little fellow in view, as the possible progenitor of numerous rare and beautiful hybrids. It is also a songster of more than average merit. The sexes are distinct as to plumage, the female is brown with patches of orange-red on the breast and three on each wing; the rump and upper tail coverts are also of the same hue. Mr. H. D. Astley was the first to introduce this species to English aviculture—he met with it during a stay abroad, and in Trinidad he saw many charming Mules that had been bred between it and the Wild Canary. Diet: Canary, millet, rape, crushed oats, lettuce seed, and spray millet. Spray millet they are very fond of, and fresh, clean green-food must be liberally supplied, especially blighty foliage. The specimen herein described was exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, and staged in his usual faultless style.

The Cape Sparrow.

A very fine specimen of this well-known species was staged in exquisite condition by Mr. L. J. Arrighi, and we do not remember to have seen one so richly coloured and well marked previously. The drawing clearly indicates the sharp but pleasing contrasts of its colour. The facial markings, top of head and pectoral patch are deep black and pure white, the remainder of under surface is whitish, while the upper surface consists of brown and rich chestnut-brown; beak blackish; legs and feet reddish-flesh colour. It is an interesting species, both for cage or aviary, its striking colouration, though not brilliant, attracts notice at once, and there are few birds of more attractive appearance—however gorgeous apparelled—than the Cape or Crescent Sparrow. Mr. Seth Smith had young of this species hatched out, but not fully reared, in his aviaries in 1901. In contour it is a replica of *Passer domesticus* but differs materially in disposition, for it is amiable in the aviary and a desirable inmate. It has no song, but neither has it a noisy chirp or chatter, but is really a well-conducted and handsome fellow. The female, though very similar to the male, lacks all intensity of colour, has no white in her plumage, the light areas being very pale dusky brown.

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The Cage Bird Union Annual Meeting.

"Out of Order": An Extraordinary Fiasco.

The Council Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Cage Bird Union was held at the Crystal Palace in the Electric Theatre on Saturday, February 5th. The Council met at four o'clock. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) in the chair.

The chief business at this Council meeting was in connection with Mr. G. W. Macpartling's appeal against the decision of the District No. 1 (Newcastle) Committee. Mr. Macpartling, it will be remembered, exhibited two birds in the Mule classes at the recent Newcastle and Wallsend shows, which, he declared, were undoubted light Mules, as he had bred them himself. These birds were wrong-classed at the former show and awarded prizes at the latter, the reason for the wrong-classing being (it was stated) that the birds were Canaries. The case came before the District Committee, and it was agreed by them and Mr. Macpartling to submit the birds to Dr. Galloway for an unbiased opinion as to their identity. Dr. Galloway gave it as his opinion that the birds were Canaries, and the committee accordingly decided against Mr. Macpartling. The business of the Council was, therefore, to hear the appeal of that gentleman, who had previously deposited ten shillings with the Union for the purpose.

Mr. RAMSDEN asked if Mr. Macpartling had agreed to let the birds go to Dr. Galloway, because, if he had, then the decision of Dr. Galloway, as the referee accepted by the two parties, should be, in fact must be, legally regarded as final, so that the whole appeal should now be ruled out of court.

Mr. MACPARTLING: I agreed to the birds going to Dr. Galloway, but I did not for one moment think that his decision would be final. If I had refused to let them go, the case would have gone against me at once, and with my honour at stake, as it is, I could not risk doing this. I declare emphatically that the birds were bred by me. The manner of their breeding has never been made public, for the simple reason that I have never been given the opportunity of saying how I bred them; and I submit that now that I have appealed to the Council of the Cage Bird Union, I have a right to be heard.

The Council afterwards inspected the birds, and gave it as their practically unanimous opinion that they were Canaries. They therefore agreed to uphold the decision of the District No. 1 Committee, though they wanted it understood that they did not wish to cast any reflection on Mr. Macpartling, believing that he had made a mistake.

The Council next considered a question of Mr. Ramsden's. He had been asked, he said, in what class a Mule should be shown, which was dark but for four white feathers in the tail. A certain exhibitor had shown such a bird as a light Mule, winning a prize with it; had shown it in a dark Mule class, winning here also; and had shown it in the A.O.V. Mule class, where it was wrong-classed. The question, therefore, was: What is its proper class?

Mr. HADWIN said that that eminent authority, Mr. J. Williams, had said that any Mule which had light plumage about it, if it were only a white speck on the head, was a light Mule.

Mr. POPE (Plymouth) said he was always of that opinion, and thought most shows were conducted on that understanding.

Mr. D. A. S. LONGDEN (Swansea) said that in a case where three classes were provided—a light, a dark, and an A.O.V.—a bird with light feathers in its tail, but dark otherwise, should certainly, he thought, be exhibited in the A.O.V. class. But where only two classes were provided, he was of opinion the bird should be shown in the class for dark Mules.

The Council decided that a bird possessing light feathers in its tail, but which was dark otherwise, should be shown in the A.O.V. class, when there were three classes, and in the light Mule class when only two classes appeared in the schedule.

With the consideration of several minor matters, the Council meeting was declared ended.

The Delegates' Meeting.

The delegates' meeting, which was timed to begin at 4.30 p.m., did not begin until nearly six o'clock, when Mr. Hadwin presided. Only fourteen delegates attended.

Before retiring, which he had to do, he explained, because he had so many matters to attend to, Mr. Ramsden said he had been asked to draw the attention of the delegates to the fact that according to the rules of the Union, the whole of the notices of motion appearing on the agenda were out of order. He would, however, leave it with the meeting to decide upon the matter.

Mr. RAYNES, the secretary, explained that in the first place, although he had sent a letter to every one of the affiliated societies asking them, among other things, to let him have any proposal they might have for alterations or additions to rules, they had failed to comply with rule 26 in the matter of sending him such proposals two calendar months before the general meeting; and, in the second place, when he did get their proposals he himself was unable to comply with the provision of Rule 26 that the proposals must be sent to secretaries of all affiliated societies six weeks before the general meeting. So what, he asked, was he to do?

The rule referred to reads as follows:—

> 26.—Notice in writing of any proposed alteration and of any proposed new rule, shall be sent by prepaid letter post addressed to the general secretary two calendar months before, and to the secretaries of every affiliated society six weeks before the Annual Meeting of the Delegates.

Mr. J. W. DEWHURST: I submit that the whole of the agenda is out of order. If secretaries of societies sent you these notices of motion after the time stated in Rule 26, your duty, as the secretary of the Union, was to have replied stating that you could not accept them. Besides, do I understand you to say that every delegate has been sent a copy of these notices? because I have not had one, and so have not had a chance of submitting them to the society which I represent. Moreover, don't you think a copy of the report and balance-sheet ought to have been sent to the societies?

The CHAIRMAN: They have been sent, I believe.

Mr. DEWHURST: No, they have not been sent; at least, my society have not seen them.

The CHAIRMAN: Rule 26 only refers to new rules and proposed alterations to rules. The ordinary business, such as the passing of the report and balance-sheet, we are quite in order in discussing. Seeing that the books do not close until January 31st, it was quite impossible for the balance-sheet to be submitted to societies.

At this point in the proceedings it was remembered that the minutes of the last annual general meeting had not been read. When the secretary had read these they were accepted, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester), seconded by Mr. W. W. Freestone (Norwich).

The report was next considered. It read as follows:—

> At the last annual meeting of delegates, held at the Crystal Palace, the general rules were discussed, and altered to such an extent that it was found necessary to refer the alterations to the Union's solicitor before having them reprinted. Mr. J. W. Ramsden again kindly undertook to supply 5,000 copies free of cost to the Union. These have been printed and sent to all affiliated societies, and I trust every member has had a copy of them.
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> The C.B.U., the Yorkshire Union, and the London Federation have agreed to recognise and uphold each other's disqualifications, etc. I still regret that no further arrangement has been made with the Y.U. and C.B.U. to bring them both into one fold, but I hope it will come in the near future. The compensation scheme, discussed last year, has had the Council's attention. The result will be found in the rule books. This was found to be a difficult matter to deal with owing to possible fraud, and the Council thought they would guard against it by only allowing compensation to or from shows, and where the railway company admit their liability. It has not met with the support the Executive Council wished, only eight members contributing to it. I hope more will join during the coming year.
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> The medal competition is not very keen in some districts, but now that we have got one specially designed for the Union, the Executive Council would like to see more go in for it. Members must compete in their own districts except Lancashire and Cheshire, as per rule.
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> Several cases of breaking the rules have been reported in various districts, chiefly members showing at non-affiliated or non-licensed shows, or expelled members showing their birds in other people's names; and the cases have been, or are being, dealt with by the district committees. The Executive Council think it the duty of every member to report (with proof) to the secretary of the district those who break the rules, and if this was done it would soon be stamped out.
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> One exhibitor, not a member of any affiliated society, was disqualified at a show by the judge for alleged staining of his exhibits. The District Committee tried the case, and suspended him until February, 1911, and suggested that secretaries of societies should not take entries from any of the family.
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> I would like to ask all members who receive schedules from societies to see if the show is advertised under C.B.U. rules, and if the show rules are inserted, and refer to the Press for confirmation before making their entries and warn their fellow members and exhibitors. I should also be glad if delegates would see that the secretaries' and delegates' names and addresses, also their affiliation fees (which are now due), and applications for show dates, are sent to the Union secretary as early as possible in order to prevent disappointment and delay in fixing up the dates of shows.
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> I enclose a copy of the balance-sheet subject to slight alterations.
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> The number of affiliated societies is 150—a decrease of about 20. The number of licenses is 50, against 73 last year. The affiliated societies are less in consequence of the London Federation taking a many. The others not rejoining are scattered about the country, some having no open show owing to lack of funds. The licensed shows, who have cage birds only, rather than be compelled to affiliate according to rule, dropped it altogether. The expenses are lower considerably. The balance in hand is £35 10s. 11d., showing a loss of about £7 on the year's working.—J. RAYNES, Sec.

In reference to the compensation scheme, the CHAIRMAN stated that it was, in his opinion, the best thing that had been put before societies. It would do away with the necessity of the coercive rule (No. 17), and when once in working order it would be quite sufficient in itself to make it worth one's while belonging to the Union.

Mr. DEWHURST said he noticed that the report credited the London Federation with taking away a lot of the societies from the Union's roll of affiliated societies. He would like to point out that the Federation only governed the members' classes at London shows, and had nothing to do with the open classes, so that it could not possibly clash with the C.B.U. Besides, it was understood that in regard to the open classes the C.B.U. rules would over-ride any others.

It was afterwards found that the majority of the societies, which were thought to have seceded from the Union on account of their having joined the London Federation, did not hold open shows during the past season, and therefore had no need to belong to the Union.

It was asked if something had not been said about an amalgamation of the Federation with the Union.

Mr. RAYNES replied in the negative. The Federation had agreed, he said, to uphold the Union's disqualifications and suspensions, and the Union the Federation's, but there was no suggestion that they should amalgamate in any way.

A DELEGATE: Why should we uphold the Federation's disqualifications, etc.?

Mr. RAYNES: To cause a friendly feeling between the two bodies, I presume; at least, we hope so.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Longden.

On the question of the balance-sheet, some considerable discussion arose over the item "Assistant-Secretary's salary, £3 13s. 6d.," which it was ultimately agreed should be deleted from the balance-sheet. Mr. J. Raynes (the secretary) stated that he would consider whether or not he should resign his position. He saw no reason why, as he had done the same amount of work that Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe did before him, he should not receive the same salary.

The balance-sheet as amended was passed, on the motion of Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Kelly (Sheffield).

The next business was the election of a president and secretary. The Secretary said only two nominations were to hand, viz., Mr. Bladon (Manchester) and himself, they having held the respective positions during the past year. He presumed they would be re-elected.

Several of the delegates at this point objected that neither they nor their societies had received a nomination form, and on Mr. Raynes assuring the meeting that they had all been posted, Mr. DEWHURST said he wanted to know the date on which the forms were sent out, as he would certainly "go for" the post-office on the point. Mr. Raynes promised to forward the date on to the enquirer.

Mr. LONGDEN thought that the best thing to do would be to send out fresh nomination forms to all affiliated societies, and he would move that such be done.—Mr. MACPARTLING seconded, and the proposition was carried practically unanimously.

The original question then came up for discussion again, as to whether the notices of motion on the agenda were in order, and, if not, whether the delegates would be doing the right thing in dealing with them.

Mr. WELLINGS proposed, though his proposition apparently found no seconder, "that we do not entertain any of these suggested alterations to rules."

Mr. LONGDEN: In the letter that I received from the secretary on December 25th, I was asked to let him have any suggestions that I might wish to make. I made some suggestions which duly appeared on the agenda; and I claim that I have a perfect right to have them discussed. And, after all, they are only suggestions as to alterations of rules.

Mr. TYLER: That circular (of December 23rd) was out of order.

Mr. LONGDEN: Then, with all due respect to our secretary, I submit that he was out of order in sending it out.

Mr. WOOLHOUSE (Dulwich) then moved the adjournment of the meeting, which Mr. DEWHURST seconded.

The CHAIRMAN thought this would be a very unwise proceeding in view of the expenses entailed and the needlessness of an adjournment as regarded one or two of the items on the agenda, but on its being put to the vote the motion for the adjournment was carried almost unanimously.

The next and last business of the meeting was, therefore, to decide upon the time and place of the next meeting. It was ultimately agreed to hold it at the Palace Show, 1911, although Whitsuntide was pressed as regards the time of meeting. On the proposition of Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. J. H. de Maillet (Birmingham), Leicester "nearly had it" as regards the place of meeting. Mr. Wellings was of the opinion that if the delegates stopped there much longer (they were very cold and hungry), they would not be able to meet at all. (Laughter.) A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held at the Crystal Palace on February 5th. Present: Messrs. Dormer and Riding (Rishton), Hayes (Waterfoot), Hill (Manchester), J. Wones (Norwich), and the hon. secretary, R. J. Pretty. Mr. J. Wones, in the absence of the president, took the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Dormer called attention to the resolution proposed last year, which made it imperative that a fresh judge should officiate at each patronage show. This, Mr. Dormer contended, was a misunderstanding. The resolution was intended to apply to club shows only. The club was not in a position to dictate to every society who ran a show as to whom they should appoint as judge. He would like to see the matter rectified. After some considerable discussion, Mr. Heyes moved, "That the resolution moved by Mr. Hargreaves at the last general meeting of 1909 be rescinded." Mr. Dormer seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Dormer then moved, "That a judge shall not adjudicate at more than one club show in three years." Mr. Riding seconded, and it was carried.

The notices of motion proposed at the Manchester meeting were then dealt with. No. 1. "That the club's novice rule read the same as that of the Cage Bird Union." Mr. Dormer moved that the club's Rule 19 be rescinded, and that of the C.B.U. be inserted in its place. Mr. Heys seconded, and was agreed to nem. con. Mr. Hill then moved that the motion No. 3 be added to that rule, "That a novice's points be counted throughout the show season." Mr. Riding seconded, and, after some discussion, it was unanimously carried. No. 2 Motion. The provision of a trophy. Mr. Riding proposed "That a trophy be provided for, and a subscription list be opened." Mr. Hill seconded, and it was agreed to. The suggestions as to how this trophy should be competed for were then discussed, and Mr. Hill moved, "That this trophy be competed for at all patronage and club shows, the exhibitor's three highest birds to count for points as follows: First 5 points, second prize 4 points, third 3 points, fourth 2 points, vhc. 1 point. To be won three times, not necessarily in succession. A medal to be given to the winner each year." Mr. Riding seconded it, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Riding moved, "That the subscription be reduced to 3s." After some discussion it was generally agreed that such a course would not be advisable at this juncture; thereon Mr. Riding withdrew his motion. Mr. Riding suggested that the rules of the club be revised by a sub-committee. After a discussion it was agreed to leave the matter to the secretary, who shall give notice of same to all the members when sending out the voting papers. The applications for the club show were then dealt with, there being only two applications, viz., Liverpool and Nottingham. It was agreed to accept Nottingham's application. There was no other course open owing to the last club show being held at Manchester, and the club's rule provides that the district must vary each year. The secretary was instructed to write to the Liverpool secretaries and thank them for their generous offer, and regretting that under the conditions they could not accept. The business being concluded, Mr. Riding moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Wones for presiding, which Mr. Dormer seconded, and the meeting terminated.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

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THE BRITISH ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the members was held in the King's Room of the Crystal Palace on February 5th. Mr. F. A. Lester presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Lyons, A. Chilcott, F. J. Randall, G. Mooney, J. Gostling, R. Kremner, F. E. Fisher, A. Percival, J. C. Schluter, T. H. Williams, R. White, F. Barnett, F. Harvey, A. Neugebauer, F. Brown, F. King, C. Roehl, A. Gloeckner, and W. Norris (secretary). The first business after confirmation of the minutes was the presentation of the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand, after meeting all liabilities, of upwards of £18. The chairman congratulated the members on the satisfactory nature of the finances, and said he thought that for a society of only nine or ten years' standing, it was the best balance-sheet he had ever seen. They had spent £14 on the young bird competition, and on the medals account, £12 odd. No other society in England, he thought, spent so much as that in these directions. The balance-sheet was then adopted. The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Watson, H. Cox, Twigg, Clupp, and Sterner. A lengthy discussion next ensued relative to the conditions under which the novice portion of the young bird competition should be carried out. Mr. Schluter said they had made a stipulation that a novice was one who had not won more than two prizes at any show. He thought that having made that stipulation they should see that it was carried out; they did not want the rule at all if anyone was to be allowed to go on as he liked. The discussion was joined in by the chairman, Messrs. Gostling, Percival, and others, and ultimately it was decided that a novice, after winning two first prizes, should pass out of the novice section, carrying his points with him, to count in the novice competition. Mr. H. R. B. Tweed (president) and the whole of the officers, the secretary announced, had been re-elected, but Mr. Norris complained of the few voting papers returned in proportion to the membership. There were 144 sent out and only 38 returned. On the suggestion of one of the country members, the following names were added to the list of vice-presidents: Messrs. Percival, Lyons, Willows, Netherwood, Massey, Schluter, Randall, Waring, and Lester. A long and animated discussion then ensued upon the subject of rings for young bird competition. Mr. Percival, it appeared, had written asking that rings should be supplied to the P.R.C.C. at about cost price. That letter was submitted to the committee, and they had decided that they must adhere to the existing conditions. Some miscarriage of a telegram to Mr. Percival from Mr. Lester appears to have occurred, and consequently the deputation from the Provincial R.C.C., with relation to ring competitions, was not present. After much conversation, during which it transpired that there had been a misunderstanding all round on the point of eligibility by purchasers of B.R.C.C. rings, to compete in the young bird competition, it was pointed out that the P.R.C.C. members clearly had in their minds that they could not win in that competition under the present B.R.C.C. rule, and had come to the conclusion that it was useless purchasing rings, and belonging to the B.R.C.C., if they could not gain the benefits it was professed to confer. It was ultimately agreed that all purchasers of B.R.C.C. rings, either directly through Mr. F. Norris, or indirectly through their secretaries, be allowed to compete at the B.R.C.C. young bird competition for 1910 and 1911, which is run out of profits on the rings, and that the rings remain at the same price as last year. Votes of thanks to the B.R.C.C., the chairman, and secretary closed the proceedings.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

A Presentation to Mr. Tyson.

The annual meeting of the C.C.C. was held in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace on Feb. 5th. Mr. R. Rhodes presided, and others present were Mrs. Litchfield, Miss Cooper, Messrs. Heath, Ryder, Hoar, Braund, Shepherd, Turner, Crisp, Broad, Ley, Lazarus, Barnett, Dobson, Robson, Tyson, Franz, Sadd, Horton, Mugford, Peters, Dickinson, and J. S. Clarke, hon. sec.

The Secretary's Report.

Mr. Clarke announced that the voting for president had resulted in a unanimous vote for Mr. Rhodes. Speaking of the work of the club, he, after twelve months, appreciated what Mr. Tyson had done during the seven years he held office. One thing he strongly complained about: 36 members had not paid their subscriptions. He had written them three times, spent 9s. in postage, and wasted his time for nothing. The least a fancier could do as a common act of courtesy was to drop a postcard saying he did not wish to continue membership. The balance-sheet showed £2 15s. 11d. in hand, but there were liabilities of £8 9s. He had not worked the special prize fund so hard as he might have done; therefore, he hoped they would have a whip round and wipe out the deficiency. As to paying out specials, he had not paid out because he thought the year would end up with a deficiency, and he did not wish to give anyone preferential treatment. He hoped to get off the few specials left by Monday next. Those who had received them had written expressing their appreciation and surprise at the splendid value. He concluded by giving the results of the voting published in CAGE BIRDS last week, and made a strong appeal to the members to help him all they could in advancing the interests of the club.

Mr. Ley asked how many members had paid.—Mr. Clarke: 101; we have 120 on the books.

Mr. Ley: Then we have an income of £25, and the Committee must see to it in allotting specials that we don't overrun that amount.—The Chairman: We must not forget the expenses.—Mr. Clarke: I have not charged the club one penny for expenses during the year.—Mr. Tyson: From the balance-sheet it is clear the club has given away more than its income warranted.—On the motion of Mr. Crisp, seconded by Mr. Mugford, the balance-sheet was adopted.

Mr. Ley's Scheme.

Mr. Ley, in bringing forward his scheme to increase the interest in the Crest Fancy, said what he proposed was that the C.C.C. should ask societies wishing for the Crested Canary Club's patronage to provide fifteen classes at a first-class show and eight at a minor one. That for the eight classes the society should pay the C.C.C. 20s., and they would guarantee the whole of the Crest section, for larger shows, 2s. 6d. extra for each class over eight. During 1909 the C.C.C. had supported 12 shows with 113 classes, the loss upon which was £12 1s., which averaged 2s. 1½d. per class. He gave the classification which he thought would best suit the needs of the club (this has already appeared in CAGE BIRDS). This classification he was certain would be a success; members and outsiders would be anxious to show, and societies would be eager to get the C.C.C. patronage. One thing would have to be guarded against; they could not allow a society to select some class or classes which would fill and leave the others to the C.C.C. The club must have all or none. There must be none reserved, or they might involve themselves in habilities they could not meet. If the scheme was tried he was sure it would result in a big increase of interest being shown in the variety; it would boom the breed as nothing else ever had done, and bring it more to the front than it had been for many years.

The Chairman: Mr. Ley has put his scheme before us in a very clear and concise manner, and it is now before you for discussion.

Mr. Heath suggested that a sub-committee of two should consider the scheme and report to committee.

The Chairman: We must not shelve it. We must adopt the scheme or not. Details may be gone into later.

Mr. Clarke said he was in favour of the scheme, or of anything which would make the Crested Canary more popular. He thought, however, that what was done would have to be done carefully. They must not make it too common. The C.C.C.'s support should be something worth having, something to be fought for. As to the 15 class shows, he thought there should be two—one North and one South. The weak spot in the scheme was the half prize money if less than eight entries. If they did it at all they should guarantee full prize money, or else neither societies nor exhibitors would know what they were to get. They must also consider the specials, and not victimise a man by letting him win 2s. 6d. for best Crest, and then take away 5s. for best C.-B., if he should happen to have won it.

Mr. Tyson said it was never intended to rob a man of any special he had won. It had been mentioned that the C.C.C. gave its support when only two classes were provided. That was not so. It had been four for some time now. Something certainly needed doing to bring the variety to the front again. The Palace authorities had not applied for the C.C.C. support, and the result should be a lesson to other societies showing them that even the Palace could not ride rough shod over the C.C.C. Referring to the scheme, he thought only the 15 class shows should have the Challenge Bowls, and that there should be only one such show.

Mr. Crisp then moved, and Mr. Broad seconded, that Mr. Ley's scheme, subject to amendment if necessary, should be tried for one year. This was carried.

Mr. Tyson: If we guarantee eight classes I don't think we should give specials as well.

Mr. Ley said he had thought that question well out, and he could not see why they should not give specials as before. He was certain the scheme would pay its way and no liability be incurred. If they were afraid then let a few of them guarantee the scheme, and let the specials stay. He did not think they would lose 1s., but if they lost £5 what did it matter if they could only pay their way and make Crests come to the front? Something must be done or else both Crests and the C.C.C. would vanish altogether.

Mr. Crisp proposed and Mr. Franz seconded, that they support one 15 class show and eight with eight classes.

In reply to a question, Mr. Clarke said that last season they supported 10 shows, and 10 others had to be taken in for the Roberts' Cup Competition. This cup had not added to the prestige of the C.C.C., and it would be a good thing when it was won outright. It cost the club each year 31s. 6d. for medals, so that by the time it was won the club would have paid out far more than its face value.

Messrs. Rhodes and Ley, at this point, said they would jointly guarantee Mr. Ley's scheme for the first year—the show to have 15 classes, and eight others eight classes each, full prize money to be paid, no matter how many entries.

Cups and Specials.

After some further considerable discussion, it was agreed that the scheme should be submitted to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Rhodes, Ley, Heath, Robson and Tyson, with the hon. sec., to deal with all the details not only of the scheme, but also of the specials and cup, but as an instruction to them it was decided that three days should elapse between the close of one scheme show and the opening of another.

Specials Competition.

Some doubt having arisen as to how the Club's specials should be won, it was decided that one bird could take two specials if eligible. Mr. Ley suggested they should give more encouragement to old birds. It was not fair to give everything to young birds. A man sent six or eight old birds to a show, but only one or two youngsters. He thought a points competition would increase entries. Messrs. Crisp and Tyson pointed out that the rules would not allow points competitions.—Mr. Peters suggested the splitting of the guinea specials.

Presentation to Mr. J. Tyson.

Mr. Rhodes, on rising to present Mr. Tyson with a solid silver tea-kettle, said nothing he had ever done as Chairman of the C.C.C. had ever given him so much pleasure as the act he was about to perform. When Mr. Tyson resigned the secretaryship last year it was at once felt that his great work for the club should be recognised. A subscription was started, and the result they saw in the handsome article on the table. He was pleased to say that a very large proportion of the members had subscribed, and also some non-members. One thing he was sure would please Mr. Tyson, and that was the large number of small subscribers. The work of the C.C.C. demanded the efforts of a good business man, a man of resource and energy, one who could grasp all the points of a subject and put it clearly before his committee. Mr. Tyson had put in years of good hard work, how much none but himself could say, neither did they know of the pleasures he had to deny himself, so as to find time for the work of the club. He asked Mr. Tyson to accept their gift in the kindly spirit in which it was given, and he (the Chairman) hoped that although no longer secretary, Mr. Tyson would give the C.C.C. his valued services, that he would live for many years to work for the club on its committee, and that their gift would remind him in the years to come of the manner in which they appreciated and valued his earnest endeavours on behalf of the club for so many years.

Mr. Tyson: I need hardly say with what great pleasure I accept your generous gift, and how sincerely I thank you for the same. The work which I did for the C.C.C. as secretary I did gladly; it was a work of pleasure, and my only object in carrying it out was the same which animates me in all my Fancy work. I desire to leave the Fancy better than I found it. I need hardly say that I have the welfare of the C.C.C. very much at heart, and I will do all I can for it in the time which my business and other duties allow me. Your gift is far beyond the value of my services, and I thank you most heartily.

New Members.

Messrs. Pickard, Roach, Bartlett, and Mrs. L. M. Thynne were elected as members.

Cleaning the Slate.

Mr. Heath suggested a whip round to wipe off the deficit.—Mr. Crisp, whilst willing to give his mite towards such a fund, thought they should make a levy on all the members. In the C.C.C. as in other clubs it always fell upon the few to make up for the laxity of the many.—The Chairman said unfortunately, whilst agreeing with the truth of Mr. Crisp's remarks, he was afraid they had no power to make a levy. Messrs. Rhodes and Ley gave 10s. each, and the following 5s. each—Messrs. Heath, Turner, Shepherd, Robson, Crisp, Mugford, Broad, Barnett, Dobson, Lazarus, Ryder, Franz and Hoar.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Hon. Sec., the Auditors, and the Chairman, all of whom suitably replied.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

* Was it Artful?

One day father caught a little Tit. Thinking it would be very interesting to keep it for some time he put it into a large cage by an open window. About an hour after he discovered the bird lying flat on its back with its feet up in the air. On going to let the bird free, to his amazement it sprang to its feet and flew away. I think it was very clever of the little bird.—Sent by R. Lockley (age 13), 4, Driffold Villas, Church Road, Sutton Coldfield.

** The Pretty Robin.

Have you seen the Robin?
Pretty little bird,
Perched on the garden fence,
How he may be heard!

Listen to his music,
Hear him sweetly sing.
Is he not a darling,
Pretty little thing?

Robin never leaves us
All the winter long,
When the snow is falling,
We may hear his song.

Copied and sent by John Ernest Williams (age 8), Lancashire House, Cerrig y Druidion, near Corwen.

*Plovers versus Pheasant.

While going along a road between Kirby Malzeard and Masham, a gentleman recently noticed some Plovers screaming and flying around wildly. He afterwards saw three of them fighting a cock Pheasant. Each bird flew down in turn, and attacked the Pheasant, which had to keep dodging the blows. Ultimately the Pheasant had to go away from the vicinity of the Plovers' nests of young.—Sent by H. F. Stubbs (age 15), High Street, Askern.

The Shows.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First members' show for 1910 for cup and medals, etc., was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, on Feb. 5th, when Mr. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) judged. The following are the points gained for cup: Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes 18, H. Taylor 15, J. Isherwood 14, P. Parker 13, G. Oldroyd 10, J. Atkinson 9, J. Netherwood 5, T. Talbot 3.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, hc, Parker; 3, c, Parkes; 4, Oldroyd. BUFF: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Talbot. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Parker, 2, Oldroyd; 4, Taylor; vhc, Talbot. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Talbot. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Midgley. HEN: 1, Taylor. PAIRS (for breeding): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Parkes. NOR. CK.: 1, Midgley. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Taylor; 2, 4, hc, Atkinson. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Talbot. LINNET: 1, Isherwood; 2, Taylor. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Talbot. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Isherwood; 4, c, Netherwood.—PARKER AND PARKES, Secs.

MORLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

An extra show was held at headquarters, the Sycamore Hotel, on Jan. 29th. We added 2d. per bird out of the society's funds, but owing to inclement weather we had only a small entry of 32 birds. Most of these, however, were of very good quality, the judge having no easy task in [illegible]ging the awards. Mr. S. Wilcock (of Eccleshill) [illegible]ged, and gave entire satisfaction all round.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Pyrah; vhc, J. Dean. BUFF (2): 1, Pyrah; 2, T. Dean. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, Pyrah; 2, Wilson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Fletcher; 2, Pyrah; 3, Mitchell; vhc, J. Dean. BUFF (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, Wilson; 3, Pyrah. CINN. MKD. CK. (4): 1, J. Dean; 2, Pyrah; 3, Wilson; vhc, T. Dean. HEN (3): 1, Pyrah; 2, J. Dean; 3, Wilson. UNFLIG., ETC., CK. (4): 1, J. Dean; 2, Pyrah; 3, Rhodes; vhc, Fletcher. HEN (2): 1, J. Dean; 2, Wilson. STOCK BIRD CK. (2): 1, 2, Pyrah. BRIT. HARDBILL (2): 1, Fisher, Bramblefinch; 2, Gledhill, Linnet.—A. GLEDHILL, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual pair show held on Jan. 26th, at Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, in conjunction with the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. Mr. J. Maddison judged. There were not so many birds present as were expected, but this was owing altogether to the severe weather we experienced at that time.

YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Tomlinson, cocks all on the large side, paired to nice typical buff hens; 3, hc, Atkinson, nice leggy cock, spreads tail somewhat, and stylish hen; c, Tindale. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Tomlinson, large buff cock, over standard length, paired to a typical yell. hen, a likely pair; 2, Atkinson, nice level pair, should breed well; 4, vhc, Tindale. Cocks, 1st at Sunderland, 2nd Gateshead, paired to two nice stylish hens, unfortunately the soap had stuck in their necks and spoiled their chances, better luck next time. I see we shall have to have our old friend, Jimmy, through from Bradford again next season to teach us the lesson over again how to get the soap out. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Maddison was carried. The winner of the points special is Mr. T. B. Tomlinson, 82 points; 2, Mr. E. Atkinson, 51; 3, Mr. R. Tindale, 46. Annual general meeting is fixed for Feb. 16th; a good attendance is requested; distribution of cups, etc.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

TORONTO (Canada).

The 17th annual show of the Toronto C.B.S. was held on Dec. 18 at the King Edward Hotel, where some very excellent birds were to be seen. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the secretary, Mr. H. S. Tibbs, to whom the society owes much of its success. The schedule comprised 90 classes, and a total entry of 351 exhibits was received. The judges were: Messrs. G. Wheeler and H. Hislop (Belgians and Scotch Fancies), R. Harvey (Norwich), Dr. A. Boultbee (Yorkshires and singing competition), W. H. Urry and J. Mackenzie (Crests and Lancashires), W. Brockbank (Lizards, Border Fancies, Germans, etc.), and J. Goggins (Displays). The show committee and stewards, consisting of Messrs. J. Mackenzie, W. H. Urry, J. M. Downer, C. J. Fox, H. W. Kerihen, E. W. Reede, H. Downer, Scott, King, Ryan, and Law, are a band of capital workers, so that everything went off well and with a swing. The judges' awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Awards.

BELG.: Cancelled. SCOT. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Goggins; 2, Marsh; 3, Mackenzie; 4, C. and J. Girvan. YELL. PIED (4): 1, Mackenzie; 2, Goggins; 3, C. and J. Girvan. CL. BUFF (4): 1, C. and J. Girvan; 2, McDowall; 3, Goggins. BUFF PIED (7): 1, Mackenzie; 2, 3, C. and J. Girvan; 4, McDowall. HEN CL. YELL (4): 1, C. and J. Girvan; 2, McDowall; 3, Goggins; 4, Mackenzie. YELL. PIED (2): 1, Mackenzie. CL. BUFF (5): 1, Goggins; 2, 3, C. and J. Girvan; 4, Mackenzie. BUFF PIED (5): 1, 2, C. and J. Girvan; 3, McDowall; 4, Goggins. S. F. GREEN YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (1): Mackenzie. S. F. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Goggins; 3, Urry; 4, Mrs. Griner. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Mrs. Allen; 2, Urry; 3, Phillipps. MKD. (10): 1, Mrs. Griner; 2, Brockbank; 3, Wylie. CL. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Brockbank; 2, Mrs. Griner. MKD. (8): 1, 3, Brockbank; 2, McKerihen. HENS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Urry; 3, Walls. MKD. (3): 1, McKerihen; 2, Brockbank; 3, Walls. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Goggins; 2, McKerihen. MKD. (6): 1, Brockbank; 2, 3, McKerihen. NOR. GREEN YELL. (11): 1, McKerihen; 2, Brockbank; 3, Mackenzie. BUFF (2): 1, Mrs. Griner; 2, McKerihen. NOR. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, Mrs. Griner; 2, Urry; 3, Sweetlove. NOR. CINN. YELL. (1) Downer. MKD. (2): 1, Downer; 2, Mackenzie. BUFF (1): Downer. MKD. (3): 1, Walls; 2, 3, Mackenzie. HEN YELL. (3): 1, Walls; 2, Bowman and Sanderson; 3, Mrs. Griner. MKD. (2): 1, Bowman and Sanderson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Downer; 3, Mrs. Allen. MKD. (4): 1, Brockbank; 2, 3, Houston. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Harvey; 2, McDowall; 3, Mrs. Griner. MKD. (4): 1, 3, Harvey; 2, Sweetlove. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Mrs. Allen. MKD. (2): 1, 2, Harvey. HEN YELL. (5): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Bowman and Sanderson. MKD. (4): 1, Harvey; 2, Mrs. Griner; 3, Goggins. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Harvey. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Mrs. Griner. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (4): 1, Bowman and Sanderson; 2, Miss Allen. BUFF (2): 1, Miss Allen; 2, McDowall. YORKS. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Way. YORKS. CINN YELL. (3): 1, Goggins; 2, Walls; 3, Mackenzie. MKD. (2): 1, Way. BUFF (1): Goggins. MKD. (1): Goggins. HEN BUFF MKD. (2): 1, Miss Allen; 2, Harvey. CREST YELL. (5): 1, Way; 2, Downer; 3, Sweetlove. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Downer. HEN BUFF (3): 1, 3, Downer; 2, Sweetlove. CREST A.O.V. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Downer. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Downer; 3, Goggins. GREY CREST (2): 1, 2, Downer. CREST CINN. (1): Downer. C.B. YELL. (5): 1, Mrs. Griner; 2, 3, Downer. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Downer; 2, Goggins. C.B. A.O.V. (6): 1, Sweetlove; 2, Downer; 3, Goggins. HENS (5): 1, Mrs. Griner; 2, 3, Downer. C.B. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Downer. LANCS. P B (2): 1, Mackenzie; 2, Downer. COPPY (2): 1, Wylie. LIZ. C.C. GOLD (3): 1, Walls; 2, Goggins; 3, Downer. SILVER (2): 1, Downer; 2, Goggins. B.C. (3): 1, 3, Downer; 2, Walls. BORD. YELL. (1): Wylie. BUFF (1): 1, Wylie. HEN YELL. (1): 1, Wylie. BUFF (2): 1, Wylie; 2, Way. GERMAN YELL. (3): 1, Mackenzie; 2, Downer; 3, Harvey. MKD. (4): 1, Way; 2, 3, Tibbs. BUFF (5): 1, Tibbs; 2, Harvey; 3, Mackenzie. MKD. (14): 1, 3, Tibbs; 2, Harvey. GERMAN GREEN (2): 1, Downer; 2, Tibbs. DISPLAY OF EIGHT (6): 1, Harvey; 2, Fox; 3, Urry. COL.-FED A.V. (6): 1, 3, Downer; 2, Wylie. ROLLERS (22): 1, Miss Allen; 2, 3, Fox. MULES (2): 1, 2, Urry. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 2, Mackenzie; 3, Urry. BULLFINCH (2): 1, 2, Mackenzie. LINNET (6): 1, Mackenzie; 2, Chapelle; 3, Harvey. SISKIN (2): 1, Harvey. REDPOLL (3): 1, Chapelle; 2, 3, Urry. PARROQUET (2): 1, 2, Urry. A.O.V. C.-B. (11): 1, Chapelle, and Urry tied two firsts, three seconds and third.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

The last of a series of shows was held at the club room (Red Lion Hotel) to decide who should be winners of the extensive cups and medals, etc. The competition has been very keen throughout, many noted winners being staged. One feature of the show was a silver medal given by Mr. W. A. Cowgill for most entries, which caused competition and made the show a success. This was won by Mr. S. Hunter. Mr. J. Townend (Bradford) judged, and had no light task, but the awards gave entire satisfaction. Mr. R. Croft won special for best bird. The following are the prize winners for the combined shows, and the prizes will be distributed at our annual tea and social:—Champion section: 1st, Mr. T. Wood; 2nd, W. Crabtree; 3rd, F. Wallbank, C. Ross, 4th most points. Novice Section: 1st, A. Bennett; 2nd, H. Graham; 3rd, W. Helliwell; 4th, F. Western. The president also gave four prizes for those members who gained most points at the four shows with four highest birds at each. The following are the winners: 1st, A. Bennett; 2nd, H. Graham; 3rd, T. Wood; 4th, W. Helliwell. Mr. H. Graham wins the Sunderland cup and medal for starred birds.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Crabtree; 2, Ross; 3, Cowgill; 4, Graham; vhc, Stirk; hc, Watson; c, Western. BUFF: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Helliwell; 4, c, Lister; vhc, Hunter; hc, Crabtree. YELL. HEN: 1, Craven; hc, Western; 3, Bennett; 4, Graham; vhc, c, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Wallbank; 2, Croft; 3, vhc, Bennett; hc, Western; he Graham; c, Hunter. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Cowgill; 2, Bennett; 3, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Graham; 2, Wood; 3, Cowgill; 4, Bennett; vhc, hc, Hunter. YELL. HEN: 1, Croft; 2, Graham; Wellock; 4, Pratt; vhc, Craven. BUFF: 1, Graham; 2, Watson. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wellock; Watson. NOR. HEN: 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, 4, Ross. SELL. (12/6): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Mail; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Western. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Croft; 2, Wellock; 3, Helliwell. BRIT.: 1, 4, vhc, Wood; Wallbank; 3, Ross. UNFLIG. YORKS.: 1, Croft; 2, Graham; 3, c, Crabtree; 4, Western; vhc, Wellock; hc, Wood.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

CARDIGAN (Tivyside).

Although the Tivyside F.A. did not issue so large a schedule as usual for its show on February 2nd the entry came up fairly well, whilst the quality was quite the best we have ever seen at Cardigan. The cage birds were as usual staged in the County Chamber of the Town Hall, and their needs were looked after by a staff of enthusiastic stewards. Most of the specials were confined to members, but the special for the best British bird was open. It was that for the best colour-fed bird given by Mr. Sandiford. Mr. Portman was the most successful exhibitor, and is to be complimented not only upon the quality of his team, but also upon the manner in which he staged them. The British birds were much above the average, and competition was very keen indeed. Mr. G. H. Matthias, the chairman, gave the committee a splendid example of how the work should be carried out, and they followed his lead well, whilst Mr. Portman and his assistant, Mr. Evans, were most energetic and courteous in the discharge of the duties appertaining to the secretariat. Mr. C. A. House judged.

Critique.

NOR. (8): 1, Sandiford's spl, Edwards, grand shaped yell., very high quality and rich level colour; 2, Hill, lovely shaped buff, very tight in feather, short wings and tail, well fed, should be a good 3, Muscott, nice smart level col., good-feathered yell., longer; 4, Carter: hc, Williams; c, Portman. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, spl best bird in show, 2, 4, Portman, very smart trio, 1st yell., 2nd buff, the Tregar winners, shown in grand form; 3, Clee, very neat, shapely, close-feathered yell., beaten only by length; hc, Hughes; c, Williams. CAN. A.O.V. (1): 1, Edwards, cl. body dark Crest, very heavy frill and side, great droop, in nice form; 2, c, Muscott, nice stout-headed, well-feathered C.B.; 3, 4, Jones, grand-actioned pied Scot., and a nice-shaped wild mkd. Crest, which we met at Tredegar; vhc, Hill. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (3): 1, Edwards, well known Gold-Bullie, grand col., markings, feather; 3, Portman, big, shapely, good-coloured variegated buff; 4, Griffiths and Evans, also a big variegated, smaller. DARK (10): 1, spl, Portman, buff Greenie, very close in feather, capital col.; 3, c, G. Thomas, very fine buff and yell. Gold beautiful col. and feather, nice shape and style; vhc, D. Thomas; hc, Webb. BRIT. GOLD (11): 1, spl best Brit., G. Thomas, a gem, very rich bright in col., grand-shaped, clean-cut blaze, lovely feather and style; 2, Jupe, grand blaze, cheeks, collar, nice back, not so rich in bars; 3, hc, R. beautiful Finch, grandly finished right through, dark in legs; 4, Edwards, not so clean cut in ble grand col. and feather; vhc, Small; c, D. Thom BULL. (10): 1, spl, Portman, fine large Finch, d well-cut cap, splendid back and bars, magnifie feather; 2, D. Thomas, a sweet hen, grand she feather, and style, beautifully mkd.; 3, Lewis, v rich col., grand shape, splendid cap, not so neat feather; 4, Jupe, lovely Finch, but had broke flight; vhc, Griffiths and Evans; hc, Morgan; George. LIN., ETC. (7): 1, G. Thomas, large net, grand shape and feather, beautifully m capital col.; 2, Jupe, again a Linnet, lovely col. markings, not so large; 3, spl, D. Thomas, gran mkd., nice-feathered, steady Lesser Redpoll: Morgan; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Salter. BRAMB ETC. (9): 1, hc, George, magnificently mkd. C finch, grand feather, lovely cap, good back Edwards, large, well shown, rich-coloured Gree in grand feather; 3, spl, D. Thomas, grandly m very steady, close-feathered Reed Bunting; 4, another large, good-shaped Greenie; vhc, c, fifths. A.O.V. (2): 2, Morgan, lovely-coloured B bird, rich bill and cere, grand feather; 4, Ray, la well-mkd., good-coloured Hawfinch. FOR. (2): Bell, very nice-coloured yell. Budgerigar, in form; 4, Hughes, very smart little Combasson.

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The Crystal Palace Show Scores a Great Success.

The National Cage Bird Exhibition, held February 4, 5, 7 and 8, attracted a crowd of bird-lovers and a splendid entry of birds. Everything and everybody had a "good time"—even the losers!

Comparisons NOT Odious.

It was the opinion of many that the fifty-first Great National Cage Bird Show would suffer—as a sort of anti-climax—by comparison with the wonderful exhibition which marked "the year of Jubilee." But all such fears proved absolutely groundless. The show under notice suffered very, very little indeed by comparison with its epoch-making predecessor. There was the same old crowd of fanciers and bird-lovers thronging the aisles, the same old enthusiasm strongly in evidence, and the management was favoured with a truly splendid entry of birds, a total of 2,273 exhibits, huge enough in all conscience and suffering little even when contrasted with the record entry of 1909. Further, the wonderfully high and level quality of the exhibits was admitted on all hands. There was not a class in the show but well repaid inspection.

The great disappointment was unquestionably the absence of the Crests, these valuable and extraordinary looking (from the point of view of the visitor) birds being always a decided attraction. And we heard the Roller Canary men deploring the fall in their own particular stock, so to speak. But here the "tale of woe" ends. All other sections were representative of the best of the various breeds and specles, and in some cases—the Yorkshires, to wit, and the Greens, Borders, and Hybrids—the display was truly magnificent, affording the huge throng of visitors a real and highly-appreciative treat. Another great attraction proved to be the stalls of the various food, cage, and appliance makers, who patronised the show so liberally, and who found their business perspicacity in doing so rewarded by a record trade. A full account of this interesting and instructive feature of the show will be found in our columns next week.

Always the Same.

The management was once again of that superlatively excellent character which has come to be associated with the Palace Show under the management of Mr. J. W. Ramsden. That "prince of show managers" was in his very best form, and everything went with a swing from start to finish, and without a hitch of any kind. The birds were unpacked promptly, and at the close repacked and despatched homewards in record time, while the feeding and staging arrangements were as perfect as long experience can make them. Mr. Ramsden had a splendid staff of workers at the back of him, many members of the London and Provincial O.S. (under whose auspices the Palace Shows are held), loyally rendering him untiring service. Nor must we forget a word of praise for Messrs. Small and Grutchfield, the veteran "feeders," who for over 40 years have looked after the birds' commissariat, and who, like good port, improve with age. The seeds used were supplied by Messrs. Jas. Carter and Co., the noted bird-seed specialists, and the insectivorous food, yolk of egg by Messrs. Trower and Co., whose products are widely known and npreciated by bird-keepers. In a quiet but none-the-less effective manner, too, Mrs. Ramsden, and Mr. W. H. Ramsden, junr., rendered valuable assistance. On the Sunday Messrs. T. Heath and G. Crabb, came along to give Mr. Ramsden a "hand" with the feeding along with Mr. J. W. Norris (secretary of the Roller C.C.), who gave special attention to the Roller Canaries. Among those who rendered yeoman service in the conduct of the show, and put in long hours cheerfully "for the good of the cause," we noticed that ever-smiling and courteous enthusiast, Mr. G. Crabb, and Messrs. G. H. Couzens, Brooks, J. Dobson, W. Gilbert, T. Heath, J. Hodder, Law, J. Oldaker, R. J. Pretty, F. J. Day, J. F. Graves, J. Hazell, F. Lathleiff, F. S. Matthes, and G. Mortlock. They can congratulate themselves upon putting up an exhibition in every respect worthy of the traditions attaching to the great Crystal Palace shows.

The judges on this occasion were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Yorks), H. Broadley (Yorks, novice), T. Brown (Scots and Belg.), H. T. Camps (Parrots), J. F. Dewar (Hybrids), J. Dobson (Cinns., etc.), F. Finn (Foreign), who deputised for Mr. Russell Humphrys, unable through business pressure to attend; G. Gardner (novice and limit), T. Heath (Norwich and Greens), F. W. Lester (Rollers), W. Mundell (Yorks and Greens), J. Robson (Borders, etc.), A. Silver (Brit.), W. Swaysland (Brit.), and G. E. Weston (Brit.). They were favoured with a good light most of the time judging was in progress, though intervals of gloom alternated with the brighter periods. There was the usual trouble with some of the specimens, which seemed hardly to be recovered from the journey to the show, and it is usually these which, when looking fit and well later in the day, give rise to comment on the awards. But taking the classes all through, we must say that we heard very little serious criticism of the judges' decisions.

The Money-Box.

The sales were grand, totalling close on £270. The majority of these in the Canary section were Norwich, a proof that the old-time favourites have not lost their position. Among these were Mr. T. Irons' highly commended Yellow cock, £5 10s., and Messrs Adnitt and Driver's 4th prize Yellow, £5. But the top price for this variety was paid for Mr. J. Coulson's first prize Buff, which was claimed at £7 10s. A rattling good hen, shown by Mr. H. T. Gardner went for £4; it secured first prize in its class of 24, beating many well-known winners. No very high price was paid for Yorkshires. Mr. L. Hodgson's hen fetched £5 10s., and Mr. Simpson's Green £5 5s.; these headed the list. In the British bird section Mr. Hannay's Goldfinch, catalogued at 4 guineas, found a new owner, although unplaced by the judge. The second prize Starling was quickly picked up at 35s., and Mr. Maxwell's noted Magpie will have a change of scene, some compassionate admirer having paid the modest sum of 3 guineas for it. The White Linnet journeys North, the popular Dr. Galloway from Aberdeen having taken a fancy to it. Many Foreign birds found new homes. The visitors to the Palace appear to take a great interest in these lovely-coloured birds. The majority of the sales throughout were good average stock at prices ranging from £1 to £3, the Palace still holding its place as a market for good-class birds at reasonable prices. The purchasers, too, included such notabilities as Lord and Lady Decies, the Archdeacon of Westminster, the Hon. Mrs. Morrison, Lady Miles, and the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Brighton.

A full account of the stalls at the Palace, and the names of bird-lovers who signed our "Visitors' Book," will be given in our next issue, pressure on space caused by the lengthy show report necessitating them being held over.

So keen was the competition, said Mr. J. W. Ramsden, who had charge of the sales office, that people were sending him blank cheques to be filled up. Crowds patronised the office at times, and the officials were hard put to it to satisfy the longings of the enthusiastic would-be buyers.

The Last Round.

The champion Norwich Plainheads section was adjudicated upon by Mr. Thos. Heath, and was, as usual, the centre of attraction for a large number of fanciers. It is at the Palace that the last round in the season's battle is fought between many competitors at other shows during the season. This was the case on this occasion, and there were some reversals of positions occupied at former shows. But several new faces were seen South for the first time, and as not infrequently happens, some of the old winners went down. Wales and Scotland scored heavily in the Clears, and, indeed, the "Celtic fringe" was very much in evidence. From Bonnie Scotland came that grand unflighted clear yellow which won so handsomely over the old birds, and over all the sections, as the best Norwich, and occasioned by its victory more than one query: "Ought an unflighted bird to win in a class where old birds compete, where there is a special class in the schedule for unflighted birds?" The point is of interest to the Fancy at large, but not one for us to decide. Mr. G. Mitchell's unflighted clear yellow is certainly a grand one, and a credit to Scotland. Mr. Sheldon's buffs were much admired, and so were Mr. Midgley's winning ticked and unflighted yellows—grand bodied birds.

In taking a general survey of this section, one point was to us most apparent. Attention will have to be devoted to head properties. Many beautiful bodied birds were entirely spoilt in outline by their heads, some of which were small, narrow, and pinched over beak. A small head set on a thin neck makes things look altogether out of proportion. A Norwich is nothing first-class unless it is finished off by a bold neck and head. That the fault was prevalent in many cases at the Palace, there can be no denying, and the sooner it is remedied the better it will be for the Norwich Plainhead Fancy.

Beauty Long Drawn Out.

To the slim and graceful beauties of the land of the White Rose once again belongs the credit of heading the breed totals at the great bird carnival of the year; 335 Yorkshires faced the judges at Sydenham on Friday last, and a bonny lot they were. The section opened with twenty-nine Clear Yellows, and so keen and close was the competition that another set of winners could easily have been found amongst the birds which were outside of the money. Messrs. Ambler's crack, staged at the bottom of the class, came out on top, and a real clever win it was. This charmer is of most excellent shape, has a coat like unto silk, and stands like a soldier. Mr. Elsmore's winning Buff stood clean away from anything else in the class so far as quality of feather was concerned, and none of its opponents could give it points in style, even if they were perhaps just a shade finer drawn. It was a good win, and we congratulate this enthusiastic young Western fancier upon his success—we believe his first amongst the champions at the Palace. A bird which we liked very much indeed in this class was Mr. Helliwell's; given a bit more tail it would have run the Western crack close. Ticked Yellows were only just over a dozen, but there was no disputing the fact that the leading quartetto were genis, each and all, and a very tight thing it must have been between them. Style, shape, length, and feather, it was all there, and had either of the four won, no one could have grumbled. Ticked Buffs were a very hot lot indeed, and it was only just a little extra bit of finish that pulled the Sandy Lane champion home. Messrs. Myers and Lumb's representative is described in the one word—lovely. The Unevenly-marked class contained some of the finest we have ever seen—real grand Yorkshire birds with plenty of length, style, and nerve. Messrs. Ogden Bros. got home with a real beauty of a Yellow. The class of the section was the unflighteds; thirty-four they mustered, and a real grand quality lot they were. Fitting it was that the strongest class should also supply the best bird in the section, which it did in Messrs. Ambler's Yellow—a worthy mate, indeed, to the open class Yellow. It was just an exemplification of the old adage, "Nothing beats the old ones, except the young ones." Many there are who consider the old Yellow invincible, but he was beaten, and without any doubt, by this charming youngster from the same stable. Those old antagonists, Messrs. Shackleton and Bailey, fought out the finish for the leading position in Yellow hens, and it was a near thing between them. In the Buffs, however, the genial Jimmy completely out-distanced Mr. Shackleton, but he had not a lot to spare over Mr. Crisp's lovely hen. Had the latter just a trifle more colour in her complexion she would have beaten the Yorkshire lassie. Cinnamon Ticks were disappointing in numbers, but the quality was good, and competition very close. Mr. Towers put down a strong team, and was the most successful competitor, but the special for the best fell to Messrs. Ogden's charming Buff.

The novices made a good show both in numbers and quality, and many of their exhibits could have held their own in the open section. The chief failing was lack of condition, and more than one most excellent bird went down from this cause. There was no denying the claims of Mr. Fowle's Yellow; it is, indeed, a beauty, and on the judging morning it showed off its beautiful proportions to advantage, but it had not a great deal to spare in the fight with Mr. Clark's representative, which is a bird of most lovely quality. Very smart and stylish and of lovely feather was Mr. Fielden's winning Buff. The Marked class was not so full of quality, but the Unflighteds were splendid, and here, as in the champion section, was found the best of the bunch—a most charming thigh-ticked Yellow, shown by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Barber's representative suffered through not being quite so well put down. Mr. Atkins led the way amongst the Yellow hens, and won the special for the second best.

Never Before.

Never before have we seen such lovely classes of Greens at the Crystal Palace. Larger numbers certainly have been staged in the big glass house, but never before have the classes contained such type and quality as they did last Friday. Colour also shows great improvement, and there were very few birds staged which exhibited either bronzing or smokiness, yet only a few years ago one scarcely ever came across a Buff unless it possessed one or the other of these failings. Mr. Clayton was the most successful exhibitor in the classes for the Yorkshire type of bird, winning first and second besides other honours in two out of the four classes with most lovely specimens. His foul marked Yellow, which won the special, is indeed a remarkably fine bird, and a real good Yorkie in every way, whilst his pair of Buffs were really wonderful. Mr. Pickup staged two charming Yellows, and we heard one old admirer of the breed tell Mr. Mundell that he considered Mr. Pickup's winner the finest Green he had ever seen. Unfortunately for Mr. Pickup, Mr. Mundell did not agree, and thus Mr. Clayton got the special. This gentleman is a well-known judge, and he was loud in his praises of the winning Yellow. Had he only been judging, eh! Mr. Pickup? Mr. Abbott's leader in the Buff Foul class was a rare long stylish bird, whilst his colour was indeed beautiful. We heard one of the judges say that since the memorable Palace disqualifications, the Greens had mended their ways, and now grew their feathers like other breeds. If the Yorkshire Greens were good, the Norwich were better. When one considers that only a year or two back many of the so-called Norwich Greens were birds which were too big and clumsy to be styled Yorkshire Greens, and were then put into a box cage and shown in the Norwich classes, the advance which has been made seems little short of marvellous, for at the Palace this week were to be seen Norwich Greens which, so far as type is concerned, were good enough to hold their own with their lighter breed brethren in the Norwich classes proper. The most striking feature of the section was the wonderful team put down by Mr. Deacon. This gentleman did exceedingly well, but he deserved all that he won, even if not a bit more. His trio of Yellows were greatly admired, and they are indeed a triumph of the breeder's art. Mr. Harrison staged some fine big birds of rare colour, and their size and colour, combined with beautiful quality, pulled them through. They were hardly so short in wings and tails as Mr. Deacon's team. Mr. Hawkes staged a good stamp of bird in the Buffs, and won very nicely. That Greens are advancing was clearly shown by the quality to be seen here, but we wondered on Friday why neither in the Yorkshire section nor the Norwich neu classes were provided.

The "Wee Gems" in Force.

The nine classes for Borders drew a fine entry, and southern fanciers had a grand opportunity of comparing birds from all parts of the country. The birds were, generally speaking, a nice level lot, although many of them appeared to incline rather too much to the Norwich type. These were all, however, of exceptional quality, and were no doubt entered on that account, as condition plays such an important part in the exhibition bird. But, still, type should stand first, and some of them were a long way from the standards of the Border Clubs. The Yellow cocks were a grand lot, Mr. J. S. Wilson's crack attracting a lot of attention. The Greens were grand, the colour of some of them being simply dazzling. So good were the three leading birds that any of them might easily have changed places. The even-marks were the only disappointing class, five birds only facing the judge. Of these Mr. G. Meekley's beauty, which secured second, was nearest the ideal markings. There were several fine birds in the uneven class, which could have easily swelled the even class (where they were badly wanted) if one mark besides evens was allowed; some such rule would fill the class and greatly assist the breeders of evens, and make the variety more popular.

Lively Times.

Things were lively in the champion Cinnamon section, and Mr. W. Dormer and Mrs. Deacon had quite a field day so far as the prizes were concerned. So sustained was the battle between them, and so nearly even, that, could they but have seen it waging they might have felt as though they were waging a real warfare.

The Yellows were an exceedingly nice class, purity and depth of colour being very pronounced. There was great improvement in point of uniformity and soundness in this respect. Dark—shall we say black? —striping was conspicuous by its general absence, and the same remark applies to light throats. There were not many with "crumpled horns" to be seen. Speaking of striping, one feels constrained to ask: "Is the goal aimed at a bird of solid cinnamon colour, with no striping or ribbing at all? Or is it intended that there shall be striping, but of a deeper cinnamon hue, to give distinction?" The question is pertinent at this juncture. All in all, the Cinnies were a grand lot, in point of colour and quality, and type also was more pronounced on the Norwich ideal than ever before. The only loophole for a little grumble was to be found in the head properties of some of the birds. A Cinnamon without a hold, well-burnished head is, we were going to say, like a ship without a rudder; at any rate, it is minus one of its best qualities. And yet more than one otherwise beautiful bird was sadly lacking in this respect.

A Mixture.

The Lancashire section was not a large one, the two classes mustering only fifteen entries between them; but the quality was all that one could desire. The grand Coppy of Mr. G. Fitton came in for a good deal of attention To visitors the size and substance alone of these grand birds were sufficient to command notice. The Plainheads were less numerous than the Coppies, but were all, without exception, birds of wonderful merit. Size, length, and head properties were all there.

The Lizards were not numerous, twenty only facing the judge, but evidently the cream of the Lizard fancy had drifted Sydenham way, for seldom have we seen birds so full of work and of such sound ground colour as was here represented. Mr. J. Dewsnap's two cracks were much admired. We believe the broken capped bird was admired more than the clear gold. He is a very taking specimen, shapely, tightly feathered, and simply packed with work, a real topper.

The Scotch Fancies and Belgians were noticeable more for their singular appearance than for their fancy qualities, which were quite unknown to the average visitor. Mr. J. Pringle (Selkirk) annexed most of the cards in the Scotch Fancy classes, and Capt. Philp most of those in the Belgians. The class for 1909 bred Belgians was well filled compared with the others, fourteen birds making a bold appearance.

The Dutch Frill class was only moderately filled. Mr. C. I. Young, of Frome, and Mr. W. J. Minty, of the same town, shared chief honours between them. All these birds were of extraordinary size, and simply packed with feathers of good length; the back mantle of one or two of them being exceedingly full and graceful. Unless we are mistaken, some of the leaders were at the Palace last season, so that unless the youngsters have been left at home, no cracks have been produced since then.

The limit classes contained some remarkably cheap birds, and plenty of them. There were as many as 140 odd birds in four classes. The Yorkshire class contained exhibits quite equal to those seen in open general competition at many country shows. Norwich were large classes, and the quality good; several bargains were quickly taken advantage of. Many were the "sold" tickets to be seen on the cages in these classes.

An Attenuated Choir.

The Roller classes were not filled so well as in previous years. The cause of this may be easily found in the fact that the Roller shows in the country are greatly on the increase, so Roller fanciers have the opportunity to show their birds nearer home. Nevertheless, the birds that were shown came up to the standard of former years, and everybody appeared to be satisfied with the judging.

A Point for Novices.

The Norwich Plainhead classes in the novice section contained a few good birds, but a large number of what the experienced breeder would call just "so-so." This did not arise from any particular failing in point of quality of feather or of colour, for both were present to the full in the majority of instances; neither did it occur through lack of washing or staging, cause of accomplishment. Type, too, was well represented, in so far as body was concerned. The real discrepancy was in head properties, and although there was distinct evidence of the same failing in the open champion classes, it was not so pronounced as in this the novice section. We heard more than one experienced and critical fancier lamenting the failure of so many of the Norwich in head properties, a lament in which we join. It must not be forgotten that there is something in a Norwich besides colour and silkiness of feather. There is outline, more frequently alluded to as type, and the beauty of this is more or less spoilt by a snipy head, a wedge-shaped skull, or a little head.

The Crests and Crest-breds were few in the novice section, but one or two good ones were staged. In the A.O.V. class there was the usual admixture of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and what not; but a smart cinnamon secured the premier verdict. As a whole, the entries were not so numerous in some parts of the section as we have seen than in past years.

Among the "Freaks."

The Hybrids secured a magnificent entry, and were very ably handled by that veteran Edinboro' fancier, "Jimmy" Dewar. Careful scrutiny failed to reveal any real cause for criticism, and it is a fact that we never caught a single grumbler airing his grievance around this section. We had no absolute novelties—not even a bird whose parentage could be disputed—but rarities were here in plenty. The special for best bird fell to the most beautiful specimen shown by Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen), the clear yellow Siskin-Canary. Other birds "admired of all beholders" were the clear Linnet shown by Mr. Duncan (which is really very little behind the Siskin in point of merit) the winning Canary-Bullfinch bred and exhibited by Mrs. Askham, the Greenie-Bullie of Mr. Edmund's, and the Jonque dark Linnet-Canary sent all the way from Perth by Mr. D. Brown. What a wonderful array of Canary-Bullies—12 in a class of 13 entries. A staggerer, surely, for the sceptical! The thirteenth was the notorious black Goldie Hybrid—a lucky number this time, for it brought heaps of visitors to fondly imagine they were gazing upon a "black Canary," and this ebony freak soon seduced a couple of bright sovereigns from the pocket of someone, who came, saw, and coveted it. Maybe, the proverbial "bad luck" attaching to the number will loose itself upon the revenend gentleman who purchased "Blackie"; let's hope it's nothing more tempertrying than a moult into normal plumage.

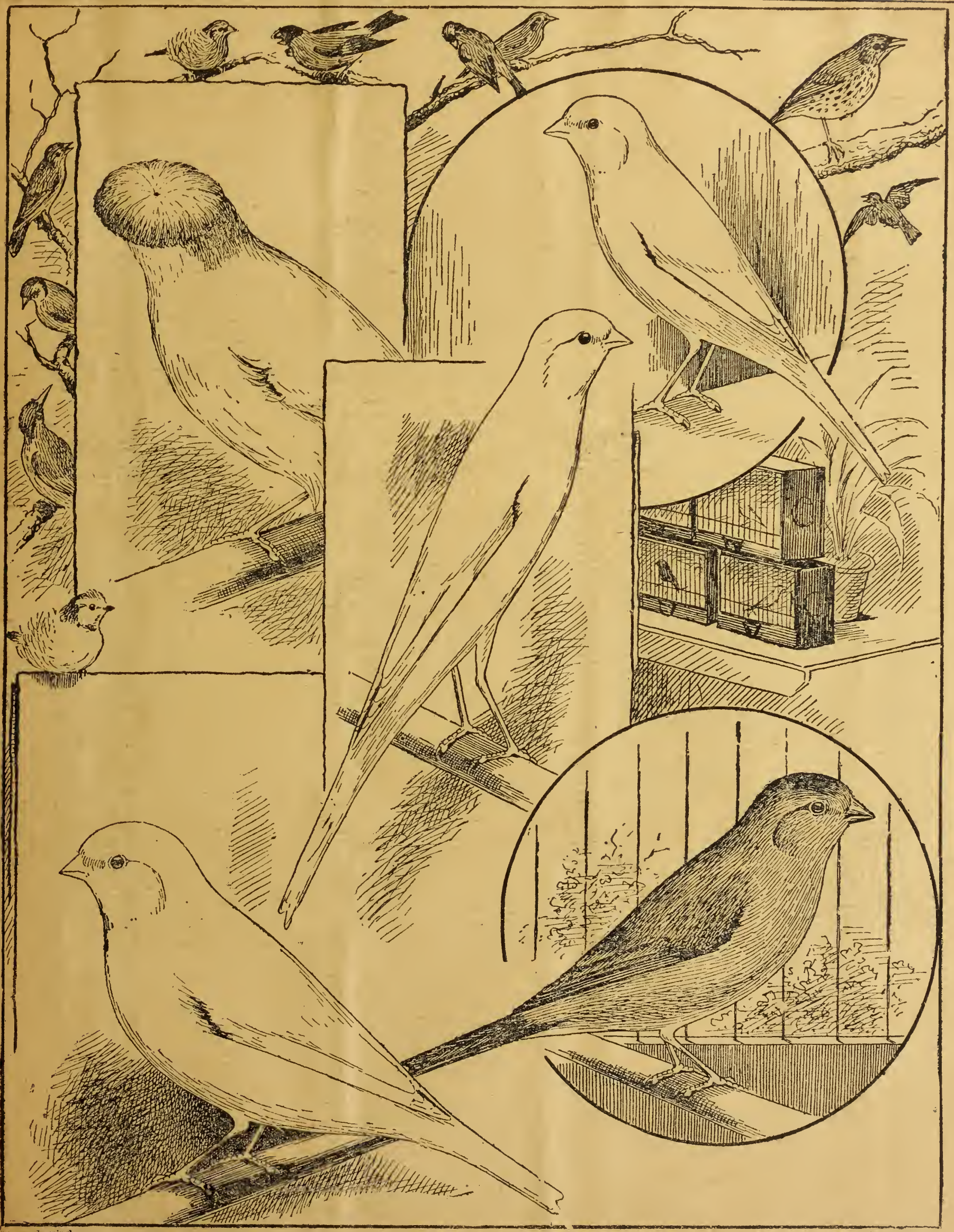
The Hardy Hardbills.

The British section had an entry such as any show might be proud to receive, but, while many classes were "bumpers," there were certain streaky places not easy to explain. Why, for instance, there should be but nine Twites, seeing that a class had been specially arranged for them, is somewhat puzzling. The Siskins, too, although the class held a few birds up to "championship" form, were not strong numerically. The Chaffinches did not impress us, either, for the winners, though real good birds, did not carry that fascinating bloom—or polish, call it what you will—which we have seen to perfection on past Palace performers of the "pink-ing" prepensity (ahem!). The Bullfinches were a glorious lot, and the winner—the bird we liked so much when standing 4th last year with some flight feathers missing—captured the special over the first ten hardbill classes for its owner, Mr F. Jones (Wrexham). The Goldfinches mustered strongly, and were a nice, level lot, though we are of opinion that there was none amongst them equal to the "champions" of five or six years ago. Mr. Herbert's winner, however, is a bonny, good-coloured Finch. Mr. T. W. Richards (from gallant little Wales) achieved the feat of annexing three out of the six money prizes. The Linnets we consider the finest all-round lot seen for many a year, many really grand birds having to be content with the humble "codding card." The winner, "Pride of Cumberland" (Mr. G. Wilson), we think an outstanding bird, chock full of good points and possessed of exceptional size. One or two exhibitors appeared to have been indulging in pleasant dreams of the first-prize card their Linnets were bound to secure. And they seemed to find the awakening too much to be borne with undisturbed equanimity; so they squealed some, as the Yankees say. The Lesser Redpoll class was headed by a real champion in Mr. Marley's Gateshead, Leicester, etc., winner, a rare good stamp of bird. Mr. Longden's noted 14-year-old Bramble scored 2nd, and ran the winner (Mr. Prior's) a close race, though obviously getting a trifle slack and tired through weight of years.

A Yellowhammer Sensation.

The Greenfinches and Hawfinches were fine classes, while the Yellowhammers were excellent, and provided a sensation in addition, two of them, belonging to Mr. E. Gale and Mr. G. Marlin, being disqualified by the judge, the offence alleged being the trimming of the V-shaped head-markings. Needless to say, the two birds attracted considerable attention. In the Blackbird class Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro') put down a wonder, a superb-coloured bird, catalogued at a modest £1,000; it won somewhat easily. A noted Thrush from the Border again secured for Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) the leading honour in its class. The Albino class showed us a lovely assortment of "freaks," but only one absolute novelty, an almost white Reed Bunting, exhibited in faultless plumage by Mrs. C. E. Croker (Leominster), winning 2nd prize and the special for best ladies' British bird. The insectivorous classes introduced us to the best Britisher in the show, a delightful Grasshopper Warbler, put down in faultless style by Mr. S. H. Mays, being unanimously voted by the judges to this position. It is the best

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SOME FIRST PRIZE-WINNERS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Crested Norwich : Mrs. E. Litchfield (Streatham). ø ø ø Buff Border Cock : Mr. W. Mossie (Ayr).
ø ø ø Unflighted Yellow Yorkshire Cock : Messrs. Amblers (Morecambe). ø ø ø
Buff Norwich Cock : Mr. H. W Sheldon (Llandudno). ø ø ø Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid : Mr. R. Edmunds (Kings Lynn).

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example of its species we have had the pleasure of seeing. A two-barred Crossbill (not in colour) was exhibited by Messrs. J. and R. Lewis. Mr. Maxwell's magnificent Great Grey Shrike accounted for the large insectivorous class. The British classes were judged by Messrs. A. Silver, W. Swaysland, and G. E. Weston, with Mr J. F. Dewar taking the Bullfinches, and except in the inevitable "odd instance" their awards seemed to be favourably received.

BEAUTY UNADORNED.

The foreign bird section was no whit behind its predecessors in the rarity, variety and general excellence of the exhibits, but numbers showed a slight falling off. The cause of this is not, we think, very difficult to find. First and foremost, five days is too long a period for delicate, fragile and costly exotic species, whatever it may be for other sections of the show, and so, while the number of foreign bird keepers is on the increase, entries, if anythiug, are slightly retrogressive. We are of the opinion that it is not a waning interest, but conditions somewbat as indicated that are responsible for the non-growth of the foreign bird section. Nevertheless, the show was a great success, and it goes without saying that the management was as usual of the very best, and that the National Show, as in past years, again witnessed a "gathering of the clans" of bird keepers from far and near. Each successive exhibition brings forth its fresh wonders, and once again we have to notice several species of rare birds being exhibited for the first time, most of which are fully noted elsewhere in this issue. We may mention in passing the following:—Stella Lory and Mrs. Johnstone's Lorrikects, both exhibited by Mr. O. Millsum; brown-winged Blue Grosbeaks, Mrs. Galloway; and a Glossy Starling, exhibited by Mr. S. M. Townsend; this last we were unable to recognise, but it is certainly not an ordiuary Green, Glossy Starling. Of species which are exhibited for the second or third time, or after a long interval, there were quite a number, notable among which are the following: Golden-shouldered Parrakeets (Mr. Millsum), Le Vaillaint's Barbet (Mr. Beaty), Great-billed Flycatcher (Mr. Maxwell), Hunstein's Bird of Paradise (Mr. Millsum). There were also quite a number of others. The section was a success in that there was not a class but what contained much beauty and something of interest, and the aisles of this section were patronised as much as if not more than any others in the show. The Parrot classes, 122 to 124, were judged by Mr. Camps, and the others 125 to 131, by Mr. F. Finn. There were 88 entries divided over 10 classes, giving an average of nine per class.

The Norwich Section.

Judge: T. Heath.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, two spls, Mitchell, very close and compact in feather, unflig., level wing carriage, short flights and tail, grand chest, neat head, clean at thighs and chest, good one; 2, Baker, rich col., beautifully burnished, lovely texture of feather, hardly so compact in flights perhaps, but very silky, grand shape and good head; 3, Kilby, beautiful feather, little loose on secondaries which fall wide on occasion, level in col., neat head, nice and chubby in body; 4, Jeffs, not quite so even in col., fine back, wee trifle soiled at tips of flights, grand neck and head, good one; vhc, Richardson, out a wee bit in neck feather, lovely quality of feather, which, it appeared to us, would have fitted closer if better washed; hc, Gill and Pethick, soft feather, full neck, not quite so compact as some above it; c, spl, Tweddle, grand quality bird, just a little weak in head. CL. BUFF (14): 1, two spls H. W. Sheldon, close as wax in feather, grand neck, deep and rich undercolour, very clean at waist and thighs, close at chest, neat if trifle weak head, good back and wing covering, if he went across the perch a little more would be a stormer; 2, Taylor, even richer in col. though not quite so much neat, good in neck and head, very soft silky feather, not quite so large as winner, yet a grand one; 3, Tweddle, nice wing carriage, soft bloomy feather, grand back and very fine undercolour; 4, H. W. Sheldon, hotter in col. than 1st, hardly so close or compact in feather or so well frosted, level wings, neat head; vhc, spl, Gill and Pethick, thinner in body and weak in head, lovely feather texture, grand col. and frosting; hc, spl, Kilby, excellent body, rich underneath, full chest, well burnished; c, Hopkins, on the small side, close as wax, rich in undercolour and profusely mealed; No. 16, Kilby, bird of lovely quality, grand head and neck, nice shape of body, we liked much; No. 18, Baker, ditto, not quite the equal of some in col., but a good one. TKD. ETC. YELL. (15): 1, Midgley, topper all ever, save perhaps a little inclination to weakness at head and neck, in proportion to body, grand feather for a yell., fed to perfection; 2, Wilcock, another charming bird, tkd. on neck, full of col., short in body, very fine head, neck and back, beautifully burnished, clean at chest and thighs; 3, Irons, lovely quality, short body, neat skull, very clean at chest, waist, and thighs, just a little too much daylight under for a top-sawyer; 4, Admitt and Driver, tkd. on rump, grand silky feather and rich col., a trifle thin in body, and long in barrel and flights; vhc, Gill and Pethick, blaze of col., grand back, silky feather, bold chest, nice carriage and head, we liked even better than 4th; hc, Irons, chubby body, good head and silky feather, claimed at catalogue price and cheap; c, Houghton, good col., silky feather, but a wee bit slack in flights and rump; No. 31, Baker, tkd. on neck, grand quality and col.; No. 29, Tristem and Taylor, tkd. on wing and both eyes, bird of grand quality of feather, head, type, and a blaze of col. BUFF (16): 1, Coulson, grandly burnished head, rare level back, rich col. under, just the faintest shade of length of shaft, lovely carriage and style, topping quality; 2, Baker, tkd. on wing, lovely bird, rare head, short wings, and tail, wide clean chest, rich undercolour, beautiful gauze, has a nasty habit of showing fight in the cage as if from teasing; 3, Tristem and Taylor, grand-bodied bird, beautiful level back, noble chest, well filled in at neck, one of those that get well across perch, we liked much; 4, Beardall and Walker, variegs., good col. and type, just a trifle browsy feather, neat head, very fine carriage; vhc, Gill and Petbick, perfection for shape and quality, but we suppose too small for present-day requirements, lovely little bird all through; hc, Taylor, wing mkd., splendid feather; c, Baker, variegs., lovely depth of col., needs just a little more substance. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, spl, Midgley, grand short-bodied bird, with flights and tail to match, great depth of chest, plenty of deep rich col., very close in feather, just a wee shade weak in head and neck; 2 Irons, plenty of col., well and lovelly fed, grand quality, fine front, neat head, well across the perch, crosses wings occasionally, and just a wee bit too much daylight under, but will make a very good one; 3, Baker, lovely quality, deep col., rare chest, nice head and neck, may be just a trifle long in barrel and shaft, but wants some stopping; 4, Wilcock very beautiful feather, short flights and tail, rich level col., clean chest and thighs, correct carriage, might have a little better head; vhc, Gill and Pethick, grand-coloured bird, very shapely, but just a trifle on the small side; vhc, Mitchell, splendid silky close feather, fitting it as tightly as a tailor-made suit, might be deeper in chest perhaps; hc, Midgley, grand quality and col., just a shade upright; hc, Baker, wing tkd., stands well, very silky, wee bit open in neck, probably from washing; c, Gibbs, full of quality. BUFF (21): 1, H. W. Sheldon, feather like silk, rich underneath, lovely bloom, close-fitting wings, splendid back and wing covering, very full neck, neat head, sweet bird all through; 2, Richardson, typical, little open on chest, nice head, deep and rich undercolour, well across, inclined to droop its tail a trifle; 3, Tristem and Taylor, very similar to the winner in all respects, only a little deeper in undercolour, a gem in every sense, and must have pressed winners close; 4, Baker, again very similar, hardly so full in head perhaps, but very neat, lovely quality, deep rich undercolour; vhc, Hodder, typical, not quite so rich in colour as some, and just a little narrow at head, but a very fine bird; vhc, Gill and Pethick, very fine shape, good head, clean chest, takes its perches correctly, well across; hc, Irons, very soft and silky in feather, shows just a trifle frill; hc, Gibbs, grand quality, but a little too upright; c, Beardall and Walker, good body, short flights, gets up off the perch a bit, grand head and neck, rare undercolour. YELL. HENS (17): 1, Gill and Pethick, bonny shape, nearly as much col. as some of the cocks, level back, grand carriage, good head and neck, well-carried wings, beautiful quality; 2, Taylor, full of quality, rare shape of body, clean chest, short flights and tail, very level col., wee trifle weak in head; 3, Sheldon, grand-headed hen, short and thick-set, just a wee trifle loose in wing carriage, bold chest, rich quality, plenty of col.; 4, Admitt and Driver, soft silky feather, short body, little up off perch, but a grand hen in most respects; vhc, Bishop, rich col., nice type, neat head, short neck, magnificent quality; hc, Christian, full of col., just a trifle long in flights and tail; c, Irons, beautiful feather, rather high up off the perch, grand col. BUFF (24): 1, Gardner, very close and bloomy in feather, but weak in head and long in tail; 2, H. W. Sheldon, chubby body, rich as a cock in undercolour, good head and neck, full chest, very nicely mealed; 3, Davidson, close and compact in feather, rich undercolour, should have liked to have seen closer wing covering, again a wee bit weak in neck; 4, Baker, one of the right sort for quality, grand body, rich col., grand carriage, might be fuller in head; vhc, Lloyd, variegs., good shape, rich quality and col., nice hen; vhc, Lee, stout in body, silky in feather, fails in head only; hc, Taylor, grand hen in all respects, close as wax, rich in undercolour and meal; hc, Hirst, typical, nice col., saddle mkd.; c, Kilby, a little gem for quality, rare type, beautiful back, neck and chest; c, Folwell, quality, shape and carriage, very neat.

The Yorkshire Section.

Judge: H. W. Battye.

YELL. (29): 1, Ambler, sweet head, grand neck and shoulders, wings and tail well braced, tapers well from shoulders to tail, nicely-rounded chest, beautiful silky feather, rich bright level colour, plenty of nerve and style, a real topping Yorkshire; 2, Bailey, hardly so full in head, but after that a gem, close-fitting, well-set shoulders, nice clean run over the back, grand flights, well-piped tail, stands well up to his work, and has heaps of quality; 3, Binns, grand length, beautifully slim, splendid length of leg, soft and fine in feather, plenty of nerve, hardly so neat in front; 4, Cruise, beautiful shape, style, and length, neat in wings and tail, wanted just a bit more burnishing; vbc, Rennie, plenty of length, rare shape, tapers well away from shoulders to vent, grandly feathered, and handles well, but not quite so fine in tail; Dyson, clinking good bird of lovely shape and style, nice col. and feather, seemed to be feeling the cold; bc, Shackleton, Chippendale; c, Hodgson, Halliday, and Chittenden. BUFF (19): 1, Elsmore, a real picture for position and quality of feather, as he stood on the perch he looked just as though he was one solid piece of highly-polished wax or marble, lovely head, neat, well-set shoulders, tightly-braced wings and tail, and as steady as an old soldier; 2, Ambler, more length than winner, but lacked his beautiful finish, capital head, reach, and back, grand wings and tail, and stood up to his work in rare form; 3, Helliwell, very fine in feather, grandly-shaped body which is carried to perfection, very neat and compact in wings and tail, given a shade more length of tail would be a real knock-out; 4, Shackleton, built on rather stouter lines, but for feather and style one of the best, splendid head and neck, rare wings and tail; vhc, Hartley, splendid length, shape, and style, capital wings and tail, hardly so clean in front; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Gibbs. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Bailey, very sweet thigh tkd., neat shapely head, grand neck, fine close-fitting shoulders, wings and tail very closely braced, cut well away from shoulders to vent, full of quality and style; 2, Binns, another real gem of a thigh tkd., very finely drawn, gets well up on leg, carries himself like a guardsman, and is as tight in feather as a Java; 3, Dyson, wing tkd., rather larger but beautifully shaped, and very flue and silky in feather, nice head and neck, grand back and wings, capital style, inclined to spread tail at times; 4, Shackleton, thigh tkd., we liked immensely, wonderful quality and style, very neat head, grand flights and tail, well drawn out, and stands superbly; vhc, Wood, long, stylish, good quality, wing tkd., capital shape, but is hardly so clever with his wings; hc, Gibbs; c, Cruise. TKD. BUFF (23): 1, hc, spl best hc, Bailey, cheek tkd., grand head and neck, nice straight back, splendid wings and tail, very close and silky in feather, stands well up and shows plenty of nerve; 2, Myers and Lumb, thigh tkd., magnificent feather which fitted like a glove, and shone like a piece of satin, beautiful shape and style, handles well, a real champion Yorkshire; 3, L. Hodgson, neck tkd., again most beautiful quality of feather, very neat wings and tail, grand head, neck and back, very showy, but needs just a wee bit more length; 4, Radley, grand head, neck, and back, splendid wings, capital quality, plenty of style, gets well upon his legs; vhc, spl best vhc, Thornton and Bower, very sweet thigh tkd., capital shape, style and feather, hardly so tightly braced in flights; hc, Hawes Bros., H. Hodgson; c, Dyson.

Judge: W. Mundell.

UNEVEN-MKD. (16): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., cheek, wing, and tail mkd. yell., neat head, nice length of neck, well placed shoulders, wings and tail tightly braced, rare shape and carriage, and beautiful feather; 4th, cheek and wing mkd. buff, somewhat more stoutly moulded, rare quality of feather and nice shape; 2, Robertshaw, eye and wing mkd. buff, not so much col. as the leader, but wonderfully fine and close in feather, neat head, beautiful neck and shoulders, grand back, wings and tail; 3, Thornton and Bower, very neat three-pointed yell., a quality Yorkio right through, grandly moulded, well cut away, plenty of style, one that is not easy to find fault with; vhc, Mabey, cheek and wing mkd., splendid col. and feather, great length and style, plenty of leg, and knows how to use it; hc, spl best hc, Crabtree, very smart and shapely, good quality of feather; c, Towers. UNFLIG. (34): 1, spl best Yorks., and champion diploma, Ambler, one of the finest yellows ever put on a show beneb, beautifully moulded head, grand shaped neck, neat, well-set shoulders, wings and tail, very closely set, rich col., beautiful silky close-fitting coat, rare style and nerve; 2, hc, Binns, very sweet buff, feathered like a Java, grand shape and position, nice clean run from shoulders to tail, gets well up on his legs and shows for all he is worth, a bonny bird; 3, Crabtree, very smart, nicely finished tkd. yell., long, slim, and finely drawn rigbt through, beautiful feather, rare style and nerve; 4, Bailey, very long slim yell., beautiful head and neck, grand back, wings and tail, gets well up on leg and stands splendidly, rare feather; 4, vhc, spl best vhc, Armstrong, two lovely quality buffs, both grandly modelled, running clean and taperingly from shoulders to tail, rare heads and backs, lovely wings and tails, close and fine in feather, plenty of leg, grand style and position, and both handle remarkably well; vhc, Radley, neck tkd. buff, one of the best that ever grasped a perch, not a feather out of place, neat head and shoulders, rare wiugs and tail, plenty of nerve, and gets well up to his work; hc, Richmond; c, Shackleton, Parrott. HENS, YELL. (26): 1, spl, Shackleton, thigh tkd., magnificent shape and style, sweet head, grand neck and back, tightly braced wings and tail, nice tapering body, splendid legs, full of quality; 2, 4, Bailey, finely drawn cl., grand length and style, beautiful feather, nice col., sweet head, very compact wings and tail, in rare form; 4th, wing and rump tkd., grandly modelled, very fine and close in feather, rare head, neck, and shoulders, a charming hen; 3, vhc, Rennie, cl., not so rich in col., but all there in shape, length, style, and feather, a really smart and typical Yorkshire lass; vhc, another grandly shaped high quality lassie, but she was nervous and shy, and objected to our handling her; vhc, Taylor, very neat and natty varieg., grand feather, capital wings and tail, handles well; hc, Hodgson, Smith; c, Ogden Bros. (2). BUFF (19): 1, Bailey, grizzle necked, grand head and neck, beautiful shoulders, neat and compact in wings and tail, lovely feather, and full of style; 2, Crisp, long, shapely hen, wonderfully fine and close in feather, full of nerve and style, very slowy, grand back, wings, and tail, given just a bit more warmth of col. and she would be bad to get past; 3, Ogden Bros., neck and wing tkd., beautiful col. and feather, neat head, grand neck and shoulders, very closely packed wings and tail, splendid position; 4, Dykes, capital shape and length, nice head and back, good wings and tail, hardly so fine in front; vhc, Rennie, very sweet head and wing mkd., rare shape and quality, full of nerve and style, a grand hen; hc, Mrs. Gill; c, Bishop. CINN. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, 2, vhc, spl best vhc, Towers, head, eye, and wing mkd., grand head, neck and back, close well-fitting shoulders and wings, fine well-piped tail, rare quality, plenty of style; 2nd, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., grand length, style and feather, built on stouter lines; vhc, beavily mkd., on the large side, but full of style, nice shapo and lovely feather; 3, Ogden Bros., head, cheek, and saddle mkd., grand length, beautiful shape, cut well away from shoulder to walst, stands well up on a good pair of legs, and shows plenty of nerve; 4, O'Reilly, head, eye, and wing mkd., not so much length but beautifully modelled, grand quality of feather, nice col., plenty of nerve and gets well into position when handled; hc, Jowett; c, Richmond. BUFF (9): 1, spl best in section, Ogden Bros., eye, cheek, and wing mkd., splendid length, beautiful feather, neat head and shoulders, good clean front, nice level back, well finished wings and tail, and stands up to his work like a soldier; 2, Towers, eye, neck and wing mkd., grand shape and feather, rare wings and tail, full of stylo and quality; 3, Dykes, head, eye, and wing mkd., not so much col., but grandly shaped and beautifully feathered, rare position; 4, c, Richmond, eye, cheek, and wing, beautiful quality of feather, nice col., stands well upon perch, but is hardly so finely drawn; vhc, Hawes Bros., eye and wing mkd., lovely shape, style and feather, pale in col.; hc, spl, Bentley. HENS, YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Richmond, cheek and wiug mkd., long finely drawn body, neat head, grand back and shoulders, neat wings and tail, lovely col. and quality, full of style; vhc, cheek, neck, and wing mkd., lovely feather, shape, and style, not so much length; 2, c, Towers, head, eye, and wing mkd., hardly so neat in head, capital neck, shoulders, and back, well braced wings and tail, capital shape and style, and grandly feathered; 3, Myers and Lumb, eye, neck, and wing mkd., a sweet little hen, lovely col., feather, shape, and style, we liked much, and had she just a shado more length she would be a gem; 4, hc, Jowett, eye and wing mkd., grand shape and style, rich bright col., beautifully feathered and nice position. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Towers, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., capital col. and feather, very stylish, but inclined to embonpoint; 2, Bentley, rather heavily mkd., grand shape and style, beautiful feather; 4, Morgan, neat and stylish, good feather and shape, not so much nerve; hc, Rennie, a most peculiar example of colouring, cinnamon-mkd. on wing, and green-mkd. on neck; what would the theorists on colour breeding say of this, we wonder?

The Green Section.

Judge: W. Mundell.

YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Pickup, two beauties, wonderful type, the winner especially, could hold his own for type in Yorkshire classes, neat heads, grand shoulders and backs, great length of side, splendid wings and tail, lovely clear rich grassy col., beautiful feather, both very smart and stylish, and shown in the pink of form; 3, Simpson, splendid sound col., grand back, wings, and tail, very nice quality of feather, grand nerve and style, not so neat in head; 4, hc, Atherton, capital shape of body, well cut away, gets well up on leg, very nice col., also a shade flat in head; vhc, spl best vhc, Nimmo, grand long-sided stylish bird of beautiful col., good shoulders and wings, spreads tail a bit; c, Clayton. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Clayton, two gems, full of rich grassy col., nicely mealed without showing any brouziness or smokiness, nice shapely heads, neat shoulders and wings, capital backs, well-piped tails, rare style and nerve, full of quality and beautifully shown; 3, 4, Nimmo, splendid col., grand shape and length, plenty of style and nerve, nice heads and backs, neat tails; 4th, not quite so clever with his wings; vhc, Robinson, capital shape and style, nice head, back, wings and tail, hardly so clear in col. on back and wings; hc, spl best hc, c, Rowlands. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, 2, 4, spl best bird in section, Clayton, a splendid trio, shown in the highest form and reflecting great credit upon their owner, 1st pied in flight, 2nd pied in tail, 4th pied vent and tail, all the three very smart and neat in head, close and compact in shoulders, nice level backs, well braced wings and tails, show plenty of side, very close and fine in body feather, yet well up on their legs, have splendid rich grassy col., and in a word are good Yorkshire and good Greens; 3, Rowlands pied head, neck, wings, and tail, capital Yorkshire shape, beautiful col. and quality, holds himself well and shows plenty of nerve and style; vhc, Atherton, pied tail, nice shaped, good-coloured, well-feathered body, not quite so clever with his wings; hc, Pickup; c, Simpson. BUFF (13): 1, Abbott, pied neck, wing, and tail, long, fine, racy bird full of nerve and style, lovely col. and quality, in grand form; 2, Pickup, grand-coloured, nice-feathered bird, stands well, built on rather stouter lines; 3, Rowlands, rare rich green col., splendid feather and style, neat head and shoulders, capital wings and tail, in nice form; 4, c, Clayton, not quite so grassy in col., lovely shape and style, capital feather; vhc, hc, Gore, pied, wing, tail, and thighs, two nice shapely, bright-coloured, well-feathered stylish birds.

Judge: T. Heath.

NOR. YELL. (17): 1, 2, 3, Deacon, a wonderful team of good, deep-chested, broad-shouldered birds of lovely feather, splendid rich grassy col., nice heads, rare style, 1st the soundest in col., 2nd running a little pale on thigh, and 3rd on throat, all shown in splendid form; 4, Hawkes, another rare-shaped bird of splendid quality, hardly so bright in col., but very sound and level; vhc, Murray, big bouncing bird of good shape and col., not so fine in feather; hc, Christian; c, Walker. BUFF (15): 1, Hawkes, beautiful rich col., close, fine, silky feather, grand head, chest, and shoulders, good cobby body, nicely finished throughout; 2, Lawson, big bouncing bird of good col., nice head, capital feather, not quite so cobby or deep in chest; 3, vbc, Deacon, graud shape and col., lovely quality of feather, hardly so large but very typical, 3rd runs just a shade light at throat; 4, Mrs. Harrison, capital shape, col., and feather, nice head, wings, and tail, just a bit higher on legs; hc, Mrs. Walker; c, Isaac. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, Harrison, pied wings and vent, beautiful quality of feather, grand rich clear col., very neat and shapely; 2, 3, bc, c, Deacon, 2nd pied throat and tail, 3rd pied throat, neck, and tail, both very nice shape, short and cobby, neat in wings and tail, short, fine and silky in body feather, beautiful col. and style; 4, Isaac, pied tail, grand type, nice rich bright col., in good feather; vhc, Walker, pied vent and tail, nice shape and col., hardly so silky in feather. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Harrison, pied tail, wonderful type, short, stout and cobby, neat head, good deep chest, splendid col. and feather; 3rd, pied tail, equally good in col. and feather, but is not so short in body or tail; 2, vhc, c, Deacon, 2nd pied tail, 3rd pied throat and tail, former nice shape, latter somewhat finer in build, both grand rich col. and lovely quality of feather; 4, Murray, pied throat, wings and tail, very neat and shapely, grand quality of feather, hardly so much depth of chest; hc, Hawkes.

The Cinnamon Section.

Judge: J. Dobson.

CINN. YELL. (13): 1, two spls, 2, Dormer, couple of real gems for depth of true Cinn. col., 2nd perhaps the best throated bird of the two, 1st magnificent tone of col., lustrous to a degree, both real Norwich type, 2nd the chubbier, but 1st purest in col., a credit to the exhibitor; 3, Mrs. Deacon, larger, if anything, rich tone of cinn. colour, but the striping inclined to be too dark in proportion; 4, Brown Bros., very lustrous and pure in col., very hot fed, not quite so good in head, perhaps, but a gem all the same; staged to concert pitch; vbc, Benson, stout in body, and grand in head, hardly so silky or lustrous; hc, spl, Mrs. Reeves, pure and lustrous, not quite so chubby; c, Keyes, fine pure col, again; spl, No. 472, Medlin, rich and lustrous. BUFF (13): 1, Dormer, grand stout body, pure body col., close and silky, bloomy feather, rich tone, just a wee bit off at throat, and might have a trifle heavier skull for body, but for all that a gem of a bird; 2, 3, Mrs. Deacon, really topping cinnies, both very thick-set, former deepest tone of colour, latter best skull, very pure, lustrous, and lovely mealing; 4, hc, Dormer, 4th very rich in col., so much so that some expressed doubts, but it is a buff, grand cinn. col., good body, hardly so silky; vhc, spl, Brown Bros., lovely col. and bloom, fails a wee bit in skull, but pure in col; c, Pretty, very nice col., good head. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Riding, yell., good and sound col., nice and uniform, very fine bead for a baby; 2, Dormer, grand headed buff bird, lustrous, pure, not enough framework to make a big one; 3, Hill, lustrous yell., pure in col., needs more skull and bigger frame, very fine in col.; 4, Ewen and Anderson, yell., just lacks stoutness of head, nice rich col., good body and lustrous; vhc, Dormer, rattling fine bodied buff, will make up into a good one; hc, c, Mrs. Deacon, both yell. of grand col., the latter the stouter of the two HENS (12): 1, 4, Mrs. Deacon, both yells., short in body, pure in col. and lustrous, leader the sounder of the two; 2, Riding, also a yell., very little to choose in all points between this and the winner, 2nd was a trifle pale at throat; 3, Dormer, yell., lovely pure col., a wee trifle weak in head; vhc, Brown Bros., buff, grand body, nice col.; hc, Rae, yell., silky feather and lustrous, very weak in bead; c, Hill, yell., stout body, weak in bead.

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The Lancashire Section.

Judge: J. Dobson.

COPPY (9): 1, Fitton, rare size, well filled hird, grand Coppy of perfect formation, with splendid centre placed on a splendid neck; 2, 3, Adams, 2nd rare length, fine position, very neat, shapely Coppy, very fine front, well filled back, 3rd grand yell., fine length, and very shapely, not over-large, but neat, grandly centred Coppy; 4, Hordern, long shapely bird, fine Coppy, wee bit narrow, in grand condition; vhc, Boxall; hc, c, Thurling. PLAINHEAD (6): 1, Fitton, magnificent yell., wonderful length, yet well filled in, good wings, stands beautifully, grand head with nicely placed eye; 2, Hordern, another pure yell. of rare length, very shapely and closely feathered, very fine head, sulky appearance; 3, Adams, fine bold bird, grand wings, excellent front, fine headpiece, plenty of feather; 4, vhc, Thurling, 4th bold grizzle capped bird, rare size, good head.

The Lizard Section.

Judge: J. Robson.

CL. CAP (12): 1, 2, Dewsnap, 1st very smart, shapely bird, not over big, but simply packed with quality, full of work from beak to tail, a little gem; 2nd bolder bird, but very shapely, magnificent cap, perfection of spangling, plenty of work on body, good sound colour; 3, hc, Holland, sweet bird, in high fettle, lovely shape, fine cap, beautifully spangled, sound ground colour, beaten in body work only; 4, Hampshire, bold silver, good cap, full of work throughout, in lovely condition; vhc, Barnes; c, Rukin. BROKEN CAP (8): 1, 3, Dewsnap, 1st honny bird, simply packed with spangling, both head, cheeks, and body, better back work one side than the other, but wins well, excellent shape and condition, 3rd very neat gold, full of work, grand ground col., but a trifle weak in shape and wings, fine feather; 2, Barnes, lovely silver, rather lightly built, but very neat and full of condition; very fine spangling carried well up in neck; 4, vhc, Barnes, real good one, very shapely, nicely worked, wee shade wild; hc, Hampshire; c, Rukin.

The Border Fancy Section.

Judge: J. Robson.

BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (28): 1, hc, Wilson, grand type, nice jaunty air, beautifully proportioned, perfect wing carriage, very clean cut, wins well; 2, c, Blackie, lovely slim type, sweet head, the best of wings and tail, grandly moulded; 3, Curragh and Son, another good one, nicely rounded, good wings, grand col. and condition, closely-packed tail; 4, McGuffie, a wee shade longer in build, but grand type, very jaunty and free, A1 wings and tail; ex. 4, Thomas, presses hard, similar type, very little between them; vhc, Pennington, Montague; hc, Roberts. HENS (4): 1, Brown, grand type, nice sweet head, well filled back, lovely wings and tail, shown in perfect feather, very taking specimen; 2, Roberts, pressing hard, best of type, beautifully rounded, good head, closely-packed wings and tail, well shown; 3, Blair, sweet specimen, lovely type, perfect wings, well filled in, not a feather out of place; 4, c, Wilson, 4th nicely-rounded bird, grand jaunty style for a hen, A1 wings and tail; vhc, Montague, Blackie; hc, Saytch, Ford and Son; c, Wilson. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Mossie, gem for feather and condition, beautifully rounded, perfectly packed wings, very close whip tail, bold front; 2, Blackie, wee shade slighter build, lovely type, the best of heads, stands well, very jaunty when moving, grand box-like feather; 3, Pennington, grandly-coloured buff, perfect, typical shape, good head, wings and tail, in A1 condition; 4, Bayley, excellent position, typical specimen, good head and back, very clean cut; vhc, Thomas, Mugford; hc, Brown; c, Tyler. HEN (19): 1, Pennington, one of the best-conditioned birds in show, tight as wax, perfectly-packed wings, rather bold type and full neck, good head; 2, Wilson, very neat bird, good head, well-filled back, perfect wings, neatly-folded tail, very free, grand type; 3, Easter, lovely type, very clean cut, grand, tightly-packed wings, perfect feather; 4, Dr. Bowes, rather bold specimen, good head, wings and tail, nice condition; vhc, Cuhhy, lovely specimen, tight in feather, grand wings; vhc, McGuffie; hc, Evans; c, Dixon. EVEN MARKS (6): 1, Shearer, good buff, very even eye markings, but inclined to spread a trifle, capital wings, shown in A1 condition; 2, Meekley, lovely slim type yell., grand pear-shape eye marks, perfect wings, good sound col., real beauty; 3, vhc, Thomas, another yell., rather large eye marks, grand wings, very rich col., in good condition; 4, Arnot and Jameson, buff, similar type to winner. UNEVENLY MKD. (30): 1, Pennington, lovely rich col. yell., very typical, perfectly filled back, good head and wings, very jaunty; 2, Wilson, another eye and wing mkd. yell., nice slim type, very free, good wings, lovely condition; 3, Meekley, good varieg. bird, stands well, grand head, nicely rounded, lovely feather; 4, Ford and Son, excellent yell., typical, well filled throughout; hc, Thomas, typical, good feather, jaunty style; c, Arnot and Jameson, smart tight feather; vhc, Tyler, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Brown; c, Blackie. GREEN, SELF, ETC. (23): 1, Arnot and Jameson, lovely type, beautifully rounded, grand wings and tail, nice free style, excel in col., full of quality; 2, Fildes, real gem, grand type, lovely wings and tail, marvellous grassy col., in high condition, perfect position; 3, Millington, little beauty for type, lovely head, nicely rounded throughout, grand back and wings, A1 col; 4, Ford and Son, perfect col. and condition, good typical specimen, grand wings, beautifully polished, a gem; vhc, Hocking, Murray; hc, Fildes, Stovin; c, Bayley, Lloyd. CINN. (13): 1, Roberts, grand type, good head, clean cut bird, perfect wing carriage, sound rich col., shown in very high fettle; 2, Middleton, grand position, best head in the class, nicely rounded back and front, rich col., carried well through; 3, D. O'Connell, slim type, grand position, very rich col., shown in A1 condition; 4, Woodman, lovely type, good head, back and wings, grand col.; vhc, Cuhhy; hc, Woodman; c, Arnot and Jameson.

Scotch Fancy and Belgian Sections.

Judge: T. Brown.

SCOT FCY. CK. (11): 1, 4, Pringle, 1st clinker for size, rare shoulders, very free mover, comes quickly into position, lovely shape, 4th rare big huff, good shoulders, hardly the length of some; 2, Willison, very fine yell., grand mover, takes splendid position, A1 tail, beautiful head and shoulders, very free, we liked immensely; 3c, Thomson, another big yell., rare depth, full of nerve, splendid head and neck, grand position; vhc, he, Cobb. HEN (9): 1, Jones, very fine hold hen, grand mover, gets tail well under, splendid shoulders, very nervy, smart hen; 2, Thompson Bros., good positioned, varieg. hird, grand long even wings, fine shoulders and head; 3, , Pringle, 3rd fine hold tkd. huff, rare shoulders and hack, very neat head and neck, splendid mover, 4th very smart yell., heavily varieg., grand position, well up in shoulder; vhc, c, Cohh; hc, Thomson. BELG. YELL. (6): 1, hc, Greig, very pure bold yell., grand shoulders, wonderful length of wing, very quick in position, a beauty; 2, Horrill, another very excellent one, hardly the depth of winner, perhaps, but very straight from shoulder, grand reach; 3, Philp, good length, shapely, fine wings, very neat head and neck, free; 4, vhc, Fairley, beauty for position and depth, gets head right down, very fine specimen. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Philp, 1st fine big bird, best of shoulders, always in position, sweet head and neck, grand length of wings, 2nd again a big bird, very straight, still tail, grand depth of shoulders, very quick to position; 3, 4, Fairley, 3rd grand lengthy bird, well up in shoulder, straight tail, sweet head; 4th big shapely bird, very fine length of wing, well up in shoulder; vhc, Gillies. BELG., BRED 1909 (22): 1, 3, Philp, 1st smart lengthy specimen, very nervy, well up in shoulder, splendid head and neck, splendid position, 3rd very smart yell., of good size, wonderful length, gets head well down when in position; 2, Horrill, big grizzle cap bird, wonderful shoulders, rare length of wing, very fine straight tail, honny bird; 4, vhc, Hunt, 4th Smart specimen, very nervy, good position, neat head; hc, Greig; c, Fairley.

The Dutch Frill Class.

Judge: J. Robson.

DUTCH FRILL (11): 1, 3, Young, 1st grand specimen, marvellous size, splendid position, wonderful mantle, good breast curl, full of feather, real topper, 3rd rare size and length, splendid mantle, perfect part frill good position; 2, 4, Minty, similar bird, presses winner very closely, hardly so good in mantle, but wonderful body feather, 4th big heavily mkd., grand position, good mantle and frill, capital head frill; hc, c, Brooks.

The Champion A.O.V. Class.

Judge: Geo. Gardner.

A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, Kiesel, the White Canary, a source of not a little heckling of the judge, a pure white Yorks., having been bred, the owner assured us, from two Yorkshires. It was shown very clean; it is rare on the show benches. The bird fulfils all the requirements of an A.O.V. class, for although in reality a Yorkshire, it is neither a buff nor a yell., and consequently is outside the scope of Yorkshire classification; 2, Helliwell, evenly mkd. yell. Yorks., rather heavy eyes, nice type, good quality feather, rich col.; 3, Dormer, 4-pointed buff Nor., lightly streaked eyes, good quality, very fine shape; 4, Adnitt and Driver, another 4-pointed buff Nor., with pea eye-marks, grand shape and quality; vhc, Bexson, foul-mkd. Cinn.; hc, Oldaker, ditto; c, Gibbs.

The Novice Norwich Section.

Judge: H. W. Battye.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, sp, Thomas, grand bodied hird, rich in quality of feather, nice head, full neck, short flights and tail, very level and pleasing in tone of colour; 2, Mitchell, more upright in carriage, not quite so deep in chest as winner, but rare quality of feather and lovely col.; 3, Goodman, shorter body than 2nd, beautiful tone of feather, rare col., short wings and tail, very fine chest; 4, Ball, little longer in flights, not quite so nicely covered on wing butts, topping quality and good col.; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield, fine feathered bird of nice col., but unfortunately a little open in tail carriage; hc, Hitchings, rare texture of feather, but scarcely chubby enough; c, Welch, stout body, rich quality. BUFF (14): 1, Hills, grand type, sparkling top, with lovely under-colour, soft shimmeriug feather, well-covered wing butts, fine back and waist; 2, Espley, close and silky in feather, full of rich under-colour, well posted, rare type, good one; 3, Gardner, very short in body, flights and tail, neat head, plenty of quality and lustrous colour, taking birds; 4, Stockwin, just a wee bit more free in feather, A1 thighs, and a trifle long in shaft, but a classy bird as to quality and colour; vhc, Billington, hoxy feathered, very shiny, might he found valuable for double huffing, with a full col.-bred hen; hc, Goodman, short in hody, bloomy feather, nice type, charming hird; c, Ball, good shape and feather quality, just a wee trifle free. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Miss Flemons, very compact in feather, rich col., glossy feather, inclining to run out in length of body and wing, but a sweet bird in most respects; 2, Lathlieff, tkd. on neck, rich quality feather, rattling col. and level, very shapely hody, nice carriage; 3, Billington, just a wee trifle longer in body and shaft, hut neat head and well-filled neck, rich col., topping quality of feather; 4, Inch, varieg., just a little bit thin in body and spare in build, hut lovely quality and deep rich col.; vhc, Welch, grand col. and quality again; hc, Berry and Mitchell, varieg., of the col. and stamp that proves invaluable in the breeding cage; c, Hitchings, cap and wing mkd., chubby hody, nice head, plenty of beautiful feather. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Tose, bonny bird, possessing rich, close feather, level back, good wing covering, nice under-colour and bloom; 2, 3, Isom, former capped hird, rich undercolour, scarcely so bloomy as 1st, hut grand quality, inclined to a trifle of slackness at thighs; 3rd, very fine shape of body, very bloomy feather, good chest, scarcely so rich in col. as 2nd, hut a fine one; 4, Botell, tkd. on head, beautiful depth of col., fine shape, hardly so gauzy on feather, perhaps; vhc, Mrs. Espley, typical, very nice frosting on feather over good undercolour, fine head properties; hc, Berry and Mitchell, varieg., good body and quality, excellent stock bird; c, sp, Welch, grand feather, nice undercolour. HENS (24): 1, Thomas, tkd. huff, short and chubby in build, rare quality feather, smart hen, a little more attention to toilet would have improved it; 2, Heywood, tk. winged yell., not the deepest in col., but good head, full chest without fatness, short body flights and tail, fine carriage, rare quality, claimed by one who knows a thing or two; 3, Handley and Son, varieg. huff, grand shape aud quality, a bird that pleased us much in most respects; 4, Mrs. Litchfield, yell., lovely silky feather, might be a little fuller perhaps in head, most attractive col.; vhc, Burgess, a sweet bird for feather properties; hc, Lack, yell., grand quality of feather, nice col.; c, Isom, rattling varieg., of the best texture of feather, of the right quality. UNFLIG. (31): 1, Handley and Son, buff, chesty, good carriage, soft and silky in feather, rich in undercolour, charming stamp of bird, shown to advantage; 2, Lack, bonny yell., with level, well-filled back, grand wing covering, rich col. all through, very silky in feather, fine chest, short wings and tail; 3, Espley, buff, teeming with quality, rich in undercolour and bloom, a gem; 4, Tose, yell., rattling type, plenty of front, nice head, rich col., silky feather, very promising; ex. 4, Heywood, buff, topping quality of feather, showing well for type, rich undercolour, well-set wings, short body and tail; vhc, Espley, yell., good chest, col. and quality, fails just a wee trifle in head properties; hc, Isom, short and typical, grand col., nice one; hc, Tose, rich quality yell., might have a little more substance perhaps; c, Read, buff, full of quality, good col. and frosting, will improve; c, Billington, bird of promise when developed.

The Novice Crests.

Judge: J. Dobson.

CRESTS (9): 1, sp, Mrs. Litchfield, griz. crest buff, very fine bird, beautiful tone of feather, nicely entred, full crest, lays well, uniform back, good frontal, sides, droop and density; 2, Lomax, varieg. dark Crest, fine-bodied bird, good frontal to crest, with rare droop, dense and long in crest feather; 3, Jemhy and Bellman, cl. hody, dark crest, neat, nice centre and frontal; 4, Moore, wing-mkd. dark Crest of substance, both of body and crest, latter fine frontal, droop and shape, very good bird; vhc, Lomax, cl. hody, dark Crest, neat centre and frontal, fails only at sides of crest; hc, Pickard, good-hodied bird, with some density of crest feather, the weak point being in crest formation; c, Turner, varieg., good in body, not quite so nice in formation of crest and frontal. C.-B. (8): 1, Mrs. Litchfield, lightly tkd. buff, with noble head, deep in cushion, wide at entrance, dense in clothing of head, and long in turn back, rattling body; 2, Lomax, varieg., uot quite so wide in skull as winner, but dense and long in head feather, very good bird all round; 3, Moore, nearly green, nicely shaped head, fine length and width of head feather, rare body; 4, Mrs. Reeves, nicely cushioned skull, head feather dense and long, with good body properties; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield, saddle-mkd. buff, lovely quality of feather which was peach-like in softness, nice wide head; hc, Lomax, varieg., wide bead, scarcely so dense or long as some of the leaders.

The Novice Yorkshires.

Judge: H. Broadley.

NOVICE YELL. (16): 1, Fowle, long, finely-drawn bird of rare quality and style, a smart typical Yorkie which knows how to show himself; 2, Clark, very compact, close-fitting silky feather, nicely tapered body, neat head, grand wings and tail, beautifully shown; 3, Blount, really good-shaped Yorkie, grand quality and style, but gone in neck; 4, Murrell, neat, shapely bird of good style, nice length, rather uneven in col., and not quite so well shown; vhc, Bullough, had this bird been well washed it would undoubtedly have stood much higher, it is of beautiful shape and quality, and handles well; hc, spl, Barber; c, Picard. BUFF (20): 1, Fielden, wing tkd., a gem, lovely quality of feather, neat head, grand shoulders, wings, and tail, full of nerve and handles well; 2, Bullough, very nice shapely bird, neat head and shoulders, capital feather and style, rather short in tail; 3, Stout, very smart, stylish, neat-bodied wing tkd., beautiful feather, gets well up to his work; 4, Douglas, grand-shaped bird of capital feather and style, wins Ramsden's pepper special; vhc, Allum Bros., very neat, well shaped, nicely feathered body, capital nerve; hc, Lingley; c, Glover. VARIEG. (11): 1, Thomas, cheek, neck, and wing mkd. yell., lovely shape, col. and feather, grand position; 2, 4, vhc, Clegg, head and wing mkd. huff, very sweet little bird, rare shape and feather, and plenty of style; 4th, eye and wing mkd. buff, wonderfully fine and close in feather, very shapely and stylish; vhc, good, long, shapely, stylish yell., mkd. head, neck, and wing; 3, Knight, eye and wing yell., nice, slim, stylish bird, well feathered, good back and wings, spreads his tail when handled; hc, Lingley; c, spl, Womersley. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, spl, Thomas, sweet thigh tkd., a real bonny Yorkshire, full of quality, lovely head and neck, grand back, shoulders and tail, plenty of style and nerve, and shows well; 2, Barber, another really grand-shaped little Yorkie, plenty of nerve and style, but was not well washed; 3, Douglas, long, slim, well-shaped cl., grand feather and style, pale in col.; 4, Stables, very neat, stylish bird of grand shape, gone in neck; vhc, spl best vhc, Womersley, cheek and wing tkd., capital length, well modelled body, rare feather and style; vhc, Harris, very slim and racy, neat head and shoulders, nice quality, plenty of nerve; hc, Masters; c, Swindley. BUFF (13): 1, Smith, neck and wing mkd., very neat head, nice shoulders and back, plenty of col., capital quality and style, a smart little bird; 2, Bielby, charming little bird, rare shape and style, nice quality, but gone in neck; 3, Bunting, heavily mkd., rare col., grand feather and style, capital head and neck, plenty of nerve and shows well; 4, Brown, nice shapely well-feathered cl., spoilt by being patchy in col.; vhc, Douglas, nice and stylish, well-feathered cl., not so slim; hc, Morgan; c, Bullough. HENS, YELL. (21): 1, spl second best bird in section, Atkins, a sweet little bird, very fine head and neck, grand shoulders, wings and tail, beautiful feather and position, pale in col.; 2, Morgan, longer and richer in col., grand shape and carriage, hardly so fine and close in feather; 3, Allum Bros., rare shape and length, nice quality of feather, but was somewhat wild when handled; 4, Whittome, very slim racy cl., grand feather and nerve, hardly so well rounded on chest; vhc, Ferguson, grand quality of feather and carriage, built on stonter lines; hc, c, Atkinson. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Smith, cl. and cinn. mkd., two nice shaped, close-feathered stylish hens, neat in wings and tail; 3, hc, Dunnford, very smart, shapely, nicely feathered wing tkd.; 4, Stables, good shaped stylish wing tkd., not at all well washed, had it been well shown would in all probability have won; vhc, Bielby, another nice-feathered, stylish bird that had not been well washed; c, Atkinson.

Judge: Geo. Gardner.

A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE NOVICE (22): 1, Bevan, yell. Cinn., level col., pure, good shaped body, nice head, well burnished; 2, Pinnell, Greenfinch-Bullfinch hybrid, close and compact in feather, nice size, fine col.; 3, Storey, lovely yell. Greenfinch-Can., very good one; 4, Casemore, charming specimen of the Goldfinch-Greenfinch cross, nice flush face, and all the Greenfinch quality of feather; vhc, Jowett, Goldie-Bullie, small, but pleasing col; vhc, Davies, very nice Goldie-Can, not in the best of feather; hc, Bevan, another nice Cinn; hc, c, Fenwick

The Roller Section.

Judge: F. A. Lester.

OPEN CLASS (30): 1, Schluter, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 4, water roll 2, water glucke 3, deep bubbling water tone 2, gen. eff. 6, 30 points, a delightful little songster; 2, Kremner, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schockel 5, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 5, 27 points, a very nice full-toned bird; 3, Gastling, holl. roll 7, koller 2, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 4, glucke 4, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, faults: sharp flute, hard schwirre, and sharp bell tour, 1 point off each, 26 points, not so full in tune as two previous ones, but good variety; 4, Wilson, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 4, schockel 5, water glucke 2, deep water tour 2, schwirre, gen. eff. 4, 25 points, nice deep songster; extra 4, E. T. Williams, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schockel 4, flute note 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, 1 off for sharp bell tour, 24 points, very good songster, pity this bird did not sing his magnificent glucke tour when judged; vhc, Gostling, total 24 points; vhc, Rhodes, 23 points; hc, T. Williams, 23 points; hc, Hestling, 22 points; c, F. Wilsdon, 21 points. In this class there were a number of birds with the finest songs of a Roller, hut unfortunately they did not open at the time they were judged. ROLLERS, BRED 1909 (14): 1, Cole, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, deep water tour 2, schwirre 1, gen. eff. 5, faults: 1 off hard schwirre, 1 sharp bell, 26 points, splendid well-bred bird, free songster; 2, H. J. Williams, holl. roll 6, bass roll 6, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, 24 points, nice soft songster; 3, Fisher, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schockel 4, gen. eff. 4, 22 points, very nice hird, but did not seem to sing all his tours when judged; 4, H. E. Willows, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 4, deep water tour 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 3, 1 off for hard aufzug, 1 for hard schwirre, 22 points, nice hird, but frequently spoilt himself repeating his faults in song; vhc, Stokes, 21 points; hc, Fisher, 21 points, this bird would undoubtedly have come higher in points had he been better trained, he would go half through his song and then amuse himself with his ring; c, Massey and Ridings, 19 points, there was nothing striking in the song, but still a good sounding bird. LIMIT £2 (19): 1, Schluter; 2, Whittaker; 3, 4, R. Kremner; vhc, Merrick; vhc, Hesling; hc, Whittaker; c, Wilsden. NOVICE, BRED 1909: 1, Tomlinson, holl. roll 7, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 26 points, nice free songster without any faults; 2, Kelynack, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 4, glucke 3, flute notes 2, deep water tour 2, gen. eff. 3, 1 off hard aufzug, 24 points, very well hred bird, who went through his song in good style; 3, Tomlinson, holl. roll 7, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute note 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 1 off hard aufzug, 24 points, another good sweet songster; 4, Smith, holl. roll 7, bass 3, schockel 4, flute 2, water glucke 2, gen. eff. 4, 22 points, nice bird with scarcely any faults; vhc, Harker, 22 points; hc, Rhodes, 20 points; c, Smith, 20 points. We noticed several other birds that would have obtained prize money had they opened at the time they were judged.

The Limit Classes.

Judge: Geo. Gardner.

NOR. CK. (30/-) (50): 1, Gilbert, varieg. buff, very short and thick set, lovely undercolour and frosting, quickly claimed; 2, Payne and Son, yell., unflig., fine flowing feather, good wing carriage, neat head, nice one, also claimed as soon as the show opened; 3, Jeffs, cl. buff, bonny type, grand quality, soon found a purchaser; 4, Tweddle, rich col. yell., good body; ex. 4, Kilby, varieg. yell., cobby shape, fine quality; ex. 4, Mrs. Dormer, fine silky feather, nice shape; vhc, Malcolm, Taylor, Ramsden (2), Johnson, Bertie, Barrett, Bellinger; hc, Spinner, Howard and Son, Wilmot, Lawson, Bellinger (3); Ramsden's sp, Adnitt and Driver. HEN (35): 1, Jeffs, buff, short and chubby, rare quality, good head, sold at once; 2, Ramsden, varieg. yell., lovely col., silky feather, found a purchaser quickly; 3, Irous, varieg. buff, short and thick set, cheap; 4, Adnitt and Driver, yell., lovely feather, good body; ex. 4, Gilbert, varieg. yell., small but shapely; vhc, Smith, Bodder, Lawson, Miles and Son, Thompson, Tampkins, Bateman, Gentle; hc, Wright and Son, Ramsden, Bellinger.

YORKS. (30/-) (32): 1, Fawcett, Cinn. tkd. yell., nice length, grand quality, well up on leg, promptly claimed; 2, Hodgson, yell., lovely feather, nice position, neat head; 3, Jowett, level back, good style, well on leg; 4, Lingley, fine, stylish yell., little thin in neck, but grand pose; ex. 4, Amblers, stylish, fine feather; vhc, Wood, Forse and Son, Fawcett, Amblers; hc, Bullen, Myers and Lumb, Richmond (2), Green, Chippendale, Parrott. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (30/-) (29): 1, Dormer, yell. Cinn., level rich col., sound all through; 2, Maxwell, good col. Siskin-Can.; 3, Harries, Lancs. P.H., nice head; 4, Hill, Cinn., good size and feather; ex. 4, Rukin, hot col. Gold-Liz.; vhc, Dawson, Taylor, Jones, Hunter; hc, Casemore, Bevan, Lamb, Spencer, Gemmell.

Judge: J. Dobson.

CRESTS (£3) (12): 1, Greenwood and Burson, nearly green hen, fine flowing crest, good body, dirt cheap at catalogue price, 25/-; 2, Lazarus, neat Crest, good length of feather, nice body; 3, Fitton, very cheap, full of quality; 4, Mrs. Crow; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; hc, Smith; c, Oldfield. C.-B. (30/-) (13): 1, Mrs. Crow, good-headed bird, long in head feather, nice body; 2, Thompson, ditto, close up; 3, Rowe and Richards, also nice skull and turns back well; 4, Bishop; vhc, Harrison; hc, Thompson; c, Gilbert.

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The Mule and Hybrid Section.

Judge: J. F. Dewar.

CL., EVEN-MKD., ETC. (12): 1, four spls, Dr. Galloway, the noted cl. yell. Siskin-Cm., a perfect gem, very shapely and silky in plumage, shows the cross beautifully, takes special for best in the section, and merits the distinction; 2, Duncan, the noted cl. Linnet-Mule, another masterpiece of the breeder's art, very large and shapely, perfect condition, feathered like glass, exceptionally good in col., hard luck to run up against the winner, which it presses very hard; 3, Arrighi, eye tkd. Goldie, very nice, stylish, well-made Mule, beautiful col. and bloom, in rare order; 4, Archer, cl. buff Greenfinch, good size and shape, nice quality feather, excellent Mule, could be improved with another moult, lacks a tail feather or two to-day; vhc, he, Coffey, real big and good six-pointed Goldie, fine col. and condition; hc, spl, Bond, the old champion cl. Goldie, looking simply grand when we saw him, beauty for size, shape and col., has one claw missing, but seemed unaccountably low down in list, possibly not looking his best when judged; c, Christian, another very shapely cl. Linnet, a hot class, this. No. 1383, Bond "wrong class," lightly variegated. Siskin, hard lines, could have scored in its correct class. VARIEG., ETC., GOLDIE (18): 1, Arrighi, buff, mkd. wing, eyes and tail, charming condition, nice col., well built, shapely, showy bird; 2, Lamb, very close up, fine, big, lightly mkd. Mule, wonderful col. and condition, put down in taking style; 3, Collins, almost six-pointed, fine substance and shape, lovely texture of feather, tight as a drum, good col. and bloom; 4, Duncan, very lightly mkd., shade smaller than leaders, but a perfect gem for col. and wax-like condition of plumage, grand Mule, some expressed a preference for it for higher honours; vhc, Bond, very big, fine Mule, but coarse in feather; vhc, Howe, another bird of fine substance and quality; hc, Dawson; c, Edwards, two smart Mules, as also is No. 1406 (Arnold). VARIEG. ETC., LINNET OR GREENIE (12): 1, Duncan, nearly cl. Greenfinch, had one or two very lightly grizpatches, a beautiful bird, exquisite feather, well built, steady and stylish, wins in a canter; 2, Collins, very pretty, lightly mkd. Linnet, grand size and shape, in the pink of condition; 3, Leigbton, very big, variegated. Greenfinch, good col., rare quality, grand condition; 4, hc, Lees, two very smart, light variegated. Linuets, leader well-known winner, in splendid form, well worthy of its place here; vhc, Ewen and Anderson, exceptionally rich col. variegated. Greenie, fine size and shape; c, Longden. DK. YELL. GOLDIE (13): 1, Duncan, clinker, great size, beautiful rich col. all over, finely mkd., rare blazo and polish; 2, Arrighi, another beauty, grand size and build, very rich in col., but not quite so intense as winners, fine face and markings generally; 3, Lawrence, perhaps hardly so big as the leaders, but equal in condition and polish, splendid col. and markings, real fine Mule: 4, Marlin, great size and substance, grand stamp of bird, unfortunately is "brassy" in col., which lets him down now; vhc, Jones, fine, stylish Mule, deep, rich col., close on 4th; hc, spl, Gill; c, Longden; Nos. 1425, 1426 (Wilson) "wrong class," both buffs; No. 1424 (Brown), also "w.c.," being a variegated. bird. DK. BUFF (12): 1, Bald, grand fellow, great size, beautifully feathered, deep and brilliant in col., very fine head and blaze, grand wings, wins well; 2, Francis, one of the very few awards in this section which we could not endorse, a grand bird for size, shape, col. and markings, but with a most distinct white break (blb) under the beak, which should (in our humble opinion) have brought it a "wrong class" ticket; 3, Arrighi real bonny bird, very good col., but a trifle duller, fine size and shape, splendid condition and markings; 4, Gill, good one for size, splendid bright col., nice blaze and wings, well put down; vhc, Sellars, splendid col. and condition, very nice Mule; hc, Longden, good build, nice face and col.; c, Jones. DK. GREENIE (13): 1, Somerfield, truly a grand one, wonderful depth of col., beautifully polished, shines like satin, extra large, grand head, carries itself in rare style, the pick of a grand class; 2, Coffey, loses a mere shade in col., in every other point a magnificent specimen, and gives winner a hard race home; 3, Arrighi, yet another clinker, very cobby in build, rich and sound in col., polished like plate glass; 4, Longden, one of the biggest and best cinnamon-feathered examples seen for many a long day, most attractive bird, fine tone of col.; vhc, Bond, very bold, nice col.; hc, Jones; c, Ackland. DK. LINNET (18): 1, Brown, a marvellous jonque, one of the best for col., size and substance ever seen down South, hard to find fault with, well upholds its great Scottish reputation; 2, Wilson, buff, tremendous size, grand head and chest, very sound in col. and nicely mkd., in the pink of condition, a good second; 3, Dring and Morton, the South-country champion jonque, and a bonny bird, too, bas not the exceptional "physique" of the winner, but is of splendid size, brimful of col. and in plumage that shines like silk, beaten, but not disgraced; 4, Colton and Dawn, another exceptionally smart bird, excellent size and shape, sound, deep col; vhc, Jones, beaten in size, equal to most in col. and polish; hc, Coffey, big winner, we thought hardly looked at its best; vhc, c, Butler, two grand Mules, leader good at all points, but a bit "broken" in neck feather; hc, Edwards, fine style and col. DK. SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE (20): 1, Shellam, fine jonque Siskin, grand substance and shape, good cap and wings, well mkd. all over, nice sound col., soon claimed at 85/-; 2, MacDougall, rattling good buff 'Twite, splendid size and shape, steady, fine style, deep, sound col., well pencilled, attractive condition; 3, Roberts, very bonny Redpoll, grand size, col. and markings, A1 condition, soon found a new owner at 25/-; 4, Longden, another beautiful Siskin, trifle paler than leader, but very little separates them at other points, really nice Mule; vhc, Smith, slashing big Twite, good col., trifle slack in feather when we saw him; vhc, Crabb, also a fine Siskin, grand shape, markings and condition, close up; hc, Marsden and Muir; c, Coffey, Livingstone and Sharp, one of the strongest classes in the section. A.O.V. CAN. HYB. (13): Twelve of them, marvellous to relate, Canary-Bullfinches! 1, 4, hc, Mrs. Askham, the winner is depicted on our coloured plate this week, everybody acknowledged him as the best of a wonderful lot, though he was hard pressed by the second, he has great size, rare depth of col. and quality to perfection, while his markings are grandly defined, a real champion of his kind, the 4th is also a marvel for col., markings and size, but has a pied tail, we thought he could have stepped up to 3rd; hc, is a hen of great size and substance; 2, 3, Boad, leader another champion, ran winner closely, great size, rare col. and polish, beautifully mkd., staged in a condition which does credit to its owner, 3rd another very big, bold, good coloured specimen, but with some feathers knocked out over the beak, which made its win over the 4th somewhat lucky; vhc, Chillingworth, big, smart bird, fine head and front, good sound col.; c, Lawrence, also very good all round; c, Mrs. Moore, the "sensational" black Goldie-Can. Mule, very pretty, was claimed at £2. A.V. BULL, HYB. (23): 1, Edmunds, remarkably good Greenie-Bullie, very massive, beautifully feathered, like wax, full of col., grand head, staged in A1 form, rightly tops a hot class; 2, Shellam, exceptionally big, thick-set Goldie-Bullie, brilliant blaze and breast, fascinating bird, "cocks" his tail in true Bullie fashion, a good second, though seemed inclined to go a little "soft" when we were taking notes; 3, Arrighi, beautifully coloured and feathered Linnet-Bullie, a regular "swell," just a shade small; 4, Mrs. Winnard, another Goldie-B., loses in substance, but a really astonishing col., very brilliant and clear on blazo and breast; vhc, Walsh, fine, big stylish Greenie-B., loses in quality and col.; vhc, spl, Snedden, another really charming Goldie-B., we preferred to 4th in everything but col.; vhc, Collins, grand Greenie-B., but duller in col., especially on the head; hc, Colton and Dawn, Lamb; c, Coffey, Fysh, Johnstone, the latter a Redpoll-B., catalogued as a cock, but we venture to think it a hen. A.O.V. HYB. (17): 1, Arrighi, really beautiful Greenie-Goldie, grand size and shape, lovely col. and markings, exceptionally large, rich blaze, a gem; 2, Barclay, charming jonque Redpoll-Greenie, good size and shape, exquisite quality and col., A1 condition; 3, Coffey, very good Bramble-Chaffinch, fine col., markings and polish; 4, Lamb, the noted Redpoll-Goldie, wee gem, charming condition, fine col. and markings, we should have jumped him up a notch higher; vhc, Collins, fine big Redpoll-Goldie; vhc, Gilbert, another exceptionally big Goldie-Greenie, grand fellow all round, close on winners' heels; hc, Martin; hc, Hutchison; c, Walsh; c, Tonks.

The British Bird Section.

Judge: J. F. Dewar.

BULLFINCH (41): 1, spl, F. Jones, exceptionally fine house-moulted bird, grand type, true Britisher, magnificent colour throughout, tight as wax in feather and polished like plate-glass, very steady and stylish, put down in faultless condition; 2, Woods, also h.-m., shade smaller, but beats winner in cap (we never saw a better capped bird), and is equal in colour, rich, solid breast, lovely back and bars, carries a fascinating bloom, though hardly so boxy in feather as the winner, still, it is hard to find fault with either, they are both gems; 3, Mrs. Frostick, h.-m., grand type, very cobby and stylish, fine cap, beautiful condition, not quite the warmth of breast colour as leaders, bonny bird, though we noted with surprise a missing claw; 4, Malcolmson, field-moulted, trifle small, but the true "John Bull" type and rare good colour and quality, very well-behaved and tight in feather; ex 4, Thomson, the noted Scottish champion, h.-m., and a topper for shape, col., bloom, a wee bit pinched in cap, may-be, yet we liked him for 3rd place; ex 4, vhc, Archer, two lovely birds, the former very cobby, good head and back, solid, rich breast, had hurt its foot slightly when we took our notes; vhc, Hinds, all there for type and colour, bit ragged at edge of cap; vhc, Jupe, grand bird, fine cap and breast, very hot, clean colour; vhc, Belcher, stylish, grand cap, well polished all over, little light in centre of breast; hc, Holloway, Marley, Nott; c, Vart, all birds well above the average in merit. Some grand ones had to stand cardless. Absent, 1565, 1567, 1578, 1579. BULLIE HEN (16): 1, Watson, the Scottish National winner, bonny damsel, grandly built, bold cap, fine tone of colour, rare bloom; 2, Bald, another very fine hen, lovely cap and breast, rich colour, polished to perfection; 3, vhc, Howe, not quite so shapely as leaders, but fine birds for colour and bloom, leader has a grand head; 4, Clarke, a size smaller, beautiful tone of colour, grand condition; hc, spl., Mrs. Frostick, very steady, shapely, good coloured bird; c, Belcher, exceptionally good quality; No. 1593, Hoyle, a fine hen, but looking queer. Absent, 1594.

Judge: G. E. Weston.

GOLDFINCH (47): 1, vhc, c, Herbert, winds up a successful season in fine style, a bonny Finch, excelling in colour and quality, feathered like box, perfect buttons, etc., beautifully tanned, has a very expansive and rich blaze, which, however, is not exactly correct in cut, being somewhat rounded underneath, a lovely bird, however, and wants a world of beating; two latter birds also good ones; 2, 3, ex 4, Richards, splendid trio, former has a magnificent blaze, very wide, rich, and well cut, good shaped body, perfect mkgs., but a little too white in ground colour, in simply beautiful condition, we understand is last year's winner, now become a "Welsh champion," 3rd not quite so cobby in type, nice tone of chestnut, clearly defined buttons, expansive, clean-cut blaze, which is very brilliant and rich in colour, ex 4 another grand all-round Goldie, splendid tan, big, rich-coloured, well mkd. bird, all three a credit to their owner for condition and perfection of plumage; 4, Gill, the most expansive and squarest-cut blaze in class, in fact a truly grand stamp of Finch all over, but very nervous and will not keep off the wires, had frayed tail, may do better after another moult; ex 4, McMinns Bros. nice bird, pressed 4th very hard, good blaze, well cut, rich tone of colour, plenty of body chestnut, steady and stylish, put down in good trim; vhc, hc, Andrews, two beauties, very shapely and smart, grand blazes, shine like silk; vhc, Hoyle, fine wide blaze, bit short underneath, charming condition; vhc, Mortlock, very big face, grand colour and polish, is, if anything, a wee bit too much clouded in whites; hc, Carrier, fine deep blaze, trifle narrow; hc, Harris, grand stamp of bird, fails colour, top blaze; hc, McGregor and Boyd, fine colour, shade coarse in feather; c, Maxwell, marvellous blaze, strangely loose in body feather; c, Raper, lovely condition; absent, 1621. LINNET (37): 1, hc, Wilson, "Pride of Cumberland," well-known in the North, one of the biggest Linnets ever seen, grand Norwich type, steady, takes the perches beautifully and shows to perfection, lovely colour considering his great size, and splendidly pencilled, bonny bird, we liked immensely, though he certainly might be better staged, the cage comparing very unfavourably with those adopted by south country exhibitors; 2, McArdle and Stewart, we take to be the Scottish National winner, slimmer in build compared to winner, lovely nutty colour, with beautiful sheen on top, very sound all over and full of work, steady and stylish to a degree; 3, Maxwell, the Horticultural Hall winner, charming Linnet, big, very shapely, tight as wax in feather, exceptionally sound and rich in colour, grandly pencilled, close up, but is developing a habit of "twisting" its head; 4, Prior, carries more "work" than any bird in the class, is wonderfully rich in colour and highly polished, and extra large and bold in build, unfortunately has a centre toe-nail missing, or might have compassed the downfall even of the winner; ex 4, Coffey, remarkable bird for depth of colour, bloom, and profusion of pencilling, bit short of "weight"; ex 4, Marley, well-known winner (2nd Horticultural Hall, 1st Gateshead, Leicester, etc.), and a lovely bird for soundness of colour and markings, very shapely and stylish, loses a little in bloom and size, some thought could have moved up a notch; vhc, Arrighi, extra big, nice colour, well mkd., trifle coarser in feather; vhc, Gale, lovely bird for size, shape, colour, and polish, very stylish, bit plainer at front; vhc, Longden, beauty, good size and shape, full of work, inclined to be unsteady; vhc, Malcolmson, very stylish, shapely bird, well marked, somewhat dull in coat; hc, Mays, grand carriage, nice bird; hc, Harris, good and heavily pencilled, but rough at neck; hc, Erskine, bonny build and condition, bit plain; c, Dunn, cage is too small; c, Spinks. No. 1685 (Miss Byerley), good, but very nervous and unsteady. CHAFFINCH (22): 1, Reid, very big, stoutly-built bird, rare head and chest, splendidly contrasted in colour, steady, grand carriage, bit dull in plumage, which nearly lost it first place; 2, Lawrence, not quite so hold, but better polished, grandly proportioned, steady, stylish, full of colour, grand wings, close race; 3, Henderson, real big taking bird, full of colour, grand shape and style, beaten in head, staged in lovely condition; 4, Mays, grandly polished and marked, trifle smaller than leaders, very steady, splendid carriage and shape, good wings; vhc, McVay, grand colour and markings, good size, bit pinched at back of skull; vhc, Coffey, very shapely, stylish, and polished, not quite so well-contrasted in colour; vhc, Longden, lovely quality, good colour and markings, bit too free yet, wants calming down; hc, Prior; hc, Bacon; c, Simpson. LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, Marley, field-moulted, a champion, grand thick-set little fellow, stylish carriage, splendid colour and markings, wonderful big, shapely bib, in the pink of condition; 2, Mrs. Clark, house-moulted, gem for colour and condition, carries lovely bloom, very fine, shapely, well-mkd. bird; 3, Belcher, f.-m., another grand coloured, well-built 'poll, with an enormous bib, in excellent condition; 4, Hoyle, h.-m., splendid size and markings, full of quality and colour, put down in good trim; vhc, McGorum, very fine h.-m. bird, close on 4th; vhc, Marlin, excellent f.-m. specimen; hc, Prior, Coffey; c, Bell and Fisher. TWITE (9): 1, Prior, fine size, grand head and chest, lovely pencilling all over, very rich, sound colour, shines like satin, quickly snapped up at 20s.; 2, 4, Coffey, leader beauty for size, shape, and colour, very well mkd., not quite so close in feather, 4th smaller, but equal to any for pencilling and condition; 3, Hunter, paler in colour, rare size and shape, very well mkd.; vhc, Howe; hc, Walsh; c, Marley. SISKIN (19): 1, Cameron, very big, bold bird, with an exceptionally large bib, good head and wings, nice colour; 2, Bald, another wonderfully big bird, non-fed, nice quality, has likewise a splendid bib, should moult a topper; 3, Hoyle, smaller, loses in bib, best colour and condition in class (fed), a little gem; 4, A. Smith, also colour-fed, very nice shape and quality, in fine condition; vhc, Coffey, very shapely, grand quality; vhc, hc, McGregor and Boyd, splendid flank lacing, grand condition, bit narrow in skull; hc, Marley; c, Mrs. Clark. Absent, 1714, 1759. BRAMBLE (23): 1, Prior, raking big bird, lovely head and chest, very stylish, grand breast colour, extending well down flanks, very clean-cut hood, good back mkgs., bit short of lacing at flanks, magnificent condition, a youngster which should have a future; 2, Longden, the 14-year-old wonder, marvellous colour and spangling, lovely quality and bloom, but getting a bit "stiff-jointed" and does not show himself so sprightly as of yore, what a record he has put up!; 3, Wilson, exceptionally big, hot coloured Bramble, finely spangled, but surely shown in most unsuitable cage and with the perches places too high up for the bird to move in comfort; 4, Osborne Bros., trifle smaller, well built, magnificent colour, shines like silk, fine hood and back, well laced, shown in A1 form; vhc, spl, Coffey, very fine bird, about the best spangling in class, rare style and shape, unfortunately has feather out of tail right hand side; vhc, Carter, another beauty, wonderful shape and style, very finely mkd.; hc, Howe, very good, trifle smaller; hc, Beaty, fine type, fails in back spangling only; c, Barclay, nice hen. No. 1772 (Longden), grand bird, but minus a claw. Absent, 1761, 1766, 1768.

Judge: A. Silver.

GREENFINCH (25) A good class, both in quantity and quality, several really fine birds being out of the cards: 1, 4, Bald, former medium size, good cl. col., nice wing bars and tail, lovely shape, latter smaller Finch, but fine col., both in first-class condition and very steady; 2, R. J. Howe, grand quality of feather, fine, bold carriage, rich wing bars and tail, massive head, lovely tint of green, must have pressed hard; 3, Tonks, beaten in size only, nice conditioned Finch, beautifully sound col., very steady; vhc, Marley, Coffey, both large, shapely birds, in excellent feather; hc, Pickles, fine, large bird, in nice order, Prior we liked much, full of condition, shade small; c, Livingstone and Sharp, good-bodied bird, in capital trim. HAWFINCH (16), a grand class, and not a duffer in it: 1, Beaty, his noted winner, a monster for size, grand coloured, massive head and cheeks, capital wing bars, very large bib, cols. throughout well defined, fine chest, stands well; 2, Poole, very hot col., one of medium size, very forward, bill almost full of col., nice thumb-shaped bib, grand bird all round, wee shade smaller than leader; 3, Blackie, nice shape, but lighter of build, stands well on perches, good head and wing bars, fine polish on plumage; 4, Bull, small bird, but very hot col., excellent bib, fine square head, very steady; vhc, Marley, lovely bird, fine carriage, good col.; hc, spl, Ford, fine body, rather narrow head, perhaps, claimed at £2; c, Acland, another topping bird. YELLOWHAMMER (19), real good class, most of the exhibits of very high merit. Nos. 1826, Gale, and 1838, Marlin, both good birds, were marked "disqualified," as their head markings failed to satisfy the judge's eagle eye, who was, we heard, aided by a strong magnifying glass: 1, Prior (non-fed), an old winner now, very cl. lemon-yell., perfect head marks, rich body col., and very distinct markings, carries a wonderful bloom; 2, Mrs. Frostick, a good 2nd, splendid head and cheek marks, shows plenty of yell. on throat and under parts, in rare condition, first time shown, we heard; 3, Axe, excellent 'Ammer, plenty of size, hardly so well defined head marks, very steady, in perfect feather; 4, Russell, wee shade smaller, rich in yellows, dense head marks, very steady, nice silky plumage; vhc, Marley, an old champion, in rare condition, but beaten to-day; vhc, Wills, nice one, not quite so distinct in markings; hc, Mays, medium-sized, rich yell.; c, Coffey, finely mkd., very steady, short of few tail feathers. A.O.S. BUNTING, a well-mixed class: 1, Beaty, well-known winner, Cornbunting, marvel for size and richness of plumage, mkd. to perfection, very steady, and carries a wonderful bloom; 2, 4, Frances, lovely Lapland Bunting, and a Cornbunting respectively, former well up in black on head and throat, good size, perfect feather, well shown, latter nice sized bird, but beaten in col. and pencillings, very steady, perfect feather; 3, W. B. Frostick, tamest Snowbunting we have seen for a long time, very white for a cage-moulted bird, and as steady as could be, nice size, and shows himself well; vhc, Rowe and Richards, real fine Cirl Bunting, good black throat, and rich yellow markings, hard lines, some thought might have been 4th; hc, Coffey, bonny Reedbunting, lovely head and throat; c, Lowne, another good Snowbunting; No. 1841, rare col. Reedbunting. BLACKBIRD (12): 1, vhc, Howe, former old champion, very rich bill and eye cere, hot-fed, lovely condition, very shapely, give him a better cage Mr. H., he is well worth it, vhc slimmer built, good black throughout, nice carriage; 2, Sketchley, another really fine Blackie, jet black, splendid shape, excellent crown, bill and eye cere, perfect feather, polished like satin; 3, Davidson, rare size, good shape, hardly as rich in bill, perhaps, well conditioned, steady, in fine feather; 4, Prior, lovely shape, good black throughout, slightly paler eye cere, very promising bird; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice, shapely Blackie, in perfect feather; c, Lee, lovely crocus bill, wee shade small, SONG THRUSH (13): 1, Bruce, Thrush, rare size and shape, very distinctly and beautifully spotted breast, lovely col.; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, another beauty, well spotted, right down flanks, rich throat, very shapely and steady; 3, Middleton, good stylish bird, but not quite so distinctly spotted as the leaders, excellent col., very tame, and best-staged in class; 4, c, R. J. Howe, former fine, rich col., nice shape and size, good quality of feather, plenty of markings; vhc, spl, Fletcher, very tame, nice markings, sang to us when taking our notes; hc, Askew, capital size and col., well spotted. STARLING (13): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, leader bonny big bird, grand purple and green metallic sheen, all over, well spotted, 3rd also an excellent specimen, hardly as bold as winner, but both fine specimens; 2, R. J. Howe, wee shade smaller, very showy, well spotted, lustrous plumage of green and purple, very forward; 4, Jones, well spotted, very bold bird, fine, snakey head; vhc, hc, Lean and Son, two promising specimens, well spotted, and lustrous; c, Grice, lovely size, and in nice fettle. MAGPIE, CHOUGH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Maxwell, well-known pair, Chough leading, as usual, wonderful lustrous plumage and rich red bill and legs, wins well, "Mag" also looks very fit, beautiful metallic sheen on flights and tail, clear whites, worth its place; 3, Ewen and Anderson, bonny Jay, fine blue wing markings, lovely rich body col., whites very close, in faultless condition; 4, Bond Bros., good Chough, paler in legs and bill, and smaller than the winner, looks a trifle overworked; vhc, Kilbury Bros., Jay, another neat specimen, but out-classed to-day; hc, Miss Lewis, Chough, very steady, and in excellent trim; c, Boyd, another fine Chough.

Judge: W. Swaysland.

PIED OR RARE FEATHERED (13), a splendid variety class, containing choice specimens, some of which might have gone up but for missing claws: 1, P. Walsh, Silver Starling, very interesting bird, silvery col. and shows spangling well, seemed a bit "queer" first day of show; 2, spl. best lady's bird, Mrs. Croker, almost white Reedbunting, lightly tkd. on body, few dark feathers in flights and tail, in beautiful condition, very rare, must have pressed winner hard; 3, Johnson Bros., White Sparrow, faintly mkd. head and back, and tip of tail, quite tame, unfortunately looking very "soft" when we saw it; 4, Smith, very pretty jonque cinnamon Greenfinch, nice size, perfect feather, fine condition, wants just a little more steadying; vhc, Lamb, an old friend, gone down a peg, sweet little cinnamon Redpoll, bonny little chap; hc, Porri, nice white Sparrow, in topping order, minus a claw or might have stood higher; absent, Lord Decies' "Buff" Blackbird; No. 1902, very nice white Linnet, claimed. HEN, HARDBILL (13): 1, Beaty, Hawfinch, rare size, capital shape, well defined markings, grand col., nicely shown, large bib; 2, Law, Bramble, rare quality and col., and shows well, very steady bird, in perfect plumage; 3, Bald, Greenfinch, typical shape, good quality feather, on the small side; 4, vhc, Mrs. Clark, 4th rich col. Twite, nice size, beautifully polished, very steady, latter bonny Siskin, dense thigh marks, very shapely bird; hc, Goodall, Crossbill, in lovely order and, nicely shown; c, Prior, well-conditioned Hawfinch. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (9), well mixed, five Blackcaps, and four 'Gales: 1, Briscoe and Son, topping 'Gale, perfect in feather, full of bloom, good col. back, rich rump and tail, well staged; 2, 4, Puck, both clinking Blackcaps, lovely caps, beautifully polished, steady, and as tight as wax, 2nd trifle the larger, otherwise little to choose, both shown to perfection; 3, Lean and Sons, very steady 'Gale, rich back, smaller than winner, perfect in feather, and in nice condition; vhc, Borman, 'Gale, capital col., in perfect feather, very shapely; hc, Miss Hopwood, Blackcap, fine, silky plumage; c, Mays, another Blackcap, of excellent quality. LARK OR PIPIT (11), Skylarks were well represented, no less than five out of the eleven exhibits being of this species: 1, King, capital, upstanding Skylark, good, broad chest, rich back, nice cl. markings, fine size, shows up crest well, and was singing during judging, we heard; 2, R. J. Howe, Treepiplt, splendidly mkd., warm col. on back, grand size, very steady, full of bloom; 3, Erskine, Shorelark, in rare condition, steady as a rock, fine black markings, but a trifle pale in yell. (cage-moulted); 4, McVay, another large Skylark, good size, paler than winner, will improve, and be steadier after another moult; vhc, Paton, Skylark, fine size and pencillings; hc, Hawes, Shorelark, nicely mkd., but looked "thick and out of condition" when we saw it; c, Lowne, grand Treepiplt, in good feather. INSECTIV., RES., SMALL (8): 1, Mays, magnificent Treecreeper, well defined marks, snow-white throat, rich col. throughout, very tame and quite happy in his baize-lined cage; 2, Frostick, sweet Jenny Wren, looking quite at home in its ivy-clad cage, perfect in feather and condition, this bird was 3rd, we understand, at this show last year; 3, Mrs. Frostick, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, well shown, in a barklined cage, with rustic perch, a bonny little bird, good cl. markings, and red cap, looked quite at ease; 4, Merrin, rich col. Bearded Tit, nice size, well mkd., very tame, might perhaps be more suitably staged; vhc, Lowne, another grand Bearded Tit, not quite so bright in plumage, but very artistically staged. DITTO MIGRATORY (6): 1, and three spls, beautiful Grasshopper Warbler, grand in markings and col., perfect well polished plumage, credit to its owner to have kept it so well during the winter months; 2, 3, Maxwell, both well-known winners, former his noted champion Black Redstart, grand specimen, in lovely condition, and steady as a rock, latter one of the finest Yellow Wagtails seen in captivity, col.-fed to perfection, both shown in tip-top style; 4, Puck, very choice Greater Whitethroat, very tame, cl. white throat, perfect feather, nicely shown; Lewis and Son, rare two-barred Crossbill an interesting exhibit, unnoticed. A.O.S. INSECTIV. LARGE (8): 1, Maxwell, splendid Great Grey Shrike ("Butcher Bird"), cl. white throat, and nice grey back, well defined eye marks, perfect feather, large bird, well staged; 2, Crockatt, very fine Waxwing, bright wax tips to flights and tail, fine body col., very stylish, stands well; 3, Hoyle, nice red-backed Shrike, bird not often seen on the show bench, perfect feather, lovely col., interesting exhibit; 4, Lawson, nice tame Redwing, well spotted breast, fine red flanks, cl. eye marks, put down in topping order; vhc, Wilson, large Misselthrush, nicely spotted, very steady; hc, Davidson, another good Waxwing, but smaller and not so well col. as 2nd; c, Wade, Misselthrush, in very fine trim. LIMIT CLASS (17), 20/-, FINCH: 1, Todd, really good Hawfinch, fine, big head, rich chestnut cheeks

and cap, lovely bib, quickly claimed, a bargain; 2, W. B. Frostick, a hot-coloured Bullie, good ebony cap, grand wing bars, nice and steady, white rump; 3, Prior, fine col. Crossbill, nice size, interesting exhibit; 4, Leech, good Goldie, lovely blaze, well tanned and buttoned, very steady; vhc, Francis, Maxwell, pretty blue Grosbeak, very taking bird; he, Watson, Acland, Bramble and Linnet, respectively, in nice order; c, Kilbury Bros., Belcher, both Hawlinches.

The Foreign Bird Section.

Judge: H. T. Camps, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (5): The feature of this class was the exquisite colour and condition of Mr. Townsend's Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeet, certainly the richest coloured specimen ever staged: 1, S. M. Townsend; 2, R. G. P. Nelson; 4, R. J. Watts; all Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets, all good and fit specimens, with the first prize winner a long way ahead; 2, F. Howe, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, very tight, good col., very nicely staged. PARRAKEETS, LORIES, ETC. (12): A strong class, containing many uncommon and beautiful exhibits, two of which (the Stella Lory and Mrs. Johnstone's Lorrikeet), made their bow to the public for the first time. All the specimens of these two species up to the present are in the hands of two or three aviculturists; 1, 2, 4, Millsum, Stella Lory (4 sps) Mrs. Johnstone's Lorrikeet and Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, in the order given, the latter in the opinion of some might well have been third; by the time Saturday evening was reached the first two were evidently feeling the weather conditions. A hybrid Parrakeet (which, of course, had to be marked w.c.), was entered in this class as an Adelaide Parrakeet. It is evidently a hybrid between a Pennant and either a Red Rosella or Yellow-rumped Parrakeet: 1, a grand species, clad in glowing crimson and green, with a patch of purple-blue on the crown, very gorgeous; 2, another beautiful species, but not so brilliant, clad in green, scaled with crescentic yell. mkg. on the under surface, and washed with red on the forehead, sides of face and throat; 4, equally beautiful and uncommon, described in a recent issue; 3, Hawkins, Bourke's Parrakeet, an exquisite exhibit of beautiful soft colouring, composed principally of soft browns and pinks; vhc, Baxby, Pennant's Parrakeets, very richly coloured and very tight; he, Bennett, King Parrakeet, fine col. and condition; c, Meadows, Barnard's Parrakeets, beautiful pair, very tight and silken; r, C. Cooper, Rosella Parrakeet. Also exhibited: Swainson's Lorrikeet, Red-rump Parrakeet, elegant Grass Parrakeet (a beautiful exhibit in lovely condition, but we understand has a hind claw missing), very seldom imported, very uncommon exhibit. PARROTS, MACAWS, ETC. (13): 1, Beaty, Hawk-headed Caique, very tame, in perfect condition, not a feather out of order, grand bird all over; 2, Rev. Raynor, Meyer's Parrot, looking as well as ever—it must be at least 12 years old—very tight and silken; 3, Stubbings, very fine blue and yellow Macaw, Mrs. Bury, Grey Parrot, in very excellent feather and well mkd.; vhc, Hawkins, very good Black-headed Caique, nicely shown; he, Smith, grand Eclectus Parrot, a gorgeous exhibit, well shown; c, Miss Bland, very nice Senegal Parrakeet. Mr. L. W. Hawkins exhibited a true pair of grand Eclectus Parrots, hard luck in being cardless.

Judge: F. Finn, F.Z.S.

AVADAVATS, WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): Always an interesting class—there are really many beautiful species among the common (freely imported) species: 1, 2, F. Howe, Diamond Sparrows and St. Helena Waxbills, as given, tight as wax, very beautifully staged; 3, Beaty, well-marked Nutmeg Finches, good third, very pretty; 4, Townsend, exquisite pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills much admired; vhc, Meadows, again Golden-breasted Waxbills, close up to former; he, Miss M. Gibbons, good Diamond Sparrow, very natty; c, Ford and Son, White Javas, very fine size and col. Also exhibited Parson Finches, Grey Java Sparrows, and a pair of Zebra Waxbills, which reared 10 young last breeding season. A.O.S. WAXBILLS, GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (11): A strong class, all the exhibits being in most excellent condition, and some of great beauty. The notabilities, in our opinion, were the tri-coloured Parrot Finches and the Black-cheeked Waxbill; the latter might well have been placed higher some thought. Tri-coloured Parrot Finches were exhibited by Mr. L. W. Hawkins some three or four years ago, and also previously appeared on the show bench, but they only come to hand at rare intervals: 1, he, C. T. Maxwell, Violet-eared and Black-cheeked Waxbill, as given, exquisite colouration, very tight and silken; 2, F. Howe, Melba Finch, very rich in col., in faultless condition; 3, O. Millsum, Tri-coloured Parrot Finches, rare and beautiful, but less attractive in our opinion than the common species; 4, vhc, Dr. Hetley very fine pairs of Bicheno and Gouldian Finches; c, Ford and Son, good Paradise Whydah. Also exhibited good specimens of Painted, Parrot, and Red-beaded Finches. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (8): A small but interesting class, containing a very rare exhibit, viz., the Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak, very similar to the common, all-blue species, save that the wings are ruddy brown. Another species not often seen on the show bench is the Cape Sparrow, also handsome and attractive. It was very hard lines that Mr. Maxwell's fine pair of Painted Finches got into the wrong class; in the preceding class they would certainly have caught the judge's eye: 1, Mrs. E. Galloway, Brown-winged Blue Grosbeaks, a unique exhibit, now making, we believe, their first bow to the British public; 2, Maxwell, Hooded Siskin, very tight, like silk, well shown; 3, Frostick; 4, Arrighi, Cape Sparrow, one of the finest and cleanest marked specimens we have seen; vhc, Botting, White-throated Finches, in finest condition; he, Reed, good Virginian Nightingale. TANAGERS (7): A class of gorgeous beauty, and almost each entry unique. All have been described several times in our pages: 1, Maxwell, Rufous-throated Blue Tanager, exquisite, flawless; 2, Pickles, Black-throated Tanager, marvel of refulgent colouration, beyond description; 3, Harrison, Maroon Tanagers, after several years on the show bench, looking better than ever; 4, Townsend, Magpie Tanager, well-known exhibit, very tight; vhc, Beaty, very fine Tri-colour Tanager; he, Watts, good Archbishop Tanager. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (6): Not so numerous as usual, and nothing new, but there was an array of gorgeous plumage. The first and second prize winners must have been difficult indeed to separate; it must have been "touch and go" between the two. Both were simply superlative as regards their respective species. Finer specimens have never been exhibited, and we presume Mr. Harrison's Black-headed Sugar Bird secured premier honours as being slightly the rarer of the two: 1, Harrison, Black-headed Sugar Bird, exquisite bird, glistening like silk; 2, Townsend, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, flawless, a richer coloured specimen we have never seen; 3, Maxwell, another very fine Black-headed Sugar Bird; 4, Puck, Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, very tight, but not so intense in col. as some we have seen; vhc, Millsum, Black-headed Sugar Bird, well shown. A.O.S. SMALL (8): The classes reserved for "any other species" are always full of interest, for here often are gathered together many novelties and varieties, and very frequently each entry is of a different species. This class was certainly not behind its reputation. Many views were expressed as to the first prize winner and its proper class, some maintaining that it was larger than the King Bird of Paradise (which was scheduled limit), others considering it came just within the limit; at any rate, the judge, it was considered, did quite right in judging the bird on its merits. Some well-known bird should be chosen to define the two classes, so as to make the dividing line between as clear as possible; for example—"A.S. not larger than and including the Brazilian Hanguest"; 1, Beaty, Le Vaillant's Barbet rare and unique exhibit, which has only once previously appeared on the show bench; 2, Maxwell, Great-billed Flycatcher, another unique exhibit, which has much improved as to depth of col. and condition since it made its first appearance at the Horticultural Hall in December last. It is blue on the upper surface and yellow beneath, washed with rufous-orange on the centre of breast and abdomen; 3, Townsend, White-capped Redstart, beautiful and uncommon exhibit, typical Redstart as to demeanour, etc.; 4, vhc, Harrison, Silver-eared Mesias and Blue-winged Siva, in faultless condition; these birds have been in Mr. Harrison's possession, we heard, since about 1902, and certainly look good for many more years yet; he, Lewis, very fine pair of Chinese Painted Quails; c, Miss Lewis, Pekin Robin, grand colour and condition. A.O.S. LARGE (7): A feature of this class was the manner in which the birds and numbers got mixed, and consequently some of the visitors went away under the impression that the Pied Mynah was the Pitta, the Blue-checked Barbet the Orange Hanguest, and vice-versa; such happenings are certainly regrettable. This class was the centre of attraction to the public owing to the Ilunstein's Bird of Paradise, which was deeper in hue, more steady, and displayed itself in many quaint attitudes, occasionally erecting the straw-coloured ruff at the back of its neck and dropping the wings simultaneously. Mr. Townsend exhibited a beautiful Glossy Starling, very similar to the Green, but with the refulgent plumage of a bronzy hue: 1, Millsum, Hunstein's magnificent Bird of Paradise, very tight and silken, much improved since its first bow to the British public; 2, Cushney, Indian Pitta, quite one of the best we have seen, lovely colour and condition; 3, Maxwell, Lanceolated Jay, an interesting exhibit, very steady and tight; 4, Townsend, Bronze Glossy Starling, rare and unique exhibit, in faultless condition; vhc, Cushney, Pied Mynah, well-known species, but seldom seen on the show bench; he, c, Puck, Blue-cheeked Barbet and Orange Hanguest, both interesting and well shown.

Judge: A. Silver.

FOREIGN GOLD OR BULLFINCH (12): 1, Howie, a noted Scottish warrior, winner of many prizes this season and looking very fit indeed, good size, nice bold head, big, rich blaze, fine tan and markings, nice all-round specimen; 2, Hoyle, grand Bullie, very wide, rich-coloured breast, good back and bars, nice bold shapely cap, tight, lustrous plumage, well worth its place, was soon claimed; 3, he, McGurk, two more good Goldies, 3rd a bird of fine type, stylish, very good in col., nice head, expansive, rich blaze, which, however, is inclined to be a trifle coarse; 4, Stamford, another "class" Bullie, rare body and col., lovely condition, good bold head, but the cap runs a trifle narrow at the back; vhc, Hutchison, romping, big, fine-coloured Goldie, not quite so correct in blaze as leaders; c, Arrighi, really beautiful Goldie, grand size, col., and markings, fine blaze, very intense in col., would have made the winner gallop, but had knocked out some tail and flight feathers, wretched luck, Mr. A.

The Cages.

The collection of cages is always of great interest to visitors to the Palace. The fancier can generally find something to note, and the general public like to examine carefully the different styles and sizes used. There was nothing very new or startling among the exhibits this year, the most noticeable being the drying cages, of which there were two, each good in its way. H. W. Battye judged.

SHOW CAGES (27): The majority suitable for Finches and Buntings: 1, 2, vhc, R. A. Newley (Stockwell), beautifully finished Thrush cage, with detachable front, the wires running back an inch or so to allow a better view of the inmate; food and water vessels were placed inside, the one for water being partly covered to prevent splashing; 2nd, very smart, roomy Norwich cage, the perches nicely arranged, beautifully finished in his usual style. Another exhibit of Mr. Newley's was described as a "suggested improved Norwich show cage, the improvement consisting of a reduction of about one and half inches in the height. This reduction has a remarkable effect on the appearance of the cage, but one can hardly express an opinion upon it without seeing a full-sized Norwich inside. The maker is of the opinion it gives the bird a smarter appearance, and seems to enhance its size; 3, Mullins and Co. (Norwich), neatly made cage, suitable for small British or Mules; 4, vhc, he, T. F. Reece (Bristol), several good exhibits, 4, a very light, handy Yorkshire cage; vhc, a cage with a detachable top for the same variety, full size, certainly very useful for training purposes, being taken to pieces and thoroughly cleaned; he, Thrush cage; he, T. Yates, very fine cage, a roomy affair for large Britishers; vhc, c, J. A. Reece (Bristol), fine Thrush cage, and good one for Finches, a beautifully made light and handy cage, shown by Mr. F. Collins (Camborne), was passed by the judges; there was nothing in the class, some thought, better made or better finished. BREEDING CAGES (10): Always a source of interest to visitors. There were no new departures from existing types: 1, Mullins and Co., for cage described as a "Yorkshire Double"; the centre was a fixture, so that one could not use the cage as a flight, and it had neither draw-board nor turn-rail, and in the opinion of some the perches were fixed too high for Yorkshires; 2, vhc, Newley, similar cage with a turn-rail, moving partition and low perches; 3, Neville (Sidcup), folding cage, very useful to fanciers somewhat short of room; the price is not excessive, considering its usefulness; he, Reece, very handy single breeder, with part partitioned off for a nursery, quickly claimed at catalogue price, 5s. A.O.V. CAGE (8): Only a small entry, but very interesting, it contained two drying cages which attracted a good deal of attention: 1, Stelling and Son (Peckham), very fine (brass) Parrot's cage on a stand; 2, A. Wilson (Glasgow), very simple affair, described as a "perfect drying cage, consisting of one box upon another, the lower one containing a lamp and the upper acting as a cage; between these is fixed a sand tray, which when damped keeps air nice and moist; the size exhibited would only be suitable for about one pair; of course, the cage could be made as large as required; 3, vhc, Newley, good and useful 42-in. Mule-breeding cage and stock cage; 4, Mrs. A. E. Reeves, drying cage, simple, and should be effective; a hot-water tank is placed at the bottom, a drying space immediately above it, and when the birds are sufficiently recovered to perch they are placed in the top apartment.

IRVINE, N.B.

Irvine and Dist. O.S. held their first annual grand open show, in the new Drill Hall, East-road, on February 5th. Office bearers: Secretaries, Messrs. Allan Black, jun., and James Borland, jun.; the managing committee includes many of the best-known breeders and fanciers in Ayrshire. The show for a first venture, was certainly a grand success. The Drill Hall is large, and roomy, with plenty of well diffused light. Norwich, Borders, and British birds were a grand lot, many noted champions being staged. Scotch Fancies were not a large class, but the quality all round was quite equal to that of many larger shows we have visited, and the exhibits were well staged. There was a nice class of Borders. The cage bird section was one of the chief attractions. The secretaries, Allan Black, jun. and James Borland, jun. carried out their duties with conspicuous ability, and were ably supported by a hard-working committee. Ex-Provost Borland worked very hard. The cage birds were arranged across the end of the hall, where they got the best of light, and all the exhibits were easy to see, and handle. Immediately the judging was finished, the hall became crowded. Through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, the management desire us to thank all who supported the show with such a grand entry, and hope next year they will be able to exceed the numbers—about 780 entries. The cage birds were judged by Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), whose awards seemed to give satisfaction. Of the management of the show we cannot speak too highly. Irvine fanciers are a warm-hearted lot, and each one had done his utmost to make their first show a signal success.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, spl, 2, Paton, 1st yell. 1st at Paisley, looking well to-day, 2nd another good one, moulting neck and head, which told against it, in other points a beauty; 3, Pearson, yell., fine shape and style; vhc, Burgess, good top end, nice shoulders, wings and tail; hc, Minnis. HEN (4): 1, spl, spl, Pearson, green, neat shape, good, reachy neck, nice shoulder, well filled in, tail well under; 2, Paton, grand top end, good shoulder, thick through, grand substance, not quite so free in action; 3, Burgess, buff, neat shape, good, reachy neck, nice style and position; vhc, Murdoch, buff, good size, nice long side. BRED '09 (5): 1, spl, Roddie and Davidson, 1st spl, fine head, good reach, grand shoulder and drive, nice substance, fine stand; 2, Paton, better depth through than 1st, good long wings, well laid on, tail well under, grand one for style; 3, Burgess, good body, nice top end, and shoulder, shade stiff behind; vhc, Minnis, nice shape, good drive; hc, Murdoch. CREST-BRED (6): 1, spl, 2, Noble, 1st nice green body, rare substance, good skull and entrance, grandly lashed, 2nd yell.-green, grand size, good body, fails only in head; 3, O'Hara, variegated, good size and substance, nice in head and feather; vhc, O'Hara, variegated, good skull. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, Muir, cl., hot col., rare feather, good wings and tail, nice shape; 2, Kerr, variegated, grand col., nice shape, good wings and tail; 3, Brown, variegated, nice col. and feather, barely so good, perhaps in wings; vhc, Dickie, nice, silky feather and shape. BUFF (4): 1, Muir, grand size and substance, good quality, smart shape, fine front and condition; 2, Brown, neat model, neat wings, well carried, fine feather, also in lovely condition; 3, Steele, nice col., well cut away behind; vhc, Dickie, neat shape. NON-FED: 1, spl, Muir, clean, grand style, fine quality of feather, good chest, neat head and wings; 2, Brown, neat and cobby, nice col. and feather, wee shade open in feather to leader; 3, Murdoch, nice and close in feather, neat shape, good col.; vhc, Conway, nice chest, good col.; hc, Dunlop; c, Minnis. BORD. FCY., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Reta McMillan, cl., grand shape and quality, good style, nice silky feather, and jaunty carriage; 2, Holden, lovely feather, shade more chest, nice tight wings, smart finish, jaunty, good bird; 3, Massie, grand quality, nice feather, smart; 4, Clark, nice col., and style, good feather; c, Willison. BUFF (7): 1, Clark, very smart, neat shape, feather like wax, nice, jaunty carriage, could do with just a wee shade more size; 2, Mossie, another cl., presses hard on leader, better in chest than first, but barely so good in feather; 3, Young, another good one, clean, but not quite so smart or gainly; vhc, D. and J. Gillies, 3rd at Ayr, grand shape and feather, nice jaunty carriage, wins medal here best opposite sex; hc, Monaghan; c, Nelll. HEN, BUFF (5): 1, spl, Mossie, cl., grand style, neat and natty, wings nicely braced up, winner of open medal for best Border; 2, Holden, eye mkd. buff, hen of fine style, nice and jaunty carriage, good 2nd; 3, Clark, another cl., a beauty, nice tone of col., perfect feather, tight and natty; vhc, McGreachan, fine quality; hc, Nelll. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, spl, Clark, eye and wing mkd., model Bord., 1st at Kilmarnock, 2nd at Ayr, and to-day 2nd best bird in hall, a beauty; 2, Holden, another mkd. bird, of excellent type and condition, sweet style; 3, Craig, cinn. mkd., rare type and feather, close up; vhc, Anderson, nice type and feather, nicely staged. UNEVENLY MKD. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Willison, nice quality of feather, grand style, and carriage, feather like wax; 2, Bremner, eye and wing markings, nice type and style, in rare condition; 3, Holden, another of similar type; vhc, Ferguson, fine type and quality; hc, Marshall. BUFF VARIEG., GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Heron, variegated, nice tone of col., good style, smart finish, neat and jaunty carriage, feather like wax; 2, Clark, nicely mkd., full of merit, good type, very jaunty and smart; 3, Willison, a wee shade on the thin side, but otherwise a nice type of Border; vhc, Mrs. McAllister, fine type of Border, nicely staged; hc, Wishart. SELL. BORD. 7/6 (6): 1, Clark; 2, Mossie; 3, hc, Montgomer; vhc, McGreachan; c, Bremner. A.O.V. 15s. (5): 1, McGreachan; 2, Pearson; 3, Brannigan; vhc, Holden; hc, Willison. DK. CAN. MULE (10): 1, spl, Reid, Siskin, nice size and feather, good col.; 2, Heron, Goldie, grand size and shape, nice feather and condition; 3, Elliott, Linnet-Mule, nice shape and feather; vhc, Henry, Goldfinch-Mule, nicely mkd., eye and wing, nice exhibit; hc, Murphy; c, Morrison. BRIT. GOLDIE (12): 1, spl, Elliot, grand size and shape, nice flush face, good back, good buttons, fine chest, well tanned; 2, McQuiston, nice col., face and wings, barely so large, perhaps, as winner; 3, Arnott, nice size, good face, grand body col. and condition; vhc, Gemmell, fine size, good col., hardly so rich in face; hc, Clark; c, McNaught. BULLIE (7): 1, McQuiston, fine shape, lovely clear col., nice back, good cap, clear bars, grand type; 2, Marshall, excellent size and shape, barely so bright for breast col., another of nice type; 3, Guthrie, good shape and col., clear bars; vhc, Dunlop Bros., smaller, but good type and col; hc, Clark; c, Orr. GREENIE (6): 1, spl, Arnott, grand thick-set shape, nice tight feather, good wings, neat head, fine chest and col; 2, McQuiston, nice deep col., typical shape, splendid feather; 3, Henry, excellent size and shape, nice tone of col, rare condition; vhc, Morrison, good in all points, falls only in size; hc, Roddie and Davidson; c, Dunlop Bros. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, Roddie and Davidson, nice shape, rich even nutty brown col., well laced; 2, McQuiston, wee shade larger than first, though good in col., barely so rich in polish to first; 3, Henry, nice shape and col.; vhc, Murphy, nicely laced and good col., but again a trifle faulty in size; hc, McNellie; c, Cafrney. NOT H.-M. (11): 1, McGavin, smart and shapely, rich col. and well laced, nice feather; 2, Stevenson, wee shade better for size, good shape, col., and lacing, not quite so rich as first; 3, Dunlop Bros., good shape, nice nutty brown shade of col. to those in front; vhc, Summerhill, fine distinct breast markings, neat shape and feather, nice shade of col.; hc, Bibby; c, Henry. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Roddie and Davidson, grand Twite, rich in col., pencilling, lovely condition; 2, McQuiston, Siskin, nice size and shape, good cap, bib, and lacing; 3, McGavin, another nice Siskin, well-defined cap and lacing; vhc, Dunlop Bros., Siskin, similar to third, size only wanted, good in all other points; hc, Arnott; c, Dickie. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, Lawson, lovely nicely marked Redpoll, in perfect feather; 2, Murphy, nice shade of col., good cap, very steady; 3, McQuiston, grand level col., good cap, fine close feather; vhc, McClung, lovely type and col; hc, Roddie and Davidson; c, Marshall. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 1, spl, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, beautifully marked, very steady, in the pink of condition; 2, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, nicely marked and staged in the pink of condition; 3, Crie, Skylark, lovely sleek shape, nice close feather, very steady; vhc, Rae, Thrush, in lovely condition. BRIT., HEN (5): 1, spl., McQuiston, Corn Bunting, in rare condition, some considered in wrong class; 2, Hardie, Bullfinch, nice shape and tone of col., in rare condition; 3, hc, c, Duncan, 3rd Yellowhammer, grand rich col. and beautifully marked; vhc, Smith, Greenfinch hen in the pink of condition. BRIT., SELL., (7s. 6d.) (5): 1, Gemmell, Bramblefinch; 2, McQuiston, Goldie; 3, vhc, A. and J. Shankley, Yellowhammer and Bramblefinch.

NANTWICH.

The 49th annual show of the Nantwich fanciers took place on Feb. 4th and 5th, in the Town Hall. This old-established fixture—one of the oldest in the kingdom—is now but a shadow of its former self, so far as the cage bird section is concerned. What fine exhibitions we have seen here in past years: the Norwich classes alone used to make a very good collection. But now, with only one class there are but ten of the chubby ones on view. The same remarks apply to the Yorkshires—just one class which contained half a score. But the "long slim 'uns" were never bred so extensively locally as the Norwich; this neighbourhood used to be quite a stronghold for the latter variety. We advise the society to extend the classification, likewise the prize money, and bring both up-to-date. We see no reason why if the society brings this section to present-day requirements, next year—the Jubilee show—should not be one of the best. Nearly half the classes were unfortunately cancelled, but what remained contained some capital exhibits. Most of the classes saw some well-known winners, and several of them "tacked" another win to their credit. This section, as usual, was nicely staged on the platform, and the exhibits received every attention in the hands of capable and experienced fanciers. Mr. F. Powell again held the secretarial reins, and a better man for the post it would indeed be hard to find, he having everything at his fingers' ends, and he is courteous to everybody. Mr. J. N. Harrison made the awards.

NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Windsor and Sons, uneven Buff, surely mistake, narrow in head and body, long in barrel and tail, and no substance; 2, hc, Victor Williams, unflig. cl. buff, grand shape and quality, deep in chest, nice short tail; 3, r, Crimes, very fine cap-mkd. buff, grand type, rare quality, well cleaned out, Tamworth, Crewe, etc., winner, some thought an easy 1st.; r, wing-tkd. yell., good size and shape, nice head, rare quality. YORKS. (10): 1, hc, Richmond, well-known Cinn. mkd. yell., grand length and shape, very stylish; 2, 3, r, Victor Williams, yell. leading, fine, long stylish bird, will up on legs, good shoulders, neat waist; 3, cl., unflighted buff, splendid shape, style, and quality, Bristol (1909 bred) Cup winner; r, tkd. buff, lovely quality; vhc, Windsor and Sons. CAN. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE AV.: Cancelled. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, hc (2), Robinson, Goldie, nice size and shape, fine width of face, rich blaze, good back and chest col., capital bars; 2, r, Joynson and Davies, Linnet, capital shape, rich, nutty body col., profusion of pencilling on breast, good wings and condition; r, rare good Goldie; 3, vhc, Taviner, bit richer in blaze than 1st, grand moons, good shape and size; vhc, Windsor and Sons. BULLFINCH: Cancelled: A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Victor Williams, noted Chough leading, grand depth of col. in legs and bill, sound body col., in the best of trim; 2, Waxwing, capital size and shape, lovely wing tippings, followed by grand Magpie, nice size, perfectly cut, very pure in col.; r, Joynson and Davies, nice Hawfinch; vhc, Windsor and Son, Taviner; hc, Sutton. FOR. AND SELL. (12/6): Cancelled. (7/6) (7): 1, 2, vhc, he, Windsor and Sons; 3, Brotherhood; r, Sutton; vhc, Beddington. (5/-) (7): 1, Brotherhood; 2, hc, Sutton; 3, r, Windsor and Sons; vhc, Windsor and Sons.

DOVER AND DIS. P.P.R. AND C.B.S

A very successful members' show was held in the Barton Road Boys' School on Feb. 10th. To help wipe out deficit on last year a fee of 3d. per exhibit going to the society, which resulted in 72 entries, bringing in 18s. to the funds. The following is a list of awards. Mr. G. Sanderson judged.

YORKS. CK. (7): 1, C. Lockett; 2, 3, Austen; 4, vhc, Reeve; hc, c, Rayner. HENS (15): Grand class, not a bad one among them: 1, Reeve; 2, vhc, Rayner; 3, Hendry; 4, Lockett; hc, Abbott; c, Austen. YORKS (1909 (8): 1, Austen; 2, 4, vhc, Leaver; 3, hc, c, Rayner. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brown; vhc, c, Langley. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, hc, c, Heritage (Hawfinch, Bullfinch and Linnet); 3, 4, Austen (Nuthatch and Hawfinch); vhc, Rayner (Goldfinch). Medal for most points in cage birds was won by Mr. W. Austen with 27 points.—ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, Hon. Secs.

BANBURY.

This fixture, held on February 1st, had a moderate classification for cage birds, and of these the Britishers were by far the best; in fact, the class made a most beautiful group. The arrangements were excellent, and the secretaries, Messrs. Hazlewood and Nelson, deserve every support in their endeavours to maintain this time-honoured fixture. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (7): 1, vhc, Harrison, yell., nice shape and feather, good col.; 2, Bull, buff, nice head and feather, good col.; 3, Edwards, yell., nice shape, beaten only in quality; r, Dale; hc, Lewin. UNFLIG. (6): 1, r, spl best Nor., winner bouncing yell. of grand feather and quality; 2, hc, Lewin, nice buff leading; 3, Edwards, buff, good feather, beaten only in chest; vhc, Bull. A.O.V. (5): 1, Hawes, buff Yorks., nice feather, good length and shape, A1 position; 3, No. 61A, no name, very fine Crest; r, Edwards; vhc, he, Fitfield. SELL. 15/- (11): 1, r, Dale; 2, Hawes Bros.; 3, Fitfield. BRIT. (12): 1, Parsons, Magpie, grand size, in perfect feather and condition, very steady; 2, r, Jupe, topping Goldfinch, and a real good Bullie, the latter a wee trifle on the small size; 3, vhc, Poole, leader nice Hawfinch, good size, col. and feather; vhc, Bull; c, Taylor.

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WANTED—continued.

TWO good large ticked or variegated buff Norwich hens; exchange good Goldfinches (guaranteed bred mules), or Borders: Gibson, Sepulchre-lane, Kendal.

WANTED large unflighted typical yellow Norwich cock, exchange buff York cock; two unflighted hens, yellow and buff, bred from winner; Approval; yours first: Jas. R. Crossley, 91, Handsworth-rd., Blackpool

WANTED, offers British, Foreign, or Canaries, for winning pigeons, Turbits, English Owls, and Scanderoons. Somebody will get a bargain. Giving up Fancy: Robert Calder, 67, Fullarton-st., Kilmarnock.

WANTED hen adult Budgerigars, exchange Sib. hens from 5/-, Bullfinches, cocks 2/3, hens 1/3; dark Mules from 5/6; approval, deposit; no rubbish offered or accepted: Hutchins, New Bridge-st., Truro.

WANTED Canaries, exchange rifle (Martini-Henri), rook and rabbit pattern, sighted to 150 yards, new condition, with 150 Morris tube cartridges for same, sell 45/- lot: Ernest Bramwell, 67, Frenchwood-st., Preston.

WANTED to sell, 10/-, or exchange for foreign or British birds, nearly new table skittle board, complete, with 2 sets of pins, 3 rubbers, and 3 leathers: J. Hooke, Fox and Hounds, Longthorpe, Peterborough.

WANTED, high-class Rollers, cold room bred, in exchange for 3 light all-brass chandelier, incandescent burners; no rubbish entertained; approval both ways: Welbeck, Kineton Green-rd., Olton, near Birmingham.

WANTED, good Yorkshire hen in exchange for Wheatstone's concertina, 48 keys, needs repair, primus oil stove and good safety razor; no rubbish wanted or offered: Groves, 1, Star-rd., Old Town, Easthourne

WANTED, cobby yellow Norwich hens, good stock birds; exchange 64 parts (complete set) Harmsworth's "History of the World," just completed; value 31/6; new condition: Tomlinson, 32, Turner-rd., Leicester.

LARGE unflighted Crestbred and Norwich hens with extra large heads, exchange laying fowls, cock Siskin Mule, vhc only time shown, Linnet Mules; approval; particulars: F. Brown, Railway-avenue, Crook, Durham.

YELLOW Lancashire Plainheads, or ordinary (songsters), exchange cock and two hen Cinnamons, 30/-; four-pointed Yorkshire cock, 25/-; gent.'s silver keyless watch, 20/-; yours first: Lanham, Tobacconist, 42, Walcot, Bath.

WANTED cinnamons, self green Yorkshires, English-bred Rollers, Scotch Fancies, and Goldfinches, good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-la., Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries for export; small hens, 1/-; large 1/4; 9d. each; hen Goldfinch-Mules, cock Linnets, and cock Larks, 4/- dozen; hens 1/-, cock Goldfinches 1/6 each, hens 9d. each: Gough's Aviaries, 69, Wellington-rd., Wortley, Leeds.

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WANTED a large breeding cage and two Roller hens, give in exchange a glazier's diamond, value 15/-, a new cycle wheel, Dunlop tyres, Brooks' B91 saddle, cost 11/6, and a complete 2-speed gear in perfect order: Sgt. Leah, Lancashire Fusiliers, Tidworth, Wilts.

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HOUSE-moulted cock and hen Goldfinch and Mule; exchange cock Roller; sell 10/-; offers entertained; approval, deposit: Bennett, 4, Commercial-st., Cinderford, Glos.

HOUSE-moulted Linnet, high-class Yorkshire hen, bred Mules last season, double breeding cage, 10/-, exchange anything useful: Darby. 149, Lyng-la., West Bromwich.

TWELVE feet green hart trout fly rod and tackle; p.c. for particulars; 17/6; or exchange pair good Norwich; no rubbish; approval: Robertson, Acre-st. place, Nairn.

EXCHANGE exhibition Linnet and Greenfinch Canary Mules, both winners, for really good buff Norwich hen, or sell £2: J. Ovenstone, 30, Wallace-st., Grangemouth.

EXCHANGE grand exhibition cock Yellowhammer, selected pair Bullfinches, for pair Canaries, or 2 good 1909 hens; birds first: Cole, Surhourne Villa, Cowper-st., Norwich.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bramblefinch, fed, certain winner, cock Siskin Canary Mule, light Goldfinch Mule, 17/0, or exchange Roller hens: Jewes, Campbell-st., Brierley Hill.

FOR sale or exchange, 2 Yorkshire cocks, 4 Yorkshire, Norwich cocks, 3 hens; large birds; £1 16s., or sitting-room carpet, 3½ yards by 3½: Saunders, 3, Capel-ter., Whetstone.

LARGE variegated 1909 cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, 10/-, exchange 3 Norwich hens; Sib. bred cock Canary, 7/6, exchange 3 Roller hens: J. Spicer, Germain-st., Chesham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE grand exhibition cock Greenfinch and splendid hen Bullfinch, laid in cage last season, for Norwich cock, or good Siberian cock Goldie; sell 10/-: Betson, Long Buckby, Rugby.

TWO house-moulted cock Linnets, 3/- each; white legged house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; twice ditto hen, 3/6; offer unflighted yellow hens; yours first: Ward, Ladymoor, Bilston.

EXHIBITORS.—Goldfinch, 10/-; Bramblefinch, 5/-, Chaffinch, 4/-; Greenfinch (muler), 3/-; all house-moulted, and good specimens; approval; exchange entertained: Jones, 47, Earle-st., Crewe.

HOUSE-moulted cock Skylark, day and gaslight songster, a gem, 20/-; two-year-old cock Linnet, contest winner, a real topper, 25/-, exchange Canaries: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

SIX fine cock Goldfinches, caught November, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; four buff Norwich cocks, Canaries, 5/6, 6/6; exchange Mules or common hen Canaries; approval: Clements, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

SIX Scotch cocks, Linnets, caged month, Lancashire copy cock, good bird; lot for yellow Norwich hen, Bullfinch type, must be good, or green C. B. cock; approval: Peter Harrower, Greenfield, Alloa.

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire stock hen (buff), from winners; hybrid pair, Greenfinch-Siberian Bullfinch hen, H.M., Greenie Mule, winner 1st and 3rd, grand birds; boots, overalls; offers, separate: Ferguson, College Street, Whitchaven.

EXHIBITION light Linnet Mule, winner, 15/-; splendid cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, 7/0; ditto unmoulted, 3/6; colour-fed Norwich cock, won 2nd, 10/0; Sib. bred Norwich Lancashire cock, 7/6; 1909 Norwich cock, 6/-; dark Linnet Mule cock, 5/-; particulars: G. Mills, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

TWO good house-moulted Goldies, mule breeders, safe with eggs, 7/6, 10/-; another moulted Greypate, good, 7/6; grand dark mule, beauty, large blaze, 1st prize winner, 12/6; another dark Jonque, not so big, 10/-; beautiful songsters; good cock Bullie, 3/6; grand exhibition hen house-moulted, 6/-; another good one, 2/-; sell, exchange for Cinnamon or even marked Borders: Robt. Dyer, Haystown, Peebles.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

YORKSHIRES, cocks from 6/-, hens from 2/6: Knight; see Yorkshires.

ROLLERS in exchange for Bull bitch pup; particulars: Best; see Rollers advert.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6 in full song; hens, 2/-, or exchange: 47, Midland Breut-ter., Cricklewood.

EXCHANGE three Border hens for buff Border cock, or sell 9/-: Gibson, 14, Hood-st., Kilmarnock.

THREE Crested hens, 21/- lot; exchange for large Crest-bred cock: Eagleton, 4, Langley Villas, Herne Bay.

PAIR Borders; exchange 2 Green Budgerigar hens; singing cocks, 4/- each: McVittee, 20, John-st., Langholm.

EXCHANGE fine buff Norwich hen, large, for 2 young Seifert Roller hens: W. Grindall, Noble-st., Wem.

1909 buff Yorkshire cock, 15/-; exchange 1909 green or yellow Yorkshire hen: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts.

ROLLER buff hen, green singing cock Canary, and London breeding cage, 9/-: 18, Elm-grove, Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE good yellow green Norwich hen for buff hen or Borders: Maxwell, 40, Stewartville-st., Partick.

FOUR hen Canaries, 5/6 the lot, or offers: Newman, 62, Cambus-rd., Beckton-rd., Canning Town, London.

GOOD large Crestbred hen, exchange Crestbred cock or pair Norwich: A. Nelson, 29, Alma-st., Coventry.

YORKSHIRES, six buff cocks, Swanger's strain, or exchange long yellow hens: Hearsey, Bootmaker, Worthing.

EXCHANGE Canaries and British, h.m. for gramophone and records: Bray, 21, Melbourne-st., Tiverton, Devon.

WILL give pair Norwich Canaries, cock full song, for twelve Pigeons, any breed: J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

TO sell, breeding cages from 1/- upwards, exchange Canaries: Knox, 39, John Carrick-st., Springburn, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE pair Borders for long, slim yellow Yorksbire hen; sell 10/-: Simmons, Melbourne-pl., North Berwick.

FOUR Rollers hens, Muling Linnet, wanted breeding cages, Yorkshires, or sell: Day, 14, Ferdinand-st., Chalk Farm.

EXCHANGE pair Cinnamons for large typical yellow Norwich cock, or sell 30/-: Thomas Stephens, Helston, Cornwall.

NORWICH orange cock Canary, cost £1, with hen, splendid double breeding cage, £1 1/-, exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

TWO pairs Norwich, two pairs Yorkshires, £2; part exchange timber or new breeders: Ogborn, 58, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, ready to nest, for 12 Pigeons or 6 Bantams; approval: H. Carnell, 44, Robert-st., Sheffield.

NORWICH, 1909, 2 yellow cocks, 1 buff, 1 yellow hen, 1 buff, offers: White, Police Station, Wisbech, St. Mary's, Cambs.

WANTED two clear Buff Crestbred Norwich hens for a yellow Crested cock: Dean, Mill-st., Junction, Crossbills, Keighley.

EXCHANGE prize pair Norwich Plainheads for healthy Billy goat; see advert. under Norwich: Brown, Kingsweston.

TWO clear Yorkshire cocks, 8/- each; 1 variegated hen, 4/-; exchange part for Norwich: Lehrle, 161, Chester-rd., Watford.

SPLENDID 1909 clear buff Scotch Fancy cock, winner, 21/-; exchange anything: T. S. Thomson, 53, Englisb-st., Dumfries.

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for Muling for good buff Yorkshire cock; approval: G. Smart, 42, Woodlands-st., Smethwick.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for good sea fishing reel or tackle, or good Whippet, on trial: 52, Bridge-st., Dover.

WILL exchange clear yellow cock for yellow hen, or sell, 25/-: McLaughlin, 87, Westbenhar, Hartbill, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

1909 Crested cock, exchange exhibition Siberian cock Goldfinch, sell 15/-: Bowerman, Williams-bldgs., Dry Dock, Bridgwater.

SPLENDID Yorkshires, pairs from 10/-; cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; approval; exchange British or foreign: 24, Jubilee-st., Luton, Beds

WHAT offers, 12 Seifert Roller hens, breeding condition, sell 2/6, 3/-; cocks, from 6/6: Clarke, 257, Baths Pond-rd., Islington.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, Burnett's strain, 10/6; ditto green hen, 7/6; exchange Crests: Dower, Penryn, Cornwall.

THREE pairs Rollers, Tweed's strain, 10/- pair; or exchange Orpington pullets: Griffin, Griffin-st., Netherton, Worcestershire.

EXCHANGE six crossbred hen Canaries for Lancashire Plainhead hen, or sell 12/-: Johnson, 18, Elm-grove, Sutton, Surrey.

WILL exchange Canaries for good Yorkshire Terrier dog, must have good coat and pedigree: 29, Lebanon-rd., East Croydon.

UNFLIGHTED buff Yorkshire cock, from my winners, £1, exchange Roller cocks: Raybould, 2, Caroline-st., Kate's Hill, Dudley.

SPLENDID trio white Pekin Bantams, 12/6; lovely Angora buck, 3/6; cross-bred, 2/6; exchange Crests, or offers: A. March, Evesham.

FOUR pair good Canaries, full song, 7/6 pair, exchange good pair Yorkshires; also grand Parrot: G., 382, High-rd., Tottenham.

SEIFERT Roller hens, good strain, B.R.C.C., 1909 rung, 3/6 each; or useful exchange: White, 30, Ashton-mount, Harehills rd., Leeds.

NORWICH, grand cocks, colour fed, some winners; exchange common songsters or Rollers: yours first: Fessey, Clemens-st., Leamington.

EXCHANGE grand variegated yellow Norwich cock for clear yellow hen; sell 12/6; approval: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

TWO good Norwich cocks, yellow and green; exchange good Roller cock; sell 15/-; offers: Bashford, Back 134, Broad-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE a pair Borders, ycl. cock and buff hen, for a good clear buff cock; yours first: Riddles, 29, Inwood-crescent, Brighton.

ST. Andresberg Rollers, no chopping, 8/6 pair, or green Budgerigars, 6/6, exchange Norwich: Bowdler, 27, Moor-st., Newtown, Wednesbury.

EXCHANGE monster Norwich yellow Crestbred cock for monster buff Plainhead cock (sell 20/-), offers: Bennett, Fountain-ter., Bacup.

J. CALAM (winner Hull Cage Bird Society's champion cup, 1909), has a few pairs Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; or exchange: 44, George-st., Hull.

TWO Yorkshires, cocks, standing length, 12/6 each; exchange outer covers 28 x 1¾, or Cinnamon hens: Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorkshire.

CLEARING stock of Canaries, breeding cages, show cages and small aviary and all appliances: Haynes, 37, Acklam-rd., North Kensington, London.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock, 1907, and yellow hen, 1908, for buff York. cock, 1909, or Roller cock: J. Lee, 127, Longhurst-rd, Lewisham.

TWO buff, one yellow, 1909 Border hens, 15/-, from my winners, or exchange; two large hens for Muling: Ellwood, Evelyn-ter., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

FOR sale 6 hen Canaries, feeders, 15/-, or exchange for good Crested yellow cock; yours first, no rubbish: A. Morgan, Easter Cash, Strathmiglo, Fife.

SCOTCH Fancy yellow green cock, from winning strain, exchange for yellow, pied, or green hen Wm. Kilgour, St. Leonard's-pl., Dunfermline, Fife.

SALE or exchange, Norwich Canary cocks, 5/- to 7/6, bulls and yellows, will exchange for anything useful for home: Thomas Bussey, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

BARGAINS, 2 pairs of grand pictures, The Elopement and King's Derby, in colours, beautifully framed, 7/6 pair; offers birds: 35, Sunnyside-st., Salford.

ENGLISH concertina, in case, 48 keys, Lachenal maker, splendid condition, exchange for Canaries to value of £3; no rubbish: Meek, Vicarage, Hunstanton.

EXCHANGE one pair of good Crested Norwich, 1909 bred, for good Crest-bred Norwich cock; or sell, 10/-; yours first: M. Duncan, West-shore, Pittenweem.

SELL or exchange Norwich, 5 pairs yellow, buff, and marked, 7/-; cycle, or tweed, vicuna cloth to value; approval: G. Taylor, Dunscroft, Hatfield, nr. Doncaster.

FOR sale, good yellow marked wing Norwich hen, 1 small feeder, 7/6 two, exchange good large yellow Norwich cock, or Yorkshire hens: Bartlett, Inverask, Bournemouth.

FLIGHT cage, 9ft. long, can be made into 8 compartments, loose fronts, sand trays, new condition; also 5 pairs good Yorkshires; exchange Rollers: Fred Smith, Crook, Durham.

HIGH class Crests, some of the best blood in the Fancy, from 15/-; birds worth double value, but want room; exchange entertained: Pennington, 57, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate pocket or Brownie camera, prize Norwich buff cock, yellow cock, yellow hen, for h.m. Goldfinch, Siskin, or other birds: Coombes, Darnall, Sheffield.

THREE Norwich hens (Hodder's direct), 10/6; 6 Norwich show cages, 2 cases hold 6 and 3, 13/6; approval; exchange clock, anything for home: Rogers, Sun-st., Waltham Abbey.

BARGAIN, two typical Yorkshire cocks, one Norwich hen, 3 single breeding cages, new, complete, offers phonograph, anything useful: Haw, The Lodge, Wyther, Kirkstall, Leeds.

GREEN cock Canary 5/-, pair Bullfinches 2/-, 4 young Rabbits 2/-, hen Mule 1/-, exchange 2 good yellow Norwich hens; approval: Davies, Albert View, Stafford-rd., Newport, Salop.

CINNAMON cock, buff hen, 7/6; green cock, yellow hen, 6/6; var. green cock, buff hen, 6/6; 4 good clean buff Sib-bred hens, 2/6 each; or offers for lot: Bird, 10, Silver-st., Taunton.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/6; two cock Linnets 2/6 each; Norwich cock, 7/6; large Yorkshire cock, 10/6; exchange hen Canaries: Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W

BUFF Yorkshire cock, buff Norwich cock, 0/- each; twice house-moulted cock Linnet, sure muler, 3/-; exchange yellow Norwich; yours first: White, 23, Albion-hill, Lewisham-rd., Lewisham.

WANTED to exchange 2 pairs of prize Yorkshires and 4 unflighted Norwich cocks for Norwich hens, chiefly yellows, must be large; mutual approval; hens first: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

HIGH class Yorkshires, cup winners, not rubbish, pairs from 12/6; exchange for cabinet maker's chest or laying poultry, or anything useful: W. Parkinson, Houldsworth-rd., Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.

SELL or exchange, the following for Parrot, good foreigners, or anything useful; Seifert cock, 2 St. Andreasburg hens and pair Norwich Yorkshires, unrelated; approval: Chas. Hodges, Cottage, Bye-st., Ledbury.

HAND-reared Blackbird, full song, 7/6; Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Reed Bunting, 5/- pair, fit exhibition; 6 large Scotch cock Linnets, 7/6; exchange large Norwich hens; yours first: Cochrane, West-st., Berwick.

A good Seifert Roller cock, prize winner, '09 bred, rung 20/-, or will exchange two good buff Yorkshire hens, '09 bred; no rubbish offered or taken; yours first; approval both ways; Roberts, 1, Cobden-rd., Wrexham.

ONE pair Border Fancy Canaries and cage, 6/-; single-light hall lamp, with large flower globe, complete, 10/-; 52 Weekly Welcomes, 60 Cage Birds; exchange for good Roller cock or Bantams, or anything useful: Morrison, 74, North Vennel, Lanark.

HAMPSON, Penketh, Warrington, has Scotch Fancies for disposal, foul yellow cock, buff pied hen, 1908 bred, some youngsters, last year, 11 in all, some from 10/- each, or exchange Norwich type yellow cinnamon cock 7/6, buff marked hen 7/6, 1909 bred.

SECOND prize yellow Norwich cock, in good competition, 12/6, and card; pair of Norwich yellow cock and buff hen, 10/6; grand steady Goldfinch cock, full song, splendid blaze; all 1909, and in splendid condition: A. Holmes, 9, Inhams-rd., Whittlesea, Peterborough.

TEN Roller Canaries, mostly cocks, 21/-; exchange Britishers. Two dark Goldfinch Canary Mules, 10/- each; another splendid specimen, 15/-; warranted cocks with Goldfinch hens; cock Greenfinch Canary Mule, grand songster, 5/-: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

Mainly Foreign.
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EXCHANGE 100 parts of Countryside for Budgerigars: William Scott, 16, Bouverie-st., Yoker.

EXCHANGE pair Red-Crested Cardinals, accept Yorkshires or Norwich pair, or offers: Knowles, Aviaries, Penryn, Cornwall.

ROCK Parrot and cage, very tame, perfect health, 30/-; will exchange Canaries; hens preferred: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE green Parrakeet, finest coloured and good cage, for two good large Crested hens; no rubbish; yours first: Smitb, 14, Park-rd., Aldeburgh-on-Sea, Suffolk.

SPLENDID pair Quaker Parrakeets, good breeders, now nesting, 14/- pair; last season's young, 12/- pair; perfect Madagascar Lovebirds, 3/6; Pekin Nightingales, 3/6 pair; all in outdoor aviary; exchange others: Phair, Alresford, Hants.

VERY fine species large barc-eyed Cockatoo, talking and clever dancer, 3 yrs. old, exchange for acclimatised South African Grey, or sell £3; also 2 Border hens and one German hen, good feeders, 7/-; or exchange good Norwich; yours first; A. Edwards, 32, Stepney-st., Llanelly, Carm.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE gold gent's ring, cost 25/-; offers to: 1, Garden-rd., Folkestone.

WHAT offer in Canaries for good Scotch Terrier brood bitch?: H. Cooper, Tring.

MONKEY, very small, tame, very amusing, 25/-, or exchange: Dixon, Peel-st., York.

FISHING rods, two, good, 2/6 each; or exchange wire cage: 21, Norwood-rd., Shipley.

"CAGE Birds," 1902, 5/-, coloured plates complete: Hampden, 63, College-rd., Norwich.

CASH book (new), cost 7/6; exchange Canaries: Muscott, 2, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod.

EXCHANGE camera for Canaries, 2 hens, 1 cock, value 7/-: Alcock, King-st., Walsall Wood.

GAS radiator for sale, or exchange for Canaries: Yates, Argyle-st., Mossley, nr. Manchester.

SET of poker-work, new, 15/-; exchange for good bird cages: Mrs. Soames, Lyncroft, Bromley.

WHIPPET, winner every time shown, registered; sell cheap or exchange: Dixon, Peel-st., York.

DOUBLE breeding cage, 2 cocks, 2 hens Canaries, £1; or exchange: Tate, Throstle Nest, Horsforth.

129 "Cage Birds" and plates, best offer British birds: F. Balmforth, 7, Roberts-sq., Cleckheaton.

PAIR new football boots, size 6; exchange 2 Norwich hens, or sell, 5/6: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

LARGE nanny goat, 10/-; young hornless nanny, 10/-; hornless billy, 10/-: Watts, 5, Palace-st., Norwich.

TELESCOPE, 8 lenses, 24 inches long, with leather case. What offers?: Bourne, 59, Oxford-st., Ripley, Derby.

EXCHANGE 128 "Cage Bird" books for cock Canary, or offers: L. Hache, 28, Badminton-st., Leeds.

392 CAGE BIRDS, 17 plates, for sale, or what offers in Yorkshire Canaries: Dodd, 9a, Kingston-rd., Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE pair good field glasses for pair good Cinnamons; birds first: Birse, 25, Llandough-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE or sell, black and tan terrier dog, 18 months' old, for cage birds: Jones, West View-ter., Llanelly.

NEW concertina, 7/6; exchange good cock Roller or cock Canary: Williams, Lancashire House, Cerrigydrudion.

PAIR white fantails for cock Canary or British birds; what offers?: H. Harding, 32, Clyde-rd., Brighton.

WHAT offers in Canaries or Mules for suit length, dark tweed, value 25/-: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WILL exchange pair Bantams for double breeding cage, complete, in good condition: Stubbs, Askern, Doncaster.

DULCIMER, perfect condition, sell 15/-, or exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: A. Perry, Edgware, Middlesex.

FOX Terrier dog, 8 mths., smart, well-marked, sell 30/-; or Canaries: Hugh Paterson, Tarbert, Argyllshire.

EXCHANGE 15 "C.B." coloured plates for two variegated Roller hens: Lewis, 20, Elizabeth-st., Middlesbro'.

TWO pairs Homers, 1909 birds, 5/-; exchange young buff Norwich hen for stock; approval: Lewis, Winforton, Hereford

EXCHANGE Inch's disc barbell 112lb. and 2 short rods for British birds or Canaries: Ellis, 137, Sandylane, Worksop.

GENT'S cycle frame, wheels, handlebar; offers or exchange Norwich, good birds: 43, Bristol-rd., Earlsdon, Coventry.

TWO new billiard cues and cases, ebony butted, cost 25s. each; exchange Canarics: Nelson, 163, Globe Road, Stepney.

SCOUT'S patrol tent, excellent condition, with four ground sheets, 15/-; would exchange birds: Addison, Cranbrook, Kent.

MEERSCHAUM pipe, new, cost 15/-; exchange Canaries, anything useful; offers: Grocer, 79, Villa-st., Birmingham.

PAIR of Germans, Buff Norwich hens, violin, bow and case; exchange anything useful: Nunn, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

RUDGE-Whitworth cycle, 26in., 38/-, also good mail cart, sell, or offers in birds: 14, Credon-rd., Bermondsey, S.E.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs clippers, Brown and Sharpe, for yellow Yorkshire cock or hen: Easlea, Martin-st., Stratford, E.

TWELVE quarts, well cleaned, wild seeds, exchange birds, or sell 5/-; sample, stamp: Birch, 83, Sandyla., Skelmersdale.

BREEDING cages, joiner made, loose fronts, single and double; 15/- lot; exchange: Fleming, 237, Cemetery-rd., Sheffield.

THREE-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, sell 15/-, or exchange: H. Chandler, 57, Commercial-rd., Lambeth, London.

EXCHANGE well-bred fox terrier dog, 8 months, for matched pair Yorkshire Canaries: Ankerson, Blackwater, Hants.

EXCHANGE steel grey buck rabbit for good Yorkshire cock Canary, or sell 7/6: W. Fowler, Market-pl., Northallerton.

EXCHANGE 4 moulding planes, 1 router, for pair Yorkshires, or breeding cages, double: Cawson, 32, Ellen's-view, Goole.

STRONG Terrier-size kennel, two Roller hens, exchange pair Norwich, or cages: Kimber, Bardon Hill, Leicestershire.

PHONOGRAPH and 30 records, 18/6; exchange Yorkshires, anything useful; yours first: Yonge, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

WANTED 2 Roller cock Canaries, no choppers, will exchange large aviary, new condition: Hudson, Westgate, Skipton.

EXCHANGE 12 hybrid tea roses, all named, value 10/-, for marked Norwich cock: Olphin, 69, Willowbrook-rd., Leicester.

GENT'S watch, just repaired, 4/6, or exchange for good yellow Norwich Plainhead hen: Harry Goodliff, Richard-st., Retford.

HANDSOME Dalmation dog, 9 months, champion pedigree, 25/-: exchange Canary cocks: H. Smith, 17, Trindle-rd., Dudley.

ALL "Cage Birds" coloured plates from beginning, sell, or exchange Canaries; offers: 17, Oxford-st., Caldmore, Walsall.

IRISH terrier, bitch and pups, two dogs, one bitch; sell 15/-; exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Fisher, 22, Bride-st., Barnsbury, N.

BRITISH Norwich Budgerigars for Rollers or Siberian Goldfinch or Bullfinch; approval: C. Wodhull, Bath-rd., Banbury.

WIRE Terrier bitch, partly broke gun, ferrets, 15/-; or exchange muling Canaries, Goldfinches; birds first: Barlow, Hilcote, Alfreton.

WHAT cash offers or exchange Crystal Palace aviary, 3 compartments, perfect condition: Newton, 142, London-rd., Preston.

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TWO double breeding cages, loose fronts, as new, 7/6; offers Canaries: Pitt, 16, Lady's-lane, Norwich.

BOOKMAKERS' satchel, 10/-, or exchange pair Norwiches: D. M'Lean, 87, Buccleuch-st., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Kodak film camera, 3½ x 3½, and 20watt dynamo castings (wound): Siviter, Coventry-st., Stourbridge.

HAND-reared Squirrel, Game Bantam cock, exchange birds, value 12/-; no rubbish: Pearce, 442, High-st., Manor Park, E.

EXCHANGE Roger improved fretsaw machine for pair of Yorkshires or Norwich: Jones, 42, Avondale-avenue, Phibsboro', Dublin.

16-bore D.B. gun, £4 10/-, for light Mules, hybrids, or Norwich; no rubbish; birds first, stamp reply: R. Calder, Whitburn, N.B.

THE "Modern Engineer and Electrician," Nos. 25 to 167 (4 missing), for Norwich Plainheads: offers: Finch, 12, York-pl., Troon.

BREEDING cage 38 by 17, three compartments, loose fronts, sand trays; exchange for cock Canary: Rowlatt, 11, Riddings-st., Derby.

EXCHANGE good rifle and 100 cartridges for pair Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire: James, 47, Springfield-avenue, Horfield, Bristol.

EXCHANGE French Poodle dog for pair Yorkshires, or take 30/-, 16 months: Kenny, 9, Wood's mews, Grosvenor-sq., London.

LARGE travelling trunk, with tray; Kestral Hawk, 8 long distance Pigeons, exchange Canaries, fowls: Sparkes, Tindall-la., Beverley.

SIXTY-egg incubator, copper tank and drying box, in perfect working order, 20/-, or exchange: C. Stapleton, 17, Spa-rd., Bermondsey.

YELLOW Yorkshire buff Norwich, 2 Linnet mules, cocks, unflighted, winners; exchange Norwich hens: Lingard, 30, Patten-st., Burnley.

REVOLVER, six-chambered, and 47 cartridges, never been used; exchange for birds, or sell, 15/-: 53, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, singing, piping cock Bullfinch, exchange 3 clear yellow Muling hens: Wr. Parker, Holes, Knottingley.

TWO grand black and white English Rabbits, 2/6 each, or exchange for good cock Goldfinch: T. Carter, 42, Vine-st., Norton Malton.

WHAT offers in Canaries for 80 2d. and 12 6d. books "Physical Culture": Particulars, Wilkinson, 11, East View, Bacup, Lancashire.

SMOOTH Fox Terrier dog, pedigree, for 2 pair Yorkshires; Scotch Fancies for sale; approval: A. Best, Queen-st., Lurgan, Ireland.

EXCHANGE anything, single breeders, loose fronts, stock pair Dragoons (prize), also birdroom sundries: Margrate, 110, Ashley-rd., Bristol.

EXCHANGE two-speed free wheel cycle, good condition, part cash and part birds; offers; sell £4 10/-: Bennett, 7, Fountain-ter., Bacup.

LARGE mahogany double breeding cage, 11/6; cock Canary, splendid songster, 6/6; exchange, wanted offers: Sellman, Mill-st., Cannock.

SPLENDID ¾ violin, with bow, case, music stand, nearly new; Canaries wanted in exchange; what offers: Dyer, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby.

SPLENDID violin, bow, case, sell 18/-; exchange anything, bed linen preferred: F. Causer, Corporation-st., Railway Side, Wednesbury.

JACK, smart rough whippet dog, 18 months, can nearly fly; sell £1, or exchange Canarics or foreigners: Gill, City-rd., Peterboro'.

HAND camera (magazine), latest improvements, cost 30/-, exchange pair good Canaries and cage, Cubbon, 45, Loreburn-rd., Wavertree.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Crests for gent's 18ct. gold, single-stone garnet ring, sell 30/-: Speechley, 15, Church-rd., Southgate-rd., London.

SINGER'S treadle machine, invalid's carriage, lady's and gent's cycle; wanted good Roller Schoolmaster: Birk, 61, King-st., Cambridge.

EVEN-marked Fox Terrier dog, 5 months, kill and retrieve, sell 10/-, or exchange, Canaries preferred: Hill, 94, Friar-st., Bridgwater.

BOWLING alley, 1d. in slot automatic disc cigar machine, perfect, cost £5, sell 25/-; exchange Canaries: Nelson, 163, Globe Road, Stepney.

SELL or exchange a good Dutch buck for a good Norwich cock Canary, or sell 10/-: Curry, Building Farm, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich green hen, steady Linnet Bullio hybrid, pair, for cycle cover or tubes: H. Welsh, Clivey, Dilton, Westbury, Wilts.

SMALL Yorkshire Brood bitch, breeds small Toys, excellent pedigree, 28/-, exchange Canaries, anything useful: Sheldon, Builder, Tidswell.

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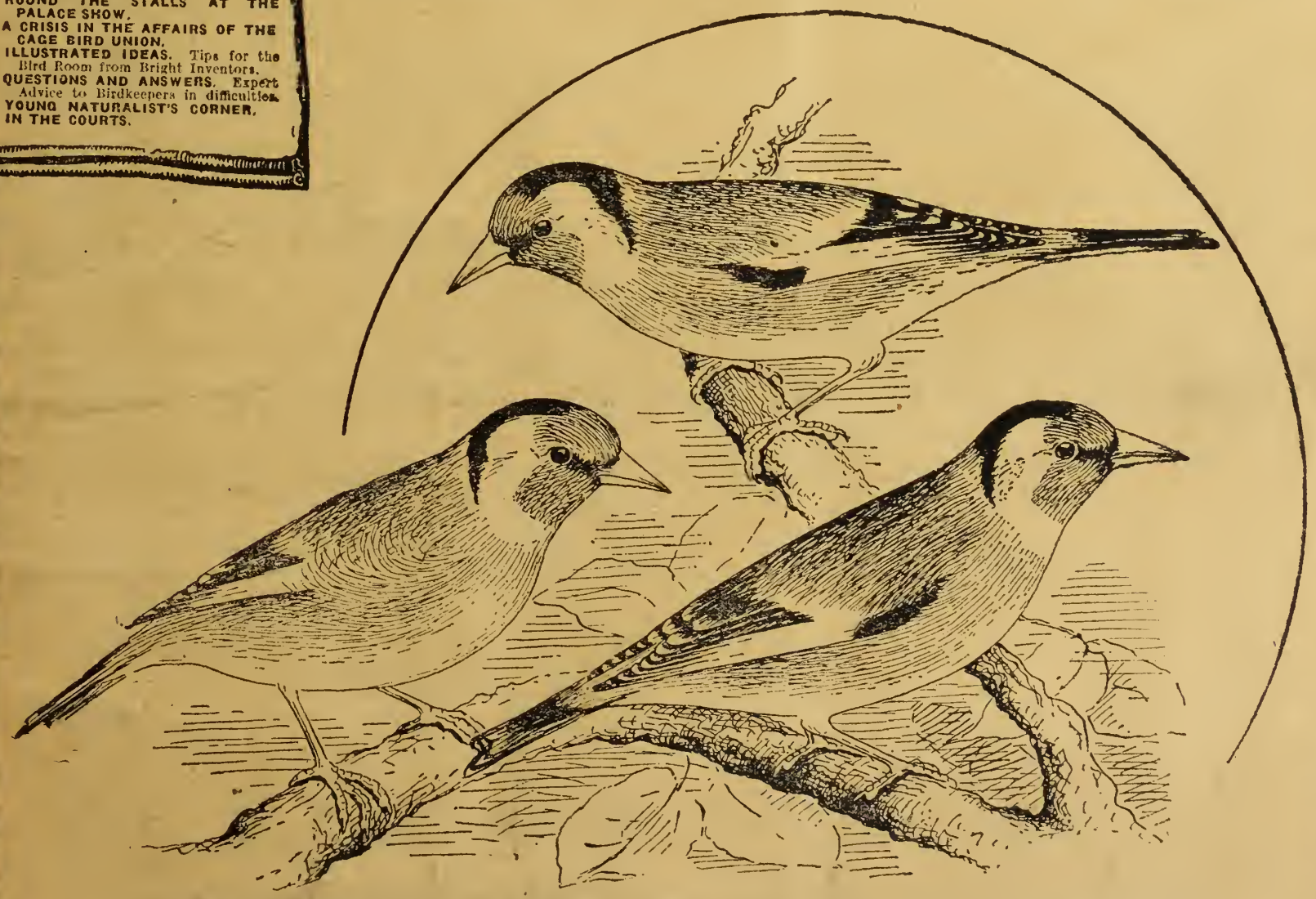
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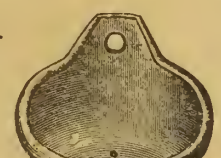


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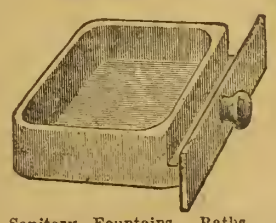
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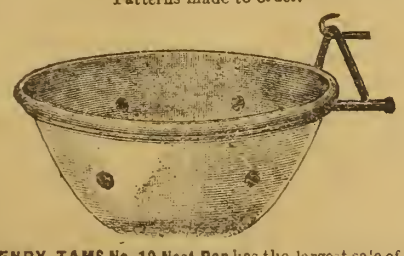
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Handsome birds, full of song, 1/- each; specially selected, on song, 2/6, far cheaper than fresh-caught rubbish which die; I handsome marked Thrush, with Nightingale notes, real schoolmaster, 7/6; cash or approval 7 days; prompt live delivery: Mack, 32, Daines-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

Miscellaneous.

GRAND picked cock Linnets for show, on approval, 1/6 each; Linnets and Larks, full song, 2/6; grand cock Blackbird, full song, 4/6: Edward McKenna, 9, Friar's Green, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LINNETS, cocks, six 3/3, 6/- dozen; cock Larks, six 2/6, 4/6 dozen; clean, healthy birds; warranted no wasters; this firm's good stock; Greenfinch hen Linnets, 1/- dozen; established 1890: Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

BLOOD redbreasted Linnets, 50, full song, 1/- each, three for 2/6, six for 4/6, fifty fine cock Larks, singing, full, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/6; yellow Greenfinches, three for 1/-; give these a trial: W. Darby, 59, New-st., West Bromwich.

HANDSOME light Snow Bunting, 2nd Horticultural Hall, 10/-; fine Tree Pipit, commended Palace, 10/-; cock Hawfinch, caged 9 months, 7/6; Blackbird, wild note, Crocusbill, 4/-; cock Skylark, caged months, 2/-: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

SELECTED for song, Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, 1/- each; 24 mixed aviary birds, 1/6; 12 selected, 1/-; Robins, Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Reedbuntings, 1/- pair; Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowbuntings, 9d. pair; Linnets, half white, 2/6; exchange left-off clothing: George Fenn, The Aviaries, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

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Of the late Mr. Hopkins offered as follows: 3 h.m. Goldies, 2 have been successfully exhibited during past 2 seasons, 15/- each; I used for Muling during past 2 seasons, has albinistic tendency, having white flights in wing, father of 15 variegated Mules, 12/6, h.m. Greenie, late Jones, of Bath, 7/6; 2 f.m. Siskins, and 1 Redpoll, 5/- each; 4 choice large Sibs, mother, son, 2 daughters, 25/- each, or £4 the 4; 14 Finch stock cages, 2 3-compartment Mulers, 6 show cages, baths, etc; offers to E. Allsopp, 40, Bedford., Canton, Cardiff.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS.—Several grand birds for disposal, both colours, sex; cheap, approval: Baker, Portland-st., Barnstaple.

SEVERAL large typical birds for sale from my winners Palace, Plymouth, Gateshead, cheap, approval: Horrill, Barnstaple.

GRAND buff cock, position, straight back, bargain, £2, Rugg's direct; wanted good yellow hen: Woods, Cornbro'-pl., Bridgwater.

MASSIVE high-shouldered Belgian birds, 1909, for sale, moderate price.—Jos. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp, 2½d.

EIGHT grand large yellows, four buff cocks, six buff hens, 1909 bred; approval, reasonable: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians, few grand birds disposal, strain, my winners, firsts, specials, Barnstaple, Edinburgh, Palace; reasonable; approval: G. S. Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

PRIZE-bred Borders, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, or 7/- pair: Wm. Smith, 33, Church-st., Brechin.

SINGLE or pairs, all varieties, reasonable; list post free: Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

BORDERS, 1909 yellow and buff cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6: Smith, 13, Lewthwaites-sq., Port-rd., Carlisle.

HIGH-class Borders for sale, cocks, 4/6 upwards; hens, 3/- upwards: And. Cargill, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

1909 smart buff Border cock, 1909 buff Norwich cock, 5/- each; approval: Bowmar, 9, Nungargate, Notts.

BORDERS, won 44 firsts, 18 shows this season, singles or pairs reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, Greens, and Marks, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

YELLOW Greens, 7/6; Buff Greens, 6/6; Foul Greens, 5/- each; cocks: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

STILL some splendid Borders and Yorkshires for sale. See Palace Show report: Blair, Postman, Kippin, Stirlingshire.

OWING to removal the whole of my Borders for sale, or exchange anything useful: W. Scott, Croftscottages, Chirnside.

GRAND Borders, clear Yellows, Buffs and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

WANTED a typical Buff Green hen for cash; or exchange Yellow-Green hen or Buff cock: D. Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

HIGH-CLASS 1909 buff Border cock, brother to Crystal Palace winner, 12/6, or exchange good hens: Sampson, Pontardulais.

REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-pl., Liverpool.

CHAMPION Border Fancy and Norwich Cinnamon for sale, cheap to clear: Young, 177, Warton-terr., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STILL few good Borders left, cold room, including buff even mark cock, do. hen, reasonable: John Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

COCKS from 5/-, hens from 3/-; bred from Bennett's and Wilson's direct strains, and own prize winners; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

BORDERS of correct type and feather, no better blood obtainable, from 12/6 pair: H. Norman, Bird Artist, "The Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey.

GRAND lot of Border Fancy hens, 1909 bred, from cold room, 2/6, 3/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

BORDERS for sale, cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs, this season's unbeaten strain, cups, B.F.C.C. medal winners: Miller, Chemist, Portobello.

HIGH-class Borders wanted, in exchange for lad, a gold watch; week's mutual approval; birds first; no rubbish: Jenkins, 30, Brynmor-rd., Llanelly, Car.

BORDER Fancy hens, buff and variegated buffs, from 2/6 each and upwards; room wanted for breeding: James Shields, Candle-end, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, all our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

BUY from the man who has the most reliable even-marked strain on the Borders; grand stock pairs; prices reasonable: Meekley, Maryport Cottages, Carlisle.

JOHN Clark, Causeway, Moffat, can spare clear Yellow cock, clear Buff cock, winners, 10/- each; also two splendidly-matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-; approval, deposit.

YELLOW-Green cock Yellow hen, Buff foul Green cocks, two clear Yellow and two clear Buff hens; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval: Studholme, Dryfe Bridge, Lockerbie.

HIGH-CLASS Borders at reasonable prices, matched pairs or single cocks and hens, marked and clears, all winners, or bred from winners: W. C. Thomas, I, Derwent-square, Stoneycroft, Liverpool.

CINNAMON Borders, cocks and hens, related to my winners at Palace, etc., see reports, grand type, quality, and colour; also a few clears, cheap: Woodman, 16, Liscard Village, Liscard, Cheshire.

TWO first-class buff green cocks, bred from Palace winner, 1909, and nest brothers to winners 1st and 2nd Manchester, 1st Liverpool, 2nd Swansea, 1st Sale, etc., see reports, 17/6 each; also good foul buff green hen 10/6: Mrs. Fildes, Rookfield-aven., Sale.

CHAMPION Borders. After keeping 20 pairs for my own use, I have the following winners left for sale: Uneven buff cock, first, medal Jedburgh, 20/-; his brother, well marked, 20/-; uneven yellow cock, 2nd Perth, 15/-; uneven buff hen, 1st Altrincham, 20/-; yellow green cock, 1st Chirnside, also three of my well-known buff evens, stock birds, cock from 7/6; hens from 5/-; matched pairs a speciality. Here you have my experience for nothing: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs, I have still some first-class Borders to part with at reasonable prices; clear Yellow and Buff cocks and hens; self Greens in Yellow hens, and Buff and Yellow cocks; specially good; also a Yellow and a Buff self cinnamon hen; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

Cinnamons.

TWELVE pair of large Cinnamons, 15/- and 20/- pair; approval: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FEW pairs for disposal, cheap, related to my winners; stamp reply: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

J. Bevan can spare 1909 buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, bred from his Palace winner last week, £1: Belle Vue, Ipswich.

LARGE buff cock, yellow hen, 20/6 pair, worth double; approval willingly, deposit; stamp: Milburn, 27, Rye-ter., Hexham.

CINNAMONS, own breeding, 1909, few Norwich, Yorkshire cocks (Cinnamon bred), prices reasonable: Beason, Lyndhurst-st., Derby.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale at reasonable prices: cocks from 12/6; approval; stamp: 18, East-rd., London, N.

GOOD buff Cinnamon cock, winner of 3rd at Watford, 18/-, bargain, also a good stock cock, 12/6, to clear: Bassett, 196, Shirland-rd., London.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertie, 521, Wood borough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

CINNAMONS, 4 pairs good stock birds, 15/- a pair, anyone taking the lot will give another cock in clearing out Cinnamons; several odd Norwich cocks 10/- each: W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

CAN spare really grand pair yellow 1908 hen, winner of several prizes, buff 1909 cock, large and typical, 25/-, worth 35/-; also pair of good birds, bit patchy, 12/6, cold room bred and kept; approval: Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke,

VERY large buff cock, winner of many prizes, and large unflighted yellow hen, 35/-; buff cock and yellow hen, 25/-; unflighted yellow cock and year old buff hen, 15/-; several good unflighted buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, and 15/-; also a few good unflighted buff Norwich cocks, cheap: Hermeston, 21, Whitefield-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Crests and Crestbreds.

TWO Crestbred cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 3/-; deposit: Edwards, 64, Leyes-rd., Custom House.

LOVELY large, healthy Crest-bred ben Canary, prize strain; sacrifice, 8/6: Richards, Knightley, Exeter.

CHAMPIONS; Crests, pairs, 30/-; Crest-breds, 10/-, 15/- each; worth £5: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

CRESTS, Crest-breds, cocks, 20/- (Barnett's); exchange Crested hens: Boutcher, Northernhay-place, Exeter.

REMOVING end of year; Crests and crestbreds from 7/6; approval: Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-: Leng, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

FEW splendid Crests and Crest-breds from 7/6 to 12/6 to clear; stamp: R. Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

DARK Crest wing marked cock, also green Crest cock, 15/- each: Maddocks, Cowley Manor-gdns., Cheltenham.

TWO pairs of Crests, 15/- pair; unflighted hens, worth the money; approval: Aerod, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

YELLOW variegated Crestbred cock 15/-, Crested hen 10/-, bred from winners: Wigg, 56, Tennyson-rd., Lowestoft.

I am reducing my stock, and can spare a few useful pairs of odd cocks. State wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

VARIEGATED crested cock, 15/-; yellow crested cock, 8/6; variegated Crest-bred hen, 12/6: Flynn, 2, Ardlin-terr., Saltcoats, N.B.

LARGE young Crested and Crestbred cocks, good stock, Barnet's strain, 10/- to 15/- each: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

KING Edward strain, best blood, Crested cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; Crestbred hens, 10/6; approval: Gomersall, 8, Hayter-rd., Brixton, London.

GREY Crest hen, 15/-; 2 dark Crest cocks, 12/6 and 15/-, King's; approval; useful exchange entertained: Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

TEN Crest-bred cocks, good heads and feather, cheap, 15/- to 30/-; pairs from 25/-; approval: H. Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

WORTH notice, grand lot Crests and Crestbred, prices reasonable, easy payments taken: M'Kaud, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

CREST and crestbred from 10/-, few pairs from 15/-; same strain as my winners; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

THREE Crested cocks, 2 Crest-bred cocks, 2 Crestbred hens, from 12/- each, or offer for lot; moderate size birds: 86, Station-rd., Harrow.

NINE Crests and Crested-bred, 6 cocks 3 hens, 1909 bred, 3 yellow Crests in the lot; to clear, £2: Newton, 36, Elmville-av., Searhoro'.

BARNETT'S direct Crests and Crest-bred, good, strong, healthy stock birds, cheap: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds: I have a few very good stock Crest and Crestbreds for sale, reasonable: A. J. Slade, 24, Vaughan-rd., Camberwell.

A grand lot of Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, single or pairs, from £1 to £10; approval: W. H. Kilminster, 10, Priory-ter., Cheltenham.

CHAMPION large Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CRESTED cocks, 17/6, 22/6, 32/6 each; green Crestbred cock, 15/-; approval, cash or deposit: Gostling, Chemist, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

TWO C.B. cocks, 15/6 each; C.B. hen, 25/-; Crested cock, 60/-; Crested hen, 10/6; best blood; approval, deposit: Wm. Campbell, 45, Park-st., Alva.

LARGE heavily variegated Crested hen, 20/-; large buff, one wing marked, Crestbred hen, 12/6; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield.

ALEX. ONION, Sir Rowland Hill, Hunger Hill-rd., Nottingham, has two pairs of young birds at 30/- pair, to clear; no better blood; approval.

DARK Crested hen, dark wings, good stock bird; overstocked; 14/6; approval; money returned: Wm. Reid, Commercial-rd., Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire.

FOR sale, 12 pairs of Norwich Crests, by taking the lot will take 10/- per pair, or will sell odd pairs from 15/-: D. Clarke, 31, Queen-st., Scarborough.

TWO Crested cocks, Crested hen, Brest-bred cock, Crest-bred hen (Barnett's strain), 45/-, bargain; sell separately: Walker, 404, Berridge-rd., Nottingham.

BARGAIN, Crestbred cock, feather tip of beak, Crested hen, 15/-; twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 4/-; approval: Smith, Higher Lux-st., Liskeard.

GRAND specimens, pairs and single birds; some grand crest-bred hens, cheap to clear; state wants; all on approval: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has several good Crest-bred cocks, winners, cheap; also two matched pairs, at 15/- pair; worth 50/-; to reduce stock: approval.

FEW pairs Crests and Crest-breds, Yellow and Buff, good stock birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

WELL bred heavy feather Crest and Crestbred hens, also Crest and Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £10: W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

DARK Crest cock 35/-, yellow Crest cock 20/-, green and variegated Crestbred cocks 30/-, variegated yellow Crestbred hen, 15/-; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

CHAMPION Crests, three Crested cocks, two Crestbred cocks, 1909, very large, bred from a pair worth £20; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

GEORGE Grant, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has the following good bred birds for sale: Crest cock, C.B. hen, 30/-; Crest hen, marked one wing, 30/-; Crest hen, green, 30/-.

FIVE dark Crested cocks, 10/6 each; 3 C.-B. cocks, 10/- each; C.-B. hens, 7/6 each; Barnett's strain, pure; approval, deposit: T. and E. Wright, Tunnst., Fakenham, Norfolk.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

CRESTED and Crest-breds, both sexes, overstocked, bred from winners, large healthy birds, abundance of feather, 6/6, 7/6 each, or 12/6 pair; approval: J. Tait, 1, Monkton-rd., Jarrow.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, winner best in the show from Scottish National to Crystal Palace, can spare few nice pairs of Crests, from 30/-, single birds from 12/6.

LARGE heavy-feathered Crest-breds from cold-room; Green cock, 20/-; variegated cock, 20/-; Green hens, 20/-: approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

CHEAP, grand green Crestbred cock, clear Crested cock, green Crested cock, winner, 15/- each; prizebred Plainhead buff cock, 7/6, singing; approval: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

CRESTED cocks from 10/- to 30/-; crestbreds, cocks and hens, from 7/6; these are very good birds; pairs from 15/- to £10. State wants and price: Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft. Stamp.

Some grand crest and crested bred cocks, for sale, Palace strain of the late Mr. John Simms; state wants; approval willingly: Simms and Fox, 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

WALLACE, twice winner silver challenge cup, also bronze medal (points) Palace, can supply useful stock birds, 12/6 to 40/-; no better blood anywhere; approval: 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

H. Horton, 15 years Crest breeder, winner of hundreds prizes with birds of my own breeding: grand young birds from 10/-; or exchange: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

FOR sale, Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens; giving up breeding; Noble's strain; 6 pair Border Fancy cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs; cash or deposit: William Thornton, 12, Witch-rd., Kilmarnock.

NOTICE.—Green Crest hen and Buff variegated crest-bred cock, bred from winners, 20/-; healthy, cold room kept; several good odd birds, cheap to clear; approval: W. H. Bale, 55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

CHAMPION strain, only few left, Crest, Crestbred, from 15/- each; see show reports Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Sutton, etc.; best blood obtainable: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

JOHN Corke, 309, London-rd., Lowestoft (late Norwich), amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor 1909, Norwich, two firsts (C.C.C. guinea special), Lowestoft, bred 1909, first, cup, from 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit.

GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; Crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; Crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; cash or deposit; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: M. T. Stewart, Richmond-pl., Bracondale, Norwich.

PAIR Crests 40/-; cresthred cocks, yellow, second Sunderland, 35/-; buffs from 15/-; same blood as Bristol Bowl winner, 1908, and other winners; healthy 1909 birds: Thomas Almand, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.

BIG Crested cock, guaranteed own breeding, exactly same strain as winners of challenge bowls, two; Bristol one, Earl's Court and Gateshead cup three years' succession, Derby; hens to match, from 60/-; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FEW grand strong healthy high-class Crested and Crest-bred hens, rare type and quality, very heavily feathered, Barnett's strain; prices reasonable, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world; winnings in severest competition well known; the whole stock on offer; properly-mated pairs and single cocks; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched high-class Crested Canaries, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered; certain to breed winners; only 15/-; honestly worth £2: genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

VARIEGATED Crest cock 10/-, Crestbred cock 15/-, yellow variegated Crestbred cock 12/6, young birds, variegated Crestbred cock 20/-, yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock 20/-, breeders 1908 birds; approval, cheap to clear: W. Radley, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

FOR sale, Crests and Crestbreds, winners and stock birds; we won more prizes than any other breeder in the West of England; we can suit all fanciers at the price they are prepared to give; can be seen, or 3 days' approval: J. and J. Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

GIVING up, through ill-health, all my winning Crests and Crest-breds and Plainheads, 9 pairs from 30/- pair upwards; also breeding stock and show cages and carrying cases and other utensils; no reasonable offered refused; approval, stamp: Wm. Griffiths, 25, Avenue-rd., Springburn, Glasgow.

REALLY flattering unsolicited testimonials received for the quality and prices of Crests and Crest-breds I have lately supplied; splendid value that can't be beaten, and every bird healthy and typical; cocks from 8/-, hens from 4/6, matched breeding pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; enquiries invited: all cold room bred, and willingly on approval: Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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Look, Look, Look! Unequalled; the talk of the Fancy; pay what you like; large collections Crests, Crestbreds, Yorkshires, etc.; send for terms before purchasing elsewhere; price to meet all fanciers: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

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and then you will not get better blood than I can offer you at the present time, including some pure Barnett's. At the same time you cannot procure the value elsewhere that I am now offering:—

Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards; Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards; Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 100/- per pair. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

LARGE strong healthy high-class Crested and Crest-bred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality, Barnett's strain; prices reasonable; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HALF-plate, triple extension, latest pattern camera, Beck lens, 3 double dark mahogany slides, bag, 3-fold tripod, new condition, cost £4 15/-, take £3; also banjo, £1; and tenor trombone, £1, good condition; or exchange for Crests or Rollers; approval, yours first: Driver, Newsagent, Brent-st., Hendon, Middlesex.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham.—Yellow green cock, lovely crest, £4; nearly even-marked dark crested hen, winner many 1sts, £15; champion clear yellow crest-bred cock, turnover size half-crown, champion, £8; yellow green cocks winners, grand turnover, £5, £4; crest-bred buff cocks, all colours, grand turnovers, £1, £2, £3, £4 each; heavy feathered large crested stock cocks, 25/6, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6 each. Cannot he equalled at price, and the very best blood. Approval.

MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 8/6; pairs properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster even marked dark crest cock, grand crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; monster variegated dark crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; ditto, nice crest, 10/6; massive feathery clear crest hen, 11/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; monster yellow variegated crestbred cock, grand head, 17/6; monster clear crestbred cock, 12/6; monster feathery variegated crestbred cock, 12/6; monster green crestbred hen, £1; monster variegated crestbred hen, 17/6; massive heavy feathered ditto, 13/6; massive clear cresthred hen, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition, winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

Greens.

H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st., South, Birkenhead, has a few Yorkshire Greens for sale, cheap; approval, stamp.

UNFLIGHTED buff Green Norwich cocks 6/6, 8/6, 12/6; approval, deposit: Ball, Barracks, Pembertou, Wigan.

PAIRS matched for breeding, high-class Greens, reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

LEGGY Yellow Green Yorkshire cock, Yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, 10/6 each: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford, Essex.

YORKSHIRE Greens, bred from good prize strain, 7/6 to 25/- each; clears, 12/6 pair: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH Greens, cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap; also Yorkshire Green hens; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 6 pairs, yellow and buff, 25/- to 40/- per pair; the best obtainable: P. Drinkwater, 10, Victoria-st., Altrincham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GRAND stock of Yorkshire Greens for sale, singles or pairs, reasonable; approval willingly: Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth-avenue, New Brighton.

P. Clayton (winner of the championship diploma at Crystal Palace, 1907, 1909, and 1910), also L.C.B.A. 1909, has a few Yorkshire Greens for sale; no puff required; see winnings last few years; cocks from 10/6, hens 5/-; stamp; address: 15, Lee Mount-rd., Halifax.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Owing to pressure of business during the breeding season must considerably reduce my stock, therefore can spare some grand cocks at 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; also smart breeding hens at 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; cheap matched pairs from 12/6; these are the result of 15 years breeding; also clear, ticked, marked, and heavily variegated birds at same prices: 6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST, Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires; winner at all leading shows; approval.

TWO buff coppy cocks, 2 yell. coppy cocks, 20/- each; approval: Cross, 32, King-st., Macclesfield.

1909 buff coppy hen, same strain as winners, 20/-; approval: W. Postlewaite, 24, Canal-st., Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRES; Yellow cock, 2 Buff hens, cheap; cold-room; approval, deposit: J. Cross, Fowey, Cornwall.

HIGH-class Lancashires; price and quality must command your approval; list free: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION extra large Lancashire Plainheads, stock and show birds, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy and Plainheads, from 7/6 to 20/- each, cocks and hens, West's winning strain, large birds; approval: Martin, Bebright House, Chatteris.

A few pairs and odd hens on sale, Manchester, Rochdale, Palace, diploma winners, Lancashire Championship cup; three years together; stamp: Garner, Lever-st., Hazel-grove, Cheshire.

F. J. Green offers extra large Buff coppy cock and clear Yellow Plainhead hen, 40/- pair, grand Buff coppy cock, large Buff Plainhead cock, bred off two grand coppies, massive clear Buff Plainhead cock, and clear Yellow Plainhead cock, 20/- each; room wanted: 54, Frederick-st., Loughborough.

Lizards.

ON sale, clear cap silver Lizard, cock, winner, 10/6: Nuttall, 136, Platting-la., Rochdale; approval.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list. See also my advertisement on page 160.—Rudd.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard Challenge Cup three years in succession; winners and stock birds for sale; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

CHAMPION Lizards, including Manchester, Rochdale, Palace, and other winners, cheap; also grand stock birds, cock from 8/6, hens from 6/-; approval; Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

FOUR high-class gold Lizard cocks, 10/6 each, one silver cock, 12/6; 3 hens, gold, 5/- each, Mr. J. Dewsnap strain; also a few good Norwich, 20/- a pair; will exchange one pair of Norwich for good yellow Yorkshire cock; yours first, on approval: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply.—23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

LARGE clear buff Norwich hens, 4/- each; approval: Buck, Boudgate, Ripon.

NORWICH cock Canary, full song, 10/6, hens 3/6: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town.

ONE pair Norwich, 7/6; 3 odd cocks, 4/6, £1 the lot; deposit: 31, Edmund-st., Kettering.

LARGE Norwich cock, full song, approval, 5/6: Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knightsbridge.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens; cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6: F., 138, Haliburton-rd., Twickenham.

WHAT offers for 12 cock Norwich Canaries, young? Cash: P., 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford, London.

NORWICH bred songster cocks, 5/- upwards, young healthy birds: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

CLEAR buff cock, clear yellow hen, good size 1909, 10/6; approval: Cole, Lime Tree-pl., Stowmarket.

WANTED, large hens, large or small quantities; dealers' prices: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

PAIR high-class Norwich Canaries and cage, 25/-; or exchange good dog or puppies: Bly, Butcher, Tring.

NORWICH cocks 8/6, hens 4/-, yellow and buff, cold room: Miss Fooks, Devonshire House, Brentwood.

NORWICH, bred from prize winners, clear and variegated: Marshall, Cattle Copse, Heckfield, Hants.

LARGE clear Yellow and Buff cocks, Buff deformed claw, 10/-, 8/-, bargain: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 8/6; cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

CHAMPION Norwich. A few good ones for sale. State wants; stamp: Davidson, 8, Thistle-st., Aberdeen.

CHUBBY large Yellow Norwich cock, 12/-: Buff ticked hen, 6/-: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford, Essex.

LARGE clear buff, Norwich cock, with clear yellow hen to match, 10/-; approval: Imeson, Somerset-pl., Ripon.

TWELVE buff cocks, 10/- to 20/-, well worth the money; approval: H. Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

CLEAR buff unflighted Norwich cock, first prize winner, Wigan, 60/-: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

BUFF cock, winner, large yellow variegated hen, from big winners, 25/- pair, bargain: Beard, Llandrindod.

YELLOW cock, 2 buff cocks, 7/- each; small variegated buff, 5/6; non-fed: David Hopkins, Darvel, Ayrshire.

FEW nice type Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval, deposit: Morgan, 5, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, cocks 7/-, hens 5/-; inspection invited anytime: J. Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

NORWICH buff cock, yellow hen, 20/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 17/6; approval: Gravestock, 102, New City-rd., Plaistow.

WHAT offers for 12 hens and 12 cock Norwich Canaries, young? Cash: P., 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford, London.

SALE, few 1909 Norwich yellow, also Cinnamon Canaries, cocks, 7/6, 10/- each: Williams, Manor House, Sharow, Ripon.

HIGH class Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, from 8/-; hens from 5/6; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

TWENTY pairs properly matched, my own breeding, price 20/- per pair: Wilkinson, 43, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Norwich yellow hens, from 5/- each, also 2 grey Crest hens, 10/6 each.

NORWICH Canaries, the best and cheapest in the kingdom; send for price list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

HIGH-class Norwich pairs from 15/-, yellow and buff cocks from 7/6; approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich.

A few prize-bred Norwich Plainheads for sale, on approval, no yellow hens: John A. Ferguson, 818, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

FIVE lightly splashed Norwich hens, 1909, 2/6 each, 11/- the lot: Wheatley, Nightingale-rd., East Molesey, Hampton Court.

ARTHUR Green, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers several pairs Norwich from 8/6 pair, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; approval; write now.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand hens to part with, large, grand type, approval: Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster

CHAMPION Norwich, from 12/6 pair; several hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

TWENTY pairs prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, 12/6 to 25/6; odd birds if wanted: Robinson, 191, Leslie's-st., Kirkcaldy.

SIB. Norwich hen 5/-, 4 big cages 4/6, 7 small cages 5/-, mulers, Linnet, Bullie, Sisken: Brownlee, Cumledge, Duns, N.B.

NOTICE, grand lot high-class Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cock, including winners, from 7/6; approval, cold-room: A. Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

QUANTITY Norwich cocks and hens, 1909, must clear immediately, owing to removal: Adsley, 15, Belmont-rd., Faversham.

GOOD 1909 Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/- pair; 10/-; approval, deposit: R. Dalley, 18, Ducketts-cottages, Crayford, Kent.

NORWICH bred songsters, rich yellow, cold room, large stock; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6: L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyn's, Hove, Sussex.

WALTON and Noakes' special offer, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfield, Leicester.

JUST five left, 3 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, 1 yellow variegated hen; prices reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, champion large Norwich, from 15/6 pair, single birds from 7/6; state wants; approval.

NORWICH, 2 buff cocks, 10/- and 15/-, same strain as my winners; approval, cash or deposit: Dallman and Sons, Melbourne, Derby.

NORWICH, splendid healthy cocks, from 6/-, excellent colour and song, cold bred, 1909, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; stamp; approval: Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, warranted; Goldfinch Mules, 10/6: Waters, Queen's-st., March.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, must reduce his stock, offers some good yellow and buff cocks at 10/-; winners from 20/-; approval.

SPLENDID songsters from 6/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 8/6; Goldfinch, 3/-; cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-: Tapping, 38, Wilton-st., Southampton.

FOUR good large young buff Norwich cocks, two clears two variegated, 7/6 each, lot 27/-; approval, deposit: Gasling, Ilkley-rd., Otley.

NORWICH, 3 yellows, 1 slightly marked, '09, 1 yellow Sib cock, 1908, 8/6 to 10/6; approval: Dispensary, Erdington, Birmingham.

CHAMPION Norwich; few good pairs for sale, also odd birds; reasonable; related to my winners: Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth!

SOME good Yellow hens, 15/-; typical pair Buff cock, he, large Yellow hen, 30/-: Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

FIFTY pairs Norwich Canaries; matched pairs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; singing cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

LARGE healthy Norwich, 7/6, 10/6 pair; cock, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/6; buff or yellow, cold-room bred: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

MAGNIFICENT variegated singing Crest cock, with large cage, 7/6; healthy; splendid songster: Green, Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Brighton.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; see show reports Palace, L.C.B.A., W.L.F.A. cup winner: Lack, Hairdresser, Gleuthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

SEVERAL pairs high-class Norwich Canaries, Vardy and Iron's strain, strong cold room birds, 8/6 pair: Turner, Ashells, Quorn, Loughborough.

1908 clear yellow cock, colour-fed, good stock bird, 13/-; approval; money returned: Wm. Reed, Commercial-rd., Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire.

PURE Norwich, yellows, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; good hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

NOTICE.—Grand Norwich cocks, lovely songsters, 6/- each; yellow hens, 3/6; buffs, 3/-; all on approval: R. Collin, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch.

HIGH-class cocks, yellow and buff, clear, or variegated; 12/6 and 15/- each; approval; cash or deposit: Gostling, Chemist, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

CHAMPION Norwich, pairs from 12/6, cocks from 10/-, all colour fed, some of the best blood in the Fancy: Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

THREE large buff cocks, 30/-, 20/-, 15/-, exchange good cycle entertained; seen Sunday morning: Marshall Weiston, Bromley-cres., Shortlands, Kent.

TWO good cock Canaries for sale, Walton breed, good singers, dark green and yellow, 15/- each: Miss Richardson, 20, Bighy-st., Brigg, Lincolnshire.

BARGAIN, prize-bred Norwich yellow variegated cock, clear buff, marked buff hens, natural colour, 15/- the three: B. Harland, Postman, Whitby.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven. West, Wood Green, has yellow buffs, cocks 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, Robson Hodder's strain unflighted, fed; approval willingly.

GODFREY, 25, Castle Bar-mews, Ealing, has several Good Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, can be seen, and on approval to known fanciers, from 7/6 each.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 7/6 each; kept in cold room; approval: Sidgwick, Aviary-cottage, Hutton, Rudley, Yorkshire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

GOOD unflighted yellow cock, 10/6; ditto buff, 7/6; several good hens, 3/6, 4/-; will exchange hen for singing Mule: Curtis, 306, Belvedere-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

FOUR typical Norwich hens, 2 buff, 2 yellow, fit to win, and best breeding strain, 4/- each, or 14/6 the lot, a bargain: E. Headey, Victoria-st., Dunstable, Beds.

NORWICH Canaries, bred in the open, full song; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; ready breeding; carriage paid: Hooley, Wellington-st., Long Eaton.

CHAMPION cobby buff Norwich stock cock, 1908, deep yellow hen, unflighted, unrelated, 12/6; wanted yellow-green stock cock: John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone.

CHANCE of a lifetime; entire stock for disposal; exhibition Norwich, also cages, and all utensils; stamp particulars; opening branch business cause of disposal: Brain, Draper and Outfitter, Clastonbury.

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SIX unflighted yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; one buff, 20/-; several hens from 5/-; bred from the very best; approval: H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil, Som.

NORWICH cocks from high-class stock, plenty of colour, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- each, yellow green cock 12/6, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/-: Neal, 37, Ullswater-st., Leicester.

A few of high-class Norwich, clear buff cock, winner 1st., 25/-; 1908 buff cock, with variegated yellow hen to match, 1909, 22/6 the pair; approval: Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

NINE buff cocks, 11 hens, 6 yellow cocks, 4 hens; Treugove, Godley, etc., 4/- to 8/- each, half value; bred from good stock; approval: Wilcox and Son, New Sawley, Derby.

I have a good collection of Norwich Plainheads for sale; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

PALACE birds not claimed; unflighted Buff hen, 15/-; vlic pairs, 30/-; cocks from 7/6 to £3; hens, 5/- to 15/-; type and quality; approval: Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

CAN spare 2 or 3 pairs Norwich from my winners, at 15/- pair, worth 25/-; also several buff cocks, good, at 12/6; buff hens, 7/6; approval: Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

A. WATTS, Breeder and Exhibitor of Norwich yellow and buff, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; approval, deposit: Manor Farm, High st., Old Felton, Peterboro'.

NORWICH pairs, 15/-, 20/- upwards; winner Queen's Park Cup best unflighted City and Suburban Show, by Warwick Cooper Bros. strain; inspection: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

L. L. Hawkes must sacrifice 1909 colour-fed Yellow Norwich cock, immense size, shape, and style, recently gave £3 for him; accept 20/-; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, warranted sound, reliable birds, full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; good buff hens, ready for breeding, 2/3, 2/6, yellows 2/9; approval: Scott, Duxhury-rd., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy, not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

BUY from the breeder. Typical Norwich, open 1st spl. Walthamstow, Diss, Lowestoft, Yarmouth; pairs 15/- upwards; cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6 upwards; stamp: Kirk, House Furnisher, Lowestoft.

NOVICE breed your own winners, stock cocks from 8/6; hens from 5/-; all related to my winners; state wants; cash or deposit; 3 days' approval: Franks, "Erie," Lintern-avenue, Westcliff.

HAVE few more to dispose of from my Crystal Palace winners, gold and silver medalist, advertised last week through serious accident to my husband: Martin, Gerrard-st., Marsh, Lancaster.

NATURAL colour, variegated young yellow cock, 12/6, good colour, close feather, nice size, father 1st Bedford and Coventry, 2nd Northampton (open); approval: Notley, King's-pl., Bedford.

NORWICH, same strain as our winners Nottingham, Hucknall, Sheffield, Ilkestoo, etc.; cocks from 7/6, buff: hens from 3/6; approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; hens, Buff, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 each; Yellows, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs from 7/6; list of cages, post free: Draper and Hubbard, 103, Belgrave-gate, Leicester.

J. Holmes, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-; single birds, yellow or buff, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; stamp, approval: 169, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

HAVING sold the two buff Norwich cocks advertised last week at 50/- each, I have four more for disposal, not quite so large, but grand stock birds, 30/- each; apply: 37, East-st., Chichester.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, yellow or buff, cocks, cheap, and on approval; winners at all leading shows, or exchange yellow variegated hens: Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fifeshire, Scotland.

CHAMPION Norwich hens, bred from the best blood in the Fancy; the strain that has won numerous prizes; rare chance to breed winners; no fancy prices: Sprules, 151, Friern-rd., East Dulwich.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, splendid birds for exhibition or song, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6 each; also a few genuine Seifert Rollers, guaranteed, 8/6, 10/6, each; approval willingly: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

FIVE unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, variegated and clear, from 12/6 to 30/- each; one unflighted variegated buff cock, 15/-; one yellow unflighted hen, 12/6: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

FEW high-class Norwich cocks and hens (buffs only), winners, and related to winners, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each; few medium-size buff hens, 5/- each; approval: Smithers, Decorator, Hadlow, Kent.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

LARGE quantity 1909 Norwich cocks and hens, cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/- each; hens 2/6, 3/-; clears and variegated, all in good health, and cold room bred; approval: Akers, 16, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

GRAND typical green Norwich cocks, unflighted yelloks, huffs, size, substance, quality, condition, from noted strains, 10/6 to 15/6, cheap to clear; approval, stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew, Scotland.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize-bred; approval.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock and 1909 yellow hen, £2, a bargain; ticked yellow cock (1908) and large buff hen, £2 5/- only; other excellent pairs from 30/- to clear: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

GRAND variegated yellow cock (winner of Palace unflighted novice, 1909, 37 entries), grand bird for show or stock; also other yellows and buffs, from winning strain: Wm. Vart, 50, Stramongate, Kendal.

EXCEPTIONAL offer, must clear immediately; two 1909 massive Norwich hens, grand shape and style, colour-fed Buff and Yellow, accept 15/- each, worth £5; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich, grand colour and quality, short flights, yellow and buff cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, bred from winners, worth double; approval: T. Yates, Albany-rd. Aviaries, Reading.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality; certain to breed winners; only 10/6; honestly worth 21/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

NORWICH, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/- upwards; on approval, cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

A. L. Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, is offering, through pressure of business, his selected stock of natural and colour-fed Norwich, all colours, at a great sacrifice; state requirement; seven days approval.

BARGAINS: three-pointed double yellow bred, 10/-; also clear yellow, 8/6; both unflighted cocks, typical, splendid condition, colour fed, cold room; cash, approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

FORTY prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, Dobinson, Irons, Grey and Sandiford's strain; what offer for the lot, or will sell separate; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich; can spare a few yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; pairs, properly matched to breed winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/- pair; no odd hens; stamp: 63, Welbeck-street, Hull.

NORWICH yellow and variegated, in breeding condition; cocks, good song, 6/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-, cold-room; inspection invited: C. Brenton, 63, Howard Buildings, Albert Street, near Hanbury-st., London, N.E.

FIRST-CLASS typical young Norwich from winning strain, pairs or single, all prices; also few choice large 1908 hens, yellow or buff, splendid quality; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North Avenue, Ramsgate.

GIVING away prices to clear; variegated Yellow cock, 1908, clear 4ten, 1909, 11/-; Buff cock, 1908, 3rd class of 13 Battersea open, 8/6; other cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6; seen any time: Pope, 84, Varcoe-rd., South Bermondsey.

LARGE Yellow cock, show bird, 30/-; winner do. stock bird, 30/-; two large Buffs, 25/- each; unevenmarked Yellow, winner, 25/-; also birds from 7/6 each; all unflighted, bred by myself: Mrs. Jeacock, York-st., Coventry.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers, for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hen, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; satisfactiou certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH unflighted yellow and buff variegated cocks, from 8/- to 15/-; 2 green buff hens, 5/- each; yellow hen, 7/6; buff hens, 7/- to 10/- each; birds before cash; approval: W. Rand, Belmont Cottage, Southampton-rd., Salisbury, Wilts.

J. Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Leicester, has for sale majority of his stock of first-class winning Norwich, being compelled to do this on account of leaving the town; pairs matched for breeding from 15/-; single birds from 10/-; approval.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same straiu, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FORTY good birds for sale, yellow cocks from 10/- to 60/-, ditto buffs from 7/6, yellow hens from 7/6, buff from 3/-, large pair Cinnamous 30/-, including many winners; state wants and price, and have them approval: Hart, 52, Steveus-st., Lowestoft.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

J. W. Rennie, winner of S.Y.C.C. ten-guinea challenge cup in the keenest competition, and every bird bred by himself, has to spare two pairs 30/-, buff cock 25/-, 2 yellow hens, 30/-, 20/-, buff hen 10/-, all unflighted: The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants.

H. Snowden, of Morecambe, winner of the O.N.P.C. trophy, can spare a few good buff cocks from 15/- to 30/-, real good stock birds, also a clicking yellow cock, mated to good buff hen, 50/-, real toppers, cold room bred; on approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 65, Westminster-rd.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SEVERAL good Buff cocks, unflighted, in Yorks. and Norwich, good type and quality, closely related to my winners at Battersea, Clapham, Wimbledon, Weybridge, L.C.B.A., etc., 10/6 and 15/- each; also a few good pairs, cheap; wanted good Yellow Norwich hens: Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Maldon.

THROUGH business pressure must reduce immediately; great sacrifice; about 100 typical natural and colour-fed Norwich, size, shape and style hard to find, fit for keen open competition; many winners amongst them; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/-; seven days approval; inspection invited between 1 to 2.30 and 5.30 to 7 any day: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WILLIAM JUDD, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester, the largest stores in the Midland Counties, established over 30 years; high-class Norwich cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/6; Orange Yellows, 7/6 and 10/- each; good healthy hens for this year's breeding, 2/6, 3/6; Orange Yellows, 5/- and 7/6 each; pairs properly mated, now ready for nesting, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; carefully packed and every satisfaction guaranteed.

MAGNIFICENT pair large unflighted Norwich buff cock, yellow hen fed, pair took 2od prize 6 weeks ago, card sent 15/-, worth 25/-; also one yellow, one buff cocks, unflighted, large birds, 8/- each, worth 12/6; two splendid deep yellow hens, unflighted, from winners, own breeding, 5/- each: Ellis, 1, Millrd., Kettering.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I find I can still spare large 1909 clear Yellow cock, grand colour and type, ideal stock bird, genuine bargain, 15/-; large 1909 clear Buff, well bred typical bird, only 12/6; variegated Buff hen, good stock bird, to clear 6/-: E. Hindes, Breeder, 340, Whalley-range, Rostwell, Blackburn.

REALLY flattering unsolicited testimonials recently received for birds I have supplied; quality and price not to be beaten; healthy typical specimens, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, matched pairs for breeding 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; enquiries invited; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

ARE you wanting some of the best obtainable? then kindly note following few prices; test same on approval, the value will surprise you; large cobby cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6; pairs, carefully matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/-; these are bargains. Have still few Mr. Roe's strain on hand, so apply early and avoid disappointment; all on approval; cash or deposit; H. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Norwich, Sandiford's strain, bred direct from winners; massive stout clear buff cock, 15/-; ditto, gem, 10/6; stout cobby marked ditto, 10/6; massive yellow marked cock, 10/6; stout cobby clear yellow cock, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; lovely clear yellow hen, 8/6; marked ditto, 6/6; grand stout buff hen, 8/6; another gem, 6/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NOVICES, LOOK!
Pair of Norwich Canaries and new breeding cage, 8/6 lot: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

I HAVE
30 good Norwich, cheap, ticked, variegated, clear, buffs, yellows, hens 4/6, cocks 6/6, upwards; approval: C. Parkins, 36, Park-ter., Chelmsford.

NOTICE! CHAMPION NORWICH.
Grand cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/- each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/-; grand bargains; approval: J. Blacksbaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

HIGH CLASS NORWICH
Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

ROBERT HALL,
Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare few good Norwich buffs, unflighted, 10/- to 20/-; also a few pairs 17/6 to 22/6; my strain has won 52 1sts and 47 2nds, including 1st Crystal Palace, 1909.

J. W. RAMSDEN
Offers yellow or buff Norwich cocks, fit to win at small shows, 15/- and 20/- each; real good hens, 10/6; no approval; inspection by appointment: Ramsden, 11, Josephine-ave., Brixton, London.

WRIGHT & SON,
84, Heath-rd., Norwich, have a lot of good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads. See report Norwich Show. Pairs, 8/6, 12/6, 12/6 upwards; show birds, 15/-, 20/- upwards; grand cocks for stock or soog, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; a lot of good hens, well hred, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; approval.

MILES AND SON
Offer prize-bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; buffs, yellow, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 2/9, 3/-, 3/6, upwards; specially matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; double Norwich breeding cages, full length, 3/9, complete with all fittings; travelling cages, 3d. extra: St. Andrew's, Norwich.

EXTRAORDINARY STOCK BIRDS,
great size and substance, deep, thick-set; Buff cocks, 1908 ticked, 15/-; unflighted variegated, 15/-; unflighted clear, magnificent type, quality, show bird, 30/-; unflighted variegated Yellow, 15/-; massive unflighted marked Buff hen, grand one, 20/-; clear ditto, 7/6; above are genuine bargains; bred from finest strain in the Fancy; supplied many winners this season; approval: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop.

A. PAYNE & SON,
Champioo Norwich, grand type and quality, for stock; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/-, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 upwards; also grand Crests and Crest-breds, Crested cocks and hens, from 12/6 to £3; Crest-breds, cocks and hens, from 10/- to 50/-; perfectly matched pairs, 15/- to £3 3s.; cold-room bred; dealers supplied; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

This is What You Are Looking For
Grand pair, yellow cock buff hen, also buff cock yellow hen, 30/- each pair; a few yellow and buff hens from 10/-; all 1909; best of blood: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

L. J. RICHARDSON.
breeder champion Norwich. Having selected breeding pairs, can spare 2 pairs at 25/-; Yellow-Green cock, unflighted, 3rd in strong class, 16/-; few hens to spare, and a few Yellow and Buff cocks from 12/6; inspectiou invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London.

TRISTEM & TAYLER'S CRYSTAL PALACE WINNING NORWICH.
This strain always winning, note, 50 prizes this season, including 20 firsts, 2 cups, including Bristol Challenge Cup; see reports Bristol, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Palace, etc.; matched pairs to breed winners, from 30/- to 60/-; single birds, 7/6 upwards; all one strain, own breeding; healthy; cold room; state requirements; stamp; approval with pleasure: Elstem House, Winchester Road, Brishngton, Bristol.

J. C. BARNES,
NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST
149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield, winner of numerous cups, medals, etc., at leading shows, including Sheffield challenge cup (outright) 3 years in succession; all my winners guaranteed my own breeding; having selected those I require for my own use, can now offer some very choice specimens of both varieties, correctly matched pairs, 30/- to 60/-; few odd cocks, 15/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; approval, with pleasure; inspection cordially invited; stamp reply; state requirements, and I will endeavour to give entire satisfaction.

I Want to Impress upon You

the stubborn fact that I possess one of the most remarkable collections of Plainheaded Norwich ever seen, both in quantity and quality. Exhibition specimens, cocks or hens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- up. State requirements fully and have on approval, that is the only way to be convinced. All are more than good value, but neither talk nor this advertisement will prove it. The merit must be seen and compared according to price.

NOTE FOLLOWING:—

Plainheaded Norwich Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6,12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards.

Plainheaded Norwich Hens.—Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

Just compare the above prices with others, to say nothing of quality, but there is no guesswork here; it is not a game of chance, as with some, who, although they give themselves names, only have an idea of the value by the price other dealers charge them. Hence, don't expect the best bird at the highest price; yet all are **Best Value**—that is my great point. For testimonials see my last week's advertisement on page 128, or call and inspect thousands here.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist,
NORWICH.

F. RACKHAM,

162, London-rd., South Lowestoft.—Challenge cup winner 2 years in succession, also medal and special forbest bird in show; few good Norwich Plainheads to spare, cocks from 8/6 to 20/-, hens from 6/- to 20/-; state wants, few pairs Cinnamons, cheap; approval, deposit.

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The Largest and Cleanest Stock in London.
COCKS 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 & 10/6 EACH.
HENS 3/-, 3/6, 4/- & 4/6 EACH.
PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING
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John Savage, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers his entire stock of 100 Norwich Plainheads; giving up breeding; few pairs 7/6, grand pairs 8/6, only half value, splendid lot; cocks 6/6, 7/6, rare bargain; all grand condition, must clear, cold room; approval with pleasure; amateurs opportunity; packed free.

PALACE WINNERS.

Scottish National winners, in fact at most of the leading shows, this strain is at the front; comment is not necessary, admitted by all Norwich Plainhead fanciers to be absolutely the best procurable. Matched pairs, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6, 35/6, 40/6, 45/6, 50/- per pair; single cocks, 15/6 to 40/-, and the finest hens living, yellow and buff, 12/6 to 30/6; recent testimony from prominent fanciers; names and address on receipt of postcard if required, not false statements, but facts. "Jan. 12th, 1910. Dear Sir,—I received birds to-day. I like the yellow hen very much, and the buff cock is a gem, splendid head, chest, wings and tail, a real good one. This also applies to the yellow hen. Yours truly."—Jan. 30th, 1910. Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find P.O. 80/- for birds sent. I am well pleased with them; they are splendid birds. Yours truly."—"Jan. 31st, 1910. Dear Sir,—I received the bird safely, and am perfectly satisfied with him. Thanking you for your courtesy. Yours faithfully."—Space does not permit any more; approval willingly; satisfaction guaranteed.—Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

SPECIAL OFFER

Winning Norwich.

Winners of thousands of prizes, including scores of prizes this season, £20 challenge cup winner, best in show, etc.

20 Pairs of grand matched Norwich at 20/- and 25/- pair approval.

I have some grand specimens ready, direct from our noted Crystal Palace King and Queen strain, finest blood in the world, winner of 5,000 prizes. Grand yellow cocks and hens from 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Just a few. Hundreds like these. Mr. Pudnor Bros., Kidwelly. Sir,—The Canary you sold me won Kidwelly Open Show, 1st and two specials; Bynea Open Show, 2nd, Slangenock Open Show, 1st and special for best in show. Mr. McIver, Port Glasgow.—Sir, The Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of 11 at Greenock. Mr. Herd, Macduff. Sir,—The variegated Norwich you sold me won 1st at all shows round here. Send for a catalogue, and you will see scores like above. Breeder 30 years.—

Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, Lancs.

GEO. & ALBERT BROWN,

London's Premier Bird Sellers,
HAVE A LONG LIFE EXPERIENCE WITH CANARIES.

Have sold during last week ninety-seven pairs, which we can prove. Norwich cocks, Plainheads, 7/-; Crestbred, 8/6; Crested birds, 10/-; colour-fed, 8/6; hens for the above, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; every bird sent out by us, its sex and health guaranteed. We are acknowledged for honest dealings We never sell a single cock unless purchaser hears bird sing before buying. Call, or send, and see for yourself what we advertise. Genuine birds, not the Dutch rubbish being sold as Norwich. All our birds are cold-room bred; no hot-house rubbish.

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J. BERTIE

Cage Bird Judge, has not the largest, but has the finest private stock of Norwich Plainheads in the Midlands. Those large, cobby, thick-necked, large, bold-headed, perfect typical birds; same strain as winners supplied by me. Single birds, 10/- to 40/-; pairs, 20/- to 60/-; no trash; every bird is a recommendation; can be seen any day; approval; stamp reply.—**521, Woodborough Road, Mapperley, Nottingham.**

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILCOTT, breeder, trainer, celebrated Gluck Rollers, 151, South-av., Southend-on-Sea. Only Rollers kept. Member of B.R.C.C.

SALE. Many Belgian water bubble Canaries, in full song, at 10/-: Verhies, Bresstratt 2, Antwerp.

SIEFERT hens, cold room bred, nesting, 2/-, 2/6, cocks 7/6; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

ST. Andreasberg Rollers, cold-room bred; cocks, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6; approval: Webb, Hillary-st., Walsall.

ROLLERS, cold-room bred, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-; approval: Perks, No. 1, Bank-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

HIGH-class Seifert Roller hens, in breeding condition, 3/6 each, cold room: Percival, 20, Talbot-rd., Wrexham.

PAIR pure-bred Silver Wyndottes, can win, sell £1; exchange Seifert Rollers; approval: Beard, Llandrindod.

1909 cock Canaries, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, in song, 4/6, 5/- each; few hens; approval: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

SEIFERT Rollers, cock, full song, 6/6, 7/6; hens, nesting, cold-room bred, 2/6; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

FEW Roller hens left, Seifert, Whittaker strain, 1909 B.R.C.C. rung, 3/- each: C. M. Turner, 8, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

HARTZ Rollers, day and gaslight songsters, 5/6, 6/6, hens 2/-, cold room bred, nesting: Boot, 9, Whitest., Caldmore, Walsall.

PURE Rollers, full song, only 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; approval; money returned if not satisfied: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

FOUR young Hartz cocks, strong and healthy, in full song, 7/- each, 7 days' approval: Jones, Oxford-cottage, Wimbledon Common.

TWENTY Roller cocks and 20 hens, cold room bred, must sell this week, removing: Herbert Batty, 25, Matthew-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

SEIFERT Rollers, cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 10/6; hens from 4/-; cash or deposit: G. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury, Lancs.

ST. Andreasburg Roller (1909) cocks and hens, 5/6 and 2/6, preference to local purchaser: Whistance, Undertaker, Lord-st., Wolverhampton.

HIGH-class Rollers (Tweeds, Roehls), cold room bred, organ trained, ridiculously cheap, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

TUNSTALL, Staffs.; 6, Paradise-st. Rollers, full song, 8/-; matched pairs, 10/-; cabinets, 4/6; approval. Seed, everything for the bird-room.

CLUB-rung Seiferts, 1909, few left, 10/6 upwards, 2nd prize winner Leeds, 25/-; good birds at low prices: Holland, 9, Walsall-st., Wednesbury.

ROLLERS, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; Hartz, 5/6, warranty given; hens, 2/-; £1 dozen; cash orders: Wholesale Company, 2, Orchard-terr., George-lane, Woodford.

SEIFERT Rollers (bred from winners), few 1909 cocks; what offers to clear, must sell? M. Corrigan, 35, Norfolk-st., off Halliwell-rd., Bolton, Lancs.

CANARIES.—Hartz Mountain Rollers; full song; many changes of notes; approval.—Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. Stamp reply.

FIFTEEN St. Andreasberg Roller hens, Seifert strain, young, healthy, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

SEIFERT and St. Andreasberg Rollers, best money can buy; clearing out about 100; approval; what offers: Mayo, Breeder, 5, Orchard-st., Kidderminster.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, British Roller Club rung, cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- to 40/-; hens, 5/-; breeding pairs, 17/6; approval: Swift, Potter-st., Worksop.

GENUINE St. Andreasberg Rollers, full song, no choppy notes, cocks, 7/-, 8/6; hens, 2/6: Evans, Western-terrace, Bartholomew-st., Wombwell, Yorks.

SEIFERT Rollers, champion strain, in breeding condition; approval; cocks 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-; exchange Bull bitch pup: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

ROLLERS, hens, in breeding condition, best contest strains, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each; send for list free; anything alive bought, sold or exchanged: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

MAGNIFICENT pair genuine young Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, beautiful birds, complete in cage, only 4/6 lot: Midland Zoological Co., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

ENGLISH bred Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred, perfectly trained cocks, in full song, 7/6 and 10/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

CHAMPION Glucke Rollers, pure Randall Fisher blood, stock cocks from 10/6, clinking hens from 6/6; full particulars, stamp; consult: Chillcott, 151, South-aven., Southend-on-Sea.

YOUNG British Roller Canaries (cocks) in perfect feather and grand condition, first-class singers, day and gaslight, correct trills, etc., 8/6 each: Mrs. Dick Peddie, 15, Lynedock-pl., Edinburgh.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, organ trained, B.R.C.C. rung, 1909, cold-room bred; no other birds kept, cocks from 10/-, hens from 2/-; approval with pleasure; satisfaction guaranteed: W. E. Evans, Fore-st., Trowbridge.

NO empty bounce, see result Palace contest, two entries Champion class 1909 bred, result 2nd and 4th; few stock birds related to and same strain as above; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; club rung; approval: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

TO make room for breeding; three Seifert Roller cocks, 7/6 each, 4 at 10/6, 2 at 12/6 each, guaranteed free from any bad notes; a few good hens at 3/6 each; all 1909 birds and closed club rung; approval, deposit: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

Various Canaries.

ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES, BUT WORTH NOTICE.

For others see page 128 last week's "C.B."

Live to Supply the World at Large, etc.

3, Saxby Road, Green St. Green, Orpington. Feb. 10th, 1910.—Received birds this morning. I am quite pleased with them. Had I been able to choose them myself, I could not have selected two better for my purpose. I wish you may live long to supply the world at large with birds. Hy. White to W. Rudd.

Sang Most Heartily.

16, Lea Bridge, Clapton, London, N.E. February 9th, 1910.—Received bird, and am very pleased with it. On opening the cage the bird flew on the table and sang most heartily, none the worse for journey. I think I have a great bargain, and now know where to recommend any friend. A. Wooly to W. Rudd.

7/6 Birds Valued at 15/- or 20/-.

7, Gracedieu Road, Waterford. February 12th, 1910.—Last Saturday Sergt. Chambers received two cocks, one Yorkshire and one Norwich. The Norwich was for me, and has given every satisfaction. I was with Sergt. Chambers this afternoon, and he also says he is very well satisfied. The both birds have been very much admired, and I may say there is not their equal in Waterford. All who have seen them have priced them at 15/- to a £1, and hardly believe they were only 7/6. A. H., to W. Rudd.

Worth Double.

Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Kent. February 9th, 1910,—The Canary arrived safely this morning, and gives me every satisfaction. It is a beauty, worth double the money I paid for it. E. W. R. Hall to W. Rudd.

Oak Villa, Methuen Road, Bexley Heath, Kent. February 10th, 1910,—Cage arrived on 9th, and birds on morning of 10th. I am highly satisfied with both cage and birds. J. Dare to W. Rudd.

Well Pleased With Her.

273 Allison Street, Crosshill, Glasgow. February 9th, 1910.—Received bird quite safe yesterday morning. I am well pleased with her. Many thanks for such prompt attention. T. H. Malcolme to W. Rudd.

Singing Grand.

52, Westfield Road, Smethwick. February 7th, 1910,—I have received Roller all right, and he is singing grand. Thanking you very much for sending me such a bird at the price. C. Collett to W. Rudd.

Good Value.

Down Thomas, near Plymouth. February 7th, 1910. I am glad to say I have received the birds safely, and am well pleased with them. They are good value for the money. F. J. Cole to W. Rudd.

Wish Every Success.

1, Webster Street, Derby. February 12th, 1910,—The birds to hand, and I am very pleased indeed with them. I wish you every success in your business. J. Ross to W. Rudd.

THE LAST WORD IN GENUINE BARGAINS

and offered from the largest collection in the world. Go and inspect all others, I care not where, then come to mine; that will at once set all doubts or speculations on one side, as I can always stand by all I state, and if an appointment is made there will be no excuses "Not at Home," etc.

PLEASE LOOK CAREFULLY THROUGH THESE BARGAIN PRICES:—

My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

To Beginners.

If you cannot afford a big price, send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at 8/6 or 9/6; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked, and one clear, one buff, and the other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for 8/6 I will send you a Double Breeding Cage, fitted with everything complete, for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage 12/3 for 8/6 birds, or 13/3 for 9/6 birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only 5/-.

For **Lancashires, Lizards, Cinnamons, Dutch Frills, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, etc.,** send for

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

MR. LISTER has for sale stock cocks of the following good strains: Whittlestone's, Whittaker's and Fisher and Randall, from 7/6 upwards; hens guaranteed at 6/6: 753, Lea Bridge-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE, my lot of prize-bred Yorkshires, bred from winners, for cold room bred Seifert Rollers and singing cages, sell from 15/- pair; wanted gun, gold guard; approval each way: Sissons, 9, Durham-st., Glasshoughton, Castleford.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, bred from noted prize winners, British Roller Club rung, 1909 cocks 12/6, 15/-, £1, hens, same strain, 5/- each, cold room bred; approval: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, nr. Blackburn.

RENOWNED Preston contest Rollers, on 14 days' trial, at my risk, are the best of all Imported St. Andreasburgs, and can win anywhere; only one price, 15/- deposit with Editor. Send for one for trial, and put it against one from any other dealer, even if costing double, and you will buy mine; send for full particulars and list free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

I HAVE still to sell 50 finest cocks of my whole deep strain, 15/- to 30/- each; the high price birds cost really double the price; I have received this year a gold medal, the World Alliance Medal, a large silver medal on the largest German settings out; in this year already 30 prizes; the finest strain blood hens, 3/0 each: Emil Kefersteln, Canary Wholesale Merchant, Leipzig, Neustadt, Germany.

WALTON champion strain, high-class Rollers, of this marvellous strain, guaranteed bred direct (not generations back) from parents purchased from Mr. Walton's winners, this is a chance of a lifetime, 2 Schoolmasters, 12/6 each; 1909 cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, hens, 3/6, 5/-; pairs, 10/6, 15/6, 17/6; no better at double the money; 7 days' approval; singing cage, 1/- each, own make; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

HIGH-class Rollers, from my silver cup winning strain, cock and hen scientifically mated to breed beautiful hollow roll birds, having bred the parents and great-grand parents of these birds, I am in a position to correctly mate them; the pair from 30/- upwards, according to quality of cock's song; also for sale, show cages, travelling baskets, German metal song cages, heating apparatus, etc.: Foulds, 213, Brunswick-st., near Owen's College, Manchester.

WHY PAY FANCY PRICES? HARTZ MOUNTAIN

Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—"The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh.—Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and give satisfaction.—N. Turnbull." "Birds arrived—are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill-street, Crewe." "Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am very well pleased with such value.—J. Broom." "32, Bassom-road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison." Send all orders to Varney, Stratford, London.

COMMON SENSE

Will tell you that unless my birds were as represented publicity would do me harm instead of good. It stands to reason that there must be something special about my Leipzig Rollers, otherwise I certainly could not go on selling them year after year like I do. I have repeatedly said in these columns that my Rollers are better and cheaper than any others on the market, and to prove this I ask all intending purchasers to test one against any other sold on similar conditions. I am largest retailer of Rollers in United Kingdom, and on Feb. 3rd alone sent out 73 consignments containing nearly 200 German Canaries. This is a fact that can easily be verified, as I hold signature of Midland Railway Company for these parcels. I now have over 1,000 (one thousand) Leipzig Rollers, all in full song, day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet, silvery trills, water bubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, bell, harp, gong, flute and Nightingale notes, etc., etc., and every one guaranteed free from chipping, chopping, or other harsh notes whatever, price, 7/- and 8/- each; special Bandmaster or Schoolmasters, 10/- each. I also have a grand lot genuine Seifert contest Rollers at 12/6 and 15/- each. These are guaranteed genuine Seifert blood, and excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, etc., and their song is a cascade of ever-flowing melody. I also have 20 pure "Gluck" Rollers, fit to win contests in keenest competition immediately, price 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. Genuine Glock hens, related to above, 4/- each. I beg to draw attention of connoisseurs to these Gluck Rollers, as they are, without doubt, the finest parcel of birds ever exported from Germany. Leipzig Roller hens, 6/- each, 2 5/-; ordinary loud, free singing Hartz cocks, every bird in full, loud free song, 5/- each, 7 31/6; Hartz hens, 2/- each, 3/6 couple. Special Roller singing cabinets, with folding doors and loose fronts, made especially for my Rollers, 2/6 each; ordinary singing box cages 1/-, 1/3, and 1/6 each. Please note every Canary is sent on a full week's trial at my risk, either on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, on the distinct understanding that unless birds give you fullest satisfaction, and realise your every expectation, you only have to return it, and back comes the whole of your money, promptly and cheerfully, without question or comment. Read following unsolicited letters, with which I give full name and address, also date, so that sceptics may make any enquiries they think proper:—"Parkfield Gardens, Worcester, Feb. 6. Sir,—Rollers arrived safe and sound, and are doing well. Both cocks started singing same day. Shall be pleased to recommend you as opportunity occurs. Yours, Wm. Hurlston." "Ivy Bush Hotel, Pontardawe, Feb. 6th. Sir,—Pleased to inform you that contest Roller arrived safe, and am highly pleased with same. Yours, Wm. Rapsey." "King-street, Kilkenny, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Bandmaster arrived in splendid condition. I am thoroughly pleased with him; he is an excellent songster, just the bird I wanted. Thanking you for kind and prompt attention. Yours, M. McGrath." "28, Fleet-street, West Keyham, Devonport, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Rollers arrived safe, and I am well pleased with them. You will hear from me again. Yours, W. King." "12, Grange Villa, Co. Durham, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Contest Roller arrived safe, and started singing soon as unpacked, and has sung ever since. He is a beauty. Yours, W. Corker." "17, Nantyhar, Cymmer, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller safe, and am very well pleased with him. He sang as soon as he arrived at station, and was singing all the way home, as my daughter was carrying him. He is best I ever heard, and anyone can come and see him. Yours, J. Matthews." "16, Timothy Row, Cwmbach, Feb. 4th. Sir,—Received birds safe. Thanks for sending such a fine songster, quite pleased with it. Yours, Arthur Williams." "Rose Cottage, Barnam, Perthshire, Feb. 3rd. Sir,—Roller arrived safely in 43 degrees of frost none the worse. He is singing beautifully both day and gaslight. Thanking you for nice bird. Yours, C. Morgan, Postman." "11, Cecil Street, Limerick. Sir,—It is time I thanked you for sending such a really fine Roller. He is a splendid bird, and I must say I never got such value before. He is admired by everyone who sees him. Please send following: Yours G. Maulers." "Windermere, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot, Feb. 2nd. Sir,—I am pleased to say Roller sent is entirely to my satisfaction, and sings nearly all day. Yours, A. Harrington." "Chatham, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Roller arrived safe. I am very pleased with him. I have had a lot of birds, but this one takes the cake. He has been singing ever since he was unpacked. Yours, G. Neve." When you take into consideration the above letters are written by persons, who apart from business transactions, are entire strangers to me, it will at once be seen that my statements are not empty clap-trap, but sound, stubborn facts, and the birds are what I claim for them, absolutely the best on the market. I am sole importer of Hans Webers' Leipzig Rollers. Every cock bird is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber," and no other dealer in England can sell you one feather of this strain unless he first purchases it from me. All birds safely and warmly packed with food for 48 hours, free of extra charge, and sent on seven clear days' trial at my risk, during whole time; cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, whichever you prefer. Kindly note carriage on one to three birds costs 6d. only to any part of kingdom. 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A free, lond or sweet songster for 5/3. High-class Norwich or Yorkshire Songsters, selected from thousands, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up.

All above on one week's approval to any part of Great Britain on receipt of cash or deposit, with Editor. Cages, in all cases, 3d extra.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

JOE WYRES, SEIFERT ROLLERS

are up-to-date this year; cocks, 1909 birds, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6; 7 days' approval.—Talbot-st., Cradley.

F. SELS SON, ANTWERP, BELGIUM.

large plain yellow Canaries, cocks in full song, 42/- dozen, hens 14/- dozen; 5/- the 50 hens; packing free; cash on delivery.

IT'S TRUE.

If you want birds of good quality you must be sure to place your order with a genuine reliable breeder, trainer, and dealer, who offers you the most advantageous terms. I have so thoroughly studied the requirements of the Fancy, that I can guarantee to give you every satisfaction with high-class birds at reasonable prices. Let me send you the birds you require, carriage paid to your address, at my sole risk, on seven clear days' approval, you will then be convinced that for style and quality, combined with cheapness, I stand unsurpassable. This is easily proved by the thousands of unsolicited testimonials I have from time to time published in this journal, yet those published only represent a few of the many received daily from delighted customers in all parts of the world. The following are a few taken at random from those received this month, and I offer £50 if every one received is not genuine and unsolicited: Torry, Aberdeen, 7/2/10.—I got the bird all right; he is singing well, and is such a beautiful bird.—J. Turvet to Miss Storey. Fair View, Farnham, 7/2/10.—Received birds quite safe in good condition; please accept best thanks for such beautiful birds. They are much better than I expected for money. Shall certainly send to you again.—E. Chandler to Miss Storey. Spike Island, Queenstown, 9/2/10.—Receiver Roller all correct, and am well satisfied with him. Have instructed Editor to forward you amount. He is such a capital songster.—F. Chapman, Sergt. R.G.A., to Miss Storey. 104, Bohemia-rd., St. Leonards, 9/2/10.—Bird arrived safe; we are pleased with him. Thanking you for sending such a beauty.—C. Coleman to Miss Storey. 4, Tying-ter., Llandudno.—Birds arrived safely, very pleased with them, singing grand.—D. Roberts to Miss Storey. Gracious-st., Whitticsca, 11/2/10.—Received Canaries this morning; well satisfied with them; they are very good birds, especially at the price.—J. Negus to Miss Storey. King-st., Ilkeston, 11/2/10.—Received birds in splendid condition; am highly satisfied; much better than anticipated for the money. Thanks for your straightforward dealings.—A. Wheatley to Miss Storey. 10, Linstling-row, Cwmbach, 11/2/10.—Received birds in good health, quite pleased with them; thanks for sending such nice songsters.—A. Williams to Miss Storey. Newlands Farm, Alfreton, 7/2/10.—Bird arrived safe and sound; I am much pleased with it being such a fine bird.—G. Seabridge to Miss Storey. 501, Lordship-lane, Dulwich, S.E., 7/2/10.—Received bird all right; am very pleased with it; I could not wish for a better.—A. Phillips to Miss Storey. Glaspart House, Ffarrfach, 9/2/10.—Bird received from you gives me every satisfaction; he sings first thing in the morning until last thing at night; wishing you every success.—J. Richards to Miss Storey. 17, Harcourt-st., Darlington, 9/2/10.—Bird arrived safe, in perfect condition, and gives every satisfaction; thanks for sending such a nice songster.—J. Rolls to Miss Storey. 22, Nook-st., Frizington, 10/2/10.—Birds arrived safe; I am fully satisfied with your fair treatment.—F. Pidd to Miss Storey. Church Hill, Swanage, 11/2/10.—Received birds quite safe in excellent condition; am very pleased with them.—F. Tatchell to Miss Storey. I could fill the whole of this paper with such letters from delighted customers, but the above samples will convince you that the name Storey stands for quality. The quality of my birds defies competition. Note the following prices. But you must see the quality, it will astound you. Genuine trained St. Andreasberg Rollers, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; a few contest songsters, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; Hartz Rollers, loud free songsters, cocks, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3, 6/9; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6; Yorkshire cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Yorkshire hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Norwich cocks and hens or matched pairs same prices as Yorkshires; neat travelling cages, 3d. each extra; full illustrated price list of birds and cages, 1d. for postage. All Canaries forwarded to your address carriage paid on 7 days' approval, at my sole risk, cash or deposit: Miss E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

HARTZ—ROLLERS



That give Universal Satisfaction. Both Selfert and Trute pure strains. Have on approval and **Test** the value I am prepared to give you. Strong Songsters, 5/6, 6/-. Better Noted, selected, 6/6. Hens, 2/-. Trained Selferts, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/-. Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

Do you seriously think you can get Hartz Cocks singing at 3/6? I say, you cannot; but you can get hens sent for cocks at that.

Extra Specials at 20/- & 30/- each.

N.B.—Persons not liking much noise, and wanting low and sweet singing birds, can be supplied by mentioning the fact with order.

All kinds of singing cages, song boxes, etc., in stock.

See my advt. on page 160.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

PURE ROLLERS.

Grand cocks, full song, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; approval: Martin Schright House, Chatteris.

ENGLAND'S ROLLER EXCHANGE,

We import every variety of German Roller, from 5/- to £5; we sell for cash or exchange for other livestock: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

HIGH-CLASS SEIFERT ROLLERS,

Guaranteed full song, day or gaslight, cocks, 1909 bred, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, same strain, 3/- each; two for 5/6; seven days' approval: John Wyre, Spring-st., Cradley, Staffs.

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breeder and trainer. Finest strain of Rollers in the country; trained to perfection, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hens, 2/6, two for 4/6; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright 15, Fairfield, Kidderminster. Established 1888.

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of the highest excellence, brothers to my recent silver cup winners at Leeds, Wakefield and Bury this season; Schoolmasters and contest singers, 20/- to 60/- each; hens, 10/- each; every bird guaranteed bred by myself and wearing closed club ring; not imported hot-house plants that die off when you have had them a week or two.—Foulds, 213, Brunswick-st., near Owen's College, Manchester.

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Every bird is perfectly trained, with wonderful length and variety of song, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; specially selected Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6. I have the largest stock in Staffordshire. Send for my price list, and testimonials; every bird on full week's approval; cash or deposit.

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NO "CHOPPERS," 5/6 & 6/6.

Real Beauties at 7/6 each.

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Bury—vhc, hc.
Hamburg—Six 1sts and special.
Bolton—1st and two 2nds.
Wolverhampton—1st and special for best bird.

THESE ARE GENUINE FACTS.

Note.—This is not a menagerie of animals and reptiles, but the premier depot for high-class Rollers, and our rooms are fitted up on the most approved principle. Fanciers are cordially invited to inspect the above without being pressed to purchase. Birds of the above strain, price 10/6, 12/6, 15/- and upwards; hens, of the same strain, 2/6, 3/6 and upwards; Matched pairs, to breed winners, from 12/6.

R. KREMNER,

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Just arrived, another lot of these famous musical-boxes, specially trained under Nightingale, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills; fit for any mansion, price 6/6, 7/6 8/6; real Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/-; hens 2/6; proper Roller singing cages, 2/-, with shutters, 2/9; also

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS,

not common Belgian, guaranteed pure Hartz, price 6/- and 6/6 each, two 11/6. These are imported direct from the Hartz Mountains, and are properly trained. Note—We have thousands of testimonials, and are patronised by all the Crystal Palace Judges, including Judges Bexson, Payne, Battye, Roe, Barnes, Vardy, etc., etc.—Send for new catalogue and testimonials for proof.

Just read these testimonials. All come over 200 and 300 miles away, and £20 given anyone if not real. Can be seen any time. "Mr. Patterson, Cork, Ireland.—Sir,—Glad to tell you Roller you sent me won the All-Ireland Roller singing contest here." "Mr. W. Burl, London, October 25th.—Sir, Hartz cock arrived safe, and started singing directly unpacked, and sang ever since." "Mr. Bagot, Glenny, Dublin.—Sir,—I am well pleased with Roller. He has sang continually ever since he came, day and night." "Mr. J. Campbell, Dublin.—Thanks for promptitude in sending Roller and cage within a couple of days from sending you the order. The bird was in Dublin singing for all he was worth." I have thousands others. I guarantee to give you every satisfaction; so order at once.

If you want some testimonials, send to me, and I will send you some just as received this week.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist & Judge, Preston, Lancs

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies and first crosses for sale cheap; approval: Wm. Beattie, 3, North Church-st., Dundee.

SALE, Buff Scotch Fancy hen, see report last week's Issue Irvine show: Burgess, 57, Townhead, Irvine.

SCOTCH Fancies, young, various colours, good sized stock birds, seen any time; no approval: Clark, Parkview, Kilbarchan.

SCOTCH Fancies, 1 buff hen, 1 buff-pied Len, good stock birds, seen any time: Andrew Howden, 6, Cochrane-place, Leith.

SCOTCH Fancies; Yellow Piebald cock, 20/-; Yellow-Green cock, 20/-; good young birds; approval: James McGregor, Duntrune-terrace, Invergowrie.

WORTH notice, grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

TWELVE Scotch Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, all colours, good stock, also 12 feeders, cheap to clear: Walter Lees, 216, Crown-st., Glasgow.

YELLOW and Buff pied cocks, yellow hen, yellow green hen; would exchange for good young buff hen: Duncan, 31, Flemington-st., Springburn, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale; yellow cock, yellow pied cock, £1 each; two buff pied hens, 15/- and 12/6; all 1909 birds; approval, deposit: Thompson Bros., Seremerston, Berwick.

SCOTCH Fancies, good stock, buffs, yellows, cocks from 15/-; hens from 25/-; approval, deposit; stamped reply, seen any time; Robert Fernie, Parkview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list. Cocks or hens from 12/6 each. See also my advertisement on page 160.—Rudd.

Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

Messrs. AMBLERS (late of Bradford), 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe, the champion Yorkshire breeders, Fountain head for winners or stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

J. BAILEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—8, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

WANTED, Yorkshires: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

PRIZE-bred Yorkshire hens, 3/6; pairs, 10/-: White, 259, Harrow-rd., London, W.

TO clear, 2 1909 buff Yorkshire hens, 7/6: Saunders, Feathers' Cigar Stores, Ealing, W.

YORKSHIRE cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; satisfaction guaranteed: W. Attle, 33, Giles-rd., Derby.

SEVEN healthy young Yorkshires, 3 cocks 4 hens, bargain, 25/- lot: Carr, 10, Albany-rd., Harrogate.

A few 1909 Yorkshire cocks from 6/6 each: Wait, The Lodge, Brockley Cemetery, Brockley, London.

ONE Cinnamon, 1 Buff, 1 Yellow cocks, 7/- each; house-moulted Linnet, beauty, 3/-: Coward, Organist, Stroud.

HIGH class Yorkshire cocks, from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited: Nash, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

GOOD Yorkshire cocks, cheap, 7 6, 10/-, songsters 5/-, hens 2/-: Hayes, 26, Salisbury-st., St. George, Bristol.

BARGAIN, 1909 Yorkshires, 3 cocks, 6 hens, 45/-, to clear: Chorlton 16, Brailsford-rd., Fallowfield, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, grand yellow cock, 7in., 2 buff hens, 12/6, 2 yellow hens 7/6; Seeney, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

MR. Silk, Emsworth, Hants, has 2 fine buff Yorkshire cocks, cheap, from his challenge cup winner; approval.

YORKSHIRE, 1909 yellow cock, leggy, for good slim 1909 Yorkshire buff hen: Pearson, 36, Warleigh-rd., Brighton.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, properly matched pairs, 21/-: Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

A few good Yorkshires to spare, from 15/-: W. Gutteridge, 159, Hallburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

TWENTY pairs long, slim Yorkshires for sale cheap for cash; state wants: Stake, Briggate, Brighouse, Yorks.

A few unflighted hens, 3/6 and 5/- to clear; smart typical, worth 10/- each: Paddock, 9, All Saint's-rd., King's Heath.

TWO pairs of Yorkshires, 1 cock winner, sell £1; no exchange; bargain: Burdett-place, May-place-rd., Bexley Heath.

MATCHED pair Yorkshires (yellow cock, buff hen), 8/6; approval, deposit: Thwaites, 55, Dawlish-rd., York-rd., Leeds.

YORKSHIRES, bred from or related to Palace winners; cocks, 7/6; hens from 3/6: Stewart, Albion-st., Whitehaven.

STILL a few Yorkshires for sale (cocks and hens), all bred from prize stock; approval: Murrell, Stationer, Spalding.

YORKSHIRES, young birds, cocks, in full song, 7/-, hens 3/6; gramophone wanted: Frost, Thorpe Hall, Bridlington.

YORKSHIRES, healthy cold room bred cocks, full song, 5/6, hens 2/6 each: Fordham, 16, Clifton-ter., Hudson-rd., Leeds.

WANTED pair of typical cold-bred Yorkshires, exchange good pair of typical Norwich: Darwin, Kirkhams, Manchester.

FIFTEEN pairs from 10/6 pair, upwards, cold room; on approval, cash or deposit: Cripps, 62, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

YORKSHIRES: A few good birds for sale, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, 6/-: Trachte, 171, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshire, from 12/6 pair; several hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, cocks 7/6, yellows, buffs, hens, yellow 6/-, buffs 5/-; approval, cash: Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

FOR sale, 3 Yorkshire cocks, 7/- each; 1 cock, 2 hen Mules, 8/-; 25/- the lot, or offers: Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset.

YORKSHIRES, two buff cocks, unflighted, 7/6 each; hens 5/- each; guaranteed bred from my winners: Rarfe, Pateley Bridge.

LONG slim Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; cocks, 8/-; hens from 3/6; 1909, cold-room: Wilkes, 223, St. John's-hill, Clapham Junction.

TWELVE good stock Yorkshires, odd cocks and hens for disposal, cheap; separately or lot: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-avenue, Yorks.

JAMES Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall, for quality, length and position; grand Yorkshire cocks and hens for sale, cheap; approval.

YORKSHIRE cocks, grand birds, no rubbish, 6/6, 7/6 each; on approval, cash or deposit: Price, Pontryffydd Lodge, Trefnant.

GRAND long slim Yorkshire cock, singing, cold-room bred, clear yellow, 8/-; approval: Stott, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

FEW long drawn slim Yorks and good stout Norwich, 1909, 12/6 pair, properly matched; approval: Dewis, Bond-st., Nuneaton.

CLEARING good Yorkshires; pairs, 12/6 and 15/-; cocks, 8/- and 10/-; approval, deposit: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

SEVEN magnificent matched pairs, 25/- to 30/- pair, worth double; approval; satisfaction: Negus, 4, Monmouth-rd., Abergavenny.

YORKSHIRES, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6; all on approval; cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

EXTREME VALUE

I can and do give in

High-Class Yorkshires.

Note following Prices, and have on approval. That will prove more than anything I can say. I have Clears, Greens, Cinnamons, and Cinnamon-marked. For testimonials, see page 160 this week, and page 128 of last week's "C.B."

COCKS—5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

HENS—2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.

PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

FOR sale, cheap, 1 buff cock, 1 buff hen, 2 yellow hens, Parke's strain; approval: H. Brown, 11, Tadman-st., Thornes, Wakefield.

FOR sale, grand lot Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6; hens 3/-; matched pairs for breeding, 10/-: Everard, May Cottages, Booking, Braintree.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, cold room bred; inspection invited: S. Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham, S.W.

CINNAMON-marked Yorkshire cocks, 7/-; high-class, cold-room; Cinnamon hens, 3/6: Hawes, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

TWO prize-bred lengthy cocks, unflighted Yellow and Buff, sacrifice 7/6 each; approval, deposit; Batteu, Rosevean-rd., Penzance.

J. Dobson has some good Yorkshires for sale, at reasonable prices, cocks from 10/6 each; approval, stamp: 18, East-rd., London, N.

WORTH notice, grand lot high-class Yorkshires, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

WELLS, runner-up Midland Yorkshire Championship, has still several grand birds; cheap; approval: Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

FINE upstanding Yorkshires pairs from 12/6; cocks 8/-; few odd hens, 3/6; seen Sunday or any evening: Cullan, 113, Maysoule-rd., Battersea.

RARE opportunity: Not having time am obliged to clear all my stock, including winners, cages, etc.; particulars: H. Watt, Melbourne, Derby.

CLEARS and ticks, yellow Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/- each; buff ticks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; week's approval, deposit: Jebson, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

COLD room, long stylish hens, breeding condition from 5/0, cocks from 5/6, related to winners; deposit approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

ONE yellow York cock, '08, not been used, 7/6; 5 variegated Yorkshire hens, from 3/6 to 6/-; approval: Dispensary, Erdington, Birmingham.

TEN Cinnamon-marked hens, 3 cocks, 10 dark-eyed hens, 8 cocks, both colours, in good condition; price for lot: Ferguson, Harlow-terrace, Harrogate.

THIRTY pairs Yorkshires, including cup winners North London and Leyton, from 8/6 pair; inspection invited: Bennett, 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, best and cheapest in England; send for list, post free; anything alive bought, sold or exchanged: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Belgium crossed, some over 7ins., from 7/6; also few good Norwich, same price; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE yellow cock, winner two 1sts, special, 30/-; buff cock, winner two 1sts, 3rd, £1, 1909; approval, cards sent: Wills, Westend, Wadebridge.

TWO yellow, 1 buff, young Yorkshire cocks, long leggy birds, excellent condition, prize bred, 30/-; offers cash: Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

GIVING up Yorkshires, 6 matched pairs and 4 hens, feather like wax, £6, cheap to clear; cash or deposit: Morris Brown, Heath, Waverton, Chester.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, related to my cup winners at some of the leading shows, cocks 10/-, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6; approval: Cross, 41, North-st., Dowlais.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 9/-, 10/-; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HIGH-class Yorkshires for sale, cocks 5/6, 6/6 upwards, hens 4/6, 5/6, 10/6; a few Belgian cocks and hens; approval, stamp: A. Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus.

THIRTY pairs of grand Yorkshires, from 12/6 pair; try my champion mixture, to bring birds in condition, 7d. quart: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

J. Burke has 80 Yorkshires for disposal, winners and direct from winners, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/-; approval, deposit: 72, Greenway-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6, hen cost 12/6; father of cock, 25/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 7/6, hen worth money: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

FEW 1909 Yorkshire cocks in full song, 7/6 each what offers for crossbred cockerel, yellow Budgerigar hen wanted: A. Munday, Buckland House Axminster.

WINNING Yorkshires: I have still a few pairs more for disposal, winner at Manchester, Blackpool, Altrincham, and leading shows: Brennan, 5, Earney-st., Altrincham.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven. West, Wood Green, grand yellow variegated cock 15/-, buff yellow cock 8/6 each, hens 4/-, Bailey's, Amblers' strains; approval willingly.

WILLIAM Clough can spare six pair high-class Yorkshires, 10/6 to 15/6, also few slim yellow hens 3/6, 4/6 each, Ogden's strain; approval: Lee Green, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

TO be disposed of, 3 good yellow Yorkshire cocks, and 3 buff, from 10/- to 25/- each, cheap, to clear; Ambler's pure strain; approval: H. C., Hedworth, Dudley-rd., Grantham.

COMPELLED through removal to dispose of forty Yorkshires, few winners, some grand stock birds, reasonable, on approval. State wants: Park, 9, Cambridge-st., Millom.

TWELVE Yorkshire cocks, yellows and buffs, 5/-, 6/- each, must be sold, having picked my stock birds, quality, good colour, extra (Bellamy's strain); apply: Field, 4, Lower-st., Kettering.

YORKSHIRES from best strains in the country, good upstanding birds; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; all colours, on approval: A. Hadley, Masonic Hall, Holyhead, N. Wales.

YORKSHIRES, last three, 7/6 each, 20/- the lot, also one winner, special and 1st only time shown, 15/-; another 12/6, full song, 1909; must clear: Boston, 15, Grand-parade, Harringay.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, typical self Green, 6/-; Yellow cinnamon-marked, 4/-; four cinnamon, 4/-; ticked Buff, 2/6; sound, healthy; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

YORKSHIRES.

Just one testimonial, out of scores similar, received during past few days: From, 12, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, February 14th, 1910,—The three Yorkshires to hand safe, and give me the best of satisfaction, same as previous birds you have sent me, including buff ticked cock, which has won many prizes at the leading shows. Fanciers requiring high-class Yorkshires, should give J. Taylor a trial and satisfaction is certain, J. W. White to J. Taylor. Champion prize-bred lengthy yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song, and guaranteed standard length (some over), in clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked; pairs, personally and carefully matched to breed own winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; extra good, stylish, leggy hens, yellows or buffs, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; all cold-room bred and kept, and in perfect health and feather. Inspection invited at any time, and over 500 to select from. Illustrated new price list post free. State wants to the old reliable firm, and one of the oldest advertisers in CAGE BIRDS, and avoid disappointment. All orders sent off same day as received, carefully packed, and safe arrival guaranteed any distance. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval.



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Champion large Norwich cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; Norwich hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; pairs, matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- 25/- per pair, in clears, green, marked, etc.; colour-fed or natural colour. Large Crested or Crest-Bred cocks, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, feather to beak end; Crested or Crest-bred hens, at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All colours in stock, "Barnett's" and "Joyce's strains; pairs matched at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; Sib hens for light or dark Mule breeding at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6 each. **Easy Payment System;** Birds sent off at once, on receiving first payment, in any of above varieties. Full particulars, terms, and price list post free. No extras charged, and same value given as if paying cash down. Kindly note; This is my only address, and no connection with anyone of same name. The old firm—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

FOUR cocks, 3 hens, yellow and buff, winners and bred from winners, best blood in the Fancy, cocks, 12/6; hens, 6/6; approval; cash or deposit: Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

SEVENTY prize-bred Yorkshire cocks to be cleared from 7/6, also a few good songsters 6/6 each; inspection invited: Clifford, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, 21, Nadine-st., Seedley, Manchester.

HARDY aviary-reared Yorkshire cocks, in full song, same strain, bred outdoors for years, 7/- each; two, 13/-; three, 18/-; four, 22/-; five, 25/-: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

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OGDEN Bros. have a few real good young Yorkshire cocks, yellow or buff, 10/- each, direct from our Jubilee Crystal Palace winners; approval, cash, or deposit with editor: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 7/6, grand matched pairs 10/- upwards; approval anywhere, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, bred from or related to my winners, stylish cocks, some 7 in. long, 7/6 to 20/-; grand hens, feathered like wax, 5/- to 15/-; in perfect health; approval: Relieving Officer, Driffield.

LONG slim typical Yorkshire Canaries, cold-room bred; Yellow or Buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; Yellow or Buff hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks, good length and quality, yellows or buffs, 7/6 to 20/-, a few nice stylish hens; also three real good matched pairs, cheap to clear; approval: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York.

MR. DODGSON has for disposal few high-class Yorkshires, from my well-known winning strain; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 6/-, 7/-; satisfaction guaranteed: 40, Priestman-terrace, Bradford, Yorkshire.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can spare a few good Yorkshires, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/6, pairs from 8/-; cash or deposit, stamp reply: J. Firth, 9, Munster-st., Wakefield-rd., Bradford; inspection invited.

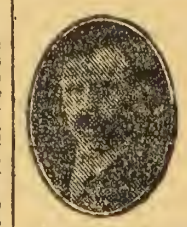
A. L. Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, is offering, through pressure of business, his selected stock of natural and colour-fed Yorkshires, all colours, at a great sacrifice; state requirements; seven days approval.

AN opportunity, owing to business reasons, I am compelled to dispose of my grand stock of Yorkshires, some 7 ins.; also cages, regardless of cost; approval; state wants: Welsh, 4, Holland-st., Higher Broughton, Manchester.

T. C. CRAWHALL, is disposing of his whole stock of Yorkshires, every bird is related to Crystal Palace winners; cocks from 7/6 to 40/-; hens from 5/- to 40/-; pairs to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-: 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LONG, slim typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, racy cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; upstanding hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belner.

Remember



4 Firsts, 3 Specials, Crystal Palace Show, 1910.

The above feat is quite sufficient proof as to the quality of my birds. I have also won hundreds of prizes at leading shows during this season. I have at the present moment a stock of over 3,000 birds in my rooms. I ask you to come on any day but Sunday, and see them for yourself. I will also show you piles of recent testimonials from all quarters, proving that I give complete satisfaction to my customers. I have sold birds that have won in every part of the Kingdom this present season.

I have every variety in stock, and can supply you at a moment's notice.

YORKSHIRES.—Champion stock or exhibition birds, guaranteed bred from the finest strains in the country; cocks, long, typical birds, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, lengthy, racy birds, in beautiful feather, and ready for nesting, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; matched pairs, to breed own winners, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

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CRESTS AND CRESTED-BRED.—Large, massive, feathery birds, from reliable strains; cocks or hens, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

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SEIFERT ROLLERS.—Large consignment just received; marvellous songsters; certain to please anyone, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Lizards, also in stock.

MULES.—Champion stock of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, guaranteed in full song, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; few light Mules for exhibition, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each.

SPECIAL TO AMATEURS.—You cannot possibly do better than send for one of my matched pairs of Yorkshires or Norwich, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, or 20/-, to breed your own winners. My birds have won a vast number of prizes this season. See reports of all leading shows.

Cages and appliances of every description in stock. Single breeders, 3/- and 3/6; double breeders, 5/- and 5/6. **EASY PAYMENTS ARRANGED,** without extra charge.

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JOE THOMAS,

Breeder and Exhibitor,

Ambler Thorn, Halifax.

W. Beaumont, champion Yorkshire novice 1908-9, offers clinking Yorkshires, cocks, yellows or buffs, clear or ticked, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/6, upwards; properly matched pairs, as bred with by myself, 12/6, 17/6 upwards; I breed all my own winners: King-st., Skelmanthorpe.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, 2 heavy variegated buff cocks, 1 vhc, and brother of my first and special winner, splendid quality, standard length, colour-fed, 10/- each, or 18/- two; also 2 songsters, 6/- each, 11/- two; cash, or deposit with Editor: Thornhill, 51, Donrd., Attercliffe, Sheffield

POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, long slim typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

GIVING up Fancy, must sell, 8 pairs of classic Yorkshires, properly matched for breeding, and several odd hens, all bred from winners; 8 Linnet-Canary and Goldfinch-Canary cock Mules, also parents of same, breeding cages, etc., no reasonable offer refused, inspection invited: Thorpe, 175, Elmhurst-mansions, Clapham.

LINDSAY'S champion Yorkshires, same strain as my challenge cup winners; nearly every bird I have shown this season has been in the money; they are of the highest possible breed, grand length, splendid type and quality, feathered like boxwood, undoubtedly one of the finest strains in the country, and cannot be got at double the price anywhere else; inspection invited: 202, King James-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

GREAT sacrifice; through business pressure must reduce immediately; about 120 typical, long, slim Yorkshires, in all colours, and fit for keen open competition; many winners amongst them; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/-; equal to any costing £2 or more; 7 days approval; inspection invited any day between 1 to 2.30 and 5.30 to 7: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRES.

"FIRST AND SPECIAL BEST IN SHOW."

Read following from "Cattwood Aviaries, Belper, January 31st, 1910. Sir,—Pleased to say buff Yorkshire cock safe to hand. Arrived in splendid condition, and consider him a perfect gem. Followed instructions given in your letter, and pleased to say he was benched in the pink on Saturday, 29th, winning **1st prize and special, special best Canary in show** (stood clear out in his class), and am perfectly sure you have given me far better value in this bird than the cash I sent you, and to prove how I appreciate your honourable treatment, shall recommend you to all fanciers I know. G. Elkins to L. Dykes. Another from 12, Sboro Street, Campbeltown, January 25th, 1910,—Just a line to let you know I got the bird all right, and I showed him, and he got 1st here at **Campbeltown Open Show.** John McLean to L. Dykes.



I hold scores of similar testimonials from present-day winning exhibitors, of winners sold and winners bred from stock birds I supplied them with. Further comment unnecessary, but if you want "show birds" or "stock to breed winners," Dykes' Reliable strain is what you require.

Champion, long, stylish yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; extra good buff cocks, at 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, all on full song, and for length, style and quality, cannot be beaten at higher prices. Grand racy, tight-feathered hens, yellows, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; buffs at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs, properly and carefully matched, to breed own winners, from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; in clears, ticked, green-marked, cinnamon-marked, and a few even-marked, colour-fed or natural colour, all guaranteed cold rooms bred and kept. Travelling cages 3d. extra.

Also some champion pairs of cobby Norwich, and large Crests and Crest-bred, at reasonable prices. Easy payments arranged, and birds sent off at once to any bona-fide fancier. All on seven days' approval at my risk, and safe delivery guaranteed any distance. State wants to the old, reliable breeder, exhibitor and judge, with a life's practical experience, who has won considerably over 200 cash prizes (including over 50 1sts), three challenge cups, and numerous specials for best birds, etc., etc., during the present season, at all leading shows (see reports), who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction. Inspection invited at any time; new season's price list post free on receipt of post card.

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CLINKING Yorkshires, grand stock pair, ticked buff cock, yellow hen, bred one nest '09, 1st, spl. 3rd, vhc, 20/-, bargain; wing marked yellow cock, '09, a stormer 14/-; buff hen to match, 7/6; clear yellow cock, 12/6; clinking buff hens, 6/- each; deposit, approval; seen Sundays or appointment: 156, Hartington-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, 3rd, vhc, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 2nd, 15/-; grand cocks, both clears and ticked, from 7/6; hens from 6/6 upwards; pairs properly mated to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair, all cold room kept; 26 years breeder and exhibitor; approval; prize cards sent: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds, all from winning strain, in all colours, and cold-room bred, at working-men's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 per pair, worth 20/- and 25/- per pair; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; will send carriage paid on seven days approval; cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, magnificent clear buff cock, £1; grand shapely clear buff cock, 15/-; another, lovely quality, 10/6; grand reachy clear yellow cock, 15/-, splendid yellow marked ditto, 10/6; lovely clear ditto, 10/6; magnificent clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; lovely marked ditto, 8/6; splendid clear buff hen 10/6; another grand reachy bird, 8/6; marked ditto, gem, 8/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; bred direct from winners; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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(late Murgatroyd and Son), Breeders over 20 years. Winning blood at reasonable prices. Cocks from 7/6 to 30/-; hens 5/- to 20/-; approval: 35, Lyttonrd., Girlington, Bradford.

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High-class Yorkshires, bred from my winning strain, cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 8/1; sent on approval, cash or deposit: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

HIRST'S

Yorkshires have been winning 20 years; Cinnamon marked buff, 12/6, wing ticked buff, 10/-; clear buff, 10/-; clear yellow, 12/6; marked yellow, 10/-; all in full song: hens, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

HIGH-CLASS YORKSHIRES CHEAP.

Having kept more stock birds than I have room for have a few for sale, cocks 7/6 to £1, hens 4/6 to 15/-; on approval; state wants: P. Brierley, 15, Cromer-aven., Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancashire.

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In champion competition this season my birds have won first prizes at the Palace, Horticultural Hall, Plymouth, Gloucester, Wimbledon; second prizes at Dulwich, Southend, Frome, S.G.C.C. trophy, L.C.B.A. cup. A few for disposal, guaranteed own breeding; approval, cash or deposit: Elsmore, Billet-st., Taunton.

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Yorkshires are still winning; have won during last few weeks 29 1sts, 27 2nds, and 23 3rds; have several winners for sale, and grand stock birds, all on very reasonable terms, cold-room bred, and all on approval; stamp for particulars.—G. W. Cuthbertson, Manor House, Hughington, via Darlington.

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Related to my winners of 20 1sts and other prizes at the Crystal Palace (1910) and other principal shows; also a few cocks; approval on deposit: Apply W. Binns, 9, Albert-ter., Blackpool.

J. WILCOCK,

Having selected my breeding stock, I have some real gems to part with, either cocks or hens, all cold room bred; sent of 3 days' approval: 14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

W. RICHMOND'S YORKSHIRES

Are still at the front; having won over 200 prizes this season at all the leading shows I can spare a few related to the winners at prices to suit all (Yorkshires only): 16, Mayfield-gro., Harrogate.

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Having again won the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. competition, making it the fourth time in succession, also National Green Marked Y.C.C. 10-guineas trophy, now that the show season is over we are compelled to part with some of the above winners, as it is impossible for us to breed with them all, as we have over 40 first prize winners in the keenest competition. Now is the chance to get the best living at reasonable prices. Please note, these are all our own breeding with the exception of one, so buy direct from the breeder. It is acknowledged that our strain throughout the British Isles produce winners yearly. During the last four years we have won more competitions than all other Yorkshire fanciers put together, including the highest honours at Crystal Palace; also, we won more 1st at Jubilee Crystal Palace Show than any other exhibitor, including champion diploma for best bird. Another victory at Crystal Palace, 1910, 2 firsts, 3 thirds, and fourth. Those who want to be successful on the show bench, try our properly-matched pair from 15/-, guaranteed to breed winners. All birds sent on approval. Deposit with Editor. Stamp for particulars: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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69, & 71, SCLATER ST., BETHNAL GREEN RD, LONDON, E.

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I have some real clinkers still for sale, either for show or stock, absolutely the best value in the Fancy. See reports leading shows; stamp for particulars.—Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Bradford.

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Challenge Cup winner 1907 and 1909, and numerous 1sts and special in open with birds bred by myself, has some real good birds for sale, cock from 7/6 to 25/-, hens from 5/- to 20/-; inspection cordially invited: 31, Nightingale-st., Darnall, Sheffield.

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West Haddon, Rugby, is selling entire stock of Yorkshires, including all his noted winners at Southall, Hanley, Bristol, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, etc.; cocks, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; matched pairs, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, all on approval; cash or deposit with "Cage Birds."

W. T. FURNISS,

having selected his breeding stock, can spare some clinking cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; a special point in my Yorkshires is they are good feeders; inspection invited; approval, deposit: 43, Hawthorne-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield.

DOUGLAS'S YORKSHIRES.

have won at 10 shows this season, 20 1sts, 13 2nds, 9 3rds; a few to dispose of, buff cock, 1st Whitehaven, 3rd Carlisle, 20/-; buff cock, 17/6; buff and yellow hens, from 3/6; own breeding; approval: Douglas, 17, King-st., Whitehaven.

Foreign Birds.

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We, in conjunction with Doria de Vou, Ltd., are the sole importers of the birds offered below, and we have over 7,000 Australian birds in stock at our shops. Visitors to town should call and compare with stock of sole importing naturalists, who have really to buy from us in small quantities as they get orders. We are also only genuine importers of Siberian birds. Red-headed Gouldians, 25/-; Black-headed, 15/-; Bicheno, 14/-; Painted Finches, £3 (very scarce); Crimson Finches, 20/-; Grass Finches, 14/-; Masked Finches, 10/-; Ruficandas, 14/-; Zehra Finches, 5/-; Yellow-winged Finches, 20/-; Zehra Doves, 7/6; Diamond Doves, 12/-; Plumed Ground Doves, 30/-; one only, very rare Brown White-winged Dove, £5; three only, Purple-crowned Lorrikeets (last few birds imported for first time); Chough, £1; Alpine Accentor, 8/6; Alpine Snowfinch, 10/-; usual Foreign birds, fish, etc.: 37, New Oxford-st., W.C.

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STRATFORD AND E. LONDON F.S. AND ILFORD F. AND F.S.

The members of these societies, the former of which is the premier London Society, had a gala night on Feb. 10, at the Workmen's Hall, Romford Road, Stratford, where there was a record gathering from all parts on the occasion of the distribution of the challenge cups, rose bowls, silver medals, prize money, and some 60 specials to the successful exhibitors at the recent combined show. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Smith, who is chairman of both societies. The large club-room in which the gathering took place looked like a veritable silversmith's establishment, the large collection of challenge cups and bowls (10 in number), medals, etc., being on view. The chairman, after apologising for the absence of the president, Mr. T. H. Harrison, and congratulating the members upon the successful result of the recent experiment of a combined show, called upon the secretary, Mr. W. Maxey, the veteran mouse fancier, to report the financial result, which (as is not always the case) proved to be a most satisfactory one. Members of the Stratford Society are reminded that the annual meeting will be held at headquarters on 24th February, at 8 p.m.—W. Maxey, hon. sec.

ULSTER O.A,

Annual meeting held in Clarence-place Hall on February 4th, Mr. Bamford (the president) in the chair. The balance-sheet, on the proposition of Mr. Barclay, seconded by Mr. Cumming, was adopted as read. As the funds in hands and at bank are not as large as is desirable. After some discussion and suggestions it was decided to hold a ballot this year on much the same lines as the last held some ten or twelve years ago. The details are to be gone into by the committee at a special meeting. All present promised a singing bird and cage. The election of office-bearers for 1910 resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Bawford; secretary and treasurer, Robert Trimble; committee, Messrs. Neill, Ronaldson, Carson, Coates, Teasey, Gray, Barclay, Connell, Stewart, Cumming, Fleming, and Lavery; trustees, Messrs. Connell and Cummings; auditors, Messrs. Barclay and Coates. The names of suitable judges were also adopted and placed in order of votes. Mr. Barclay suggested that we have a specialist judge for Mules and British birds this year, and offered to pay half fee. Two other members also offered to subscribe. Those present considered the offer very fair, and it was agreed unanimously to have a specialist judge for the British and Mule sections, and it is hoped fanciers will give us a bumper entry. It was decided to have our show on the usual date, viz., the first Friday and Saturday in December, and all present felt that it would be one of the best ever held by the association.—Robert Trimble, Sec.

FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on 15th Jan., in the Granite Bar, Castle Street, Mr. J. Stevenson (pres.) in the chair. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £11 18s. 2d., which was considered very satisfactory, and promised well for the future success of the society. The following were elected for 1910: Patrons, Earl of Strathmore, Mrs. Gray, Miss Lawson, Admiral Drummond, Col. Cardyne, Capt. Cheape, J. B. Don, Esq.; hon. president, Mr. J. Scott; hon. vice-presidents, Provost Moffat, D. Johnston, G. Middleton, W. Ferguson, A. McKay, J. Aberdein; pres., Mr. J. Bowman; vice-pres., Mr. J. Stevenson; sec. and treas., W. Grewar, 20, North Street; auditors, Messrs. J. Stevenson, and D. Lawson; committee, Messrs. G. Shepherd, G. Nicoll, J. Campbell, J. Fyfe, James Grewar, John Grewar, P. Taylor, W. Brown, C. Kennedy, J. Laird, D. Kydd, P. Falconer, and H. Bowman. It was agreed to hold an open show this year. Mr. J. Bowman offered a cup for competition; the announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and Mr. Bowman was heartily thanked. A large and enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the retiring pres. and the new pres.—Ordinary monthly meeting was held on Feb. 5th, in the Granite Bar, Mr. J. Bowman (pres.), in the chair. It was agreed to hold our open show on 22nd October; the classification and judges were left over meantime. Messrs. Bowman and W. Grewar offered to guarantee two classes for Greens; which was accepted. We intend to offer a liberal classification, good prize money, and a host of valuable specials. We hope fanciers will remember us, and they can rest assured we on our part will do our utmost to give satisfaction.—W. Grewar, sec and treas.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Third meeting held on February 12th at headquarters, Portland Arms, when it was arranged to hold a stock pair show of Canaries. Mule and Hy. d pairs on February 26th, 1910. The show will open to visitors from 8 p.m., free.—J. H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth annual party held on Feb. 5th, at headquarters, Railway Hotel, when a large number of fanciers sat down to a good knife-and-fork tea provided by Mrs. Lawson. After tea Mr. P .Hart (hon. sec.), took the chair. Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston) gave a grand lecture on his experiences with the Norwich, which was greatly enjoyed. He put everything so plainly that some of our friends who were not fanciers joined the society afterwards. After the lecture a very enjoyable musical evening was spent.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C.

Committee meeting held on January 15th, in the Church Schools, Great Horton, Mr. J. Hartley (vice-president) in the chair. It was decided to join with the other specialists clubs and the Yorkshire Union in having a united social and prize distribution in March, the following sub-committee being appointed: Messrs. Ogden, Chittenden, Towers, and Garnett. A number of subscriptions being still unpaid, the secretaries will be pleased if the members will forward same at their earliest convenience, so as to enable them to get the accounts into shape for the annual general meeting. The following are the winners of the various competitions subject to corrections:—Open Competition: 1st, Ogden Bros., 183 points; 2nd, H. H. Towers, 174; 3rd, A. Cooper, 167; 4th, A. Jowett, 95. Cage Birds Competition: 1st, T. Bentley, 79; 2nd, P. Drake and Son, 39; 3rd, A. Wright and Son, 13. Novice Competition: 1st, W. Richmond (Harrogate), 121; 2nd, E. Clegg, 87; 3rd, F. Gelder, 62; 4th, S. B. Grayshon, 55; 5th, E. Grange, 32.—Garnett and Towers, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

The above-named committee met on February 12th at the Market Tavern, Mr. D. Sunderland occupying the chair. Final arrangements were made for the great prize distribution on March 5th, which promises to be a splendid success, and the committee are desirous that all who can possibly do so, will be present at the dinner in order to give our guests on this occasion a right royal Yorkshire welcome. I might just mention, for the benefit of those who do not already know, that the dinner will be held at the Market Tavern on March 5th, at four o'clock, price 1s. 6d. per head. All desirous of attending should notify the secretary to that effect, not later than February 26th to avoid disappointment. A sub-committee was appointed to arrange the programme for the social, consisting of Messrs. D. Sunderland, J. Greaves, and H. Hill. The toast list was arranged, and a resolution passed, that the secretaries of each specialist society meet at 2.30 to unpack and arrange the prizes. All the artistes who were approved of at the last meeting have accepted the invitation, and the musical portion of the evening, with such talent behind it, will be a treat. Yorkshiremen, don't forget the date of this event.—H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle-terrace, Thornton-lane, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The Council met on February 12th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. R. Halliday (president) in the chair. A very important item of business was considered, arising out of certain accusations brought by Messrs. H. Kaye and F. Firth before the last Council meeting, before whom they had been brought for borrowing and lending birds. The evidence of the men who were implicated in the charges was taken separately, and after an investigation which lasted over three hours, the Council returned the following verdict: "That the accusations made against Messrs. A. Radley, J. Helliwell, Hobson Lodge, Harry Lodge, A. Kilner, L. Dyson, W. Wadsworth, A, Haigh, and M. Peel, all of Skelmanthorpe (Huddersfield), could not be substantiated by the accusers, in the evidence placed before the Council, and that these gentlemen be exonerated from all blame." The cases of the Messrs. H. Kaye and F. Firth and also of Mr. S. Jenkinson (who admitted having lent and borrowed birds for exhibition purposes) were taken separately, and the following sentences were passed by the Council: F. Firth and S. Jenkinson to be suspended sine die during the pleasure of the Council, and H. Kaye to be expelled from the Union. The secretary was also instructed to inform the secretaries of the London Federation of C.B.S. and the Cage Bird Union with regard to the Council's suspension of these men from further exhibiting. Mr. F. Firth having tied for the 12th novice gold medal, it was proposed to award the medal to Mr. S. Haigh. The new rules, alterations, and additions, were submitted to the Council, prior to their being printed on the ballot papers; these will be sent out by post during the course of the next fortnight, and it is hoped societies will discuss them before they are returned to the scrutineers, thereby stimulating interest in the annual ballot, and ensuring a better return of voting papers than has hitherto been the case. I should esteem it a favour if all members who have changed their address, and not notified me to that effect, will do so at once to ensure their getting the ballot papers. Several items of new business were thoroughly discussed by the Council, and these will no doubt be beneficial to members. The printing of the ballot papers was given to Mr. L. Hodgson (Bradford). I should like to draw the attention of all advertisers in the Union's Handbook, who have not yet paid for their advertisements, that the financial year of the Union is nearing its end, and I shall be pleased to receive same at their earliest convenience.—H. Hill, Secretary, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Mountain Ash.—March 3rd, Workmen's Institute.—Judge, Mr. J. Dummett. 12 (open to Wales and Monmouthshire) classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close February 28th, to W. H. Hillman, 24, Edward-street.

ROUND THE STALLS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

The pagoda-like stall of Messrs. Jas. Carter and Co. (the King's seedsmen, High Holborn, London, W.C.) is a well-known sight to visitors to the Crystal Palace show—one of the first things to meet the eye, in fact, as you enter the showroom. And there are few visitors who miss inspecting the feast of seeds which "Good Old Carter" spreads for them. The reputation for quality which this firm enjoys is world-wide, and the exhibits afford fanciers an object lesson as to what the best of seeds should look like—a lesson which naturally they are not slow to take. This year Messrs. Carter had on view particularly choice samples of Spanish Canary, summer rape, and hemp seeds, and were kept busy booking orders for these and their other specialities, including their celebrated grit sand, and teazle, maw, niger, and other seeds. Carter's packet foods, too, were in great demand, for they are made up to meet the fanciers' requirements. These goods, and Carter's packet Parrot food (a fine blend), can be obtained at all seed stores. For upwards of 20 years Messrs. Carter have supplied the seeds for feeding the exhibits at the Palace show. Their reputation for reliable flower and vegetable seeds, too, is equalled by very few firms in the world, and certainly excelled by none.

Messrs. Fox and Lewis, Ltd., Granville House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C., who have recently come right into the front rank as a firm which supplies seeds and foods of the very choicest character, had a most striking exhibit near the main entrance. Their stands were distinguished by the many convenient packet mixtures (such as Canary, Linnet, Finch, etc.), put up ready for immediate use—mixtures which inspection showed were obviously compounded by those who knew precisely the kind of seed-blends that different birds require, a point in which packet foods do not always shine. Thus Fox and Lewis' special mixtures have acquired a big vogue amongst bird-keepers who desire to feed their pets correctly and at the same time avoid the trouble and time which are taken up by the mixing of the various seeds at home. The loose seeds (in bulk), of which Messrs. Fox and Lewis had a really splendid display, also attracted a great deal of attention. Their best Spanish Canary seed is "great" in every sense of the word, and the hemp, teazle, summer rape, niger, sunflower, maw, etc., hard to equal, while distinguishing features were their uniformly well-ripened character and absolute freedom from dust. This firm also supplies a high-grade Parrot mixture, ants' eggs, thistle, dandelion, and similar seeds, bird medicines, etc. Their egg and biscuit food will be well-known to our readers. Messrs. Fox and Lewis have had a tremendous run upon this indispensable article, and it has undoubtedly "come to stay." It is now known as "Eggbiskt," and is being put up in two strengths—50 per cent. egg and the same of biscuit, for rearing the young birds during the first week of existence, and 25 per cent. egg to 75 per cent. of biscuit, for use afterwards, and upon all other occasions when an egg-food is needed. The 25 per cent. strength is sold at half the price of the 50 per cent. strength, and the innovation is being greatly appreciated. Messrs. Fox and Lewis experienced an exceedingly brisk time.

The stall of Messrs. Hyde and Co., Ltd. (Lilford Road, Camberwell, S.E.), was very pleasingly set out with the firm's noted specialities, chief amongst these being the packet foods, which have achieved such world-wide fame and made the name "Hyde" known to practically everyone who keeps a pet bird. Their "aesthetic seed mixture" has a reputation of long years' standing as a splendid food for domestic songsters, one that will keep them in health and song the year round, if now and again varied with a little of Hyde's noted "Hartz Mountain Bread" and a sprig or two of green food, with, of course, a regular supply of their "Iron Tonic Grit." Messrs. Hydes also put up a special "Canary Mixture" (free from hemp), and many useful and tried bird medicines, notably their "Lung Drops" (for colds, etc.), and "Tonic Syrup." Other specialities which have met with every success are the "Finch Seed Mixture," "Parrot Food," and "Lark Food," the latter being just the thing to feed Larks, Thrushes and Blackbirds well and economically. All Messrs. Hyde's goods are of the finest quality only, scrupulously clean, and prepared by those who have an intimate knowledge of bird-keeping and the requirements of birds.

The palm for the prettiest and most attention-arresting exhibit in the whole of the trade section must certainly go to the "H.D.S." Syndicate, Ltd., 42, Poultry, London, E.C., for the display which so effectively placed their "Ever-ready Movable Cage Bracket" before the bird-keeping public. It was well conceived from the advertising point of view, and most artistically carried out. The main feature was a representation of a window, and to this one of the "Ever-ready" brackets was attached, with a brass cage suspended from it. The bracket itself is one of those splendidly simple ideas which make us all wonder why on earth we ourselves never thought of it. Moreover, it is so useful and effective that everyone who sees it must needs buy it. Needless to say, the "Ever-ready" sold like the proverbial "hot cakes." By means of this ingenious appliance a cage can be hung at a window without the slightest trouble, and the bird will be entirely out of draughts; then at night (or, of course, any time desired) bracket and cage can be removed in an instant and be refixed at another spot—against a wall, for instance. How this is accomplished readers should find out by ordering an "Ever-ready" bracket; which is an immense advance on the old-fashioned nails and chains, and very cheap (10d. post free) and handsome in appearance.

At the stall of Liverine, Ltd. (Grimsby), very brisk business was the order of the day, Mr. Hendric King, who so capably superintended, being kept continually on the move showing and explaining various goods his firm had on view. And a really splendid display it was that this noted North of England firm put before us. That the requirements of the fancier and his birds are well understood and properly catered for by Messrs. Liverine, Ltd., was convincingly established by an inspection of their stall. Their noted "sing-song" mixture for Canaries, etc., is a most suitable blend of choice, thoroughly screened seeds, one that can be used with every confidence to attain the maximum of health and song. Another exceptionally good line is "Griterine," one of the finest coverings for the cage floor that we have seen, besides containing every element to help the bird grind up its food in the crop, and thus assimilate it perfectly. "Griterine" is truly a health-giving article. Messrs. Liverine also put up a "home-made food" suitable for Larks, Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., and we heard many favourable comments passed upon it. It is very cheap, though every ingredient is of the finest quality. Egg-bread and egg-flake (made from English farmyard eggs), Parrot food and grit, Parrot tonic, Bean-plume (a grand cleanser for washing birds), Bird Tonic (for asthma, loss of voice, etc.), ants' eggs, dried flies, etc., are a few more of the specialities which, by reason of their excellence, have brought the name of Liverine so prominently before the Fancy.

Inside the show-room, adjacent to the annexe in which were the Roller Canaries, Mr. C. Roehl (400, Edgware-road, London, W.), had a most attractive and complete stand of all the cages (breeding, stock, song, show, etc.) and special goods required by the Roller Canary enthusiasts. He was doing a very brisk business and also found a ready demand for the sweet-voiced Rollers, which are a speciality of his, whether for contests or for home pets, and of which a large number were displayed on the stall, adding greatly to the charm of the show by their brilliant vocalisation. All Mr. Roehl's goods are of the very best quality, and some of the special cages and appliances he had on view are wonderfully ingenious, and quite indispensable to the Roller fancier who desires to succeed in his particular branch of the hobby. Mr. Roehl informed us that he had distributed quite a record number of his special illustrated catalogues, but no doubt he has still a few left should any reader desire one and apply to him for it.

An extremely tasteful display of picture postcards, photographs of the judges, the show, etc., was made by Messrs. Russell and Co. (The Studios, Crystal Palace, London, S.E.), and many were the visitors who carried away mementos of their visit from this stall. Any fancier or reader who failed to secure a picture postcard commemorative of this year's exhibition, can have one on sending three 1d. stamps to Messrs. Russell; or a selection (judges, etc.) at 2d. each card.

A huge stall, containing a magnificent display of cages and general bird-room requisites, was that of Mr. R. A. Newley (24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.). It attracted a great deal of attention from fanciers and visitors generally, and Mr. Newley informed us that he had had a highly successful time—he believed his orders would prove to exceed by a good round sum the business done at last year's Jubilee Show, which up to now had been his record. He also remarked upon the large number of orders he had received from titled and other distinguished personages, a large number of whom paid a visit to the Palace while the show was in progress. Mr. Newley's goods, however, are of such high quality and finish, and so thoroughly practical, that they never fail to "catch the bird-keeper's eye," who knows a good thing when he sees it as well as anybody. Mr. N. is not content to "mark time." Every year he give us some improvement in his cages, and these are always improvements of value, showing that they are the work of one who is a practical bird-keeper as well as a cage-maker—one who knows precisely what the fancier wants and will appreciate. Hence the interest Mr. Newley's exhibits always arouse, and the big business they lead to. His Canary breeding cage models for 1910 sold "like wild-fire" at 4s. 6d. single pattern, 8s. 6d. double, and 15s. 6d. three-compartment; these are of the highest class, enamelled and completely fitted. Mr. N.'s special muling cage, with a compartment for running the Finch into, and his Finch, Nightingale, Thrush, etc., stock cages were other leading lines. For style and finish all Mr. Newley's goods would be difficult to beat, and they brought him a gold, two silver, and a bronze medal in the show.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.) had on view samples of his world-renowned peppers for the 1910 season, and naturally, in view of the importance of colour in show birds, these were closely inspected by breeders and exhibitors. The general verdict was that this year "R.P." would stand even higher in favour than ever before, if this be possible. Certainly it has never been our lot to inspect a better sample of sweet (tasteless) pepper than that Mr. Ramsden has obtained for the coming season. It is beautifully ground, while its colour is simply marvellous; further, it is, as before, guaranteed absolutely pure and free from all adulterants. It should command a record sale. Mr. Ramsden's hot (Natal) pepper is also a sample of the highest possible quality and colour, and will of a surety stand high in the estimation of those who consider it advisable to blend their sweet pepper with a little of the hot variety.

New-comers to the Palace Show were Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd. (Cardiff), and their stall made a highly favourable impression, being both tastefully arranged and packed with goods calculated to forcibly appeal to keepers of birds. The attendants in charge (including that well-known London fancier, Mr. E. S. Lugg) had a very busy time explaining the many merits of their firm's specialities, and good business was the result. This firm means to capture the fanciers' trade, if at all possible, by offering mixtures specially put up for the various breeds Their Roller Canary seed mixture is an example of how they propose doing it. It is a grand mixture, and at 3d. the packet should meet with high favour Their wild seed (in packets) is also very good, and other first-class specialities are their Foreign bird, Canary, Finch, Linnet, and Parrot mixtures, Thrush food, Magpie food, Dove food, grit, sand, etc., while they have an "exterminator" for red mite and grey lice which is highly recommended.

Those old and tried servants of the fancier and the Fancy, Messrs. Trower and Company (442, Caledonian-road, London, N.), had a wonderful stand of seeds and foods opposite the main entrance to the show enclosure—a stand which was literally besieged by the visitors, especially on the Saturday, when a large staff of attendants was busily employed from morning to night. Mr. Trower, in a few minutes' conversation we managed to snatch with him, expressed the opinion that all records had been easily left in the rear so far as actual business transactions were concerned—his order book certainly bore a remarkably prosperous look. Messrs. Trowers' goods have been known to the Fancy for many long years, and their reputation is of the highest, while it is always the endeavour of this firm to lessen the labour of the fancier by supplying seed mixtures and foods exactly suited to the needs of the birds he keeps, in just the form and quantities, in fact, that he would mix them in his own house. Messrs. Trower know exactly what the different species of birds, be they Hardbills or Softbills, British or Foreign, require. Their various seed mixtures have a remarkable sale, while "Cecto" has become a household word with keepers of delicate Softbills. A new Lark Food has just been put on the market—a fine recipe. Their "Egg-bisko" is going very strong as an admirable substitute for home-made egg and biscuit; their Finch "Tit-bits" also have a very wide sale. Messrs. Trower had on view a splendid lot of seeds in the bulk, all thoroughly ripened and remarkable for their absolute freedom from dust. The "giant" Spanish Canary was especially good. An astonishing assortment of egg-pans, nest-pans, and other white earthenware goods, completed a display of which Messrs. Trowers had every reason to be proud.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

L. ADAMS, Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone, Kent. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, etc.; life experience. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

ALB. BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road, Great Harwood. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 20 years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign; Specialist Hyb. and Brit. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds; specialist Mules, British and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties British birds and Mules; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. 30 years' experience.

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CAGE BIRDS, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

I expect my new price list will be ready to send out next week, writes Mr. E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard).

I have sold my commended Palace Show Bunting to a well-known exhibitor, writes Mr. W. Lowne (Gt. Yarmouth).

We learn that Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) has been engaged to judge the cage birds at Dover show on November 2nd next.

The Aberdeen O.S. annual show has been fixed for December 16th and 17th, in the ballroom, Music Hall Buildings.—J. Bryson, secretary.

We have secured the services of Mr. Robert Lambie (Whitburn) to judge at our show on November 12th, writes Mr. George Smith, the secretary of Grangemouth and Dis. O.S.

The London and Counties O.A. are holding their pair show on February 19th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C. Opens at 2 o'clock, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary.

In order to attract new members to this society, we have decided to hold a table show on Saturday, February 26th, open to all comers, whether members or not. We have fixed up three classes, stock pairs Norwich, stock pairs Crests, and A.O. British. Entrance 6d. per cage. A special prize (value 7s.) will be given in each class; remainder of prizes in money on the sliding scale, most points to count for the specials. Birds are to be staged by 5.30 p.m., and judging is to commence at 6 p.m. The show will be held in the club room at the "Grapes" Inn, Platt Street.—J. Walmsley, secretary, Nottingham and Dis. Permanent O.S.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), has been engaged as judge for Bolton show, October 14th, also Hucknall Torkard October 28th.

Kindly note my address, which is 34, St. Philips Street, Witton, Blackburn, writes Mr. T. Slater, secretary of the National Quality Linnet Singing Association.

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Please thank the many who sympathised with me in my trouble re my husband's accident. I am also advertising birds I have left in this week's issue. Wishing your most valuable paper every success, which it truly deserves.—Mrs. A. Martin (Lancaster).

I have resigned the position of secretary to the Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A., owing to pressure of other business, writes Mr. W. G. Richardson, and all letters in future should be addressed to Mr. J. R. Evans, 11, Industrial Terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne, who has again taken up his old position as secretary.

The "Pocket-postcard-programme" of the Exeter and District C.B.S. bespeaks a very busy and practical year for the society. The papers to be given during the season are of a representative character, and are by practical fanciers. Particulars may be had of the secretary, Mr. R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Road, Exeter.

Should any exhibitor at the Crook Original Cage Bird F. and F.S. Show, have been inadvertently overlooked, re the payment of prize money and specials, will he please apply at once to us, as the new secretaries? write Messrs. F. Brown and J. Horner, Railway Avenue, Crook.

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Mr. P. H. Harris (London, W.C.) desires me to inform you that he has purchased the well-known winning Linnet lately shown under the name of Hopkins and Allsopp, writes Mr. E. Allsopp (Swindon).

Kindly note my change of address from Old Barge House Wharf to Lower King and Queen Wharf, Rotherhithe, London, S.E., writes Mr. H. E. Tringham.

My cinnamon marked yellow, second prize at the Crystal Palace, won for me at the Jubilee Palace Show last year. I am very pleased to have been able to beat it this year with my unsighted yellow.—H. H. Towers (Keighley).

The Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S. annual members' show takes place at Naish's Royal Stores, The Hayes, Cardiff, on February 23rd. Twenty-eight classes are provided, and the judges are Messrs. F. D. Jones, E. J. Banks, and H. G. Ford.

At the last meeting of the Hull Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, the hon. secretary, it was unanimously decided to leave the Cage Bird Union, and to run our next open show (fixed November 18th and 19th), without their rules.

Fanciers desiring to join this progressive club, writes Mr. J. H. Willows, hon. secretary of the Midland Roller Canary Club, should send in their names at once, so that they can be included in this year's list of members in the rule-book.

Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) and F. Marwood (Thornaby) have been engaged to judge the Canary and British bird sections respectively at our annual open show on October 15th, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. secretary, Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.

The Luton Cage Bird Society have decided to extend their radius 20 miles, so I shall be pleased to enrol members; 2s. 6d. There are nine valuable cups in competition. For further information will fanciers please apply to me?—E. Cherry, secretary, 4, Peel Street, Luton.

I must really thank you for the splendid drawing your artist, Mr. Norman, has made of my Border Fancy buff cock bird, 1st at the Crystal Palace. It is correct type and very life-like, and reflects great credit on him. I wish Cage Birds every success.—Wm. Mossie (Annbank Station).

The British Bird Show of the Rochdale O.C. will be held this Saturday, February 19th, when there will be a splendid show of British birds, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, the secretary. We shall be pleased to see old and new fanciers. We have a very grand club room, where good old Cage Birds is taken.

Kindly inform our numerous customers and the readers of Cage Birds (to which we owe all our advertising success), that our address is now 2, Orchard Terrace, George Lane, South Woodford, Essex, where we hope to be favoured with their continued patronage.—The Wholesale Canary Co. (Leyton, N.E.).

May I call special attention to our fixture for April 5th, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. secretary, Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., when Mr. Silver will lecture on the "Protection of British Birdkeepers"? In view of the law case now pending, this should prove of special interest to all lovers and keepers of British birds. We give them all a hearty welcome to this meeting, and we trust they will turn up in full force and, incidentally, help to swell the fund Cage Birds is raising to fight the case.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., and all communications respecting the business of the society should be addressed to me, at 23, Garden Street, Macclesfield. And I desire it to be known to readers of Cage Birds that we have now no radius, but an open membership, the subscription for same being 4s. per annum.—H. Wallworth, hon. secretary.

We have paid out all prize money, although we had a loss of about £27 on our last show, writes Messrs. McLucas and James, hon. secretaries, Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and District F. and F.S. Several matters no doubt accounted for this. We advertised very extensively last year, paid about £11 for judges, and there were a few large shows on the same date as ours. These matters we put down as the chief causes of our loss, and we also considerably extended our classification. In one case, however, the letter containing the prize money was returned, and we could not find the right address, viz., Mr. Sanders (Bristol); no doubt he will apply later. We hope to run another show this year, when we expect to have more success. Please note our change of address to 16, Margaret Street, Hopkinstown, Pontypridd. We wish to return thanks to those exhibitors who kindly sent back a donation towards reducing our deficiency.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. HOPKINS (Swindon).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Allsopp (Cardiff), I inform you of the death of my friend and partner, Mr. J. Hopkins, of Swindon, on February 4th, after three weeks of painful illness. For 30 years Mr. Hopkins has been closely associated with the cage-bird Fancy, and he faithfully represented that class of fancier who, by dogged determination, helped to make the Fancy what it is to-day. In his early days, when residing in Lancashire, Scotch Fancies and Cinnamons claimed his attention. Soon after his removal to Swindon, now some 20 years since, Crests were the favoured variety, and with these he enjoyed considerable success. Of late years, however, he had been patiently engaged in building up a strain of Sibs., and by the number of variegated Mules bred each year there can be no doubt that his long experience was serving him well. If Mr. Hopkins had a weakness for any particular kind of bird, it was the Goldfinch, of which species he always had a choice collection. He not only was a keen judge of Goldfinches, but well knew how to cater for them. Always of a quiet, unobtrusive character, he nevertheless was one of those strong and lasting pillars which the Fancy can ill spare. By his sterling qualities he had risen to the high position of a foreman in the locomotive works, and had earned the respect of both his masters and men, a hundred of whom followed him to his last resting place. A sorrowing wife and grown-up family are left to mourn a kind and loving husband and father.

Mr. J. G. MOAKES (South Normanton).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. Driver (South Normanton), that I have to inform you of the death of one of our esteemed fanciers in the person of Mr. J. G. Moakes, of South Normanton, Alfreton, who passed away on February 15th from consumption, at the age of 32 years. He leaves a widow and three little children.

Mr. A. THORPE (Harrogate).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. George Henry Barnwell, hon. secretary, Harrogate C.B.S., that I have to mention that we have lost one of our most respected members—Mr. Arthur Thorpe, at the early age of 32. He was of a most kind and genial disposition, and a man who possessed a real genuine fancier spirit. His Fancy was the Yorkshire Canary, and he officiated as judge on one or two occasions at our members' shows, at which he gave every satisfaction. He was laid to rest on February 12th, and was followed to the cemetery by members of the society, who also sent a beautiful floral tribute. He was very highly respected by his fellow men, who turned up in a good number to pay their last respects to their dear friend.

Members are particularly requested to let secretary have their entry forms in early for the show of British birds, Canary and Hybrid pairs, to be held on February 24th, at "Earl of Wakefield," Katherine Road, East Ham, writes Mr. H. Rutter, hon. secretary of the East Ham F.S. All exhibits must be staged by 8 p.m. sharp. A silver spoon will be given for best pair, and a silver spoon for best British. On March 1st, Mr. C. W. Mead will at headquarters show members "how to make a cage," and it is hoped there will be a good muster of members. The cage will be sold for the benefit of the club.

Having received an invitation from the Rev. G. Hall-Wallis, Pastor of Park Chapel, the society's headquarters, to partake in a service specially organised for bird fanciers next Sunday evening, February 20th, writes Mr. H. Hill, hon. secretary of the Bradford East O.S., we are desirous of extending this invitation to any of our fellow fanciers who would like to participate in this service. The society decided at its last meeting to make the event an annual affair, and this being the first one of its kind we should like a representative gathering. The pastor is well known as a speaker in Bradford, and his subject will be "Birds." Sacred solos will be sung by Mrs. Wilson Laycock (soprano), and the service all through promises to be a bright and instructive event. The service will commence at 6 o'clock. I feel sure that every fancier who takes an interest in this kind of work at all will try and extend to us the help we so urgently require. Kindly note directions: Park Chapel, New Cross Street, West Bowling.

The Preparation of Goldfinches and Bullfinches for Hybrid Breeding.

By Albert Burtenshaw.

I hope these notes may afford my readers some slight information that will be of benefit to them. I think the subject a most interesting one, and a most trying one too. The ups and downs that one comes in contact with are very trying, and many give up the hobby and pleasure of bird breeding on their account. The first thing one wants to possess is patience; without it, it is useless, in fact, to make a start.

Treatment during Winter.

I will first give you what I think a good system of treatment for the Finches through the winter months. There are many methods, but the one I have found the most useful is to let the Finches be together as soon as they are clean moulted. By your so doing they get on good terms with each other. Let them remain until the second week in April. Then part them in the same cage with a sliding wire partition.

In the choice of a Goldfinch (cage-moulted or fresh-caught), it little matters which of the two you have; I prefer the latter when it is steady—a nice large bird with good markings.

As to the hen Bullfinch, I do not like the short round birds, as I have not found them equal to the long sided ones, that stand well up on the perch and are not always crouching. I like the birds not too thick across the breast, but nice and long.

When feeding your birds, see what seeds each one takes the most kind of, and use your own judgment as to the supply of staple foods. I have found the following most suitable for the Goldfinches:—Get a good supply of wild seeds, such as thistle-heads, hard-heads, plantain, dock, hemp, Canary, rape, teazle, and a few sunflower seeds. For the Bullfinch hen supply sunflower seeds, dock, plaintain, privet berries, blackberries, ants' eggs, and in the springtime give twigs (with buds on) cut from the willow, poplar, or any fruit tree that is well budded. The latter always do the Bullfinch good, as it is naturally a bud eater.

Preparing Cages for the Nesting.

The cages should be as large as possible; the larger the better. They should have big doors to them (the birds want a lot of room), and, as stated above, moveable partitions to be used in the usual way, when you require to part the Goldfinch off at night times. The bottom of the cage should should be covered over with moss up to the level of the lowest perches, which should be about 4ins. off the sand-tray. Take all other perches out, so as to keep the hen low down. About the middle of April is time to do so.

Place up in one corner some twigs cut from the hedgerow to form a bush, also a vessel containing some sharp grit. And some old brick mortar is a suitable thing for them. Also place in the bush a flower pot filled with mould, and shape the top like a nest, sticking a few small twigs around it. Hang on the front of the cage some cocoanut fibre, or pieces of an old door-mat, which answers the same purpose. Some Bullies build, though the majority do not, preferring to drop their eggs from the perch.

The Use of Canaries.

Should you get any eggs, place them under a Canary hen that you know is to be trusted, and let your Bullie hen sit on some dummy eggs, as the species cannot be trusted. I have, however, had Bullie hens that have sat their full time, and as well as any Canary; and, moreover, without being shaded from the sight of people moving about.

It is a good plan to keep the hens that you get eggs from, as you can rely upon them the following year. My experience has been that those you do not get eggs from are the same the next year; and I give them their liberty out of the bird-room window. In conclusion, let me advise you to give your Finches plenty of green food (fresh every day), such as chickweed (when ripe), and groundsel. This is most important, as if you are unable to do so your chances of success will be few.

A Study in Yorkshire Canaries.

By F. Armstrong.

Written Round Our Recent Coloured Plate.

(*Continued from page 16a.*)

My next experiment was to mate a heavily-marked yellow cock to an eye-ticked buff. My object was to breed unevenly-marked birds. The hen, I know, was from a good unevenly-marked strain. The result was a clear yellow, an unevenly-marked yellow, and an eye-ticked buff, all brim full of colour.

The Most Successful Means.

Again, with the same object in view, I paired a green wing-ticked one-eighth Belgian cock (the amount of Belgian I am certain of, as I bred it myself), to a rich-coloured yellow hen (clear) (winner of 3rd prize at the Crystal Palace). Result: Two unevenly-marked buff cocks and a yellow cinnamon cap-marked hen. One of the former is my old champion unevenly-marked buff cock bird, 1st at Crystal Palace Jubilee Show. The other became the property of a prominent Northern Y.C.C. exhibitor, and also had the honour of being portrayed in the pages of CAGE BIRDS. I give the two methods by means of which I have been successful in producing really good unevenly-marked birds, and which I sincerely believe by far the most rapid means of producing them, because as you are well aware, the cinnamon-marked Yorkshire is more likely to breed uneven-marks, as the marking is more fixed. You may lose a little in depth of colour, but you will gain in finer feather. My bird won Ramsden's colour food medal twice out of three times of competing, thus proving he had not lost much, even in colour. If my memory serves me correctly, all the chief winners in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition this season, with about one exception, were birds bred from cinnamon marks on one side or the other, or from those containing cinnamon blood.

I must impress upon my readers that this is to a great extent pedigree-breeding. You must know your strain. Haphazard mating in most cases leads to failure and disappointment.

Very much the same method must be adopted in the case of cinnamon-marked Yorkshire breeding. To establish a strain of cinnamon marks, you should pair marked cocks to clear pink-eyed hens (or at most only slightly ticked) and vice-versa. If you pair two marked birds, I am afraid you will get more heavily-variegated youngsters than you bargain for. I consider the type of this variety very much behind that of the dark-eyed Yorkshire, although it is improving somewhat. Here is a good chance for someone to introduce the Belgian to get the type and swagger so attractive to the eye of a judge. I should suggest obtaining a good-sized clear yellow quarter Yorkshire-Belgian, as clean in the front as possible, mating this with a thick-necked cinnamon-marked hen (buff), with good head properties. Then in a few years' time the exhibitor will require some beating on the show bench.

A Fairly Difficult Job.

The breeding of the ideal Yorkshire, that is, the evenly-marked bird, will be found fairly difficult at first. We have no reliable strain to draw from, as is the case with the Border Fancy. Still, I think it is possible, by working on the lines of the Border Fancy, to build up a reliable strain. For example, select a good, typical, wing-marked yellow cock and a buff eye-marked hen. These technical marks must be as near perfect as possible. The eyes must be as near like spectacles as possible and the markings on the wings evenly balanced. The tail markings might also be considered as well if one is desirous of obtaining six-pointed birds. I think it would be very unwise to pair birds with similar markings, as was pointed out in regard to unevenly marked birds, as we may only produce heavily-marked birds, which we all desire to avoid. To fix these properly, I am afraid we should have to resort to inbreeding to a certain extent. If two or three fanciers were imbued with this fascinating idea, they might exchange after a time, and somewhat obviate the necessity of inbreeding to the same extent.

If this article should be the means of inspiring more of my fellow-fanciers to build up a strain of good marked birds, I shall feel well satisfied. In conclusion, I feel I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying how indebted the fanciers of the marked bird (especially the green-marked) are to W. H. Shackleton, Esq., for his generosity and support, his kindly interest in the breeding and exhibiting of the variety.

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The Rosy Pastor: King of the Starlings.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

I do not think anyone who has had much opportunity of studying the Starling family will disagree with me when I venture to confer the title "King of the Starlings" on the Rosy Pastor (*Pastor roseus*), for this bird stands out among its relatives so distinctly as to compel everyone's attention. For one thing it has a plumage absolutely unique in the bird world, a pink body, set off by metallic-black head, wings and tail, and it is one of the only two Starlings which have long crests, the other one being the Black-crested or Brahminy Mynah (*Temenuchus pagodarum*), also a very beautiful bird.

As in the Starling family generally, there is very little sex difference in Rosy Pastors, and it needs close observation of a pair to distinguish the cock from the hen. I strongly suspect that the majority of birds imported are cocks, for a gentleman who has observed the bird's wild in India, told me that he always found a flock contained only a few of the pink and black specimens among a lot of immature ones, and yet one sees cages full of full-coloured birds in the Calcutta market. As hen birds often colour up later in life than cocks, it is probable that the majority of these are of the latter sex.

Changes of Attire.

In its first plumage the Rosy Pastor is astonishingly like our Starling at the corresponding stage, both being plain drab birds with no hint of their future colouring, while the Pastor's crest is absolutely wanting in the young bird. In fact, one needs to look at the beak which in the Pastor is distinctly curved in profile, while the Starling's is particularly straight, in order to distinguish the two birds at this stage. Even when it has attained its adult jet-and-rose attire, the Rosy Pastor does not retain it all the year, for in winter the plumage becomes obscured by drab tippings to the feathers, which naturally spoil the contrast.

A variety, by the way, was once obtained on the Continent, which had the head pink; it must have been a most lovely bird. In captivity, unfortunately, the Rosy Pastor almost invariably loses its beauty of plumage, both here and in India. In the latter country, the pink parts of the plumage become very much clouded with black, so as to present a smutty appearance; one I once had, however, turned an extreme glossy black, nearly all over, and looked very well. I may mention it had been fed on the usual *satoo* or coarse pea-meal, like several companions, so that this change was the more remarkable. In England I have not noticed this tendency to blacken in the plumage of the Rosy Pastor, but the pink tint disappears altogether, the light parts of the plumage becoming a sort of cream-colour.

Renovation of Complexion.

I have only seen one specimen whose complexion had not assumed this sallow tint, and that was a lovely bird which used to be shown by, I believe, a lady aviculturist; its plumage was of the true pink, only paler than a wild bird's would be. This may have been simply an exceptional specimen, like a Crossbill they had at the Zoo some time back, which re-assumed its red colour after moulting, though its companions did not. At any rate, it was exceptional in not showing winter plumage.

I have often thought, however, that special feeding during the moult might keep the Rosy Pastor in full colour. The ordinary red colour-feed ought to be of some use, and if people object to this, one might get good results by feeding the moulting bird entirely on natural food, fruit—especially mulberries, and any other berries obtainable, and live insects.

The bird is well worth taking some trouble over; but I may mention that turning it out in a large aviary will not keep the colour, for those the Zoo had under these conditions lost it all the same.

A Rollicking Republican.

In one way the title of "king" is most inappropriate to this bird, for no species has less idea of living in regal solitude and state; he is a true republican, always in flocks, even at the breeding season, always bubbling over with good humour, yet always squabbling. India is the chief winter home of the bird, though I never happened to meet with it wild there myself; but its address in the breeding season is quite uncertain, being anywhere between Italy and the Indian frontier.

In the case of an invasion of this kind, which happened in the Verona district in 1875, it was noted that the "first eggs were laid about June 17th; by July 10th the young were fledged; and by the 14th all had taken their departure!" This invasion followed that of swarms of locusts, and the presence of these insects seems to be what chiefly determines the movements of this bird, which has been known for centuries as their special enemy, though it is also, if anything, more omnivorous than other Starlings, eating fruit and even grain freely.

In England.

This lovely bird strays to England almost every year, where it is readily received in any Starling club to which it applies for admission; lively as Starlings are, they must seem slow-coaches to this very exuberant bird, which is bursting with energy, and constantly utters its awful song. I know no bird but the Seychelles Bulbul which sings so much and so badly! Sooner or later, however, the British bird collector gathers it in; at least he does so very often, but some imported ones I turned out some years ago in St. James's Park never seemed to be brought to book, so probably many do escape.

In aviculture the Rosy Pastor is fairly common, and proves easy to feed, and hardy in respect of climate; but no one has bred it as yet, though I have seen it pair. In view of the sociable habits of the birds, I should expect several pairs to be more likely to nest than one; and a mule between this species and its near relative, the Starling, ought to be a very handsome bird, and to do some winning—we have not had soft-bill mules for so many years.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Faithful Parents.

A nest containing four young Linnets was found by some children, who took them home for the purpose of rearing and taming them. The old birds followed the children to their home. The nest was placed in a cage in the middle of the room. The old birds came through the window and boldly entered the cage and fed their young. When evening came they actually perched upon the cage regardless of the noise made by the children.—Sent by William Parnham (age 15), 120, Bromfield Place, Park Lane, Old Basford, Nottingham.

*A Homing Budgie.

My brother had a pair of pretty Budgerigars given to him. The cock was a very tame bird, thanks to a lot of talking to and playing with, and the hen was nearly as tame. Last summer they contrived to open the door of their cage and the cock flew out of the window. My sister, going into the room, found the hen still in the cage, and shut the door. We thought the cock was lost for ever, but at night we put a night-light on the table, and left the window open, drawing down the blind as far as the opening. In the night, a loud chirping was heard, and on going into the room we found him sitting on the night-light saucer.—Sent by E. A. Cathcart (age 15), Wentworth House, Salford Road, Ainsdale, Lancs.

**A Nest of Young.

A little bird once built a nest,
Of moss, and hay, and hair,
And then she laid two speckled eggs,
And covered them with care.
Two little birds were hatched in time,—
So small, so bare, so weak;
The father fed them every day
With insects from his beak.
At last the little birds were fledged,
And strong enough to fly;
And then they spread their little wings,
And bade their nest good-bye.

Composed by Mabel Flyn (age 14), 16, Malo-faut Street, Cathays, Cardiff.

Worms in Birds: Their Origin, Classification & Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

(Continued from page 31).

Parasitology is a section of pathology which as it has become more fully understood, has been found to include disorders which until somewhat recent date were attributed to those of a physical nature. Investigation into hitherto obscure diseases has resulted in the discovery of minute parasites; this more particularly so in those inhabiting the digestive tract, many of these being ultra-visible or not discernible by the naked eye. Whilst microscopical aid has proved their presence in the ingesta or in the mucous membrane lining the intestines, the effects produced by the presence of these parasites have been accepted as the actual cause, whereas in reality they are but the effect produced by the invaders.

The deleterious effects produced upon their hosts have been considered by many to have been brought about, not so much by the agency of the parasites themselves, but by their products, which were looked upon as simulating toxins as produced by bacteria. This idea has by most scientists been discarded. The damage resulting to the hosts from their presence depends upon the particular species of parasite present; *e.g.*, some of the most harmful maintain their existence by the abstraction of blood from their hosts, bringing about a condition of anæmia or bloodlessness, and reducing the animal into a weakened and exhausted condition, resulting in death. Others, due to their presence in large numbers, frequently occlude the lumen of the gut by obstructing the passage of food. Owing to irritation brought about, diarrhœa (resulting in loss of body heat, consequent loss of flesh, and death from exhaustion) follows the infestation of many animals from intestinal worms.

The cestodes (one of the sub-divisions of the entozoa previously mentioned) are of vast importance, and are known more familiarly as the tapeworms. They are particularly common in birds, and are characterised by having bodies quite flat, constituted by numbers of segments, varying with the particular type of tapeworm. These are joined end on end, and preceded by a small head, which would not be readily recognised by a novice. Sometimes the head is armed with hooks. Others are unarmed, but provided with suckers for attachment. The head is followed by a thin neck, made up of very narrow segments, which appear as simple lines or striæ. These become wider as they progress, and become broader and wider at the further end. The worms possess no true digestive apparatus. Sexually each segment is independent, being provided with both male and female reproductive organs; in other words, they are hermaphrodite.

The hinder segments contain the ova, and when mature become detached from the rest and become expelled with the excrement. The ova reaching a suitable medium become taken in by other birds, and so the cycle goes on.

Two divisions of the tapeworm are met with, but here we shall only deal with one, viz., the taina. This passes through as many as five successive and distinct stages of existence in its progress from the ovum or egg to the mature segment. These stages are as follows:—I.—Tapeworm or strobile, having the characters already described, inhabiting the intestinal canal. II.—Detached ripe segment (proglottis) being a flat white segment generally found on the freshly passed excreta or in its near vicinity, progressing with a worm-like motion; it is indeed a receptacle for numerous ova which become taken in by its host either with food or water, and is ready for further development, providing it gains access to a suitable host, or otherwise it perishes. III.—The ovum, due to the action of the digestive juices, is liberated from its segment in the stomach or intestines, and soon batches out into an embryo or proscolex, furnished with hooks for maintaining its hold upon its new surroundings. IV.—Proscolex; this embryo sets about burrowing into the tissue of its host, and here it develops into the scolex. And V.—Scolex; here it becomes embedded in the tissue or organ of its new host, and develops into a cystic organism developing again within this cyst or sac several heads all attached to the wall of the cyst, and suspended in a fluid of a milky or mucilaginous nature; here the cyst increases in size to the disadvantage of the surrounding tissue. The heads here do not develop sexual organs nor do they present any of the features of the mature tapeworm. This is only one phase of its peculiar double existence, requiring two hosts for its ultimate maturity. On gaining access to another host adapted to entertain this particular parasite in its mature form, the neck becomes by degrees elongated, and segmentation takes place, indicated at first by fine lines behind the head, until the sexually mature parasites are formed. The worm is now mature, and ripened segments from time to time drop off to be evacuated, and so it repeats its previous metamorphoses.

Birds harbour the tœnioe or tapeworms in great variety, but up to the present the relation of the cystic form to that of the mature parasite has not at present been made very clear.

The species of the tœnioe have been found inhabiting the intestines of birds. There is great difficulty in distinguishing one species from another, the usual mode of differentiating them being by the number of hooks which each possesses. The difficulty arises from the fact that these hooks are never constant in number; they are at times shed so that there is very little opportunity for placing them on a proper basis. At times so many birds are affected that it occurs in the nature of an epizootic. For practical purposes it will not be necessary to detail here to the reader the synonyms used in their classification, as the symptoms they produce, and the treatment to be adopted do not vary in the individual cases. They most of them have a double phase of existence, presenting a cystic form in some kind of animal life, prior to gaining accession to the intestines of birds; *e.g.*, some are found as cysts in the earthworm, small molluscs, or snails, so that it will be clearly understood how readily birds may become infested, and the commonest tœnia proglottina when taken in by a bird in its cystic form can become so fully developed as to possess four segments in a few days. This shows how readily birds may become the habitat of these dangerous and harmful parasites. Their presence is accountable for many varied symptoms. Birds lose their appetite, lose flesh, are inclined to mope, and separate themselves from their fellows, and hide their heads under their wings; the plumage loses its lustre and becomes erect, and the movements languid; diarrhœa, often of a fœtid nature, occurs, and brain symptoms intervene; attacks of vertigo, epileptiform seizures, convulsions, and occasionally fits all occur. Diagnosis can only be made with certainty by the discovery of the proglottides or segments of the worm in the excreta.

There has been recorded in the Veterinary Journal, xxii., page 121, an interesting case of tapeworm infestation in a Parrot, recorded by a German observer, who found in the intestines such a multitude of tapeworms as to completely distend these organs to almost bursting point, and on immersing the whole mass in water there were found to exist several thousands of these parasites.

The nematoids or round worms are of particular importance as infesting the intestines of birds; they are also more popularly named whip worms, and are to be found in birds of almost every known species. One genus, Heterakis, is found in large numbers, and of most frequent occurrence in this position being very large and easily recognisable by their rounded shape and pointed ends. Another genus syngamus inhabits the air passages of many varieties of birds, causing death by the irritation they produce in these situations.

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The Exhibiting of British Birds.

By GAVIN ALSTON.

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Another cause of disappointment to exhibitors is that their exhibit may happen to be in a restless mood at the very time it is being judged. It is most aggravating if you are looking on and see your bird behave in this way. How you wish it would just settle down when the judge takes it up. But no; and it has to take a back seat. Other birds not nearly so good seem on their very best behaviour at this critical moment, and "up" they go. Perhaps the judge comes back to have a look round the show after lunch, and your bird is steady now. He thinks it might have been well up but for the bad look he got of it. Now the cause of this restlessness is generally that your bird was not feeling "at home" in the show cage, which was so different from its every-day cage.

What you should do is to keep the bird in a cage, the facsimile of the show cage, for a day or two before the show, so that it will be thoroughly used to it. Some birds are so easily upset, that you have to accustom them continuously to the show cage, or they will not behave well when put into it. When you have to keep a bird regularly in so small a cage, you must have the cage always scrupulously clean and the bottom covered with white sawdust or husks, as a bird loses any chance of winning if it becomes dirty. Of course, it can be washed before the show, but I am of opinion, and I have heard others say so too, that a British bird, if properly kept, should never need washing. If they are allowed the bath, and take to it, say, twice a week, it is all the washing they should require.

Stage Your Birds Properly.

But however good a bird may be, if it is not properly staged it is very much handicapped in competition, especially in these days when the staging of British birds has become a fine art. Many fanciers make their own show cages, but in the majority of cases one does better to try to save money elsewhere and buy the cages ready made. Home-made cages are often too heavy, and many are not the right proportions, and tend to prejudice the judge's opinion of your bird. Let the show cage be light and well finished, with sliding front, and the wires as wide as possible considering the size of the bird.

The cages are usually enamelled black outside with the wires the same colour as the background. There are differences of opinion regarding the colours which show off to best advantage the different species. White is a very trying colour, and should never be used unless in the case of a cage for a Blackbird or Chough. Pale blue or pale green is too faint and washy-looking. Deep blue is sometimes used, but is too oppressive. Black may do in a strong light, but is not suitable for a dark winter day. Holly green is a favourite with some fanciers, and suits some species well, but it is rather a cheerless colour. Medium green is what is mostly used, and it suits all the British seed-eaters; it is neither too light nor too dark, and is a colour the eye can comfortably rest on. Emerald is a beautiful enamel when newly put on, but the brand I used faded very soon. Kingston green "medal brand" enamel is a fast colour and the one I consider best for show cages. Apply it with a camel's hair brush, and keep the surface horizontal till it hardens.

A well-finished show cage does not make a good bird, but it adds greatly to the appearance of one. Do not have anything about your show cages that may tend to create a suspicion among fanciers. Do everything honestly and above-board. Have a nice light case to put your cages in; four make a handy number to carry.

Let your entries be in before the close time of the time fixed. Remember, the secretary will be very busy. Don't expect too much at the show and any success will bring all the greater pleasure. Take your defeats like a man and never call anybody's exhibit a poor bird that beats yours, it would be no credit to your own. Give your birds tepid water to drink when they return from a show, even though they have no cards; they may do better next time. Finally, attention mixed with a little brains is the secret of success.

Wild Bird Notes

Ospreys in the South.

A few Ospreys have been recorded in the south during the past month. These are probably young birds moving from the breeding haunts in the north. It is probable that these birds were never numerous at any time in England. A few nesting sites were known, chiefly in the Eastern counties, during the eighteenth century, but no doubt at an earlier period they were more plentiful, as an Act passed in 1566 includes the Osprey among the birds to be destroyed.

The Throstle's Song.

In North Staffordshire "Throstle" is still in general use, people hardly knowing what is meant by a Thrush. A curious interpretation of this bird's song is current here. "Do you know what the Throstle says?" a North Staffordshire potter or collier will ask. He says, "Plee a wick, plee a wick, plee a wick" (i.e. play a week—play meaning here to take a holiday, compulsory or otherwise)—and really the words are not a bad representation of the triple phrase with which a Thrush begins a song.

An Error of Judgment.

A few years ago, says a writer in a weekly paper, I was fishing the Bela, in Westmoreland, and a friend, Mr. Webster, jun., of Bentham Hall, was about half a mile ahead of me, fly-fishing up stream. Nearly opposite Bentham Hall a narrow footpath plank lay across the river, and when he came up to it my friend found a Kingfisher with its beak firmly fixed in the plank. He extricated the bird with some difficulty, and when I came up it looked at the point of death. But it recovered, and there was no injury to its beak whatever. How long it had been held fast in the position in which it was found it is impossible to say—probably many hours. It is not difficult to understand how such an accident occurred. Kingfishers never fly high—rarely above a few feet from the surface of the water. They go up and down stream in a direct line and at a great speed. This bird had evidently intended to fly over or under the plank, and dashed its beak against it instead.

In the Courts.

Not Bird Stealing but "D. and D."

At the South Western Police Court before the Hon. John de Grey, on Monday, February 7th, Alfred Jefferies (26), of Wandsworth, was charged with stealing on Saturday from a shop at 257, York Road, Battersea, a tame Goldfinch and cage, value 12s. 6d., the property of G. S. Goodridge, and further with assaulting L. W. Jones, a grocer's assistant, Battersea.

Lucy Goodridge, prosecutor's wife, said that between five and six o'clock on Saturday prisoner called at the shop and asked for a Lark. She showed him one, and also some Linneis. Prisoner looked at some Goldfinches. As she turned her back he took a Goldfinch out of a cage, and ran out of the shop. Witness said prisoner ran into a lavatory close by, and as he came out she asked him for the bird. He said he did not remember anything about it.

Mr. de Grey: Was he drunk?—Witness: Three parts.—Prisoner: Did I ask the constable outside the shop to search me?—Witness: There wasn't a policeman there.—If I put the bird in my pocket it stands to reason that there would be some feathers found there?—I saw the bird in your hand.

Arthur Potter, a book sorter, said he went into prosecutor's shop to buy some water pots on Saturday evening, and saw a man looking at some Goldfinches. As Mrs. Goodridge turned round he saw the man pull his hand out of a cage and run out of the shop.—Mr. de Grey: Did you see anything in his hand?—Witness: No.—Did you see anything in the cage before?—Yes, a bird.

L. W. Jones said he saw Mrs. Goodridge run out of the shop. She beckoned to him, and in consequence of what she said he went into the lavatory and asked prisoner for the bird. For two or three minutes he made no reply, and then he said, "I've not seen any bird; the woman must have been mad." Prisoner took off his coat and waved him arms about, striking witness on the shoulder and knocking him down.—Prisoner: I don't remember seeing the fellow.

Detective Bell said that about 10.30 p.m. on Saturday he arrested prisoner. Prisoner said: "O, yes, I'm Alfred Jefferies. You have come, have you. I was in the shop to buy the bird, but I'm not going to tell you who took it, or where it is. I ran out of the shop, and the young lady chased me. A man stopped me, and I knocked him over, as I'm a boxer. They stopped me, and the policeman came up and took my name and address. I'm not surprised you have come here." After he had dressed himself, prisoner was taken to Lavender Hill Station, where he was identified by the witnesses. The bird had not been found.—Prisoner said he did not touch the bird, nor did he strike Jones.

Mr. de Grey said there was not enough evidence to satisfy him that prisoner stole the bird while he was in drink. He let the bird out of the cage, which he (Mr. de Grey) deemed a disorderly action. He would be fined 5s. for being drunk and disorderly, and 10s. for assaulting Mr. Jones, or in default five days imprisonment in each case, the terms to run consecutively.

OUR "VISITORS BOOK" AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Following are the names of those visitors who signed CAGE BIRDS Visitors Book at the Crystal Palace Show:—Rev. G. H. Raynor (Maldon), Mrs. E. Holliday (Southampton), Mrs. L. M. Thynne (Dittan), Mrs. A. Williams (London, N.), Mrs. Brown (8, Kensington), Mrs. Hillmen (Liverpool), Mrs. Crundell (Doncaster), Mrs. Webb (Lowestoft), Mrs. Morton (Enfield), Mrs. Tutley (Wimbledon), Mrs. T. Shermen (Cornwall), Mrs. E. J. Pearce (Cornwall), Mrs. A. Farmer (South Woodford), Mrs. E. Letchfield (Streatham), Mrs. C. A. Lockett (Dover), Mrs. W. Howe (Wellingborough), Mrs. Marsh (Keston), Mrs. Sayer (Surrey), Mrs. Highfield (Askin), Mrs. Giddy (Highgate), Mrs. A. Annis (Finchley), F. E. Richardson-Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brooks (Cambridge), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cooper (West Ham), Mr. and Mrs. A. Marley (Leyton), Mr. and Mrs. T. Moss (Huddersfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker (London, S.W.), Miss W. Hobson (Australia), Miss L. Collins (Camborne), Miss Daley (Southall), Miss J. 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Allsopp (Cardiff); J. Raynes (Manchester), A. Lloyd (Essex), A. G. Poore (Ilford), F. Collins (Camborne), J. Musgrove (Anerley), W. Swaysland (Brighton), E. Holliday (Southampton), H. Sewell (London, W.), W. L. Howe (Wellingborough), H. E. Arnold (Bournemouth), F. P. Beale (Watford), R. Furlay (Bushey), J. A. Douglas (London, W.), N. Sutton (Putney), H. Norton (Romsiow), L. Seymour (London, S.E.), F. Hill (Maldstone), F. Gibbs (Canterbury), A. H. Van. den Kerckpovey (Belgium), A. Ballen (New Malden), F. Larcombe (Newport, Mon.)), M. Larcombe (Newport, Mon.), C. Botting (Camberwell), F. Sedge (Kingston-on-Thames), G. Marber (Merthyr Tydfil), E. Baker (Cowes), W. R. Miles (Chichester), H. Ninness (Landport), A. Cooper (Mile End), H. Goodchild (London, N.W.), A. T. Jupe (Petersfield), T. Southcombe (Taunton), W. E. Baker (Cardiff), T. Hopson (Cardiff), N. Brooks (Purley), A. Kilby (Caterham), J. S. Clarke (Woodford), W. E. Elsmore (Taunton), R. J. Pretty (London), E. S. Lagg (Lewisham), J. Frostick (Balham), C. Parnell (S. Devon), F. G. Wickham (Chatham), B. Oliver (Catford), J. Harrison (Lancashire), E. Sadler (Chingford), E. J. Fernen (Finsbury), P. Adamthwaite (London), A. Williams (London, N.W.), F. Mathes (London, S.W.), H. Prentice, R. Patterson (Canterbury), F. Lathleff (Manor Park), G. Mortlock (London), H. J. Pearce (L.P.O.S. and L.C.O.A.), R. Brownlie (Brockley, S.E.), G. Couzens (Lee, S.E.), E. F. Brown (Gloucester), T. H. Smalley (Walthamstow), J. Ludwig, I. Harwood (Battersea), C. Edwards (Kent), S. Pilcher (Kent), G. M. Osborne (Woking), A. Humphrey (Sydenham), R. Jacob (Sydenham), H. W. Cook (Poplar), R. Harper (London, N.), P. Jeffries (N. London), F. Whiting (Mitcham), O. Whiting (Mitcham), A. Billinger (Bromley), J. Barber (Bromley), F. Botell (Whyteleafe), W. Gilbert, G. Ogle, J. Waterman (Dulwich), A. Jones (Beckenham), D. Wiston (Epsom), H. Holton (Sydenham), J. Robertshaw (Sowerby Bridge), E. Crossley (Sowerby Bridge), G. Moore (Kent), W. Richmond (Harrogate), A. Wellings (Prescot), H. Nimmo (Liverpool) Colton and Bishop (Sheffield), T. Pope (Plymouth), E. Lee (Plymouth), T. Deacon (Liverpool), W. Hales (Liverpool), E. Lawson (Liverpool), A. Willings, W. Dormer (Rishton), J. Heys (Manchester), F. Bent, J. Kay (Charlton), P. Brooks (Wood Green), L. Collins (Camborne), A. Hook (Sussex), A. Rees (Dulwich), C. Mazzoni (Dulwich), A. Annis (Finchley), C. Hicks (Wood Green), W. Hodson (Dulwich), Kelly (Isle of Man), H. Askham, A. Sawyers (Norwood), C. Garland (Plymouth), W. Hawkins (Cork), E. White (Catford), J. Risborough (Sunderland), A. A. Hitchcock (London, S.E.), H. F. Willard (Ramsgate), A. W. Edwards (London, N.).

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND B.C.

The following are the office-bearers for 1910 of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.: President, Mr. J. L. Burnett; Vice-President, Mr. F. Bowman; Secretary and Treasurer, Robt. Watson, 97, Wellpark-street, Glasgow; Committee, Messrs. F. Taylor, A. Sloan, J. Brown, G. Stewart, J. Ferguson, J. Crawford, T. Erskine, M. Donaghy, J. McLeod, R. B. Jarvie, A. Smith, A. Edwards, J. McLay, C. Martin, and G. McCulloch; Finance Committee, Messrs. J. Ferguson, and E. Barren; Auditors, Messrs. A. Henderson and R. V. Raine.—R. WATSON, Sec.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.C.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 8, in the Co-operative Halls, Port Glasgow, Mr. D. Brown in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. S. McKay; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Smith, W. L. Stewart, W. Boyle, and W. Carswell; Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Adair; Committee, Messrs. T. Kennedy, D. Mallory, D. Brown, W. McDermaid, S. Gilmour, G. Hemphill, J. Gemmell, and A. Smith; Auditors, Messrs. W. Boyle and W. Carswell; Assist. Sec., Mr. J. Napier.—J. FORRESTER, Sec., Clune Brae Head, Port Glasgow.

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Smoking concert held January 26th, Mr. Stirling in the chair, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The programme was got up by Mr. Davidson, the assistant secretary. Every member had to take a part. The society are very pleased to know they are in a most flourishing condition, which speaks volumes for our worthy secretary, Mr. G. Mitchell, a noted Norwich breeder, who has made a name for himself on the show bench with birds of his own breeding. He has shown at all the principal shows in Scotland, and one of his unflighted yellows has made what I think constitutes a Scottish record, namely, that out of eleven shows he has nine 1sts and two 2nds.—YELLOW GREEN.

Club Reports.

BRADFORD WEST O.B.A.

The following is a list of our officers for 1910: President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. Wood, C. Whitley, G. Wellock, and E. Kemp; Treasurer, Mr. W. Crabtree; Trustees, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and R. Carr; Auditors, Messrs. T. W. Mountain and J. Clark; Delegates, Messrs. W. Crabtree, A. Cooper, and F. Western; Committee, Messrs. A. Bennett, F. Wallbank, A. Whitley, T. W. Mountain, G. A. Bennett, and A. Craven; Secretary, F. Western, 57, Fenton-street, Princeville, Bradford; Assist. Sec., Mr. J. M. Stirk. Club-rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends, Bradford. Meetings are held every second Saturday in month. Subscription, 1s. entrance fee and 6d. per month.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual meeting held at headquarters on January 26th, Mr. C. Sorrell presiding. The balance-sheet showed a favourable balance of over £3. The cups and specials won at the annual show were presented to the winners by Mr. G. Gardner, whose kindly advice and suitable comments were highly appreciated. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Corner; vice-presidents, Messrs. Broomhead, Bowater, and G. Gardner; chairman, Mr. C. Sorrell; hon. treasurer, Mr. Harris; hon. secretary, J. S. Jackson; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Burgess; supported by a strong committee of sixteen members. The society is open to all England, and particularly needs cage bird members. Please write hon. secretary at 60, Willoughby Lane, Tottenham. To commemorate the 33 years of grand service rendered to the society by Mr. Burgess as hon. secretary, a challenge cup is to be bought and named "The Burgess Cup."—J. S. JACKSON, hon. secretary.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 18, at headquarters, Onward Hall, Ashton Sea Road, Ardwick, Manchester, when there was a good attendance. Mr. R. B. Fryer presided. After passing of balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £4 5s. 6d. on our first year's working, the election of officers for 1910 took place, the result was: President, Mr. J. Coulson; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. H. Aspinall, W. Robinson, H. Boothman, W. Downing, J. Hughes, R. B. Fryer, and R. Dewhirst; treasurer, Mr. J. Thorneley; secretary, Mr. J. Spencer; committee, Messrs. G. Simpson, G. Felton, R. Booth, J. Valantine, T. Hudson, J. Annison, and F. Parker; auditors, Messrs. A. E. Long, and W. H. Fulcher. We are arranging a very attractive programme for the year, which will include lectures, table shows, wash-demonstrations, amateur judging competitions, etc. I should esteem it a pleasure to hear from fanciers wishing to become members. Subscription 4s. per annum.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Bush Hotel, February 3rd, a good number of members being present. Various items of business concerning the pair show to be held on February 17th were dealt with, and it was decided to let all classes and rules stand as last season, except that entries be accepted until 8 p.m., a good list of contributions to the special prize fund being forthcoming. The Secretary then asked Mr. J. Turner, in the absence of Mr. Tyson, to give us the promised lecture on "Crests," which he did in an able manner, dealing with every item in turn, from purchasing to "keeping," "breeding," and "rearing," and his answers to all questions were particularly pleasing. Questions concerning the merits of Norwich Plainheads in contrast with Crests, and the introduction of Lancashire blood, with a view to improving the variety, caused quite a heated debate. At a late hour the meeting closed with a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Turner and the chairman. Will members and fanciers kindly note that Mr. J. Robson has promised to lecture at our next meeting, to be held at Bush Hotel, on March 3rd, when it is hoped everyone will attend.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

BARTON C. AND B.B.C.

At the annual meeting the old officers were re-elected, with Mr. R. Small as vice-chairman, and we start the year with a balance of £1 11s. 9d. in hand and prospects of a better year and more members, as I hear there are several fanciers in Barton who have purchased Canaries. Our table show of pairs will be held in the large club room, Red Lion Hotel, at our next meeting on March 2, and we shall be pleased to see new members. Entry forms are ready. Fanciers wishing to join I shall be pleased to hear from, if they will please reply to this, and I will send them a card and entry form. The special prizes were given out to the members, who gained most points last year. G. T. Beach received Mr. Hutchinson's medal for most points, also medal for most points in young birds, given by Mr. Pepper (Hull), and a pipe given by Mr. Jordon for most entries at the annual show. R. Small received medal given by Mr. Calam (Hull) for second most points, and tobacco pouch for second most entries given by Mr. J. Hall; also half-stone Canary seed, given by Mr. B. Hollings (Hull) for third most points in young birds. E. C. Dunn received umbrella, given by Mr. Moore, for second most points in young birds; G. Pettitt half-stone Canary seed, given by Mr. Hollings for third most points, also ladies' purse for third most entries. The members thank all who have so kindly helped them in the past year.—E. C. DUNN, Hon. Sec., George Street, Barton-on-Humber.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Very successful meeting, held at the Mechanics' Hall on February 2nd, 21 members and friends attending. After the usual business a table show of stock pairs for Crests, also Norwich Plainheads, was held. Entries numbered 12, and some very nice birds were shown. In the Crest section Mr. Ed. Wolfe took the premier honour, followed closely by Mr. James Renshaw, who captured the 2nd and 3rd awards. Mr. Renshaw also won the 5s., one year's subscription to the society, presented by Mr. George C. Ley, to a non-member gaining 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize—and he was duly elected. The Norwich section was well represented, and the judge had some difficulty in separating the specimens. The result was that Mr. George Hill secured 1st and 2nd awards, followed by Mr. Barnes, a good 3rd. Mr. T. Barker judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction. The addition of two new members to the society is considered very satisfactory, and we purpose having another table show at the next meeting on March 2nd (confined to a radius of 20 miles of Nottingham), when we hope to have the pleasure of enrolling other fanciers amongst our members. Mr. Ley kindly offers 5s., one year's subscription to the society, to be won by a non-member gaining 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize. Schedule, A.V. British Hardbill.—C. E. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, on Jan. 27, when Mr. Max Jacquemin presided over a good attendance. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, showing a balance in treasurer's hands of £6 8s. 6½d., which we considered highly satisfactory. The retiring officers were thanked for their work. The election of officers for the present year resulted in all the "old officials being sent back unopposed," with the addition of Mr. Bingham and Mr. Turner to the committee. At our next meeting to be held Feb. 24, we are having a judging competition, which should prove most interesting and instructive. It is hoped members will turn up in good numbers and bring any interested fancier friends with them. Two new members were elected. J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at Palmer Hall, on Feb. 2, there being a good attendance. The first business was to propose eight new members by the Secretary, making 60 altogether since the show. On the introduction of the Chairman, Mr. Lewin, of Oxford, favoured us with a splendid lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. As several of the members had brought their own birds, Mr. Lewin used them as his illustrations. Mating and breeding, selection, exhibition points, what to aim at, and what to avoid, were all touched on, and the fancier-like way in which the lecturer gave the novices advice was heartily appreciated. A good discussion ensued, in which most of the members took part, and at the finish a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Lewin. He had brought with him a specimen of the original wild Canary, and the members were greatly interested in comparing it with the lovely specimens on the table. This was without doubt one of the best and most popular lectures ever given to our members, and we shall remember it with great pleasure. The Secretary announced that on March 2nd Mr. Maisey (Aldermaston) would give us a lecture on British birds and Hybrids, and if it is heard a record meeting will result.—W. H. PYEE, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A

General meeting, held February 9th. The question as to whether we hold an open show was discussed at length. It was decided that, owing to bad times (by so much unemployment on Tyneside) we dispense with the open show, and only hold a members' show, on the usual date, November 11th and 12th. We hope it will be the means of bringing a lot of the local fanciers into our society, as our radius for membership is confined to ten miles. The election of a secretary (left over from annual meeting) was the next item. Mr. Richardson resigned his post owing to pressure of business, and also because he wished that the old (an experienced) secretary, Mr. Evans, could be prevailed upon to accept the position. Mr. Evans kindly assented, and accepted the post. We intend trying our best to become the leading society of the North. The officers are as follows: President, Matthew Murray, Esq.; chairman, Mr. J. M. Macdonald; vice-chairman; Mr. T. Robson; secretary, Mr. J. R. Evans; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Greenwell; treasurer, Mr. F. Reeves; auditors, Messrs. J. Hyslop, and W. Cockburn; committee, Messrs. W. Ronald, W. Allison, H. McColl, P. Dixon, J. Evans, J. Grainger, D. Hembrough, J. R. Reed, T. W. Lumsden, C. W. Wilson, W. McGinn, W. J. Richardson.—G. GREENWELL, Assist. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Adjourned annual general meeting held at headquarters, 69, Paddington-street, on January 26th, A. W. Curtis in the chair. Following upon the confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman gave an account of the progress towards recovery of Mr. A. C. Burp. Mr. T. Veo was elected a member. Letters were read from Messrs. K. Horsey, H. Bawes, B. Thompson, H. E. Tringham, T. Heath, J. Robson, and H. Bell. Letters of regret were directed to be conveyed to Messrs. H. Hawes and E. Horsey upon their resignations. Permission was sanctioned for the payment of the yearly subscription to the London Federation. The dates for the following shows were agreed upon, similar to that of last year, viz., British and Foreign, March 12th; Y.B.S., July 2nd; Annual, November 18th and 19th. The amendments to the rules were then taken.—Mr. F. Wyse to ordinary Rule 2, not accepted; and show Rule 8, not accepted. By V. Wynn, Show Rule 8 accepted, and Show Rule 11 accepted. But Mr. C. Prior gave notice that at the proper time at the end of the year, Show Rule 11 be wholly deleted. A new rule by Mr. C. Prior carried. In view of Show Rule 17 not being in strict accordance with the law of the land, it was unanimously agreed to delete the latter part. A list of fixtures drawn up for the current year was agreed upon. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Annual social and prize distribution held on Feb. 1, and proved a great success. An excellent supper was provided at headquarters by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, to which a good number of members and friends did full justice. At the after proceedings it was expected that Dr. Freeman Hatch, Vice-President, would be present to present the prizes, but, unfortunately, he was unable to attend. The Chairman, Mr. A. Tillotson, was also unfortunately absent owing to a family bereavement. Mr. H. H. Towers was elected to the chair. The prizes were presented by our friend, Mr. J. Chippendale (Idle), who had a few well-chosen words to say to each recipient. He commented upon the great enthusiasm shown by the members, and complimented them on the evident good feeling which prevailed. He said they were fortunate in having such an excellent secretary in Mr. H. Martin, as this meant an excellent society, and he hoped that he would long continue to hold the position. During the evening a capital programme was given, the talent being of a very high order. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Walter Mason, of the Leeds College of Music, whose renderings of "Thora" and the "Bedouin Love Song" were greatly appreciated. It is expected Mr. Mason will appear at the great prize distribution in connection with the Yorkshire Union, and any who have not heard him should take this opportunity of such a treat. Mr. P. Cordingly's songs were also greatly enjoyed. Mr. Slingsby was heard to advantage. Mr. Clement Botterworth scored great successes, as also Mr. Earnshaw's parody on the "Lassie from Lancashire," and "One of the Boys." Mr. A. Ackroyd made a most efficient accompanist. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Chippendale and to the artistes, upon the proposition of Mr. R. Garnett, seconded by Mr. Brown. The cup was much in evidence during the remainder of the evening, which was one of the most successful ever held. Mr. H. Martin won the cup with 100 points. The following were recipients of cash prizes with the respective points: Mr. H. H. Towers, 83 points; Mr. H. Long, 71; Mr. E. Grange, 63; Mr. A. Tillotson, 49; Mr. W. Batty, 46; Mr. L. Crossland, 45; Mr. H. Hirad-haw, 42.—J. ROBINSON, Assist. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club was held in the Boardroom, at the Crystal Palace, on February 5th. The members present were:—Messrs. C. Cooper, F. Wyse, G. Morton, H. J. Hawes, G. Thurley, A. J. A. Marley, P. Carter, H. J. Hireson, C. R. Tyson, J. Owen, W. Swaysland, W. J. Plumbridge, G. Acland. A. C. Askew, W. H. Vale, J. Robson, R. A. Newley, G. Crabb, J. P. Carr, J. Frostick, C. T. Maxwell, J. Dewhurst, D. A. S. Longden, and H. Norman. Mr. Robson occupied the chair.

Mr. Plumbridge read the secretaries' report of the year's work, which is as follows:—

When reviewing the affairs of the year now gone by, only one or two things seem to stand out prominently, and when these have been dealt with we must fall back and sum up the whole year's work as one of untiring zeal and earnest endeavour on the part of the officers and committee to keep the club up to the high water-mark which, I am sure you will agree with us, has already been attained.

The greater part of this year, as you know full well, has been taken up by the two separate cases of stained birds. Here it is that we, as secretaries, must express our admiration for the thoroughly open-minded way in which the committee tackled these serious cases. It did one good to hear the different arguments brought forward, thrashed out, and carefully weighed before any final judgment was given, and I am sure you will say it was a very just verdict. The result of this wretched affair is now common property, and we trust that it may be the club's good fortune never to have such cases again, but that all members and fanciers will play the game fair and above board, knowing that a faked bird never has been or could be a credit to its owner.

Our club show, held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A., at Westminster, was not in point of numbers a very great success, although medals, cups, and good prize money were given, a tempting enough bait, but the response was very much below our expectation. We are quite at a loss to account for this, unless it is that exhibitors are a bit afraid of those who are known to the Fancy as deck-sweepers.

This year, we are proud to say, we have given for competition, in all parts of the country, forty-three medals, besides several others given by members of the club for special objects. The competition for these, Mr. Carr tells me, has been well sustained, and our medals are more keenly contested for now than ever. This is a good sign, showing greater life amongst our members. The club has decided this year, and in the future, to engrave the winner's name on all medals won by them, thus enhancing their value. Another good move is the interchanging of medals with Canada, which we trust will extend to other countries in the near future. We believe by this means we shall establish a greater feeling of brotherhood amongst the Fancy all over the world. We have also sent two medals for competition to the ever-green Ireland. The secretary writes that they proved a great success, the competition being very keen. Thus, you see, we are endeavouring to live up to our title, "National," in every sense of the word.

Our membership keeps steadily increasing. This year three resignations have been received, while we have 18 new members elected. The only thing which spoils this increase in numbers, Mr. T. B. Trower gives me to understand, is a sad tale of "non-payers," whose names will be brought before your new committee for them to decide what course shall be taken in respect to them. I trust all members who read these lines and are indebted to the club, will give Mr. Trower the great pleasure ere long of being able to send them their receipts.

A blow has been struck at our hobby by putting into force the Wild Bird Act. How far this will affect us it is yet too early to say. We have consulted our hon. solicitor, who considers it will be wise for us as a club to give our support to the fund which is being raised to appeal against the decision given in the recent prosecution. We wish every success to the fund, and with this end in view, our club has had much pleasure in subscribing two guineas.

You will have the pleasure of hearing, we think, a very satisfactory report from Mr. Trower, our excellent treasurer. He is a well-tried and highly successful official.

We cannot speak too highly of all the kindness of Mr. Percy Nicholls (the hon. solicitor), who has given a great deal of his valuable time and experience in advising us in several matters of importance, for which we would tender him our most hearty thanks.

We are again greatly indebted to the Fancy Press for the ready and willing way in which they have always helped us in publishing notices and reports of our meetings, saving us much time and expense by so doing.

We must not go further without expressing our thanks to Messrs. Cooper and Silver, our auditors, and all officers and committee for their untiring labours for the welfare of the club. The past year we have had record attendances, the business of the club having been carried on by full meetings. To our esteemed chairman, Mr. Robson—who, we feel, fairly holds the breath of the club in his hands—to him every one of us would lift our glass, wishing him a long life and still greater success in the position.

It is with sincere regret we have to report the inability of Mr. Ramsden to accept the condition of our rules; therefore we were unable this year to give our patronage and support to the Palace Show.

May the year before us find officers, committee, and members all working together to make the club prosper, so enabling us to extend our patronage and help to all and every society who desires it. Thus we shall hold a position in the bird world second to none.

The balance-sheet was presented, and showed a balance in hand of £12 10s. 5d. Mr. Trower, the efficient treasurer, drew the attention of the meeting to the large amount due to the club by way of subscriptions still outstanding, and hoped that those members who had overlooked the matter would send on to him at an early date. The list of medal winners was presented, and some discussion respecting the counting of the points took place. Eventually, Mr. Cooper moved an alteration to Rule 17, which matter was, in the end, referred to the committee. The voting papers for the new committee sent to the secretaries by Mr. P. Nicholls, the scrutineer, resulted as follows:—London Committee: C. Cooper, A. Askew, J. Dewhurst, R. A. Newley, F. Wyse, A. Silver, J. Dobson, G. E. Weston, G. Thurling, G. Crabb, A. J. Marley, J. Boot, R. L. Crisp, and W. Francis. Provincial: H. Norman, W. Swaysland, A. P. Hurst, W. T. Plumbridge, D. Beatty, and J. Dewar.

Four new members were elected. Votes of thanks to the hon. solicitor, treasurer, secretaries, chairman, and committee concluded the proceedings. (The winners of the cups and medals were announced in our last issue.)

HULL C.B.S.

Very successful meeting held on Feb. 7, Mr. G. W. Oliver in the chair. Three new members were elected. It was unanimously decided to leave the Cage Bird Union. The secretary received a very handsome gold medal in recognition of his valuable services during 1909, which was the record year both as regards number of entries at the open show and balance in hand at the end.—E. R. RIDLEY, hon. sec.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters on February 8th, Mr. W. G. Bruce presiding. As our next will be the general meeting, the preliminaries were arranged. Notice of any alterations of rules, and other matters for the benefit of the members were gone into. The present secretary gave notice that, owing to business pressure he would not seek re-election, and Mr. W. G. Bruce, our chairman, has consented to stand for the office. Mr. Bruce is a thorough business man, and a fancier, and the society will not suffer by the change. Forty members were present, and one new member elected.—T. CALLEGARI, sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Special meeting held on Feb. 12th, at Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, Mr. A. Foulds in the chair. The meeting was called to reconsider the question of rings. A very fair number of members were in attendance, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to rescind the minute: "That the P.R.C.C. provide rings of their own," passed at the previous meeting, and that for the present we have B.R.C.C. rings. On behalf of ten British Roller C.C. members, the secretary was asked to write to Mr. Norris suggesting that some northern fancier be elected to assist in judging at the next B.R.C.C. shows. Three new members were admitted.—ANDREW PERCIVAL, hon. sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Nags Head Cocoa House, on Feb. 1st, Mr. Bracegirdle in the chair. The hon. auditor, Mr. E. Richards, reported that the accounts and the balance sheet were correct and in order, and his report was accepted. The nomination of president and officers was then proceeded with. The secretary intimated that R. A. Yerburgh, Esq., M.P., had signified his willingness to stand as president, and his acceptance of the office met with unanimous approval. Messrs. J. Crane, E. Lloyd, S. Whitlow, and T. Wright were elected vice-presidents; committee, Messrs. J. Bracegirdle, F. Brown, W. Crane, H. T. Gardner, D. Jones, and E. Richards. The hon. secretary and the treasurer, Messrs. Swindley and Stovin, were re-elected. The secretary will be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join.—J. SWINDLEY, hon. sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at the Castle Inn on Feb. 1st. The officers for 1910 are as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. Birks; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Davis; treasurer, Mr. J. Edwards; auditors, Messrs. Bowley and Leadbeater. Owing to Mr. E. Tams resigning the secretaryship, Messrs. A. Hallam and W. Lovatt were elected joint secs. The balance sheet was read and showed a balance of £4 2s. 4d. in hand. It was proposed and seconded that we hold a table show at the next meeting on March 1st, and to have the following classes:—Norwich, Yorks, Goldfinch, Linnet, Hybrid, pair, and A.O.V., British class, one each. Mr. Leadbeater gave two specials, Mr. E. Tams 2, and Mr. J. Edwards a silver medal. Proposed and carried that Mr. J. Edwards judge. Also decided to hold open show on Oct. 8th. Eight new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Stocker, Smith, Holland, Bowers, Barker, Goodfellow, Goostry, and Hewitt.—HALLAM and LOVATT, hon. secs.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Points gained throughout season 1909-10:—Yorkshire Greens—Champion Cup Competition: Rowlands 124, Clayton 122, Atherton 78, Gore 28, Wardale 27, Nimmo 18, Pickup 13, Vernon 5, H. S. Hawkes 2, Handley 1, Davie 1, Hughes 1; Cash Specials: Rowlands 349, Clayton 279, Atherton 171, Gore 62, Wardale 51, Nimmo 38, Pickup 22, Handley 9, Vernon 7, H. T. Hawkes 6, Davie 4, Hughes 3; Novice Cup: Robinson 66, Abbott 19, Simpson 14, Dean 5, Western 5, Wright 3, Cunningham 2, Cain 1; Cash Specials: Robinson 131, Abbott 31, Simpson 28, Dean 11, Western 10, T. Pilling 5, Wright 5, Cunningham 4, Cain 3, McDermott 2, Creber 2, Brennan 1; Norwich Greens—Champion Cup: Deacon 140, Harrison 113, Walker 76, F. E. Hawkes 50, Barker and Abbott 35 (divided), Lawson 34, R. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 2, Isaac 2, Hales 1; Cash Specials: Deacon 406, Harrison 240, Walker 165, F. E. Hawkes 83, Lawson 76, Barker and Abbett 62 (divided), Hadwin 6, R. Jenkins 5, Isaac 5, W. Jenkins 4, Hales 4; Novice Cup: Money 22, Dr. Martin 13, R. Bratherton 10, Peake 3, McMillan 1; Cash Specials: Murray 40, Dr. Martin 31, R. Bratherton 19, McMillan 5, Peake 4, J. Pilling 3, Nelson 1, Critchley 1, Creber 1. Will members check these points, and if incorrect please communicate with the secretary at once. The prizes will be given out at the dinner on March 9th. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be had from the committee, or from me.—S. Hadwin, Secretary, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 3 in the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (President) in the chair. Our Secretaries announced they had been successful in securing Messrs. Mundell and Vardy as judges for our open show. The business of the evening was a show of matched pairs for breeding and a washing competition. There was a poor show of birds, only four pairs of Norwich and two of Yorkshires putting in an appearance. In Norwich, Mr. Porter was 1st and 2nd, Mr. Booth 3rd and 4th. In Yorkshires, A. Hobson 1st, J. Woolhouse 2nd. Mr. Tow, who was to have judged, could not be present, so Mr. Lindsay officiated. The washing competition was lagging for want of entries, so Messrs. H. Lindsay and J. Woolhouse volunteered to wash a bird each. We trust some of the novices got a little enlightenment from seeing the birds washed. While the birds were drying, our Secretary read the report of business for the annual meeting of C.B.U., and our delegate was instructed to vote for Mr. Longden's motion, "That any exhibitor not being a member of the C.B.U., be debarred from showing at Union shows, Crystal Palace excepted," providing our motion dealing with the alteration of Rule 22 does not pass." It was also moved that if the C.B.U. decide to run an open show for Union members only, it take all responsibility. Next meeting is to be a question night by ballot. Now, friends, come prepared to take part, and so make the meeting interesting. Messrs. S. Jackson and J. W. Thompson were elected new members.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Annual dinner and social held at the Market Tavern, on February 8th, drawing together a company of 60 ladies and fanciers. We sat down to a splendid eight-course dinner. Dinner over, our chairman, Mr. W. Wharton, presided for the evening's entertainment. The ball opened with a waltz; then Miss Leach gave a song in fine style. Next lancers, then a couple of songs by Mr. Watson. Next a schottische, and then Mr. Furquhar gave a couple of songs. Then another waltz. The secretary gave a brief outline of last year's work and balance sheet, and proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their services in the refreshment room of the old show. Then we had a treat in store by the Misses Ogleby's duet. This was followed by another dance, and the interval. Miss Leach, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Farquhar gave us more songs, and Mr. F. Hammond proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, which was seconded by Mr. F. Lindbrook, and carried unanimously. Messrs. J. Clark and J. Smith were efficient M.C.'s. This was one of the pleasantest evenings the society has ever had.—F. RHODES, sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting held on January 25th, in Duncan's Restaurant, 71, London Street, Glasgow, there being a large turnout of members. The secretary's report and balance-sheet showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the income for the season being £9 3s. 10d., and the expenditure £7 4s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 19s. 6d. The winners for the season were: Challenge Bowl and gold medal, J. B. Paterson (Ayr); gold medal for runner-up, Alex. Girvan (Ayr); third, Dr. C. Syson (Glasgow); and fourth, W. H. MacDougall (Fort William). The winners of silver medals for most points at each show were: J. B. Paterson, Dr. Syson, Alex. Girvan, D. F. Webster, W. H. McDougall, R. D. Braidy, and G. McRobbie. The election of office bearers for season 1910 was as follows: President, Mr. R. B. Gibb; vice-presidents, J. B. Paterson and T. Penman; secretary and treasurer, F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. T. Forrest, C. Martin, J. C. Sinclair, W. Hyndford, A. Robertson, and Dr. C. Syson (Glasgow), A. M. Baird (Paisley), W. Shewan (Fraserburgh), W. H. MacDougall (Fort-William), and J. McLellan (Renfrew); auditors and scrutineers, Messrs. E. Barron and D. F. Webster. It was decided to hold a pairs show at next meeting, the two classes to be yellow cock—buff hen, buff cock—yellow hen. Judge, Mr. J. B. Paterson. The meeting then considered the advisability of electing club judges at all shows accepting the patronage of the club, but as the hour was getting late it was decided to leave this to next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring office bearers, also to the chairman, Mr. R. B. Gibb, brought the meeting to a close.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The following are the results of this season's competitions:—Ten guinea challenge cup, J. W. Rennie, 85 points; trophies, £3 3s., Mr. W. G. Elsmore (88); £1 1s., Mr. A. E. Pattrick (77); 15/-, Mr. P. Rorke (69); 10/-, J. W. Rennie (50); 5/-, Mr. A. E. Bishop (48). 10/6 specials: Maesteg, void; Frome, J. W. Rennie (21); Club diplomas for best cocks: Battersea, Messrs. Hawes Bros., Gloucester Mr. R. L. Crisp, Dulwich Mr. A. E. Pattrick, Swansea Mr. E. J. Banks, Plymouth Mr. W. G. Elsmore, Wimbledon Mr. C. W. Mabey, Weybridge, Hawes Bros., Southend F. Easterling, L.C.B.A. Mr. W. G. Elsmore, Palace Mr. W. G. Elsmore; Club diplomas best hen: Battersea, Gloucester and Palace, Mr. R. L. Crisp, Dulwich Mr. J. Carson, Wimbledon Mr. C. W. Mabey, Southend Mr. A. E. Pattrick, Swansea, Plymouth, L.C.B.A. and Weybridge J. W. Rennie; best v.hc's: Battersea Mr. C. W. Mabey, Gloucester Messrs. Hawes Bros., Dulwich and Weybridge Mr. R. L. Crisp, Swansea and Palace J. W. Rennie, Plymouth Mr. Rorke, Wimbledon Mr. H. E. Parrott, Southend Mr. A. E. Pattrick, L.C.B.A. Mr. Rorke; Mr. Easterling's teaspot, J. W. Rennie, 243 points; Mr. Ramsden's cruet, Mr. A. E. Pattrick, 138 points; Mr. Easterling's first year champion cup, Mr. Moss, 19 points. Novice Section:—Teapots: Battersea Mr. W. R. Angeaur (18), Gloucester Mr. F. Smith (20), Weybridge Mr. W. Buckingham (17), Southend —, Wimbledon Mr. H. W. Cook (15), L.C.B.A. Mr. F. W. Ayres (16); medals: Battersea Mr. C. W. Baker (14), Gloucester Mrs. Gill (17), Weybridge Mr. W. Silverthorne (15), Southend —, Wimbledon Mr. W. R. Angeaur, L.C.B.A. Mr. Jeffries (14); diplomas, best cock: Battersea Mr. H. J. Rogers, Gloucester Mrs. Gill and F. Smith, Wimbledon Mr. H. W. Cook, Weybridge Mr. Silverthorne, L.C.B.A. Mr. E. J. Whittome; best hen: Battersea Mr. W. R. Angeaur, Gloucester Mr. H. J. Rogers, Wimbledon Mr. E. G. Atkins, Weybridge Mr. E. J. Whittome, Southend Mr. J. Quilter, L.C.B.A. Mr. A. W. Reade; 10/6 special, Cardiff, Mrs. Gill (17); Mr. Easterling's teapot, Mrs. Gill; Mr. Ramsden's cruet, Mr. W. R. Angeaur; Mr. Easterling's tea service, Mrs. Gill. Should any members make the points vary on the above, I shall be glad if they will communicate with me at once. Also will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1909-10, kindly do so at once, to enable the annual meeting to be held at an early date. I shall also be glad to hear of any fancier wishing to join, and to furnish any information respecting the club.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. sec., The Junction Hotel, Andover.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Results of the various competitions for 1909-10: "The Bailey Trophy and Sandiford Cup Competition": 1, Thornton and Bower, 128 points; 2, J. Bailey, 125; 3, W. H. Shackleton, 105; and 4, Messrs. Hartley, 91. Ramsden Cup and Money Specials: 1, J. Bailey, 126 points; 2, Ogden Bros., 115; 3, H. H. Towers, 102; and 4, J. Helliwell, 90 points. Shaving Cabinet Competition: 1, H. H. Towers, 102 points; 2, J. Helliwell, 90. Novice Competition: 1, W. Beaumont, 65 points; 2, J. Lane, 26; 3, T. Fortman, 13 points. The following are winners of Ramsden's specials, viz., Messrs. Thornton and Bower (cruet), W. H. Shackleton (miniature goblet), J. Bailey (jam dish), Mr. Beaumont (jam dish), and J. Lane (miniature goblet). Cash prizes for third, fourth, and fifth birds were won at the following shows:—Sandy Lane: Third birds, Messrs. J. Wilson, H. Hill, S. Lingley, R. Sutcliffe and Son, Thornton and Bower, and A. Jowett; 4th birds, J. Helliwell; 5th birds, J. W. Dewhirst. Accrington: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers; 4th birds, Sam Dean; 5th birds, Sutcliffe and Son. Dulwich O.S.: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers, A. E. Bishop; 4th birds, Messrs. Hartley, J. Helliwell, Broadley and Son, H. Kaye, and J. Chippendale; 5th birds, J. Helliwell, H. Kaye, H. H. Towers, and Broadley and Son. Bradford City: 3rd birds, A. Cooper; 4th birds, J. Wilcock, Thornton and Bower, H. W. Walsh, and H. H. Towers; 5th birds, A. Cooper. Rochdale: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers; 4th birds, A. Hirst, and W. Broughton; 5th birds, Edmondson & Son, and A. Hirst. Shipley O.S.: 3rd birds, J. Bailey; 4th birds, J. Bailey; 5th birds, L. Dyson. Manchester: 3rd birds, C. Stebbings, and W. Broughton; 4th birds, E. Radley, and W. Broughton; 5th birds, J. Wilcock. Bradford West: 3rd birds, Sutcliffe and Son; 4th birds, J. Wilson, Messrs. Hartley, E. Radley, J. Wilcock, J. W. Dewhirst, S. Lingley, and A. Ross; 5th birds, J. Wilson, and H. H. Towers. Huddersfield: 3rd birds, Thornton and Bower; 4th birds, H. W. Walsh; 5th birds, Thornton and Bower, and H. H. Towers. Sunderland: 3rd birds, Ogden Bros.; 4th birds, J. Wilcock; 5th birds, J. Helliwell. Becclesbill: 3rd birds, H. H. Towers; 4th birds, H. H. Towers, L. Dyson, J. Chippendale, and W. Beaumont; 5th birds, H. H. Towers. Great Horton: 3rd birds, A. Ambler, J. Lane, M. Peel, Messrs. Hartley, H. H. Towers, T. Fortman, H. Hill, and J. Wilson; 4th birds H. H. Towers; 5th birds, F. Armstrong. Windhill: 3rd birds, J. Chippendale; 4th birds, H. H. Towers and Sutcliffe and Son; 5th birds, Sutcliffe and Son. Gateshead: 3rd birds, J. Bailey, 4th birds, J. Bailey; 5th birds, Messrs. Hartley. Halifax: 3rd birds, E. Radley, H. Hill, A. Cooper, P. Drake and Son, H. W. Walsh, and Edmondson and Son; 4th birds, A. Cooper and H. H. Towers; 5th birds, H. Hill and J. E. Priestley. Edinburgh: 3rd birds, J. Wilcock; 4th birds, J. Wilcock and Messrs. Hartley. Bradford East: 3rd birds, J. Lane, J. Helliwell, J. Wilson, and A. Ross; 4th birds, W. Blakey; 5th birds, J. Farrar, W. Crabtree, C. Stebbings, Sutcliffe and Son, and H. Charlesworth. Wakefield: 3rd birds, W. Beaumont and Ogden Bros.; 4th birds, J. Robertshaw, E. Radley, W. Beaumont, H. Hill, and J. Helliwell; 5th birds, J. Lane, J. Robertshaw, and J. Helliwell. Crystal Palace: 3rd birds, J. Helliwell, Thornton and Bower, L. Dyson, L. Hodgson, and W. Crabtree; 4th birds, P. Mason, E. Radley, F. Armstrong, and A. Jowett; 5th birds, W. Cruise, Thornton and Bower, Messrs. Hartley and Tom Wood.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. sec. and treasurer, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows Hall on Jan. 29th, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. There was a good turn out of members, and some new fanciers were added to the roll. The principal business was the nomination of judges, whose election will take place at next meeting on Feb. 26.—W. CLUBB, sec.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND B.C.

The annual "smoker" was held on Feb. 1st in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow. Mr. R. A. Brown occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. J. McLay, M. Craig, and T. Tod. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the songs rendered being of exceptional merit, which the company present did not fail to appreciate. The chairman fairly excelled himself, his anecdotes being the feature of the evening. The meeting came to a close all too soon, the "smoker" being voted by everyone the most successful the club has yet held.—F. BOWMAN, sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The competition in connection with the club came to an end with the club show held in connection with the City of Birmingham members' show. Throughout the season the members have shown a laudable competitive spirit, and the ultimate winners of both champion and novice sections were in doubt right up to the finish. Appended is the table showing how members stand. Champion: Williams 81, Wells 78, Millincamp 61, Bishop 34, Raybould 26, Harris 24, Paddock 18, Hawley 19, Burke 8, Allen 7, Sutton 6, Mole 4, Evans 3, Steventon 1. Novice: Evans 46, Caine 37, Bryan 36, Foster 35, Lawton 23, Clempson 13, Freer 12, Weekes 11, Jennings 4, Allen 2.—A. PADDOCK, Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual general meeting held in the Mission Hall, Dempter Gardens, on February 2. In the absence of our esteemed president, Mr. G. Mackenzie, owing to family bereavement, Mr. G. Dorward took the chair. The balance sheet showed an income of £98 7s. 10d., and an expenditure of £98 7s. 7d. The election of office bearers:—President, Mr. G. MacKenzie; vice-president, Mr. Dorward; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road; assistant secretary, Mr. Sutherland, 15, Wells Street. A large committee of management was also appointed. The next annual show was fixed to be held on November 23rd. The usual vote of thanks closed a most harmonious meeting.—A. URQUHART, sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Oddfellows Hall, the president, Mr. Dickson, presiding. It was agreed to hold annual show in the Oddfellows Hall. The secretary read a letter from the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, asking the members' support in the appeal case, a good sum being contributed from the members present. Amendments to rules were tabled to be decided at next meeting, and fixing of classes for annual show. The judges for the annual show were selected, but are yet to be written to. One new member was admitted. We had a table show of Norwich, some really good birds being brought forward. The awards were placed by Mr. R. Bennie, who gave every satisfaction. Results: 1, Simpson; 2, 3, 5, Millar and Eadie; 4, vhc, Hamilton and Wallace.—R. HAMILTON, sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

A very successful dinner was held at the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Feb. 10. The usual business of the meeting, which included the drawing up of an attractive programme of lectures, shows, etc., for the year, was speedily got through, thanks to previous work by the committee. The members and friends then set to work to appease their appetites with the good fare kindly provided by our worthy treasurer and host, Mr. H. Justice and Mr. I. J. Granger. I must here say a word of praise also to Mrs. Justice and the staff of helpers. When all had satisfied their hunger, the president, Mr. L. Havenhand, made a presentation to Mr. Justice; this took the form of a framed enlargement of himself (Mr. Justice). The speaker thanked Mr. Justice (whom he referred to as one of the society's first members) for his many kindnesses. It really does seem that there is no end to his generosity. In reply, Mr. Justice said he was delighted with the memento, and should prize it highly. He then produced a silver cup, which he formally presented to the society, saying he hoped it would make competition keener among members, and would long remain in the society's possession. This elicited a round of well-merited applause. The president thanked him for the handsome gift. Mr. W. Richardson (sec.) supported in his usual kindly and whole-hearted manner, and reiterated Mr. Havenhand's intentions of "trying his best for the cup." Mr. E. Johnson (vice-president) thanked Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) and Mr. H. Taylor (Darnall) for their presence. He also thanked them in the name of the society for the services they had rendered. In this he coupled the names of Mr. F. Gregory (Ecclesfield) and Mr. Bagnall (Rotherham). Mr. Welbon supporting, said he hoped we should have them amongst us on many future occasions. Mr. Browning, in reply, said he was pleased to see the members, and had never seen the room look so nice. Mr. Taylor similarly replied. His section (Norwich), he said, showed a decided improvement on previous years. The most difficult yet most essential point to both obtain and retain in Norwich was good heads. Mr. Perry also thanked Mr. Justice for his generosity. I think the society is to be congratulated on having such a treasurer, such a president, and last, but not least, such a hearty feeling of goodwill among its members.—A DINER.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

1910.
Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove).
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton).
*Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road).
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk).
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Nov. 5.—**Etonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

GOSSIP FROM THE PALACE SHOW.

Envious Eyes.

Perhaps the most handled bird, and probably the most admired Canary, in the show was the magnificent unflighted, yellow Yorkshire cock, exhibited by Messrs. Ambler (of Morecambe). On every day and at every hour one could see a knot of enthusiasts discussing his merits. This charmer was staged not far from Mr. G. Mitchell's fine yellow Norwich, and at times the gangway near these birds was quite blocked with admirers If one wanted to see any prominent Norwich or Yorkshire breeder upon business, it was only necessary to wander to this particular corner.

A Path of Roses.

Some fanciers struggle on for years and never attain dizzy heights in the Fancy. Among these cannot be counted Mr. W. Binns, of Blackpool, for in his third season with five exhibits in the Yorkshire section he secured two seconds, one third, and a h.c. card, and all among the champions. They were all birds of exceptional merit, and put down in A1 condition.

The South in Luck.

London has secured another Border enthusiast in the person of Mr. J. McGuffie (of Carlisle), who has taken up his abode in the suburbs. He intends putting up a goodly number of pairs during the coming season, so possibly his name will be added to the list of exhibitors at the London shows next winter. "The more the merrier." He was deeply interested in the show, and one of the readiest to give a bird credit for all the good points he possessed.

From the Granite City.

No visitor enjoys a show more than Dr. Galloway, from Aberdeen. He is a bird student as well as a bird exhibitor. The sex of an Albino, the age of a Britisher, or the parentage of a clear Mule, are all of deep interest to him. His albino yellow Bunting (clear yellow) was much admired, and the Doctor informed us that he has to be always careful to see that this bird has a good light in which to find its food and water, as, being a particularly bright pink-eyed specimen, it is somewhat weak in sight.

CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

There seems every indication that the Cage Bird Union is on the verge of a very serious crisis in its history. Following upon the fiasco at the recent annual general meeting (when the proceedings were shown to be "out of order") comes news that those two powerful South country organisations, the London and Provincial O.S., and the London C.B.A., are considering the advisability of seceding from the C.B.U. ranks. Hull C.B.S. has already resigned; and further resignations in the North are, we learn, imminent. We also hear of a proposal to form a Union for the West-country societies, and a Union for Lancashire societies (on the lines of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.) which will be found mooted on page 176 this week. Further, just as we go to press we are informed that Mr. W. A. Bladon (the present chairman) refuses to permit his name to go out as chairman for the coming year. Will the Cage Bird Union weather the storm, we wonder?

On a Good Thing.

One of the "plums" of the show was picked up by Mr. F. Tibbs (Battersea), this being a grand yellow Yorkshire hen of lovely type, destined to be a mate for a buff cock, hailing from the same aviary as the yellow champion of the show. May Mr. Tibbs breed some to beat both parents!

Size Takes a Back Seat.

Type and quality were the keynote among the Yorkshires, many big 'uns being left out in the cold. It is doubtful if anything over standard length came out on top. One country visitor (on his first jaunt to the Palace), was much surprised at this, and we verily believe expected to see some extending tho rule to about eight inches. Wasn't he surprised! "Type and quality; type and quality," he muttered; "I shall dream of it!"

The Jonques Score.

Border Fancy lovers had plenty for their money, and many a little discussion took place round this section. It is very doubtful if a better class of yellow cocks was ever seen at the Glass House; they were certainly ahead of the buffs for type and finish.

A Taste for Lancashires.

One old lady stood for some time in front of the first prize Lancashire, evidently admiring its massive proportions. At length she ventured to ask our artist if it sang. Some twenty minutes later he found her still in the same spot. "He hasn't sung yet," she murmured. "Do you know if he is for sale?" "Oh, yes," H.N. replied. "He is catalogued at £50, but I daresay the owner might take a bit less if you were to write to him." "Thank you," she replied, "but I won't trouble."

Enthusiasts.

Pa. Mundell and Harry Battye revelled in the Yorkshires. They judged them on the Friday, compared them again after luncheon, went through them on the Saturday, and discussed them once more on the Monday. When at last they had to reluctantly tear themselves away, a big slice of sunshine and mirth went out of the show. How they love a good Yorkie!

In Happier Circumstances.

One of the buyers of birds was Dr. Kellett, the medical gentleman who, with his wife, was involved in the recent terrible railway disaster at Stoat's nest, where a cage containing Canaries which they were taking home was smashed, though the birds themselves (like their owners) fortunately escaped injury.

A Fine Record.

The foreign Goldfinch which secured the first prize for Mr. A. J. Howie (Dunfermline), has a record this season of 11 firsts and 2 seconds out of thirteen visits to various shows, including wins over those Goldies to which, in turn, the bird played "second fiddle."

To Tickle the Yankees.

One of the features of the show was a huge glass case containing many scores of stuffed birds, artistically set up to illustrate the well-known legend, "The Death of Cock Robin." This exhibit attracted much attention, and we hear was sold at the price marked on it (£20) to go to New York to be used as a side-show in the Bowery. The case was the property of Mr. Lawrence, a well-known builder of Sydenham.

A Coveted Goldfinch.

An admirer of British Goldfinches paid £4 4s. (catalogue price) for the bird exhibited by Mr. J. Hannay (Maxwelltown), which stood unnoticed in its class, the cage-label having been marked "soft" by the judge when making his awards.

A Matter of Opinion.

There was much discussion over the "bibs" possessed by some of the Lesser Redpolls. Certainly we have never seen larger bibs than those exhibited by three or four of the birds in this class. Some of the "knowing ones" cast dubious glances at them, but unfortunately differed considerably in opinion as to which "might be" all right, and which "might be" all wrong.

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The sixth list of subscriptions received by Mr. G. Crabb up to Wednesday evening last is as follows: The City and Suburban A.C.B., £1 1s.; Wimbledon C.B.S., 12s. 6d.; Douglas and Isle of Man C.B.S., 10s. 6d.; per Mr. W. E. Marriott, from the fanciers of Chesterfield, 8s. 6d.; Yarmouth Perseverance B.B.S., 8s. 6d.; Lincoln C.B.S., 7s. 1d.; Long Eaton C.B.S., 5s.; Larne C.B.A. Committee, 5s.; Oldham C.B.S., 5s.; Huddersfield O.S., 5s.; Edinburgh Eastern O.S., 3s. 6d.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S., 3s. 3d.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., 3s.; Stockport B.F.A., 2s. 6d.; Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., 2s. 6d.; T. E. Miles (Norwich), 2s. 6d.; W. Perkins (London, S.E.), 2s. 6d.; Stockport Dealers (per the Stockport B.F.A.), 2s.; Mr. T. H. Inman (Bradford), 2s.; F. J. Fiddes (Montrose), 1s. 6d.; C. Haskin (Blyth), 1s.; D. Carstairs (Perth), 1s.; C. Croall (Perth), 6d.; J. Robertson (Perth), 6d.; Mr. A. Richardson (York), 6s.; and Mr. W. Hall (Harrogate), 3s. 6d. These amounts total £6 5s. 10d., and, together with the amounts already acknowledged bring the aggregate subscriptions received up to £48 5s. 3d.

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

I was much struck with the case of Messrs. Preston and Flowers. I think it high time that steps were taken to protect both the catcher and the dealer. I suggest that there should be formed a society for that purpose. I firmly believe there are scores of readers, especially catchers and dealers, who would be only too pleased to pay a yearly subscription to such an association. I think that if an association of this kind could be formed it would be a splendid thing to protect the dealer and catcher from having his birds illegally taken, as is often the case. The W.B.P.S. is all very well to a certain extent, but I think they often carry things a little too far. We British will soon be ground down as the Russians are.—A FANCIER (Gorleston).

CLUB NOTICES; continued.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting, F.F. Show, etc.—W. Adams.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Feb. 23, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting, rules, balance-sheet, and lecture by Mr. A. E. Pattrick.—W. Franks.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Sale Open.—Feb. 21, Technical School, 8. Washing demonstration, by A. Royle, and table show of Canaries and Brit., etc.; entries received at meeting, 2d. per cage.—J. Irlam.

Southampton O.S.—Feb. 23, Headquarters, 273, Shirley Road, 8. Table show.—C. Parmiter.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. S. Dean (Bradford).—J. Smith.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8.—J. Gibbons.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Feb. 21, Elephant and Castle, 7.30. Few birds for judging; fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Paper on the Linnet, by Mr. J. Leech, and prize money for Feb. show.—C. Dukes.

York. C.C. of Scotland.—Feb. 22, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 7.45. Adjourned general, pairs show, yell. ck., buff hen, and buff ck. and yell. hen.—F. Bowman.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8. Election of office bearers, rules, date of annual show.—J. S. Napier.

Accrington C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting.—J. W. Philpott.

Bradford East O.S.—Sunday, Feb. 20, Park Chapel, 6. 1st annual service for fanciers; preacher, Rev. G. Hall Wallis; subject, "Birds"; soloist, Mrs. Wilton Laycock; fanciers and friends invited. Feb. 22, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. Whiting, on "Breeding and Rearing the Yorkshire," arrangements for members' shows, Union business.—H. Hill.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open show, etc.—F. C. Sims.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 24. Members' pair show; intending exhibitors kindly let secretary have entries early.—J. C. Bell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Pair class and lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, "Breeding the Exhibition Yorkshire"; fanciers invited.—F. Gelder.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. General.—G. Harper.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Chequer's Hotel, 8.30. Table show, Goldfinch and Greenfinch classes; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Special general, to receive report and balance-sheet, and to decide on proposed branch at Bromsgrove.—J. H. de Mallet.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 19, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Bennett Tea Rooms, 2. Pair show, judge Mr. Wilson; supper at 5, after which Mr. Altham (Bashall Hall) will lecture on British birds.—J. Southworth.

Derby C.B.C.—Feb. 26, Derwent Hotel, London Road, 7. Revision of rules and question of open show this year; intending new members invited.—W. Stevens.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Church Hall, 7.—J. Brown.

Dalziel, O.A.—Feb. 19, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of office bearers.—J. Matthieson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 19th, Saville Hotel. Members' show, birds must be staged at 3; judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—N. Rayner.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Pair show, Yorks and Nor.; Mr. Mason, judge Yorks and lecture on same, and Mr. Stansfield the Nor and lecture; fanciers invited.—W. Hopwood.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Feb. 26, George Hotel, 2. Annual pair show, Yorks., Nor., A.O.V., Can.-Mule Hyb. (novice), Can., Mule and Hyb.—R. S. Black.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 24, Earl of Wakefield, Katharine Road, 8. British bird, Can. and Hyb. pair show.—H. Rutter.

Guistro "Priory."—Feb. 26, Wear's Room. Pair show, birds to be staged by 2.30; 3d. per cage.—R. Mays.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Mar. 11, Clarendon Hall. Show of British birds; 8 classes.—W. Proudfoot.

Green C.A.—Feb. 24, Oldham Hall, Ranshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Lecture on "Diseases of Cage Birds," by Mr. J. W. Cutmore; nomination forms and any notices of motion to be in the hands of secretary by the 22nd; also subscriptions for 1909.—S. Hadwin.

Glasgow (Queen's Park) and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, Queen Mary Avenue, Crosshill, 8. Pair show and meeting.—R. Heggie.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Cottier's, Town Gate, 7.45. Reconstruction of the Society and to arrange date of our young bird show.—J. Fielding.

Gt. Horton, Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 26, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Members' show; judge Mr. A. W. Hartley, travelling cage to carry two for most points with three-starred birds; also half-stone of Canary seed for heaviest loser.—H. Clubb.

Heywood C.S.—Feb. 22, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7. Social evening to be followed by supper, local fanciers welcome.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hastings United C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Royal Oak Hotel, 8.30. To decide affiliation to C.B.U., and elect judge and hall for annual show.—A. E. Godden.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormon Street, 8. To elect judge for pair classes of show to be held early in March; also to arrange classes for table shows each month.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 23, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover. Evening show. Entry fee, 3d. each cage; the proceeds going to the funds.—G. Sanderson.

King's Lynn C.C.—Mar. 9, Rechabites' Hall, 8. Members' match pair show.—A. R. Kent.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 26, Miners' Hall, 7. Canary Washing exhibition, by Mr. D. Hamilton; fanciers invited.—J. Pollocks.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor., nat. col. open, novice ditto, Nor. heavily varieg. or green, open any, A.O.V. Can.; all interested in cage birds invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 19, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 2.30. Members' show, birds to be staged 2.30; judge, Mr. F. Oldroyd; fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important matter will be before the meeting, trusting that all members will make an effort to attend.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30.—A. E. Wigginton.

Lancashire C.A.—Feb. 19, Rochdale O.C., 7. Annual meeting and presentation of medals, intending members invited; subscriptions now due.—C. Whitehead.

Manchester & N.C.O.S.—Feb. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Popular Brit. birds and some aviculturral problems, by Mr. J. W. Cutmore (Liverpool); all interested invited.—E. H. Jones.

Midland Roller Club.—Feb. 24, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Judging competition, interesting fanciers' friends invited.—J. H. Willows.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 26, 83, High Street. Election judges, etc.—W. Nisbet.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Headquarters, 8. Election of Officers.—J. Davey.

National B.B. & M.C.—Feb. 24, "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. To elect officers for the ensuing year.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Table show of Brit. Hardbills; fanciers and friends invited.—F. Steeple.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Feb. 24, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Distribution of prizes and short report.—J. C. Birch.

Radford C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Pheasant Inn, Radford, 8. Washing exhibition by Messrs. J. Bowers, Oliver, and Birch, and competition after for novice washing; open to all, good special for winner.—Walters.

Questions and Answers.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

About Breeding.

"Birdi."Unless done for some special object, it is not advisable to in-breed so closely as father and daughter. An occasional mating of this kind will have practically no ill effect at all if the parents themselves have not been previously in-bred. Still, when no particular object is in view, it is always best to avoid mating such close relations. The hen you refer to, with thick scaly legs and feet, will probable never see her third year again; it is doubtless some distance behind her. Whether she would be any use for breeding depends solely upon her health and stamina. If quite brisk and lively, and showing no signs of decay, she would probably breed more or less successfully, but, on the whole, I should prefer to tempt fortune with a younger specimen. If the aviary is in a tolerably quiet place, free from constant disturbances, you would doubtless succeed all right in breeding by hanging a nest-box in it. Most hens prefer the nest rather high up in these cage aviaries. Note that I say a nest-box. I think you would find the ordinary square wooden box more suitable in such a position than a nest pan. Now is just about the time to begin to feed up the birds. You would do well to get our new CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, for information on this point.

Another Trio.

A. J. H.—(1) It is not very often I imagine that birds are too fat for showing, so long as they are in good health, and have plenty of life and vivacity. But when they are, you can only limit the diet to stated quantities, as referred to in several replies the last two weeks, when the ordinary course of a plain canary seed diet, with plenty of green food, and unlimited space for exercise, so to speak, fails to bring about the desired result. (2) It depends upon what you have for rape, whether it is too relaxing for the winter months. Personally, I have yet to discover that good summer rape, properly stored and mellowed, is at all relaxing. On the contrary, I have frequently increased it in the diet of birds for no other purpose than to correct a too relaxed condition, and the result has generally been O.K. But some of the seed now sold as German rape, or summer rape, is undoubtedly very relaxing, but I neither use it largely nor advise others to do so. (3) From what you say about this hen, I do not advise you to rely upon her as a foster mother, or you will probably find you have built upon a very rotten foundation. By-the-bye, you say you do not want to breed anything off her, but I presume you know that in order to utilise her services as a foster mother, it is essential to mate her, in order to get her to go to nest in the natural course.

Various Elementaries.

Spivinix.—I cannot see your object in wanting to place feeding perches one inch apart at the same level as the feeding holes. Do you mean placing the perches at a distance of one inch from the feeding holes? If so, they would do very nicely at that distance, and about the same level, or the perch very slightly below the level of the feeding hole, is also about the correct thing. But to have two perches at only an inch apart must be quite unnecessary, and I cannot see what use you have for them unless your cages are exceedingly small. I prefer seed hoppers of the trough shape, if I might so term it, with a piece of glass for the front and wooden cover on top. They are usually supplied this shape, though not always with glass front, on the breeding cages you buy ready-made. If the glass vessels you use are of the bottle shape—that is, with cover-over top—they are as good as any you can get for preventing waste of seed. Those named above are also excellent for economy. The best form of economy, however, is not to supply elaborate seed mixtures, but to give different seeds separately. So long as the water is pure and fresh it is not of vital importance whether you supply soft water or hard water for drinking, though the latter is certainly seriously contaminated with impurities from leads, storage cisterns, etc. Soft water is the best to supply for bathing purposes. You must give a few more particulars about the symptoms of the cock. Probably there is little, if anything, the matter. Give him a pinch of Epsom salts in water for a day or two, and if not better write again, and say how you feed and treat him.

The Reason Why.

Pixie.—It is quite possible for the feeding to seriously affect the quality of the Roller's song. In your case, however, unless I was quite certain to the contrary, I should feel inclined to suspect it was of the wrong sex. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, and broken sunflower seeds, and on two other days each week for the next month give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed strewn over it. Stop giving apple now, and give instead a little greenstuff four times a week, but see that it is quite free from frost and wet. Mix as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in a small teaspoonful of honey, reduce to a soft paste with biscuit powder, and give a piece the size of a small pea every second day as long as it lasts. Stick it on the end of his perch for him to peck off. See that he is quite free from draught. The feather picking is probably due to his being pestered with red mites. Examine cage very carefully, and if any are found thoroughly eradicate them, by means frequently repeated in detail in this column.

Pants and Wheezes.

Mrs. Scott.—I suspect the bird has got over the first flush of youth, and is now taking life easy. Still, it should not pant and wheeze, but as it still sings so well there cannot be much very serious the matter. It is quite likely he got a chill in the moult, or otherwise he is probably now exposed to draughts, or sudden extremes of heat and cold, or impure air. Attend to this matter; see that draughts are totally avoided; that the temperature is fairly equable, and do not allow the cage to hang near or above burning lights in the evenings. Feed the same as advised to "Pixie," but there is no need for you to give the honey compound. You can get the gold of pleasure seed at any dealer's in birds' food, but see that you get the proper article—a small brown-coloured seed, about the size of maw seed. This is necessary, as some seed retailers seem rather hazy about this seed, and I have myself been supplied with both yellow mustard and red millet when asking for gold of pleasure. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after that give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards, if necessary.

Bad Behaviour.

Tonic.—Your bird is probably in a very bad way, and I can only advise you in general terms, as you have omitted all mention of your feeding and general management. You should keep him in a box cage, that is, one with wire in the front only. Also see that it is hung in a comfortable and equable position, not necessarily very warm, but where there is as little fluctuation as possible, and quite out of the way of the heat and fumes of burning lights in the evenings. See that the cage is kept perfectly free from insect pests. If, as I imagine, you place a vessel inside its cage for it to bathe, you should discontinue this, and get a bath made to hang on the open doorway, and thus avoid unnecessarily alarming the bird. You may then offer it a bath three times a week in mild weather, but only do so providing it does not appear any worse after bathing. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on two other days each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and black rape in equal parts. On each of the remaining days give a spray of watercress, or any other green food available. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Keep the cage floor well strewn with clean, gritty sand.

Colds and Losing Feathers.

E.A.E.—It is certainly the great fluctuations of the living room that is the cause of the bird's condition. If you arrange to have the cages hung in a position which is quite free from draught, and yet is well away from the fire or any lights burning in the evenings, so as to be as free as possible from fluctuations, you had far better take them into a cold room with no fire at all. This I think would be your best course, but see that the room is free from draughts and damp, and choose a time when the weather is mild to make the change. Do not attempt to force them into moult thoroughly, or you will only make matters worse. Feed as advised to "Hilda," but give half a teaspoonful per bird of hemp on the days between the sponge cake. Give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the moulting stops, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, Ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Continue the latter for a fortnight, or until the wheezing stops. You would be well advised not to mate any of those which show the wheezing in such a pronounced form as you mention, and do not attempt to mate any until about a month after the moulting is quite stopped. With luck you may get them ready by the middle of April.

A Removal, etc.

Frank Hambrook.—The change from a noisy room to a quiet one should be wholly beneficial, and if the two rooms are practically of the same average temperature you could make the change any time without any fear of harmful results, and in any case it would be best to move them before any are mated. A slight difference in average temperature on either side would be of no importance, but if the room you wish to move them to is considerably colder than the one they are in now, you had better wait until April, when the weather is more settled and milder, before moving them. Similarly, if it is very much warmer you should either wait awhile, or take any possible steps to bring it down to something nearly approaching the one now occupied by the birds, or you will run a risk of throwing them into moult still more deeply. I do not quite understand what you mean by saying the feathers are turning a trifle white. If you will write again and explain matters, I will do my best to help you. What colour are they? How long have you had them? Are they colour-fed? Is it the body of the feather or merely the tips of webs that fade? Have the cages been recently white-washed with whiting that rubs off? As regards the moulting, so far from being a good thing for them at this season, it is evidence of something being wrong with the management. Keep them quite out of reach of draughts, and allow no sudden extreme of heat or cold where they are kept. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping out.

The Only Way.

Hilda.—If there is a considerable difference in the temperature of the two rooms, this is undoubtedly the cause of its condition. The reason he was not so last winter is simply due to the fact that he had not been exposed to these conditions so long then, and was also a year younger to resist adverse influences. Would it not be possible to let him remain at night in the room where he is kept by day? This would be the best thing you could do, and he should not be too near the fire, where the fluctuations of heat are greatest. Keep him in a box cage, and do not hang him in the window at all, nor expose to any draughts at any time. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a few grains of hemp, and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until the feathers cease dropping. He will not come in full song until the moulting is quite cured.

A Duet.

Caledonia.—(1) You are probably keeping the Roller in an unsuitable position. See that its cage is well away from the heat and fumes of burning lights in the evenings, that it is perfectly free from draughts, and in a position not too near a fire, where the fluctuations between day and night temperature will be as little as possible. Keep it quite free from mites, and nicely strewn with clean gritty sand regularly. In addition to the staple diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed strewn over it twice a week for the next fortnight. On two other days give a few grains of hemp and inga, and on each of the other days a spray of green food. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and one of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. (2) Feed the Norwich the same as above for a month, and stop all other foods. Also see that the same precautions are adopted as regards its position. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil every second day for a week, or longer as may appear necessary.

Dizzy Roller.

U.C.W.C.—You are both feeding and keeping the bird incorrectly, and this is doubtless the chief cause of its illness, but as the attacks seem to be periodic, I should suspect that something which perhaps passes the window at these intervals causes a shock to the bird. You should not allow him to hang in the window, as it is quite impossible to prevent extremes of heat and cold in such a position, and very nearly so to prevent draughts. A box cage, and a position further in the room where it is nice and bright and fairly equable, is far preferable. It is also probably in an overfed condition, and the attacks are, I suspect, of an apoplectic nature, induced probably by some kind of shock. Feed it for the next month on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on each of the remaining days a fair-sized spray of watercress, or any other green stuff that may be obtainable in good condition. When green stuff cannot be obtained, a morsel of banana, or orange, or a grape with the skin broken, may be given instead; but green food is to be preferred. Stop all other dainties. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two or three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Not Proven.

Melange.—It is almost impossible to forecast the result of any particular mating without being quite certain of the full pedigree of the birds for some distance backwards, on account of cinnamon blood being so widely diffused amongst the variety nowadays. Yours is a case in point. The first mating you mention of a pure cinnamon hen with a pure clear Yellow cock shows clearly in the result that the supposed clear Yellow cock was not "pure," but had cinnamon blood in him, although he may not have shown a trace of cinnamon colour. Had you examined him closely you would have found he was pink-eyed, showing his cinnamon relationship. In the second case also you will doubtless discover the cock was a clear-bodied pink-eyed bird. Had the cocks in question been quite free from cinnamon blood, you would not have produced any cinnamon-coloured youngsters at all. It depends solely upon the strength of the cinnamon blood in these cocks whether the cinnamon-marked is likely to be a cock or not. In the circumstances it may be quite possible for it to be a cock. If it proves so, I should advise you to mate it with a clear-bodied pink-eyed Yellow hen well over standard length in preference to a Buff. The result of the foul Green cock and cinnamon-marked hen will be Green and Green-marked, and probably an occasional cinnamon and cinnamon-marked.

Premature Efforts.

W. Wilson.—Your attempts at breeding are too premature for any success to attend them. You cannot do better than read and digest the remarks about mating in the book sent you, by which you will see that you ought not, in any ordinary circumstances, to have mated the birds for nearly two months, and also that it is quite useless putting birds together if they are not ready for mating. From what you say about the hen, I am afraid she is very far off being ready for mating, and it will be all you can do to get her into good condition by the proper time. Separate them at once, and very carefully examine your cages to be sure they are quite free from red mites, and, if not, deal with them in such a way as to thoroughly rid the cages of them before the breeding season arrives. Feed the hen on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape seed. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give a spray of watercress or other green food three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. After the first fortnight drop the medicines, and bread and milk, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, every third day; the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, gold of pleasure, and sesame seeds every second day, but missing the days when the egg food is due to be given, and a little green food, including a leaf of dandelion, on each of the alternate days.

Brevities.

Mate for Yorkshire Green (Kirkdale).—Another green, a good sound-coloured self buff green, as sound as possible on throat and at vent, is the best mate for breeding good greens. If possible, get a hen quite free from any taint of cinnamon blood, and it will also be an advantage if the cock complies with the same condition.

Mating (Greenie).—As you do not know more about the parentage of the foul green cock, you could not do better than mate him with the clear yellow hen, on the stray chance of his being the offspring of a cinnamon cock, in which case, assuming there is no cinnamon blood in the hen, you will be almost certain of producing green-marked and cinnamon-marked, and clean-bodied, pink-eyed young. All the young showing cinnamon colour will invariably be hens.

The Fabled White (F.I.A.T.).—The only way in which you can hope to get as near as possible to colour negation short of a pure freak of Nature turning up to help you backwards or forwards is to mate only those birds as pale in colour as possible, and with a complete absence of any dark or smoky-hued underflue when you blow up the feathers around the base of the tail, flanks, etc. Place absolutely no reliance upon such fables as rearing them on biscuit and milk as a short cut to get light-coloured birds. If it were not so the path of light Mule breeders would be easy.

Various (Amateur).—If your object is to get the best possible quality of song, you should get a Roller hen to mate with him, but if you wish to produce a better looking bird than the pure Roller, and do not mind losing a little in quality of song, you would do well to mate him with a Yorkshire hen. Whichever you choose, the young will have to be educated or trained. But teaching with a pipe or whistle is apt to prove worse than useless unless the operator is exceptionally clever. It will be better to depend upon letting them have the company of one or two thoroughly good singing Roller cocks. The hen may be an old one. In any case I should not place high hopes on her performance this season.

When Ready (T.B.).—It depends to a certain extent upon the breed of the birds when youngsters hatched in August are ready for breeding. Left to their own inclinations probably nearly all would commence breeding by the following April. But with large breeds, such as Lancashires, Crests, etc., this is not desirable, and the best course would be not to mate them before May and only take one nest from them in the first season. Small breeds, such as Rollers or Borders, might be mated at the usual time—the end of March or beginning of April. For others, about the middle of April would be a suitable time, and of the medium-sized breeds two nests the first year should be the limit.

What Difference? (Novice).—There is none. A Norwich Canary and Norwich Plainbead is one and the same breed. The latter term is rather a useless relic of former times. Fifteen or twenty years ago when controversy raged hot and long about the type and naming of the Crest, there were many who favoured retaining two types of Crest and Crestbred—large and small, the small to retain the name of Norwich Crest and Cresthred, as the prefix Norwich was very commonly used for Crests. In those days it was more necessary to use the term Plainhead to distinguish the Norwich as we now have it from the Crestbred. But as the prefix Norwich was dropped from the name of the Crest and Crestbred, there is really no necessity now to retain the term Plainhead.

Order of the Bath (Novice Bath).—Healthy vigorous birds which dry themselves quickly and do not appear to suffer from any chill afterwards, may be allowed to bathe every day all the year round if they so desire. Those that seem to be adversely affected or sit huddled up after bathing, should only be allowed to bathe once or twice a week, and that on nice mild days, in winter, increasing the frequency as the weather gets warmer, until they, too are allowed the bath daily in summer. The best way to supply a bath is to have a proper bath cage to hang on the open doorway of the living cage, when the bird can pass in and bathe and return to his living cage to dry himself. Baths can also be bought to hang on the open doorway after the manner of a seed hopper. Next to these, you can get a small china bath to go inside the cage and stand on the floor.

Lancashire with Cold (Arthur A. Llewellyn).—Keep it in a comfortable place, away from all draughts, and feed it as advised to "Pixie." There is no need, however, for you to give the paste of honey, etc. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards, if necessary. If this does not make a great improvement, repeat the treatment for another week, but omit the eucalyptus and add in its place five drops each of paregoric and chlorodyne. If the eyes have not ceased being watery, dissolve as much boric acid as will cover a shilling in a tablespoonful of hot water, add two drops of laudanum, and drop a few drops of this on each eye daily for a few days.

What Mate (Anxious).—As is most usual in asking this question, you give no idea what you aim at producing. But even then Cinnamon blood is so widely disseminated amongst the Yorkshire that unless you knew for a certainty whether the bird in question possessed any Cinnamon blood, it would be practically impossible to give a correct forecast of the result of any suggested mating. If it possesses no taint of Cinnamon blood, and is a good sound colour throughout, a self green hen for breeding pure greens would be a good selection, or a clear buff for green markings and variegation, with an occasional rich coloured clear. If paired to a Cinnamon hen, still assuming it is fincent of Cinnamon blood in itself, the young would be greens and heavily variegated greens, but if it has a slight taint of Cinnamon blood there would probably be a percentage of Cinnamon variegated young, as well as greens.

Canary Seed Sample (G. Dear).—The E sample which was missing last week has now turned up. It is a very nice plump seed, but none too well ripened, and seems to contain a fair amount of extraneous matter. If the bulk is not dusty, it is of very fair quality, being sound and sweet. It would fall between G and F, as reported on last week.

To Breed Greens (H.B.).—Another Green is the best mate for your bird to breed Greens. You should also choose one quite free from any suspicion of foulness in wings or tail, and as sound as possible in colour at the vent. Soundness in colour at throat is, of course, also most desirable, but you should make the above-named points especially indispensable.

Albinistic (J. Pano).—I'm afraid I can only advise you to go on breeding until that freak of Nature—an Albino of each sex—turn up, and then try to perpetuate them by mating together. A really white Canary would be quite of the nature of a freak, and I know of no royal road to produce it. One of the most promising subjects to experiment with which I ever saw was sent to me dead a short time ago. It was almost white, but in reality was an extremely pale washed-out Buff.

A Bad Case (C.B.).—I fear the bird has had a severe chill and is in a bad way, and shall not be surprised if he has managed to "shuffle off this mortal coil" before this answer appears. If he has not, keep him fairly warm; not too much so, but quite free from draughts. Give two drops of a mixture of two parts syrup of buckthorn and one part brandy direct into the beak every hour for three hours. In the drinking water give twenty drops of brandy, six of syrup of rhuharb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, then miss one day, and give the same dose again for one day more. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If it feeds fairly well, give plain Canary seed and a spray of green food daily only for the next week. But if it does not feed well give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily in addition until it begins to eat seed freely. Report result in a fortnight, and I will advise further.

Baldness in Hen (L.H.D.).—Sorry I mis-read your initials last time. Continue treatment as previously advised, save that instead of giving the bread and milk substituto half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake twice a week, and each time mix in it three drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and as much of the sulphur and potash mixture as will cover a threepenny-piece, provided this latter does not cause too much looseness, in which case you must give a smaller quantity. Stop giving the salts, etc., in the drinking water, and give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, then miss a week, and give it again for another week. In all other respects perscvere with the last advised treatment for another month, by which time you should begin to see new feathers growing freely, if they are going to be reproduced.

Improving Size (H.H.).—You should be able to get plenty of suitable material ready-made by selecting good, large, stout-bodied Crest-bred or Crested cocks—Yellows, if possible; but if these are unobtainable, give preference to ticked or variegated Buffs. Note, I say stout-bodied, as you must not make the mistake of taking a bird with plenty of length to be a large one, as there is a possibility of an undue share of that kind of size being in mere tail feathers. But if you prefer crossing and making your own material, select a Yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen, with as much size as you like in substance of body, and plenty of headgear, but not too typical in other points, such as a short, stiff-tailed specimen. Mate her with a good stout Buff Crest and retain the largest and chubbiest specimens to mate back again to Crests, and discard those that revert most notably to the Lancashire. Keep your eye on Crest properties both in head and body points, and you will soon weed out the undesirable points whilst retaining a good share of the size you desire.

Growth on Wings (H.C.B.).—I rather suspect the irritating effect of red mite attacks is the indirect cause by making the bird pick its wings until a sore has formed. Thoroughly examine cage, probing any likely harbour with a pin, as frequently detailed here, and if any mites are discovered take drastic steps to eradicate them. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and occasionally soak a few quassia chips in the bathing water overnight. Anoint the sore places sparingly twice a week with boracic ointment. Add a pinch of summer rape to its diet every second day, and for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a spray of green food four times a week.

Breeding Border Fancies (Beginner).—You can breed them quite successfully in a room not heated, especially as it abuts on one that is. The great thing is to see the room is free from draughts and dampness, and yet capable of being well ventilated. Sudden fluctuations should he sufficiently safeguarded by the adjoining heated chamber. As you have the birds in a warm room, however, you should defer their removal until April, and choose a time when the weather is milder. You must not mate the birds until after the removal. By using a good hard drying paint or enamel, and giving it time to get quite dry and hard before introducing the bird, it is perfectly safe to paint or enamel the insides of the cages. Plain Canary seed only is the best staple food when birds are not breeding. A pinch of summer rape should be given separately about every second day.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

The Blue Whistling Thrush.

W. R.—This bird is not difficult to cater for; it is as large as a small pigeon, and will need a roomy cage, and once it has got a bit tame should be permitted to take a fly round the room occasionally. A cold room will do to keep it in, but it must not be subject to draught. Diet: Soft food (any good mixture, see advertisements), such fruit as it will take, and live insects—a dozen mealworms per day will not be too much—in the summer give it any insects you can capture. Some give meat, raw beef finely minced. I never have approved a meat diet for birds, but a little will not hurt it, but you can supply any meat scraps you have left from table; mince finely, and put in soft food saucer. A little milk sop will also be acceptable if the bird fanciers it—milk sop will not harm the insectivora. Hope you'll have luck with it; they are a grand species.

Indian Shama.

S. S.—The cock Shama has the head, upper and tail black, with the exception of the rump, which is white—the black of the upper surface is very lustrous and has a bluish sheen; the under surface is rich, shining, chestnut-brown. The female has the colour areas similar, but she is, though a trim and pretty bird, but a washed-out resemblance to her handsome lord. Hens are quite rare in this country, and worth more than the males. Note: The sexes only agree together during the breeding season; at all other periods they must he separated. Several good soft food mixtures are advertised in our pages; for obvious reasons I cannot name any particular food. A good soft food mixture can be made as follows: 2 parts game meal, 1 part each crissel, good ants' eggs (cocoons), and dried flies; well mix, and store in closed tins; it will keep indefinitely in any dry place. For use, take the portion required, and make it crumbly moist with boiling water, a four-pronged fork makes the best mixing tool, and add a good portion of crumbled sponge cake. Live food of some kind must also be given. It will sing a Song.

In Poor Plumage.

W. J. F.—It is not a case of illness. You will have to separate the birds up a little. The Bullbuls ought never to be caged with small birds, and even in an aviary they need watching. For one day put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water; give this, say, once a week for a month, and lightly colour the drinking water most days with Parrish's chemical food. If you can induce them to take it, supply a little crumbled sponge cake, moistened with scalding milk, and when cold dust with flowers of sulphur. If they will eat fruit, let them have such as they will take, green food (tender lettuce, when possible), and spray millet ad lib. The birds are picking themselves, and should be broken up into couples till they are in plumage again, and should be kept warm, yet not away from light and air. You should also keep them in the room which has the most equable temperature. The Avadavats should have a cocoanut shell nest, with some hay and moss. Spray the birds with quassia solution (can be procured from our advertisers) to get rid of possible parasites. If these pests are in your cages, you must get rid of them somehow, by baking, scalding, or other means. By the return of the warmer weather the birds should be in presentable condition again, but you must keep a watch, and cage up separately the principal picker. Two good books are "Aviaries and Cages" and "Foreign Birds for Beginners." Note the advertisements, and write the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS.

Brevities.

What Parrot? (Rex).—I regret I am at fault, and cannot name your bird without a little more information. Please describe the head: you simply say small bead. It is probably one of the Conures, which do not, as a rule, talk much. I am keeping your query before me.

Sexing Budgerigars (M.V.).—The cere surrounding the nostrils is blue in the male and dark brown in the female; in plumage they are similar. Yes, they use either a husk or log for incubation purposes; no nest is built, the eggs are laid on either the hare wood of the log or fibre of the husk, the birds first hollowing out the cavity to their liking.

What Bird? ("Anxious to Know").—I am of the opinion your bird is a Long-tailed Grassfinch, the present value of which is about 15s. a pair. If you are acquainted with this species, and the bird is such, then I must ask you to kindly try and describe the undersurface of body a little more minutely, and I will then have another try in our next issue; but I think the name is correctly given. What is the colour of the top of the head?

Pekin Robins (Tyro).—I am afraid I cannot help you. From your description, the birds are evidently all young and in nestling plumage; even when adult the sexual distinctions are not easy to distinguish. When picking from a crowd of adult birds, pick one of the brightest coloured and slimmest built birds, and another rather stouter built, and with the yellow areas and red wing markings less intense than those of the brilliant coloured specimen. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, and some live insects.

A Feather Plucker (C. Bland).—It is the bread and milk that is doing the mischief. Cease giving this, and confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, cuttlefish,; otherwise, treat as already advised. You must persevere. After a bird assumes this babit, it is not readily laid down, and it will probably not he thoroughly right till after the next moult. If it craves after sop, give it plain biscuit or dry toast well moistened with chemical food water.

Budgerigars (P. C.).—You have a bird infected with what is popularly known as "French moult," and I question is you can do much for it; the only thing you can do is to try and give sulphur in some form. Try soaking its seeds all night, rubbing off all superfluous moistnre in a cloth, and then dusting with flowers of sulphur. Try the same method with moistened household bread and plain biscuit; also well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and supply a little ripe apple in lieu of green food. As soon as you can obtain it free free from frost, supply grass in flower (seeding grass) ad lib.

What Cockatoo? (Cockney).—Your bird is a trifle large for Goffin's, and I make it out to be Cacatua gymnopis, known as the Bare-eyed Cockatoo, and I incline to the opinion that your bird is of this species. At least, I cannot fix your description to any other. The Blue-eyed is the next nearest, but there are several rather striking features which do not appear in the description you give, but I think I have correctly named it as above. It is worth from 50s. to 60s., according to condition, tameness, etc. I will give the matter further consideration, and if I find occasion to change my opinion will state same in this column next week.

Birds for Indoor Aviary (Mills).—In such an aviary as yours, it is really dangerous to keep Budgerigars with Finches; they might agree perhaps for twelve months, or even more, but sooner or later tragedy would be the record, sometimes the slaughter begins at once. Again, if you wish to breed hybrids, you must not have more than four pairs of birds, and even this is too many, but as you wish to go to the full limit try the following cocks with the same number of hen Canaries:—Alario Finch, St. Helena Seed-Eater, Green and Grey Singing Finches, or failing any of the above, any species of the genus Serinus that happens to be on the market. Hybrids have been bred between the following freely imported species: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Nutmeg Finch, and Bengalese, Ribbon and Red-headed Finches, Indian and African Silverbills, Silverbills and Sharp-tailed Fluches, and many others. You can, if you choose, put in six pairs and take your chance of breeding anything. Merely as a collection, it would accommodate 30 birds not larger than Canaries.

Pekin Robin (Foreign).—See replies to "Dublin" and "Tyro" in this issue.

What Hangnest? (G. W.).—I think your bird is the Black-sided Hangnest (*I abeillii*), but I will give the matter further consideration, and confirm or otherwise next week.

Value of Grey Parrot (R. C.).—Assuming that the Parrot is in perfect feather, and a well marked bird—silver greys are much appreciated—such a bird as you describe should be worth at least £10 to £15. Some would give even more. At the same time, purchasers for such birds are not found every day, and it really resolves itself into what you can get for it.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage (T. T.).—My book and my replies have always been very definitely in favour of box type cages for attempting to breed foreign birds in, though I have known instances of their doing so in an all-wire cage, and they will in all probability do so in your "Crystal Palace Aviary." Put a busk in each dome, and keep them where they will be free from draught. Feed, etc., as advised in your book.

What Parrot? (H. G. L.).—(1) It is a Roseate Cockatoo, and should be fed on seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts. Also supply cuttlefish, grit, and water regularly. Mixture: Canary and white millet seeds, hemp, oats, paddy rice, maize and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. (2) Budgerigars are not easily tamed; patience and quietness must be your only methods. They are very fond of grass in flower (seeding grass), as soon as this is plentiful feed them with this from your hand. It might help to tame them if you cut the flight feathers of one wing. These birds, as a rule, do not like handling; some of mine come and eat from the hand or from a food pan held in the hand in the aviary, but they resist handling at once. "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," from this office, has a chapter on taming.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Budgerigars Ill and Dying (E. E.).—It seems to me under the circumstances you are doing the best you can. Your mistake has been changing them from one place to another at this season. It is very evident that their present place, though eminently suitable for them once they have been hardened off, is more exposed than the place they previously occupied, and the probability is you may lose them all; however, you can do nothing more than you are doing, and if the worst happens procure another pair from some outdoor aviary the end of March or early April.

Liothrix Nightingale (Dublin).—This is the well-known Pekin Nightingale Robin (*Liothrix luteus*). I am glad you have not treated it entirely as a seed eater; I should not advise you to let it have much seed, say, a teaspoonful twice a week. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit ad lib, and some live insects. Their capacity for song is very varied. I have heard and had some good ones, and some very poor ones also. But their beauty, hold and confiding demeanour endear them to all bird-lovers.

Red-crested Cardinal (J. Hardwell).—Supply a seed mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and supply a little hemp, sunflower seeds, and oats as extras, also ripe fruit, and a few live insects—two or three mealworms per day will be ample, and in the summer give any beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc., you can capture. Yes, certainly it can go outside in the summer. It is a hardy species, but you must not hang its cage in a draught. I have a specimen in my outdoor aviary at the present time, which lives out of doors all the year round, and is in the finest health and condition. It has been there seven years, and will probably live several years more yet.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Aviary for Breeding.

F. Gray.—Make your selection from the Finches and Buntings and you cannot go wrong. Do not include more than one Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, or Yellowhammer, or, at least, a pair of each. And if any prove incorrigibly quarrelsome, remove them at once. A few small Foreigners, such as Saffron, Singing, Parson, Spice, etc. Finches would add colour and variety. Our Mr. Page would oblige with a suitable list. Fix up dead hawthorn, bramble, furze, etc., "bushes," bundles of pea-sticks, and suitable dead (fir, etc.) branches. Live shrubs soon become an unsightly mess. You can try one or two if you like, changing them when necessary—that is, giving them a spell outside. Privet, box, holly, and other evergreens would be very suitable for the purpose. See also the reply given to "Constant Reader" last week.

Feeding Mules.

New Reader.—Mules are very hardy, as a rule. The feeding of all the Canary crosses is carried out on very similar lines. All require a little "richer" seed diet than that usually given a Canary. A good seed mixture at this season of the year is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed. Stop them altogether, as a regular thing, during the height of summer, and begin again with them when the moult is nicely advanced. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it, if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's-purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The second and third may be given freely. They are liked exceedingly by all Mules and Hybrids. Your birds should sing "like one o'clock" if fed as advised above.

Linnet-Canary Mules.

Beginner. I rather think I dealt with this the other week, anyway, you might also look up that information given by me in the last few issues. The best mixture for a Linnet now is: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape two parts, charlock one part, and linseed one part. Give a good pinch of hemp one day, maw the next, and inga the next. You should gather shepherd's purse, flowering groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc., whenever obtainable. All these are very valuable in getting one's birds into high breeding condition. The hen Canary ought not to have the same mixture as the Linnet. Plain Canary seed should be given her, and about a teaspoonful of summer rape on alternate days. When not giving the rape, let her have half a teaspoonful of hemp; alternate the latter with the same quantity of maw and inga mixed (equal parts). This will give variety, and be quite "forcing" enough. A little egg food twice or thrice a week can be commenced about the beginning of March. But be guided by the condition of your Linnet; you don't want the hen to commence laying eggs before he is "rank," or they will of a certainty be clear. His beak will be blue-black, and his song very vigorous and free when he is in right breeding condition.

Managing a Hawfinch.

Big Beak.—I have frequently given particulars of the feeding, etc., of Hawfinches. The principal food is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed, which is black, or striped, however, is not bad, by any means; still, I prefer white, myself, whenever obtainable. Give this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more, though the sunflower should not be given alone, but have other seeds with it. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; they are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, Canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, bawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionatcly fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

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Show Points of a Greenfinch.

A. P. F.—I certainly think a Greenfinch a fine bird for the beginner to start with. The main exhibition points are size, shape, and colour. Size as laarge as possible; shape very cobby (Norwich) type, with broad, rounded chest, very wide bold head, and thick-set neck; colour, a rich green (fanciers term it "grass-greeu"), with a very pronounced edging of golden yellow to the sides of the tail and the outer flights of the wing. Shepherd's purse, chickweed, knot grass, mouse-ear, plantain, dock, groundsel, charlock (wild mustard), thistleheads, are all liked by the Greenfinch; also sunflower beads, grown in the garden. The seed menu mentioned I consider an admirable one; just the thing, in fact, I would expect from so practical fancier as the writer of that article.

A Tree Creeper.

Miss Stanley.—The Tree Creeper is a highly delicate species, and no one should attempt to keep it who is not well skilled in attending to the wants of tiny insectivorous birds, otherwise it is certain to die. The stock cage should be a large one (say, 24ins. long, by 20 high by 14 wide), and the back and sides must be lined with bark (called "virginian cork" at shops where it is sold), for the bird to run about on. Perches are not necessary, though I generally have one in my own cages. The wire front must be of half-inch gauge, not more, and the best feeding vessels are those which swing in through openings in the front rail of the cage. If the sides and top of the cage are not bark lined (the back must be), they should be lined with a thick material, such as good quality baize (glued on). For food the bird must have an insectivorous mixture of the finest quality (containing plenty of good ants' eggs) prepared in the usual way with finely grated raw carrot or minced greenfood, a little minced hard-boiled egg being frequently added. Live food is essential to the bird's continued well-being—flies, aphides, wasp-grub, small scoured gentles, small (or cut-up) mealworms, live ants' eggs, and the like. Unless you can cater for the bird properly, don't attempt to keepit. Try a species less delicate. If already "well on food," however, a Tree Creeper will survive the winter on a really good insectivorous mixture; mealworms should never be given at all freely once the bird is eating soft-food well.

Brevities.

Identity of Bird (A. A. R.).—The description you give seems to indicate a Reed Bunting, probably a hen. If you find that it lives entirely upon Canary seed, this confirms my view. I don't know of any other seed-eater "in size and shape resembling a Chaffinch," to which your description could apply, though the latter seems very vague, as, for instance, when you say "slatey grey, same colour, I think, as that of a Crow." Are not the Crows in your district black? Or are you referring to the Hooded Crow? In conclusion, can it be an escaped foreign bird?

[Owing to temporary indisposition, Mr. Weston has been unable to answer in this issue all the queries received last week.]

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.—Continued.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Management of Peafowl.

D Cutter.—Peafowl should be fed very similarly to poultry; if they are allowed a free run, as is usually the case, they will pick up most of their food in fine weather, and only need some corn every afternoon; but if confined, some green food, and some soft food with an admixture of meat, such as table scraps chopped, should be given also daily, the soft food in the morning and the green meat at midday. As to breeding, you must let them alone; the hen will hide her nest, and must not be interfered with in any way. When she appears with the chicks, keep an eye on the cock, which may be ill-disposed to them. The chicks should have some food such as is given to ordinary chickens, egg and breadcrumbs at first, then chicken meal. They stay with the hen till as big as she is, and she must be allowed free range with them, and not be cooped.

Indian Game.

H. Blackett.—Indian grain is a kind of pea, used out there for feeding horses and sheep, and in the form of satoo, or meal, for soft-bills, as you say. It is, however, not only used for delicate ones, but for soft-bills in general, and fine quality being employed for the most fragile birds. Hardy ones, like Mynahs and Bulbuls are fed simply on a paste of this coarse pea-meal and water. For more delicate birds it is mixed with ghee (clarified butter). I do not see any particular point in using it here, but it could do no harm at any rate, if added to a food. One secret of the Indian fanciers' success is that they give their birds plenty of live insects, especially grasshoppers, the best food for birds of the insectivorous kinds.

Goldfish for Glass.

X. Y. Z.—In a glass 12 inches across you should not have more than two three-inch goldfish, or three two-inch ones; the commonest mistake made in keeping these is overcrowding. Feed on dried ants' eggs, as many as they will eat, everyday; also keep a good spray of watercress, one with roots on it, floating in the bowl; they will feed on this, and it will live some time. When it begins to turn yellow, take it out and replace with fresh. Take out about half the water every day or two, and refill with fresh; every week or so remove fish to another vessel with a little net, and clean out the whole thing. A few water-snails kept in the glass with the fish are good scavengers.

Mule Breeding with Owls.

The Owl's Mistress.—As the Barn Owl has settled down with the Brown Owl, and they both go into the hole in the old chimney together, I should certainly think she was of the opposite sex to the Brown Owl male, and you are probably on the way to a very interesting experiment. You are quite right in not putting your hand in, not only for fear of disturbing her, but you might also be well scratched. Keep an eye also on the male, and remember that the Tawny Owl when breeding is one of the fiercest of birds, though he might be still safe with you. If attacking he would come at the face. Your idea of keeping an extra supply of food outside is quite right; it is natural enough for owls, which often store up a supply when hunting has been good. This is really all you can do. I wish you success, and hope if you have any you will let CAGE BIRDS know.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 2s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

G. V. Mower (Cock Budgerigar).—Your bird died in a fit, brought about by haemhorage on the surface of the brain. It was in an overfat condition. You should slightly reduce the diet of remaining birds, and give them a small quantity of glauber salts in their drinking water twice weekly for a time. The double loss is but a coincidence, as there was no evidence whatever of infectivity.

G E. Rathjan.—Replied by post.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cage Bird Union Rules (C. P.).—We do not supply these. You should apply to the Sec. of the Cage Bird Union, Mr. J. Raynes, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Birds Dead on Arrival (Reader of "C.B.").—The only legal remedy open to you is to sue the sender through the County Court for the value of the two birds which arrived dead. The railway company, we believe, would be liable to the owner of the birds.

The Yellowhammer Sensation (Manx Novice).—Your letter does not raise any new point, and we think the judge's decision can well be left to speak for itself.

An Article (A. W. Farmer).—We hope to publish the remainder of the article mentioned in our next issue.

Photographs (J. H. Jowett).—Many thanks for the photographs. If you care to send us toned copies we might utilise one or other of them in a future supplement.

Cutting (E. Mayns).—Accept our thanks.

Drawings, etc., of Birds (B. M.).—We are much obliged to you for giving us the opportunity of inspecting your handiwork, which we think interesting and promising.

A Question of Carriage (G. P.).—We can only refer you to Rule 9 (see page 154). We think that the sender would be unable to recover the value of the dog (in any difference) from your friend.

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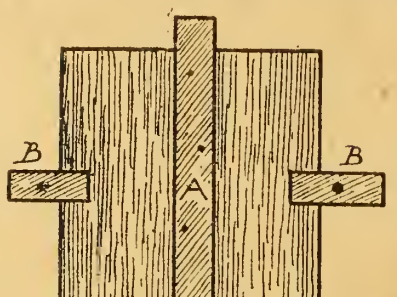
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No. 384.
An Easily-made Door.

Sent by Mr. M. Parker, 23, Eagle-road, Guildford.

Enclosed is a sketch of a cage door such as I use for my cages. Cut out the door from the side of the cage the size you require with a fret saw. Nail or screw a piece of thin wood, marked A,



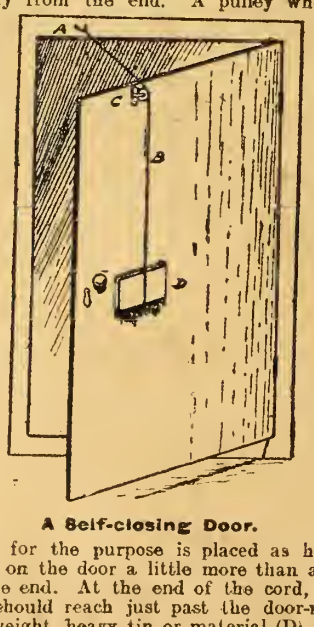
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long-ways, letting it project a bit at both ends. Then screw a small piece of wood, on the flat, each side of the door, marked B. These you will turn like buttons. You will find this a close-fitting door.—M. PARKER.

No. 385.
A Self-closing Door Device.

Sent by Mr. H. Woodcock, 35, Claremont Street, Lincoln.

To prevent birds catching colds, or cats, etc., entering the bird-room, because of the door being left open, the following device may be used:—A is a staple, attached to which is a piece of cord (B). A is placed about a third of the way from the end. A pulley wheel (C)



A Self-closing Door.

suitable for the purpose is placed as high as possible on the door a little more than a third from the end. At the end of the cord, whose length should reach just past the door-nob, is tied a weight, heavy tin or material (D). Thus when the door is opened D's weight is heavy enough to pull the door to. The cost is about 1d.. It is easy to detach by untying the cord from A.—H. WOODCOCK.

Correspondence.

Will Tame Bullfinches Breed in Captivity?

SIR,—In answer to Mr. P. J. Jamieson in your last week's issue re the breeding of Bullfinches in captivity, yes, with care and luck he should succeed easily enough. I started with a pair caught in February, and had eggs the same year in an outdoor aviary of about 4ft. square. The first nest of eggs were clear; from the second nest I managed to keep two (out of four) for a week, but could not raise them. The next year I tried the same hen with a Linnet—two nests all clear. Then the third year I tried her with a Bramblefinch in a double breeder. He started eating the eggs, and her ladyship was not long learning how to do it as well. I had to leave home early every morning, so had no chance of watching for eggs except on Sundays. I got only one egg, and this was cracked, but I feel certain it was fertile. Let P. J. J. try an ordinary double breeder with the slide out—one about 16in. square each side. For food I gave about equal parts hemp and Canary, with a pinch of linseed and rape for a change; also a few crushed oats. A piece of Yorkshire pudding was always relished by them. Green food of all sorts I gave in season, and fruit in the same way. Cuttings from almost any fruit bushes or trees when budding are soon picked clean; and rose shoots when covered with fly are a treat to them. I used a felt lined nest box, and gave some building materials, but they did not attempt to build a nest.

A. P. NEWTON.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. P. J. Jamieson's letter in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 12th, re the breeding of Bullfinches in captivity, I may say I had a pair that bred with me two years in succession. The first season I only got one nest of four eggs from them. Last season I got three nests of four eggs each. The first season all eggs were clear. I had better luck with the second season's; I got six young from the three nests, two in each, but I could not rear them any further than a fortnight old. I could not give them the right feeding, so if any one can help in the feeding time, it is quite possible to breed the birds in the aviary. I put a fir tree top in the darkest corner of my garden aviary and put in moss, dried grasses and hair, and let them fly among my Borders, which they never disturbed. They built a neat nest themselves; then the hen sat two days before laying. She laid for four days in succession. The cock took his turn at sitting whenever the hen came off for a pick.

ALEX. BRUCE, jun.

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS report of the Palace show that in Class 108, for Yellowhammers, my bird was disqualified for trimming of the V-shaped head markings. The bird's head markings were perfect when he left the Isle of Man of February 2nd, and all wrong when he arrived home on the 9th inst. The top of the V marks have been tampered with on the right side of his head; feathers have been cut or pulled out. It wanted no "glass" or "X rays" to see it. The 'Hammer I consider one of the best head-marked birds I ever saw, and I doubt very much if you have one in England as good. I see I have friends in England, as he was a real good bird, and would hold his own anywhere. I have never trimmed or dyed a bird in my life, nor have I ever seen one done. We are not so well advanced in the Fancy in the Isle of Man as to be able to do that. The Yellowhammer has been judged in the Isle of Man by Mr. Wellings (of Prescot), who, I think, could tell a trimmed bird when he saw one. Will Mr. Wellings let readers know in next week's CAGE BIRDS whether the bird was trimmed when he judged and examined my Yellowhammer. I hope to be able to show at the Palace next year again, all being well.

ERNEST GALE.

SIR,—Regarding the disqualification of my Yellowhammer (number 1838) on the Saturday night, when I saw the catalogue of the Crystal Palace Show, and the result, I at once sent a letter to the manager, Mr. Ramsden, saying that he might retain my Yellowhammer and have it examined by another expert before returning it to me, as I denied any artificial colouring or trimming, and I hoped he would let me know the result. I again wrote Mr. Ramsden, saying that I insisted on his not returning this bird with the rest of my exhibits until he and his committee had got an explanation from Mr. Silver (the judge) as to his reason for disqualifying it, and if he had not had the bird in his hand I insisted on his taking the bird out of the cage and examining it again before coming to a hasty conclusion. This bird has been shown under every well known judge in Scotland, also at the L.C.B.A., and this is the fourth time it has been at the Palace. It has never come home cardless except once (that was from the late City of Glasgow Show) and the present disqualification is the greatest disaster that has befallen it during the five years of exhibiting. I went on to request Mr. Ramsden to send my bird to the authorities of the N.B.B. and M.C., or the Scottish ditto, to see if they could come to the same finding as Mr. Silver, as I emphatically deny either trimming or faking in any shape or form. The result of the above request of mine is that on Friday, the 11th inst, I got a postcard enclosed in a sealed envelope from Mr. Ramsden saying that my bird had been disqualified for having trimmed feathers on the head. He says they are certainly not natural, three judges and myself are quite sure of this. I wrote him again by return of post, requesting him to retain my bird in his possession for a time and pluck from the bird's head the supposed trimmed feathers, and keep the bird in his or any of the other three judges' possession until the feathers grow again, as I can pledge my word that they will grow clear again, for I still emphatically deny any alleged trimming in any shape or form. Since seeing the report in your valuable columns, I may say that Mr. Silver has made a mistake in saying that this bird is trimmed. I have given Mr. Ramsden every power to prove to your readers that my bird was not trimmed, and I am only sorry that he did not avail himself of this power before returning the bird to me (which I received on the 12th inst at about 8 p.m., none the worse for its nine days' holiday). Now, Mr. Editor, I am prepared to return this bird to Mr. Silver if he requests me to do so, for him to pluck the supposed trimmed feathers from its head, and keep it in his possession until they grow again, and let your numerous readers know the result, as I don't like to be accused when not guilty. I may say that I had another postcard from Mr. Ramsden on Monday, the 14th inst, saying that he was returning my bird, and that it had been examined and certified to have cut or damaged feathers on head. I have examined the bird myself since it came home, and have found that its feathers are damaged. But I am willing to allow my bird to undergo the above enquiry to prove that they were not trimmed.

GEORGE MARLIN.

Wanted: A Roller Club for West Hartlepool.

SIR,—I think it would be a good idea if a Roller Club was formed in West Hartlepool for the district. It could include Stockton, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Sunderland, and Newcastle, and the surrounding district. Leeds is the nearest place where there is any Roller singing to be heard, and I think there are plenty of Roller fanciers in this district to form one. I hope to hear from some of them through CAGE BIRDS. ROLLER NOVICE.

A Lizard Canary Club for the Northern Counties.

SIR,—I have been requested by several northern fanciers to take in hand the formation of a Northern Lizard Club for the counties of Northumberland and Durham. I would be very pleased if fanciers who are interested in such a club, and intend joining, would communicate with me at 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland, so that steps may be taken to proceed with the formation of the club as soon as possible, in order that something may be done for the variety during the next show season. W. REID.

Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshires at the Palace Show.

SIR,—Your reporter makes a most surprising blunder in reporting the cinnamon-marked Yorkshire classes at the Palace Show. He credits Messrs. Ogden Bros. with winning the special for the best cinnamon-mark with their buff cock, and a special note is made in the introductory remarks. My unflighted yellow cinnamon-marked cock (1st) won the diploma for best bird, and it was most disappointing to see the honour credited to someone else. Kindly correct in your next issue in as prominent a position as possible.

H. H. TOWERS.

Nantwich Show Report.

SIR,—As a reader of your paper, will you allow me a brief space to offer a protest against the unfairness of the report in your last week's issue? I am just at a loss to determine who is the writer of it—whether it is from the pen of a disappointed exhibitor, or from a brother judge. If the former it is not what I have conceived to be true sportsmanship; if the latter, then it is a most unjustifiable attack on the judgment of the gentleman who acted on this date, and certainly very damaging to the society who engaged him. The suggestion of the writer that some mistake had been made I must dismiss as childish. The very thing the report complains of, viz., the decline of the Fancy at Nantwich Show, it being pointed out that it has been going down for several years—your reporter proposes a very foolish and unbusinesslike way to remedy. If we had a few such tactless men conducting its business the society would soon become extinct. We novices made a good attempt to give the show a lift, and because we carried one or two first prizes over the heads of some of the writer's pets, he takes upon himself to act as a final authority. With respect to the bird, I might say he is rather long in leg, if anything. After admitting this, he has a good round body, good neck, and head in proportion; his condition, above all, could not be beaten, and he is as clean as a pink. To prove the bias of the writer, he does not appear to have had the courage to give the bird one single good point. This, to my mind, rules him out of court as an authority.

A. WINDSOR.

[We do not, as a rule, publish comments on show reports, as these, like judges' awards, are expressions of personal opinions. As, however, our reporter's good faith has been challenged, we print the above letter, to give him a chance of replying, if he so wishes.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

A Linnet Singing Club for Newsham and District.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to inform readers of CAGE BIRDS that we have started a Linnet singing club at Newsham, and that we shall have a meeting on February 19th at seven o'clock, when members can be enrolled.

S. LAWS,
11, Back Winship Street, Newsham,
Northumberland.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR,—Your issue of January 22nd contains a letter respecting blind Mules at Yarm Show. Mr. Houlton apparently does not wish to enter into correspondence with my friend "Tyro (Darlington)." Perhaps Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, may give your readers the reason that the same dark Greenfinch Mule was blind at Guisborough Show on New Year's Day? READER.

A New Cage Bird Society for Choppington and District.

SIR,—Owing to the Choppington Club being disbanded at the last meeting at Choppington, a new society is being formed, and the headquarters will be the Social Club, Choppington Station, when the majority of the principal members of the last club will be in attendance. The first meeting will be held on February 26th, at 7 o'clock. All who are interested in the above please attend, and let us have a good set-off and make this society a huge success.

WILLIAM WOOLLETT.
(Sec. pro tem.)

Office Row, Barrington.

Whose Should the Prize Card be?

SIR,—On reading my CAGE BIRDS, I was greatly surprised at seeing by Mr. Parlett's letter that he did not get his prize card from Bathgate Show last year. I was the purchaser of the Yellowhammer. He accuses me of "stealing" his prize card, but I am glad to say I did not need to steal the card, as I have plenty of my own, and I have a witness (into whose cage I ran the bird at the show) who can prove that the card was left hanging on the cage, and was hanging on it when we left the show to catch our train. I hope this will relieve Mr. Parlett's mind, and I hope he won't be in such a hurry another time in accusing anybody until he has proof as to who is to blame.

W. F. L. BREMNER.

A Recipe Wanted for a "Conditioner."

SIR,—In reply to an enquiry in last week's CAGE BIRDS for a recipe for a "conditioner" by a correspondent, Mr. G. P. Morgan, I give below what I think this gentleman requires. The recipe was given in CAGE BIRDS a long time ago by Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). I usually cut out anything I think likely to be of future use to me, and keep same in a book used for the purpose, with index, so that I can turn up anything required at once. The recipe reads as follows:—"Recipe for a 'conditioner': 1 Pint best port wine, 1lb. honey, 1oz. citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine, add the honey and citrate. Stir well until all is dissolved, let it go cold, then bottle up. It is then ready for use. Make up some soft food and maw seed, add sufficient of the mixture to make it moist, *not* wet. Dose: Half-teaspoonful per bird every other day."

W. C. MCINTOSH.

[Mr. J. Holder, and several other readers, have been kind enough to write on the above subject quoting the same recipe.—Editor.]

The Judging of Roller Canaries.

SIR,—I was surprised to see Mr. Foulds' letter in your last week's issue on the above subject. He says in viewing the judging sheets of the present season, he finds I have frequently deducted points for high schockel, and on referring to the judging standard published in the British Roller Canary Club's rule book, he finds I have no authority to do so. I would ask him to look again at the rules, and he will find ugly interjections in the song; "interjection" which means a word thrown in between others to express some emotion or passion. I think that is sufficient to cover any faults a bird should bring without any need to alter the judging standard. I think the ones who framed the rules have not left any loopholes for Mr. Foulds to pick a bone with them over. He says many birds sing schockel in both a high and low key. I prefer to say they sing it in a low key, and bring it in a high one, and it is in this high one I have penalised birds to the extent of one point. I don't think Mr. Foulds will have heard many fanciers say during this last show season the song of the Roller has been monotonous, for there have been birds out this time with a splendid variety of tours, and not many faults. A bird should be penalised for high schockel as he would for high bell roll.

J. NETHERWOOD.

The Norwich Plainhead in Ireland.

SIR,—As an old hand in the Irish bird Fancy, I must congratulate your paper on its "Notes from Erin." The few paragraphs from week to week are certainly very welcome. Some time ago the writer complained of the Norwich men not showing enough at shows outside Ulster. Well, anyone who has read the reports of Leinster Shows will find that Messrs. Stewart, Thompson, Carson and Barclay showed their champions, and for the few years the Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland has been in existence, I could only find one Leinster man a member, "How's that, umpire?" Take the recent Sligo Show, which I understand was the largest show held during the season, how many Leinster men showed there? Certainly I give credit to the Cork fanciers, who supported it well, both in the Plainhead and Yorkshire sections. It is easy to write, Why don't the Northern men do this and that, when, as a matter of fact, the Leinster fanciers are all bound up in Dublin, where, as the song says, "If they don't do much they have plenty to say," etc. Now what I want is all parts of Ireland to help at every Irish show next season—pay prize-money prompt (no Kathleen Mavourneen system), and thus let the strong help the weak. Could not the Norwich Plainhead Club have a rung bird competition on similar lines to that of the Yorkshire brethren? This would keep down buying prize-winners from the Lancashire boys; it would test the Norwich or Crest breeders, and would "shove" this particular part of the Fancy forward. Some years ago we had plenty of support, and something worth looking at from Dr. McMath, Messrs. Camp, Isaac Reid, Osborne, Chapman, Dobbin, Powell, Fortune, Waugh, Rowe, and many others, who should awake from their sleep and be ready to breed something good for next show season. I noticed Holywood, Co. Down, are thinking of starting a society. As this place is only a decent walk from the City of Belfast, I have no doubt the fanciers there will help. I spoke one time to an Ulster exhibitor about non-support at a Leinster Show, and he informed me that a lot of trouble arose over retaining special prizes. However, one can't be dead certain, as this occurred years ago; I always got mine without any trouble. In concluding, I wish all Irish fanciers a good breeding season with their birds. As to supporting shows, of this more anon!

SCEPTRE.

Early Norwich Plainheads in Wales.

SIR,—Mr. R. Isaac (Portmadoc), who has for two or three years taken up the Fancy as a hobby, is at present having wonderful luck, having successfully reared three fine strong Norwich Canaries, which are now four weeks old, and are at present on the perches in the aviary amongst the other birds, including Goldfinches, Linnets, Mule, etc., quite a happy family. In the midst of all the twittering and din of the other birds, three more hen Canaries are peacefully sitting in their nest pans, with a total of 13 eggs, which I hope will be a lucky number in this case. Mr. Isaac safeguards the feeding of the youngsters by leaving the gas alight through the night, so that the parent birds are able to feed them at any hour, and I believe that is the secret of the birds being so strong and healthy at this time of the year.

D. T.



A NOTED WINNING LINNET.

"Pride of Cumberland." Winner of 1st Prize Crystal Palace (1910) Show; 1st and Spl. Carlisle; 1st and two Spls. Whitehaven; 1st and Spl. Cleator Moor; 1st and Spl. Harrington; 1st and Spl. Frizington; 1st and Spl. Egremont, etc. Exhibited by Mr. G. Wilson (Frizington).

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Preparation of Crests for Exhibition.

SIR,—I think many remarks made by lecturers are most disheartening to the novice, and therefore detrimental to the Fancy, particularly the Crest. I bred a Crest last year and exhibited same seven times, winning four firsts, two seconds, one third, and several specials. I would advise Mr. Wright to ignore the lecturer's remarks he refers to, for I can assure him the only preparation this bird has ever had consists of sponging the Crest just previous to sending away, and yet the formation is perfect. T. GROVES.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—The first thing to learn is the way to make the "knock." You begin with a loop of the thread on your needle. I put a nail in the corner of my table, and then put the loop over the nail; your thread is then ready for a start. Take the needle in your right hand, hold the mesh stick in the left, but only hold the stick with your thumb and first finger. Now with your needle and stick you bring the thread on to the top of the stick, pull out tight, and bring your thread round your third finger, and between your first finger, so that you get it on your thumb alongside the nail. Keep your thumb with thread on the stick tight, then bring the thread up to the loop, and pass the needle through the loop in your hand, catching the thread round your little finger. Then let go all except your stick and the thread that is on your little finger. Pull tight, and see that your mesh stick is all right. You now let go of the thread that is round your little finger, and pull tight with your needle. "Quick does it." That is the right way to make a "knock." Now the thread I use is Knox best 35 flax thread. It runs from 5s. to 7s. a pound, from the maker. You can get it at the shops on reels. But anything will do to learn by, even a bit of string. As to the arming of nets. I use strong light stahing thread. I don't like the net made on the arming. I make arming on the nets. I take the top row of net, and put the thread through every mesh. Having done this, I make fast one corner and pull tight. I see that the net hangs square, and I make fast again the other corner. I then count six meshes, and make one half-hitch, and one over the top of that on the line of thread that runs through the top of your net. Go backward and forward about four times. You must have your nets run right out tight to do it. You will find your nets are always square this way, for it is the strongest way. I am a bird-net maker, Mule breeder, and bird-catcher. I have been at it now for this last 15 years. If anyone wants to know anything on Mule-breeding (I am the largest Mule-breeder in this town), I will tell them in CAGE BIRDS, whether Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Bullfinch, or Chaffinch, and Canary Mule, for I have had them. The two latter died when a fortnight old.

G. BISCOE.

A New Cage Bird Club for Wombwell and District.

SIR,—A new club has been formed in Wombwell, to be called the Wombwell Bird Fanciers' Association. I am acting as secretary, and shall be pleased to hear from any bird fanciers who will become members of this new society. Anyone wishing to join may do so by applying to me at 20, Alma Street, Wombwell.

J. HILL, Sec.

The Making of Wire Cage Fronts.

SIR,—After reading Mr. Western's "idea" this week I thought perhaps he would be kind enough to give me a few hints on the making of wire cage fronts and the kind of frame used for same. No doubt they would be welcome to others who would like to make their own fronts. Many thanks for the information I have received from your valuable paper. W. H. WALKER.

Classes for British Hens for Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—Will you permit me to correct a mistake in your report regarding an exhibit of mine in the British hen class at Irvine Show on February 5th. It describes my third prize bird as a Yellowhammer, while it was a Bramblefinch hen. As the class was scheduled "Any variety British hen suitable for Hybrid breeding," I could not have shown a hen Yellowhammer in it without being disqualified as not complying with the conditions. Your reporter's note on the first prize bird, a Corn Bunting ("many thought wrong class") was to the point. How a British bird judge could justify his selection of a Corn Bunting hen as a Hybrid breeder is what I should be glad to learn.

ANDREW D. DUNCAN.

Prize Money at Dulwich O.S. Show.

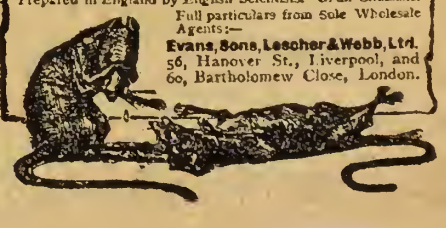
SIR,—At Dulwich O.S. Show we entered a Goldfinch, also a Greenfinch-Linnet hybrid, but received a letter stating that hybrid class was cancelled on the day on which entries had to be taken in. The Goldfinch was placed fourth. After a lapse of a month without any letter from the secretaries, we wrote enquiring when prize money was to be paid. Receiving no answer, we wrote again, after three weeks or so, stating that they could keep prize money from Goldfinch, but would they please return the entrance fee for hybrid. In about a month's time we received a latter stating that a postal order for 3s. was enclosed also prize card, but no money order was inside. By return of post we sent the letter back, as received, asking why they had said 3s. was in the letter, as only 1s. 6d. was returnable. This was the last we heard of the matter. Mr. Roberts has given up the showing of British birds in disgust.

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A CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

A Metropolitan Sensation.

Two Leading London Societies likely to Secede from the C.B.U.

SIR,—A question having arisen in the committees of the London and Provincial O.S. and London Cage Bird Association as to the advisability of discontinuing membership of the Cage Bird Union, a joint sub-committee was appointed to deal with the matter. This joint committee having met, has decided to recommend their respective societies to withdraw from the C.B.U.

R. L. CRISP, Chairman L.C.B.A.
J. W. RAMSDEN, Chairman L.P.O.S.

Suggested Union of Lancashire Societies.

SIR,— On reading the report of the Cage Bird Union annual meeting, it makes one almost ask, what use is it all? It has usually done nothing (only making a bad name for itself) which the report plainly shows, and now, with others in different parts of the country, I think it about time that something wa done, as the C.B.U. cannot do what it was intended to do. I am well aware of a Lancashire society that has a minute on its books to the effect that all societies in Lancashire be written asking to try to arrange a meeting to form a union such as the Yorkshire Union (which seems to work all right), but it was decided to waive the matter a little to see how the C.B.U. went on at this meeting. Now it is plain to see that there must be a complete reformation of the C.B.U., or else every county try to form its own union to arrange show dates, etc., the same as the Y.U. I hope that some abler pen than mine will take the matter up, as if there could be six to ten societies got together, a good start could be made. For the present (much to my disappointment) owing to holding a prominent position in a large society, I shall have to resort to the use of a nom-de-plume.

LANCASHIRE UNION.

The Cage Bird Union in the North.

SIR,—I have been much interested in reading the correspondence from various fanciers, under the above heading, and am pleased to see that there are five resolutions, viz.: Nos. 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12, that are most important to direct or affiliated members of the C.B.U. to be discussed at the C.B.U. meeting at the Palace. Until December 31st last, I was a member of an affiliated society, but have since then been suspended for one month, by District Council No. 4 of the C.B.U., for showing British birds at Halifax on December 18th 1909. I am not complaining about being suspended, as I expected it, and it does not trouble me in the least. But what I strongly object to is, that my case was discussed at full length in our club room, and with great animosity on the part of the delegate of the C.B.U., who reported the matter, who also happens to be the president of the C.B.S., of which I was a member. This discussion, mind you, took place after report had gone in, and previous to the hearing of my case, and this particular delegate openly declared that he would do his utmost to get me suspended for two years, or one year at least. I complained of this delegate's conduct by letter to the chairman of the meeting of the C.B.U. District Council No. 4 (which I duly attended by invitation), and the facts stated in that letter no doubt influenced them in the light sentence passed upon me (doubtless to save their delegate's face), and in their wishing me to appeal against their judgment. The Tribunal was composed of only four delegates, including the chairman and the delegate reporting the case. In my opinion no prejudiced person should sit on a tribunal; it is unfair and unjust, especially in this case, where he had already stated the penalty he should try to get imposed. One is not at all surprised to see there is so much complaint about the C.B.U., if their officials elsewhere introduce personal animosity when discussing cases of members who have broken a rule. I think I hear someone say, "Serve you right for doing it." I have already said that I expected suspension. Why? because I deliberately broke rule 22, and for the sole object of bringing this rule more forcibly to the notice of the C.B.U. I should like to mention that I put two questions to my judges, as follows: "Why were some members of the C.B.U. allowed to judge at non-licensed shows and other members not allowed to exhibit at same?" and, "Why were non-members of the C.B.U. allowed to judge at shows held under C.B.U. rules?" I failed to get a satisfactory answer. Where is the justice of rule 22? I should also like to point out that I had been an affiliated member of the C.B.U. (before I was supplied with a copy of their rules) nearly three years. This is not right and fair to fanciers. Their attention ought to be called to the rules, particularly 22, before acceptance as members. I quite agree with one of your correspondents that a great number of C.B. societies became affiliated to the C.B.U. not by a majority of their members on the books, but by a majority of members present when the question was put to the meeting. This is a case of the majority being in reality a minority; and this is why I consider the Rochdale G.I. resolution No. 8 unfair, or, at least, it would have been better to have read, "Ballot the members." No doubt a great number of fanciers in this district are hoping that the resolution of Sheffield C.B.S. (No. 5) "that rule 22 be deleted," will be carried, and thus enable them to have the same facilities as non-members. In conclusion, I would like to say that I bear no animosity whatever to the delegates of the C.B.U. who tried my case, and especially to the C.B.U. as a body, as I fully recognise the necessity of a governing body, but on a different basis, or set of rules, than those of the C.B.U.

J. ENGLAND.

SIR,—J. Graham insinuates that Gateshead members who reside in Newcastle have no right to attend the Gateshead meetings, but he appears to have conveniently overlooked the fact that there was at least one fancier there from Sunderland. Of course, Sunderland is only twelve miles distant, whereas Newcastle is a stone's throw. J. Graham appears to be very much upset because some of those obnoxious members voted in opposition to himself. But, again, he conveniently overlooks the fact that most of those who supported him were also Newcastle members. Supposing all the Newcastle members had left the meeting, will he kindly state how many members would have been left besides the chairman and the Sunderland members? J. Graham also appears to have forgotten that the two subjects which he complains of were not introduced by a Newcastle resident. But having been introduced, surely no one but J. Graham will deny that all members (natives or otherwise) had a perfect right to express their opinions on same. There have been many complaints about the small attendance at the Gateshead Society's meetings, but judging by J. Graham's letter, he appears to wish for a continuance of the small attendances. If he wished otherwise he would surely treat members in a more courteous manner when they do attend. If J. Graham cannot do the Gateshead Society any good he ought to refrain from doing it harm by his very evident anxiety to create unpleasantness amongst the members. When he has any grievance let him act like a man and lay it before the meeting. This course would be more creditable to himself and less harmful to the society than resorting to the Fancy Press to attack a fellow member behind his back. At the close of his letter J. G. states they should look at the situation from both sides. What a pity he forgot to do this when writing his letter.

N. D.

SIR,—Kindly grant me space in your columns to inform your correspondent who signs himself "J. Graham" (there is no one bearing this name on the books of the Gateshead Society) that I am quite capable of correctly chronicling the doings of the club I have the honour to represent, and so long as I hold the post of secretary, I shall continue to correctly report the meetings I may be present at. Whether my remarks are indiscreet or uncalled for, or not, they are a faithful record of what transpired, and all Mr. Graham has to do if he thinks I am wrong is to present himself at the next meeting and have things rectified. His remarks about cheques and muzzling certain people are singularly significant of want of good taste. With that I will leave Mr. Graham, although I think I could spell his name correctly in two attempts, and write rats the first time.

GEO. BUCK, Sec. Gateshead C.B.S.

SIR,—It is rather a pity that "Lover of Justice" had not sufficient interest in the welfare of the Newcastle Society as to attend the meeting on January 27th. Perhaps he had got a hint that the fancier on whose behalf he claims to be acting was going to be present, so discreetly kept away. This fancier told the meeting that it was entirely owing to his own neglect that his bird was not found when wanted, and that although Mr. Currah, the show manager, wanted to have the class re-judged, he would not allow this to be done. This fancier also stated that he entirely exonerated the officials from blame in the matter. The meeting unanimously passed a vote of thanks to this fancier for so manfully coming forward in the interests of justice and proving the untruthfulness of the scurrilous charges made by "Lover of Justice," and he received many expressions of sympathy for the injustice done to him by this great lover of justice. "Lover of Justice's" question about the secretary and his books is rather funny. He cannot expect us to believe that he is so very ignorant about them; and does he not know that most of the members unpack, give out the numbers, and stage their own birds? So how can stewards know whether those members have the labels on their cages, in their hands, or in their pockets? Why doesn't "Lover of Justice" try to clear up the charge which was made in your columns a few weeks ago against one of the Newcastle secretaries in connection with the Lister case? If "Lover of Justice" would see to this being done, he would then be doing something towards upholding the reputation of the Newcastle Society, which would be better than trying to drag it in the mud, as he has been doing of late. I see "Twite" is at his old game of slandering his fellow-members. If "Twite" means that the chairman has ever left the chair or meeting before the meeting was ended, or that the chairman has ever made the slightest attempt to coerce any member into his way of thinking, then I say that you, Mr. "Twite," know as well as I do that this is, to put it mildly, quite contrary to truth. Perhaps "Twite" will tell your readers who the gentleman was who at one of the meetings threatened to leave the society if the society left the Union. Of course, that was neither coercion nor intimidation.

A MEMBER.



A New Cage Bird Club for North-West Glasgow.

SIR,—At a well-attended meeting held in the Clarendon Hall, St. George's Cross, Glasgow, on February 4th, for the purpose of starting a new Cage Bird Club for Glasgow, North-Western district, it was unanimously decided that such should be formed, and that the club be called the Glasgow West End Cage Bird Club. The annual subscription to be 4s. The following office bearers were then elected: Honorary president, Mr. Douglas Pearson; president, Mr. A. Miller; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Jamieson and E. Taylor; auditors, Messrs. A. Crawford and A. E. Bibby. A committee was also appointed, composed of enthusiastic fanciers in the district. We have got the club started with a membership of 44, so we hope all lovers of cage birds will come forward and contribute to making it a great success. Any one wishing particulars of membership, etc., can have same on applying to me.

WM. PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas.
145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.

How to Make and Use Egg-cake.

SIR,—Will some fancier kindly tell me how to make egg-cake, and how to use it? As I am away from home, too, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., I should like to know if it would go sour, before night, if being given early in the morning.

F. GEORGE.

Mr. G. H. Chirgwin's Christmas Appeal.

SIR,—On behalf of the above, I forwarded to Mr. Chirgwin one pair of Norwich Plainhead Canaries (acknowledged in CAGE BIRDS, Feb. 5th) for our worthy friend to sell for the benefit of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund, which is deserving of every assistance. Any fanciers who might have a pair they could afford to give, or even a single cock, Mr. Chirgwin would sell the same to the very best advantage, and pass the amount over duly to the V.A.B.F. Mr. Chirgwin's address, so that any donations could be forwarded, or letters, is, "Easedale," Leigham Court Road, Streatham Hill, London, S.W. I hope many more will be willing to assist a good cause.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A Welsh Fancier's Sad Misfortune.

SIR,—May I be allowed to make an appeal through your valuable paper on behalf of Mr. Harry Wedlock, of Andrews Road, Whitchurch, who, through a serious fire, had about 30 valuable Canaries literally roasted, and all his cages burnt and bird-room gutted? Mr. Wedlock was away from home following his occupation as a driver of the Llandaff Laundry van. His plucky little wife, who was also away from home, arrived in time to see the house on fire, and at a great risk ran up the burning stairs to try to save the birds, but found them all dead, and she narrowly escaped the same fate. I know from past experience that the Cardiff fanciers will respond, and should any other fancier be good enough, I will gladly acknowledge any small sum or gift of odd birds. I have already two pairs promised, and I hope with help to give Harry a good start for the breeding season.

F. P. DYMOND.

71, Clive Road, Cardiff.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Under the White Rose.

THE DATE of the Great Amalgamated Social and Prize Distribution has been definitely fixed for March 5th, and all arrangements are well in hand; dinner as before 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be there please notify the Union secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford, not later than Monday, February 28th, or they may be left without dinner; the musical part of the programme is all fixed up, and by special request of the committee who have the matter in hand, Mr. D. Sunderland has again consented to act as chairman for the day. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden, and very many other fanciers have accepted the invitation to be present, and will be accorded a hearty Yorkshire welcome, something they won't forget for some considerable time.

ANNUAL Great National Cage Bird Show at the Crystal Palace is now passed. What hopes may have been crushed! And what little may have been realised! It is the ambition of most breeders to produce a Palace winner, and happy is the man who reaches the desired goal. Of course in Yorkshire the Yorkshire bird is predominant, and the first inquiries are :"Who's won in Clear Yallers?" etc. Mr. J. Bailey secured a fair share of honours—3 firsts, 2 seconds, and others. Mr. H. H. Towers in Cinnamon Marks scored 2 firsts and 3 seconds, and Messrs. Ogden Bros. were well in with 2 firsts and three thirds, and Messrs. Amblers with 2 firsts and one second.

AMONGST the novices two or three of the West Riding fanciers scored pretty freely at the Palace. Mr. Joe Thomas had no less than four firsts, Mr. H. Smith had 2 firsts and a second with four birds down, and others were in close attendance. In Yorkshire Greens, Messrs. Pickup, Clayton, and Simpson were able to hold their own, securing a good share of the spoil.

GREAT HORTON Society have arranged their syllabus for members' shows for 1910. The first show is to be held on February 26th, and the last on December 26th. The shows are six in number, and for most points throughout the season a good number of prizes are offered, the first being "The Great Horton O.S. Members' Cup," value 5 guineas, to be won three times before becoming the property of any exhibitor. This cup carries with it a guinea medal for each winner, and the society have to thank Messrs. Hartley for a great share in the getting up of such a valuable trophy. The competition will be pretty keen, and a goodly number will have a dab for it.

BRADFORD CITY O.S. held their annual dinner on Shrove Tuesday, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, when some 60 odd members and friends with their wives sat down to a splendid repast, provided by the host, Mr. W. H. Mitchell. Dinner over, dance and song reigned supreme. Amongst the "crack" dancers we specially noticed that old veteran fancier, Mr. J. Clark, who led some of the youngsters a hard life during the evening; "first up and last down," appeared to be his motto. Some good talent had been engaged, and time sped all too quickly, so well carried out were the arrangements. During the evening the secretary gave a brief outline of the past year's work, which has been very successful, with a record show; in fact, a record year, which leaves behind it a good bank balance and perfect harmony amongst the members.

NEXT Sunday evening the Bradford East O.S. are having a special service at their headquarters, Park Chapel, New Cross Street, West Bowling, and they invite all fanciers to attend. All parts of the service (except the sermon) are to be undertaken by fanciers or their wives, etc. Mr. Hill, their secretary (and secretary of the Yorks. Union) reads the lesson, and Mrs. Laycock sings the solos.

THE Yorkshire Union Council met on Saturday last, when some very serious business was under consideration, re alleged cases of the lending and borrowing of birds for exhibition, which is strictly against the rules of the Union. Some nine or ten fanciers were thought to be implicated in this affair, which consisted of borrowing and lending birds for exhibition in the Yorkshire Union novice classes, but after hearing a lot of evidence only three were found guilty. These were severely dealt with; one was expelled from the Union, and the other two were suspended, sine die. None of the three appeared before the Council. All implicated hail from the Skelmanthorpe district. Without a douht the Y.U. will have to put a strong hand on this practice, or the novice classes will not fulfil their purpose, and the sentences passed should deter people from this practice; they must eventually be found out.

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BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Lecture by Mr. H. W. WALSH.

The lecture which Mr. H. W. Walsh gave before the members of the above society on February 1st was a perfect treat, and was listened to with the keenest of interest by a large number of fanciers. Mr. Walsh said in his opening remarks that the reason he had consented to give a lecture on an important topic was simply to give the novice members of the society the benefit of the experience which he had come into contact with.

Dealing with the room and cages, and the arrangement of the latter, he said that his fancy is to have his room facing south-east, and he likes a good-sized single breeding cage, preferring them enamelled out, rather than whitewashed or distempered. To the beginners he gave the advice to place themselves in the hands of a capable breeder, and he thought that if they only followed the information that was given from time to time they would soon be making headway in the Fancy. The beginner would have to be led according to the success or failure that came his way. Explaining his method of feeding, Mr. Walsh said that he did not think there was anything to beat the old-fashioned egg and bread, along with good sound canary seed, plenty of clean water, and either watercress or lettuce for feeding the stock during breeding time. This was also the time when the fancier had to be on his guard against the hundred and one things that crop up to upset his plans.

When the young are hatched out, the lecturer continued, give the birds every attention, and if you see anything going wrong, try your best to rectify things at once. If I find that the hen seems to be sweating the young, I put a couple of senna leaves into the drinking water for a couple of days, and this generally has the desired effect, as I think it is the bowels that get out of order, and senna, being a mild aperient, soon puts them right again.

Mr. Walsh removes the young ones when they are three weeks old, the best time, in his opinion, being the last thing at night, when just coming dusk. The young ones seem to settle down better when taken away at this time than when taken away during the day. He said, I give the young birds water when I take them away, as I think it is absolute cruelty to keep them off it for five or six weeks, as some fanciers do, and I also believe they are more subject to ailments and disease.

If I see the young birds looking a bit puffy at night, the lecturer said, my first thing the next morning is to hang a bath on for them, and this generally has the effect of brightening them up again. Young birds want special care when they start cracking seed, and I always give them a good supply of crushed seed when I take them away from the parents, as I think this induces them to crack it for themselves sooner. When moulting young birds, I like to put 40 or 50 of them into a certain large flight which I have, taking care to mark them before putting them in, so that I can know them afterwards. My reason for this is that they get rid of the feathers sooner with the exercise, they eat the colour-food better, and they use the bath more frequently, when there are a lot together. When the birds are three parts through the moult, I remove them into separate cages, in order to finish them off, and it is very little bother they cause me when I use this method.

For keeping my birds in show condition, I give them a pinch of egg and biscuit about twice a week, along with a bit of mixed seed, and this I have found very beneficial.

Mr. Walsh then dealt at some length with the so-called red-mite traps, closing with the advice to keep red mite down at all costs. The meeting was then thrown open for discussion, and many questions were put to the lecturer, all of which he answered in fine style. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. White, and kindly seconded by the President (Mr. E. Suddards), for Mr. Walsh's kindness in giving his lecture. Mr. Walsh suitably responded to same. Will all members and friends take note that the next meeting is on February 22nd, and not February 25th, when Mr. S. Whiting will give his lecture.—H. HILL, Secretary.

Yorkshire Canaries
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LUTON C.B.S.

Table show of breding pairs of Canaries was held at 4, Peel-street, on January 31st. Judges, Mr. Webb and Mr. Bennett.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Brewer; vhc, F. J. Webb; hc, F. Webb; c, Cherry. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Cherry; 3, F. Webb; c, F. J. Webb. CRESTS: 1, 3, Bloomfield and Rose; 2, 4, vhc, Bennett.—E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

A successful table show was held at the White Swan on Feb. 1st, some good birds facing the judge, Mr. G. Wheatley, his awards giving entire satisfaction.

YELL. CK. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Peberdy; 2, Sarson; vhc, Gibbins; hc, Pole; c, Hulse. GREEN, ETC., HEN: 1, hc, Freestone; 2, Gibbins; 3, Sarson; vhc, Hulse; c, Pole. NOVICE YELL. CK. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, hc, Kilsby; 2, Geary; vhc, Barratt; c, Bell. GREEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Sherrin; 2, Bull; 3, Bates; vhc, Whelhand and Tomlinson; hc, Barratt; c, Kilsby.—J. E. WOOD, Sec. (Please write on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.)

SOUTHPORT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Table show held at Thorp's Restaurant, Nevill Street, 20th Jan. Judge, Mr. Williams.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Sutton; 3, Ray. YORKS.: 1, Hosker; 2, vhc, c, Linaker; 3, hc, Bullough. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Dickinson; 2, Hosker; 3, Bullough. BRIT.: 1, 2, Kay; 3, vhc, Dickinson; Mr. W. E. Kay wins Sandiford's medal. NOVICE NOR.: Cancelled. YORKS.: 1, Lloyd; 2, White; 3, Miss Loton. A.O.V.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Miss Loton. BRIT.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Hodson; 3, hc, White; vhc, Miss Loton; c, Marshall. A table show of pairs will be held at Thorp's Restaurant, Neville Street, Southport, on 17th Feb. Judge, Mr. W. E. Kay.—B. BULLOUGH, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES-SIDE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual members' pair show, held at King's Head Hotel, Grangetown, on Feb. 5th. The entries came up well, numbering over 70. There was a very good attendance of fanciers. Mr. R. Todd (Darlington) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 4, hc, c, W. Rand; vhc, Swinsco. NOR.: 1, hc, Wake and Carr; 2 c, Rev. B. Wilton; 3, Rand; 4, Hanson and Lancaster; vhc, Unthank. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Gibson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton. MULE: 1, hc, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 4, Wills; 3, vhc, c, Hanson and Lancaster. HYB.: 1, 3, hc, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Wells; 4, Gibson; vhc, Hanson and Lancaster. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, c, Thompson; 2, hc, Rev. B. Wilton; 3, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster. LINNET: 1, 4, c, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, Wake and Carr; hc, Mallory. GREENFINCH: 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, Mallory; hc, Hanson and Lancaster. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Mallory; 2, hc, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton. SEEDEATER: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Hanson and Lancaster; 3, Rev. B. Wilton.—A. WAKE, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.A

Matched pair show, held at Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., on Feb. 12. There was a slight falling off in the entries this year, which, however, numbered 95 pairs; last year just over 100 pairs were staged. All classes were well patronised, but the first year novice classes. The feature of the show was the Yorkshire novice class, with 25 pairs, and the Norwich and Yorkshire champion classes. There was a very fair attendance during the evening, and the event bids fair to be a financial success.

NOR. P.H. CHAMP (11): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, Battison; hc, Eaton; c, Lethbridge. NOVICE (11): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Bassett; hc, c, Baker. SPL. NOVICE (2): 1, 2, Bown. YORKS CHAMP. (13): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, c, Rogers. AMAT. (10): 1, 8, c, Ayres; 2, vhc, hc, Creamer. NOVICE (25): 1, spl, 2, ex. vhc, Holmes; 3, spl, hc, c, Lawrence; ex. 3, vhc, Harris; ex. 3, Couch; ex. vhc, Birch; ex. hc (2), Brinkworth; ex. c, Lowe. SPL. NOVICE (1): Thomas. GOLDIE AND CAN. (4): 1, spl, Clark; 2, Conibeer; 3, Bassett; vhc, Battison. GREENIE AND CAN. (4): 1, Birch; 2, Battison; 3, Brinkworth; vhc, Clark. LINNET AND CAN. (4): 1, Conibeer; 2, Birch; 3, Harris; vhc, Bassett. A.O.V. (2): 1, Conibeer; 2, Baker. SELL (6): 1, hc, Lethbridge; 2, c, Rogers; 3, vhc, Lloyd.

HULL C.B.S.

First of a series of monthly members' shows, held on Feb. 7th, when a very successful exhibition of pairs matched for breeding took place, points gained at this show counting for the society's champion and novice cups respectively. In the absence of Mr. T. Perkins, Mr. J. Calam judged the champion section, and Mr. G. Harland the novice section; both these gentlemen's awards gave every satisfaction. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (CHAMP.): 1, 2, Harland; 3, Barwick; vhc, Oliver; hc, Prentice. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Harland; 3, Barwick. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Precious; 3, Prentice; vhc, hc, Stamford; c, Oliver. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Precious; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Stamford. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Calam. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (NOVICE): 1, Ridley; 2, Bray; 3, Ware; vhc, McKay; hc, c, Dowse. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Ridley; 2, Bray; 3, hc, Dowse; vhc, Longhorn; c, McKay. YORKS. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, Parkes; 2, Howe; 3, P. Potter; vhc, F. F. Polter; hc, W. E. Sowden; c, H. Sowden. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN: 1, Parker; 2, Howe; 3, hc, Sowden; vhc, F. F. Potter; c, Frith. A.O.V. PAIRS (NOVICE): 1, F. F. Potter; 2, vhc, P. Potter; 3, c, Longthorn; hc, Hinson.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM & M.C.Y.C.C. (Comb.)

City of Birmingham C.B.S. and the Midland Counties Y.C.C. joint members' show was held in the Crown Hotel, Station-street, on January 26th. Grand teams were put down by Messrs. Broadhurst and Silver (Norwich), Edwards (Borders), Williams, Wells, Evans, and Foster (Yorkshires). Mr. Silver took specials for best Yellow and best Buff Norwich. In the M.C.Y.C.C. champion section Mr. P. V. Williams just beat Mr. Wells for the gold medal, while Mr. Evans won the novice ditto. Messrs. Wells, Silver, Ankers, Crowther, and Edwards were the stewards, and the show was a great success. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Broadhurst. BUFF (1): 1, Broadhurst. VARIEG. (3): 1, spl, 2, Silvers; 3, Dipple. HEN (6): 1, 3, Broadhurst; 2, hc, Dipple; vhc, Silvers; c, Derry. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 3, Broadhurst; 2, c, Silvers; vhc, c, Dipple. YORKS. CL. ETC. (7): 1, c, Wells; 2, Caine; 3, vhc, Burke; hc, Hughes. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Wells; 3, Caine; vhc, hc, Burke. VARIEG. (5): 1, vhc, Wells; 2, Allen; 3, Caine; hc, Burke. HEN (8): 1, 2, Wells; 3, Caine; vhc, hc, Wright; c, Allen. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Hughes; 3, Caine; vhc, hc, Wells; c, Wright. CREST (3): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wainwright. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wainwright; vhc, Madeley. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Madeley. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Edwards; hc, c, Walton. NOVICE, YORKS. (13): 1, Stevenson; 2, c, Buss; 3, Kidner; vhc, hc, Wright. BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Derry. GIFT (8): 1, De Maillet; 2, Silvers; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Burke; hc, Derry; c, Hughes. M.C.Y.C. CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. ETC. (7): 1, c, Wells; 2, 4, Williams; 3, Raybold; vhc, hc, Burke. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Wells; 3, hc, Williams; 4, vhc, Burke; absent, Paddock. MKD. ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Wells; 2, Raybold; 3, Williams; 4, Allen; hc, Burke; c, Stevenson. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, Williams; 2, 4, Wells. HEN, YELL.: 1, Williams; 2, 4, Raybold; 3, Wells; vhc, Allen. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Williams; 4, Wells; vhc, Raybold. NOVICE, CL. ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Evans; 2, Caine; 3, Bryan; 4, Foster; hc, Lawton. BUFF (7): 1, Cainc; 2, Clempson; 3, Foster; 4, Bryan; vhc, Lawton; hc, c, Evans. UNFLIG. (8): 1, hc, Foster; 2, 3, vhc, Evans; 4, Caine; c, Clempson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Evans; 4, Caine; vhc, Foster; hc, Bryan; c, Allen. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, 2, Foster; 3, c, Allen; 4, Caine; vhc, hc, Wells.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First of the series of table shows and amateur judging competition held at the Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road, on February 1st. Mr. S. Cook (Manchester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Coulson; 2, hc, Spencer; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Fryer; c, Thorncley. Mr. W. Robinson won the amateur judging competition.—J. SPENCER (Hon. Sec.).

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second of the season's shows for members, held February 5th, at headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn, where 59 birds were staged in 11 classes. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. The principal point winners were: C. Hardaker, 26; G. Hudson, 22; W. Manu, 21; and W. Jowett, 17.

CL. YELL.: 1, Mann; 2, 3, Jowett; 4, Swailes Bros.; vhc, Thornton. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, 4, Swailes Bros.; 3, vhc, c, Mann; hc, Nicholl. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hardaker; 2, Hudson; 3, Lister and Woodhead; 4, J. Taylor; hc, Swailes Bros.; c, Mann. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Jowett; 3, 4, Swailes Bros.; vhc, Hindle. UNEVEN MKD. GREEN: 1, Jowett; 2, Hudson; 3, Mann. FOUL: 1, Bairstow and Chapman; 2, Wilman Bros. CINN. YORKS.: 1, Taylor; 2, Thornton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Hardaker; 2, vhc, Mann; 3, Wilman Bros.; 4, Jowett; c, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, 4, Mann; vhc, Nicholl; hc, Lister and Woodhead. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, Hudson; 2, J. Taylor; 3, Jowett; 4, Wilman Bros.; c, Nicholls. CINN.: 1, 2, Thornton.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual table show (of matched pairs for breeding purposes) was held at headquarters on Feb. 2nd. Mr. Ben Mawes judged. The judging competition was won by Mr. J. Ronald. Never before in the history of the society has such an array of splendid stock birds been on view. The Norwich were a magnificent lot, and well worth going away from the fireside on a miserably wet evening to see. Seventeen pairs were adjudicated upon, not a bad pair to be found, and in the Yorkshire Section no fewer than ten pairs were on view, and throughout were a very level lot.

NOR. (17): 1, 2, 3, Pillar, leading pair, buff cock, grand substance, good head and back, splendid quality, hen small, but otherwise simply perfection; 2, cl. cock, grand quality, with var. buff hen; 3, Swinlaw; vhc, Miss Bennett; hc, Booth; c, Ronald. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Woodhead, really grand team, carefully matched, grand quality, type, etc.; c, Miss Bennett. MULES: 1, B. Booth, Linnet, of good size and distinct markings, and nice Nor. yell. hen; 2, 3, Walker, Goldfinch-Can., and Greenfinch-Can. HYB.: 1, Booth, Greenfinch-Goldfinch, on most amiable terms.—E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S

The last of four shows was held on Feb. 5th. The entries were slightly below the average, but were full of quality. Mr. W. Blakey (Great Horton) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, J. Balley; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Wright; c, Sykes. BUFF: 1, 3, C. Morrison; 2, W. Briggs; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Sykes; c, Walker. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wright; 2, Bailey 3, vhc, Morrison; hc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Coggan; vhc, Briggs. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, c, Morrison; 2, Sandiford; vhc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; hc, Bailey. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Wright; c, Sykes. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Morrison; 2, Ellis; 3, Coggan. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Ellis. YELL. HEN: 1, Ellis; 2, Coggan; 3, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; vhc, Morrison. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Ellis; 3, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; vhc, Coggan. FOUL MKD.: 1, Sykes; 2, Ellis. NOR. CK.: 1, Sykes. BRIT.: 1, Briggs. Winners of specials: Points, 1st Morrison; 2nd, Tattersall; 3rd, Wright; 4th, Balley; 5th, Ellis; 6th, Sykes; 7th, Sandiford; 8th, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 9th, Dearden; 10th, Briggs; 11th, Coggan; 12th, Walker; 13th, Stake; 14th, Naylor; 15th, Hirst and Cawthra; 16th, Leach. Special for best bird, Morrison; Brit., Sandiford; heaviest loser, Coggan.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

BIGGAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual show held in the West Row Hall, on February 2nd. The hall is a beautiful place for such an occasion, being spacious and lofty, with good light and temperature. The secretary, Mr. G. Mitchell, may be congratulated on having such a fine entry. He is the right man in the right place, being very courteous and obliging. Mr. T. Hamilton (Symington) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

GREENFINCH (21): 1, spl, R. Hamilton, good size, fine substance and head, nice breadth; 2, Mason, nice bird; 3, Lawson, big, bold bird; 4, spl, Mitchell; 5, Dickson; 6, Rae. BULLFINCH (12), good class: 1, spl best bird in show, Rae, fine cap, rich col., grand type, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Campbell, rich col., nice cap, fine condition; 3, Shand, rich tone of col., well defined cap; 4, Lawson; 5, Dickson; 6, Orminston. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Dickson, good blaze, bars and buttons; 2, spl best 2nd bird, Rae, nicely tanned; 3, Lawson; 4, Graham; 5, Gray. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, spl, Wilson, good body and col., fine blue on head and neck; 2, Rae, another nice bird; 3, Elliot; 4, Orminston; 5, McCann; 6, Robb. A.O.V. BRIT. (14): 1, spl, Wilson, Bramblefinch, fine size and shape, spangle and col., grand fet head: 2, W. Clark, Bramble; 3, J. Hamilton; 4, Laing, Redpoll; 5, Graham, Siskin; 6, Shand, Reedbunting.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Pair show for members, held recently, when 26 pairs were exhibited by 18 members, Mule and Hybrid classes being the centre of attraction. The judges got through their work very satisfactorily. They were: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. Veitch; for Border Fancies, Mr. W. Johnson; for Yorkshires, Mr. A. Cargill; for Crests, Mr. A. Dickson; for Norwich, Mr. A. Fotheringham; for Mules and Hybrids, Mr. A. Cowan.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, J. Fotheringham; 2, Cowan; 3, Chambers; 4, A. Fotheringham. BORD.: 1, Hunter; 2, J. Anderson; 3, Cargill. YORKS.: 1, Hamilton; 2, Ford; 3, Johnstone. CRESTS: 1, Veitch; 2, Hunter. NOR.: 1, McConville; 2, Ramsay; 3, Barclay; 4, Dickson; 5, McHale. MULE AND HYB.: 1, A. Anderson; 2, Vletch; 3, Dickson; 4, McHale; 5, Ford; 6, Hamilton; 7, Stenhouse.—J. FORD, Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First monthly show of breeding pairs was held in the Trades Hall, Anderson Street, on Feb. 4. Entries came up well considering the time of the year, about 50 pairs being staged, and the quality of the exhibits was of the highest order. The Norwich were a grand lot, and should produce some fine youngsters, and the Crests though not very numerous were of capital quality. Mr. J. A. Ferguson judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The members had a discussion on the awards, and Mr. Ferguson suitably answered all questions. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ferguson brought a successful show to a close.

P.H.'s: 1, spl, 3, 4, Maxwell; 2, Hendry; 5, McMillian; 6, 7, Brown. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, Griffiths; 3, Priest. BORD.: 1, spl, 6, Walker; 2, 3, Fairweather; 4, Henderson; 5, 7, Priest. YORKS: 1, spl, 3, 6, Macrobbie; 2, 4, Webster; 5, 7, Anderson. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, Walker. HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, Webster; 2, Henderson; 3, Fairweather; 4, Roy.—WILLIAM PRIEST, sec.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

First table show held Jan. 29th, when we provided three classes, which brought together a grand lot of birds, a great credit to their owners. Mr. Scothern kindly gave a silver medal for best bird in show, which was won by a fine Bullfinch, belonging to Mr. Mitchell. Mr. W. Harrison judged, his awards giving the greatest satisfaction.

CAN. (11): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Vertigan. BRIT. (6): 1, 2 spls, Mitchell; 2, Wild; 3, Holmes. AMAT.: 1, 2, Williamson. A meeting was held after judging, when ten more members were enrolled, which brings our total to 20 members. It was arranged to hold our next meeting on Feb. 12th, 7 p.m., when important business will be discussed, arranging a stock pair show for Feb. 26th, also rules. I appeal to fanciers to rally round this newly-formed society, which has every prospect of becoming a strong one. Fanciers from Nottingham districts have the G.R. railway advantage, as Codnor Park stations adjoin the club room.—J. H MITCHELL, hon. sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Pair show held in the new headquarters at Cecil Hall, Woolwich Road, E. Greenwich, on Feb. 10th. The members turned up well, and the number of exhibits was nearly double that at last pair show, and reached the total of 41. At this rate of progress, the society looks forward to a good year, and it is a pleasure to note that five gentlemen were elected members. Mr. F. Easterling judged, and after judging, gave a few remarks on the exhibits.

CHAMP. NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (6): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, hc, Jordan; vhc, c, Meades. B. CK. AND Y. HEN (6): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, Jordan; hc, c, Meades. CHAMP. YORKS., Y. CK. AND B. HEN (2): 1, 2, Putner. B. CK. AND Y. HEN (2): 1, 2, Putner. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Meades, cinn. NOVICE NOR., Y. CK. AND B. HEN (4): 1, 2, Hamer; 3, Pope; vhc, Hall. B. CK. AND Y. HEN (5): 1, and W. cl., Hamer; 2, 3, Pope; vhc, Hall. NOVICE YORKS, Y. CK. and B. HEN (8): 1, Lowric; 2, hc, Dubrey; 3, Hearn; vhc, c, Fowler. B. CK. AND Y. HEN (2): 1, 2, Lowric.—HAMER and PUTNEN, hon. secs.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful 10-mile radius show was held in the Town Hall Buildings on Feb. 12th, and resulted in 75 entries. Mr. T. Ride (Leicester) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Brookes, 1st grand cobby bird, nice type, 2nd good feather and quality. BUFF: 1, Ling, nice type and quality, sound col. YELL. (1909): 1, 2, vhc, Dickens, 1st nice thick-set bird, good chest, short wings and tail, 2nd tic. head and wing mkd., 3, c, Savage, 3rd nice type; hc, Ward. BUFF: 1, 3, Ling, 1st wing mkd., good type and quality, 3rd fine bird, 2nd good quality; vhc, Ward. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, vbc, Brooke, 1st cap and wing mkd., grand quality and type, 2nd Buff hen, good type and quality; 3, hc, Savage, 3rd fine thick-set hen; c, Grant. A.O.V.: 1, Buswell, good pied tailed cinn., nice head and neck; 2, Westley, buff cinn., not quite the substance of winner; 3, hc, c, Shears, 3rd nice broken-capped silver Liz.; vhc, Labrabam, green Yorks. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Labraham, 1st good cl. yell., grand head and neck, nice type and quality; 3, Hubbard, varieg. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Labraham, 1st griz. head, good size and quality; 3, hc, c, Veasey, rich in col. MULE: 1, Dickens, good Greenfinch Mule, should moult out well; 2, Brooks, varieg Goldie Can.; 3, vhc, Scarcsbrook, buff Goldie Can. HYB.: 1, Matthews, nice Bullfinch-Linnet, superb in markings, showing parentage distinctly; 2, Skipworth, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good in markings; 3, Westley, Goldie-Greenfinch, dull in colour. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Ward, good Linnet, nicely mkd., well up in facing and tanning; 2, Brooks, Linnet, well laced; 3, Westley, Siskin, nicely marked, falls a little in cap; vhc, Voss; hc, Bond; c, Labraham; good class of eleven. SOFT BILL, ETC.: 1, Westley, good Nuthatch, shown in fine condition; 2, Hubbard, Redstart, very steady; 3, Goddard, another nice Nuthatch. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, Dickens, Snow Bunting. FOR.: 1, Dickens, very good Goldfinch, well cut blaze; 2, vhc, Hubbard, nice pair of Chinese-painted Quails; 3, Labraham, very fine Ribbon Finch. 15/-, SELL.: 1, Dickens; 2, 3, Buswell; vhc, hc, c, Veasey. 10/-, SELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Veasey.—E. WESTLEY, hon. sec. (Please write on one side of paper only.—Editor.)

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Successful table show, held at headquarters on Feb. 9th, competition being very keen in the open class. Mr. F. Harrison gave every satisfaction in placing his awards in these most difficult classes of pairs matched for breeding.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, hc, Heighton; 2, 3, Christian; vhc, Claypole; c, Tyler. NOVICE: 1, Gamble; 2, hc, Yates; 3, vhc, Boyless. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 2, Tyler.—J. A. TYLER, sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual pair show, held at headquarters, on Feb. 12, and was a great success. There was a record entry of 93 pairs, and an extraordinary attendance, the room being crowded. The novice section, as usual, had the largest entry, and proved the wisdom of the committee is giving duplicate classes. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged.

CHAMP. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Forse and Son. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Carr. A.O.V.: 1, Cooper. CAN. AND FINCH (4): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, 4, Forse and Son. A.O.V. HYBRID: 1, Forse and Son. AMAT. NOR. (4): 1, 3, Williamson; 2, 4, Hale. NOVICE, YORKS, BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Burbridge; 2, vhc, Shanklcy; 3, Taylor; 4, hc, Farmer; c, Skinner. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (11): 1, 3, Burbridge; 2, Farmer; 4, Turner; vhc, Wilson; hc, Taylor; c, Skinner. NOR. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, vhc, Parr; 4, Roberts; hc, Marshall; c, Harding. YELL. CK AND BUFF HEN (14): 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, Billingsley; 4, Dalton; vhc, c, Parr; hc, Roberts. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Wallace. CAN. AND FINCH (7): 1, Mills; 2, Parr; 3, White; 4, Dalton; vhc, c, Ovenden; hc, Skinner. HYB., A.O.V. (4): 1, Wood; 2, 4, Ovenden; 3, White. SELL., 20/- (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. 15/- (8): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Burbridge; 4, Forse and Son; vhc, Williamson; hc, Carr; c, Rhodes.

Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

We held a Linnet sing at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, last week-end, when S. Scott did 57sec.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

HINCKLEY.

Linnet contest held at Marquis of Granby, when 18 birds sang. Result: 1, 3, Garner; 2, Moore. Judges, Messrs. Towers and W. Leason. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Burdett. Look out for great contest at Easter for Goldfinches.—W. BURDETT, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held on February 13th—three minutes' duration. Result: 1st, A. Palfreyman, 74.; 2nd, J. Callaghan, 41; 3rd, E. Bisby, 38.—E. BISBY, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, on January 29th. A large number of birds entered. Result: 1, 2, 3, Lockhurst and Brady. Also on February 5th, Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor; 20 birds entered, and some grand singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, 3, Lockhurst and Brady; 4, Ed. McQuirk. Mr. J. Stout (Brandon) judged both. Another contest at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, February 19th. Fanciers please note that a collection will be taken in aid of the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund" at this contest.—GEO. REED, Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed; some very good singing was heard. Result:—1, Bean; 2, Smith; 3, Stothard; 4, Richardson; 5, Cole. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, J. Smith.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, on February 12th, when 20 birds entered for competition. Result: 1st, Storey; 2nd and 3rd, Laverick; 4th, Maugham; 5th, Harrison. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet singing contest (time) was again carried out successfully to the satisfaction of all. 1st prize, Fenwick, 83 secs.; 2nd, Brophy, 59 secs.; 3rd, Kendall, 47 secs. Timekeepers, Messrs. T. Summers and Joe Hargreaves. Next contest February 20th, 1 p.m.; also Roller Canary contest same night, 7.30 p.m.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Contest held on Feb. 13th, at Prince Albert Inn, Cambridge Street, when 16 Linnets were hung up:—1, Atkinson; 2, Soloman; 3, divided between Soloman and Farrar. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark and G. Towers; timekeeper, W. Dean.—W. DEAN, sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Shrovetide contest (open) of the National Quality Linnet S.A. took place at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when most of the leading Linnet fanciers in Lancashire took part. The singing was only of a moderate character. Result: 1st, Jones (Leigh); 2nd, Barnes (Wigan); 3rd and 5th, Milligan (Leigh); 4th, Bentley (Great Harwood); 6th, Holcroft (Wigan); and 7th, Stathan (Atherton). Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones (Wigan) and Geo. Rostron (Blackburn); referee, Ed. Christopherson; timekeeper, Mr. J. Parper (Wigan); bird-keeper, Mr. J. Nelson (Blackburn). After the contest a most enjoyable evening was spent, Mr. D. Bentley (Great Harwood) president in the chair.—T. SLATER, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, February 12th, when Messrs. A. Jennings, W. Naylor, and P. Hoban judged. 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd shared between Butler and Rowe. Also on February 13th, when 25 birds sang before a crowded house. 1st, Sissons; 2nd and 3rd, Hardcastle; 4th, Bland. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Hoban. Also on the same evening a grand Canary contest was held at the above house, and 15 of the best picked birds in Leeds competed. Result: 1st, Wake; 2nd, Bland; 3rd, Jowitt. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Cooper, and Hoban.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest, held at the Skinner's Arms, on February 13th, when 15 birds were hung: 1st, Ward; 2nd, Simmonds; 3rd, Green. Judges, Messrs. Benton and King.

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Yorkshires.

BAILEY'S STRAIN

Is bang at the top again, over all other so called champion strains, having won this season the Yorkshire Union 30 guinea challenge trophy, and Naylor's challenge cup, at the Yorkshire shows, with fifty per cent. less entries than nearest competitor; have also won at Y.C.C. competition, Ramsden's challenge cup and Sandiford's challenge cup, only showing at eight shows, and my nearest opponent showing at ten shows, finishing at Pulace with more 1sts than any other fancier in open section. I think this will convince you that the Sandy Lane stud are clear away from all others. Have few pairs same strain as above at 20/-, also few pairs extra quality from 60/- to 80/-; odd hens, either colour, feathered like paint; stamp reply: South View Terrace, Sandy Lane, Allerton, Bradford.

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Won Palace 1910 two 1sts, 2nd, 4th, and Ramsden's special championship diploma, and 10/6 special for best Yorkshire in show; as we are only reserving a few for breeding with, we have for sale some real clinkers, wonderful length, perfect type, and full of quality and style, just the sort to breed champions; cocks, 7/6 to 50/- each; hens, 7/6 to 30/-; the most reliable strain in the Fancy; see our winnings for over 30 years; cold room bred; approval, stamp particulars: Messrs. Amblers, late of Bradford, 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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Two 1sts, three 2nds (see report). The above successes following on my winnings at the Yorkshire Union and other leading shows, as reported week by week, prove the excellency of my strain.

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BARNETT'S direct, Crest, Crestbreds, unflighted birds, for sale, also Norwich cocks: Laken, 66, Portland-rd., West Bridgford, Notts.

GREEN, marked, and yellow, strong healthy aviary-bred Canaries (15 pairs), cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: H. Skipper, Naturalist, Stapleford, Cambs.

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SCOTCH Fancy yellow green hen 25/-, yellow fonl cock 15/-, also buff ticked Border cock 7/6, all 1909 birds, healthy; approval, deposit: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-ter., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

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FOUR good yellow Yorkshire hens, 12/-, or 3/6 each; two Belgian and Yorkshire cross, one yellow, one buff, hens, splendid birds, 10/- each; one yellow cock, same strain, 12/6; two light Muling hens, 8/- the two; approval: E. Hopworth, Brompton, near Northallerton.

AN APOLOGY.

Having had so many orders for our special offer of pair of prize-bred Canaries and breeding cage complete for 12/6 carriage paid (see under last week's advert., "Strange but true"), to those customers who have not yet received their's, we will forward as soon as possible; we have 12 pairs only left for disposal: Adams and Carvell, Eagle Aviaries, Folkestone.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

MOULTED cock Linnet and Canory, 5/-, cage free; 325, Haydons-rd., Wimbledon.

COCK Goldfinch Sib. hen, light Mule breeding, 6/- pair: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

THREE Goldfinch Mules, singing, 7/6 each, if fed would win: McGorum, 95, Golfdrum-st., Dunfermline.

CHOICE Sib-bred hens, every bird guaranteed bred from proved light Mulers: Dale, Wendeu, Saffron Walden.

COCK Siskin and Buff Norwich hen, 1909, 7/6; Goldfinch Mule, cock, dark, 8/-: Dorward, Paton-st., Inverness.

TEN excellent Goldfinch Canary Mules, grand songsters, 10/6 each, worth double: Payne, 18, Durham-st., Hartlepool.

TWO cock, 3 hen Mules, 12/-; 2 hen Canaries, mothers of above, 4/- each, lot 18/-: Stubberfield, Cambridge-rd., Bexhill.

SPLENDID Siberian cock Goldfinch on full song, paired with Sib hen Canary, 6/6 the pair: G. Chapman, 25, High-st., Birmingham.

YELLOW cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule 10/-, buff ditto 6/6, six for 30/-, 4 hen Mules, lot 6/-: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch, selected for muling, genuine muling hen Canary, grand pair, 7/6; approval, deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

TO hybrid breeders: Bullfinch hen and housemoulted cock Greenfinch 3/6, cock Siskin and hen Greenfinch 5/-; approval, deposit: Monk, Owen-ter., Halstead.

TWO Canary-reared cock Linnets, 3/- each; 2 hens, 1/3 each; 3 white-legged Goldfinches, 2 hens, 1/6 each; 1 cock (club foot), 2/6, 13/- lot: Bellett, Falmouth.

YOUNG cock Goldfinch mule, first prize winner, 10/6; two Twites, house-moulted, winners, 7/6 the two cheap; room wanted; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

TWO fine Linnet-Canary Mules, Linnet notes, two Goldfinch mules, in song, 8/6 each; two Bullfinch hens, 3/- each: E. Ridley, 11, Cresswell-grove, West Didsbury, Manchester.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

COCK Goldfinch, winner, and breeder; also hen Canary, 10/-; cock Siskin, Canary ditto, 7/6; steady house-moulted cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, 5/-: Jeffrey, Secretary, Bromsgrove.

HANDSOME buff cock Goldfinch Mule, 1909, Fed. champion songster, Finch note, 1st, 2 specials at local show; approval, deposit; pair hen Goldfinches, 1/6: Pugh, Queen-st., Llandovery.

EXHIBITORS: Good coloured Lapland, also Snow Bunting, 4/6 each; large yellow cock Siskin, feeding hen Bullie, another with hand-reared Linnet, 5/6 pair; deposit: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

THREE good hen Bullfinches 4/-, or 1/6 each; cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 5/-; cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, hen Bramblefinch, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, hen Goldfinch, 2/6: Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

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TO hybrid breeders: house-moulted Linnet, Bullie hen, h.m. Greenie, Bullie hen, 7/6 pair; 4 odd Bullie hens, 2/- each; h.m. Magpie and show cage, 8/6; hand-reared Thrush, singing, complete with show cage, 8/6; exchange Goldies, anything: G. Perrins, 6, Lennox-rd., Longton.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, lovely yellow Norwich hen, feeding, Mule breeders, 10/- pair; 2 housemoulted Greenfinch hens and 1 Linnet, all bred hybrids, with Goldfinch, 6/- lot, healthy; what offers, cock Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrid: Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet, 10/-; cock Redpoll, 2/6; both proved mulers; aviary-moulted hen Bullfinch, 2/6; hen Siskin, 1/6; selected hen Canaries, for Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hen Mules, 1/6: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

LIGHT and dark Goldfinch Mules, Yellow and Buff, light and dark Linnet Mules, ditto Greenfinch, Redpoll, etc., for singing and show, also several hens for aviary: cock Hybrids, guaranteed winners, these from 21/- each; such never before offered at price: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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Some real gems in pure bred Sib hens, Norwich and Yorkshire type, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Muling cock Goldfinches and Linnets, cocks 2/6, 3/6, 5/- and 6/- each, any on approval; scores testimonials. "Mr. Dillingham, Luton.—Sir,—The muling hen you sold me, and the Goldfinch that Mr. Thring had from you, bred me the dark Goldfinch Mule that won me the cup for best Mule bred by a member." "Mr. J. Caldin, Danbridge.—Sir,—I bred best Goldfinch Mule in Ireland from a hen I purchased from you." This year's wins, 1st and spl, Sligo, Dublin, Belfast, etc. I have plenty more like these, so order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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WANTED Norwich or Crest-bred Green cocks; exchange show Homer cock, red Antwerp hen, long face, Blue English Owl cock, 10/- each: Foster, Fieldhouse, Satley, Tow Law.

WANTED, 2 yellow Norwich hens, good heads and necks; also good builder's price book; exchange winning Yorkshires; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-: Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

A purchaser for Norwich Buff cock, 18 months, also Cinnamon marked Buff Yorkshire, 18 months, 15/- each; splendid stock birds; approval: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

WANTED, offers exhibition British or birds for moulting out winners, for gent's cycle, free-wheel, two rim brakes, in perfect running order; birds first: Manby, 31, Colne-rd., Earby.

WANTED talking grey Parrot or singing Canaries, exchange gent's English Lever, capped and jewelled, double albert, and sovereign purse, all solid silver: Walter Thorn, Temperance, Exmouth.

WANTED, yellow Norwich cock and hen, yellow Yorkshire cock; exchange exhibition Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Yorkshire hens, or good camera, cost 55/-, for good birds: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

WANTED for export, surplus stocks of large Norwich Plainheads, in small or large quantities, for cash; also Crests and Borders, Fancies: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange cruet, 8/6; cruet, 4/6; case carvers, 9/-; jelly dish, 4/-; case spoons, 4/-; case teaspoons, 10/6; tea and coffee set, 25/-; cost double: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

HIGH-class Norwich and Yorkshires in exchange for Edison phonograph and 72 Edison 1/- records, as new, with cuphoard to hold 144 records, cost £7: Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, typical Cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, a winner, in exchange for prize-bred wire-haired Fox Terrier bitch pup, 6 weeks' old; or sell £1 10s.: Younger, 91, Edington-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, extra good pair Norwich and 1 buff cock, must have size, type, and quality; exchange 3 splendid hand paintings, framed, value £4; no rubbish wanted or given; birds first: M. Christon, Roberts and Co., Annfield Plain.

WANTED Cinnamons, self, green, Yorkshires, English-bred Rollers, yellow Norwich hens, Scotch Fancies, and Goldfinches; will give good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-la., Queensbury, Bradford.

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Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE 3 Greenfinches for 2 hen mules: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

SISKIN Mule cock; exchange six Linnets, big or no use: D. Brown, 337, High-st., Perth.

TWO nice cock Bullfinches; exchange box cages, anything: Moore, Dunton Green, Kent.

GOOD singing cock Goldfinch, 4/-; exchange Roller cock or hen: Wyatt, 52, Adam-st., Southwark, London.

TWO pairs grand Bullfinches 7/6, exchange 2 good Norwich hens; approval: Cripps, Thorpe-st., Raunds, Northants.

HOUSE-moulted cock and hen Bullfinch, 7/6; exchange Yellow Norwich cock, 1909 bird: Stevens, Dicker, Hellingly.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich for good cock Siskin and Twite, or other good Britishers: Laidlaw, Damside, Hawick.

FOUR grand cock Bullfinches, fit for show, exchange for hen Canaries, Cinnamons preferred: Bevan, Pentreporth, Carmarthen.

THREE British show cages, new; exchange house-moulted Siberian hen Bullfinch; yours first: Macadam, Bruce-st., Stirling.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, provisions, anything: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham; stamp reply.

THREE hen Canary Goldfinch mules for yellow Yorkshire hen or cock Goldfinch: Trohear, Quarry Bank, Brigham, Cockermouth.

GRAND 1909 Greenfinch Canary Mule, sell 12/6, or exchange, offers Canaries: Bourne, Bournville-cottages, Bournville, Birmingham.

EXHIBITING cage-moulted Goldfinch, 12/6, or exchange large Siskin or Twite to moult; particulars: 21, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

THREE pairs Bullfinches, 2nd, 3rd members, 9/-; exchange pair Norwich Canaries; offers: Cleeve, Riverside, Wellington, Somerset.

EXCHANGE Greenfinch Mule, also cock Siskin, winners, for good Yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Readhead, Mansfield Crest, Hawick.

HOUSE-moulted cock Mealy Redpoll, winner, ditto Twite, 7/6 each, exchange Hawfinch; offers: Morrison, Johnstone (North), Renfrewshire.

COCK Goldfinch, 4/6; house-bred Siskin, Linnet, Java Sparrow; offers, exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Chambers, Thornhury, Gloucestershire.

EXCHANGE cock Mule, Linnet note, value 7/6, for clear buff Yorkshire hen; approval both ways; hen first: Nettleton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

WANTED gents' and ladies' boots or drapery in exchange for Canaries; mutual approval; yours first; see Yorksbire heading: Richardson, York.

WARRANTED 1909 cock Goldfinch Mule, also 2 hen Mules, for Yellow variegated Norwich hen, or offers: Taylor, 37, Hamilton-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

TWO cock Goldfinches, caught August, steady, in full song; exchange two large Buff Yorkshire hens; birds first: Hawson, 4a, Crescent-rd., Wrexham.

TWO Goldfinches, one bred Mules, 3 seasons, 6/-; 1 house-moulted untried, 3/6; approval, deposit: F. G. Bartlett, 32, Royal York-cres., Clifton, Bristol.

SURE Hybrid breeders; extra large house-moulted cock Goldfinch, also hen Greenfinch, sell 10/6; exchange: A. Pinner, jun., Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

CAGE moulted red crested Cardinal, splendid plumage, sell 10/6; big Goldfinch mule, full song, 6/6; or exchange: Burnie, Mount Pleasant, Castle Douglas.

HOUSE-moulted piping cock Bullfinch, ditto cock Goldfinch, good songster; exchange pair Canaries, Rollers preferred; yours first: Casey, 3, Thomondgate, Limerick.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; leather carrying case, hold 4 show cages, 6/-, cash; or exchange 1909 variegated Yellow Norwich hen: Lewis, Holly House, Aughton.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, caged Nov., cock and hen Chaffinch, hand-reared, 1909, all in grand fettle, for anything useful; yours first: Cogger, 5, New-st., Chelmsford, Essex.

EXHIBITION Thrush, grand songster; fine cock Chaffinch, both house-moulted, 7/6 the two; exchange for unflighted Norwich hen: Goodwin, 184, Wood-st., Kettering.

EXCHANGE grand exhibition cock Yellowhammer, selected pair Bullfinches, for pair Canaries, or 2 good 1909 hens; birds first: Cole, Surbourne Villa, Cowper-st., Ipswich, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE two house-moulted German hen Bullfinches, two cock Redpolls, for yellow cinnamon Norwich or yellow Yorkshire hen: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

THREE large good-coloured cock Bullfinches, 3/6 each: pair of 1909 White Game Bantams, 10/-; or exchange clear Norwich hens: J. Joynson, 16, Dierden-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

HOUSE-moulted cock Siskin 6/-, ditto Linnet 4/-, proved Mulers; singing cock Goldfinch 4/-, or exchange pair outer covers, beaded edge 28 x 13: Moss, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

TWO pair Bullfinches, sell 6/-, or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cock, house-moulted cock Linnet; sell 4/-, or exchange yellow Yorkshire hen; offers: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE 1 house-moulted cock Linnet, 1 buff Sib hen, for good yellow Yorkshire hen, little cash given for extra-good bird; approval; sell 7/-: Dispensary, Erdington, Birmingham.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, Norwich hen, and breeding cage, 12/-; drawing-room aviary, as new, cost 35/-, accept 14/-; exchange fowls: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE 1 house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 1 buff Sib hen, for good yellow Norwich hen; a little cash given for extra good bird; sell 12/-; approval: Dispensary, Erdington, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE exhibition cock Greenfinch, house-moulted and colour fed, and standard show cage, new, for yellow green Yorkshire cock, unflighted: Mr. James Thomson, 17, Garscube-la., Cowcaddens, Glasgow.

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ENGLISH 1908 house-moulted cock Goldfinch, also large cock Greenfinch, 6/-, exchange good singing Mule, Finch song, or Canary, or two Muling hens; offers: Vale, Wagon Works, Lydney, Glos.

EXHIBITORS, 2 grand cock Bullfinches, ditto Goldfinches, 3/6 each; 2 yellow Greenfinches, 2/-; 2 large Sib hens, Lancashire-Norwich cross, 5/- each; exchange yellow Norwich cock; offers: Viggers Bros., Banbury.

TWICE house-moulted Greenfinch cock and large Bullfinch hen; exchange Border cock; twice house-moulted cock Chaffinch, another caged four months; exchange good Goldfinch cock: Duncan, Citadel, Inverness.

FOUR brilliant-coloured large cock Yellowhammers, two extra large upstanding cock Skylarks, splendid songsters, all aviary-moulted, 2/6 each; exchange Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

THREE grand, well pencilled cock Linnets, 2/6 each; two large, handsome cock Greenfinches, 1/6 each, make mulers and winners; exchange lot for clear yellow Norwich hen; approval: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred two nests Mules last year, warranted, take 12/6, or exchange for good cock St. Andreasberg Roller; on approval; must be good songster, no choppy note; Aldridge, Bootmaker, Norman-rd., St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bramble, a beauty, exchange Yorkshire hen, sell 5/-; also gent's silver keyless watch, perfect order, cost 25/-, exchange pair Yorkshires or Rollers, sell 12/6; approval; stamp particulars; no rubbish wanted: Smales, 15, Montrose-st., Middlesbrough.

COCK Siskin, bred 1907, cock Grey Linnet, bred 1908, cock Greenfinch, bred 1909, two hen Canaries, 1908, good feeders; hen Linnet, Canary reared, had eggs; two hens, two Redpolls; bargain, 12/-; or exchange Siberian Goldfinch, large, or English breeder Border Fancy; yellow cock, exchange buff cock; two yellow hens for good buff hen; all 1909: T. Mc Neill, 84, New Row, Tranent.

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GOOD reliable feeding hens, 2/6 each; approval, deposit: Cherry, Peel-st., Luton.

GIVE 14 young hens for good singing green Norwich cock: Hugh Hadey, Billingshurst.

WANTED good Norwich hen for 2 pairs Bullfinches; approval: Foshury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

SCOTCH Fancy buff piebald cock, 25/-, or will exchange it for good buff hen: Dixon, Wooler.

C. Cross, 32, King-st., Macclesfield, will exchange Cinnamon cock for yell. Norwich cock, sell 12/-.

EXCHANGE prize yellow Norwich cocks and hens for British: Mr. Hope, Crystal-aven., South-par., Hull

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks from 15/-; or exchange surplus Norwich or Crests: T. McNair, 10, New-st., Paisley.

EXCHANGE singing Norwich cocks for prize-bred Norwich cock, or sell 6/6: Elston, Hewlett-rd., Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE 4 Seifert hens, cold-room bred, for fly-rod and reel: Aldington, 108, Elkington-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for cock Roller, or sell 25/-; must be good bird: Meek, Vicarage, Hunstanton.

LARGE dark Crest hen; exchange for extra large C.B. hen; no rubbish; approval: McKay, 47, Greenst., Ayr.

SPLENDID yellow 1908 Yorkshire hen, 8/-, exchange Roller cock, or 2 hens, healthy, Butler, Plumber, Southwell.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock for good variegated buff Norwich hen, sell 5/6: Harley, Grangeview-terrace, Falkirk.

CRICKET shoes, bat, ball, 15/-, exchange for Canaries: C. Punter, 140, London-rd., Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey.

EXCHANGE prize Borders for phonograph and records, or sell 30/- pair: E. Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading, Berks.

GIVE healthy hen Canary and 2/6 for good cock Goldfinch: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

MR. HUDDY, The Bury, Chesham, Bucks, will exchange grand pair typical Yorkshires for green pair Budgerigias.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock for Yellow Norwich hen or Roller cock; offers: Hazeldine, Marshalls-rd., Raunds, Wellingboro.

BUFF Norwich, large ben, 4 pointed, 10/-; do. cock, 7/6; Goldfinch mule, 7/6; exchange: Tonnard, Victoria-bridge, Leeds.

PRIZE Yorkshires; exchange for real good Yellow unflighted Norwich cocks; approval: Brotherton, 118, Doncaster-rd., Rotherham.

BORDERS, 4 pairs, 7/-; 9 odd cocks, 5/-; few hens, 2/6, to clear, or useful exchange: Marshall, 75, Trafalgar-rd., Beeston, Notts.

GRAND large buff Border cock, good stock bird; exchange good singing Roller cock: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

LARGE Norwich cock, 2 hens, prize strain, 18/-; Seifert Schoolmaster, 2 hens, 16/-; offers: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Notts.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock Canary for 2 cock Goldfinches, proved breeders; approval: Palmer, 89, Bridge-rd. West, Battersea.

WILL exchange young singing cock Canary, 2 cock Bullfinches, for 2 good Yorkshire hens, yellow: Wills, Thomas-st., Wells, Somerset.

EXCHANGE 2 Roller cocks, 4 hens, 2 cages, for gramophone and records; address: Alf. Calverley, 42, Queen's-st., Stourton, Leeds.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

EXCHANGE five young prize-bred Border hens for yellow Norwich hen; approval: Soulsby, Single-row, South Newsham, Northumberland.

EXCHANGE cock Canary, beautiful songster, for hen Bullfinch and hen Goldfinch, house-moulted: McPherson, Illtyd, Pencaira, Neath.

BUFF cock Canary, full song, 5/-; exchange lengthy 1909 Yorkshire hen; offers first: Harrison, Ellenborough-place, Maryport, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE 8 hen Canaries, cold room bred, for short flyers or fowls, sell 12/-: Carter, New Cottages, Belle Vue, Welton, Midsomer Norton.

EXCHANGE grand 1909 variegated Buff Norwich cock for variegated Yellow hen, approval both ways, sell 8/6: Beeson, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

A few grand Norwich Plainheads, also pair of large Crests; exchange light Mules or Hybrids; on approval: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

J. CALAM (winner Hull Cage Bird Society's champion cup, 1909), has a few pairs Norwich, 12 6, 15/-, 20/-; or exchange: 44, George-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE 6 Norwich and 6 British show cages, new, for good pair of Yorkshires, or sell 21/: Chamberlain, Fingle-la., Barton, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, ready to nest, for 6 bantams, or 12 pigeons; approval: Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

GOOD variegated 1908 Yorkshire hen and little cash, in exchange for 1909 yellow Yorkshire hen; no rubbish wanted: 26, Crown-st., Inverness.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary; exchange Norwich cock Canary, good songster, or offers: Stowe, Burnham Market, Norfolk.

FOUR pairs Norwich P.H., young birds, with 4 new cages, exchange lady's bicycle, or offers: G. Brown, 8, Kirkstall-ter., Rotterham-rd., Lowestoft.

A grand lot of Norwich (see Norwich) for anything useful in the house, linen, etc.; they are from the best blood: Jeacock, York-st., Coventry.

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens; cock Greenfinch; two Norwich show cages, for even marked yellow Border cock: Aitchison, Main-st., Fauldhouse.

SELL or exchange, Yorks or Norwich, for anything useful; cocks from 5/- upwards; hens, ditto, 3/6 upwards: E. Penney, 27, St. John's-rd., Hilston.

GRAND new 4-compartment cage, pair good Norwich, and pair of Borders, accept 2 guineas, or good exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera, cost £4, and complete photographic outfit, for British Rollers, or anything useful: Young, 10, Villiers-rd., Willesden Green.

GRAND green crested Norwich cock, 10/6; large Jonque muling cock Goldfinch, 6/6; both full song; approval; exchange Yorkshires: Palmer, East-st., Chard.

BORDER Fancy, prize strains, 2 hens 15/-, exchange cock; cock and 3 hens £2, hargain, exchange poultry, toy dog, Scotch Fancy hen: 20, Gilmore-pl., Edinburgh.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks, hens, for sale, or useful exchange, boots, blankets, curtains, anything; approval: Blackburn, 411, Collyhurst-rd., Manchester.

GIVING up Fancy: 3 cocks, 8 hens, Norwich type, cold room, large flight, 2 double breeders, accessories, 40/-, or nearest offer: Yates, Almaster., Arthur-rd., Windsor.

DINNER cruet, heavily silver plated, 4 bottles, also 3-bottle breakfast cruet, exchange 3 cock Canaries, singing: Rudiforth, 17 Court, 5 House, Leadmill-rd., Sheffield.

SALE, 3 buff Border hens, 5/- each, or exchange for buff Border cock to value; prize bred: Wm. McGreachan, 19, Low Craigends, Kilsyth, Stirlingshire, N.B.

EXCHANGE for large Norwich Buff hen, pair Yellow Norwich, cock Linnet, large Yellow cock Greenfinch, sell lot 11/6: Hill, Blenheim West-st., Newport, I. of W.

UNFLIGHTED Plainhead Norwich, clear yellow hen, variegated buff hen, 5 show cages, once used, club pattern, double case; offers: Marsball, Newhawn-st., Duns.

TWELVE feet green hart trout fly rod and tackle: p.c. for particulars; 17/6; or exchange pair goed Norwich; no rubbish; approval: Robertson, Acrest. place, Nairn.

EXCHANGE two clear Yorkshire hens, Ogden's strain, for two other Yorkshire hens; change of blood wanted: James Churchill, Hermitage-st., Crewkerne, Somerset.

PAIR of 1909 crossbred Canaries, young, feeding hen, pair of house-moulted Bullfinches, sell 12/6, or exchange anything useful; no live stock: Rowlands, 3, Mill-st., Bridgnorth, Salop.

WILL exchange 2 Norwich, 1 Yorkshire, and 1 Schoolmaster, for a good pair field-glasses, or dress and suit lengths, or take 6/6 each: W. Reakes, 75, Clarence-st., Miskin, Mountain Ash.

SALE or exchange Yorkshire hen Canaries, from 2/6 each, will take poultry, Bantams, or Siberian Goldfinch, or Bullfinch cocks, to value, must clear: Goetzee, 63, Chatham-st., Liverpool.

CAN spare four-pointed large buff Norwich cock, claimed from Manchester Show for 50/-, with grand yellow hen, 40/- pair; birds before cash: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, near Manchester.

EXCHANGE 2 1909 yellow Yorkshire cocks, Hawes' strain, for cinnamon marked buff cock and hen, must have length and type; mutual approval: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin-aven., North Kensington.

GRAND Yellow and Buff unflighted Norwich cocks, 15/- each; 2 typical Yellow Yorkshire hens, 10/- each; exchange lady's gold guard or Toy Pomeranian: Lohr, Confectioner, Carmarthen.

YORKSHIRES, 1909 birds, bred from the finest strains, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; money returned if not satisfied; all birds sent on approval: Ambrose, Taxidermist, 71, Berners-st., Ipswich.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire Canaries, Amblers', Bailey's, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, or good exchange; no cards, seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE massive Yellow Norwich cock Canary, value £1, for 6 books by Marie Corelli; also large splashed hen, value 5/-, for good gardening book; offers: F. Wood, 43a, Radnor-st., Peckham, London.

TWENTY 1908-9 good Yorkshire Canaries, clears and bronze-green variegated, cocks from 8/6; hens, 4/6, cold room; or exchange hosiery, underwear, umbrella, vicuna cloth: Thompson, 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

HIGH-class Borders, two 1909, yellow Cinn. bred cocks, ticked Cinn. on eye, even-marked, bred, 7/6 each; also a few grand hens, even bred, 4/-; a few selected Bramblefinches, to moult, 3/- each: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

WHAT offers in high-class Norwich, for jack rod, by Slater of Newark, 2 tops, built specially for advertiser, excellent condition, check winch with unused dressed silk line, value 35/-: Slater, 22, Eastcourt-rd., Wandsworth Common.

FIVE clear yellow Border cocks, 7/- each; 1 clear buff hen, 6/-; 2 fine green buff hens, 4/- each; or exchange for good pair of Yorkshires, or Cinnamons, or exhibition British; some of these winners of 1st prizes: Wm. Foster, Hett Hills, Pelton Fell S.O., Co. Durham.

GRAND pair Norwich, 15/-; buff cock Canaries, 10/6; marked cocks, 8/6; German hen, 2/6; hand-reared Linnet, 5/-; 4 cages, 5/-; lot, £2 5/-; exchange good talking Parrot, underwear, material for same for children; yours first: Bateman, 367, Edgware-rd., London.

TEN Roller Canaries, mostly cocks, 21/-; exchange Britishers. Two dark Goldfinch Canary Mules, 10/- each; another splendid specimen, 15/-; warranted cocks with Goldfinch heads; cock Greenfinch Canary Mule, grand songster, 5/-: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

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PAIR Green Indian Parrakeets, fine plumage, sale 15/6; or exchange Canaries: Tom Hall, Hull Croft, Shepshed.

EXCHANGE Roseate Cockatoo and cage for Norwich cock Canary in song: Weight, Crundon-rd., South Croydon.

GREEN Parrot and cage, good plumage, and acclimatised, exchange anything useful; Oakes, Shore-rd., Carrickfergus, Ireland

MONSTER Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, finger-tame, says few words, grand feather, 35/-; exchange songsters: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

ROCK Parrot and cage, very tame, perfect health, 20/-; will exchange Canaries; hens preferred: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

SPLENDID pair yellow Budgerigars, odd yellow cock, 12/6 lot; 3 Avadavats, 4/-; exchange, offers first: Pilheam, Franklyn-rd., Haywards Heath.

RARE foreigner, Goffin's Cockatoo, splendid condition, acclimatised, tame, £3; approval, deposit; part exchange entertained: Mack, 47, Blackhorse-rd., Walthamstow.

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REMARKABLE clever talking Blue-fronted Amazon, 6 years in England, £4 10s.; or exchange to value of £5 10s., Canaries or Fancy pigeons, no Homers: J. Daley, 52, Titbeharn-st., Liverpool.

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CUTLERY, exchange for Canaries; state requirements: Fletcher, Broom Close, Sheffield.

FIVE first-class Homer Pigeons, sell 12/6, or offers: Lamb, Kettle Bridge, Kingskettle, Fife.

RED Irish Setter bitch, 4 months; sell £1; Canaries wanted: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate.

EXCHANGE Parrot's cage for singing cock Canary or offer: Newman, Arcade, East Liss, Hants.

EXCHANGE 10 pigeons for Canaries, or anything useful: Pratt, 255, Albert-rd., South Norwood.

WHAT offers Canaries for tweed suit length; sell 25/-: John Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City Glasgow.

PAIR clap nets, 3ft. by 6ft. complete; exchange beehive, or sell, 5/-: 2, Bromsgrove-rd., Burnley.

WHAT offers for Black Pom. dog, good coated, in Canaries: Butcher, 33, Gibson-st., Harperbey, Mc.

OFFERS exchange pure-bred wire-haired Terrier dog, 4 months old: Thomas Cole, Butchers-lane, Cradley.

EXCHANGE 7-key hanjo for pair of Yorkshire or Norwich: Kimmins, 145, Queen-st., Govan, Glasgow.

WHAT offer in Canaries for 2 doz. Edison records, good condition: Newman, Arcade, East Liss, Hants.

WHAT offers in exchange for pedigree Fox Terrier dog pup, or sell 25/-: Martin, Ring o' Bells, Kendal.

PLATES or pictures framed to value for Crest-bred hens: W. Beaven, Sussex Cottage, Bath-rd., Devizes.

128 CAGE BIRDS to date, complete, with coloured plates; what offers? Leech, 1, Oxford-terrace, Gateshead.

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TWENTY-FOUR good records in case; exchange hen pullets; offers: Layfield, 38, Freemantle-st., Walworth.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, for Canaries, Mules, or offers; approval: B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

WINNING Dragoon's show, Herner's and exhibition flyers, exchange birds or offers: Russon, Oxford-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE 40-piece floral china teaset for cock Canaries: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Mile End, London.

WHAT offers in Canaries or Mules for suit length, dark tweed, value 25/-: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

BLACK Spaniel bitch, affectionate, exchange Canaries, sell 20/-; yours first, no approval: 1a, Cravenrd., Rugby.

WHIPPET, bitch, wire coated, for sale cheap, exchange cock Goldfinches; offer: Osborn, 49, Miltonrd., Margate.

GEM air rifle, 10/-; 6 British birds, 10/-; accordeon, 7/6; exchange good Canaries: Claude, Godfrey, Northallerton.

FIFTY "Cage Bird" plates, clean, exchange for birds, anything; offers: Pinchin, 2, Arthur-ter., New Marske-by-Sea.

TOY Blue Pom, 30/-, like ball of wool, or exchange Goldies or hen Canaries: Richardson, 7, Villa-st., Middlesbrough.

GRAND pair field glasses, sell 5/6, or exchange cock Linnets or hen Canaries: Holden, 28, Warrenhurstrd., Fleetwood.

156 copies "Cage Birds," clean, 1907-8-9, plates, exchange Yorkshire hens: Sharp, White-la., Chapeltown, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Buff Orpington cockerel (Cook's strain) for good yellow Norwich hen: Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington.

BLACK Toy Pom, stud dog, prize winner; exchange anything, or sell; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

ROSE trees, named sorts, 9/- dozen, or exchange Minorca Pullets or Black Orpingtons: Blood, Gardener, Shepshed.

QUARTER-plate camera, 12-plate, new with plates, for Canaries; offers: Sanderson, 83, Montagu-st., Rothesay, Bute.

PAIR of prize Jacobin pigeons, value £1; exchange good birds; other offers considered: Lunn, Hairdresser, Spalding.

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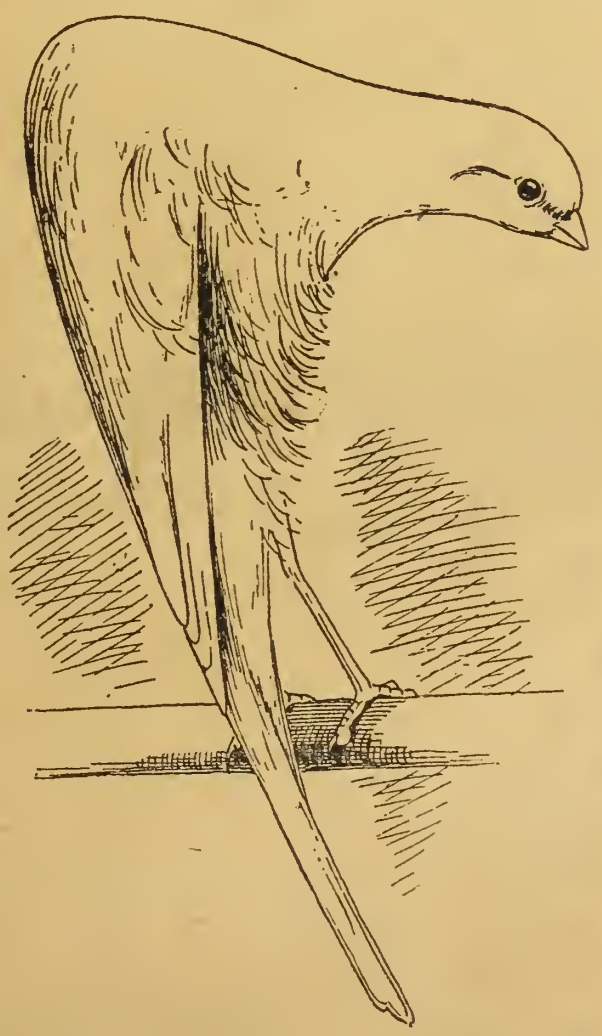
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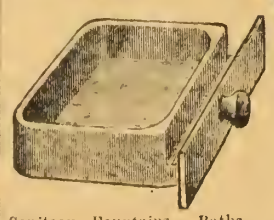
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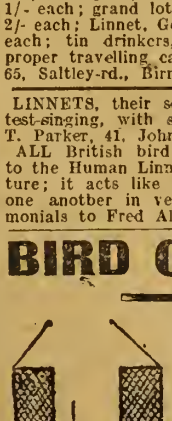
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MAGNIFICENT singing cock Thrush, finger tame, glorious songster, splendid plumage, 2/6; approval: Huggins, 143, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

HAND-reared singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards, sacrifice, 4/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstahle.

THE champion singing cock Skylark of the desert, beautifully pencilled, steady, extraordinary large bird, 2/-: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

SINGING cock Skylark and new cage, all complete, with fittings, only 2/-, securely packed on rail; send for list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

JACKDAWS, 1/6 each, 12/- dozen; 1909 hand-reared Jackdaw, talks, flys loose, 3/6, bargain; also fine Kestrell, 3/-: Jacobs, 5, Lombard-st., Bedminster.

WANTED Nightingale, adult, caught last year, must be exceptionally fine songster; approval, all carriage paid: Capt. Harold Blackett, Sunninghill.

EXHIBITION Lark, fit to show, full song day or night, sacrifice 2/6; cock Thrush, champion songster, full song, 3/-; too loud: approval anywhere: Turney, 339, Central Park-rd., East Ham, Essex. Stamp.

EVERYTHING that it is necessary to know how to keep Skylarks for show or pets is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" handbook, "The Skylark," 2½d., post free, from the Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

GENUINE cock Skylark, sings incessantly in or out doors, splendid shop attraction, 2/-, with his beautiful joiner-made cage, 4/6, including valuable feeding secret; this bird been in my possession over 12 months; approval willingly: Mrs. Dutton, West-st., Dunstable.

EVERYTHING that is necessary to know how to keep Thrushes and Blackbirds for show or pets is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" handbook, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d., post free, from the Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

SPECIAL selected Song Thrushes at 1/- each, three 2/6, six 5/-; also Blackbirds 9d. each, three 2/-, six 4/-; also extra picked birds, out of hundreds, at the following prices, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; all birds well on meal; dealers supplied: Alfred Cubley, Gedney, Holheach, Lincs.

ON receipt of 2/- will send securely packed on approval the loudest singing cock Skylark ever heard, including free the most valuable food receipt known only to myself in this district, which keeps them in full song 11 months out of 12, and live to a tremendous age; same address 20 years: Woods, Cross-st., Dunstable.

BLACKBIRDS, ETC.

Thrushes, all cocks; acknowledged the best of all, handsome as paint, 5/-; Golden-beaked Blackbirds, 9/- each; Thrushes, 1/-; selected, in song, 2/6; can be seen and heard any time; testimonials from all parts of Great Britain and Channel Islands: Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

Miscellaneous.

HAND-REARED Starling, 5/6, with show cage, 7/6; cock Yellowhammer, likely winner, 3/6; also some ½-inch wire, cheap: Bettison, Kingston, Lewes.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 1/- each, or 3 for 2/6; extra large cock Larks, same price; no rubbish: John Biggs, Sunnyside Cottages, Dunstable.

HOUSE-moulted, warranted Mule breeders, Goldfinch Linnet, 5/- each; hand-reared hen Song Thrush, 3/6; approval: H. M. Sayward, 58, Mount Pleasant, Halstead, Essex.

TWO large hen Bullfinches, 2/- each; contest singing cock Linnet, a gem, can win, 8/6; nestling cock Skylark, warranted in loud song, incessant songster, 25/-; exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

JACKDAW 1/6, Oxeye Tit 9d., Hedgewarblers 6d., pair cock Blackbirds 9d. each; cock and hen Chaffinches, mated, 1/- pair; approval, cash or deposit: Mr. Dennison, King's Meaburn, Penritb, Westmorland.

COCK Song Thrushes, warranted cocks, 1/- each, one dozen bright aviary birds 1/-, 20 mixed 1/6; Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Robins, Linnets, 1/- pair: William Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LARKS 7/-, Linnets 8/- dozen, not so-called cocks, every bird warranted, or money returned; Greenfinch Linnets, 1/3 dozen; Chaffinches 9d. pair; established 1890: Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

SELECTED for song: Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, 1/- each; 24 mixed aviary birds, 1/6; 12 selected, 1/-; Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, Reed Buntings, 1/- pair; Yellow Buntings, Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Tree Sparrows, 9d. pair; exchange: George Fenn, The Aviaries, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

SIX grand young Belgian cocks for sale: Apply John Walmsley, Ormskirk.

BELGIANS, good typical young yellows and buffs, both sexes, cheap, approval: Butts, 7, Well-st., Barnstaple.

HIGH-class Belgians for sale; Buff cock, Yellow cocks, Buff hens; approval: Blackmore, Gloucester-rd., Barnstaple.

SEVERAL large typical birds for sale from my winners Palace, Plymouth, Gateshead, cheap, approval: Horrill, Barnstaple.

MASSIVE high-shouldered Belgian birds, 1909, for sale, moderate price.—Jos. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp. 2½d.

GRAND large prize bred (1909) yellow and buff cocks, buff hens; reasonable; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

TYPICAL 1909 yellow and buff cocks, bred from winners (cheap), approval; would exchange one for yellow or buff Scotch Fancy hen: C. F. Dart, Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians, few grand birds disposal, strain, my winners, firsts, specials, Barnstaple, Edinburgh, Palace; reasonable; approval: C. S. Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

TYPICAL Yellow and Buff cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-: J. Logies, City-rd., Brechin.

SINGLE or pairs, all varieties, reasonable; list post free: Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

STILL some grand Border cocks for sale, 6/- each to clear: Joe Stevenson, Muir-st., Kirriemuir.

BORDER hens, 2/6 each; yellow cock, 5/-; all young, cheap; approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

FIRST-class Border Fancies, all colours; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/-: Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

PRIZE-bred Border Fancies, 7/6 pair; good yellow Yorks. cocks, 10/-: Oliffe, Church Green, Witney, Oxon.

HIGH-class Borders for sale, cocks, 4/6 upwards; hens, 3/- upwards: And. Cargill, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

1909 Buff hen, slightly ticked each eye, Seiranac's strain, 5/-: Plum, 102, Richmond-rd., Earls Court, London.

BORDERS; won 44 1sts this season; singles or pairs; grand chance; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, winning strain, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/- Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

EXCHANGE good self Cinnamon cock or good clear yellow hen; approval.—Kirkhope, 64, High-st., Sanquhar.

THREE pairs prize-bred Borders, 7/6 pair, good stock birds; approval: Mills, 29, Royal Park-terr., Edinburgh.

SMART typical Border Fancy hens, clears, Yellows, Buffs, 3/- each: Wm. Robertson, 27, Titchfield-st., Kilmarnock.

GOOD tick buff cock, 6/-; few smart hens, 2/6 each to clear; prize-bred; approval: Nixon, 15, Grabam-st., Carlisle.

CINNAMON and Cinnamon-marked cocks, from best strains, 7/6, worth 15/-: Dunlop, Sa[illegible]olhouse, Dornock, Annan.

STILL some splendid Borders and Yorkshires for sale. See Palace Show report: Blair, Postman, Kippin, Stirlingshire.

PURE Borders, cold-room bred; cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

GRAND Borders, clear Yellows, Buffs and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

REALLY good Green Borders, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; no rubbish; approval, stamp: Hadwin, Pembroke-pl., Liverpool.

OWING to removal can spare a few of my noted Borders, cheap, to clear: James Smillie, 23, Fleming-st., Ricearton, Kilmarnock.

STILL few good Borders left, cold room, including buff even mark cock, do. hen, reasonable: John. Crabb, 46, Bridge-st., Breebin.

I have a few left of my well-known winning Borders for sale; prices reasonable, and on approval: W. Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

BORDERS: Cocks 5/-; hens, 2/6; all colours; matched pairs, 7/6; cock Linnets, hen Canaries, 4/-: Douglas, 137, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS of correct type and feather, no better blood obtainable, from 12/6 pair: H. Norman, Bird Artist, "The Eyrie," Carshalton, Surrey.

HENRY Bennet, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, can offer select birds, clears, fouls, greens, cocks, from 7/6; hens 3/6 upwards; stamp; approval.

BORDER Fancy hens, buff and variegated buffs, from 2/6 each and upwards; room wanted for breeding: James Shields, Candie-end, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, 1909, yellow and buff cocks, 5/-, hens 3/-; one buff green hen and two yellow green hens, cheap: J. Wilson, 7, Mentone-avenue, Portobello.

YELLOW Border hen, 2nd Bathgate, 4/6, another almost equal, 3/6; Buff hen, 3/- all Clears, very typical and first class quality; approval: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

GRAND Border stock or exhibition, including Greens, our own breed, cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

GREENS, marks, and clears, cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs from 7/6; non-fed Buff Norwich cock, 1st Whitburn, 1st Dysart, 3rd Boness, 1st Whitburn, club price, £1: Robert Lambie, Whitburn.

FOR sale, cheap, ten pairs of prize-bred Border Fancy Canaries, clean healthy birds, Buff and Yellows; £2 10s. for lot, on approval; deposit: Snowdon Sunter, 51, 4th-row, Ashington, Northumberland.

NEARLY even-marked buff cock, 3rd Perth, 15/-; extra good buff hen, 5/-, 1909 birds; fed Greenfinch, muler, large Snowbuntiug, young cock Siskin, 2/6 each; exchange Norwich or British show cages: Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

THE following high-class Borders for sale, 2 yellow green cocks, 7/6 each; 3 clear buff hens, 5/- each; 2 Cinnamon buff-foul cocks, 12/6 each; 4 buff foul hens, 5/- each, brothers and sisters to my 1st Palace; no rubbish kept; cheap to clear; approval: E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O., North Wales.

Cinnamons.

SALE, few pairs good Cinnamons, also Norwich, cheap to clear: Bexson, 17, Otter-st., Derby.

LARGE Cinnamon buff cock, 1st prize Rugby last week, 12/6, bargain: A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

TWO leggy Cinnamon Yorkshire cocks, 8/6 each; 2 hens, 5/- each: Eastoe, 183, Tborold-rd., Ilford.

TWO fine Buff Cinnamon hens, 17/6 each; 30/- the two; room wanted: H. Fry, Lucerne, Brigbton-rd., Horley.

FEW pairs for disposal, cheap, related to my winners; stamp reply: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

CINNAMON Norwich; cocks from 7/6; hens, 7/-; pairs from 14/-; approval: Clapham, 138, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale at reasonable prices; cocks from 12/6; approval; stamp: 18, East-rd., London, N.

GRAND Yellow Cinnamon hen, Yorkshire type, prolific breeder, Buff cock, Norwich type, unfld., 6/- each: Crossley, Mealbank Kendal.

SELLING off all my Cinnamons; room wanted. Large good Norwich type, from the best strains procurable; approval; stamp.—J. Bertio, 521, Wood borough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

CINNAMONS, 4 pairs good stock birds, 15/- a pair, anyone taking the lot will give another cock in clearing out Cinnamons; several odd Norwich cocks 10/- each: W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

Crests and Crestbreds.

THREE Crest-bred cocks, with plenty size and feather to beak end: Grant, Neith, N.B.

WANTED, 1909 Crested hen, also Crest-bred hen, not greens: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

LARGE prize bred Crest cock (winner), and crest-bred hen, 30/-; approval: Low, Bishopgate, Cupar.

CHAMPIONS; Crests, pairs, 30/-; Crest-breds, 10/-, 15/- each; worth £5: 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

REMOVING end of year; Crests and crestbreds from 7/6; approval: Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle.

FEW splendid Crests and Crest-breds from 7/6 to 12/6 to clear; stamp: R. Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

MONSTER Crest and Crestbred, from 7/6 (Barnett's strain); approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

WANTED any number Crest-bred hens; good young birds, cheap for cash; approval: Bowie, 5, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

A few grand, large, heavy-feathered Crest-bred cocks, 5/6 each, to clear, ridiculously cheap: Watson, Hallcroft, Shepshed.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, winner, good head and plenty of feather, 25/-; approval: Miles' Aviaries, Chichester.

LARGE buff green 1909 Crested cock, extra well bred, 17/6; approval: E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

BARNETT'S strain, Crests, 20/- pair; approval; Plainheads, cheap, 12/6, 15/- pair: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts.

I am reducing my stock, and can spare a few useful pairs of odd cocks. State wants: R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

LARGE young Crested and Crest-bred cocks, good stock, Barnet's strain, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

KING Edward strain, best blood. Crested cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; Crestbred hens, 10/6; approval: Somersall, 8, Hayter-rd., Brixton, London.

WORTH notice, grand lot Crests and Crestbred, prices reasonable, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

CREST and crestbred from 10/-, few pairs from 15/-; same strain as my winners; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

GRAND Crested hen, £1; Crest-bred cock, 12/-; champion strain; approval, deposit: J. Nichols, Damgate-st., Wymondham, Norfolk.

WINNER, dark crested Yellow cock, 3rd Inverness, in strong class, Joyce's strain, 28/-; approval, deposit: Todd, Murray-place, Inverness.

FOUR 1909 crest-bred cocks, to clear, 6/- each, grizzle crested cock 7/6; large crested cock, 10/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

CHAMPION large Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

ALEX. ONION, Sir Rowland Hill, Hunger Hill-rd., Nottingham, has two pairs of young birds at 30/- pair, to clear; no better blood; approval.

DARK Crested and Crestbred hen, 1909, from 7/6; dark Crested cock, 7/6; clear Crested cock, 10/-: Mackley's strain: R., 30, Thorn-rd., Worthing.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 8/- to 25/-; few breeding cages from 2/- to 4/-; stamp reply: W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

GRAND specimens, pairs and single birds; some grand crest-bred hens, cheap to clear; state wants; all on approval: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

LARGE 1909 Crested cocks, 12/6, 15/6; ditto hen, 15/6, Mills' strain, dirt cheap; approval, cash, deposit; going abroad: Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.

WELL bred heavy feather Crest and Crestbred hens, also Crest and Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £10: W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

GRAND young Crested and Crestbred Canaries, 10/-, hens 7/6; large yellow well-bred Crested hen, 15/-; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead.

CHAMPION Crests, three Crested cocks, two Crest-bred cocks, 1909, very large, bred from a pair worth £20; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

LARGE heavy-feathered Crest-breds for sale, cold-room bred; variegated cock, 20/-; Green cock, 20/-; Green hen, 20/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

CHEAP, 23 Crests and Crestbred cock and hen Canaries, cold room bred, will take £4 the lot, or no reasonable offer refused: F. Chapman, 17, King Edward's-rd., Barking, Essex.

CRESTED cocks from 10/- to 30/-; crestbreds, cocks and hens, from 7/6; these are very good birds; pairs from 15/- to £10. State wants and price: Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft. Stamp.

BARGAINS: Marked 1909 Dark Crested cock, 9/-; marked 1909 Crest-bred cock, 7/6; Green Variegated 1908 Crest-bred hen, 5/-, approval: Baxley, 20, The Ridge, Woodland, near Doncaster.

VARIEGATED crest-bred hen, 30/-: Green ditto, 30/-; Green Crest hen, 20/-; all 1909 birds; bred from my winners, Cheltenham, Bristol, Cardiff, etc.: Simmonds, High-st., Newport, Mon.

DARK Crest wing marked hen, 1908, grand breeder; buff variegated 1909 Crest cock; good birds; £2 the pair; variegated Crest-bred hen, 7/6; approval: Wilkinson, Easter-st., Duns.

Some grand crest and crested bred cocks, for sale, Palace strain of the late Mr. John Shinns; state wants; approval willingly: Sinnns and Fox, 90, Clatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

HAVING purchased the whole of W. Sutherland's stock of birds, have several pairs of Crests for sale; 2 nice Yellow coppy Crested cocks, £1 each; all bred from Barnett's, and on approval: R. Mole, Durham.

JOHN Corke, 309, London-rd., Lowestoft (late Norwich), amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor 1909, Norwich, two firsts (C.A.C. guinea special), Lowestoft, bred 1909, first, cup, from 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit.

GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; Crested hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; Crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; cash or deposit; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: M. T. Stewart, Richmond-pl., Bracondale, Norwich.

PAIR Crests 40/-; crestbred cocks, yellow, second Sunderland, 35/-; buffs from 15/-; same blood as Bristol Bowl winner, 1908, and other winners; healthy 1909 birds: Thomas Almond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.

WING-MARKED Crested cock, 20/-; clear C.B. cock, 25/-; variegated C.B. hen, 25/-; clear C.B. hen, 8/-; two buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; ditto hens, 5/-; approval; all related to my winners: Hesketh, 29, Kirsland st., St. Helens.

YOU CAN GIVE ALL THE MONEY YOU LIKE

and then you will not get better blood than I can offer you at the present time, including some pure Barnett's. At the same time you cannot procure the value elsewhere that I am now offering:—

Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards; Crested hens, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards; Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 100/- per pair. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WALLACE, twice winner silver challenge cup, also bronze medal (points) Palace, can supply useful stock birds, 12/6 to 40/-; no better blood anywhere; approval: 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

WANTED a good Crested hen in exchange for a good Crested cock, value £4, winner in good company; a clear body dark Crested cock for sale, £1: A. Lazarus, 55, Old Compton-st., Soho, W.

CREST.—Champion Crests and Crest-breds for sale, only winner of the Lord Mayor's bowl, Bristol, twice; from £1 a pair up to £10: single birds equally cheap: Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

CREST, Crest-breds. Giving up the Fancy, have few good Crests to part with, including 1909 Grizzle Crest hen, good one, 20/-; ditto, Green, very broad skull, good frontal, 12/-; few others cheap; approval: J. Bale, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world; winnings in severest competition well known; the whole stock on offer; properly-mated pairs and single cocks; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

GREENWOOD AND BURSON can put up pairs for Crest breeding, 27/6 and 30/-; 5 Green C.B. hens at 10/6 each; our nice birds were claimed at the Palace; good birds at working men's price; on approval; stamp: 28, Haydon-st., Swindon, Wilts.

CRESTED Canaries. Very fine opportunity to beginners. Norwood Bros.' and Joyce's strains direct; four pair at £2 a pair, and two pairs at £3; quality guaranteed; a few Crestbred cocks at 15/- to 20/- each: Steen, 2, Laburnum-grove, Beeston, Notts.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has still large stock of his unapproachable strain of Crests and Crest-breds, which must be cleared for breeding season; prices to suit all; no fancy prices asked; from 12/6; state wants; have every bird on approval.

GREEN Crest-bred cock, grand head, won several times, and neat dark Crested hen, 35/-; large variegated Crest-bred cock and Yellow jonque Crested hen, both 1909, 25/-; good Yellow jonque Crest-bred hen, winner, 20/-: Brown, 61, Lichfield-rd., Sneiuton Dale, Nottingham.

REALLY flattering unsolicited testimouials received for the quality and prices of Crests and Crest-breds I have lately supplied; splendid value that can't be beaten, and every bird healthy and typical; cocks from 8/-, hens from 4/6, matched breeding pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; enquiries invited: all cold room bred, and willingly on approval: Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.

PERFECTLY matched pair high-class Crests, rare type and quality, very heavily feathered, winners, and certain to breed winners, Barnett's strain, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also several other very heavily feathered Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition at very reasonable prices; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 8/6; pairs properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster even marked dark crest cock, grand crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; monster variegated dark crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; ditto, nice crest, 10/6; massive feathery clear crest hen, 11/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; monster yellow variegated crestbred cock, grand head, 17/6; monster clear crestbred cock, 12/6; monster feathery variegated crestbred cock, 12/6; monster green crestbred hen, £1; monster variegated crestbred hen, 17/6; massive heavy feathered ditto, 13/6; massive clear crestbred hen, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition, winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EVENLY-marked dark Crest cock, mother won 15 lsts, £1 10s. 6d.; clear Buff Crest-bred cock, feather to beak end, £1 10s. 6d.; variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1 0s. 6d.; 3 Yellow Green Crest-bred cocks, best living, £6, £5, £4; variegated Crest-bred cock, turnover size half-crown, £3 0s. 6d.; Green Crest-bred cock, turnover half-crown, £1 5s. 6d.; Yellow Green Crested cock, show bird, £4 0s. 6d.; clear Crested cock, superb blood, £1 10s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest cock, brother my best Yellow, £2 0s. 6d.; nearly clear body dark Crest cock, £1 5s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest cock, £3 0s. 6d.; ticked Yellow Crest-bred, half coppy cock, £2 0s. 6d.; variegated Crest-bred cock, grand rise, skull, wide feather, £2 0s. 6d.; nearly Green Crested hen, £2 10s. 6d.; Green hen, immense crest, £4; variegated dark Crested cocks, £1 5s. 6d., £1 10s. 6d.; Green Crested cock, brother won 10 lsts, £1 10s. 6d.; giant evenly-marked dark Crest cock, from two Crests, £1 10s. 6d.; Yellow variegated half coppy Crest-bred cock, gem, £3 0s. 6d.; evenly-marked grizzle Crest cock, brother won 10 lsts, £4; variegated dark Crest Yellow cock, sister 1st Nottingham, £4; nearly all of them 1909 birds; approval: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

CREST AND CRESTBREDS

To make room for breeding, two pairs of Crest at 15/- per pair; two good Crested cocks, 12/6 each; one Green Crest hen, 10/-; two Green C.B. cocks, 7/6 each; bargains; reliable stock; approval; stamp: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

GREEN Crest cocks, lightly marked hen, 17/6 pair; good yellows, green, and variegated, rocks and hens, healthy; approval, deposit; own breeding. Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

NEAME'S EASY PURCHASE SYSTEM.

Look! Look! Look! Unequalled; the talk of the Fancy. Pay what you like; 20 pair Crests, from 15/- pair; send for terms before purchasing elsewhere; price to meet all fanciers: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

CRESTS AND CRESTBRED

Some of the best living, winners 1st and specials Norwich, Cambridge, Crested Show, Yarmouth. Having more than I can match for breeding, am prepared to sell any at a reasonable price. Buff hen, winner 1st Norwich, 1st Cambridge, £12; yellow hen, one of the best living, £12; many others; state wants and price: J. Shearman, 156, King-st., Great Yarmouth.

Frills.

DUTCH Frills, reasonable, Parisian, Greens, clears, Cinnamons, pairs, singles, 7/6 up: Williams, Gt. Thirlmere, Liscard.

Greens.

FEW good Yorkshires, Greens, and Clears, cheap: C. J. Christall, 1, Beresford-rd., Liverpool.

PAIRS matched for breeding, high-class Greens, reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

NORWICH Greens; few odd cocks for sale, cheap; also Yorkshire and Border hens: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 6 pairs, yellow and buff, 25/- to 40/- per pair; the best obtainable: P. Drinkwater, 10, Victoria-st., Altrincham.

HIGH-class Yorkshire Greens for sale, cheap to clear; wanted Siberian Goldfinch cock; stamp reply: Hayden, 46, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GRAND stock of Yorkshire Greens for sale, singles or pairs, reasonable; approval willingly: Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth-avenue, New Brighton.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Owing to pressure of business during the breeding season must considerably reduce my stock, therefore can spare some grand cocks at 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; also smart breeding hens at 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; cheap matched pairs from 12/6; these are the result of 15 years breeding; also clear, ticked, marked, and heavily variegated birds at same prices: 6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST, Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires; winner at all leading shows; approval.

YELLOW coppy cock, hen to match; also buff coppy hen, buff coppy cock, young: King, 118, Dale-st., Milnrow.

1909 Buff coppy and Plainhead cocks, cheap to clear; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

PAIR of prize Lancashires to sell; grand chance for beginner; also cages: Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, Yellow and Buff cocks, Yellow and Buff hens, Coppys, Plainheads; stamp: Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

YELLOW coppy hen, 15/-; buff coppy hen, 12/-; buff coppy cock, 16/-; matched pair, 30/-; healthy: Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

CHAMPION extra large Lancashire Plainheads, stock and show birds, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

GRAND Buff Coppy cock, splendid head, 20/-; good Buff Plainhead cock, 12/6; bargains; approval; stamp: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

BUFF coppy cock, yellow Plainhead cock, 12/6 each; yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead cock, 10/6 each; young birds; approval: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy and Plainheads, from 7/6 to 20/- each, cocks and hens, West's winning strain, large birds; approval: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

A few pairs and odd hens on sale, Manchester, Rochdale, Palace, diploma winners, Lancashire Championship cup; three years together; stamp: Garner, Lever-st., Hazel-grove, Cheshire.

Lizards.

EIGHT Lizards, cocks, Dewsnap's strain, 10/6 each, worth double; clearing: Senior, Hairdresser, Glossop.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list; cocks from 5/6; hens, 3/6.—Rudd.

THE Lizard Prince offers high-class winners and stock birds, bred from his winning strain, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited; John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard challenge cup three years together, winner champion diploma Palace 1909 and 1910; for best Lizard winners and stock birds; reasonable; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

NORWICH, 4 good hens; what offers, no live stock: T. Crook, Abingdon.

NORWICH, pairs or single, extremely cheap: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED good cocks and hens, on approval: Barnes, 13, Kingst, Richmond.

NORWICH hens for breeding, from 2/-: A. Bearman, Haverting Park, Romford.

NORWICH Canaries, 7/- pair, rocks 5/-, hens 2,6: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

FIVE hens, 2/6 each; one pair, yellow cock, dark hen, 8/-: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

BRED from winners, a few Buff hens 5/-, 7/6 and 10/- each: Muir, Dean Terrace, Kilmarnock.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cage lights, to be sold cheap: Apply, 41, Earl-st., Longsight.

UNLIGHTED yellow cock, also buff cock and 2 buff hens: Thom, 69, Oxford Drive, Glasgow.

WHAT offers for 12 cock Norwich Canaries, young? Cash: P., 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford, London.

NORWICH breil songster cocks, 5/- upwards, young healthy birds: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

NORWICH, 30, some grand yellows, cocks from 7/-, hens from 3/- each: Amis, 23, Leipsic-rd., Camberwell.

WANTED, large hens, large or small quantities; dealers' prices: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

NORWICH.—Few good pairs, from 10/6; cocks from 7/-; hens, 4/-: Mathers, 163, Pollokshaws-rd., Glasgow.

NORWICH Buff cocks, 6/-; cross-bred cocks, 5/-; Green hens, 2/6; all 1909: Cause, Grocer, Southend.

THREE grand unlighted buff cocks, 12/6 each, cheap at double; hens 6/-: Senior, Hairdresser, Glossop.

SIX pairs good Norwich Plainhead cocks, full song, 8/-; pairs 42/- lot: M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 8/6; cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

YELLOW and buff 1909 Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-; large typical buff hen, 5/6: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

LARGE unlighted buff cock, good head and neck, grand stock bird, 15/-; approval: 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

NORWICH hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; Yorkshires, 3/6, 4/6, cocks from 5/6: Hill, 18, Coach-terr., Longsight, Manchester.

CLEAR buff unlighted Norwich cock, first prize winner, Wigan, 60/-: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries, breeding and flight cages: Call only, 55, Powerscroft-rd., Lower Clapton, N.E.

HENS, clear buff, 3/-; ticked ditto, 2/6; two 5/-; young, healthy: 93, Baukes-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

NORWICH unlighted yellow cock, 10/-; ticked buff, 8/6; variegated buff, 7/6: E. Smith, Market-place, Downham.

TWELVE good hens, 2/6 each, or 25/- lot; 4 singing cock, 5/- each; approval; deposit: H. Edwards, Glastonbury.

VARIEGATED Buff hen, bred from my winners, being last for sale, first P.O. 3/6; bargain: Beard, Llandrindod.

FROM outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

WHAT offers for 12 hens and 12 cock Norwich Canaries, young? Cash: P., 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford, London.

THREE extra large buff cocks from my winners, 16/6 each; approval: H. Jeffery, Eden Park, Edenbridge, Kent.

TWENTY buff Norwich hens, 1909 birds, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has 2 extra large yellow Norwich cocks, mated to grand hens, 50/- pair, worth double.

BARGAIN.—Two Norwich cocks, full song, 8/- each; cheap at 10/-; cash or deposit: Connon, Hutton, Aberdeenshire.

SIX good strong, healthy hens, from good feeders, 2/- each, or 10/- lot: Henry Smith, Chequers, Watlington, Oxon.

LARGE healthy Norwich pairs, for breeding, 10/-; grand songsters, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/6: Henneck, Breeder, March.

SOME massive stock birds, from prize strains: cocks 6/6, hens 3/6; cheap: Dunlop, Schoolhouse, Dornock, Aunan.

A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Norwich yellow hens, from 5/- each, also 2 grey Crest hens, 10/6 each.

LARGE cobby, yellow Norwich cock, good songster, 10/-; approval; deposit: Boyden, 143, Percy-rd., Shepherd's Bush.

NORWICH hens, good feeding strain, 2/6 each; cash or deposit; approval: Hoyles, Growers, Chipping, Lancashire.

MONSTER real Norwich buff hen, vhc. Palace (class of 35), 10/-; approval: G. Bateman, 3, Queen-st., Rushden, Northn.

NORWICH Canarics, the best and cheapest in the kingdom; send for price list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

LARGE typical Norwich, prize-bred; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; cold-room kept: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

COCKS 8/6, hens 4/-, yellow and buff; strong, healthy cold room birds: Miss A. Fooks, Devonshire House, Brentwood.

HIGH-class Norwich pairs, from 15/-; yellow and buff cocks from 7/6; approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich.

TEN pairs grand Norwich, mostly winners, from 8/6 pair, must sell, removing, or exchange: 80, Military-rd., Colchester.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several Norwich cocks still left, from 6/-; very nice yellow variegated hen, 10/-.

ARTHUR Green, Turnard-st., Boston, offers several pairs Norwich from 8/6 pair, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; approval: write now.

YELLOW and buff cocks, from my cup and medal strain: approval; stamp: Miller, 3, Stephen-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand hens to part with, large, grand type, approval: Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

NORWICH.—Few good cocks, from 9/6; hens from 4/6: G. Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Matthias-rd., Newington Green, N.

FEW Norwich Plainheads for disposal, cocks 8/6, hens 5/-, in breeding condition: F. French, Willingdon, near Eastbourne.

NOTICE, grand lot high-class Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH cocks, some gems, same breed as my winners, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

A. L. Hawkes has still few of his selected stock of Norwich for sale; state requirement: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE unlighted yellow variegated cock, 10/6; approval; stamp reply: Alexr. Tromson, 100, Great Northern-rd., Aberdeen.

F. Maddison, 80, Gayville-rd., Wandsworth Common, S.W., has few good Norwich cocks, cheap to clear; approval, stamp.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, including winners, from 7/6; approval; cold-room: A. Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

NORWICH, bred from prize winners, clear and variegated: Marshall, Cattle Copse, Heckfield, Hants.

LARGE clear Yellow and Buff cocks, Buff deformed claw, 10/-, 8/-, bargain: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

WANTED, large Yellow 1909 Norwich cock, and Yellow hen; exchange good Yorkshires; James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

JUST five left, 3 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, 1 yellow variegated hen; prices reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

TWO large Buff hens, Norwich, 2/6 each; Green crested hen, 4/-; cock Linnet, 1908, muler, 2/6: Jinpson, Ewhurst, Sussex.

NORWICH, splendid healthy cocks, from 6/-, excellent colour and song, cold bred, 1909, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; stamp; approval: Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

FOR sale, buff ticked Norwich cock, 1908, good stock bird, 10/6; Norwich hen fowl, green, 1909, 5/6: Futcher, Swallowfield, Berks.

FOR SALE, 2 champion buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, grand stock birds, 20/- each: Dasb, Mausfield, Whythe-lane, Chichester.

NORWICH cocks, full song, good stock birds, 6/- and 7/- each; approval: Sharp, 13, Wheatsheafyard, Kirkegate, Newark, Notts.

DON'T fail to read my special advertisement, "Important purchase," ou another page. Great opportunity: Evans, Margate Aviaries.

TO make room for breeding. I have 18 high-class Norwich for sale, suitable for dealer; reasonable prices: A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

SELLING out, change for beginners, champion Norwich, Palace strain, some winners: 10 Gainsboro'-grove, Newcastle, Northumberland.

FIFTY pairs Norwich Canaries; matched pairs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; singing cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

SOME good Yellow hens, 15/-; typical pair Buff cock, hc, large Yellow hen, 30/-: Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

GOOD matched pairs, unflighted (Towler's strain), rare type, colour, quality, overstocked; cheap, 10/- to 15/-: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

NORWICH, in primo condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

DIXON, cup winner, L.C.B.A.—Several good unflighted buff cocks, 15/- and £1; also hens from 5/-: 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; see show reports Palace, L.C.B.A., W.L.F.A. cup winner: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

ARE Given Away.—Overstocked; 6 only; 1909 prize-bred Norwich cocks, first 7/6 order has one schoolmaster: Aldeston, Chippingham, Wilts.

SEVERAL pairs high-class Norwich Canaries, Vardy and Iron's strain, strong cold room birds, 8/6 pair: Turner, Ashells, Quorn, Loughborough.

J. Calam (winner Hull Cage Bird Society's Champion Cup, 1909) has a few pairs Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards: 44, George-st., Hull.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, offers Norwich pairs from 15/6 to £2 10s.; single birds, cocks or hens; cold-room; approval.

PURE Norwich, yellows, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; good hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

TWO clear Buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, one Green Yorks. cock, full song, fed, 15/- lot; approval: Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

A few well-matched pairs, typical Norwich, 15/- to 30/-; yellow hens, 10/-, 15/- each; approval; cash or deposit: Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

VARIEGATED buff cock, 10/-; variegated yellow hen, 15/-; variegated buff hens, 15/-, 12/6; approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

FOR sale, Norwich Plainhead, Crests, and Crestbred; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6 each; cold-room bred: Parsons, 66, Sprules-rd., Brockley, S.E.

THIRTY Norwich Canaries, own breeding, cold-room; cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/6; cash with order: Margarson, Providence-terr., Swaffham.

PRIZE Norwich, Sheldon's strain, few Buffs for sale, from 10/- to 30/-, including winners; state wants: Griffiths, 37, Alexandra-rd., Llandudno.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, has 3 pairs of his noted large Norwich to sell, 30/- each; pair; single birds from 7/6; state wants; approval.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- and 6/6 each; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; cocks on full song; cold-room; approval, cash or deposit, stamp: Clayton, Duck Hill, Ripon.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval: Hattou, Aviaries, Belper.

JAMES Barnes, Factory Row, Biffington, Whalley, has two unflighted buff hens to sparc, rather small, but extra quality, 6/6 each; approval willingly.

HENS; cold-room; unflighted Buff and flighted Yellow, from 4/6 each; can be seen any time or deposit: Hamer, 106, Verney-rd., South Bermondsey.

TWO extra large buff Norwich cocks, 25/- each; two graud shaped buff hens, perfect feather, 10/- each: Apply, Cyril Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

NORWICH Canaries, bred in the open, full song; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; ready breeding; carriage paid: Hooley, Wellington-st., Long Eaton.

LARGE typical Norwich to clear, yellow cock, 6/6; yellow cock, 7/6; variegated cock, 4/-; buff hen, 4/-; 3 fine hens, 2/6 each: Dodd, Braziliau-terr., Newmarket.

PLAINHEAD Norwich.—I have a few of my winners and stock birds for sale, from 25/- a pair; approval: Master Arthur Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

EYE-MARKED buff hen, 5/-; clear buff hen, 5/-; big bouncing buff cock (cost 50/-), 15/-; all really good big birds; good style: Guest, Market-place, Bromsgrove.

SIX unflighted yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; one buff, 20/-; several hens from 5/-; bred from the very best; approval: H J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil, Som.

UNFLIGHTED wing-marked yellow cock, blaze of colour, lovely quality, 15/-; father 1st spl. best Norwich, Bedford; approval; Particulars, Notley, Kingsplace, Bedford.

LARGE unflighted buff green cock, clear buff cock, also Cinnamon-marked hen and yellow hen; grand type; seen evenings after 6: Pringle, 64, Cambridge Drive, Glasgow.

TWO Yellow Norwich cocks, one unflighted, and one filled eggs last year, Rudd strain, 7/- each: T. White, 14, Lincolnshire-terrace, Lanes End, Darenth, Dartford, Kent.

NORWICH, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/- upwards; on approval, cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

HAVING purchased the stock of a well-known breeder and exhibitor, have some grand pairs for disposal at 12/6 and 15/- pair; hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/-; approval, deposit: Draper and Hubbard, 103, Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

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MUST sell two pair of high-class Norwich, 1909, bred from a winning strain; cocks guaranteed, in full song; 8/6 pair; approval: A. Pinner, Junr., Riddinglane, Wednesbury.

THREE unflighted Buff Norwich and two Yellows, cocks, same strain as winners at L.C.B.A. and Leyton Pair Show, cheap, stamp reply: Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham.

A few pairs, short, chubby, good heads, short wings and tails; fed; 1909; single cocks rom 10/-, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6; approval: Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

A. WATTS, Breeder and Exhibitor of Norwich yellow and buff, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; approval, deposit: Manor Farm, High-st., Old Feltton, Peterboro'.

GRAND pair 1908 Norwich Rollers, day and gaslight songster, good feeders, cold-room bred, ready for nesting, 12/- pair; hens, 3/-; no rubbish: Cooper, Builder, Orchard, Finedon.

NORWICH pairs, 15/-, 20/- upwards; winner Queen's Park Cup best unflighted City and Suburban Show, by Warwick Cooper Bros. strain; inspection: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs, from 12/6; hens from 5/-; inspection invited morning or evening by appointment; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

LARGE Norwich cocks, warranted sound reliable birds, full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; good-sized buff hens, ready for breeding, 2/3, 2/6; yellows, 2/9; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, in large or small quantities; all cold room bred; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

WINNERS, 1908 bred grand ticked buff cock, full of style, clear yellow hen, 60/-, and a bargain; good yellow cock, buff hen, wonderful headpiece, 45/-: Hadley, Draper, Burton-on-Trent.

THREE variegated and 2 clear unflighted, buff cock, 2 variegated, yellow, and 1 clear buff hens; approval; seen after six at night: Shaw, 231, Meadowpark-st., Denniston, Glasgow.

LARGE typical Clear Yellow Norwich cock, splendid head, rare quality, 10/6; Clear Yellow and Buff hens, both well worth 7/6, price 4/6 each; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

W. MILES' Aviaries, Chichester, has typical clear yellow cocks, winner, 40/-; typical clear buff, winner, 30/-, good stock bird, 25/-; clear ditto, 25/-; several other good cocks, from 10/-; approval.

NORWICH, same strain as our winners Nottingham, Hucknall, Sheffield, Ilkeston, etc.; cocks from 7/6, buff: hens from 3/6; approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, grand clear yellow cock (winner), 20/-; another clear yellow cock, 8/-; clear buff cock (cup winner), 20/-; approval; deposit: Wm. Chambers, 4, Wood-st., Motherwell.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, splendid birds for exhibition or song, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6 each; also a few genuine Seifert Rollers, guaranteed, 8/6, 10/6, each; approval willingly: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unreclated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

GRAND typical green Norwich cocks, unflighted yellows, buffs, size, substance, quality, condition, from noted strains, 10/6 to 15/6, cheap to clear; approval, stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew, Scotland.

LARGE quantity 1909 Norwich cocks and hens, cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, clears and variegated, all in good health and cold-room bred: approval: Akers, 16, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize-bred; approval.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich, grand colour and quality, short flights, yellow and buff cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, bred from winners, worth double; approval: T. Yates, Albany-rd. Aviaries, Reading.

TWO clear buff hens, good type and quality, 10/- each; one ticked buff hen, 7/6; also a few buff cocks, 10/- to 15/- each; all bred from my winners: Wm. Foxall, 31, Oaken-clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich: can spare a few yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; pairs, properly matched to breed winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/- pair; no odd hens; stamp: 63, Welbeck-street, Hull.

H. Wicker; few prize bred Norwich; large clear Buff hen, 5/-; ticked Buff, 5/-; clear Buff cock, 8/6; large clear Yellow cock, winner 1st, 18/-; ticked Yellow cock, 10/-; approval, deposit: Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

NORWICH yellow and variegated, in breeding condition; cocks, good song, 6/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-, cold-room; inspection invited: C. Brenton, 63, Howard Buildings, Albert Street, near Hanbury-st., London, N.E.

FIRST-CLASS typical young Norwich from winning strain, pairs or single, all prices; also few choice large 1908 hens, yellow or buff, splendid quality; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North Avenue, Ramsgate.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality; certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 21/-; genuine bargain, approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

DIRECT from breeder; save dealers' profits; grand Norwich Plainheads, from winners, to produce winners; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; single birds, reasonable; no rubbish; approval: W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers, for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hen, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

OWING to the death of Mr. G. Moakes, all his Norwich are for sale; amongst them are some very useful birds of both colours; cocks and hens also; approval; deposit: Mrs. Moakes, 92, Water-lane, Southnormanton, Alfreton.

REALLY great chance of obtaining good birds at low price; 20 still left, including 15 cocks, 5 hens; guaranteed bred from my winners Peterborough, Bolton, Crewe; price, 7/6 and 10/6, or sell in one lot: Crimes, 409, West-st., Crewe.

OWING to removal, I have for disposal buff marked yellow cock, 25/-; buff cock, 20/-; yellow cock (a trimmer), 26/-; clinking yellow hen, 15/6; all healtby, show or stock birds and winners: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

HAVING selected my breeding pairs, can spare few cocks, from 6/6; hens, 4/6; pairs from 10/6; own breeding, same strain as winner of cup, 1909, bird, Leicester show; approval; deposit; no rubbish: Adams, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

OWING to removing must part with following Norwich, 3 pairs, 15/- pair; 3 pairs at 12/-; all on approval; these are all from my best birds; also odd hens, yellow 7/6, buffs 4/6: Carr, 31, Campbell-rd., Walthamstow; inspection invited.

J. Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Leicester, has for sale majority of his stock of first-class winning Norwich, being compelled to do this on account of leaving the town; pairs matched for breeding from 15/-; single birds from 10/-; approval.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FORTY good birds for sale, yellow cocks from 10/- to 60/-, ditto buffs from 7/6, yellow hens from 7/6, buff from 3/-, large pair Cinnamons 30/-, including many winners; state wants and price, and have them approval: Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock and 1909 yellow hen, £2, a bargain; ticked yellow cock (1908) and large buff hen, £2 5/- only; other excellent pairs, containing blood of generations of winners, from 30/- to clear: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingbam.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbisb; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SIXTY grand selected, strong, healtby prize-bred yellow and buff Norwich bens, rare type and quality, prices, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 eacb; all cold room bred; any of tbem are honestly worth double; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwicb.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers his entire stock of 100 Norwich Plainbeads, giving up breeding, grand pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/-6; balf value, splendid cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, A1 trim; cold room, amateurs' excellent opportunity; approval with pleasure; packed free.

150 matched pairs Norwich from 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; cage 3d., approval; dealers supplied with Norwich and Crests; inquiries invited; cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwicb.

SELLING Off.—Large variegated buff Norwich hen, bred 1909, 10/6; large even-marked yellow Norwich cock, bred 1909, 15/6; clear yellow Norwicb cock, bred 1908, 10/6; these are good typical stock birds, short flights and tails, good heads, bred from winners; first orders get tbem: Evans, 14, Bridge-place, Croydon.

EXCEPTIONAL opportunity, two large clear unflighted Buff cocks, lovely quality, 15/- to 20/-; two unfligbted Yellow marked hens, two unflighted Buff hens, only these left, bred from winners; the two cocks will make winners; cash or deposit, three days, approval: R. Willoughby, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton.

TYPICAL unflighted marked buff Norwich cock, winner Cirencester, 15/-; unflighted yellow cock, 10/6; 3 large buff hens, 10/6 each; large yellow Cinnamon hen, 12/6; bred from my winners Hertford, Evesham, Oxford, Rutland, Abingdon, Banbury, etc.; wanted youth's bicycle, 22in. frame, good condition: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

REALLY flattering unsolicited testimonials recently received for birds I bave supplied; quality and price not to be beaten; healtby typical specimens, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, matched pairs for breeding 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; enquiries invited; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

NICHOLS, 10, King's-road, St. Margarets, Twickenham. 2 ticked Yellow cocks, grand heads, real stock birds, 30/- each; 2 Buff hens, real toppers, type and quality, 30/- each; cash or easy payments; anything to clear; sold this season, winners Norwich, Peterborough, Kings Lynn, Darlington, Consett, West Scotland, L.C.B.A., Peterborough, Kings Lynn, Belfast.

GIVING up. Monster clear buff cock, 40/-; another good one, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; ditto, 10/-; grand clear yellow cock, ditto buff hen, 45/- pair; three very good clear buff hens, 20/- each; 3 ticked and variegated buff hens, 5/- each; above are bred from great winners and fit to win in good competition; no rubbish offered: Josepb Atkinson, 41, Murrell-hill, Carlisle.

THROUGH business pressure must reduce immediately; great sacrifice; typical natural and colour-fed Norwich, size, shape and style hard to find, fit for keen open competition; many winners amongst them; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/-; approval; deposit or P.O. payable after 7 days: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare variegated Buff cock, grand stock bird, been in money several times, 50/; also ticked Buff cock, extra large, thickset, grand stock bird, 25/-; several really good unflighted, both yellow and buff cocks, from 10/- to 20/-; three really good Buff hens, 20/- each, two good yellow hens 20/- each, several good stock hens, 10/- each; no better blood; pay you well; approval.

F. HILES, "Admiral Gordon," Maid-tone, has five clear buff cocks, unflighted, to spare, rather small, but well bred, 6/- each, or 25/- the five; approval; deposit; also clear buff cock, 1908, clear yellow hen (large), 1908, and clear buff hen, 1907; healthy, cold room bred; exchange any for Mule or Hybrid; must be a goood one and a winner. Have won this season at Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Rochester, Malling, L.C.B.A., and Crystal Palace.

WILLIAM Judd, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester, the largest stores in the Midland Counties; established over 30 years; high-class Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; Orange Yellows, 7/6 and 10/- each; good healthy hens, for this year's breeding, 2/6, 3/6; Orange Yellows, 5/- and 7/6 each; pairs, properly mated, now ready for nesting, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; carefully packed, and every satisfaction guaranteed.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Norwich, Sandiford's strain, bred direct from winners; massive stout clear buff cock, 15/-; ditto, gem, 10/6; stout cobby marked ditto, 10/6; massive yellow marked cock, 10/6; stout cobby clear yellow cock, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; lovely clear yellow hen, 8/6; marked ditto, 6/6; grand stout buff hen, 8/6; another gem, 6/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect conditiou; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Offer prize-bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; buffs, yellow, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 2/9, 3/-, 3/6, upwards; specially matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; double Norwich breeding cages, full length, 3/9, complete with all fittings; travelling cages, 3d. extra: St. Andrew's, Norwich.

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A. PAYNE & SON,

Champion Norwich, grand type and quality, for stock; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/-, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 upwards; also grand Crests and Crest-breds, Crested cocks and hens, from 12/6 to £3; Crest-breds, cocks and hens, from 10/- to 50/-; perfectly matched pairs, 15/- to £3 3s.; cold-room bred; dealers supplied; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

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Winners and stock birds for sale, an exceptional opportuuity for entering the Fancy, or introducing new blood into your stock at a low figure. I have selected my stock for the coming season, and, being overstocked, have the following for sale: Monster Clear Yellow cock, grand head and wing carriage, teeming with quality, 40/-; splendid clear buff cock (winner), and can win in good company, 40/-; large variegated Buff cock, grand head and neck, will make a champion stock cock, 30/-; Clear Yellow hen, fine head and wing carriage, grand quality hen, 25/-; clear Buff hen, grand short body, and feather like wax, 20/-; other smaller, but all well bred, from 7/6; all 1909 birds; see my winnings at Scottish National, Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Galston, Muirkirk, etc.; all on approval; cash or "Cage Birds" deposit: John Latta, Watchmaker, King-st., Kilmarnock.

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WALTON'S Champion Seifert Rollers, high-class cocks and hens of this marvellous strain, guaranteed bred direct (not generations back) from parents purchased from Mr. Walton's winners; this is a rare chance; cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens 3/6, 5/-; breeding pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 17/6; none better at double the price; 7 days' approval; singing cages, own make, 1/3 each; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Allen, 19, Albert Street, Wednesday.

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Large plain yellow Canaries, cocks in full song, 42/- dozen, hens 14/- dozeu; 54/- the 50 heus; packing free; cash on delivery.

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The Last Word in Genuine Bargains

and offered from the largest collection in the world. Go and inspect all others, I care not where, then come to mine; that will at once set all doubts or speculations on one side, as I can always stand by all I state, and if an appointment is made, there will be no excuses "Not at Home," etc.

PLEASE LOOK CAREFULLY THROUGH THESE BARGAIN PRICES:—

My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads** at **10/6, 12/6, 15/-,** and **20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-,** and **30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-,** and **20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

Another Congratulation.

54, North End Grove, Portsmouth. February 17th, 1910,—I have decided to keep the bird, and I can congratulate you on your straight dealing. G. T. Hall to W. Rudd.

Further proofs. Given only as examples, taken from Hundreds received during week.

62, Church Street, Thurnscoe, Rotherham. February 17th, 1910,—I thank you for the prompt manner in which you supplied my order. I received them all safe, and am very pleased with my bargain. You will certainly receive my future orders for anything I may require. T. H. Perry to W. Rudd.

Who Supplies the Best?

36, Patmore Street, Battersea, London. S.W. February 14th, 1910,—Am pleased to inform you that I shall keep the bird, which proves beyond a doubt that you supply the best. A. F. Mallinson to W. Rudd.

For **Lancashires, Lizards, Cinnamons, Dutch Frills, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, etc.,** send for

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We import every variety of German Roller, from 5/- to £5; we sell for cash or exchange for other livestock: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

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Grand cocks, full song, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; approval: Martin Sebright House, Chatteris.

COMMON SENSE

Will tell you that unless my birds were as represented publicity would do me harm instead of good. It stands to reason that there must be something special about my Leipzig Rollers, otherwise I certainly could not go on selling them year after year like I do. I have repeatedly said in these columns that my Rollers are better and cheaper than any others on the market, and to prove this I ask all intending purchasers to test one against any other sold on similar conditions. I am largest retailer of Rollers in United Kingdom, and on Feb. 3rd alone sent out 73 consignments containing nearly 200 German Canaries. This is a fact that can easily be verified, as I hold signature of Midland Railway Company for these parcels. I now have over 1,000 (one thousand) Leipzig Rollers, all in full song, day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet, silvery trills, waterbubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, bell, harp, gong, flute and Nightingale notes, etc., etc., and every one guaranteed free from chipping, chopping, or other harsh notes whatever, price, 7/- and 8/- each; special Bandmaster or Schoolmasters, 10/- each. I also have a grand lot genuine Seifert contest Rollers at 12/6 and 15/- each. These are guaranteed genuine Seifert blood, and excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, etc., and their song is a cascade of ever-flowing melody. I also have 20 pure "Gluck" Rollers, fit to win contests in keenest competition immediately, price 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. Genuine Gluck hens, related to above, 4/- each. I beg to draw attention of connoisseurs to these Gluck Rollers, as they are, without doubt, the finest parcel of birds ever exported from Germany. 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Shall be pleased to recommend you as opportunity occurs. Yours, Wm. Hurlston." "Ivy Bush Hotel, Pontardawe, Feb. 6th. Sir,—Pleased to inform you that contest Roller arrived safe, and am highly pleased with same. Yours, Wm. Rapsey." "King-street, Kilkenny, Feb. 6th. Sir,—Bandmaster arrived in splendid condition. I am thoroughly pleased with him; he is an excellent songster, just the bird I wanted. Thanking you for kind and prompt attention. Yours, M. McGrath." "28, Fleet-street, West Keyham, Devonport, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Rollers arrived safe, and I am well pleased with them. You will hear from me again. Yours, W. King." "12, Grange Villa, Co. Durham, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Contest Roller arrived safe, and started singing soon as unpacked, and has sung ever since. He is a beauty. Yours, W. Corker." "17, Nantyhar, Cymmer, Feb. 5th. Sir,— Received Leipzig Roller safe, and am very well pleased with him. He sang as soon as he arrived at station, and was singing all the way home, as my daughter was carrying him. He is best I ever heard, and anyone can come and see him. Yours, J. Matthews." "10, Timothy Row, Cwmbach, Feb. 4th. Sir,—Received birds safe. Thanks for sending such a fine songster, quite pleased with it. Yours, Arthur Williams." "Rose Cottage, Birnam, Perthshire, Feb. 3rd. Sir,—Roller arrived safely in 43 degrees of frost none the worse. He is singing beautifully both day and gaslight. Thanking you for nice bird. Yours, C. Morgan, Postman." "11, Cecil Street, Limerick. Sir,—It is time I thanked you for sending such a really fine Roller. He is a splendid bird, and I must say I never got such value before. He is admired by everyone who sees him. Please send following: Yours G. Manders." "Windermere, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot, Feb. 2nd. Sir—I am pleased to say Roller sent is entirely to my satisfaction, and sings nearly all day. Yours, A. Harrington." "Chatham, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Roller arrived safe. I am very pleased with him. I have had a lot of birds, but this one takes the cake. He has been singing ever since he was unpacked. Yours, G. Neve." When you take into consideration the above letters are written by persons, who apart from business transactions, are entire strangers to me, it will at once be seen that my statements are not empty clap-trap, but sound, stubborn facts, and the birds are what I claim for them, absolutely the best on the market. I am sole importer of Hans Wehers' Leipzig Rollers. Every cock bird is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber," and no other dealer in England can sell you one feather of this strain unless he first purchases it from me. All birds safely and warmly packed with food for 48 hours, free of extra charge, and sent on seven clear days' trial at my risk, during whole time; cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, whichever you prefer. Kindly note carriage on one to three birds costs 6d. only to any part of kingdom. 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Do you seriously think you can get Hartz Cocks singing at 3/6? I say, you cannot; but you can get hens sent for cocks at that.

Extra Specials at 20/- & 30/- each.

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41, Reuben Street, Camp Road, Leeds. February 15th, 1910,—Just a line to tell you the Hartz Roller arrived here safely, in the pink of condition. Thanks very much for selecting me so nice a bird for the money. He is singing beautifully, and I am perfectly satisfied with him. W. A. Owen to W. Rudd.

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Just arrived, another lot of these famous musical-boxes, specially trained under Nigbtingale, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills; fit for any mansion, price 6/6, 7/6 8/6; real Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/-; hens 2/6; proper Roller singing cages, 2/-, with shutters, 2/9; also

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not common Belgian, guaranteed pure Hartz, price 6/- and 6/6 each, two 12/-; hens, 2/-. These are imported direct from the Hartz Mountains, and are properly trained. Note—We have thousands of testimonials, and are patronised by all the Crystal Palace Judges, including Judges Bexson, Payne, Battye, Roe, Barnes, Vardy, etc., etc.—Send for new catalogue and testimonials for proof.

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If you want some testimonials, send to me, and I will send you some just as received this week.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist & Judge, Preston, Lancs

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of the highest excellence, brothers to my recent silver cup winners at Leeds, Wakefield and Bury this season; Schoolmasters and contest singers, 20/- to 60/- each; hens, 10/- each; every bird guaranteed bred by myself and wearing closed club ring; not imported hot-house plants that die off when you have had them a week or two.—Foulds, 213, Brunswick-st., near Owen's College, Manchester.

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FOUR cocks, 1909, from 15/-; two 1909 buff hens, £1 5s., £1 15s.: John Newbigging, Curie-st., Duns.

SCOTCH Fancies and first crosses for sale cheap; approval: Wm. Beattie, 3, North Church-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancies, first cross, yellow cock, buff cock, buff pied hen; approval, £1: Melville, Sunnybank, Tayport.

SCOTCH fancies (giving up), from 10/-; breeding cages, lifting off tops: Miller, 165, Butterbiggins-rd., Glasgow.

YELLOW Green hen, 25/-; 3 cocks, 10/- to 30/-, all 1909; approval: Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

SCOTCH Fancies.—A few cocks left, same as my Scottish National and Palace winners: Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

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SEVERAL green and buff piebald cocks and hens, all young birds and well bred; seen evenings after 6: Pringle, 64, Cambridge Drive, Glasgow.

WORTH notice, grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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SCOTCH Fancies, several cocks, no hens, best winning strains, cheap to clear; also some grand large feeders: James G. Miliar, Cleansing Dept., Helm-st., Govan.

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Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. BAILEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—8, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

WANTED, Yorksbires: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

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HIGH-class Yorkshires for sale, 15 pairs: Haddon, 143, Salt-st., Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES (20), cocks and hens, 50/-; not sent on approval, seen here: 43, Russell-rd., Holloway, N.

THREE cocks, 6 hens, 33/- lot, or separate; offers; approval: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley.

YELLOW York cock, unflighted, 2nd open novice Wimbledon, 25/- clear buff, 20-: Dixon, see Norwich.

YORKSHIRES (20), cocks and hens, 50/-, not sent on approval, seen here: 43, Russell-rd., Holloway, N.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, sell or exchange songsters; cheap hens: Miss Hetty, 25, New-st., Margate.

TEN pairs of colour-fed Yorks, all good birds, 8/6 pair, or nearest offer: Mitchell, 5, Oastler-st., Keighley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, yellow or buff, from 8/-; approval, deposit: Glover, Brindley-st., Runcorn.

FOUR good Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, two hens, 3/6 each: Haynes, 26, Salisbury-st., St. George, Bristol.

HIGH class Yorkshire cocks, from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited: Nash, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

MR. Silk, Emsworth, Hants, has 2 fine buff Yorkshire cocks, cheap, from his challenge cup winner; approval.

FIFTY prize bred Yorkshires, very cheap, singly or pairs: Brooks and Huntley, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

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High-Class Yorkshires.



Note following Prices, and have on approval.

That will prove more than anything I can say. I have Clears, Grecns, Cinnamons, and Cinnamon-marked.

COCKS—5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

HENS—2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.

PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

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NORWICH.

A FEW good Yorkshires, cheap, variegated and Cinnamon marked: Atkinson, 1, North-st., Hulme, Manchester.

FOUR pair smart Yorkshires and old hens, cheap; some John Robson strain: West, 377, Albany-rd., Camberwell.

YORKSHIRES, good length, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- a pair; inspection invited: Padgett, 1032, Leeds-rd., Bradford, Yorks.

A few good Yorkshires to spare, from 15/-: W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall.—Grand Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 6/-; hens 4/-; approval; also winners.

A few unflighted hens, 3/6 and 5/- to clear; smart typical, worth 10/- each: Paddock, 9, All Saint's-rd., King's Heath.

A FEW high-class Yorkshires for sale, cheap; bred from winners: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, healthy cold room bred cocks, full song, 5/6, hens 2/6 each: Fordham, 16, Clifton-ter., Hudson-rd., Leeds.

STYLISH leggy pink-eyed yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6; 3 Cinnamon-marked hens, 4/6 each: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

SEVEN Yorkshire hens and breeding cages to be sold cheap, cold-room bred: Critchley, 95, Charles-st., Swinton, Manchester.

HEALTHY Yorkshires from outdoor aviary, cocks, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 3/-; wintered outdoors: R. Luck, Stanhope-rd., Darlington.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, from 8/-; hens 4/-; inspection invited: Ireland, 13, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE cocks, grand birds, no rubbish, 6/6, 7/6 each; on approval, cash or deposit: Price, Pontryffydd Lodge, Trefnant.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds').

Usual week-end time-singing contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, North-street, February 20th. 1st, Butler, 76 sec.; 2nd, J. Tipland (Morley), 39 sec.; 3rd, M. Brophy, 36 sec. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hargreaves and T. Summers.. Usual fortnightly Roller Canary contest, held same night, resulted with a win for P. Foley, with J. Bland 2nd, and T. Green 3rd. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and T. Summers.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers, Palmer-lane, on February 19th, when 20 birds entered for competition, and some good singing was heard. Result: 1st, G. Storey; 2nd, Laverick; 3rd, Firth; 4th, Horwell; 5th, Buckle. Mr. J. Andrews, judge; Mr. W. Limbert, sen., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Weaver; 2, 3, Bean; 4, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, J. Smith.

LEEDS.

Usual contest, held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, February 19th, when 17 birds sang before a crowded house, and were judged to perfection by Messrs. Jennings, Wood, and Naylor: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons. Also on February 20th, when there was a record entry of 30 birds: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Soloman; 3, 4, Bland. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Wood and Hoban. Also on February 27, grand Canary contest will be held at above house, at 8 o'clock prompt. New and old fanciers invited (open to all). -WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

BEDMINSTER.

Linnet singing contest, held at Maltsters' Arms, Philip Street, where some good singing was heard. 1, Mr. Haward; 2, 3, S. Wilsher. Judge, Mr. T. Marsh, Mr. H. Griffith; timekeeper, Mr. E. Cleanley. BAKER, sec.

STANDISH.

Open Linnet match held at the "Dog and Partridge," the first contest of its kind in the district. There was an entry of 20 birds from Leigh, Wigan, and Standish, and some nice singing was heard. Winners for quality: 1st, Barnes; 2nd, Melliugan; 3rd, Jones, 4th, Statham. For time: 1st, Seddon, 79; 2nd and 4th, Joncs, 69 and 42; 3rd, Mawdsley, 62. Timekeepers, Messrs. E. Parker, J. Ellinson, and G. Mellingan; judges, Messrs. W. Barnes and W. Mellingen. There will be a match at Weavers' Arms, Scholes, on March 5th, for time only.—A. PARKER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held at Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on February 20th, when S. Scott was 1st, with 34; R. Taylor 2nd, with 20; J. Higgins 3rd, with 17.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

Contest held Feb. 20. Result as follows: 3 minutes' duration: Palfreyman, 1st, 83; Robinson, 2nd, 67; Callagan, 3rd, 57. E. BISBY, sec.

LONDON, N.

We had a large muster of fanciers last week-end. Saturday night, Challinch: Winner, Mr. F. Hughes; 2nd, Andy; 3rd, M. Parish. Dinner time, Feb. 20, Linnets: Winner, F. Westmore; Scott, 2nd; Jack, 3rd. Our dinner takes place on March 7, open to all fanciers and friends, and we are hoping to have a good muster.—Pony Moore was timekeeper.—F. WESTMORE, sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Wellington, (Salop) (C.B.U.).—March 3rd and 4th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood. 10 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close February 27th, to G. HITCHMAN, 6, Spring-hill, Wellington.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Feb. 28.—**Mountain Ash.**—W. M. Hillman, 24, Edward Street.
Feb. 26.—**Wellington.**—G. Hitchman, 6, Spring Hill.

The Shows.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

The pairs show was held on February 10th at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. Mr. Robson judged. The novice section was a long way in front of the champions, both in quantity and quality. Mr. Slade won medal for best pair in show with a grand pair of Yorkshires. Mr. Graham (another novice) takes the medal for second best pair, with well-balanced Norwich. Mr. Lilley takes medal for best Muling or Hybrid pairs. A number of well-known fanciers put in an appearance, and the show was a great success.

YORKS. CHAMP. (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Halbrook; 2, hc, McLaughlan; c, Jeffrey. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Lilley; hc, Jeffrey. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Lilley. MULING OR HYB. PAIR (8): 1, Lilley; 2, vhc, hc, McLaughlan; 3, 4, hc, Broughton. NOVICE YORKS. (12): A grand class: 1, vhc, Slade; 2, 3, 4, Graham; hc, Vanne; c, Lister. CRESTS (4): 1, 3, 4, Slade; 2, Burges. NOR. (4): 1, Graham; 2, 3, Burges; 4, Slade. SELL. (15s.): 1, 2, Vanne. Mr. Graham wins cup for most points in novices' section, three entries to count, total 36; Mr. Slade and Mr. Burgess close up with 34 each.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, the last of the season, held on February 19th, and there was some keen competition for the medals and specials. Mr. S. Dean (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. J. Smith won special in Cinnamon-marked classes; Mr. A. Gledhill won 1st gold medal, Mr. L. Hodgson, 2nd gold medal, Mr. F. Worsman 3rd gold medal. Messrs. H. H. Clarke, H. Shaw, O. Atkinson, and W. Walker won the runners specials.

Class 1: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Casey. 2: 1, 2, Casey; 3, Mitchell; 4, Tidswell. 3: 1, Tidswell; 2, Casey; 3, Clarke; 4, c, Hodgson; vhc, Wilson; hc, Walker. 4: 1, 3, 4, Hodgson; 2, Casey. 5, 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Worsman. 6: 1, Clarke; 2, Worsman; 3, Casey; 4, Mitchell. 7: 1, Hodgson; 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Clarke; vhc, Smith; hc, Walker; c, Atkinson. 8: 1, Wilson; 2, Clarke; 3, Worsman; 4, Atkinson. 9: 1, Walker; 2, Atkinson; 3, c, Hodgson; 4, Clarke; vhc, Casey; hc, Smith. 10: 1, Worsman. 11: 1, Hodgson; 2, Clarke; 3, Worsman. 12: 1, Smith; 2, Tidswell; 3, hc, Worsman; 4, vhc, Hodgson; c, Walker. 13: 1, Clarke; 2, Worsman; 3, vhc, Hodgson; 4, Casey.—J. SMITH, Sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual night show of British birds and pairs was held in the club room, "Fairhaven," Burns Avenue, on Feb. 18th, when about 120 birds turned up in all, and made a very strong and interesting show. The points scored coupled with those scored at the young and old shows count for the aggregate over the three shows for the challenge cup and other valuable specials. Some very good pairs were on view. Britishers were not quite so strong as usual here. A few very nice Britishers were on view, however. Mr. Mallinson, the hon. secretary, does his best to cater well for the members, and their best thanks are due to him for the very able manner in which he conducts the business. Messrs. Benson, Woodman, Hadwin, Young, Holford, Thwaites, etc., put down some very nice teams. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, with satisfactory results.

YORKS. YELL. AND BUFF HEN (5 pairs): 1, Young, pair cinn.-marks, well balanced, both very typical, in tight condition; 2, hc, Hadwin, fine pair, nice quality, etc.; 3, Benson, neat buff and well-matched yell.; vhc, Edwards; c, Griffiths. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Holford, evenly-matched pair, both good style and quality; 2, 3, Hadwin, both nicely matched, former slightly better type and quality; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Edwards. YORKS. GREENS, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (12 pairs): Very strong class of fine pairs: 1, Benson, full of type, colour, quality, evenly balanced to produce winners; 2, hc, Holford, very little, if any, behind, nice deep tone of col., good type, well mated; 3, Hadwin, well up to others; vhc, Young; c, Hodgkins. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (10): Another very strong class: 1, Thwaites, fine col., leugth and type, good carriage and positiou; 2, Holford, slim hen, buff cock, nice size; 3, vhc, c, Benson, stuart trio of pairs; hc, Young. BORD., BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, Woodman, very strong quartette of well-matched pairs, ought to do owner some good; 3, hc, Hadwin, nicely-balanced, particularly former pair, in fine condition. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (6): 1, 2, hc, Hadwin, trio of pairs of this gentleman's noted strain, well matched to produce more winners; 3, Young, nicely-balanced, in fine condition; vhc, Bayley, green and cinnamon; c, Woodman. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Hadwin, another brace of pairs of very good merit, well matched; 2, vhc, hc, c, Woodman, strong quartette, nicely matched up and with luck should produce good youngsters. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Woodman, Chaffinch and Bramble leading, of extra good size, quality and other merits. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Young, extra fine Linnet leading, in rare condition all through; 2, Young, prettily-marked Twite, in nice glossy feather and condition; 3, Holford, Linnet, nice bird; vhc, c, Woodman.

WEST OF SCOTLAND BIRD CLUB.

Annual show of matched pairs held in the large hall of Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Feb. 5th. Messrs. J. Sandieson (Port Glasgow) and C. Hunter (Glasgow) acted as judges, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

CRESTS: 1, spl, Lennie; 2, 4, Lappin; 3, Smart. PLAINHEAD.: 1, 2, spl, Hutchison; 3, 4, Rennie; 5, Woods; 6, 7, McGregor. BORD.: 1, spl, Lappin; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Hutchison. YORKS.: 1, spl, Lappin. MULING AND HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Hutchison. POINTS' SPLS.: Hutchison, 16; Lappin, 11.—G. SMART, sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual pair show held on February 15th, at Abbett's Cafe Rooms, Market-street. The finest muster of birds for some time (39 pairs) were staged in good time, and Mr. Burns judged the classes and gave satisfaction to all.

YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Morton; 2, Sands; 3, Howlett; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Greatrix; c, Watson. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, Morton; 2, Morton; 3, Sands; vhc, Miller; hc, Lloyd; c, Hawkes. GREENS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Sands; 2, 3, Hawkes; vhc, Watson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Moss; 2, vhc, Gardner; 3, hc, Hawkes; c, Lloyd. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Cave; 3, Porter. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, McKeaggan; 2, vhc, Cave; 3, Howlett. A.O.V. PAIR: 1, Howlett; 2, Greatrix; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Watson. MULING PAIR: 1, Hawkes; 2, Howlett; 3, Porter; vhc, Watson. NOR. GREENS: Nil. We quite forgot to give Mr. Burns a vote of thanks for his service, as we had a lot of business to go through. But I think all members would join with me and give him their best thanks, and hope he will judge our pair show next year.—A. E. LLOYD, Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last of our season's members' shows was held on Feb. 19th, at the Saville Hotel, 80 birds being staged. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) placed the cards, and gave entire satisfaction. The following are the prize winners at our three combined shows, which will be distributed at our annual dinner:—1, Mr. W. T. Pickering, 45 points; 2, Mr. W. T. Hall, 44 points; 3, Mr. W. Hinchliffe, 40 points; 4, Mr. A. Blackburn, 39 points. Novice: 1, Mr. S. Taylor, 53 points; 2, Mr. N. Rayner, 51; 3, Mr. H. Pollard, 43; 4, Mr. W. Clennett, 42 points. YELL. CK.: 1, hc, Hall; 2, Lee; 3, vhc, Pollard. BUFF: 1, vhc, Rayner; 2, Blackburn; 3, Pickering; hc, Blaimires; c, Clennett. YELL. MKD. CK.: 1, vhc, Hinchliffe; 2, 3, Clenuett. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Taylor; 2, Pickering; 3, Rayner; c, Lee. YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, hc, Hall; 3, Pickering; vhc, Rayner; c, Pollard. BUFF: 1, Pollard; 2, Rayner; 3, hc, Pickering; vhc, Hall; c, Clennett. YELL. MKD.: 1, 2, Rayner; 3, Pickering. BUFF: 1, Pickering; 2, Blackburn; 3, Blaimires. HEAVY MKD.: 1, Blackburn; 2, Pollard; 3, Blaimires; vhc, Hall; hc, Taylor; c, Rayner. BRIT.: 1, Clennett (Goldfinch); 2, Rayner (Snow Bunting); 3, vhc, Audsley (Bullfinches); hc, Hinchliffe (Bullie). A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, V. Taylor; hc, c, Hinchliffe. SELL., CK.: 1, Rayner; 2, 3, c, Taylor; vhc, hc, Hinchliffe. HEN: 1, vhc, Rayner; 2, Pollard; c, hc, Clennett; c, Hall.

LEITH O.S.

Annual table show and judging competition, held in the Liberal Club Hall, Hope-street, on February 12th, when six classes were provided, and an entry of 60 was secured, including a few notable winners. The British bird class (24 entries) was a "stinger"; the winner, a Linnet (Mr. J. Allan's) is a bird of exceptional merit. The Golden Lizard shown by Mr. J. Ross, secured the coveted honour in the A.O.V. Canary class. Mr. J. F. Dewar placed the cards, and very generously presented the society with a handsome silver cup to be competed for by the members in the judging competitions which must be won twice before becoming the winner's property. At the monthly meeting held during the judging, Mr. Dewar was heartily thanked for his generosity, and in replying, said it gave him much pleasure to do any little thing to help, as being a native of the town, he always liked to see it prospering. The members then took their turn in pairs as amateur judges. The last to finish, Mr. Wm. Alcorn, was found to be the winner, with 53 points; Mr. W. Allan second, 46 points; and Messrs. W. Dods and J. Baxter equal third, with 43 points each. The president, Mr. Lumsden, presented the cup to the winner at the close. All over the function was a great success.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, Allan; 2, 3, Hendry. NOR.: 1, 4, Miller; 2, Alcorn; 3, McKnight; 5, 6, Finnie. BORD. FCY.: 1, Dodds; 2, 6, Miller; 3, West; 4, Baxter; 5, Alcorn. BRIT.: 1, Allan; 2, 5, Merser; 3, Milne; 4, Finnie; 6, McKnight. MULE: 1, Finnie; 2, Barclay; 3, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, Ross; 2, 4, Miller; 3, Alcorn; 5, Milne; 6, Brown.—GEO. BROWN, Sec.

CORK.

The fifth annual great national cage bird show held under the auspices of the Cork and Provincial C.B.S., took place on February 16th and 17th, at the City Hall. This hall is a most suitable one, being admirably lighted, cosy and free from draught, in all respects an ideal place. The attendance of the public was good, and the interest taken by the visitors in the exhibits was very encouraging to the officials. The entry all over was exceptionally fine, there being considerably over 400 birds, all told, which is distinctly good. The working officials are to be highly complimented upon the successful issue of the show. The society are fortunate in having two such excelleut officers as Messrs. M. O'Keeffe and S. O'Reilly, who, as the hon. secretaries, are chiefly respousible for the safe conduct of the society's affairs. Their management ou this occasion pleased everybody, and they have established their reputations for being capable and efficient organisers. Their efforts were ably seconded by the other officers, the full list of being: Committee—Mr. J. Paterson (chairman). Cork—Messrs. C. Higgins, R. Casey, R. F. Thornhill, T. C. Butterfield, J. Sheehan, P. Higgins, T. Coughlan, M. Arnstein, C. Neff, D. Buckley, A. Herbert, S. Waddy, E. Mills, and E. Butler. Provincial—Miss A. Travers, Messrs. W. J. Lee, E. J. Tighe, E. C. Dawson, J. B. D. Waugh, C. J. Mulligan, L. Birch, J. A. Hanna, J. Devins, R. M. M. Bolster. All the workers set to with a will, and while the society's destinies rest with these fanciers, exhibitors may rest assured that their birds will receive every attention while at its shows. Mr. J. Robson judged.

BELG. (4): 1, 2, r, Waddy; 3, Casey. SCOT. FCY. CL. (7): 1, hc, Waddy; 2, r, Birch; 3, vhc, Casey. A.O.C. (5): 1, 2, Birch; 3, r, vhc, Waddy. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, r, hc, Devins; 2, Forrest; 3, Buckley; vhc, c, Tighe. HEN (12): 1, 2, r, Buckley; 3, vhc, Devins; hc, c, Tighe. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, Buckley; 3, r, Devins; vhc, c, O'Keeffe; hc, Lee. HEN (14): 1, C. J. Mulligan; 2, hc, c, O'Keeffe; 3, Devins; vhc, Neville. A.O.C. CK. (14): 1, Forrest; 2, r, hc, Buckley; 3, c, Tighe; vhc, Fortune. HEN (16): 1, c, J. Mulligan; 2, r, O'Keeffe; 3, hc, Devins; vhc, Buckley; c, Fortune. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Buckley; 2 Devins; r, O'Keeffe. HEN (5): 1, Fortune; 2, O'Keeffe; 3, Forrest; r, Devins. CREST (4): 1, Thornhill; 2, 3, r, Lee. C.B. (4): 1, 3, r, Lee; 2, Birse. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Miss Travers; 2, C. J. Mulligan; 3, Lee; r, hc, c, Forrest; vhc, Hanna. HEN (9): 1, 3, vhc, Forrest; 2, c, C. J. Mulligan; r, Miss Travers; hc, Lee. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 2, r, C. J. Mulligan; 3, c, Forrest; vhc, Miss Travers; hc, Birse. HEN (11): 1, 3, r, C. J. Mulligan; 2, vhc Forrest; hc, Tighe; c, Miss Travers. A.O.V. CAN (9): 1, 2, r, hc, c, Hanna; 3, Miss Travers; vhc Neff. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (20): 1, 3, Stewart; 2, Loane; r, Forrest; vhc, hc, Coughlan; c, Lee. HEN (15): 1, 2, Forrest; 3, Coughlan; r, vhc, S. O'Reilly; hc, Lea; c, Carroll. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Forrest; 2, P. O'Reilly; 3, c, Coughlan; r, Hickie; vhc, S. O'Reilly; hc, Loane. HEN (19): 1, P. O'Reilly; 2, Carroll; 3, hc, S. O'Reilly; r, Lea; vhc, Loane; c, Forrest. NOR. (8): 1, Smith; 2, r, hc, Forrest; 3, Hickie; vhc, Anderson; c, Mills. SELL. CK. (25/-) (14): 1, Miss Travers; 2, hc, Buckley; 3, O'Keeffe; r, Lea; vhc, Fortune; c, Tighe. HEN (12): 1, Neville; 2, hc, Tighe; 3, vhc, O'Keeffe; r, Buckley; c, Forrest. BRIT. (10/-) (6): 1, 2, Ross; 3, hc, Dawsou; r, Anderson; vhc, Devins. LOCAL CAN. (2): 1, Collins; 2, Croniu. GOLDIE, ETC., MULE. CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Dawson; r, Murphy; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Richard; c, Tighe. DARK GOLDIE (12): 1, Birse; 2, Murphy; 3, Bolster; r, McCalden; vhc, Dawson; hc, Forrest; c, Harvey. LINNET CAN. DARK (6): 1, r, Dawsou; 2, Butterfield; 3, Tighe; vhc, Harvey; hc, Hanna. A.O.V. MULE (4): 1, 3, Dawson; 2, Anderson; r, O'Keeffe. BRIT. BULLFR. CK. (17): 1, 2, 3, Dawson; r, vhc, Arnstein; hc, Tighe; c, Hanna. HEN (14): 1, Arnstein; 2, r Dawson; 3, c, Mulcahy; vhc, Tighe; hc, Sheehan. GOLDIE (14): 1, 3, Mulcahy; 2, Dawson; r, Hanna vhc, Richard; hc, c, Arnstein. LINNET (14): 1, hc Dawson; 2, c, Hanna; 3, Mulcahy; r, Arnstein; vhc Tighe. TWITE, ETC. (9): 1, Mulcahy; 2, S O'Reilly; 3, hc, Tighe; r, Tivy; vhc, c, Dawson SISKIN (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Dawson; r, vhc, c, Arnstein CHAFFINCH (7): 1 2, r, Arnstein; 3, Birse; vhc Dawson; hc, S. O'Reilly. SKYLARK (6): 1, Arnstein; 2, Mulcahy; 3, Patterson; r, vhc, hc, Dawsou. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, Butterfield; 2, r, hc Dawson; 3, Morley; vhc, Arnstein; c, Ryan. A.O.S SEEDEATING (6): 1, 3, vhc, Arnstein; 2, r, Dawson; hc, Ross. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (5): 1, r, vhc Arnstein; 2, Mulcahy; 3, Dawson.

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

The seventh list of subscriptions received by Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday evening last is as follows:—Per Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. (collection 7s., W. H. Raven, Esq., 5s.), 12s.; per Mr. W. Curry (hat-collection at meetings of Northern British B.M. and F.B.C. and Northern Yorkshire C.C.), 12s.; King's Head Rumblers' Society, 7s. 6d.; per Green Canary Association (collection 6s., and "A Lady" 1s.), 7s.; Grangemouth O.S., 6s. 10d.; Bury C.B.S., 5s.; West Stanley C.B.S., 5s.; Harrogate Linnet F.A., 3s. 6d., Burnley C.B.B.C., 3s.; Walkden C.B.S., 2s.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (further donation), 2s.; City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders, 3d. These amounts total £3 6s. 1d., and together with the sums already acknowledged, bring the aggregate subscriptions received up to £51 11s. 4d. In the list published last week Mr. A. Richardson was credited with sending 6s.; he has since written to point out that this amount was sent on behalf of the York C.B.S. of which he is the chairman. The amount credited to the City and Suburban A.C.B., viz., £1 1s., should have read £1 1s. 3d., hence the item referred to above.

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

L. ADAMS, Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone, Kent. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, etc.; life experience. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms modcrate.

ALB. BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road, Great Harwood. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 20 years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign; Specialist Hyb. and Brit. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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The above Society are holding their annual members' Pair and Finch show at their headquarters **The Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham** (one minute from Clapham Road Electric Station) on **Saturday, Feb. 26th. 1910.** Fanciers are cordially invited after **5 o'clock.** Birds must be in Hall by **3.30.** Judges, **Messrs Allen Silver, and W. H. Vale.**

The treasurer's statement of accounts of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A. shows a balance in hand, after discharging all liabilities, of no less than £17 2s. 6d. This satisfactory state of affairs, writes the secretary, Mr. Wm. Geddis, reflects great credit on the chairman and members of the committee, every one of whom worked hard to bring about the result achieved.



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Twitterings.

In the report of Thirsk Fanciers' Show, in the novice class, Canaries, the v.h.c. should be credited to Cotton.—G. Cotton (Northallerton).

Kindly intimate that I have changed my address to 7, James Place, Dunfermline, writes Mr. Robert T. Campbell, hon. secretary, Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.

We have decided to hold our next show on Thursday and Friday, December 8th and 9th, writes Mr. Wm. Geddis, hon. secretary of the Larne and District C.B.A.

We hear from Mr. D. H. Tedstone (Brecon) that on account of removal he is being compelled to advertise his splendid stock of Norwich Plainheads for disposal.

We have decided to hold our first annual show on December 21st, 1910, so secretaries please will note to avoid clashing?—A. W. Douglas, secretary, Elgin C.B.A.

We have secured the services of Mr. W. Booth, of Hyde (Scottish National judge) to judge at our show on October 15th, writes Mr. W. Hopwood, secretary of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S.

I have been elected secretary of the Newcastle C.B.S., writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, so that all society correspondence should in future be addressed to me at 121, St. George's Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I won first and special, second, and v.h.c. in the novice (11) Norwich Plainhead class, at the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. matched pair show, and not Clark, as reported.—Charles E. Bown (London, N.W.).

A meeting is called for Monday night, February 28th. at 8 p.m. prompt, to form a Linnet singing association, at "Boilermakers' Arms," Openshaw, Manchester, writes Mr. J. G. Garbutt, the secretary pro. tem.

The Malton, Norton and Dis. F.S. 15th annual show has been fixed for November 10th, 1910, writes Mr. G. M. Horsley, the secretary, and the judge elected for the cage bird section is Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford).

Mr. R. Ritchie, of Hanning, Bannockburn, has bought the first prize (at Bathgate and Paisley shows) yellow cock Norwich in the non-fed class, writes "A Fancier" (Bannockburn). I hope he will have a good year with it.

We are holding a show at our next meeting in March, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, secretary of the Birkenhead Canary Fanciers Association, for British birds (9 classes). Fanciers, whether members or not, will be heartily invited.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Wm. Maltby, 11, Cross Bath Road, Bramley, that I have been elected hon. secretary of the Bramley and Dis. O.S., and that all correspondence in connection with the society should in future be addressed to me.

The West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S. are holding a table pair show at their next meeting on March 1st at the Dartmouth Hotel, at 7.30 o'clock. Mr. J. Jones (Dudley) will judge, there will be sixteen classes, and visitors will be warmly welcomed.

I am glad to tell you my pair of Norwich ("Darby and Joan"), 5th at Scottish National pair class, have started housekeeping. I set "Joan" down on three eggs on Monday last. I hope they don't turn out Scotch Fancies.—George Francis (Lowestoft).

The Bradford West C.B.A. have sent their schedules out for 1910, and the first show is to be held on February 26th. If I have overlooked any member, will he please come and enter his birds at the Red Lion Hotel? writes Mr. F. Western, secretary.

Owing to my having left Bournemouth, I am no longer secretary to the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A. All communications should be addressed to Mr. W. O. Brooks, Nortoft Road, who has taken over that office.—Montague E. Feltham, 123, Above Bar, Southampton.

Please thank Cage Birds' artist-in-chief, Mr. H. Norman, for me for drawing the picture of my young Yorkshire hen reproduced in last week's "C.B." I may say the bird was my first year's produce, of which I am quite proud.—F. Tebbs (Battersea Park, London, S.W.).

My Linnet, "Pride of Cumberland," the Crystal Palace winner, did not win first prize at Frizington show, as reported in your last week's issue, writes Mr. G. Wilson, as I was judging the Mules, British and foreign birds there myself, so, of course, did not show it.

The Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. are holding a pair and Finch show this Saturday (February 26th), which will be open to the public after 5 o'clock. Birds must be staged by 3.30 o'clock. The show will be held at the Avondale Hall, Clapham, and the event promises to be very successful.

Entries for our show on March 3rd and 4th, writes Mr. G. Hitchman, secretary, Wellington (Salop) Show, are extended to February 27th, and we trust exhibitors who have not yet favoured us with entries will not forget to support us.

Mr. C. W. Evans, of the Margate, Aviaries, whose advertisement appears in another column, writes us stating that he has just completed an important purchase of high-class Canaries. Birds, foods, and appliances, of every description are also included in the stock of Mr. Evans' up-to-date establishment.

A washing competition between Mr. Washbourne, of South Manchester C.B.S., and Mr. Parker, of Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S., will be held at the Boilermakers' Arms, Higher Openshaw, on February 28th, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. W. Wilson, assistant secretary, of the South Manchester C.B.S., the prize being a pair of vases given by Mr. Garbutt. The judge is Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester).

The Welsh C.B.C. will be holding their annual general meeting in the course of a few weeks, so will all those members who have any matter to bring forward send same on at once (as per rules), as no matter can be dealt with unless it is placed upon the agenda. Nomination for officers and committee must also be sent in on or before March 5th. I shall also be pleased to receive the names and addresses, together with the subscription 3s., from any fancier residing in Wales desirous of becoming a member.—G. T. Jones, 18, Castle Street, Brecon.

It will be remembered that much interest was evoked by the exhibition at the Crystal Palace of a buff Yorkshire hen, with a cinnamon tick in one part of its body, and a green tick in another. This bird was claimed by Mr. W. Gilbert, secretary of the London and Counties O.S. We regret to say that almost immediately after Mr. Gilbert had run this beautiful bird into a show cage, preparatory to exhibiting it at the London and Counties' O.S. pair show, it was seized and killed by Mr. Gilbert's cat, which had evidently stolen into the room behind Mr. G. The loss is keenly felt by Mr. Gilbert, who had high hopes of breeding something good from the hen.

OBITUARY.

I very much regret to inform your readers, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C., that one of Rochdale's old fanciers, Mr. Joseph Buckley, has lost his wife, who died after a very short illness. She was connected with the ladies' stall at our All-England shows for a considerable number of years. We in Rochdale shall all miss her very much.

MR. W. HUGGINS (Burnley).

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. R. Braybrook, president of the Burnley C.B.F.A., I have to mention that we have lost one of our most respected members and fanciers in Mr. W. Huggins. He was of a most kind and genial disposition, and a born fancier, having kept the Yorkshire and Norwich Canary nearly all his life. He was laid to rest on February 21st, and was followed to the Cheapside Church by members of the society, who sent a beautiful floral tribute. He was highly respected by his fellow men, who turned up in good numbers to pay their last respects to their dear friend.

The managers have written me withdrawing the offer of the Drill Hall for our next show, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, secretary of the Bristol Fanciers' Association, certain arrangements being under consideration which would prevents its being available. I must therefore withdraw the fixture from your "Dates Fixed" column for the present.

The Laisterdyke B.F.A. are holding a grand social evening for all fanciers, including members, fancier friends, and their wives, or sweethearts, writes Mr. J. E. Hudson, the secretary. So I would like fanciers to roll up in hundreds as we are engaging some very good talent. It will be held at the Railway Hotel, February 26th, at 7 o'clock.

We are holding our 7th annual pair and table show of British birds on March 1st, at our new headquarters, the "Reindeer" Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. We shall be pleased to see all old friends and fanciers, to give us a good start off in our new home. Admission is free.

We note that there is a proposal afoot to amalgamate the Nelson and the Colne and Dis. Cage Bird Societies. The matter will come up for discussion at the monthly meetings to be held by the former society on February 28th. at the Bull Hotel, Nelson, and by the latter society on March 3rd.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. have engaged Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and J. Walsh (Blackburn) to judge at their open show on October 14th and 15th next, and have arranged the first feather show for July 9th, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) to judge same, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the secretary.

The Great Horton O.S. members are specially requested to show at the first members' show for this season, on February 26th, at headquarters, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary. Birds to be staged at 3 p.m. The cup will be on view at this show. Schedules can be had by applying to me.

Prize and sales moneys at the Palace Show, also cash specials, have been posted, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager. Should anyone have been overlooked, I shall feel obliged if they will write me at once. Medals and other specials will be dispatched when received from the makers and donors.

We have had the pleasure of inspecting (by the courtesy of Mr. Brighty, of Clapham) a very clever coloured drawing of a Canary, the work of Master Willie Moore (Bath). It shows considerable promise.

Dr. J. H. Rodgers (123, Radford Boulevard, Nottingham), the proprietor of "Bronchorine" (the noted remedy for colds and the like in birds), sends for our perusal a splendid testimonial to its efficacy which he has received from Mr. A. C. Hunt, of Blackwood, Mon.

The February issue of the "Avicultural Magazine"—the journal of the Avicultural Society—contains an excellent article by Mr. E. Hopkinson which is accompanied by a very beautiful full-page illustration. Other articles are from the pens of Lieut.-Col. G. A. Momber (British birds on the Riviera), Mr. T. H. Newman (The Deceptive Turtle Dove), Mr. C. Barnby Smith and Mr. F. Finn, F.Z.S.

We are informed that Mr. H. E. Tringham has resigned the secretaryship of the London and Provincial O.S., and that Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.) is acting as secretary pro tem.; also that the recommendation of the sub-committee for the society to withdraw from the Cage Bird Union has been accepted and acted upon by the full L. and P.O.S. Committee.

Mr. W. Rudd, the world-renowned bird specialist, of Norwich, writes us pointing out that the word "highest" which appeared a few lines above the address in his Norwich advertisement, is a printer's error, and should read "lowest." Mr. Rudd informs us that he has a splendid lot of birds at the present moment, for fuller particulars of which see advertisements under various headings.

Mr. A. Williams (Regent's Park) writes drawing attention to the fact that that well-known bird-lover the Rev. Dr. Rosslyn Bruce (of Nottingham) is to deliver a series of three lantern lectures at 8.30 p.m. on March 2nd, 9th, and 16th, in St. Anne's Church (Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.), the subject being Dante's immortal "Divine Comedy." He trusts that many Metropolitan bird-lovers will take the opportunity to hear this gifted speaker.

A very beautiful painting (measuring 16½ins. by 12ins.) accompanies the February issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. It is one of Mr. H. Goodchild's, and depicts the interior of Mr. Willford's largest and beautiful outdoor aviary. Among this month's contributors to the magazine are Lieut. G. Kennedy, Capt. S. S. Flower, Messrs. R. Suggitt, W. T. Page, H. Goodchild, and H. W. Mathias. There are also a large number of interesting notes.

The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s book of rules, list of members, etc., for 1910, is more attractively got up than ever, and is beautifully printed. The programme for the year includes many lectures, competitions, shows, discussions, a cricket match, an outing, etc., all which are strictly in keeping with the go-ahead policy of this progressive institution. The secretary is Mr. V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, London, W.

Springtime is now upon us, and lovers of nature are beginning to think of their gardens, for on the work in the spring depends the results to be obtained in the summer and autumn. Mr. Harry Barker, F.R.H.S., the well-known nursery seedsman, of Whittlesford, Cambs., it will be noticed, is offering some very great bargains in our advertising columns. This gentleman has a very extensive and old-established business, and it is with confidence that we advise all interested to write him stating their requirements and mentioning this paper. Mr. Barker offers at a very low price shrubs (box, privet, fir, laurel, etc.), very suitable for aviaries and for the use of Hybrid breeders.

Some splendid samples of bird-seeds have reached us from the Tyneside Seed Stores (65, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne), showing very clearly that this firm has expert knowledge of the requirements of birdkeepers and their pets, and these goods should ensure them a highly satisfactory trade, seeing that bird-lovers and keepers simply teem in the neighbourhood of their business place. The "Tyno" singing mixture is a first-class blend of seeds, spoken of very highly by all who have given it a trial. In addition to very excellent Canary, hemp, and the other well-known seeds, the Tyneside Seed Stores supply sesame, cornflower, gold of pleasure, and suchlike uncommon seeds sought by birdkeepers. They also do a large business in flower and vegetable seeds of guaranteed quality. Readers should send for the fine illustrated price-list issued by this firm.

A Long Bird at a Short Price.

In our Crystal Palace Show "Gossip" a paragraph appeared to the effect that Messrs. Ambler's winning unflighted yellow had been purchased for 30s. We hear from Messrs. Amblers that there is no truth in, and no foundation for, this statement. Naturally, we very much regret that it should have been made, though our information appeared to come from an authoritative source.

Prescot and the C.B.U.

The Prescot Cage Bird Society held a meeting on February 16th, when Mr. A. Wellings submitted the facts concerning the Cage Bird Union meeting at the Palace. He said it was his duty to withhold nothing. The Prescot Society were of opinion that they could not see their way to vote the secretary to the office again; also that the sooner there was someone appointed to receive the property of the C.B.U. and reorganise it, the better, as in its present condition it gave no encouragement to its members, and they could see it was fast disappearing and would be dead before the next show season if left in its present state. Who is the treasurer for the C.B.U.? was a question asked. —A. Wellings.

Our Conundrum Competition.

Some highly interesting replies to four interesting questions.

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Question 2.—What British Bird is best for the beginner—and why?—(*continued*).

USEFUL AS A MULE BREEDER.

Which is the best British bird for the beginner? Well, I have come to the conclusion that the Linnet is; first, on account of its cheapness; secondly, on account of its usefulness as a Mule or Hybrid producer; and thirdly, on account of its beautiful song, which will repay anyone for the trouble taken in moulting him, should he be unsuccessful as an exhibition specimen. And as he is of the hardbill class he is easily catered for, and five minutes a day will suffice to keep him clean and in grand condition.—M. COOK (Bournemouth West).

THE BEST SINGER.

What British bird is best for the beginner? The Brown Linnet. He is the best singer, is very cheap to buy, is easy to cater for, both in food and accommodation, and soon becomes tame, which make him an ideal pet. When house-moulted he will often breed Mules with a hen Canary, which is very often the novice's first attempt to breed a Palace winner.—FRANK JOHNSON (Stoke-on-Trent).

AN ADMIRABLE LITTLE PET.

The price of the Linnet is so very low that it is within the reach of everyone, and so is the best bird for the beginner. Its song is so sweet and varied that it appeals to all. Being so easily catered for, it takes up very little of one's time, and last, but not least, it makes an admirable little pet, and creates a general love of nature, which, to my mind, is the sweetest thing on earth.—C. SANDBACH (Altrincham).

BY FAR THE BEST.

The Goldfinch is by far the best bird for the beginner. Because he is the handsomest of all seed-eaters, takes easily to cage life, soon becomes a great pet, has got a beautiful song, produces the grandest coloured Hybrids or Mules, and with a little of the following seeds with the bath can be kept in perfect health: Hemp, teazle, rape, niger, gold of pleasure, thistle, dandelion, and a few wild seeds.—JOHN W. MITCHELL (Morley).

VERY DOCILE.

Undoubtedly the beautiful Goldfinch, the greatest favourite of all the Finch tribe, is the best bird for the beginner. The purchase price is within the means of every working-man, and that is a great desideratum. The Goldfinch is a free songster, and with a little patience becomes very docile. Beautiful in form and colour, it appeals to all. Amongst Canaries the Goldfinch is safe, and will breed freely with the Canary. The same seeds which Canaries live on, varied with wild seeds and the giving of a bath every day, will get the Goldfinch into that fine condition which is a feast for the eyes of all, and which brings out all the brilliant colours of his plumage, thus proclaiming him the best British bird for the beginner.—WALTER MALCOLME THOMSON (Moffat, N.B.).

AN IDEAL PET.

I should say the Goldfinch is the best bird for a beginner, owing to its beautiful plumage, charming song, hardy nature, muling properties, long life, the cheap bill of fare, and its clean habits. It is an attractive show bird, much sought after, easily caught (or cheaply purchased), and one has no difficulty in taming it. It is an ideal pet—a true "Yeoman of the Guard."—GEORGE JONES (Carnarvon).

IN EVERYONE'S REACH.

A Linnet is the best Britisher for a beginner, because it is in the reach of everyone's pocket to start with. To obtain a Linnet for showing purposes you must call on a bird dealer who trades mostly in British birds, and when he has a stock of fresh-caught birds in, select your own by picking out the largest one or two you can see with nice big eyes and round heads. The colour should be a nut-brown on back. The bird should have good chest marking, called pencilling; also tight feather, with good whites showing in its flights. Be sure and get the bird nice and steady, by taking him about with you into fresh company.—HORACE HASSELL (Leicester).

CHEAPLY BOUGHT AND CHEAPLY KEPT.

I say the best bird for a beginner is the Brown Linnet, as it can be purchased for a few coppers and kept quite healthy for years on canary seed and plenty of wild seed, fresh water to drink and bathe in, and a clean cage with a little gritty sand in the bottom. It will more than repay one for the trouble with its charming song.—WM. COWARD (Barrow-in-Furness).

THE BEST FOR BREEDING WITH.

In my opinion the Brown Linnet is best for the beginner, either for breeding or song. First, a field-moulted bird only costs a few coppers, a house-moulted bird costs a little more, but he is undoubtedly the best, for he is over the difficulties of "getting on to seed," etc. You also stand a much better chance of breeding with him. Second, his extreme docility; he very soon knows who attends to his wants, which are very few. Third, he is easy to breed with; even a novice can manage to breed Mules from him. Fourth, he is one of the finest songsters, even rivalling the Canary. His style is somewhat jerky, yet for variety he takes a lot of beating.—HERBERT ROSTRON (Blackpool).

A DOMESTIC PET.

The Linnet is the best bird for a beginner. I select the Linnet because of its cheapness in the first place, and secondly, when it once gets on hard seed it will develop into a domestic pet, and may reasonably turn out (when house-moulted) a good bird. If the beginner will choose a large bird, he has a chance of making something of his Linnet, without paying a "fancy" price to exhibit and secure a red card.—R. GARDNER (Ormskirk).

CHEAP AND FAIRLY PLENTIFUL.

The cock Goldfinch I consider most suitable for the beginner. In the first place it is a moderate price and fairly plentiful. Secondly, it takes kindly to cage life or aviary, has a pleasing song, and is also fairly easy to cater for. As an exhibition bird it excels. At most shows classes are provided for Goldfinch, or Goldfinch or Bullfinch, although in mixed competition it can more than hold its own.—H. S. WELCH (Smethwick).

SOON SETTLES DOWN.

I think the best British bird for the beginner is the Linnet, because it soon settles down to cage life, and is a most prolific breeder for either Mules or Hybrids. It is, too one one of the nicest little songsters we have, costs little to keep (it has a small appetite), and is satisfied with nearly any seed if it is good and sound. It is, furthermore, very attentive to its master, if properly looked to, and makes itself at home in everybody's house.—JAMES CASE (Leeds).

CONTROLLING THE CROSSES.

The cage, I think, because you can cross which breed you want to, without their parting, and pairing up the opposite way you wanted them to; and they pay attention to each other, because there are no other birds to make love to, and there is then no quarrelling.—JAMES PEASE (Leeds).

THE BEST RESULTS.

My experience in Hybrid breeding has taught me that the best results are obtained by using a good, roomy cage and a basket nest covered with small twigs of heather, and for nesting material nests of the species put together (when obtainable, of course, and pulled to pieces). In an outdoor aviary, I have heaps of eggs, and very few, if any fertile.—HY. KIDNER (Birmingham).

ALWAYS A READY MARKET.

Cages are best, in my opinion, for Hybrid breeding—3ft. long, 18in. from back to front, and 2ft. high. Place your nest-pan at one end of the cage; get some branches of heather or spruce first, and fix them round the nest-pan, so as to make them look as natural as you can. This induces them to lay their eggs. Why? Because there is always a ready market, and good prices can be obtained for good Mules and Hybrids of any kind. Get a large Mealy Redpoll cock with abundance of head colour, pair him with the largest Siberian Bullie hen, and if you succeed you will be very well pleased.—W. H. KITCHINGMAN (Barnsley).

WHERE A CAGE FAILS.

An aviary most certainly, as it provides facilities for supplying the natural wants of the birds, which a cage does not. A growing bush, a plot of green, or fresh soil, and a bath with a regular supply of water running in and out of it can be given, thus making it much nearer nature, and so much better for the birds.—WM. COWARD (Barrow-in-Furness).

ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL.

Budgerigars, as they can be taught almost anything, and are free breeders in outdoor or indoor aviaries. And a more beautiful little Forcign bird is hard to find.—MRS. HOARE (Gilfach Goch).

AMUSING TRICKSTERS.

Budgerigars, because they become so tame and affectionate if treated kindly. They also do many amusing tricks.—WM. CLEMENTS (Stepney).

NO ONE NEED COMPLAIN.

The Grey Parrot, because of its wonderful intelligence, remarkable talking powers, extreme docility, and quaint and engaging ways when tamed. No one need complain of loneliness if they have a tame Grey Parrot for company.—JAMES SPARKES (St. Helen's).

PERFECT AND FASCINATING.

The Grey Parrot. No one could desire a more perfect and fascinating bird. It becomes reconciled to close captivity, and can be taught to talk. It is ready to partake of almost anything offered it, and when kept in good health and condition will live to a grand old age, and remain a faithful pet.—J. T. MILLOTT (Mansfield).

CHEAP, YET BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING.

The best is the Budgerigar. It is easily kept and provided for, and does not require much food or attention, is perfectly hardy and very clean, and may be kept out of doors, even in the coldest winter, where, if allowed to, it will readily breed. Although these birds are quite cheap they are very beautiful and interesting, and with a little trouble may be easily tamed.—T. A. FRANKLIN (Bedford).

SO KNOWING.

A Parrot makes a nice pet for a lady, because it gets so knowing and so tame.—MISS ENGLISH (Alton).

MUSICAL AND AMUSING.

The Indian Shama, because of its sweet song, amusing ways, and its nice plumage. Also because it becomes in time very tame. It is also very easy to keep, and a good specimen can be secured at a fair price.—THOMAS HAYES (Preston).



Fieldfare.

First Prize at Wimbledon Show for Mr. F. W. Beard (New Wandsworth).

Question 3.—Is cage or aviary the best for Hybrid Breeding purposes—and why?

TRIED AND TRUSTED.

The cage. You can pair and part them as you require, can save more, and have greater chances of fertile eggs. The birds will also sit and hatch and rear their own broods if allowed to do so. My best results are from the cage.—J. T. MILLOTT (Mansfield).

IT ALL DEPENDS.

I think a cage the best when breeding with a Canary as one of the parents. But if with two British birds, then an aviary is best, because you can make it as natural as possible, and this is a great help where two British birds are concerned.—THOMAS HAYES (Preston).

FOR BREEDING RARE HYBRIDS.

A cage, because it is necessary to have the birds entirely under control. For breeding rare Hybrids a small room or large cage is best, provided the pair have it to themselves. It won't do to have several muling pairs together.—JAMES SPARKES (St. Helen's).

MONETARY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

I am convinced that large outdoor flight cages, about 3ft. by 16in. by 12in. deep, are the best. In the first place, there is the economic side to study. In large aviaries the birds' food bill is much larger, because it takes more to work up the birds into breeding form when they are flying about an aviary. Again, when caged just in pairs, the birds pair with each other more readily than when in aviaries, and you achieve results, as a consequence, quicker. A well-known friend of mine, who has done very fairly in getting Hybrids, advises the following: Pair a cock Linnet to a hen Bullfinch, and a cock Bullfinch (though this cross has not, to my knowledge, been got yet) or Goldie with a hen Greenfirch or Siskin, and place each pair in an outdoor double flight, with just a wire partition separating the two pairs.—E. WILLIAMS (Liscard).

A GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

The aviary. The nearer you get to the natural with your birds, the greater is the chance of success in your breeding operations; and the aviary allows this.—W. M. JOHNSON (Cleethorpes).

THE BEST AND SUREST WAY.

In my experience the best and surest way for a novice to breed a Hybrid is in an aviary. He can turn two cock Goldfinches in with one each of Bullie, Siskin, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Linnet, and Chaffinch hen. Put plenty of snug nesting places. Wicker cages are best covered all round. Make an entrance with gorse and hedge cuttings, and keep in the aviary plenty of assorted seeds and clean water. Keep a sharp look-out for eggs, which remove, and replace dummies until the third egg is laid.—J. HOARE (Gilfach Goch).

Question 4.—What foreign bird makes the best ladies' pet—and why?

SUCH A PAL!

The Parrot undoubtedly makes the best pet. It gets very tame. A lady does not usually care for a bird that is "all over the cage." In my opinion, other foreigners do not make such a pal as Polly does.—H. G. HULL (Gorleston-on-Sea).

EASILY TAMED AND SENSATIVE.

The Parrakeet, because it is so easily tamed, and so sensitive.—MISS LAURA ARMITAGE (Leeds).

MERRY LITTLE CHAPS.

The Waxbills make the best lady's pets, as these can be kept in pairs in cages or in large numbers in aviaries. There is quite a large family to choose from, including the St. Helena, Orange-cheeked, Zebra, African, Australian, Crimson-eared, Crimson-winged, etc. These are merry little chaps. They have no power of song, but are pretty and winsome.—G. KNIGHT (Lowestoft).

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And you are so bright and happy
All the winter long.

Though the Lark and Thrush are silent,
Waiting for the spring,
And the Swallows all have vanished,
Robin still can sing.

Now the snow so fast is falling,
And the wind blows chill,
Yet each morning you are waiting
On the window sill.

And we don't forget your breakfast;
See, the crumbs are here.
And your pretty song says "Thank you,"
Little Robin, dear.

Sent by Mabel Russon (age 8), 2, Bush Street Burnley Lane, Burnley.

*Politeness.

As I was sitting in the shed a cock Chaffinch flew into the garden. It found a patch of seed, but instead of feasting itself, it flew off and soon returned with its mate which it conducted to the seed, when they fed together.—Sent by E. Adcock (age 11), 85, Horninglow Street, Burton-on-Trent.

*The Greedy Parrot.

A gentleman early one morning heard some terrible shrieks outside his window. On looking out he saw a Parrot flying after a little Sparrow, which had some food in its mouth. This poor little Sparrow flew into the room through an open window, followed by its pursuer, which, after a struggle, the gentleman captured; whereupon the Sparrow chirped its thanks and flew out again.—Sent by Florence Shinn (age 11), 33, Edward Road, Bedford, Beds.

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The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 628.)

Smoothness and Shagginess.

I daresay my readers are inclined to prefer the Belgian that is clothed with tight-fitting feathers, which give the bird the appearance of being "smooth as a bottle." Certainly the smooth fellow is very common, and is to be met with almost everywhere, especially since the little Belgians came into vogue. The smoothness enables one to note the actual size and shape, but when you come to breeding, the shaggy massive fellow is preferred. It has a larger, bolder appearance; fills the eye, as it were, and satisfies its owner that he has a goodly foundation upon which to build up a strain. I may be wrong, but I have a feeling that the rough feathered Belgian is also stronger than its tight-feathered brother or sister. If a shaggy feathered male or female is put to a fairly rough Scotch Fancy Canary of the opposite sex, the progeny will or ought to be bold, equipped with a portly frame, firmly set on its legs. Breeders cannot have too much stature and clothing to work upon, either in Belgian or Scotch Fancy Canaries. In both sections there are far too many prime birds, a class it cannot be expected substantial stock will come from.

Depth of Chest.

At first sight the depth of chest may seem a matter of small importance, but on close investigation it will be seen that a great deal hangs upon the having of a chest of considerable depth from the front to the tip of the shoulder. A bird with sufficient depth of chest will never be a long, shapeless specimen. And its solid quality enhances the value of the Belgian, or first cross, when it changes hands. Unfortunately the less favoured breeders of Belgians have to be content when disposing of their stock with what they can get, and that occasionally is not of much account. A better class of Belgian Canary all through would be the means of raising more winning birds than in the past; this would give rise to an uncertainty as to where winners may be found in the beginning of the show season. Needless to say, this in turn will lead to increased entries, and a healthier state of competition at the opening events.

Small Belgians.

Small Belgians are of very little use in the breeding room. They naturally produce small crosses, which are not in demand, and in point of fact, are not worth breeding. The more undersized birds are bred, the greater the probability of the descendants all along the line proving a disappointment. Of course, a small bird may be got from a large pair. A Belgian or a Scotch Fancy Canary of that kind may be safely put into stock, and it may be as good and as useful as the larger and more highly favoured bird, which shows in a very marked degree superiority of size and quality.

The body of a Belgian should be long and straight, and nicely wedge-shaped, becoming narrower until it reaches almost a point. The tail is usually straight down, and the feathers closely set, appearing to be laid right on the top of each other.

The Washing of Belgians.

Belgians are invariably fond of the water. Place a bath at their disposal, and they will rush to it, and lose no time in jumping in and splashing the water right and left, until they are completely drenched. If left to themselves they are inclined to overdo it and bring on asthma, to which the Belgian is frequently subject; and once this complaint gets a hold, it usually takes some getting rid of. Nothing worse can happen to a Belgian after it has plunged in the bath than to settle down and mope. To do so with wet feathers is pretty certain to bring on a cold, which may develop into pleurisy, pneumonia or some other dangerous malady. Should a bird get a severe drenching, it should be kept on the move, and in a warm place till the feathers are dry.

If persistently on the move, a bird will dry as speedily again as one which is permitted to sit rolled up, with its head under the wing. It is a well-known fact that a man can go out and take a good walk in the rain, and get his clothes soaked through; and yet by changing his clothing on returning home, he will feel no ill effects. It is in a measure the same with our feathered pets, with this only difference, that they cannot remove their covering, so that the next best thing for them is to shake themselves and "prune up" with their bills till they succeed in drying every feather. The time to give Belgians a bath is in the early morn in bright weather; the birds are then lively, and will make a better effort to dry themselves than the late washers. Nothing beats an early start in every phase of life. The early bird, indeed catches the worm, and has considerable advantages over the late member.

Early and Late Attendance.

The early morning, if the breeder has the opportunity, is the best part of the day in which to devote an hour or so to the stock. In daylight the stock is all alert, and in the dark mornings artificial light can be used. The birds will soon awaken, and will welcome their master or mistress. They like an early start, and they have wisdom in this respect that might be copied.

In my opinion it is preferable not to disturb pure Belgians at night time, but to let them enjoy the rest intended for them. Should the bird-room be in a city, which is subject to dark foggy days, they may get artificial light for an hour or so to have a feed and a drink of water; but in such a case special care ought to be taken in putting out the light; it should be lowered gradually, until it can be extinguished without frightening the stock.

Belgians for Scotch Fancy Breeding.

On all hands it is admitted that the Belgian Canary, as it was twenty years ago, is lost, particularly in shoulder, depth of chest, size, and substance—qualities which every fancier of this variety seeks in the building-up of the Scotch Fancy, the "King of Cage Birds." The "King" has suffered on account of the growing number of fanciers who breed this variety for the purpose of competing at club shows. Even these fanciers, however, are beginning to realise that if they are to have a proper chance in a club they have to go in for good birds, and that if they are to possess the style that will win, they have to start with a substantial Belgian.

The proper basis upon which to work is to have in each bird-room a good, large Belgian Canary, to be used in crossing with the Scotch Fancy. The demand for the Belgian Canary will only increase with its gradual decay. The best plan is to set about getting a collection of the best Belgians available, and use them for the recovery of the "grand old Belgian," which has done so much to make the Scotch Fancy Canary what it is. When I visit shows in the leading towns, and make practical and mental comparison of the handsome, substantial Belgian of the past with the puny Belgians of the present time, I cannot help asking myself why the size has gone from our birds. The system of having only one Belgian in each aviary I have no doubt has a lot to do with this falling away, and were two good Belgians kept, and an odd pair or two bred, and passed on to other breeders, the substantial, solid Belgian would be maintained. Then, instead of the miniatures of to-day we should have the large, burly, well-built Belgian upon which reliance could be placed for practical purposes.

Like a Bent Willow.

A Scotch Fancy Canary without a lot of the Belgian in it is like a bent willow, long and thin, and void of top end and that substantial appearance which heavy shoulders give to the "King of Cage Birds." Every breeder wants a right typical Scotch Fancy Canary to breed from, and that stamp cannot be got without the Belgian being bred and inter-bred with it.

Time was when it was a common saying at a show that there was far too much of the Belgian in the Scotch Fancy, and that a good percentage of the exhibits should be exhibited in a cage with one perch, which, I may explain in passing, is the class of cage used for showing a pure Belgian. A Belgian is not adapted for jumping from one perch to another, and shows best in a one-perch cage. He should be put up against a door or the wall, and the bottom of the cage should be scratched, when he will take a firm grip of the perch, and sit pulling for all he is worth, displaying the sweet head, the long neck, the well cleaned out front, and the solid back and body, which only a good Belgian possesses. A Belgian fancier possessed of the spirit which some of the old fanciers had becomes entranced as the bird by instinct gets into position, and proudly indicates by his gestures that he is a Belgian bold and true.

A Very Good Test.

We all like to see a real good Belgian. He is in every respect much superior to his near relation, the first or second cross, which is to be found in the present-day Belgian classes, quite at home in a cage with two perches (i.e., the cage used for the exhibiting of Scotch Fancies), but ill at ease when confined to a cage with only one perch. A very good test, in fact, as to whether a bird is a true Belgian or a cross from the Belgian is to run it into a cage with two perches; the first or second cross will move about freely. Belgians and crosses from the Belgians are two distinct classes of birds, and are easily distinguished by a competent judge. Neither should be passed in the class to which it does not properly belong. The judge therefore can do a great deal to keep the Belgian pure. It is really pitiful to listen to the remarks to be heard well-nigh every other Saturday: "These are not Belgians, and I am surprised that Mr. —— (who judged) placed them in a class set aside for pure Belgians." The judge, on the other hand, when spoken to, says: "What could I do? The exhibits were put before me;" i.e., presumably with the full knowledge of the executive, so that he had to place them in the order of merit. In my opinion the management should exercise a censorship, and see that every exhibit is what it is represented to be. They may say, "We have too much to do on a show day to be able to examine each cage minutely, and the judge is an expert, and well up in his own section." But what every Belgian breeder wants are classes for pure Belgians. Then, and not until then, will they be satisfied with the classes.

(To be continued.)

The Breeding of Goldfinch-Canary and Linnet-Canary Mules.

By J. BARBER.

In writing of these birds we must first understand what they are. In the first place a Mule is commonly known as a bird produced from a Canary and a British bird, and a Hybrid is a bird produced by crossing two different kinds of British birds or foreign birds.

If you have a bird which you think is a Mule, you must look and see if it shows both sides of its parentage. If you think it is a Linnet Mule, you will find it of a brownish colour, but if it is a Canary, if a green one it will be of a greenish colour, especially the under parts, and if a marked Canary you will find the marked places more green in colour than brown. If you have a Goldfinch Mule it will have a longish beak, and the face will be coloured more or less with red feathers.

If you have had a nest of Canaries from your hen Canary first, or had a cock Canary running with her before you pair her to the British bird, don't build your hopes too high if you see in one of the young the feathers are coming lightly marked or clear, as the hen Canary sometimes has a young Canary in first nest then.

Plenty of Patience Needed.

I will deal with all the drawbacks first, for if you are to succeed in mule or hybrid breeding you must be prepared for them, and have plenty of patience, and if you don't succeed the first time don't lose heart, but keep on trying till you do, as everything comes to those who wait. If you fail the first time of trying don't say "Bother Mule breeding! Who wants to buy?" etc., but try again. And another thing, don't put your birds together until they are both in breeding condition, or you will be having unfertile eggs, or none

If you are going to try for Linnet Mules, if you have not a house-moulted bird, get some Linnets, as large as possible, early in the catching season, so as to get them steady and used to cage life, and hang them so they can see their intended partner all through the winter months, and by about January turn them into a breeding cage. The double breeding cage is to be preferred. Start to give them some wild seeds. The seeds I use I find always bring them in breeding condition, viz., 1lb. of charlock, 3ozs. dandelion, ½lb. of gold of pleasure, ½lb. of maw, and 4ozs. of turnip seeds, which I give in finger drawer every day. As a staple food I give 1lb. of Spanish Canary and 1lb. of German rape seeds, with a sprinkling of lin. and teazle seeds.

When your Linnet has got used to the breeding cage, put a wire slide in the cage and turn your hen Canary in one of the compartments, and give egg food every other day, and when you see the Linnet feeding the hen through the wire slide you can draw the slide out, and then put the nest pan in cage, and supply them with some nesting material.

As the hen lays the eggs, replace them with dummy eggs, and when she has laid her last egg, and started to sit, put them back, and take the dummy ones out. Shut the Linnet away from hen by means of the wooden slide, and let her sit the eggs and rear the young by herself.

When the young ones have left the nest, and you notice the hen Canary wanting to go to nest again, take the young ones out of the breeding cage and put them in a nursery cage, and hang it on front of the breeding cage. Then draw the slide and run the Linnet in again, and supply nesting material as before, and they will finish feeding the young ones through the wires. Don't forget to keep your Linnet in condition while your hen is sitting and feeding the young ones.

In the Case of Goldie Mules.

When breeding Goldfinch Mules treat them the same as the Linnet, only give different seed to the Goldfinch. The seed should consist of 1lb. of Canary, ½lb. of hemp, ½lb. of teazle, ½lb. of lin. seeds. Give as a tit-bit in the finger drawer equal parts of inga, thistle, and maw seeds, which will soon bring them into breeding condition. This will be evident from the black mark on the beak disappearing, and the beak will be of a pinkish colour; and when singing the bird will jerk his tail. You will have plenty of time to have a nest of Canaries off your hen Canary before putting her with the Goldfinch, as the latter are late breeders

If you are going to try and breed some Hybrids, you will find the single breeding cage of a large size the best. The size I prefer is 2ft. long, ½ yard high, and 14ins. deep, with a large door at one end. I place an old nest in one end and a piece of fir tree or gorse bush in front of it, to put it out of sight as much as possible, as British birds are generally very shy breeders. You must have some Canaries paired together that will lay about the same time as your hen British bird, because you will want the Canaries to sit the eggs from your British birds. The latter will not sit on the eggs or rear the young in captivity. Have the bottom of cage covered with sawdust, or any other soft material not injurious to birds, as they are very bad for dropping their eggs when perching, and if the cage bottom consists of bare boards the eggs will be broken. Don't forget to take the eggs out of the cage as they are laid, and replace with a dummy egg, and if the birds will sit them let them do so for about a week; then take the eggs out and get the birds ready for the next lot.

When breeding Mules you must get your pairs as large as possible; you want Mules large to win, if you intend showing them. It is everybody's ambition to breed a clear or lightly marked Mule, and the Sib-bred hen is used for this purpose; but if you are breeding them for song you will find a good Roller hen Canary as good as any. One thing I advise, if you are lucky enough to breed any Mules, teach them under either a good Canary or a British bird, and then, if not good enough for showing purposes, you can sell them as songsters, or as catching birds.

Some Interesting Canary Problems Considered.

BY CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The following is written with a view to helping fanciers who are in real difficulty and need timely assistance. The breeding season is near, and one has to be up and doing in order to ensure some measure of success whilst the birds are fresh and fit, and, having done so, give the parents a chance to rest after their labours, and recuperate before the beginning of the next important season, to wit, the moult, which will put just as severe a strain upon them as the exertions of rearing families. It therefore behoves all prudent fanciers to mentally thrash out, without loss of time, the pros and cons of their hopes and desires in the breeding-room.

It is to help fanciers to solve their difficulties that a few genuine questions which have been put to the writer from time to time, and which appear to be of common occurrence (for which reason also the replies may fairly be assumed to be of general interest to many) are here set down and solved, so that he who runs may read.

Mode of Procedure.

To give pride of place to one of the first points claiming attention, the substance of the following query is very often heard during each breeding season: "I am turning the birds into aviaries. Is there any way in which I can let them fly loose and breed, and also keep them select, supposing I bought some prize-winners?"

Upon such a question as this, and, mind you, it is really a genuine one, a small volume might be written. It is simply asking whether one can breed birds on pedigree lines, mating them according to a carefully worked-out plan of one's own after considering each bird's parentage for at least two or three generations, and, if it has been mated before, the particular points it appears to stamp most frequently upon its progeny; whether, I repeat, one can attain these objects with birds over whose mating he has absolutely no control. And, yet again, it embodies the difficult question as to whether one can hope to produce prize-winners from birds picked up haphazard, whose sole qualification may be the very doubtful one of being a prize-winner. I say doubtful here advisedly. At minor local shows even the first prize winners may be quite mediocre specimens, which would never get near the cards in fairly strong open competition, and yet may be truly described as prize-winners. It is purely a mating on sight, aided and abetted (or rather blinded and prejudiced) by the bird's performances on the show-bench rather than by its breeding and the blood it possesses.

Such an idea should, in fact, be cast to the four winds without fear of consequences. Let pedigree have first, second, and third place, at least, when balancing up points, and let "sight mating" take an inconspicuous place at the rear, or come in "nowheer." Depend upon it, "blood will tell"—no matter whether it be common blood under a more or less aristocratic exterior, or good blood under a plebeian dress, it will come out on the surface in the progeny, sooner or later, or, which is yet more likely, sooner *and* later, or all along the line.

Arranging a Compromise.

As regards the first part of this query, one can arrange a kind of compromise and retain a certain amount of control over the breeding arrangements whilst allowing the birds to fly loose. But one must not expect to breed many prize-winners in this way unless he is prepared to set apart a whole room or aviary to each pair or trio of breeding stock. Under any other method the amount of control one has is very small, and the keeping of a proper and reliable pedigree register is a practical impossibility. In the first of these methods the procedure would be the same as for any ordinary caged specimens, the sole difference being that each pair or trio of birds would have freedom of flight in a larger sphere than the conventional breeding cage.

But when a larger number of birds are kept together the little control one can exercise lies in the direction of colour, and size, with a still more limited control over the markings. Say, for example, one intends to put up a stock of ten or a dozen birds—that is, three cocks and seven or nine hens. In a general way the cocks should be all clear yellows or buffs, and the hens suitably ticked or marked specimens of the opposite colour. If the stock generally wants a little more size, chubbiness, or feather, this may be provided for to a certain extent by double buffing to the extent of one cock, if buff hens are being employed, or if all buff cocks, by introducing two buff hens in place of two yellows. The latter is really the best way, because it is so much easier for one to identify the young of the pair of double-buffs by ringing, or otherwise marking, the young of these hens just before they leave the nest.

In the same way if there is a lack of natural colour, a ticked or marked cock may be used in place of one of the clears, and a green, and another heavily variegated hen substituted for two of the more lightly ticked or marked specimens, the young of these hens being marked before flight for future identification. In short, the whole system resolves itself into limiting one's efforts to one particular type of birds to breed for, and to do this in groups applying the same general rules to the mating of each group as is done when one is breeding from single birds in cages. To do this one must select both cocks and hens as nearly alike as possible, and so balanced that if breeding was about to be carried out in the orthodox manner in single pairs, any one of the cocks might reasonably be put up with either of the hens.

What Price Winners?

Another frequent question put is: "What price shall I have to pay for a pair to breed prize-winners?" The form in which the question is put may vary a little from the time to time, but the substance will always be the same. As well might one ask: How much will a man want for his horse?

Replying to the question as it stands, one might say off-hand ten shillings or ten thousand shillings and be correct in both cases. The first-named sum might, under certain circumstances, buy a pair of birds that will breed winners at local shows, whilst the latter sum, huge though it may appear, would be none too much to tempt a few breeders to relinquish possession of a pair of birds which their knowledge and experience led them to believe would produce good show birds. And it is a mere truism that the breeder who has built up a strain of good birds which will produce a certain number of prize-winners each year, knows his bird and their capabilities as no other man does. He also knows the birds' value to himself, and is not likely to let them go below that value, seeing that once disposed of there is always the possibility of their breeding birds against which his own stock may have to compete. Then, also, really good bred birds capable of producing prize-winners will always be in fair demand at a certain market value. But in buying from the breeder direct it is just possible that by chance this value may be temporarily ignored. The breeder may for some reason find it necessary to make room quickly, or may have an unusually large surplus stock, or be temporarily embarrassed in other ways, all of which may tend to cause him to dispose of birds at "bargain prices" to meet any of these peculiar circumstances. But, even so, do not expect to pick up the right class of birds for a few shillings per pair.

Of the commoner varieties, one might get a fairly moderate type of bird—not the best by a long way, mark you—at from 30s. to 40s. per pair; middle-class varieties, so to speak, at 50s. or 60s. per pair; whilst really high-class varieties of moderate quality such as Crests will run up to £8 to £10 per pair. In any case, a fair judgment of the popular prices of most breeds can be formed by a careful study of the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS for a few weeks during the season from November to March.

To be or not to be?

Following closely upon the heels of the last question comes another somewhat similar to it: "Must I be an exhibitor at shows to be able to sell stock?"

The issues raised by this apparently simple question (undoubtedly put forth, in this case, in perfect good faith and innocence) are very far-reaching, and not without a spice of peppery contention. But of the less desirable and prejudiced features we may here observe a discreet silence; not, indeed, because of any desire to gloss over an evil; much less to give credence to the existence of any such evil save in certain minds. It is the *bona fide* of the query of a tenderfoot in the Fancy that alone concerns us. In most cases it would be the wisest principle to reply to such a question from such a source in the affirmative. The curiosity of prompting the question seems to me quite obviously to be expressed in some such words as these—if I buy some prize-winners and breed from them shall I be able to sell them at good prices like Mr. So-and-So without first showing any birds or making my *status quo* as a breeder of champions known publicly?

Of course an old and tried breeder with an enviable record will be sure to be taken as a standard worthy of emulation. This being the case, then, to avoid misleading a novice into a false conception upon the matter, the question calls for an emphatic and decisive "Yes."

It is an undoubted fact that some few ultra-champion breeders, whose birds command the highest prices, are never found in the role of exhibitors at shows. But these "shining lights" have already "gone through the mill," and have built up strains and made a reputation for themselves and their studs which enables them to rest safely upon their past victories. If the novice would enjoy similar benefits, there can be no surer way than to tread the same beaten track and prove to the Fancy his capabilities to build up and maintain strains of the highest types.

If one makes a really judicious start in the Fancy and breeds a good type of bird capable of holding its own at the average show it is easily possible for him to dispose of all the surplus stock to personal friends of a kindred spirit, or through their recommendation, and again by the aid of advertisement. But in nearly every case it will prove a very uphill task to get more than the ordinary prices usually asked for birds of average merits, and fancy prices would be almost unattainable, and the credit for the careers of the best birds disposed of will almost invariably devolve upon the one who exhibits them, so that the much-desired reputation may never become *un fait accompli*. It is literally equivalent to "hiding one's own light under a bushel," and the beginner whose aspirations go no farther than this would be best advised to go in for an ordinary type of singing bird, or attractive birds for pets, to supply the popular and local demand for such birds.

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Beautiful, Hardy and Enduring.

THE SCARLET TANAGER (*Rhamphocalus brasilius*).—The superlative is still my theme, and rightly so, as to escape therefrom is impossible, even if I so desired, with such a galaxy of beauty as adorns our plate. I trust I may be pardoned, if I ask what can surpass the regal array of the Scarlet Tanager? If I may be permitted a comparison I should say he was clad in carmine and black satin, which glows and reflects and assumes (so far as is possible) a minor key under the effects of light and shade.

This species, in spite of its glorious garb, does not meet with much success on the show bench. So many rarer and equally beautiful species are now to be obtained, that the once eagerly-sought-after Scarlet Tanager is numbered among Common Foreign Birds. Yet with all this, though several have come very near success, these birds have not yet been bred in this country. However, in Germany several have succeeded in rearing young of this species. One of the chief obstacles appears to be the difficulty of getting hens. If anyone had a garden aviary of medium size, with growing bushes and undergrowth, there should be more than a probable prospect of success, and what sight could be finer than a pair of these birds disporting themselves amid the growing greenery, with the very probable prospect of their life history (home life!), being daily revealed and laid bare to our observation! Once over the hardships of importation this species is hardy and enduring. What more need I say, than that one of this species lived for over four years out of doors all the year round in my garden aviary? Though not becoming tame enough for handling, it would eat fruit in close proximity to your feet, and with its congeners, the Blue, Maroon and Superb, was an adept at catching mealworms either on the wing or when stationary on a perch. It is altogether a delightful bird either for cage or aviary. Still, it cannot compare as a pet with the Green Bulbul and others already mentioned.

To emphasise its robust vigour, I will mention in passing that a fellow aviculturist, Dr. Walker of Sheffield, had a fine specimen, which escaped from his aviaries and spent part of the summer and autumn among the fruit trees of his neighbour's gardens, not remaining in the immediate vicinity, however, the whole period. Before it was recaptured, several nights of very sharp frost were experienced; yet it was in even better condition than when it escaped. But did not the fruit fly! It was a good thing those neighbours were sympathetic.

The diet given at the head of these notes will suffice to keep them fit and in sleek condition with ordinary attention and care. The hen bird is quite soberly clad in comparison with the cock bird. Instead of glowing scarlet, she is reddish-brown. Nevertheless, she is a handsome bird, but also a "suffragette." and not easily brought into submission to her regally-clad lord and master.

A Popular Tanager.

THE SUPERB TANAGER (*Calliste fastuosa*).—In what numbers (for Tanagers) this lovely species is kept, and how well it deserves its popularity! Its very name, "Superb," indicates its extreme beauty. Thus my theme in this series has been uninterrupted—it has been superlative all through. It must now draw rapidly to a close. All that I have said of the preceding species is equally applicable here, with perhaps one exception. It is not so robust as *Tanagra* or *Rhamphocalus*, and the like, but is nevertheless most certainly not fragile. Many of them are in rather a debilitated condition on arrival and need careful nursing at first; but once this critical period is past, they are not delicate. And, well fed and treated, as indicated in my opening remarks, their lives are certainly not short ones.

What gems they are in an outdoor aviary during the summer months! How their refulgent plumage glistens in the sun! And especially is this true of the feathers of the crown, face and back of the neck, which glisten and scintillate like the scales of a snake.

And now my "yarn" is finished, but this paper has been somewhat of a task, for it has been written against time. Yet it has been an infinite pleasure also, as I have lived some of my experiences over again, and recalled some "departed" favourites, whose places have been filled by other species; and I venture to hope that it will impart like pleasure and interest to my readers, and also prove of some practical value.

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Club Reports.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The British Bird and Pair show, held on February 18th, was the final show for the season's special competition. The successful competitors are: 1, S. Hadwin, 63 points; 2, T. G. Woodman, 62: 3, G. Benson, 57 (most money); 4, S. S. Holford, 57. Silver medal for novice, F. Bayley.—Wm. MALLINSON, Sec. and Treasurer.

ECCLESHILL B.F.A.

A lecture was given by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) before the members on February 12th, the subject being "Pairing and Breeding." Mr. Clarkson dealt with the subject in a thorough businesslike manner, which can only be expected from a fancier who has devoted nearly all his life to the study of all kinds of bird life. Both young and old fanciers learnt a few good wrinkles as the result of Mr. Clarkson's lecture, and a hearty vote of thanks was given him, he suitably responding.—W. NETTLETON, Sec.

DUBLIN P.C.B. AND P.A.

Committee meeting held at 6, South Anne-street, on February 9th. Mr. Webster occupying the chair. The hon. treasurer announced a deficit of about £6 on the show, but owing to the generosity of all the committee present, the deficit was reduced to a small amount. The hon. treasurer was directed to pay the prize money. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. L. Hearn for a generous donation of £2 2s. towards the funds, and to Mr. J. Blood Smyth and the hon. treasurer. Messrs. McLean and Webster were appointed hon. auditors. The date of the annual show was fixed for 16th and 17th November next.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual dinner and social held on Feb. 12th at headquarters, Mowbray Arms, where the members had a splendid repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. J Newton, and the fanciers in the district know what that means. After dinner the chair was taken by our President (Mr. A. Huddlestone), who opened the social with a few appropriate remarks. The social proved the best we have had. Madam Lee and Miss Leigh, Messrs. Bilsboro, Metcalfe, Haley, West and Gardener contributed. Our Chairman then presented the special prizes to the following winners:—Cup and gold medal, Holroyd Bros., A. Grange; 2nd medal and 3rd prize reserved for novices, T. Smith; gold medal, presented by Holroyd Bros., T. Smith; money prizes, given by our host, 10s, most points, Holroyd Bros.; 10s for best bird in each of four members' shows, Holroyd Bros. (3), Mr. Dent (1). Votes of thanks to the host and hostess, artistes, and chairman brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—H. GRANGE, sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

The sub-committee appointed to arrange for a change of headquarters have been successful in securing the use of the large room at the "Reindeer Hotel," Rye Lane, Peckham, in which to hold their members' shows, concerts, and meetings. The "Reindeer Hotel" is almost opposite Peckham Rye Station, and within three minutes of the L.C.C. electric cars to all parts. There is a private entrance to the meeting room, and we hope to continue our very popular Bohemian concerts. We will welcome lady friends to our shows and meetings. The room has been secured for our use every Tuesday night during the year, and at a considerable saving to our working expenses. The committee have arranged the following programme for the year, and trust the members will do their utmost to support them in making the various fixtures a great success:—Mar. 1st, pair and table show of British, judge Mr. Rohson; April 5th, lecture on "The Protection of British Birdkeepers" by Mr. Allen Silver; May 3rd, lecture on "Breeding and Exhibiting of Norwich," by Mr. L. J. Richardson; June 7th, young bird show, judge Mr. T. Heath; July 5th, lecture on "Seeds," by Mr. Trower; Aug. 23rd, British bird show; Sept. 6th, washing competition and exhibition, by Mr. J. W. Cranfield; Oct. 4th, lecture, "Pedigree versus Selection," by Mr. F. Cole; Nov. 8th, annual show, judges, Messrs. Rohson and Silver; Dec. 6th, annual Bohemian concert. Many other interesting items will be arranged during the year, including a country ramble in May. W. HODSON, hon. sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

An Egg-food Making Competition.

Meeting held February 14th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Messrs. R. G. Jenkinson and W. J. Styles were unanimously elected members. Result of ballot for judges:—Finch Show, C. Prior; Young Bird Show—Canary Section, J. Robson; British Section, A. Silver; Annual Show—Canary Section, J. Robson; British Section, H. Norman. The payment of prize money won at pair show then took place, and special prizes were presented. Not being able to settle (under the existing rules) a special prize which two members tied for, the chairman (who was an interested member) suggested that it be given to the Wynn Commemoration Benefit Fund, which was readily agreed to. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robson for a donation towards the expenses of the recent pair show. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the pair show stewards and Miss R. Shephard. A schedule, consisting of 25 classes, was drawn up for the British and Foreign bird show on March 12th. A collection on behalf of the British bird prosecution appeal case was made, realising £1 1s. 3d., which was sent off to Mr. G. Crabb, c o CAGE BIRDS.

The Making of Egg-food.

An egg-food-making competition then took place. Previous to commencing, it was agreed that the judging should be for method, suitability of food, cleanliness, and quickness, which should be decided by ballot by the members present. Arranged along a table were six white pudding basins, containing a hard-boiled egg, and a teaspoon, and numbered from 1 to 6. The first competitor was Mr. W. Shepherd, who informed the members in a somewhat nervous voice, that this was his first public performance. Placing a 10-inch wooden-framed wire sieve over the first basin, he commenced to rub the egg through with a wooden spoon, each rub being directed towards himself. He next took a large slice of home-made Madeira cake, informing the members that this was made fresh every day, and, being very light and palatable, was eagerly sought for, and always cleared up by his birds. This he rubbed through his fingers, afterwards adding a little maw seed before finally amalgamating the whole. The process took three minutes. In answer to a question, Mr. Shepherd said that he made his mixture up four times a day. The next member (No. 2) was Mr. G. T. Pile, who started off with a similar wire sieve, but a size smaller, using a metal tablespoon to press the egg through, but using his hands to rub through the one-day-old household bread previously cut up into squares. In the final amalgamation he used a tablespoon, as he considered that by the use of a fork there was a possible danger of verdigris lurking on the prongs, which would contaminate the food. He made this fresh twice a day. The time taken was two minutes. No. 3 competitor was Mr. T. Kelly, who caused considerable merriment by walking up the hall with a large pestle on his shoulder and a mortar under his arm. Taking a large-sized piece of household bred, three days old, he commenced to rub it through on a coarse tin grater, it going through as though it was biscuit, being so hard. He next turned this into a wedgwood ware mortar, together with a whole egg, and pounded the whole of it up with the pestle, afterwards stirring it round with a teaspoon and adding maw seed at the same time to separate it from the solid mass. Time, two minutes. Last year's winner, Mr. T. Monger, was the fourth member to demonstrate. Passing his egg through a 6-inch tin-framed wire sieve with a wooden spatula, and afterwards four Osborne biscuits, he then mixed them slightly together in the basin, finally passing the whole of it again through the sieve, finishing up with a teaspoonful of maw seed, which, in his opinion, induced the hens to feed better. Time, three minutes. No. 5 brought forth Mr. W. Sanders (another first appearance in public). Cutting up his egg in many pieces, he proceeded to pass it through an ordinary domestic 12-inch wooden-framed wire sieve with a dinner knife, and with a piece of "tin" loaf bread passed it through the sieve with his hands. This bread he had proved was far superior than the household, for it was much lighter and crumbly. To these he added a teaspoonful of castor sugar when mixing up in the basin, an addition which stimulated his birds to eat it the more readily. The bread he used was after one day's baking. He here mentioned that by passing the bread through the sieve after the egg, he did away with any further cleaning, and so saved valuable time. Time, 2½ minutes. The 6th and last competitor was Mr. J. Warwick, who used an 8-inch wooden-framed wire sieve to pass his one-day-old bread through, but the chief interest was centred in the passing of the egg with a wooden presser, through a 2-inch tin tube, 5 ins. high, with a perforated plate in the centre. This was considered quick and clean. The bread being spongy, his time was, however, longer—3¼ minutes. Ballot papers were then handed round, and after the counting by the official scrutineers, Messrs. C. C. Offord and W. Shepherd, the chairman announced that Mr. T. Monger had been declared the winner, with Mr. Shepherd runner-up. A silver and bronze medal respectively were presented to the winners by the chairman, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. T. Kelly for an interesting "colour food" making demonstration afterwards.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the annual meeting, held in Co-operative Library, on February 12th, Mr. J. Hands presided over a very large turn-out. The report and balance-sheet were considered very satisfactory, especially as the latter showed a substantial balance in hand. The officers were then duly elected, F. R. Simpson, Esq., J.P., being re-elected hon. president, and Mr. J. Hands chairman. Owing to the resignation of Mr. J. Davison as treasurer, Mr. J. W. Clark was elected in his place. Also a strong working committee was elected. Six new members were proposed, so that "things are beginning to hum" at Blaydon. We decided to hold our annual show in the Co-operative Hall on November 4th and 5th.—GEO. HAYVER, Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Election of officers for 1910:—President, T. H. Dent, 35; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Atchison (49), E. Baker (32), J. Bexson (33), A. G. Davis (21); committee, Messrs. G. Seed (64), S. Cook (59), J. Trengove (56), J. Hayhurst (53), W. Booth (47), J. Raynes (47), J. W. Cleminson (37), R. Taylor (33), P. Wareing (31), R. Braybrook (30), J. H. Roe (29), B. Clegg (27), E. Sutton (41), G. T. Fletcher (37), J. Gerrard (25), and G. W. F. Lythgoe (24); auditors, Messrs. G. W. F. Lythgoe (57) and B. Clegg (53); judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe (62), J. Trengove (61), W. Vardy (61), W. Booth (59), J. Robson (58), H. W. Battye (57), J. C. Barnes (55), R. Taylor (47), Dr. Herd (45), A. Wellings (41), J. Bexson (40), A. Hirst (38), J. H. Payne (36), A. G. Davis (33); secretary and treasurer, Jno. Hopkins, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs. 89 papers returned.—JNO. HOPKINS, sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

During the evening on the occasion of our pair show (Feb. 12) it was announced by Mr. S. C. Rhodes, from the chair, that the committee had unanimously decided to withdraw from the London Federation of C.B.S., after carefully considering the reports of our delegates, and the benefits derived from affiliation to that body during the past year. One or two questions were asked, and Mr. Carr, as one of the delegates, made a few remarks on the subject. Mr. J. A. Bartlett said that he fully agreed with Mr. Carr, and had nothing to add. Mr. H. Ovenden then moved, and Mr. Mallett seconded, "that the action of the committee be confirmed," and this was carried unanimously. The chairman then announced that the following fanciers had been proposed for membership during the evening:—Messrs. P. Mays and Weston (Manor Park), Mr. Reed (Leytonstone), Messrs. H. B. Rout, C. Smith, C. R. South, and Paxman (East Ham), Messrs. A. Angliss and E. Pettet (Walthamstow), Mr. A. J. Marley (Leyton), Mr. Smith (South Woodford). There being no objection raised, all were duly nominated. A hearty vote of thanks was then given to Mr. J. S. Clarke for his kindness in judging the show, to which he suitably responded.—FORSE AND SON.

LEEDS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held February 5th. The Chairman (Mr. P. Whiteley) opened the proceedings by presenting the secretary with a purse containing 35s., as an appreciation of his services, and to pay his out-of-pocket expenses in running five successful members' shows last year. This amount does not come out of the funds of the society, but has been given voluntarily by several well-wishers. The Secretary thanked these gentlemen for their kindness and thoughtfulness. The new rules referred to in the minutes apply to members' shows, and the most important are: One which states that the six birds competing for members' specials must be starred; and another which states that when all the exhibits in one class belong to one member the points will be halved in that class. Shall we hold an open show? came next, and after a lot of discussion it was decided to wait another year before speculating. It was thought by the majority that by then the air would have cleared with respect to the Cage Bird Union, and we should then be able to get the support we used to get from our north-country friends, who we hope by then will not have their hands tied, as at present, and will be at liberty to show where they like. The syllabus for 1910 was left for the committee to deal with. After the classes for pair show to be held at headquarters on March 5th had been allotted, Mr. F. Farrar, our vice-chairman, was unanimously elected to judge all classes, and as admission is free, we hope to see a good number of visitors, and be able to make some new members at this event. Mr. G. Burns (Leeds) was elected a member, and Mr. J. Crossley (Gildersime) handed in his name for election at next meeting.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held January 31st, Mr. A. Towl presiding. It was decided to hold a table show for matched breeding pairs of Norwich Canaries, hybrid pairs, and various classes for British birds, at our next meeting, on February 28th. Mr. W. H. Moore will judge. Mr. J. T. Cotterill was elected hon. treasurer in the place of Mr. Metcalfe, resigned.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

In making up the points gained throughout the season in the champion Yorkshire Green Cup Competition Mr. Clayton is credited with 122 points instead of 123, which makes the difference of Mr. Clayton being beaten by Mr. Rowlands by only one point instead of two. I shall be glad if you will allow me to make this correction through your paper, and to apologise to Mr. Clayton for the mistake.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual social held February 9th, Mr. J. Smith taking the chair. Mrs. Massey and Mr. M. Sweeney rendered songs, and concertina selections were given by Messrs. Smith, Allinson, and Turner, musical glasses by Mr. Turner, and recitations by Mr. Webster. Mr. Kilshaw presided at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks to the artistes and the chairman for their services, moved by Mr. Proctor, and seconded by Mr. Gerrard, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. —H. PARKINSON, Sec.

PUDSEY AND STANNINGLEY O.S.

A very successful and enjoyable social was held on February 12th. Mr. E. Craven, of the Bramley O.S., made a most efficient chairman, and kept the meeting well in hand. Toasts to the president (Mr. Marsh), the society, and the visitors were drunk with musical honours. Mr. Raper presided at the piano, and Messrs. Stevens, Benson, Palfreman, and Miss Richmond rendered capital songs, which were much appreciated. During the evening prizes were presented to the successful competitors for 1909 as follows: Messrs. Pawson, Butler, Richmond, Marsh, and Bracewell. Votes of thanks to Mr. Richmond for providing the vocalists, and to Mr. Craven for presiding, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH B.M. & F.B.C.

At a meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, business was commenced by enrolling two new members, in Mr. Noble and Mr. Smart. It was decided to amalgamate classes 1, 2, and 3, making them A.V. British and A.V. Foreign. Medals were selected, to be presented along with cups at our next meeting. Proposed by Mr. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. C. G. Petterssen, "That we hold a table show at our next meeting, the following classes to be provided for: Field-moulted Linnet, Greenfinch, and A.V. British; also A.V. Foreign. Mr. J. Irving judge." The table show resulted as follows: BRIT.: 1, Bertram and Storey, Goldfinch; 2, Hamilton, Greenfinch; 3, Irving, Chaffinch. FOR.: 1, Petterssen, Green Avadavat; 2, Weddle, Goldfinch. Proposed by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Petterssen, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. G. Taylor for officiating as judge, which brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—J. BERTRAM, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKS C.C.

Annual meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, on February 16th, Mr. J. Curry in the chair. The secretary presented the balance-sheet, which was adopted, and showed a balance in hand of 15s. 2d. The report was also adopted as read, after which the following officers were elected: President, G. W. Cuthbertson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Mrs. Irwin Dees, Dr. C. Duncan O'Neal, W. J. Taylor, Esq., T. Pearce, Esq.; chairman, Mr. J. Curry; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd; auditor, Mr. J. E. Atkinson; committee, as last year, with the addition of Messrs. F. Johnson, J. E. Atkinson, W. Tomlinson, R. Hutler, W. Curry, and C. E. Dix. It was proposed and carried that we have shields provided and engraved with holder's names for our challenge cup, the plinth for which is being given by the present holder, Mr. R. Hutler. The cups and medals, as previously announced, were presented by the chair an to the various winners. The following were admitted members: Mr. R. Stewart (Newcastle) and Mr. R. Addison (South Shields). A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. O'Neal for the magnificent novice prize. Next meeting April 13th, when I will give an address on "Our Ideal."—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Annual meeting, held on February 19th, at the Rochdale O.C. room. It was expected that there would be a good muster present to discuss the question re the type of the Lancashire, great dissatisfaction having been expressed through some of the judges placing birds at the top of the class that were not of the Lancashire type. Mr. J. Nadin, of the Rochdale club, occupied the chair, in his usual discreet way. The balance-sheet was presented; it showed a working balance for 1910 of £3 14s. 7½d. Mr. Nadin in handing the medals to the winners, said he was pleased to present the awards, as it had interested him much in noticing the struggle for same. Mr. Adams, late secretary, took the gold medal in the champion section, with 114 points; Mr. W. Lee second, 66 points (silver medal). For the bronze Mr. Hardy scored 47 points. A pleasing and noticeable feature was in the novice section, where Mr. E. T. Turner of Rochdale, secured 98 points, and carried off the gold medal. As a word of encouragement to novices, it might be stated that this is Mr. Turner's first year as an exhibitor. Second place was secured by the late and respected fancier, Mr. Fish, of Littleborough, with 76 points. The bronze medal was won by Mr. G. Fitton, 70. Seven extra silver medals were given, the winners being: Champion section, Adams (Rochdale and Frome); 2, W. Hardy (Nottingham); Novice, E. T. Turner (Manchester, Good Intent, Littleborough, and Middleton) winning all four. Application for membership was made by Mr. A. Hordern, and Mr. J. Laycock, jun., both were declared unanimously elected. The scrutineers' report was presented and passed. The chairman pointed out that the position of the society was advancing, and he would like to see still more progress made.

The Lancashire Type.

As regards the Lancashire type, or the Crest and Lancashire, the chairman said this was a very important question, and one which had been dealt with on several occasions. The type—and the only type—of the Lancashire Canary was the one that carried the horse-shoe shaped coppy, and stood erect.

Mr. Whitehead: The birds should be put down if they do not possess these qualities.—Mr. Nadin: Judges have their own opinions, and I think that if the secretaries were instructed to inform the judges, under their own patronage, and they were expected to judge according to the true type, it would help to get over the difficulty.—Mr. Fitton: Birds showing Crest properties ought to be put out of the prize money—at the bottom of the class. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Adams: I have tried this experiment as a test under an acknowledged Lancashire judge, and he placed the bird third. I have also sent it out as a test to four other shows, and it gained three 1sts, the fourth and only occasion the bird was rightly put down.—Mr. Whitehead referred to a minute that was penned at Stockport, which read: "That any exhibit which shows signs of Norwich properly be disqualified."—Mr. Nadin: On the schedules sent out it stated "purity of race"; I think we can only refer show secretaries to draw the judges' attention to this matter.—Mr. Laycock, sen.: If they are not of the horse-shoe shape and do not stand up, what have we to breed to?—Mr. Adams: I think more care ought to be taken in the judges selected, and recommended to societies when they ask for our patronage. I move that all secretaries be furnished with a standard list for them to impress on the judges to judge for type.—Mr. Nadin: Our secretary will carry this matter forward.

It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Fish, of Littleborough, on account of the regretted death of her husband. It was also decided that the last date for application for patronage of this society be July 11th. The next meeting will take place at the Great Eastern, Rhodes Bank, Oldham, at the end of April.

LIVERPOOL O.S.

At the show held on February 15th, the following gentlemen were elected the officials for the ensuing year:—President, Col. W. H. Walker, M.P.; vice-presidents, J. S. Clinch, Esq., Dr. O'Connell, Councillor Whitaker, and Sykes H. Gibson, Esq.; chairman, Mr. G. B. Daniels; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Hales; treasurer, Mr. E. Lawson; auditors, Messrs. Cutmore and Spinks; committee, Messrs. T. Rowlands, Deacon, Gore, Murray-Jones, Nimmo, W. Walker, W. C. Thomas, A. Coffey, and W. Douglas; secretaries, Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen. A large amount of correspondence was gone into and settled, with the exception of the judge for the Norwich section of open show; it was decided to let this matter stand over until we hear from the N.P.C. Messrs. R. Atherton, F. E. Hawkes, and A. J. Gregory were made members. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the judge and chairman.—METCALFE AND HILLMEN, Hon. Secs.

DERBY C.B.C.

Our postponed monthly meeting was held on February 12th at the Derwent Hotel. The balance-sheet was passed, and showed a balance in hand of £1 14s. 8d., which is on the right side. Considering we have made up a loss of £12 on our previous year's account, this is very good. The election of officers was proceeded with. The offices were all filled up with the exception of the secretary's, which was left over to the next meeting. There was a discussion on the colour food, which was used by the Norwich fanciers, and it was decided that it should all be bought through the secretary. It was also proposed and seconded that all past members be not allowed to rejoin until they have paid their levy. We shall consider whether to hold an open show this year. There is £2 in hand, which is allotted towards buying two cups, one each for the Norwich and Crest. I shall be pleased to receive any subscriptions which any friends or members may be disposed to give us for this object.—W. STEVENS, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM.

The first of the series of entertainments was held on Feb. 5, in the supper room of No. 1 Goth, there being a large gathering. The meeting was opened by the worthy president, Mr. Stenhouse, who in his opening speech said this was their first venture, but he hoped they would be able to hold an open show for pairs next year. He proposed the health and prosperity of the society. The secretary then asked the members to drink the health of the President, which was done in a very appreciative way. The entertainment was begun by a song by our worthy treasurer, Mr. D. McCorville. The chairman also responded with a song, and the other artistes included Messrs. Dickson, Barclay, Mackintosh, Cowan, and Cargill. The health and quick recovery of our worthy vice-president was proposed. He has been unable to be amougst us through a very severe attack of rheumatism. The health of the secretary was also proposed, and the rest of the evening passed in birdy talk. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—J. FORD, sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Meeting held on February 9th, at King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place. Mr. C. Pearson in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Capt. C. G. Tryon, M.P.; vice-presidents, The Hon. W. F. Rice, M.P., His Worship the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor E. Geere); chairman, Mr. C. Pearson; vice-chairman, Mr. H. T. Gibb; hon. secretary, Mr. A. T. Riddles, 29, Irwood-crescent, Brighton; treasurer, Mr. J. Roast; auditors, Messrs. A. Goble and W. H. Gibb; committee, Messrs. H. Jaines, G. B. Absalom, F. Small, G. Foxall, J. Boxall, G. France, R. Sharpe, F. Dandrige, A. Flook, and A. E. Bignell. It was decided to hold a table show on March 9th, at headquarters, for Canaries, British and Mules, also a judging competition and washing exhibition. Mr. Roast offered a prize for most points in judging competition throughout year, and Messrs. Boxall and France one each for 2nd and 3rd most points. Our membership is open, and I should be pleased to hear from any fanciers wishing to join; fee 2/6 per year, and 1/- entrance fee; ladies, 2/6 per year inclusive. Although this was only our second meeting, we have a membership of 37.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DIST. ROLLER C.S.

At a meeting held February 8th, Mr. W. Massey gave a lecture on the tours of the Roller Canary. There was a good attendance. Mr. Massey explained at some length the different tours and the way they should be sung, also explaining the faults. He specially advised novices on the look-out for stock birds to get those with deep, hollow tours, as this was the foundation of a good bird. He also said he thought that five points for the bass was hardly enough, as it was quite as important as the hollow roll, and harder to sing. The Koller roll caused a little controversy as to what the roll really was, on account of birds getting points for the Koller where there is such a big doubt about their having the Koller at all. Mr. Massey happened to be in a position to explain this particular tour, as he had had the pleasure to have a bird lent to him for a week which had been specially imported from Germany for this particular tour. He explained that this tour was a kind of three in one, comprising the bell, bass and water glucke sung together; yet each sound could be distinctly heard. In fact, he said, if the bird were not seen, anyone would have thought there were three different birds singing at the same time. He doubted very much that this particular tour would become popular with Roller fanciers, for the tour seemed to take so much out of the bird that the other part of its song developed into faults. After a few questions a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Massey for the able manner in which he had explained the different tours, in replying to which Mr. Massey promised to give a further paper on the breeding of the Roller Canary. A most interesting evening was spent.—JAS. KELSHAW, President.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road).
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 68, Embankment Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street).
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.K., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 &24.—**Sligo.**—(E. J. Tighe, High Street).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

An Interesting Account of Its Progress

The Yorkshire Canary Club was formed in 1894, and the person who would not admit that it had accomplished its purpose and thoroughly justified its existence must indeed be ignorant of the objects aimed at, or wilfully blind to indisputable facts. That it has not accomplished all of what it was or is capable of doing cannot be denied, but this charge, I contend, cannot fairly be attributed to any fault of the club itself, but rather to a certain amount of shortsightedness (no doubt pardonable to a degree) on the part of those who have been responsible for its management since its foundation.

The Objects of the Club.

What, then, were the objects in view when the club was formed? I cannot do better than answer this question in the words of Rule 2 of the club itself, which rule says: "The objects of the club shall be the encouragement of the breeding, exhibiting, and extending the classification of the Yorkshire Canary in every direction." In other words, the promoters had in view the accomplishment of what is to-day a recognised fact by thousands of fanciers (though perhaps disputed by some), viz., the enthronement of the Yorkshire as the "King of the Fancy," and whether this is absolutely correct or not must always be subject to a certain amount of difference of opinion as a result of the varying likes of individuals and districts. This apart, however, the stubborn facts as they present themselves to-day must convey to the unbiassed mind the unanswerable impression that the fondest hopes and highest ambitions of the founders of the club have been abundantly fulfilled and realised. Their commendable foresight, in this instance, at any rate, in the method adopted to bring about this result will stand to their credit so long as the Fancy remains.

What was this method? Unquestionably, the creating of popular opinion in favour of the cultivation of the Yorkshire bird in districts other than the county of its adoption. They had no misgiving or ill-conceived conception as to its unassailable popularity at home in the "Broad Acres," and were unanimously and enthusiastically of opinion that "foreign" fields were open to conquest.

Where the Club Scored.

With this aim in view, they decided to accord a very liberal share of their patronage to societies outside Yorkshire who were willing to include in their show schedules anything approaching a decent classification for the Yorkshire bird. Let it be recorded here that they were acting under no delusion in this matter. They were fully alive to the fact that this method must eventually bring about a slight weakening of their own membership roll, and thus they entailed a self-sacrifice and self-effacement commendable in the highest degree, and made more conspicuous by its regrettable rarity in individuals and societies alike. They sacrificed their own ambitions, all personal aggrandisement, and a considerable pecuniary interest on the altar of the common good for the bird of their choice. No doubt exists that through the adoption of a very conservative and parochial method the membership of the club could have been considerably augmented by the addition of many of the ever-increasing number of "outside Yorkshire" fanciers and exhibitors of this variety. But this would have been attained at the expense of the universal popularity of the bird itself—a thing most scrupulously and deliberately avoided.

What further proof of the wisdom of the methods adopted can be desired than the existence to-day of such institutions as the Southern Yorkshire, the Northern Yorkshire, the Irish Yorkshire, the Cumberland Yorkshire, and the Midland Yorkshire Canary Clubs? All are undoubtedly the result, in a great measure, of the broadminded policy adopted by the parent society, and all were welcomed by it, and their success affords unbounded satisfaction to the club which rightly claims to have made their existence not only possible but necessary.

What of the Future?

So much, then, for what the club has accomplished. But what of the future? I think it must be admitted that having seen its offspring so firmly established in the various parts of the kingdom and not having much to expect in the way of increased membership from such districts as are now so well catered for, it behoves the club to direct almost its entire efforts to the interests of its own home, and afford all possible encouragement and assistance to those societies whose members constitute almost its only means of support. This would mean that its patronage would be accorded in the main to Yorkshire societies, although, no doubt, one or two prominent exceptions would be made where it could enter into friendly rivalry with its vigorous offspring.

If, as I previously indicated, I must refer to what appears as a shortsighted policy on the part of the management in the past, I do so with the utmost reserve, knowing full well the difficulties which had to be encountered in the early days with regard to indueing societies to give what could be considered a satisfactory classification. Things are very different to-day, and I make full allowance for such. Nevertheless, the fact remains that many societies are called upon and, indeed, are anxious to provide many classes for Yorkshires, which, strictly speaking, are treated as separate and apart from those required by the Yorkshire Canary Club, although these "extra" classes are allowed to count for the club's prizes.

In 1897 there was formed what is known as the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canary Club, and its phenomenal success, especially during late years, speaks volumes for the earnestness and enthusiasm of those who manage its affairs. Then, again, the year 1909 has produced what, judging by its membership roll, promises to become a power in the land in the form of the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club.

Now, I contend, with a due appreciation of the merits and deserts of these varieties of Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Canary Club should have so catered for them as would have relieved their promoters of the necessity of forming a specialist club for their exclusive cultivation. To a very large extent their membership rolls are simply a duplication, and in all such cases the annual subscriptions for the three clubs is six shillings and sixpence. Taking into account the amount that could have been saved in printing expenses, management, etc., I think I am well within the mark when I say that the three clubs could have been equally well served under one management for an inclusive fee of 5s., or less. Whether these specialist clubs have now so completely captured the affections of their members as to make such an arrangement in the future impossible remains to be seen, but certain it is that such an impasse would never have been reached if the management of the Yorkshire Canary Club could have been induced to look far enough ahead to perceive and thoroughly understand the signs of the times.

However, with or without such an arrangement, the part the Yorkshire Canary Club has played in the past, and the splendid manner in which it caters for its members at present, for the modest sum of 2s. 6d. per annum, should be sufficient inducement to purely Yorkshire fanciers alone to make the membership quite double what it is at present, a figure which, I feel confident, would have been reached ere now, had it not adopted the methods of self-sacrifice to which I have previously referred. And this is just the reason why it should not have to appeal in vain for an increased membership from the ranks of fanciers resident in Yorkshire. The cultivation of a standard, the keen competitions it has inaugurated for its valuable trophies and prizes, its untiring efforts in popularising the variety throughout the entire country has made the Yorkshire what it is to-day, and created such a demand for it as to make its breeding profitable as well as pleasant. Such work cannot have had other than beneficial results to fanciers all round, and, looked at in this light, it is impossible to believe that they who have reaped and are reaping the benefits will allow the club to suffer for having so nobly fulfilled its mission.

The future is with the fanciers themselves. With an increased membership its usefulness will not only be maintained, but extended proportionately, and it is with a view to merely asking our Yorkshire fanciers for justice that I appeal to them to increase our membership on the figure at which it now stands, and which has been practically stationary for the past four years at least, viz., about 170, to somewhere within the region of 300.—JOHN GREAVES, Secretary.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Onward Hall, Ardwick, 8. Table show of Brit. and Muling pairs, birds staged 8.20; judge, Mr. A. G. Smith (Moss Side).—J. Spencer.

Admiral Duncan O.S.—Mar. 5, Admiral Duncan, Nottingham. Table show stock pairs, Nor., Crest, and Brit, special for most points in each class, 6d. per cage, open to anyone; birds to be staged 5.30. W. Healey.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Mr. R. Baron will give a lecture on the British Bullfinch; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Bannockburn and Dis. New C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Lesser Town Hall, 7.30. Important matter to discuss.—J. Auld.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Round House Inn, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. "Impromptu," questions and answers on breeding topics, discussion on the Y.U. ballot papers.—H. Hill.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Selection of judges, etc.—G. Havver.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Baker's Rooms, King Street, 8. Nomination of judges for annual show, Oct. 8.—R. Whitton.

Barton C. & B.B.C.—Mar. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Important business, and table show.—E. C. Dunn.

Beamish C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Bird Inn, 7. Postponed annual meeting, new members invited.—M. Crosby.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Mar. 2, Jolly Gardeners, S.E., 8. Arrangements for table show, etc.—A. Lupton.

Battersea O.C.B.A.—Mar. 2, 340, Battersea Park Road, 7. Pair show, judge Mr. J. Robson; admission free; fanciers please note change of headquarters; we extend a welcome to all.—W. J. Honeysett.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Raike's Hotel, 8.15. F.F. Show, etc., intending members invited.—J. R. Crossby.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 26, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Members' show, birds staged at 2.30; judge, Mr. E. Smith (Allerton).—F. Western.

Bristol C.B.S.—Mar. 2, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. To decide future of society.—W. H. Manley.

Cannock F. & F. S.—Mar. 1, Band Room, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—H. W. Briggs.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Sydney Arms Hotel, 7.45. Annual dinner.—A. S. Treasurer.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Mar. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Nomination of new members; members, subscriptions, bal.-sheet, arrangements for table show.—Brown and Horner.

Crewe O.S.—Mar. 2, Earl of Chester Hotel, Wistaston Road, 7.30. Table show of matched pairs and convivial evening; please all bring an entry, feed 3d. per cage, 2d. returnable; fanciers invited.—T. L. Hancocks.

Colne C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Angel Inn, 8. Suggested amalgamation.—A. Wilkinson.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Mar. 1, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Revision of rules, etc.—J. Swindley.

Choppington (Old) C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Railway Hotel. Election of officers, to enrol new members, etc.—H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 26, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' shows, etc., Yorks. Union ballot paper.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 2, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Members' pair show, two classes, Nor. and A.O.V. Can.; birds must be at room by 8.15; selection of judge for annual show.—J. Shaddock.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 28, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Cage Bird Staging competition, judge Mr. H. Norman, 2 silver and 1 bronze medals for best three staged, and three bronze medals for most points in the competition.—V. Wynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Mar. 1, "Reindeer," Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Pair and table show of Brit. birds; judge, Mr. J. Robson; admission free all fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

Dalkeith C.C.—Mar. 5, Ship Inn, 7. Booking of hens, new members invited.—J. Ewing.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Feb. 26, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—G. G. Stafford.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Half Moon Hotel, 8. Table show, matched pairs, Yorks. Nor., A.O.V., Can., Muling and Hyb. pairs.—H. Todd.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Mar. 3, Riego Street, Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

East Ham F.S.—Mar. 1, Earl of Wakefield, Katherine Road, E. Ham, 8. Mr. C. W. Mead will make a breeding cage to be disposed of for the benefit of the club.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Mar. 3, 142, High St., 8. F.F. show arrangements.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Open O.A.—Feb. 26, Buchanan's Temperance Hotel, 114, High-st., 7.30. Election of judges, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Feb. 26, St. John's School, 3. Meeting and show, birds staged at 2.45 prompt; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane).—L. Booth.

Edinburgh O.S.—Mar. 1, Buchanan's Hotel, 7.45.—A. Stavert.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. Binks, jun.

Forfar C.B.F.S.—Mar. 5, Airlie Arms Hotel, 6.30.—W. Grewar.

Guisborough "Priory" C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Wear Room. Pair show, to stage by 2.30, 3d. per cage; judge, Mr. Brunskill; membership on application.—R. Mays.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Balance-sheet, etc.—G. Buck.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Howard Arms Hotel, 8.—H. S. Waters.

Greenock, Port-Glasgow, Etc. O.S.—Mar. 2, Co-op. Halls, P.G., 7.30. Revision of Rules, exhibition of various Brit.; notes by Mr. McDermaid; fanciers invited.—J. Forrester.

Glasgow and Western Counties B.C.—Feb. 26, 122, Ingram Street, 6. Pairs show.—T. Drysdale.

Grimsby O.S.—Feb. 28, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Table show, matched Nor. pairs, Hyb. pairs, and Brit.; judge, Mr. W. H. Moore.—Moore and Harding.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 26, Butcher's Arms, 3. members' show; judge, Mr. F. Benn; members requested to show.—J. Holroyd.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Cricket Players, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. T. Birch, and washing competition for members, handsome medal offered; friends invited.—W. Cottingham.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks), O.S.—Mar. 5, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Bal.-sheet, show date, etc.—A. Cant.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Y.M.C.A., Whitby St., 8. Lecture by Mr. H. J. L. Williams, subject, "My Visit to Some Midland Aviaries."—E. Woodhead.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Mar. 3, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Feb. 26, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Inverness O.A.—Mar. 2, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Selection of judges.—A. Urquhart.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Old Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Fixing of judges for open show.—W. Whiteford.

Longton C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Castle Inn, 8. Table show, etc.; fanciers invited.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Marsh; friends cordially invited.—P. Hart.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Centre Hotel, 7.30. The secretary will make a statement re last show.—D. John.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Lockhart's, 7.30. Special Summoned meeting, "Shall we have an open show?"—J. Chambers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Mar. 2, Railway Hotel, 8. To discuss the lowering of contributions, and Mr. Chittenden is to illustrate his scheme.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Mar. 1, White Swan, Market place, 8.15. Table show, Goldfinch, Bullfinch and British hen.—J. E. Wood.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Fanciers welcome.—F. Rackham.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Fixing standard for prize money, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mar. 2, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Open table show, A.V. Brit. Hardbill, special of 5/- subs. offered to a non-member gaining 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Nottingham P.O.S.—Feb. 26, Grapes Inn. Open table show, three grand specials; birds to be staged by 5.30; fanciers invited.—J. Walmsley.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 3, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Election of committee, selection of judges, etc.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nelson C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Bull Hotel, 8. Fix date for F.F. Show, and to discuss proposed amalgamation of Colne and Nelson Societies.—J. England.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 28, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Discussion night, general business.—H. Clayton.

Preston O.S.—Mar. 3, Tokio Cafe, 7.45. Supper, followed by concert; make the evening a success.—R. Taylor.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 26, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Some birds will be on hand, purposely to illustrate different tours; friends invited.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—Mar. 4, Trades' Hall, Anderson Street, Partick, 8. Monthly show of Muling pairs and classification for Brit. birds.—W. Priest.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Temperance Club, 8. Committee report on Lancashire Union in place of C.B.U.; also Spratt's samples.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 28, Club, 8.30. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Reading C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Palmer Hall, 8. Lecture on British Birds and Hybrids, by Mr. Maisey; fanciers heartily welcome.—W. H. Pyke.

Stirling O.S.—Mar. 5, Douglas Hotel, 8. Election of office hearers and resignation of sec.—G. Hislop.

South Shields, North Shields. C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Lockhart's Cafe, King Street, 7.30. Balance-sheet, discussion on egg and bread and foods; new members, fanciers invited to join.—J. Barrass.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 5, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Royal Oak Tavern, 7. Table show; judge, Mr. W. Johnstone.—W. Melvin.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Question night, by ballot.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 1, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Table show of Yorks. and Nor. for amateurs, etc.—W. Stafford.

St. Helens O.S.—Feb. 28, George Inn, 8. Annual accounts.—J. Hesketh.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees).—J. W. Lowes.

Scottish Brit. B. & M.C.—Mar. 5, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 4. Bal.-sheet, election, presentation of medals, etc.—A. W. Watson.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Mar. 2nd, New Headquarters, Clarence Hotel, Jeffrey's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8.—J. A. Roberts.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Boiler Maker's Arms, Higher Openshaw, 8.—Distribution of medals, etc., for most points during table shows, and washing competition between Mr. Washbourne and Mr. Parker.—W. Wilson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Annual general, election of officers, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

West Auckland C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Talbot Hotel, 7. Finances.—J. Gill.

Walkden C.B.S.—Mar. 1, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30. Pair show, Mr. A. Donnelly, judge.—H. Howard.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on pairing and to give out specials won at pair show.—W. Mallinson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Com. Hotel, 7.—W. Elliott.

Wigan C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Fleece Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Windsor C.B.A.—Mar. 3, Headquarters, 8.15.—E. A. Strickland.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Difficult Patient.

A Worried Reader.—It is rather unfortunate that the bird positively refuses to take just that portion of the treatment which would do it most good. Try it with the sponge cage in this way. Allow the cake to get quite stale and rather dry. Then crush up about a small teaspoonful, or rather less, add four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and rub well together, so that it will still remain in a fairly dry crumbly state, and sprinkle it with gold of pleasure. If it will not eat it, then try it with a small piece of bread sopped in milk, with two drops of the emulsion dropped on it and sprinkled slightly with fine sugar. In the drinking water try it with twelve drops of glycerine and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine, every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat again for a week, as often as may be necessary. If, agaiu, it quite refuses to touch this, mix together two parts glycerine, one part each parogoric, and oxymel of squills, and a half part of tiucture of benzoin. Shake together, and give the bird two drops, direct into beak, every evening for a fortnight. Continue to follow up other instructions in last reply as to general treatment.

Skin Trouble.

Reader.—The bird seems to have been very improperly treated, and you will probably find recovery if it does take place, will be very slow. If it has not been transferred to a clean cage since coming into your possession, remove it temporarily to another cage, and well scrub out the one it occupies now with a fairly strong hot solution of carbolic fluid. Repeat it next day; when dry after this, do it over with paint, enamel, or distemper, whichever you prefer, inside, and revarnish outside. Allow it to dry thoroughly before returning the bird. Allow the bird to bathe freely as often as it likes, so long as it does not seem chilled after it. Feed on plain Canary seed only as staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days for the next month give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with a sprinkling of maw and gold of pleasure seed on it, and twice each week well mix in it as much as will cover a threepennypiece of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. In the drinking water give six drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence twice a week. Give a spray of green food daily, and keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Slightly anoint the bare places twice a week with warm olive oil, or a little carbolised vaseline. Do not smear feathers unnecessarily.

Cock Roller with Cold.

Miss E. Siman.—I do not remember the details of your previous query, but unless there were some peculiar circumstances connected with your birds I hardly think I could have advised you to mate the birds forthwith. A month hence would have been quite soon enough. The cock has probably caught a slight cold during the recent variable weather. Remove him quietly in the evening from the breeding cage, and cage him separately, leaving the hen to hatch and rear the young by herself. You must, however, take particular notice of her for a few hours, and during the next day, after moving the cock, and if she leaves the nest and refuses to return to it, you must return the cock, and let things take their course. When caged alone keep the cock in a cosy place, quite free from draughts or fluctuations, and give a morsel of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. If you cannot remove him from the hen, give the mixture as above to both every half-day for a week, or until young are due to hatch; say, give it last thing at night, and replace with fresh pure water about mid day. You must stop giving it the day before young are due to hatch. You are giving far too much rape. Reduce the quantity to three parts canary to one part rape. There should be no necessity to discard the cock. He may get in good condition for the next nest.

Slow Improvement and Blindness.

M. A. L. X.—As I said before, recovery in such cases as yours is often very slow indeed. That some of them have already lost the fatty accumulations is a hopeful sign for further improvement. Those that have lost the fat you may transfer to another cage, but still let it be of good size for plenty of exercise to be taken. Give these, in addition to the diet previously advised, a morsel of ripe banana twice a week, and a pinch of rape every second day. Once a week only, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with six drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, among each three birds. But be careful not to exceed these quantities for the present. Get a chemist to mix you the following: Tincture of gentian half ounce, aromatic sulphuric acid two drachms; and tincture of nux vomica one drachm. Be careful with this, as it is a poison. Give six drops of the mixture in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat again if necessary for another week. Suspend the other treatment for the rest of the birds for one week, and treat them as above. Then resume the same treatment as previously advised until they, too, have quite lost the fatty accumulations, when you may complete the treatment as above for them also. It is very doubtful whether they will do much good in the breeding line this year. As regards the bird blind in one eye, if otherwise quite active, and provided the blindness is due to no organic disease, there can be no objection to mating it. It would probably breed all right.

A Question of Management.

G. H.—You seem to be pretty well over-doing things in the commisariat department, and the position of the bird in the kitchen is, in all probability most unsuitable. If you can transfer the birds to a room where the temperature is more equable, even if it is a cold one, as advised to "Whistler," that course would be most advisable. If you cannot do this you must contrive some means of keeping them fairly cosy, and at the same time free from constant extremes of heat and cold, and at the same time quite free from draughts. Exposure to the latter seems to be solely the cause of your trouble with the birds moulting. When you have duly attended to the above points, put the birds on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the days when you are not giving the latter, give also either a morsel of banana, or a few grains of hemp. Four times a week give a little green food. Limit the diet to this for the present. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three for a week, and every second day after until the moulting is stopped.

Birdroom, Variety and Illness.

T. B.—(1) Am afraid the bathroom will not make a very desirable place for bird-breeding, unless you have very efficient top ventilation to prevent steam collecting in the room when bath is in use. If bath is in regular use for hot water the steam would certainly do the birds a lot of harm, unless the above provision was made. The west wall would be best for birds if you decide to keep any there. The south will be subject to continuous draughts from stairway to fireplace. Altogether, I cannot think you will do much good with birds in this room, and cannot advise you to try the experiment. (2) Norwich are as good a breed as any for hardiness, and would succeed in the room if any breed would. If they don't succeed, no other breed will. (3) Is this bird being kept in the bath-room? If so, it is a good example for you of what you may expect to find in all birds kept there. Your feeding is also wrong. As a staple give plain canary only; every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days for the next fortnight give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure, and four times a week a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. But if kept in the bath-room you must not expect much, if any, improvement until the conditions are altered.

Making Wire Fronts, etc.

Admirer of "C. B."—Sorry your query reached just too late for a reply to be got in last issue. Had you started to make a wire front without any kind of frame, you must quickly have realised the vast convenience of having something stable to hold your punched bars in position whilst you solder the wires. There are a great variety in use, as they are nearly always made by the amateur himself, and, of course, vary to suit the taste and requirements of the individual. If you could turn up a few back numbers of the paper you will find several illustrated, with instructions for making them, which will make the matter far more clear than pages of writing. Four pieces of wood about 1in. by 1½ins., and of a suitable length to accommodate the fronts you are going to make, nailed together at the corners so as to form a true square, or rectangle, as the case may be, with saw-cuts up each side corresponding with each other, in which you press the ends of the punched bars to be held securely in the proper position whilst you insert and solder the wires, is really all you require, though you can make it as elaborate and mechanical as your patience and skill incline you. By all means enamel your sand trays. It is also an excellent plan to do them over first with one or two thin coats of shellac dissolved in methylated spirit to the consistency of thin cream. This fills the wood, and makes it impervious to the foul moisture from droppings, which soon makes the sand trays malodorous in warm weather. Either of the enamels you mention are excellent. A tin sand-tray coated with enamel would not harm the birds at all—still, I do not care for them personally, on account of the weight. If used, I should prefer leaving them in the bare state, when they could be scalded to purify them as often as needed.

Various.

P. C., Paris.—Sorry I don't know the popular term used for our tasteless pepper in your country. Most likely the book sent you, which contains an exhaustive history, will enlighten you, but I fear you will find it extremely difficult to get the article in the form we have it without importing it, on account of its being in so little request in your country for colour-feeding birds. A ready prepared food containing the correct proportions of the article for general use among Canaries when moulting is made by the firm you mention, and you could doubtless get it quite easily, to order, even if they do not stock it regularly, from the Paris branch of their establishment. I suspect the cause of dirty feet is due indirectly to wrong feeding, causing unhealthy evacuation. Feed as frequently advised in this column, and do not give hemp very frequently. Neither supply millet liberally—Canaries very rarely care about it, and much of it is not good for them. Canary seed is a long, oval, or torpedo-shaped seed of a straw colour, size about one-half that of a grain of wheat. Millet is a round, globular seed. There are several varieties, ranging in size from that of black rape to about half the size of hemp, and in colour from milky white to dark reddish brown. The white is the most frequently used for feeding small birds—chiefly foreign species. As your seasons are earlier than ours, you would probably find the beginning of March the best time for mating. Let your wild birds be your guide. A fortnight or so in advance of the usual time, when your wild birds are busy nesting generally, is a pretty safe guide.

Heavy Breathing and Moulting.

H. A. C. D.—You have apparently been rather over-doing the luxuries, and I suspect the bird's heavy breathing is largely due to an overfed condition. The moulting I imagine is due to variations between day and night temperature, if, as you say, you are quite satisfied it is not exposed to any draught. Keep him in a fairly comfortable position, where the temperature is as equable as possible, though not necessarily very high. As a staple food, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days, give a pinch of hemp and a morsel of banana, or two small young dandelion leaves. Let him bathe as often as he likes, provided he does not seem chilled by doing so. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the moulting is stopped. On the alternate during the latter part of treatment, give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus for a week. Shake well together. It may possibly be in good condition for mating by the beginning of April.

A Doubtful Case.

I. H. R.—I hardly think your hen could have been troubled with asthma, and am very sceptical indeed about her giving it to the cock in such a short time, and both cases proving so obstinate. Is there no possibility of the position in which this pair of birds were placed for breeding being exposed to cold draughts? Even if other birds did well in close proximity it is not necessarily a guarantee that this pair were not exposed to adverse influence of a localised character, which would explain both birds becoming affected about the same time. If this is not what has occurred, and the hen was affected in any way when you got her, it was probably a mild type of bird fever, and in case this should be correct, I would advise you to keep these birds and all that comes in contact with them, completely isolated from your other stock, and to restrict them as much as possible to a diet of seeds and green food. For the next month adopt the following treatment and then report result, referring to this reply. Keep them in separate cages, and be quite sure they are secure from draught and sudden fluctuations. Keep cages well strewn with clean gritty sand, clean out often, and do not use the same sand twice. Feed on plain canary as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice each week on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On each of the remaining alternate days give a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards give six drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and four each of paregoric and chlorodyne, every second day for a week. Then miss a week and repeat it the next week.

Pairing up Yorkshires.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Would you be so kind as to ask Mr. H. W. Battye what would be the results of pairing the following Yorks, and which would be the best pair? The hen is clear yellow with pink eyes, and she was bred off a clear yellow cock with pink eyes and a cinnamon ticked buff hen. The cocks are: No. 1, heavily marked green buff cock, brother to the hen; No. 2, ticked buff cock with pink eyes; No. 3, ticked buff cock with dark eyes.—DOESNOTWANTMUCH.

If you want to breed cinnamon, ticked or marked birds, No. 2 cock is the one to use; and if you want only green ticked, or dark-eyed birds, then No. 3 would be the bird to use. No. 1 I should not pair with this hen. I do not approve of such close inbreeding. But in breeding Yorkshire type (that is, shape along with position) should be your first consideration, and not having seen the three cocks you name, I cannot say what would be the probable results in regard to shape, position, quality, etc. If the hen has a weak point, say, for instance, a bit low on leg, then use the cock bird that stands best on his legs; and so on. Without seeing the birds, I do not see how I can say anything further.—H. W. BATTYE.

Brevities.

A Second Missive (Miss E. Siman).—The reply sent to your first letter will fully reply to your second as regards the removal of the cock and the ability of the hen to rear any young that may be hatched without his assistance. It would have been an advantage if you could put in a solid partition, so that the hen cannot see the cock to incite her to fight with him. You may also give three or four more doses of the medicine on consecutive evenings to the cock, which should be all that is required. Return him to the hen when the young are about twelve or fourteen days old. You would find "Canary Breeding for Beginners" very useful, 7d. post free from our manager. No need to apologise; always pleased to help readers.

A Queer Turn-up (P. T. H.).—Cannot guess at what was wrong, without some more definite information as to how it was affected. As your treatment seems to have been quite successful, the probability is that constipation was at the root of it, and your treatment was well calculated to remove this. For the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days an equivalent quantity of bread sopped in cold milk, and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice each week give also just a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a spray of green food: fresh young dandelion leaves, if obtainable, every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue giving the latter for a fortnight.

Removal of Cataract (S.Y.C.C. Member).—There is absolutely no means of removing the cataract save by a surgical operation, and this method is not practicable in cage-birds. Other kinds of treatment are quite futile, and, therefore, better left alone. If the bird is in good health and active, you might, if you wish, try mating her, and if she lays give the eggs to foster parents to hatch and rear. But I would strongly advise you to resist the temptation, and keep her out of the breeding cage.

Feeding Rollers (A. A.).—Your feeding is certainly not correct, but it would not necessarily account for the death of your bird. As a staple diet give three parts canary to one part summer rape, mixed together. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake which vary now and again by giving a morsel of bread soaked in milk and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar instead. Also once a week give a small pinch of hemp, which again you may vary by substituting a pinch of maw, or inga, or gold of pleasure from time to time. Three or four times a week give a spray of green food. This is all that is really needed, and apples to both your questions.

A Bad Foot (H. C. W.).—Keep the cage-floor strewn thickly with clean sawdust, and the perches, which should be of quite soft wood and of fair size, as clean as possible, in order to keep the foot as free as possible from external dirt. Catch the bird daily, and hold foot for a few minutes in a hot solution of boracic acid; say, about a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in four tablespoonsful of water. Use it fairly hot, but, of course, far below scalding point. If it still appears to contain fluid, after bathing on the first day, insert a clean needle between the scales, and prick it, and gently press out as much as possible of the contents. Then wash clean in the solution, wipe dry, and paint all over foot with a feather dipped in Friar's balsam. Give bird a supply of green food daily, and for a few days dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and a crystal of sulphate of iron about one-half the size, in its drinking water.

One Kind of Consumption ("A New Reader"). There is undoubtedly consumption of a certain kind going on with the bird "who is always at the seed box and water glass," but it is not of the kind your informant meant, unless, indeed, it was some funny spirit who was pulling your leg. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its water daily for three days, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Attend to diet. Feed as frequently advised in this column, and give a little green food daily, but none that is wet, frosted, or decaying.

An Early Bird (T. R. B.).—You have paired the birds more than a month too soon, especially if yours is a cold room. But now things have gone so far you must not interfere, or try to arrest matters. Let things follow the natural course, and hope that you may catch the proverbial worm; or that success may follow success until you have the young safely on the perches. Now the birds are started breeding you must not dream of altering your arrangements to such an extent as giving the birds freedom of flight about the room from their present caged condition. All these arrangements should have been attended to before you started breeding—now they are best left alone.

Will They Breed? (H. W. H.).—Undoubtedly they will if a real pair, by being kept together in the same cage. You certainly cannot expect to do so if kept quite separate. The probability is that they will breed too early for the general good. You ought to have kept them separate until they were quite ready to begin nesting, about a month or so hence; and even now it would be advisable, if they show no signs of starting to nest, to separate them until the proper time. You would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our manager.

Breeding (W.H.K.).—If the bird did not moult gradually, so that it escaped your attention last autumn, there is a probability that it will drop into moult as soon as the weather gets quite settled probably during May, if not in April. In this case your only chance to get a brood from him is to make him, if quite ready, the last week in March, so that he will send the hen to nest the first time before the moulting commences. It would be useless mating him when the moult has set in. He will be very young for mating at the time suggested, but as you are only likely to get one nest from him, this will not be of much moment. Feed as frequently advised here.

Feeding Rollers (Amateur).—I surmise you are going to breed with the birds. As a staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary seed to one part summer rape. From now onwards give the hens a half teaspoonful of egg-food, crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk (one or other, or each in turn, but not all together), three times a week; every second day give a pinch of a mixture of hemp and inga; and on the alternate days a spray of green-food, including a fresh young dandelion leaf. Treat the cocks the same, save that the inga may be omitted, and a sprinkling of gold of pleasure added to the soft-food. In a week from now give the hens the soft-food every second day; the hemp and inga ditto; that is, on the alternate days; and one or two small dandelion leaves daily. A week later make a similar increase in the extra items given to the cocks, and continue on those lines until the end of March, or first week in April, when the birds should be in good condition for mating.

Canaries Ailing (Whistler).—It is solely due to the conditions under which the birds are kept, and you will make no really solid improvement until you alter these. Keep the birds as far away from the fire as possible, where the fluctuations of heat and cold will be at a minimum, but at the same time you must see that they are quite free from draughts. Then as soon as there comes a spell of mild weather transfer the birds altogether to the cold-room you speak of. This, also, you must see is made quite secure from draughts. Given this condition you will find the birds succeed far better than they do in the kitchen. Feed as frequently advised here, and for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, every second day. In the drinking water, on the alternating days, give twenty drops of whisky, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine.

A Bad Case (C.B.).—Thanks for card. Sorry my fears proved correct, and the bird had already succumbed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Amazon Weak.

S. L. G.—The bird evidently wants toning up. You are feeding it on right lines, but the bird has not yet got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. Unless the bird has some trouble not yet fully developed, it will grow out of the weakness you mention. On the other hand, this may be the result of some contamination just beginning to be apparent. Cease the tonic and give instead Parrish's Chemical Food. Well colour the water with same. It can have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, and I should sop its biscuit in the chemical food water also. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. If there should be any signs of constipation, you must relieve same with a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. If it should become worse, write again at once.

Hardy Seed Eaters.

St. George.—Many foreign Finches, in consequence of the hardships of importation, arrive in rather a debilitated condition, and losses are somewhat numerous amongst new purchases, unless you can procure acclimatised birds which have already been over here some time, and you must not put birds out-of-doors during the winter months unless you purchase those which have been so kept for some months. Put out of doors in May or June, they can then be left out altogether. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, oats, paddy rice, with hemp and sunflower seed in small quantities. The following are all hardy: Zebra, Yellow-rumped, Ribbon, and Red-headed Finches, Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Common and Green Avadavats, and Zebra Waxbills. Get "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert in this column); you will find it very helpful.

Brightly Coloured Birds for Cages

"Silly Seventeen."—You do not indicate kind of cage, but if it is an all-wire one, or open wire all round, you must be careful not to place it where a draught can blow through it. In the first place you must not attempt to keep any Budgerigars, Lovebirds, or Parrakeets in your cage with Finches. You would find the small Waxbills most interesting and also meet your conditions, as they are cheap and brightly coloured. You would have room for a dozen comfortably. Hang up a few cokernut shell nests half filled with hay. The birds will use these as night shelters. Get the following: Red Avadavats, Green Avadavats, Grey, Orange-cheeked, Zebra, and St. Helena Waxbills. These would cost you from 3/6 to 7/6 per pair. You should get "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert in this column); it would prove very helpful.

Green Parrot Indisposed.

J. R.—It is perfectly natural for many species of Parrots to bring up the partially digested food from the crop and then reswallow same. Ten sop is bad for all Parrots. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, a little cooked potato (dry) may also be given. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, also water and grit. Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, oats, paddy rice, small maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts, well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. This is a cheap and wholesome mixture for the species. Get a bottle each of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food from your chemist. Give one or two doses of the magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water, with a two-day interval between each dose. Well colour the drinking water with the Chemical Food, when not giving the magnesia. If the bird calls for sop, mix some water and Chemical Food to the colour of weak tea and sop stale household bread in same. This will do no harm and satisfy its craving. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor yet any kind of animal food. The condition of the bird should soon be normal.

A Debilitated Grey.

E. G.—In this case, though I have known of many Greys living very much longer than yours, I am of the opinion that the trouble is largely one of age, but undoubtedly accelerated by the "bit of everything" diet. Practically, all you can do is to keep the bowels moving freely (not loose), with occasional doses (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia, and on the days when you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. A few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) may be given occasionally as a stimulant. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor yet any kind of animal food whatever. Confine your diet to seed mixture, plain biscuits, ripe fruit (ad lib), nuts, a little boiled potato (dry) may be given, and if there is any craving for sop, moisten either a piece of plain biscuit, crust of stale household bread, or crust of dry toast in chemical food water. Also, as it has been accustomed to soft foods, a little boiled maize is permissible. Note, this only keeps fresh one day. Boil till soft, but grains should be whole. Drain off all moisture and then spot over same 10 to 20 drops of the chemical food. Keep warm, but yet where it will get light and air without draught.

Brevities.

Budgerigar Ill (E.E.).—I am afraid you can do but little for this bird. Give it frequently Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water as often as you can, so that the bird is not scoured. Follow this by giving him chemical food water to drink, but I am afraid you will not save it; still, there is a chance that you may do so, but it will be weak for some time yet. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, oats, green-food, and a little ripe apple or other fruit if it will eat it.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary (A.F.S.).—I should advise you to partition off one of the end pieces for the Budgerigars; the end with the wire front would answer best. In the other portion you could keep six to eight pairs with very good prospects of their breeding. All the birds named in our reply to "St. George" will agree together, and would do well with Bullfinches and Goldfinches, and make a really good show. If you choose to forego the Budgerigars, then you could accommodate a dozen pairs of Finches or Waxbills providing they are not larger than the Bullfinch. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert in this column) you will find very helpful.

What Bird? (Anxious to Know).—It is a Masked Grassfinch, and as there are a fair number on the market at the present time, you should have no difficulty in procuring a mate for it, or procuring other pairs.

Breeding Roseate Cockatoos (M. L.).—There should be no difficulty in inducing these birds to breed in this country. The aviary should be 12ft. long and at least 6ft. high, with only the front (to face as near South as possible) open wire netting. About 3ft. of the front should be boarded up to form a shed at one end, with a partition extending from front to within 1ft. of the back. Furnish it with branches, both stout and thin, and hang up two or three small barrels in various parts of the aviary, one enclosed in portion. You must not be discouraged if they fail to breed the first year, but leave them as undisturbed as possible, and they will ultimately settle down and do so. I should advise the keeping only of one pair.

Bites His Feathers (C.W.H.G.).—Add white millet to your seed mixture in equal bulk to the quantity of canary seed you are now using; also see that the bird gets a good supply of ripe fruit, if it will not take one kind ,try another. I have found most species of Parrots very fond of apple cores. Keep its bowels moving freely (not loose) with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. Spray him with quassia solution—can be procured ready for use from several of our advertisers—two or three times a week; this will help to make the plumage distasteful and also exterminate parasites if there should be any.

Lame Yellow Budgerigar (A. J. Holloway).—The bird has evidently given its foot a bad wrench, probably torn it by catching in wires of cage, and the hind toe will, I fear, drop off. Well cleanse with warm water and get rid of all humour by gentle pressure, after pricking; then paint the foot and leg with compound tincture of benzoin. If the wound should gather up again, you will have to repeat the operation. It would be advisable to give it two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with a three days' interval between each dose, one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water.

Budgerigar and Blackbird (Beginner).—(1) I do not think the Blackbird will interfere with the breeding of the Budgies at all, the latter, as a rule, being well able to look after No. 1. (2) Madagascar Lovebirds are very shy breeders in captivity, and I have always found them to agree with Budgerigars. (3) They will require the usual log or cocoanut husk, but as they are one of the few species of Parrakeets that line their nests, it will be necessary to supply them with some sticks with green bark on. This they will strip off and line their nest with. There is no reason why you should not meet with success.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

What Bird? (W. Smith).—Your description reads very like the Silky Cowbird, especially as it takes seed; but the Troupials and Hanguests all belong to one family. The Silky Cowbird is a little smaller than a Blackbird, with a bill about the same size and shape, but a little more pointed. On the other hand, if it is the Black Hangnest or Cassique, its beak is considerably larger than that of the Blackbird, is wedge-shaped, and very sharp at the point. I am of the opinion it is the first-named; if so, they are often to be purchased at 5s. each; if the latter, 30s. to 40s. I should supply ripe fruit, and soft food, as well as mealworms and seed.

Indian Ring-necked Parrakeets ("Seeunda").—I take it you are desirous of breeding these birds, and I should certainly advise you to get one with the ring round the neck already developed, as these birds mature slowly, and you may have to wait two years or more if you get quite a young bird. From memory I cannot speak as to whether the circles of young birds are dark or not, and the regular books do not record this. The few (one or two) records of breeding will require some looking up, and I do not think distinctions have been noted save that of plumage, which, as you appear to know, resembles that of the adult female. If you get two young birds, choose a large and small one, and the large bird should be one of the brightest coloured; there is usually a slight distinction this way, even when the birds are similarly coloured. If I can trace any other record, I will insert it next week.

Red Cardinals in Poor Plumage (R.E.B.).—Give these birds doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) as often as you can without scouring them. Cage them separately and wash them two or three times a week in quassia solution, thoroughly wetting the plumage. Give them ripe fruit, *ad. lib.*, and a couple of mealworms each bird, in addition to the seed mixture. If there are any signs of parasites, you must scald out your cages and get rid of these at all costs.

What Parrots? (F.C.).—You have two, or a pair, of Roseate Cockatoos. Stop the milk sop at once and confine your diet to: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits and nuts, a little boiled potato (dry), may be given occasionally, but on no account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, oats, hemp, paddy rice, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. Give Parrish's Chemical Food (well colour the water) regularly in the drinking water, and keep the bowels moving freely by occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. Continue to wash with quassia solution; paint the bare parts with compound tincture of benzoin.

Finches in Poor Feather (Constant Reader).—I should advise you, if possible, to bring these birds into one of your sitting rooms, where a fire is burning most of the time. Keep them out of draught, yet where they will get light and air. For one day make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts; follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. A little ripe apple, if the birds will eat it, is very wholesome at this time of year. Also give them a good supply of millet sprays. The most likely birds to breed in a cage would be Zebra Finches, Bengalese, or White Java Sparrows.

Keeping Budgerigars in Cages (Novice).—Budgerigars are a hardy species, and so long as they are kept out of draughts, require no artificial heat. There is no need to keep the sexes separate. Turn them in together, and in about a month's time bang up a husk in the most secluded corner of the cage, but with the opening towards the light. The sulphate of iron can be used to advantage as you suggest, but you must be on the look-out for constipation and check this at once, either by making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, or putting a little Dinneford's Magnesia therein. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. plus postage, very helpful.

Pekin Robin with Bad Eye (Daniells).—Pekin Robins are rather subject to this trouble. Get a rose-water and zinc eye solution from your chemist, and bathe the bird's eye with same. Get a pound of ants' eggs and make your soft food as follows: Two parts of your present mixture, one part of ants' eggs, one part crumbled sponge-cake, well mix, and make crumbly moist for use; also supply such kinds of ripe fruit as it will eat *ad. lib.* For one day only mix a few grains of Epsom salts in its drinking water, and follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

White Java Sparrows (H.W.).—(1) The usual seeds, Canary, white and spray millet, green-food (lettuce), or ripe apple, and a little of some good soft food mixture, or ants' eggs and crumbled sponge cake in equal parts, made crumbly moist, would suffice. (2) It would be much safest to remove the old hen, if you can do so without unduly disturbing the sitting bird; as it is, if you are sure she is not interfering with the other hen, by quizzing round the nest, etc., perhaps you had better leave them as they are. These birds are not like Canaries, and it is very unsafe procedure to leave odd birds of either sex with mated pairs.

Will Lovebirds Breed in a Cage? (A.E.F.).—Budgerigars will; and I have heard of one instance in which the Blue-winged Lovebirds successfully reared young; but your success is the more probable with the first-named. Give as large a box cage as possible, and hang up a couple of husks and leave them to themselves. "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," sixpence plus postage from this office, would help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Brevities.

An Aviary Floor (Crusader).—Yes; if the wire netting (small mesh) is taken underground 12 to 18in., and then turned up at the front for a few inches, like the letter L (the turned-up portion facing away from the aviary) that will keep out mice and similar pests. Glad to hear you like this year's ANNUAL so much.

Three Seed Samples (Seed-eater).—I got your note, but marked "no samples enclosed," so I presume you forgot to put them in the envelope.. It is impossible, I may say, to name all the seeds found in "wild seed mixtures" (the screenings from threshing machines).

Seed Samples (Aberdeen Anna).—I think the wild seed sent is an admirable sample, very free from dirt and mere litter. You can certainly offer it to British seed-eaters to their great benefit. I only wish I had a supply of it. I have had no experience of the use of chicory seed with Goldfinches. If, as you say, Linnets and Twites are fond of it, then it can hardly harm Goldies. Whether they will eat it or not is, of course, another matter; you can easily test it.

Hybrid Breeding (P. T. H.).—Under the conditions named you would stand a splendid chance of producing Hybrids. Do not put more than the three pairs in, however. Crowding spells failure. Privet shrubs are quite harmless; they are often stripped bare, though, by the birds. Living shrubs are by no means essential to success.

Goldfinch Ailing (A.M.).—Try the effect of a good reliable tonic. Go to a good chemist and get one ounce of syrup hypophosphite co (Fellow's syrup). Stir half-a-teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, using a glass or earthenware drinking vessel only. Give fresh daily and keep on with it for 12 or 14 days at least. Let the bird have a feed of cracked white sunflower seed daily, a little niger (and thistle if you have it), and crack his hemp seed, if necessary, to induce him to eat freely. This treatment should "buck him up." Don't forget the early daudelion.

Redpoll and Canary (Inexperienced).—Feed and treat both birds exactly as advised "Beginner" last week, and you should have no difficulty in achieving success. The Redpoll may not be ready to breed before the beginning or middle of April; it depends upon his present condition. For instance, I have a Redpoll eager to breed now. Your bird will feed the hen, sing vigorously, and no doubt chase her about the cage when ready for serious business. The simplest plan is to leave the two together "for good or ill." Don't try to force the hen Canary; still, if the first lot of eggs prove clear, console yourself with the thought that the second lot are likely to be good.

Three Matters (Novice).—(1) I have never before heard it said that a Siskin will moult with a "bih," although he is "bih-less" before the annual renewal of the plumage. Who told you this, and on what grounds? (2) The Redpoll you describe is a cock; the red on the breast is practically an infallible guide. What do you mean by "feeding for exhibition"? Do you mean the treatment during the moult? (3) It is not necessary to "sheet down" Finches when they are being moulted, though I believe in keeping the sun off those being colour-fed. Keep them in a sort of subdued (not direct) light.

In a Conservatory (P. J. B.).—The damp atmosphere (caused by the plants) is most injurious to birds, and the fluctuations of temperature, experienced in most conservatories (often very considerable) are also inimical to their well-being. I have had several friends try bird-keeping (and bird breeding) in their conservatories; some had a fair measure of success, but in their case not many plants were in the houses. In one case, where vines, palms, etc., mingled with the birds (or vice-versa), the experiment was a dismal failure.

A Mating Problem (A Navvy).—Proceed this way: Let the cock Roller fertilise the first lot of eggs, then remove him out of ear-shot of the hen, and let her sit and bring up the young by herself. When ready to go to nest a second time, put the cock Linnet in along with her. You are not then likely to experience any trouble whatever, providing the Linnet is then in form for breeding. Put the Linnet in half the double breeder, with the wire slide in between, while the hen is feeding the young—say when they are a week old.

Two Plants (W. Jeffrey).—The specimen you send is wood sage, which I have never personally offered to birds, so cannot say anything about its suitability or otherwise for that purpose. My botanical book gives the properties of wood sage as: —Bitter, aromatic, tonic; substitute for hops. Shepherd's purse is illustrated and described in CAGE BIRDS' book on "Seeds and Wild Plants for Birds." It has flat heart-shaped seed-pods, running up the stem, and carries a cluster of very tiny white flowers.

A Mule and a Yorkshire (Ignoramus).—The Finch mixture named will answer well for both birds; the hemp will not hurt the Canary, seeing that bo has space for wing exercise. You could alternate this mixture with a mixture specially put up for Canaries, and containing no hemp at all—one one day, the other the next day. Luxuries:—A little prepared egg-bread (packet, if you like) now and again, a little maw and cracked sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, seeding heads of groundsel and dandelion, chickweed and shepherd's purse.

A Linnet (J. C.).—Yes, take the bird out of the small cage, by all means. Get a 16in. Finch stock cage from one of the cage-makers advertising in our columns, or from a local shop if you know of an up-to-date one. This is the best for Linnets and other Finches. The simplest way to feed would be to use one of the packet special Linnet mixtures, sold at good class bird-seed stores. The food firm you mention has one on sale. "Pretty" cages (i.e., fancy all-wire ones) are not the best for Linnets; they suit Canaries and Mules better.

Six Short Ones (Valetta).—1. The pair can be put up as soon as the Greenfinch is ready; they can run together now, if you like. 2. Yellow mustard seed is not at all an essential; a little is relished given amongst other "wild seeds." 3.—Bran is quite harmless stuff for a cage-floor. 4.—A Greenfinch sings vigorously, flaps his wings as he takes the perches, feeds and pays other attentions to the hen, when in breeding form. 5.—Stick to Canary hens, or else keep the Goldie with the hen Greenie right through the season. 6.—A real good Goldfinch Greenfinch Hybrid is certainly a bird worth having.

Nesting Sites (P. C. B.).—A good book on bird-life would be useful; try Mr. Finn's "Bird of the Countryside," an admirable treatise. The Greenfinch builds in shrubberies and similar places, generally in evergreens. The Linnet is fond of building in gorse bushes (also heather and broom), likewise in shrubs in gardens, and the grounds of country houses. The Bullfinch also nests in the latter places, and is very fond of frequenting small woods. The Goldfinch's nest is also to be found in woodlands and secluded parks, containing oak and beech, etc., trees, though the favourite spot is a fruit tree in some orchard. The Yellowhammer frequents commons, lanes, and fields, and generally puts its nest on the ground, at the foot of a bush, or tuft of rough grass.

Treatment of Linnet (C. L. L.).—The mixture sent is quite unsuitable to give to any Linnet. It contains more niger than all the other seeds put together, and it is not advisable to give any niger seed as a regular thing. Feed as advised "Beginner" in last week's issue. I should think that the "shyness" is only natural, and due to the bird being as yet hardly settled down to captive life. I presume it was newly caught when you obtained it a few weeks ago? He will get bolder and commence to sing as he gets to know you better. Some birds are longer than others before "opening out."

In an Aviary (H. Foster).—Your aviary has one grave defect—the partly-wired roof. In such a small place the roof is best entirely covered in. It is quite possible that you would breed a Hybrid or two in it. I advise you to turn in Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, and Redpoll cocks, with Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Siskin, and Greenfinch hens (one of each). You could also put in two or three hen Canaries and add another cock Goldie and Linnet.

Three Questions (Index).—1. A Snow Bunting would live all right in a small aviary with Finches of various kinds. It feeds almost solely on Canary seed, but should have a little made insectivorous food now and again, and a mealworm or two, live ants' eggs in season, etc. A week or so ago I dealt at length with the feeding of these birds. 2. Strictly speaking, the right time to mate birds is when the hen shows signs of desiring to go to nest. But the cock bird, of course, must also then be in breeding trim. Note the reply given "Beginner" last week. 3. Doves are not in my line. I will get Mr. Finn to answer this next week; look in his column.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 2s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. L.—Replied by post.

Miss Eva Everitt.—Reply by post.

Mr. K. M. Westley.—Replied by post.

A. Beadnall.—The specimen of worms came much too late to allow of a reply in last week's issue. Had you given me your address I should have replied to you by return of post as you seemed desirous of early advice. The worms from which your Linnet is suffering belong to the tocnic or class of tapeworms, and the specimens sent are but segments or parts of worms; there is not a complete one present. The segments, however, are quite sufficient for purposes of identification. Your bird must be badly infested with these parasites, and until the heads are expelled there can be no hope of remedying the trouble. The preparation I want you to administer I am afraid you would have a difficulty in procuring from your chemist, as it is a synthetic one; but if you will, directly on seeing this reply, send me your address, I shall be pleased to send you same fully directed and free of cost. In the meantime give night and morning in the drinking water ten drops of syrupus ferri iodid, diluting same in proportion to ten drops to every tablespoonful of water, and change same night and morning. This drug you can obtain from any chemist. Destroy all excreta and segments passed when cleaning out your cage by burning, as these contain thousands of eggs, and may serve to infect other birds you may possess. The life history of these parasites varies very much, some requiring a second host other than the bird before they are again pathogenic to birds. On the other hand, some are capable of re-infesting an already infected bird. It is a subject of great import to fanciers, and is more commonly the cause of ailments amongst birds than has yet been supposed, only not in all instances does the parasite manifest its presence as in this particular case. The subsequent treatment will be manipulative, and as I gather from your letter that the bird is fairly tame, then the result should be all that you desire.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Illustrated Ideas (C. Quinn, W. H. Temmens, F. Reynolds). We have published these before (or very similar ideas).

A Clever Parrot (Mrs. Ambler).—We shall be delighted to receive the promised photograph and account of the "doings" of your remarkably clever bird.

The Literary Competition (H. C. Brooks).—The reading and weighing of the merits of the essays occupy, as you rightly surmise, a lengthy period. We shall announce the results at the earliest possible moment.

A Black List (A.T.).—We thank you for the suggestion, but do not see that any effective purpose is served by the publication of a "black list," for we already know of a case where such a list is in existence, yet fails to keep out the "undesirables," so many aliases and addresses are open to them, unfortunately.

An Appeal (J. H. Jowett).—We thoroughly appreciate the spirit in which your letter is written, but do not think it advisable to again put this matter forward. We will notify you, as suggested, respecting the photographs; a future special issue, most likely.

German Bird Papers (J. Ludwig).—There are "Die Gefiederte Welt" (Magdeburg) and "Kanaria" (Grenzstrasse 21, Leipzig), either of which papers might suit your purpose. We do not know where they are to be bought in London. If you will send us three penny stamps we shall be glad to post you a copy of each.

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Brief particulars of some of "Cage Birds" SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS for keepers of birds, with post free prices.

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HOUSE'S CANARY MANUAL, 1/2.—By C. A. House. A thorough, practical guide to the general management and breeding of Canaries, dealing fully with the breeding, etc., of every member of the Canary family, including the Roller (or Singing) Canary. An illustration of each bird, by the master Canary artist, Mr. H. Norman; exhaustive chapters on aviaries and cages, breeding procedure, moulting, exhibiting, diseases, and seeds—a compendium of knowledge.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS, 6d.—By C. P. Arthur. The breeding of Budgerigars and Cockateels is recognised as one of the most profitable and pleasure-giving sides of foreign bird-keeping. This eminent authority gives very full details upon how to keep, feed, breed, tame, and teach them to talk.

PET RABBITS, CAVIES, AND MICE, 1/1½.—By George Gardner. Full information on housing, feeding, breeding, exhibiting, and keeping for profit. A complete practical guide, with illustrations from photographs.

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Under the White Rose.

FIRST annual Sunday service of the Bradford East Society on the 20th inst. was a decided success, a very large number of members and friends being present. The service was pronounced Al. Mrs. Wilson Laycock contributed two solos in charming style, and the Rev. G. Hall Wallis preached a magnificent sermon on "Birds," which will be remembered by those present for some considerable time, and he paid a very pleasing compliment to our hobby in his remarks. The rev. gentleman had been laid up by sickness for above a week, and this was his first time out. He had evidently spent a lot of time in getting into touch with his subject, and it would have been a great disappointment to him if he had not been able to take his place. The chapel was well filled, and he was greatly cheered by the response to his invitation, and it is hoped he will suffer no ill effects from his attendance. There was also a record collection, and altogether it was a well-spent and pleasant evening.

TONG and District C.B.S. closed their list of members' shows on February 19th. In all ten shows had been run, and all the way through they have had good entries, the competition in all classes being very keen, the cinnamon marks in particular being very well patronised. At this last show over 60 birds were staged, many of them being of exceptional merit, and if the birds shown are a sample of what the members are to breed with, then no doubt we shall hear from some of them next season at the open shews.

BALLOT papers for the Yorkshire Union should be in the hands of all members by the time this issue appears, and any member who has not received one should communicate at once with the Union secretary, who will be pleased to forward one. Of course, this year Mr. R. Halliday vacates the position of president, and Mr. F. Hammond takes his place, moving up from the vice-presidency, and the members have a good array of true and worthy fanciers (nine in number) from whom to select a vice-president to succeed Mr. Hammond. Then as secretary, Mr. H. Hill stands again unopposed, and I am sure fanciers will agree we could not have a better. Trustees, two in number, are required, and the present two are again putting up for re-election, and two "fresh 'uns." Well, you can't get wrong, they are all O.K. for this office. Two auditors are required, and there are half a dozen to choose from, including the two retiring members, who seem to have given satisfaction, and are willing to try their best to do so again.

REVISION of rules. Please note here that the alterations to Rules 7 and 11 have been crossed, and members must use care when voting on these. The alteration to Rule 7 is opposite Rule 11, and that for Rule 11 is opposite Rule 7. The proposed alteration to Rule 7 is very important, as it deals with representation, and discretion must be exercised and care used. Then we have still another point in regard to novice classes. There is a proposal that the Yorkshire novices shall have eight classes instead of six at each show, so the novices (who number 836 against 356 champions) had better attend to their voting papers if they want this increased classification; and I suppose they do! Other revisions are on the paper, but those mentioned are most important. Then we have a few additions to rules, and I would like to mention one in particular, and that is in regard to assistant judges. This cuts both ways, and it is matter of which is the lesser of two evils? At present, say, a society holds a one-day show, with a classification of 24 to 28 classes, one judge; the official one is engaged. When entries come in, they get a "bumper," and the officials think it will be too much for one judge, and accordingly select an assistant. This assistant, perhaps, does not meet with everybody's approval; some fancier may have entered some small birds, and this man likes "big 'uns," or vice versa. Now, take the other side; if this now rule passes and a society has only one judge engaged, no matter how many entries the society receive, they cannot have an assistant, and the elected judge will have the lot to go through, and perhaps will be rushed so as to get the show open to time. Which is the better? Also, 10 new rules are embodied in the paper, and these will be gone through next week. All papers have to be returned by March 14th, so, therefore, members will have a little time to study things over.

DON'T forget the social, March 5, next Saturday, and if you intend to be there to dinner at 4 p.m., drop a posteard to the Yorkshire Union secretary. Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford, so that the number to be present can be given to our host, Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Market Tavern, Bradford. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

We have decided to hold our next open show on October 7th and 8th, writes Mr. W. Howe, hon. secretary of the Wellingborough and Dis. C.B.S., and under Cage Bird Union rules.

The report of the Yorkshire Canary Society of Ireland (which has just completed its first year) shows that the success achieved has been almost remarkable, due, it is stated, to the whole-hearted co-operation of the Irish Fancy. The balance in hand is no less than £11 7s. 11d., and this in spite of the fact that over £15 was spent in the purchase of cups, staging, etc. The secretary, Mr. D. Carroll, and the other officials may well be satisfied at the excellent results

Astounding Story of a Blackbird which "Thinks."

Remarkable Incident.

This week there has been brought to our notice an extraordinary and wonderful example of bird sagacity, with an incontestable proof of the power of human kindness wields in the realm of bird life. On Wednesday afternoon, February 2nd, Mr. S. Haden, of Dudbridge, invited a representative of the "Stroud News" to his house to see a Blackbird which had taken up residence therein and considered herself so much the tenant that she had built a cosy little nest on the mantlepiece in the living room. The room, lighted by a large window, overlooks a wide expanse of garden and orchard. Mrs. Haden was busily engaged in her household duties, whilst a bright fire blazed in the range. Immediately above, by the side of the clock, was what appeared at first sight to be a ball of rags.

"Here is my beauty," said Mr. Haden, and the next moment the visitor was made aware that this seemingly useless bundle was partially hiding a hen Blackbird, which, at the sound of the voice, popped out her head inquisitively, and after a careful survey of the room, opened her mouth for food. The bird did not appear the least timid, allowing herself to be gently caressed. A closer inspection showed that the rags only formed the foundation of what was a perfect nest. Hay and straw had been used in its construction, and the inside, so Mr. Haden informed the writer—for the bird showed a decided disinclination to move—was beautifully lined with mud and contained three eggs.

Asked to account for the bird selecting such an unthought-of spot for setting up housekeeping, Mr. Haden related the following story. It was in the spring of last year that a friend, knowing Mr. Haden's fondness for birds, brought him a nest of young Blackbirds. Three of these—two males and one female—he succeeded in rearing. One of the males he gave away and the other he kept. In August, having assured himself that the female could take care of herself, Mr. Haden liberated her in the orchard. Early the next morning when he opened his back door there was the bird waiting outside. He fed her, but she refused to go away and came inside the house. Once or twice during the day she took short flights in the open, but returned at night and roosted on one of the pictures. From that day to this she had always come home for meals and to sleep. If, when she returns the door is closed, she flutters against the window, and if she is locked in the house she goes through a similar performance until the door is opened.

About a fortnight ago the bird appeared to take an extreme liking to Mrs. Haden's work basket, pulling it about with her beak and appropriating pieces of rag, etc. These were carefully deposited in the corner by the clock. For the bird's especial benefit an old curtain was torn up and this she used. Having arranged the pile to her liking, the hen made excursions abroad, coming back each time with hay and straw. The last process in the nest-making was the mud, and this she also procured. An idea of the journeys to and fro the bird made can be gathered from the fact that one day when Mr. and Mrs. Haden were sitting at dinner the bird crossed the table six times. If, upon her arrival from one of these excursions, Mr. Haden happened to be by the nest, she would first fly on to his shoulder and then on to the mantlepiece. For a week the bird has been sitting, leaving the nest occasionally for a short flight. Whilst Mr. Haden was relating these facts, Mrs. Haden went to the bird and fed her, remarking that at meal times she invariably came and took food from their fingers.

Correspondence.

The Kelty and Blairadam Show.

SIR,—I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS, in the report of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., Pair show, sent you by the secretary, Mr. J. Ford, a statement to the effect that A. Cargill judged the Yorkshires; and he is credited with third prize in the Border section of the same show. He had no birds there, and has no connection with that society. I have, I may say, read CAGE BIRDS for five years, and I have had valuable information from its columns.

Cantsdam, Kelty. A. CARGILL.

The Holding Capacity of Aviaries.

SIR,—I am glad to see that Mr. Page now says he only intended his estimate to which I took exception to apply to Waxbills. This is satisfactory, as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough, because I see that he adheres to his opinion that 80 birds of this size can be kept in health in an aviary measuring 10ft. x 4ft. On this point I am compelled to join issue with him. Will any aviarist of experience come forward and say that he thinks this possible? Without considering the probability of contagious disease, always so prevalent amongst small foreigners, we may be quite sure that the weaker birds would be driven away from the seed tins, and would get nothing to eat. I am sorry to hear that Mr. P. keeps no less than 80—100 birds (many of them large) on a floor space of 292 sq. ft. This appears to me to be bad policy. At all events, I think it right to say that, though I feel sure that Mr. P. is a genuine lover of birds, his views and advice on this matter are, in the opinion of one birdkeeper at least, opposed to the best interests of aviculture. A few birds well kept, with ample flying space, will give their owner far more pleasure than a crowded aviary, be it small or large; as to the "rich man's palatial aviaries," with their paid attendant, which Mr. P. mentions with apparent envy, they probably give their owners no pleasure whatever.

ONLOOKER.

P.S.—If Mr. P. really "makes it a rule never to read letters placed over a pseudonym," he will probably miss much of interest, because many fanciers may not wish to parade their names before the public, and yet may not be without experience.

How to Steady British Hardbills

SIR,—Could some of your readers kindly give me some hints on steadying a Goldfinch and a pair of Bullfinches? Should a large or small cage be used? And is it a drawback to have the cock and hen Bullfinch in the same cage together? AMERICUS.

Prize Money and Entry Fees at Abertillery Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in your correspondence columns in answer to Mr. D. S. Lee's letter re prize money and entry fees at Abertillery Show. We are sorry to say that we lost £30 on our late show, and this is the reason why all prize money has not been paid. If all exhibitors who won prizes at our show will wait patiently for a week or so they will receive same. Anyone else overlooked should apply to the sec. pro tem.—ALF. GATFIELD, 15, Eastville Road, Six Bells, Abertillery, R.S.O., Mon.

(A letter from Mr. J. Locke unavoidably held over.)

A New Cage Bird, etc., Society for Willington and District.

SIR,—At a well-attended meeting held in the Parish Hall, Willington, for the purpose of starting a new Cage Bird and F. and F. Society for Willington and District, it was unanimously decided that such should be formed, and that the society be called the Willington and District C.B.F.F.S., the annual subscription to be 2s. 6d. The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. E. J. Brewes; Vice-Presidents, Dr. R. E. Brown and Messrs. Jas. Johnson, L. Conlin, T. S. E. Hamblin, H. Jopling, M. Nattrass, J. W. Rutter, Ald. A. W. Elliot, and G. Nelson; Treasurer, Mr. S. T. Briggs, M.P.S.; Auditors, Messrs. E. O. Holmes and Jas. Casey. A strong committee was also appointed, composed of Fanciers. We have got the society started with a membership of fifty, so we hope all Fanciers will come forward and contribute to make it a great success. Anyone wishing particulars of membership, etc., can have same by applying to me.

GEORGE CARTER, Secretary.

21, Park View, Willington, Durham.

Are Pedigree Rings Responsible for Cracked Eggs?

SIR,—In a short time we shall have the breeding season again upon us with its all-absorbing interests and its annoying disappointments, and it is just at this time, when some of us are giving thoughtful consideration to the causes of our feathered pets not fulfilling the expectations which we had at the commencement of our last breeding season. I myself was greatly perplexed with the following state of things: In several nests last year I noticed towards the end of incubation the shells of the eggs slightly chipped and perforated, with the result that no young came forth. To my mind the eggs were quite fertile. I have come to the conclusion that the perforation is caused by the hens in turning the eggs, catching the metal rings against the shell, so causing the loss of the young birds inside the eggs; at least, that is my theory, as none of the eggs under non-rung hens showed the same treatment. I had almost decided to dispense with metal rings, although, to my mind, it is the best and surost way of keeping a bird's pedigree. So before making my final decision I thought some more experienced fancier than myself would no doubt have noticed the same thing amongst his own birds, as I know your instructive and useful paper is read by thousands, where we, in our own little birdy circles, can only get the opinions of a few. Perhaps some breeder would kindly say if this is a general experience with rung birds or have I hit upon the wrong reason for my damaged eggs? SHERWOOD FORESTER.

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Wanted: A Roller Club for West Hartlepool.

SIR,—I shall be very pleased to hear from any fanciers interested in the above-named proposal, and being a novice myself I think it would always prove a source of enlightenment to new starters if a club be formed. I think there are plenty of capable men in the district to carry a good club on. Hoping to hear of same through the medium of your paper, S. FAIREY.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—Would "Netter" kindly send me a sample of brown water-cord and also the best thread for casting fishing net? I have one half finished with 3-cord carpet thread white. Can he recommend anything better for strength or lasting? As I do not know his address I cannot write him, but will feel obliged also for address where thread can be obtained. C. BAUGH.

Corbyn's Hall, Pensnett.

Two Interesting Albino British Birds.

SIR,—I noticed the other week a correspondent asking whether any other reader had seen an Albino Partridge. I may say that there is one in this village that is pure white. I have seen it very often for the last two years. There are several sportsmen who could have shot it, but would not, for they don't believe in shooting every rare bird that comes in their way, and I know they would be very sorry if it were shot. A friend of mine has also an Albino Chaffinch, which is very tame. It will come right up to his feet (when he is in his garden) and pick up crumbs and seeds. It is all white with the exception of a few flight feathers in each wing.

A LOVER OF RARE FEATHERED BIRDS.

An Appeal to the Fanciers of Glasgow and District.

SIR,—Kindly allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to make the following appeal to the fanciers of Glasgow and district. The decision of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F. Bird Club, to hold no open show in future has led to a good deal of comment, the result of which has been the calling of a general meeting (of all fanciers interested) at the Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 12th, at 6.30 p.m., to consider the proposal of forming an association on the lines of the City of Glasgow O.A., to continue with an open show. The expense of forming such an association would be practically nil, as the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club has kindly consented to loan the whole of their open show staging free of charge. That the fanciers of Glasgow will take this opportunity of giving their opinions either for or against is the sincere wish of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club.

FRED. BOWMAN, Sec. pro tem.

How to Make and Use Egg-cake.

SIR,—In reply to an enquiry in last week's CAGE BIRDS for a recipe for making a good "Egg-Cake" I give below what Mr. F. George requires. Take four eggs, six ounces of flour, six ounces of bread crumbs, three ounces of lard or dripping, two ounces of sugar, and half a teaspoonful of salt; mix the fat well with the flour and then add the other ingredients. Stir the eggs well, beaten up, adding enough milk to moisten. Bake in a slow oven as a cake or biscuit, and preserve in a tin for use. This will keep a very long time, but it must not be kept in a damp place. WM. TODD.

SIR,—In your useful paper, CAGE BIRDS, a fellow fancier asks, "How to make and use Egg Food?" I enclose you a sample of some I made last Easter (1909). I am now getting my birds into tip-top fettle with it. At Easter time, an old-time custom prevailed here in Northumberland of giving the children of all friends a fresh egg. Some of the eggs are given fresh, some hard boiled, and some hard boiled and dyed. It would be verging on manslaughter to let the bairns eat all they get, so I obtain as many as possible for a few coppers and use them in the following manner: Eight hard-boiled eggs to 1lb of Osborne biscuits. These I grind down and thoroughly mix. Then I dry it in a moderately hot oven, stirring many times to prevent it from caking. The secret is getting the mixture perfectly dry in a crumbly state. I then jar or bottle it and use as soon as cold. To use, I take the quantity I want and simply damp it with cold water. This will not go sour, and the birds eat it readily, and from the shell to the show bench thrive and keep in grand condition on it. A little maw seed added will tempt any bird that is a bit off and soon tone him up again. If this will help my unknown friend I am amply rewarded. EDWARD FLOYD.

[The sample sent certainly looks good and suitable for its purpose.—EDITOR.]

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Where has the Whisky Gone?

SIR,—Kindly grant me a space in your valuable paper to reply to the above question which occurs in your issue of February 12th, and to inform the evasive correspondent, who signed her insolent letter "Justice," that I should like her to be just. When sending her the prize money, in the same letter I also sent her a form signed by me for her to claim the special (bottle of whiskey) from the giver of same. After the publication of her letter I made inquiries with the giver of the special, and to my surprise the winner of same had not made a claim, and therefore she cannot blame anybody for not having the special. On the giver's advice, I took the special with me to send to her, which was not my duty.

T. J. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Plainhead in Ireland.

SIR,—In the last issue of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, there appeared a letter from "Sceptre" complaining of the bad support that societies receive from the Leinster men, particularly Dubliners. Now, Mr. "Sceptre," there is a great deal of truth in what you say, but, on the other hand, a lot can be said respecting other fanciers besides the Dublin men. It is not my intention to start tongue-thrashing people who are a great deal better than myself, but I will ask my brother fanciers to suggest a means that will unite all societies for their own common welfare. Would a Cage Bird Union of Ireland be a help? If so, I would suggest that the sooner one is formed the better for the Fancy. I understand that at the present time a few of our best fanciers are making a move to get the different societies in Ireland to pay full prize money on eight birds in each class. I would like to know what these valuable fanciers think of my suggestion. Wishing my brother fanciers a successful breeding season,

J. R. HYLAND, Dublin.

The Suggested New Varieties of Canaries.

SIR,—Among the suggested new varieties of Canary referred to in CAGE BIRDS (p. 134), one of your competitors, Mr. Samuel Anderson, makes a rather bold assertion. He states that a "Fantail" Norwich could be obtained by training the tail to grow upwards, at the same time spreading the feathers in the shape of a fan. He also states that an "Elizabethan" Yorkshire could be obtained by training the feathers to grow upwards, also cropping them to "make them grow longer." Surely this is not so? It is very doubtful if the feathers could be trained as he suggests; it is even more doubtful if "cropping" feathers would make them grow longer. But assuming it to be possible to so change the natural growth of a bird's feathers in the manner suggested, would not the offspring of such bird partake of the normal plumage? For it is, I believe, generally recognised that "acquired" characters are not transmitted from parent to offspring. Perhaps, sir, you may consider this of sufficient interest to invite the views of other of your readers on the subject. H. C. BROOKS.

Prize Money at Oakengates Show.

SIR,—It is the treatment I received in connection with the above, and not the value of it, that I complain about. Had I been paid my prize-money I should have given a special prize to the value of 5s. to Oakengates Society. From advice I have taken on the subject I am told that Oakengates Society are still liable until I actually receive my money. After waiting about a month for my prize-money, I wrote to one of the secretaries and never received a reply from him. About a week later I wrote to the other secretary and received a postcard from him (the only communication I have yet received from him). He stated he had a witness to prove that he sent me a P.O., but gave no name. He asked me to enquire at my post office, which I did, and the postmaster at Bridgnorth told me it remained with the sender of a lost letter to make enquiries and not the person who should have received it. He gave me a lost letter form, which I sent to Mr. Brothwood, and I should think it was as little as he could have done to try and recover the letter, if it was sent. The secretaries say mine is the only complaint they have received. I might mention that before I posted my letter to CAGE BIRDS I was given the name of an exhibitor who won either a second or third prize at Oakengates Show and who had not, and has not yet, received his prize-money. This gentleman lives nearer Oakengates than I do, and I only live about eight miles away, so that there must be something wrong somewhere. The secretaries say they do not suppose it will ruin them, my withholding my support from their next show. It is foreign to my nature to wish to ruin any society, I would far rather help.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

Cutting Out Round Cage Doors.

SIR,—Would some reader kindly let me know where I could get a bit to fit the brace for cutting out round doors in show cages?

A NOVICE.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Polmont and District.

SIR,—A meeting will be held in Ritchie's Tea Rooms, Polmont Station, on Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. for the forming of a Cage Bird Society. All fanciers and others interested are requested to attend.

R. L. LEITCH.

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—Mr. Gale has mentioned my name in his letter, and wishes me to state if the bird was trimmed at the Isle of Man show. I cannot see where this would benefit Mr. Gale. It would not make the case at the Palace any better. The bird is a good one and if shown honestly would hold its own and not disgrace any owner. Beyond saying this I cannot interfere.

A. WELLINGS.

Can Canaries be Taught the Nightingale's Song?

SIR,—I would like to know if any of your readers have tried to teach Canaries the Nightingale's song, and with what success. I do not mean the Nightingale notes which Rollers are said (in advertisements) to have. I think real Nightingale notes would be a great improvement on the artificial song of the Roller. I don't suppose a Canary would learn the whole of the Nightingale's song, but even a part of it would be a desirable acquisition in the song of the Canary. The difficulty is to get young Canaries early enough so that they may be under tuition for the whole time the Nightingale sings. I have two Nightingales in song now, but by the time I can get some young Canaries, they will be half over their singing probably.

C. HARRISON.

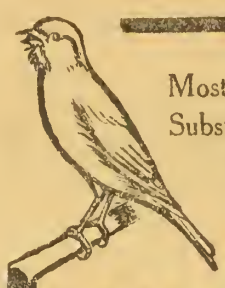
"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—On looking through CAGE BIRDS recently, I saw in the reply of Mr. Yates, in the post mortem column, that in the case of a Parrot, the bird was infested with worms, and was a complete skeleton. Is it possible that worms are the cause of the British birds "going light," and although eating all day long, continually lose flesh and becoming a complete skeleton? I have never tried the areca nut in the case of birds, as recommended by Mr. Yates, but I have in the case of dogs. I have often thought worms might be the trouble, and have tried turps on them. I shall now certainly try the areca nut when I detect any signs of their going light in future.

NIMROD.

Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—I have read with interest, as I do all that appears in your valuable paper, the letter re Skylarks in answer to Mr. Knight. My Skylark was very delicate from the nest—the summer before last. I reared two nests and kept for myself a cock bird from the one and a hen from the other. Both are well through the present moult, and the cock is singing every day and hung out of doors during the greater part. He hurt the spur of one foot when quite tiny so that it is quite curved, and he can never stand upright. I should like to know if this is best left or if it would hurt the bird to cut it. Also I understand that Skylarks will sometimes mate up in a cage. Would one of your correspondents give some particulars as to how to proceed—what sized cage and what month to put them together? Does Mr. Knight think that his Skylark could have been frightened by a mouse? They will find their way into a cage, let it hang where it will, and there usually are mice in a kitchen. Blackbirds and Thrushes don't mind them, but little birds are very much afraid of them. Then why is it necessary to give mealworms or flies? I read in a certain newspaper that an eminent physician says there is no more fertile carrier of disease germs than the house-fly—typhoid and enteric fever among the diseases. I give my birds the usual soft-food. I give the Thrushes and Blackbirds barley meal, ginger and soaked bread, varied with Spratt's best chicken meal made fresh every day, a very little seed mixed (Canary with a few linseeds) and crushed oats thrown in among the sand—they like to search for these. When I wash their feet I take them very lightly in the hand, round the body, the first finger over the shoulders and between the legs; and I put the feet in a saucer of water for a few moments. If the earth has got very hard, I gently rub it between the finger and thumb of the other hand and then turn my hand over so that the bird lies on its back while I dry the feet with a soft cloth. Then I pop him back quickly into his cage for his sand bath. The birds don't like being handled. I have known of an apparently quite healthy bird



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dying suddenly under the process of feet-washing, but they are quite tamable other ways and like to be taken notice of. I call mine "Mousie," and if I put my head out of the upstair window when he is out of doors on the wall underneath and call him he will run to the side of the cage and pop his head through and look up at me and make such a pretty little noise. I suppose he is a good schoolmaster as my little brown Linnet sings very much like his low and softer notes. The Cuckoo sends his best respects. He is quite well, but still breaks his tail feathers as soon as they come. He will surely keep a few good tail feathers as he gets older; there are four showing nicely now, but they grow so terribly fast, he does not seem able to get the sheath off. I tried to help him with one by splitting it with a fine needle, but I was afraid to try again as I found it merely seemed to scratch it and brought the blood to the surface. Wishing you every good wish for your ninth year,

E. M. SARGEANT

The Blue Whistling Thrush.

SIR,—I see that "W.R." has been enquiring in your columns regarding the treatment of the above. I suppose by the above is meant the Himalayan Whistling Thrush. If so, I kept one in perfect health and song on the following food: Barley meal mixed with milk, snails, and soaked currants or sultanas.

C. HARRISON.

Will Tame Bullfinches Breed in Captivity?

SIR,—As regards the above question, I say "Yes." And they will breed in a room with Yorkshires; only put the nests far from each other, and put one bunch of fur for the Bullfinches to nest in the corner of the room. The best nesting materials for the Bullfinch are roots of turf from an old bank; cut the roots small, and put a small turf on the floor of the room upside down for the Bullfinch to pick the fine roots to line the inside of the nest. In the breeding of Bullfinches have a fourpenny packet of Capern's mixture, half a pint of good hemp seed, and a twopenny packet of Linnet mixture. Mix these all together, and a few white sunflower seeds every other day, and give as much wild seed as you can—dandelion, chickweed, and groundsel. A suitable cage: Have a big box two yards long, one yard wide, and four feet high. Shut up one half with wood and have a bunch o ffur in the corner. Have one yard of wire netting on the front to stop cats, etc.

W. H. THOMAS.

Late and Early Linnet Mules.

SIR,—I have been a lover of CAGE BIRDS for some time, and I thought some of the readers of the same would be interested in this account of Mule breeding. I have a Border Fancy hen and a cock Linnet, which sat five eggs on October 10, 1909, and brought me three Mules out of five eggs on October 24. These are still living and doing well. The second nest was set on November 24, 1909, and the birds brought one out of three eggs on December 7, 1909. This, too, is still living. The third nest was set on January 1, 1910, and the birds brought one out of three eggs on January 15, but this one died on January 17. The fourth nest was set on February 1, and three Mules were brought out of four eggs on February 15. These are still living and are doing well. All can be seen at my address, which is Goodwin Terrace, Blackwell Road, Carlisle.

THOMAS MORELAND.

A New Cage Bird Society for Choppington and District.

SIR,—I think your correspondent in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS is entirely at fault in respect of his assertion that the old club is disbanded. It was never more alive than at the present moment. During the three years of its existence it has gone on swimmingly, and has promises of more members and special prizes than ever before. Certainly a few of the old club members have decided to form a new society, but it is to a certain extent a private venture, it being held at a social club, and to participate in the benefits of the society, one has to be a member of the said club or an affiliate. However, as the man is not yet born who can please everybody, so is the society not formed that can please all members. It has always been the aim of the old society to do fair to each member, and it intends to carry out that idea as long as it exists, and not to have any principal members, as no matter what a man's station in life is, as "Robbie Burns" says: "A man's a man for a' that." I hope to see a good muster at the meeting on Saturday night, February 26th, at 7 p.m., at the Railway Hotel, and wish every success to the society that has fostered and encouraged the Fancy in the district. I beg to sign myself

A MEMBER AND ADMIRER OF THE OLD CLUB.

Nantwich Show Report.

SIR,—I am afraid your correspondent, Mr. A. Windsor, must have had a nightmare, and with his mind still in that perturbed state, have sat down with his "fist in his hand" to give your unfortunate and "tactless" reporter a severe slating for so foolishly venturing an adverse comment on this local novice's (Mr. Windsor's) "ideal" Norwich. Had he refrained from accusing me of unfair motives—thereby placing my honour at stake—I should probably have treated his effusion with the contempt it surely deserved, but as I cherish my honour as I do my very existence, I must say just a word or two in defence before being "despatched" by your satirical correspondent. I may say I have been a breeder of the variety in question for nearly twenty years and have been connected with the Fancy Press for the past ten years, and of the many reports I have penned during that period, this is absolutely the first time that I have been challenged on anything that I have written. The few remarks which I made in my prefactory notes (which my "tactless" mind led me to imagine would be to the benefit of the society if they choose to adopt them), viz., to bring the cage-bird section more up to present-day requirements, by increasing the classification and prize-money—which is now only—6s., 3s., 1s. 6d.—were simply made as suggestions, and could be taken for what they were worth. These are taken exception to by this gentleman, and at once dismissed by him as a "foolish and unbusinesslike remedy," etc. He deplores the fact of being at a loss as to the identity of the writer, but goes on to say, "that because he took a prize or two over the heads of some of the 'writer's pets' (whatever that may mean I know not, it's a poser), I took upon myself to act as a 'final authority' by passing an adverse comment on his bird." This, he says, is "very damaging" to the judge and the society. As regards the latter, I should very much regret it if this comment brought them any injury. I have taken an interest in this fixture for some years, and I don't think I should have troubled to have made the suggestions I did for its welfare (as I thought) if I wished to injure it. As to the judge, he is one of the oldest friends I have in the Fancy, we having known each other for many years, and I am sure he would be the last person to imagine I was doing him an injustice by any legitimate criticism on his awards. I don't know if your correspondent is trying to "pull my leg," or whether he is seeking a cheap "advertisement" for the bird in question, but from his description of it, your readers must conclude he has a veritable model of a Norwich with its many excellent points, its "unbeatable condition," and "clean as a pink" with all. What condescension on his part to admit of its being "rather long in leg, if anything." I confess I took my notes without the aid of spectacles, which *might* have enabled me to see all these desirable Norwich properties. I relied on my natural vision, which revealed to me a bird, narrow in head, long and narrow in body, long in tail, decidedly shallow in chest, with no substance about it. Behind it were birds of excellent type and quality, short and compact, which have won at many of the big shows this season in keen competition. Hence my "childish" comment on the winner, "surely a mistake." I was repeatedly asked the question by fanciers present: "What about the winning Norwich?" In fact, it was quite the subject of conversation among cage-bird men on both days. This is the "bias" "unfairness" and "final authority" twaddle with which this novice thought fit to rush into print. When I report a show, my remarks are based upon the exhibits, not their owners. My instructions are to give a fair, impartial, and conscientious report. These instructions I always try to carry out, and shall continue to do so. I shall never praise a bird up to the skies which I consider occupies a false position; whether it is to the likes or dislikes of its owner, I care not. Had the bird in question been worthy of its card, it would have received its full share of credit from my pen, no matter if it did belong to a novice, for I should have considered it all the more meritorious on his part to have beaten "old hands."

YOUR REPORTER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Windsor's letter in your last issue, I think Mr. W. has gone too strong on your reporter. I think that he is a good all-round man to report a show; he understands all varieties. Now, the winner in the Norwich class was not worth a word of praise as he ought not to have been in the cards. I am not a disappointed exhibitor, but I like to see the best bird win. I have been to nearly all the leading shows in the country, but have not seen such a mistake all the season. Now, Mr. W. calls him "If a novice. If that is a novice's views of a Norwich I don't know what we shall have next. If Mr. Windsor calls his bird a "stormer," I will show either one of my birds that I had at Nantwich Show against his winner, and give him the choice of any specialist Norwich judge for £10, and will deposit the money with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS.

T. CRIMES.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines in defence of your reporter and his report re Nantwich Show, as I was a visitor to that show and, being a lover of a good Norwich and also of an honest show report, I cannot let Mr. A. Windsor's letter pass without a line or two on the subject. I have been a breeder of the Norwich Plainhead and a regular visitor to all the leading shows throughout Lancashire and the Midlands for some years past, and it was the first time I ever saw such a poor specimen crouching behind a first-prize card. I think Mr. Windsor quite right when he says "We Novices," for had he not been a novice, he would have kept the bird at home for singing purposes. I say the first prize Norwich at Nantwich Show was all the reporter said of it, and I think Mr. Windsor's letter a gross insult to the gentleman who reported the show, and in my opinion and in that of "a great many other visitors to the show," the reporter had ample room for supposing that a mistake had been made, for I failed to find one single good point of the many found generally in a "Typical" Norwich Plainhead.

J. C. HEATON.

How Nets are Made.

SIR,—I should be obliged if the good-natured fancier who signs himself "Netter" would answer me the following questions: How much netting can be made by a netter of ordinary ability in an hour, ¾in. mesh? What mesh, height, and length, should a Linnet clap net be? Which is the best net for Linnets, a come-and-go net, or a clap net?

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The Championship Diploma for Best Yorkshire Canary.

SIR, I notice in CAGE BIRDS that a firm are advertising themselves as winners of championship diploma, 1909, for best bird in Yorkshire section. I claim to have won the honour, 1906, 1907, 1908, and 1909, for best Yorkshire, over all others, both Cinnamon marks and green marks. Mind you, I don't dispute that they have won diplomas in Cinnamon marks, but my wins cover all sections of Yorkshires.

J. BAILEY.

Bullfinches and Hempseed.

SIR,—I have always been a great lover of the Bullfinch, and have had scores in my time, some of which lived to be fifteen and sixteen years of age, and some "went off" after a few days of confinement. But with all the birds I have had, I have never known one to "go black" from the use of hemp seed, which I have always given freely. But living in the country as I do and always have, I have always the chance of getting them plenty of green food, berries, buds, and young shoots of various kinds. I cannot say if it would have turned them black if they had had nothing but hemp seed. I am a great believer in giving them, and, in fact, all British birds, as much of their natural food as I can. I have never found that hemp seed has ever done them any harm or shortened their lives. It is always best to give them plenty when fresh caught, both soaked and dry. Also crush a few until you get the birds to feed well. Four beauties I had brought me a week ago (when the snow was on the ground) to try and "get round," as they would not feed or take anything. But as they were too far gone, they could not be saved. If they could have had plenty of hemp seed, they might have been saved.

HYBRID.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR, With reference to the letter that appeared in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, signed "Reader," as regards blind Mules winning at shows, I have every pleasure in replying to "Reader's" request, but really I should have preferred to see his name at the foot of his letter, rather than the nom-de-plume he adopts; as the latter procedure always strikes me as hiding somewhat behind the bush. No straightforward and honest fancier need be afraid to see his name appear in the Press. As regards Guisborough Show on January 1st, at which I adjudicated, the only blind bird I detected was a Linnet, which I put out of competition. The dark Green-finch-Mule that "Reader" states is blind, and which from memory I placed second to the light Goldie-Mule shown by Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle), did not strike me as being deficient in eyesight, as the bird took the perches quite easily when worked. Had the bird been blind at this particular fixture, he would have shown his deficiency up by clumsy movements, etc. "Reader" also refers to a letter that appeared in CAGE BIRDS, issue of January 22nd, also signed by a nom-de-plumist, saying that Mr. Houlton (who judged at Yarm Show, awarding this blind Greenie-Mule 1st prize) does not wish to enter into correspondence with his friend "Tyro" (Darlington). Mr. Houlton gave his views to "Tyro" at Stockton Show, re "Tyro's" own letter. The week after Guisborough Show, I received a letter from a certain fancier, who was exhibiting a dark Greenie-Mule in the same class as this alleged blind bird, asking particulars as to why his bird was so low down in the cards. I gave him my opinion, and full reasons of the affair. My reply to him was honest criticism. His exhibit was smaller, failing a little in colour, but of nice shape. I am afraid it is a case of a "disappointed exhibitor," judging by the reply I received after giving my views to him. Civility becomes everyone, although such is not served out on every occasion. Poor judges. I might tell both "Reader" and "Tyro" (if they are not one and the same person) that had I the class of Mules to judge over again, as I had at Guisborough, my awards would be exactly the same. When I officiate at a show as judge, what ability I possess is utilised to the best advantage; I satisfy myself and come away with a clear conscience. Blind birds do not win under me when detected. No man is infallible, and mistakes will occur at times. The Greenie-Mule at Guisborough Show, if deficient in one optic, must have been awfully clever with the other.

J. C. BARNES.

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A CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Metropolitan Sensation.

SIR, Referring to the note appearing in your last issue relative to the above, I have received a letter from Mr. J. W. Ramsden as follows (omitting formal parts):—"The Committee of the L. and P.O.S. accepted our advice and decided to withdraw from the C.B.U. I understood that you had power to act without reference to your Committee. This being so, will you send notice to the Press that both societies have withdrawn? If the notice requires my signature, I shall be pleased to add it if you will send the notices on to me." The L.C.B.A. in general meeting having given power to their sub-committee to act immediately, they have accordingly resolved to join the L. and P.O.S. in their withdrawal from the C.B.U., and I am notifying the secretary of the Union thereof.

WILLIAM H. MUGFORD,
Hon. Sec., London C.B.A.

Suggested Union of Lancashire Societies.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS that some of the Lancashire societies are beginning to see that the Cage Bird Union is nothing but a farce, as the delegates' meeting at the Palace proves it to be. And I have no doubt that a Union such as your correspondent "Lancashire Union" mentions would be as beneficial to the Lancashire Fanciers as the Yorkshire Union has proved to the Yorkshire Fanciers, if worked on similar lines. If such a meeting was called no doubt the societies I am interested in would be represented there, as the majority of the members are disgusted with the workings of the C.B.U., Owing to being in a similar position to "Lancashire Union." I sign myself FIASCO.

A Stir in the Midlands.

SIR.—A meeting of the delegates for District No. 7 has been called for Saturday next, the 26th inst., at Leicester C.B.S. headquarters, Market Place, Leicester, time 4 p.m. Will you allow me through CAGE BIRDS to appeal to all the affiliated societies in this district to be represented at the meeting? It is necessary that we should decide without delay whether we wish the Union, as at present constituted, to continue.

J. H. DE MAILLET, Dis. Sec.

A Vigorous Defence.

SIR,—There seems to me to be a quite unnecessary anxiety on the part of some people as to the future of the Cage Bird Union. There is no doubt in my mind that the C.B.U. will outlive a good many of its critics, and that it is doing, and will continue to do, good, is to me perfectly clear. It only needs to have its rules (as fixed by the majority) carried out in a firm, but at the same time not arbitrary manner and the fullest publicity given to its workings. The C.B.U. has nothing to hide. The Press has always been welcome to its meetings (that is, its general business meetings). Of course, when enquiring into cases of alleged fraud it would not be fair to the accused to publish allegations that may be found unjustifiable, for no matter how innocent a man may be, if only plenty of mud is thrown some of it is sure to stick. When a man joins his local society he is expected (and he will expect himself) to abide by the rules and to see that others do the same. If the rules are not in the interests of the whole of the members, and there never was a rule framed yet that did not hit someone more hardly than others, then the obvious course is to try to get the rules altered, but altered in a manner provided for by the rules. No member of a local society would try to smash up his society simply because the rules did not agree with him individually; he would try to sacrifice his individuality in the interests of the members generally. Of course, I am writing of the man who puts his society before himself. The things that apply to a member of a society apply equally to the societies forming the C.B.U. If societies would support and help the officials (appointed by themselves) to carry out the rules (made by themselves) there would be no difficulty in making the C.B.U. a real power for good, not only in punishing evildoers, but in preventing evil-deeds being done. It is this preventative side of the C.B.U. which appeals to me a great deal more than the punishing of something actually done. I think I am right in saying that the C.B.U. has done a great deal of preventative work. Fanciers have found out since the formation of the C.B.U. that it does not pay to go wrong. Those who have tried it have had an unpleasant time of it, and the Fancy generally is much cleaner to-day than it was a few years ago. No doubt the C.B.U. has not punished all who have broken its rules, especially in the matter of members showing at non-affiliated shows; this has largely, in fact, almost entirely been because members who know of these things your colleagues always shuffle away from the point, such as packing or unpacking, or labels in members' pockets (questions I never raised) and as you know better than I can tell you Mr. "M.", exactly where this label was, you need not try to introduce any other subject to draw me from the point at issue.

LOVER OF JUSTICE.



The C.B.U. in the North.

SIR,—May I again be allowed a small space in your paper to reply to "Interested," who I see has wandered from the point at issue, namely the Siskin Canary at Newcastle Show. Now, to use his own words, he seems to be in an even more desperate state of mind, as some of this mud he speaks of has struck its mark and stuck fast. I hope it will be the means of making "Interested" tread the path a little more straight in future than he has done in the past. I asked a straight question (too straight, I suppose), and have failed to get an answer so far. Readers also will note that Mr. Currah shuffles out of it by saying "I may have heard something to satisfy me." To the correspondent who signs himself "A Member," first let me tell him that the gentleman to whom he addresses his letter has as much idea of the identity of the present writer as has this "member" himself, and I hope "Member" will act up to what he tries to make your readers believe he is, and ask that same gentleman those "pertinent questions" to his face (he has always plenty to say behind his back) when I have no doubt he will get an answer to his satisfaction. I make no mistake of your identity, and be very careful of any questions you may ask (with our worthy Editor's permission, as I have no doubt he will accommodate you) because I might give an answer and then ask some more which might prove very awkward for you to answer. Yes, Mr. "Member," this question about looks does seem rather funny, seeing I can't get an answer to it, as you and your colleagues always shuffle away from the point, such as packing or unpacking, or labels in members' pockets (questions I never raised) and as you know better than I can tell you Mr. "M.", exactly where this label was, you need not try to introduce any other subject to draw me from the point at issue.

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

SIR,—It has come to my knowledge that suspicion is resting upon certain members of Gateshead Society, in regard to the letters that have appeared in my name. I am sorry that such should be the case, and apologise. When I wrote the letters I put my own name to them, not someone else's. I am not a member of Gateshead or Newcastle Society nor have I ever been. One does not need to be a member of any society to get information, or write letters to the Press. Mr. Buck, your trumpeter, must be dead. I am afraid you have guessed wrong this time about the identity of "J. G." As regards your remarks about "muzzling," let me inform you I was not the first to use the term; a friend of yours was. Now, "N. D.," I did not insinuate that Newcastle residents who are members of Gateshead Society should not speak or vote; there were some both for and against the C.B.U. at the meeting when the vote was taken. I am told that two persons who were present at that meeting have "now" become members of the society. I would say this to you, "N. D.," the next time you write a letter put your name, just the same as your friends are saying "Twite," "Lover of Justice," and "Fate" should have done. I give this advice to "A Member" as well.

J. GRAHAM.

Can Chaffinch-Bramblefinches be Bred in a Cage?

SIR,—In your issue of February 5th a letter appeared from Mr. James Lane, re the above, and he hoped by his letter that he was able to convince "Hybrid" that the above-named cross could be bred in a cage. As "Hybrid" is rather an old hand, he takes a lot of convincing, but I am pleased to hear Mr. Lane has had fertile eggs. But that is not "raising" the birds. I have myself had similar results. As these and the cock Bullfinch Hybrid take some getting, I am, I can assure your readers, anxiously awaiting the successful results of these crosses in cages. I hope my letter and his letter will be the means of others giving their experience.

HYBRID

CLUB REPORTS.

(Continued from page 196.)

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

The society hold their next meeting at headquarters, the Dartmouth Hotel, March 1st, at 7 o'clock. This is the date of our table pair show. All entries cose at 7.30 (not later), so as to enable judging to start then. Mr. J. Jones (Dudley) will judge. Sixteen classes will be provided. It has been decided that all exhibitors must state sex of all exhibits in the two selling classes, as these will not be entered for prizes. There is no limit and no entrance fee. But exhibitors must state a price for bird and cage. We are holding this show for the purpose of finding something of interest for members and friends alike. We are not charging for admission. We hope they do not fail to take this opportunity.—JENNINGS and VILES, general secs.

FORRES AND NORTHERN C.A.

Annual meeting held in the Mechanics' Institute on Feb. 14th. There was a good attendance. After the usual business the secretary submitted the annual report and abstract of accounts, which showed the association to have passed through a most successful year. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Hon. president, Mr. Forrest; president, Mr. J. Robertson; vice-president, Mr. J. Russell; secretary, Mr. George S. Russell, 16, Urquhart Street; treasurer, Mr. W. Cumming; committee, Messrs. K. Maclean, J. Alexander, W. Miller, W. Dingwall, A. Campbell, A. Merchant, J. Younie, W. Fraser, J. Macgregor, and J. Urquhart. The date of show was fixed for 3rd December. It is hoped the Association will have a successful year's work.—JAS. RUSSELL.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

Annual general meeting held in Temperance Hall, February 8th. Balance-sheets had been distributed to all members. The chairman said that although we had been falling back on a smaller balance for a year or two we still had a substantial one to our credit. After several items had been gone through, Mr. W. Muir proposed, and Mr. J. Johnstone seconded, the adoption of the balance-sheet. The appointing of office-bearers was gone through, as follows:—President, Mr. W. Guthrie; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Blair and W. Watson; committee, Messrs. J. Jones, A. Parker, W. Smith, J. Latta, A. Cooper, J. Hutchieson, W. Muir, J. Jamieson, and A. Watson; auditors, Messrs. J. Latta and A. Watson; secretary, R. McCaw. It was unanimously agreed to have full general meetings as often as could be found to give interest to members or novices throughout the year by lectures or exhibitions of hand-washing, etc.; young members are always in search of something of interest.—R. McCAW, Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

A meeting was held in the schoolroom on Feb. 19th, when a good number were present. Also a table show was held, which was of great success, there being cage birds and other stock. The chief winners of cage bird section were:—A. Scothern, who took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes; C. Bacon, taking 1st prize and 2nd in British birds. All those wishing to become members are invited to attend next meeting, open to a radius of 5 miles. Entrance fee 1/-. Subscription 2/6.—F. MALTBY, hon. sec.

BATTERSEA & DIS. (Open) C.B.A.

Extraordinary general meeting held on February 17th, at 340, Battersea Park-road. The balance-sheet came up for discussion. A few remarks were made by the secretary and the chairman. Although it was not so good as they would have liked it to be, they said it was an improvement on last year's. The annual open show proved a success. Mr. T. Joyner proposed the adoption of the balance-sheet, which was seconded by Mr. Palmer. The post of secretary: Mr. F. Easterling said he would not hold office again. He gave many reasons, one (which is only too true) being that members put in such a poor attendance even at lectures. After a time, however, he gave way to the great satisfaction of all, and many present promised better support. The chairman, Mr. W. J. Honeysett, promised to assist in sending reports of meetings to the Fancy Press. Other office-bearers are as last year, excepting Mr. Gooch, who resigned from the committee, Mr. Hawes taking his place. The changing of headquarters: It was carried that 340, Battersea Park-road be our future headquarters. Intending members and friends, please note this change. Show dates are fixed as follows: Members' Pair, March 2nd, judge Mr. J. Robson; Young bird (open), June 18th, Mr. Robson; Annual Open, October 19th and 20th. Secretaries please note. It was decided to have lectures, cage-making and other exhibitions from time to time, which will be announced in CAGE BIRDS' club notices. It was also decided to advertise more in the Fancy Press, our open young bird show and annual show. This concluded an interesting meeting.—WILLIAM J. HONEYSETT, Chairman.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

A goodly number of members met at the house of a local member in Dover, on February 9th, to take part in a bird washing demonstration. Our host gave us a very cordial and warm reception. We were confronted by a bright fire, and on a large oblong table were ranged three basins for water, each about nine or ten inches in diameter, together with a generous supply of soaps, badger-hair and other brushes, and on a line above the fire were a quantity of nice, warm, soft cloths for drying and rolling up purposes. With regard to the soaps used, each had his own particular fad. The company having seated themselves round the table, our host set the ball rolling, and quickly put his subject through its tubbing, and rolled it in its drying cloth, and placed it within a safe distance from the fire in three or four minutes of starting. Mr. Reeve followed, and he, too, quickly and satisfactorily got his bird through its ablutions, and in the drying case. The next was our local champion of the art, Mr. Abbott, and the fashion in which he deftly did his work was a treat, and an education to witness. Mr. E. C. Rayner, taking off his coat and rolling up his sleeves in a very determined and workmanlike manner, next gave us a good sample of his abilities, and although this was his first attempt, he got his "man" through very creditably, and he must have profited by his close attention to the methods of his predecessors. Messrs. Austen, Hendry, and Hunt "followed suit" in the order named, and all the birds were on the perches in good time. No casualties occurred, and the demonstration was a decided success; so much so that another was arranged for March 2nd, at same time and place, to take the form of a "competition," Mr. Abbott being selected the adjudicator. The business of the monthly general meeting was gone through while the birds were drying, after which we wended our several ways homewards, having spent a most enjoyable and happy evening, our host looking as happy and contented as a "sand boy."—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Swan and Peacock Hotel, on February 3rd. The balance-sheet was passed as read, and the society took a very good course in electing the same officials as before:—President, Mrs. H. Staveley Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Rhodes, Dr. O'Brien, and A. Cupiss; chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver; vice-chairmen, Messrs. R. Willoughby and J. A. Tonks; committee, Messrs. J. Barrett, H. Rowley, H. Bryan, F. Price, and J. Millencamp. It was proposed and seconded that we still keep to our date of open show, viz., 28th and 29th October; we trust this will be satisfactory to those members who did not attend. Mr. J. Robson has been engaged to judge. I trust all members will take a little more interest in the society in future, and come to the meetings.—J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Special meeting held on Feb. 5th, at the New Inn, Bramley, the new headquarters, for the purpose of electing officers, Mr. Richmond in the chair. There was a good muster of members, and all were enthusiastic over our new venture, which only needs the goodwill and co-operation of all members to become a great success. We have now a nice cosy room to meet in, and I venture to say that all who attended the meeting were well satisfied. If only the members will help the officers, and work more harmoniously together, the society will soon be on as sound a footing as it has ever been. The election resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. W. Richmond; first vice-chairman, Mr. A. Silson; second vice-chairman, Mr. E. Craven; hon. secretary, Wm. Maltby; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Benson. The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Richmond, J. Guest, W. Steele, and W. Stephens. A vote of thanks was accorded the late secretary for past services, and he was elected a vice-president. It was decided to have a pair show on the next meeting night, March 5th, at 7 p.m. prompt. Four classes—two for clear and ticked birds, and two for heavy marked birds. Two specials will be competed for. Now, members, sink your differences, and let us have a good show and a nice meeting, as the business is important.—WM. MALTBY, hon. sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting, held February 17th, Mr. Currah in the chair. At the outset the chairman read a letter in respect to the recent Wild Bird case. It was decided to open a list and invite subscriptions towards the defence of the case in a higher court. Mr. MacPartling then asked leave to the meeting to explain his position with regard to the birds which he showed at Wallsend show, and which were there protested against, the case having gone before the district committee of the C.B.U., where, on the advice of Dr. Galloway, it was held that the birds were Canarics, this view being upheld by the Cage Bird Union executive on appeal. Mr. MacPartling read out a portion of his defence dealing with the breeding of these particular birds. Mr. Vanner proposed a resolution expressing the confidence of the members in Mr. MacPartling's honesty and conviction that his birds are Mules. This was seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and carried without dissent. The meeting then proceeded to elect the officials for the ensuing year. An intimation was received from A. J. Haggie, Esq., of his inability to remain president, but it was unanimously decided to ask him to reconsider his decision. The vice-presidents were elected en bloc, with two or three additions. Mr. Currah was again elected chairman. His decision to again occupy the post was received with hearty applause. Mr. J. Shepherd is vice-chairman, this, again, was a most popular nomination. Messrs. G. Taylor and J. Curry, auditors; and Mr. T. Robson, treasurer. I was elected secretary, and will members and others kindly communicate any business to me in the future? The election of committee was postponed until our March meeting. I trust we will have a good attendance, so as to get settled down to our regular meetings shortly.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec., 121, St. George's-road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Annual smoker, held in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, on 18th February, President Black occupied the chair, supported by ex-president A. Jardine, ex-vice-president J. McLay, and vice-presidents Martin, J. Fairley, J. Renwick, A. Chalmers, T. Todd, J. Young, R. A. Brown (sec. of the West of Scotland Ornithological Association), A. Buchanan (pres. Glasgow, Derby), J. Fleming (sec. Glasgow Southern Association). We were also glad to see many of our old friends and fanciers present, notably Messrs. J. Knox, A. Russell, A. McLachlan, J. Park, Bennett, G. G. Aitkenhead, Nairn, McCraig, A. McMillan, A. Muir, A. Wilson. Sec. A. McDonald, with his usual tact, had all arrangements made to the smallest details, for what proved to be a most successful evening's enjoyment. President Black, in his introductory remarks, proposed the toast, "The King, Queen, and Royal Family," which was received by the large company with enthusiasm, after which the musical part of the evening was entered upon. Amongst the fanciers and friends there was some excellent talent. Our veteran friends, Messrs. J. Knox and A. Russell, although of the old school of fanciers, still take an activo part and interest in the rearing of a good Scotch Fancy. Mr. Knox's rendering of the "Lea Rig," and Mr. Russell's "Queer Folk in the Shaws" were much appreciated. Songs were also sung by Messrs. A. Muir, Todd, A. Fraser, Lochead, Phillips, A. K. Chalmers, Paton, A. Murray, D. Smith. Piano accompaniments were played by Mr. Weir, and a reading given by Mr. R. A. Brown. Humorous songs of Mr. Paton and others received a hearty reception. The first part of the musical programme being gone through, Mr. McIlwain, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the toast, "The City Association," coupled with the name of Vice-President Martin, who in his remarks stated that he considered it an honour to win a ticket at the city show, and touched on the point of the duty of members to render all assistance in their power to strengthen the hands of the officials, and push on the interests of the association to the highest standard of perfection. Secretary McDonald, in proposing "The Fancy Press," spoke in glowing terms of the powers of the Press, and how much they were indebted to it in many ways for the publicity given to all matters relative to the hobby of breeding and rearing of cage birds. He was pleased to see with them a representative of CAGE BIRDS in Mr. Jolliffe, who in replying thanked the company most heartily on behalf of CAGE BIRDS for their appreciative acceptance of the toast. Ex-President Jardine proposed a voto of thanks to the chairman for his able conduct. President Black, in returning thanks, said he was glad to see so many friends and fanciers, and he was glad at having that opportunity of saying that he would do everything in his power to merit their confidence and support for the progress of the association. Mr. Jolliffe proposed a vote of thanks to those who had so ably contributed to the musical part of the evening. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought what proved one of the most successful smokers of the C.O.A. all too soon to an end.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

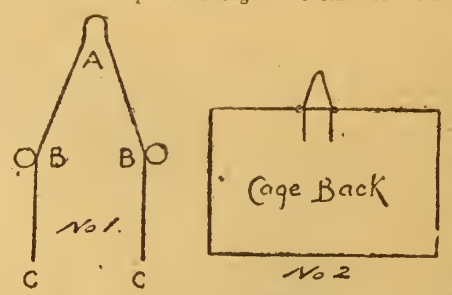
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No. 386.
A Neat Cage Hanger.

Sent by Mr. W. Brooksbank, 18, Vermuyden Terrace, Goole, Yorks.

I enclose a sketch of a very simple holder to hang cages on to the walls. There is nothing looks worse, I think, than a hole through a nice cage-back and a large wire nail stuck through the backs of cages 1in. or 2ins., as I have seen them; and they are very dangerous to a bird if it flies against the nail-head. Sketch No. 1: Get a piece of cage wire 5ins. or 6ins.

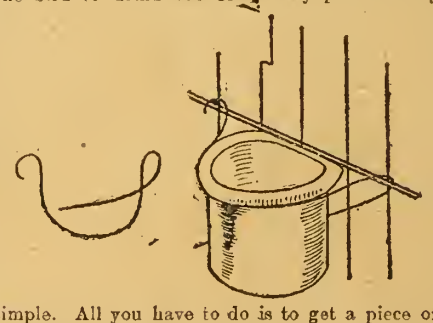


long and a pair of pliers, and bend the wire in the centre like A; then measure your wire 1in. from each end, and take hold with your pliers and bend right round, like B, leaving both ends straight, like C. Now you will have the holder ready for fixing on to your cage back (Sketch 2). Then take your holder and place it on the cage-back; get a hammer and two nails or screws, and drive them through B into the top board of your cage, and the two ends (C) hold against the back of your cage, while A grips the nail on the wall and holds the weight of cage. This is very neat, and does not spoil the look of your cage.—W. BROOKSBANK.

No. 387.
An Easily-made Water Glass Holder.

Sent by Samuel McAllister, Margaret Cottage, Edward Street, Dunoon.

Below I give a sketch of a fastener for a water glass. Sometimes you see the water glass lying at such an angle that it is impossible for the bird to drink out of it. My plan is very



simple. All you have to do is to get a piece of ordinary wire, and bend it to suit the glass; leave about 2½ins., and bring this round to rest on the wires, as shown in the sketch, when you will find this will bring the glass to the level.—S. MCALLISTER.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

An interesting and instructive evening was held on Feb. 16, when a washing demonstration was given. Messrs. Harvey, Hands, Grant, and Kilminster, each washed a specimen, and explained their methods of doing it. Afterwards several novices tried their "prentice hands," and though taking rather a long time none of the birds seemed any the worse for the ordeal. The secretary alluded to the death of Mr. May, one of the oldest members, who from physical infirmity had been unable to take an active part in the working of the society, yet had always evinced the keenest interest in it, and had done what he could to help. It was decided to send a wreath from the society. Three new members were elected, and general appreciation was expressed of the programme for the year.—A. S. TREASURE, hon. sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on February 19th, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over a good attendance. Mr. W. Reid proposed and Mr. A. Walker seconded that the minute relating to the Cage Bird Union, as carried at the previous meeting, be rescinded. This was carried, and the remainder of the minutes were then confirmed. It was also moved and carried that we take no action in nominating a president and secretary for the Cage Bird Union. Mr. J. Snowball placed before the members a scheme he has been working on for the purpose of placing the society in a sound financial position, which was very favourably received by the members, and we hope to have the scheme in full working order in the course of a week or two. The meeting accorded Mr. Snowhall a very hearty vote of thanks for attending, at great personal inconvenience, and explaining his scheme in such a lucid manner. The secretary was also instructed to forward a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. T. C. Crawhall, of Newcastle, for his very acceptable donation towards our funds, and we wish there were more like him. This concluded the business, and Mr. A. Walker then entertained the members to a very graphic account of the visit of the Sunderland fanciers to the Crystal Palace show, and the manner in which the "Colonel" described the visit and especially his own amusing adventures in a strange city, were most enjoyable. After the merriment, the "Colonel" received a hearty vote of thanks, which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

Wild Bird Life.

The Pairing of the Birds.

St. Valentine's Day is passed, when the wild birds are supposed to choose their mates for the coming season. No doubt about this time many species begin to weed themselves out into couples, but the climatic conditions prevailing at the time are what influences them in their early or late courtships. Wild birds may be divided into two groups as regards nuptial arrangements—those that pair for life and those that seek new partners annually. Among the former are the Rooks, Jackdaws, Hawks, Starlings, Bullfinches, and our common Sparrow, besides others. Most of the Finches seek new partners each coming Spring, as do the Thrushes. It is most interesting to anyone who is about in the fields and woodlands to note how the birds gradually seek out partners among their companions. In a good many cases it is a gradual process, which commences far back in the autumn as soon as the moult is over, and the sickness incidental to that time passes. In this matter the bold Missel Thrushes are perhaps as conspicuous as any. They roam the fields in small flocks of about ten or a dozen birds. They are very shy and wary at this season, and difficult to approach; but by taking shelter along the hedgerows one can frequently get them well within range, and note that the flock is simply composed of so many birds which are gradually drifting into couples. They feed and fly in pairs, although forming a flock. Pairs of Sparrow Hawks may be seen all through the winter months circling and toying with each other in the air and around the edges of the wood before retiring to roost. Single birds are frequently seen, but these are doubtless young birds of the previous season which have not yet chosen for themselves mates, for the Hawks are slow to mature. I have seen it stated that this bold Hawk is a solitary species, and that the sexes keep apart. This may probably be so in the colder North, but here in the South pairs are not infrequent, even in the depth of winter. Since the autumn I have had three pairs under observation (all in the neighbourhood) which I could find at almost any time. In the clumps of thickets and along the taller hedgerows the sweet piping note of the gaily-coloured Bullfinch may be heard any time during the year. This low pipe is the call-note to his mate, for no two birds are more closely linked to each other "for good and all" than the plump Bullie and his equally plump wife. When the call-note is heard one has only to remain quiet for a short period, when both may be seen.

The Stonechat in Winter.

The plumage of the Stonechat in winter is not nearly so vivid as in the spring and summer. It is as well for this fellow that it is so, for his spring plumage would be much too attractive for winter wear, and expose him to many dangers.

The Raven's Stronghold.

That fast-decreasing species, the Raven, has found two or three fairly safe strongholds in Scotland. In one spot it has nested now for the past twenty years. The young birds are often destroyed, and sometimes one of the old birds is shot, but the survivor has always managed to secure another mate.

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YORKSHIRES—continued.

C. MABEY.
Yorkshires; have a few hens left from his winners, from 7/6; stamp: 5, Anerley-st., Battersea.

HIRST'S
Yorkshires, been winning 20 years, clear or cinnamon-marked, own breeding; cock and hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

MURGATROYD'S YORKSHIRES
(late Murgatroyd and Son), Breeders over 20 years. Winning blood at reasonable prices. Cocks from 7/6 to 30/-; hens 5/- to 20/-; approval: 35, Lyttonrd., Girlington, Bradford.

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Yorkshires, three Buff cocks, 12/6 each, two Yellow cocks 12/6 and £1 each; two Buff hens 6/6 and 7/6 each; two Yellow hens 15/- each; approval; cash or deposit: W. Mullins, Balby-rd., Doncaster.

OLIVER PRIESTLEY.
High-class Yorkshires, bred from my winning strain, cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 8/1; sent on approval, cash or deposit: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

L. C. CASEY.
I have some real gems of Yorkshires for sale at a reasonable price, cocks, from 7/- to 40/-, hens 5/- to 20/-; approval, cash or deposit: 7, Plimsoll-st., Bowling, Bradford.

ARTHUR HARRIS,
West Haddon, Rugby, is selling entire stock of Yorkshires, including all his noted winners at Southall, Hanley, Bristol, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, etc.; cocks, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; matched pairs, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, all on approval; cash or deposit with "Cage Birds."

YORKSHIRE HENS CHEAP
Related to my winners of 29 1sts and other prizes at the Crystal Palace (1909) and other principal shows; also a few cocks; approval on deposit: Apply W. Binns, 9, Albert-ter., Blackpool.

J. WILCOCK,
Having selected my breeding stock, I have some real gems to part with, either cocks or hens, all cold room bred; sent of 3 days' approval: 14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

CUTHBERTSON'S
Yorkshires are still winning; have won during last few weeks 29 1sts, 27 2nds, and 23 3rds; have several winners for sale, and grand stock birds, all on very reasonable terms, cold-room bred, and all on approval; stamp for particulars.—G. W. Cuthbertson, Manor House, Hughington, via Darlington.

BINGHAM'S YORKSHIRES.
Challenge Cup winner 1907 and 1909, and numerous 1sts and special in open with birds bred by myself, has some real good birds for sale, cock from 7/6 to 25/-, hens from 5/- to 20/-; inspection cordially invited: 31, Nightingale-st., Darnall, Sheffield.

RECORD WINNING YORKS.
At three Dublin shows I won 16 1sts, 12 2nds, 12 3rds, and 8 specials. To make room for coming breeding season I am compelled to part with some of my winners at less than stock bird prices; cocks guaranteed standard length, from 10/- to 20/-; hens from 5/- to 10/-; all cold-room bred and kept; on approval, cash or deposit: Hawkins, Ashgrove, Queenstown.

BAILEY'S STRAIN
is hang at the top again, over all other so-called champion strains, having won this season the Yorkshire Union 30 guinea challenge trophy, and Naylor's challenge cup, at the Yorkshire shows, with fifty per cent. less entries than nearest competitor; have also won at Y.C.C. competition, Ramsden's challenge cup and Sandiford's challenge cup, only showing at eight shows, and my nearest opponent showing at ten shows, finishing at Palace with more 1sts than any other fancier in open section. I think this will convince you that the Sandy Lane stud are clear away from all others. Have few pairs same strain as above at 20/-, also few pairs extra quality from 60/- to 80/-; odd hens, either colour, feathered like paint; stamp reply: South View Terrace, Sandy Lane, Allerton, Bradford.

Winning Yorkshires.
Direct from "Mr. Bates, Stoke," strain, which won for him thousands of prizes. I have sold from this strain to Mr. Blackhurst some toppers, and he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1908, Crystal Palace; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, etc., this season; also Mr. Banks, Cardiff, won 1sts, 2nds, etc., with this strain supplied by me. Some grand youngsters, same strain and models; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, Yellows or Buffs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; matched pairs, to breed winners, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/- pair. Any I send on approval and guaranteed to please you, as I don't exhibit these myself. Order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancashire.

SHACKLETON'S CHAMPION YORKS.
Having won the Yorkshire challenge cup four out of five times competing, the amalgamation 25 guinea trophy, the Yorkshire Union 30 guinea trophy, the cinnamon-marked trophy, the Naylor challenge cup twice in succession, also twice championship for best cinnamon-marked, and three times championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace; my record of 28 1sts and special prizes in two successive years at Palace still stands unbeaten. I have bred more noted winners in a single season than some of the self-styled champions have bred in a lifetime. I do not buy 90 per cent. of my winners and advertise them as my own breeding. I breed my own champions, such as Paragon Perfection, thrice winner of championship for best Yorkshire in show, Crystal Palace, and scores of other prizes and specials; also Paragon Eclipse, twice winner at Palace and 50 1st and special prizes; also Paragon Victor, winner of 30 1sts and special prizes; other noted winners, too numerous to mention. I may mention that one client who had all his birds from me won 65 prizes and specials at six shows in the keenest competition; further comment would be superfluous. Having selected what I require for own use, I have for disposal some of the finest and most typical birds ever offered to the fancy; for length, style, position, and quality of feather, they cannot be equalled; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- 30/-, 40/- upwards; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- upwards; pairs, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; all in the pink of condition; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit, stamp for reply: Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Bradford.

THE MARKED YORKSHIRE KINGS.

Having again won the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. competition, making it the fourth time in succession, also National Green Marked Y.C.C. 10 guineas trophy, now that the show season is over we are compelled to part with some of the above winners, as it is impossible for us to breed with them all, as we have over 40 first prize winners in the keenest competition. Now is the chance to get the best living at reasonable prices. Please note, these are all our own breeding with the exception of one, so buy direct from the breeder. It is acknowledged that our strain throughout the British Isles produce winners yearly. During the last four years we have won more competitions than all other Yorkshire fanciers put together, including the highest honours at Crystal Palace; also, we won more 1st at Jubilee Crystal Palace Show than any other exhibitor, including champion diploma for best bird. Another victory at Crystal Palace, 1910, 2 firsts, 3 thirds, and fourth. Those who want to be successful on the show bench, try our properly-matched pair from 15/-, guaranteed to breed winners. All birds sent on approval. Deposit with Editor. Stamp for particulars: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

NORWICH or Yorkshires, cocks 6/-, hens 2/6, pair 8/-: Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

CANARIES for sale, Yorks and Norwich, 7/6 couple, to clear, splendid feeders: Burdon, Skelfield-ter., Ripon.

TWO Norwich bred cock Canaries, 5/- each, or exchange for two Siberians, cock Goldfinch: 23, Repton-rd., Notts.

MARKED Crest-bred cock, 5/6, good blood; Roller, cock, 5/-, full song: Hawes, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

NUMBER of good 1908 singing cock Canaries, from prize birds yellow 7/6, ticked and variegated 5/-: Lennox, Chichester.

THREE clear and three variegated healthy young Canaries from excellent feeders or 12: Mrs. Lawrence, Shenfield-rd., Brentwood.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshires, single or in pairs, cheap to clear; must make room: McCully, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens.

GRAND cock Canaries, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, full song, 4/6, 5/- each; 2 green cocks, 4/-; green hen 2/6: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

CREST hen, Plainhead cock, splendid breeders; new Rudd's double breeding cage, one singing cage, 10/-: P. Jones, Vron-Bache, Llangollen.

FOR sale, 7 cock Canaries, 14 hens, if not sold in two weeks must turn up aviary: Address, Mrs. Thos. Walker, Coombe, near Woodstock, Oxon.

FOUR Norwich cocks, full song, 7/- each, or exchange good cycle tyres, or Roller box cages, offers: Barber, Bushbury-lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

CHAMPION pair Norwich, cost 65/-, accept 30/- pair; Yorkshires, 25/- pair; Hybrid breeder, 18/-; birds before cash: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE cock, in full song and brass cage, 7/-; cross-bred Yorkshire and Norwich cock and cage, 6/6; deposit anywhere: Brown, Thornton-rd., Potters Bar.

MUST sell, owing to business, single pairs stock birds, breeding cage, loose fronts; all complete, 9/-; bargain: Bliss, breeder and exhibitor, Lady Pool-rd., Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE yellow cock, buff hen, ready for nesting, 10/6; also green Norwich cock, yellow hen, 10/6; variegated cock, incessant songster, 6/6: Ellis, Bootmaker, Welshpool.

TWO massive Yellow Norwich cocks, one non-fed, 12/6 each; exchange either for typical Yellow hen, or Gold Lizard cock, 1909; yours first: Reid, Plantation-rd., Sunderland.

MATCHED pair Norwich Canaries, yellow cock buff hen, 1909 birds, 7/6; two typical Yorkshires, hens, yellow, 3/6 each; approval: J. Starling, 26, Star-rd., Peterborough.

FOR sale, splendid Canaries, 1909 birds, dark green Norwich, dark yellow Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 7/6 each: Cinnamon hens, 3/6 each: Mrs. Johnstone, Addiscome, Outram-rd., Southsea.

NOTICE, good bargains in Canaries, fine breeding hens 2/6 to 3/- each; also good singing cocks, Yorkshire and Norwich, bred fine birds: L. Gunston, Thornton Lodge, Twickenham Green.

FEW pairs prize-bred yonng Norwich and Borders, 10/-; also odd Buff Scotch Fancy cock, 10/6; C.B. ditto, 25/-; Plainheads, 5/- to 20/-; worth double; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

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MULES—HYBRIDS.

MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

MOULTED cock Linnet and Canary, 5/-, cage free; 325, Haydons-rd., Wimbledon.

DARK Goldfinch or Linnet mules, in full song, 9/- each: Cole, 90, Beverstone-rd., Thornton Heath.

LARGE Buff hen, bred seven Mules last season, 5/-: Wright, 122, Greenhow-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

SALE, 12 hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each, cocks 6/6 each; pure Finch note: Wilshire, Lower Castle st., Bristol.

CHOICE Sib-bred hens, every bird guaranteed bred from proved light Mulers: Dale, Wenden, Saffron Walden.

TAME 1909 cage-reared hen Bullfinch and cock Goldfinch, full song, 6/6, offers: Ward, Rusper, Horsham.

FINE Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, also muling cock Goldfinch, 7/6 each; approval: Kenyon, Vernon Park, Worcester.

HANDSOME piping Bullfinch, in beautiful plumage, 6/6 P.O.; show cage: Newing, 31, Cadogan-house, Beaufort-st., Chelsea.

CHAMPION cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, for muling, house-moulted, 4/6 pair; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

NICE Goldfinch mule, in full song, 6/6; also breeding cages; cheap, or offers: Fiddling, 43, Millmount-rd., Meersbrook, Sheffield.

HEN Siskin, bred and reared seven young 1909, thrice house-moulted, 6/6; son of above, 6/-: Kirkby, 66, Victoria-st., Grantham.

HOUSE-Moulted cock Goldfinch, first prize winner, 15/-; Sib-bred hen Canaries, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each: Heal, Hill View, Downside, Shipton Mallet.

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GOLDFINCH, proved Muler, full song, very quick scorer, 15/-; two Linnets, ditto, 5/-; 4/- deposit: Ward, 19, Latchmere-grove, Battersea.

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EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, twice cage-moulted, bred Mules, and buff Norwich hen, 12/6: approval: Snell, Post Office, High Bickington, Chulmleigh.

FOUR fine large dark Linnet-Canary Mules, Canary song, 7/6 each; six large Cinnamon hens, 5/- each, 1909 bred; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

EXHIBITORS. Splendid Goldfinch-Canary Mule, winner of 1st and special; cards sent; splendid songster, Finch notes, 10/6: W. Williams, Park-st., Ruabon.

1909 Linnet Mules, in full song, 7/6 to 10/6; cock Linnet, and two hen Canaries, parents of above, for sale; giving up breeding: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley.

COCK Goldfinch, Mule, Goldfinch song, 6/-; cock Linnet, muler, Buff Yorkshire hen, 4/6; hen Bullie, 1/-; hen Mule, hen Chaffinch, 1/-: Jos. Young, Butterknowle, Durham.

THREE variegated Goldfinch Mules, 1909 bred, also parents and several Sib. cocks and hens, light Muling strain; sell cheap; giving up: Hawkes, Chapel-st., Stafford.

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HANDSOME buff cock Goldfinch Mule, 1909, Fed, champion songster, Finch note, 1st, 2 specials, 15/-; approval, deposit; pair hen Goldfinches, 1/6: Pugh, Queen-st., Llandovery.

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SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, 7/6; exchange for exhibition British Goldfinch Siskin, or Linnet; offers: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.
WILL exchange for cock Canary, Roller preferred, one cock Blackbird, cock Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, house-moulted; your first: R. Morgan, Winsford.
HOUSE MOULTED cock Goldfinch Mule, hen Bullfinch, laid eggs, 8/6; exchange large Yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Roberts, 24, Clwyd Street, Ruthin.
MULES, Linnet, Goldfinch, cocks, three young Goldfinches, pair Bantams, cock, hen, exchange Canaries, cycle, covers, 28 by 1¾; offers: Criddefovd, Honiton.
EXCHANGE house-moulted Twite and Redpoll, winners, cards sent, for Goldfinches or Yorkshires; or sell 15/-: Murphy, Broomknowe, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.
BEAUTIFUL young Black and Brown Barn Owl (18 months in captivity) and cage; what offers in cash or anything useful: Hampshire, Bridge House, Wakefield.
WILL exchange pure Cinnamon Whin Sparrow ("freak of Nature") or hand-reared German Bullfinch hen; yours first: George Harris, Clement Cottage, Dysart.
PAIRS Bullies, Yellowhammers, 2 cock Greenies, Chaffinch, 1st Cardigan show; see "Cage Birds"; exchange Norwich cock, 2 hens; sell 25/-: George Bathouse, Cardigan.
ONE Greenie, one Chaffinch, 4 Grey Linnets, cocks, 2 Redpolls, cock and hen, picked birds, for yellow variegated Norwich hen, or sell 7/6: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan.
HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch, also twice house-moulted hen Bullfinch, laid eggs last year; exchange 1908 buff Norwich cock, or sell 10/-: Braxton, 132, Trench, near Wellington, Salop.
HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, Muler, 6/-; ditto cock Bullfinch, 3/-; ditto cock Brown Linnet, 3/-, or exchange Norwich; approval: Robinson, The Greville, Winsford, Cheshire.
BULLFINCHES, 2 piping cocks, cock Chaffinch, cock Greenfinch, Canary reared, fit for exhibition, 5/- each; exchange good big hen Canaries: Manager, Heaton Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
COCK Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 12/6; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 10/6; have bred; house-moulted hen Bullfinches, 3/- each; exchange Norwich. Offers: Archer, 1, Victoria-ter., London-rd., Leicester.
GRAND pair of Bullies, sure winners, sell 8/6; handsome Linnet, won 2nd prize contest singing, 6/6; another good one, 3/6; exchange unflighted good Norwich. Yours first: 76, Mitcham-rd., Tooting, S.W.
NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: T. Russell, 4, Hare-stld Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.
HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet, muler, 5/-; exchange hen Canaries, 1908, cock Skylark, cage-moulted, fine songster, large bow-fronted cage, 10/6; exchange Canaries; offers: Tutty, 11, Franche Court-rd., Lower Tooting.
EXCHANGE 4 cock Goldfinches, twice house-moulted, steady, cold-room kept, full song, for 2 pairs Yorkshire or 6 muling hens; yours first; approval both ways: Harrison, Model Village, Maltby, Rotherham.
TWO Goldfinch Mules, songsters, pair large Lancashire Norwich Sib. Canaries, exhibition British, clearing out all birds, cages, etc., cheap, useful exchange: Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Bennett-st., Ardwick, Manchester.
WARRANTED proved muling cock Greenfinch, steady; cock Chaffinch house-moulted, class birds, sell 10/-; or exchange for big yellow variegated Norwich hen (young bird): Telfer, Lancethill Cottage, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.
A VERY big variegated Goldfinch Canary Mule, 1909, breed winners, two 2nd and 3rd prizes, 30/-, or exchange two big Norwich Plainhead hens and cock Goldfinch, on approval; yonrs first: G. Dawson, Crispin-lane, Wrexham.
EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, father Mules last season, safe with eggs, sell 8/6; exchange for pair Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich; Canaries first: J. Warwick, 26, Feversham-st., Middlesbrough, Yorks.
EXHIBITION dark Goldie Mule and show cage, sell £1; also grand dark Linnet Mule and show cage, can win in good company, accept £1; grand cock Bullie, sure winner, and show cage, accept 12/6, or exchange: T. Woodall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.
HYBRID pair, cock Goldie, hen Bullie, 1909, hand-reared, 7/6; two cock Goldies, one 5/-, one 3/6; one hand reared hen Bullie, 3/-; two Bullie cocks, 2/- each; one hen Goldie, 1/6; two variegated Norwich hens, fed buff and yellow, 2/6 each: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

Mainly Canaries.
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SELL 8 young Border hens for 15/-, or exchange Watson-crescent, Edinburgh.
PAIR of Rollers, 9/-; exchange good yellow Norwich cock: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.
OFFER, cock Bullfinches, caged some months, for Norwich: Barber, Wiston, Colchester.
FOUR marked Roller hens, marked Yorkshire cock; exchange Norwich: P. Paver, South Milford.
WHAT offers in Canaries for 180 Hobbies' designs: R. Dibbens, 77, Dartmoor-st., Notting Hill Gate.
GIVE 2 pairs Lovebirds, value 7/6, for cock Canary or Mule, songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.
WHAT offers in cock Mules, singing Linnet song, for good pair of Canaries?: 58, High-st., Folkestone.
What offer, 3 Roller cocks, 6 hens, good songsters, or exchange anything: Perks, 175, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.
WILL give pair of Norwich, cock and hen, for 12 pigeons, any breed: J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.
CONCERTINA and ½-plate hand camera for pair Norwich, value 7/6: E. Blake, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.
GRAND Yellow Norwich cock, exchange Buff Norwich hen, 1909; sell 8/6: Enoch Wedall, John-st., Winsford.
THREE 1909 hen Canaries, 7/6; exchange light cage or Goldfinch cock: Charles Hoyle, Wardle, Rochdale.
TEN Crests and Crest-bred, 5 songsters; offers lot, or exchange: Johnson, 20, Florence-avenue, Queen's-rd., Hull.
CANARIES, very hardy, from outdoor aviary, for sale, cheap, or exchange anything useful: 6, Tancred-rd., Liscard.
EXCHANGE 2 pairs of good Yorkshires for a man's suit, size 5; yours first: T. Brown, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.
EXCHANGE 12 homers, 2 flown 250 miles, for pair of Yorkshires (yellow): W. Gibbins, 14, Baker-st., Cheltenham.
GRAND pair Yorkshires, mated to breed winners; what offers; will exchange: Harding, Brushes House, Shaw, Lancs.
EXCHANGE Crested and crest-bred cocks for Kilfos camera, or sell 10/6 each: Roberts, 23, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derby.
WANTED, buff Crest-bred hen for yellow Crest-bred cock, approval: Dean, Mill-st., Junction, Crosshills, Keighley.
FEW pairs prize-bred Borders for sale, 10/- pair upwards; exchange anything useful: Leitch, 5, High-st., Haddington.
EXCHANGE, two good Ambler strain 1909 Yorkshire hens for one good Crest hen: Goldsmith, Queen-st., Maidenhead.
TWO pairs Yorkshire (Shackleton's) winners, 15/- pair; cost double; approval: Horsey, 1, East Sheen-avenue, Mortlake.
HARTZ Mountain Roller cock, contest winner, incessant songster, 15/6; exchange: Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.
SALE, three good Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; one cock, 3/6; exchange for anything useful: Render, Hatfield, Doncaster.
EXCHANGE three pairs Norwich and Crest show-cages for Norwich hens: Keates, Boot Manufacturer, Cheadle, Staffs.
LARGE feathery Cresled hen wanted; exchange big Cresled cock, 2 pairs of pliers: Trevor, 55, Hargrave Park, Holloway.
FIVE Border hens, sell for cash or exchange Border show cages and case: Fraser, 24, Collier-st., Johnstone, Renfrewshire.
EXCHANGE Cinnamon cock Yorkshire, full song, for 1 dozen cock Larks; or sell 7/6: Lyndon, 354, Garrison-lane, Birmingham.
THREE Green C.B. cocks, one Crest, 15/- each; exchange Crest hens, anything: Rawlings, 21, Dagmar-ter., Islington, London.
WILL exchange a pair of Yorkshires (cock winner) for a pair of good Seifert Rollers: Lewis, 8, King's-ter., Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.
LARGE crest-bred cock, 12/6, 2 Norwich hens, 5/-; concertina, 10/-; or exchange: Claridge, 6, Beaconsfield-ter., Hermit-rd., Plaistow.
EXCHANGE Green Crest-bred and Buff Norwich cocks, prize bred, for Buff Border cocks (good): Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Cardiff.
GRAND Roller cocks, in splendid song, sale or exchange, 10/6, 15/-; hens, Crested or plain, 3/6: Palmer, "Glenthorne," Wantage.
CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.
ONE yellow Cinnamon, two variegated hens, eager for nest, or yellow Yorkshire cock: Rodwell, 55, Southborough-rd., South Hackney.
TWO or three grand pairs 1909 Yorkshires, 12/- pair; exchange pair for 1909 pair Lizards: Henry Burbidge, 111, Hitcham-road, Leyton.
COCK Goldfinch, 6/-; cock Bullfinch, 3/6; Hohnerette blow accordeon, 4/-; exchange Canaries or mandoline: Flanighan, Kirkendbright.
EXCHANGE prize-bred Yorkshire marked hen, fed, for Norwich hen or show cages: E. Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Moston-lane, Blackley, Manchester.
WANTED to exchange, buff Norwich cock, in full song, for 2 cock Goldfinches or pair Siskins and Bullfinch: T. Pascoe, Higher Town, Truro.
WILL exchange a good buff Yorkshire cock, in song, for a pair of clear Norwich: H. E. Vale, 7c Block, Rye-buildings, Peckham Rye, S.E.
WANTED gents' and ladies' boots or drapery in exchange for Canaries; mutual approval; yours first; see Yorkshire heading: Richardson, York.
WILL give sitting White Wyandotte eggs from splendid pen, for singing Roller Canary; clear eggs replaced: Kilby, 128, Clarendon-rd., Luton.
EXCHANGE gent's leather hand bag, large size, for good cock Roller, or front fly rod and reel: Walton, 19, Park-lane, Aston, Birmingham.
EXCHANGE 3 pairs of exhibition flying homers, value £1, for 1 cock and 3 hen Canaries for feeders: H. M. Taylor, 47, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.
YORKSHIRE pair, 12/6; even-marked cock, 7/6; Norwich hen, 4/-; exchange potatoes, anything for household: Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.
FINE Yorkshire Canaries; exchange hosiery, underwear, blouses, blankets, dress material, baby carriage, bicycle: Middleton, 32, Unity-st., Keighley.
EXCHANGE 2 Crest-bred cocks for a good big stock yellow Norwich cock; approval both ways: J. Cuthbertson, 17, Alfred-st., North-rd., Darlington.
EXCHANGE Norwich cock, 6/6, cock Linnet Mule, 8/-, for Yellow, variegated, Norwich or Yorkshire hens; hens first: Rorke, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.
EXCHANGE Norwich, Yorks., and Roller Canaries, also cages, for push cart and anything useful; yours first: Dawson, 51, Cateliffe-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.
EXCHANGE for Lancashire Plainheads or Crest-breds, two pair Yorkshires, 1909 bred, cost 25/-; sell 18/-; Bailey and Swanger's strain: 435, Old Kent-rd.
EXCHANGE, a foul green Norwich hen, cock Chaffinch, Linnet Mule, for a good cock Goldfinch: George Harkness, Henderson-st., Moffat, Dumfriesshire.
EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks, 1 Norwich hen, 3 single breeders, complete: offers Edison phonograph and records: Haw, The Lodge, Wyther House, Kirkstall, Leeds.
NORWICH cock yellow, 1909, 15/-; would exchange for Roller cocks, yellow Norwich hens, house-moulted Goldfinches: Derry, 319, Dawlish-rd., Bournbrook Birmingham.
GOOD pair 1909 Crests, Green-crested cock, buff Crest-bred hen, 30/-; exchange pair Norwich equal value; approval: Wm. Satterley, Natsworthy, Ashburton, Devon.
HEN Canaries for Matchless wrappers; variegated Yellow Norwich for 500; sell 3/-; clear Buff Crest-bred for 500; sell 5/-: Claude St. John, Upper Gornal, Dudley.
SELLING off, 16 typical Yorkshire cocks, 14 prize-bred Norwich cocks, 40 breeding cages; offers, cash or gold albert; anything useful: Wood, 14, Adacrescent, Leeds.
ONE ticked yellow Norwich cock for 2 clear yellow Norwich hens, 6 Yorkshire cocks; exchange carpets, or anything useful: Wagstaff, 18, Queen-st., Middleton, Manchester.
EXCHANGE Green Crest-bred cock, 1909 bred, 3rd prize winner, for Yellow Green Border cock or Yellow mkd. cock; approval willingly: Peart, Kay-st., Stanley, Durham.
GIVING up; 10 pairs smart leggy Yorkshires, bred from winners, 15/- pair; exchange overmantle, dress length, offers; approval, deposit: Green, Beaconsfield-terrace, Street, Somerset.
GIVING up breeding: What offers? exchange anything useful, or cocks 5/6 to 8/6, hens 2/6 to 5/-, Norwich, mostly young birds: James Simpson, Stirling Village, Boddam, Aberdeenshire.
TWO pairs of high-class Yorkshires and one pair of Norwich, 17/6 per pair; exchange good gramophone; must be in good condition; mutual approval: Espley, 26, Oakfield-st., Cheetham, Manchester.
YELLOW Crest-bred cock, two Crested hens, large and healthy, £2; two pairs 1909 Yorkshires, Buff cocks, Yellow hens, 10/- pair; or useful exchange: Giddings, Kitsbury-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.
TWO Yellow Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; Green Crest-bred cock, variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6 each; exchange any for Buff Norwich hens: Jones, Sea View, Taly Sarn, Penygroes, North Wales.
HIGH-class Yorkshires, 3 typical birds, one cock two hens, for sale, price 27/6; exchange watch, lady's ring or other jewellery; rubbish not offered or wanted; yours first: Bibson, Euston Hotel, Fleetwood.
EXCHANGE Crests and crest-breds for Rudge-Whitworth cycle, Speed, Iron, or Special; also Edison's Standard phonograph, two horns, and 60 records in boxes; cash offers invited: Bennett, Fountain-ter., Bacup.
YOUNG Scotch Fancy hen, buff, 2nd Marske A.O.V., sell £1, or exchange for unflighted Crest or C.B. hen or light muling hen, from good strain, or two large hens for dark Muling; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.
WILL exchange Yellow Yorkshire cock, vhc. class 15, for good Buff Norwich hen; no rubbish; approval both ways: also wanted, 1 Yellow Yorkshire hen and 1 Buff hen; must be good birds, unflighted: W. Blaker, 13, Adelphi-rd., Epsom.
PURE Norwich, very large buff cock, 15/-; large variegated yellow hen, 10/-; large lightly variegated buff cock, 10/-; yellow-green hen, 10/-; large clear buff hen, 10/-; large variegated yellow cock, 10/-; exchange any for gold watch, £2 piece, guinea, other coins, or new pair leggings; offers: approval: Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.
CLEARANCE bargains: 3 grand double breeders, 8/- lot, with double accessories: Rudd's breeder, with nursery, 4/-; Norwich Roller cock, lovely songster, 6/-; 4 cold room Roller hens, 2/3 each; contest Linnet, 5/-; cock Blackbird, with large cage, guaranteed in full loud song, 7/6; exchange anything for house: McCarthy, 119, Pearl-st., Cardiff.

Mainly Foreign.
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PAIR Green Indian Parrakeets, fine plumage, sale 15/6; or exchange Canaries: Tom Hall, Hall Croft, Shepshed.
SPLENDID grey Australian Parrot and cage, very tame, commencing to talk, sell 15/-; exchange bicycle horse: Whiting, 82, Wick-rd., Hackney.
AMAZON Parrot and cage, talks, whistles, shake hands; exchange Yorks or Norwich pairs, or sell, 32/-: W. Dove, West End, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.
LARGE mahogany Crystal Palace aviary, splendid condition, bargain, 19/6, cost 70/-; pair of Miniature Parrakeets and cage, 5/6; wanted large pair Greens and Yellow hen Budgerigars; approval, deposit: J. Stephenson, 159, Grange-rd., Middlesbrough.
LARGE Australian Parrot and cage, kept in cold room all winter, three years old; would exchange laying pullets and part cash, or anything useful; for young Buff Crest-bred hen: Geo. H. Jeffrey, 11, must sell, no room: F. Gunn, 79, Verulem-rd., St. Albans.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE two pairs prize Jacobins for Canaries: Clark, 68, Gladstone-rd., Watford.
EXCHANGE pair new razors for good Yorkshire cock, value 8/-: Birtchnell, Slough.
GOOD Dutch doe, 10/-; exchange pair Canaries: Craggs, Castle-hill, Richmond, Yorks.
GOOD cock Dragoon pigeon; exchange anything useful: Allen, Wisbech St. Mary, Cambs.
EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera, 12 plates, for 2 hen Canaries: F. Crome, Spencer-st., York.
MAILCART, single, 12/-; exchange Goldfinches or Canaries: Shirley, Birdholme, Chesterfield.
SMALL gas stove, asbestos cinders; exchange Norwich Canaries: Jary, Northgate-st., Yarmouth.
WHAT offers Canaries for tweed suit length; sell 25/-: John Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City Glasgow.
WHAT offers in birds for dozen rabbit nets, new?: Johnstone, Jubilee Cottage, Holly-rd., Aldershot.
EXCHANGE nanny goat, 2 years old, kid in April; what offers in fowls: Atkins, Millgate, Aylsham.
GRAND, large, new sectional dog kennel, value 25/-, for birds, anything: Kennedy, 33, Holt-st., Wigan.
EXCHANGE 40-piece tea-set for Yorkshire cock Canaries: Simpson, 401, Bethnal Green-rd., London.
SIX first-class homers, exchange 2 yellow Norwich cocks: yours first: John Renton, Cuionhall, Berwick.
EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries; sell, 25/-: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.
GRAMOPHONE, nearly new, cost £2 5/-; exchange for Canaries: Mr. Moore, 50, Whiston-st., Haggerston.
ESKIMO dog, white, sable, good guard, pet, for good Border Fancies, 15/-: G., 21, Niagara-st., Stockport.

PAIR prize-bred Fantails, white, 5/6, for good buff Norwich hen: G., 21, Niagara-st., Heavily, Stockport.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, for Canaries, Mules, or offers; approval: B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

FOR sale, a Crystal Palace Aviary, in good condition, 10/6; exchange Canaries: J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge.

LADY'S cycle, in good condition, for good healthy Canaries: Bulman, 2, Ivy-buildings, Mecklerigg's, Paisley.

TWELVE good 10-inch records, exchange for others, or sell 10/-: Arthur Bounds, Clark's-yard, Long Buckby.

WHAT offers in Canaries or live stock for 38 phonograph records?: Wyllie, 105, Plantation-st., Glasgow.

GOOD singing cock Goldfinch, 4/6; exchange anything useful; no live stock: Wyatt, 86, Rodney-rd., Walworth.

SPLENDID double breeding cage, pair Canaries, cock Yellow, beauty, £1 5s., exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

GRAND pair Black Minorcas, pullets; sell 15/-; or exchange 2 cock Canaries; approval: Joe Riddle, Bridgwater.

99 "Cage Birds," with plates. What offers in British, Goldies preferred?: Swaine, 57, James-st., Macclesfield.

CASHBOOK (new), cost 7/6, or exchange Norwich cock or hens, or Roller cock: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

ROLLED gold spectacles, lenses to suit, value 8/6, exchange for yellow Norwich cock: Brown, 22, Fisher-st., Carlisle.

BLACK and tan Welsh Terrier dog pup, 10 weeks, make winner, 20/-; exchange: Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.

EXCHANGE 3 Magpie pigeons, prize-bred, for good cock Norwich Canary; yours first: Hartwell, Burgh, Lincolnshire.

SMOOTH Fox Terrier dog, sell 7/6; or exchange anything: A. Stalford, Sampson-st., Annesley Woodhouse, Notts.

TWO poultry hampers; exchange for 2 buff Yorkshire hens; birds first: Sanderson, 38, Town End, Thongsbridge.

WIRE-haired fox terrier dog, splendid guard, clean, 7/6; or exchange Norwich hens: W. Fox, Kenninghall, Thetford.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries for a pair of winning show Homers? or sell £2: Baxter's, Fruiterers, Fleetwood.

EXCHANGE ½-plate daylight enlarger for cock Goldfinches; proved breeders: Palmer, 89, Bridge-rd.-west, Battersea.

ROSE trees, named sorts, 9/- dozen, or exchange Minorca Pullets or Black Orpingtons: Blood, Gardener, Shepshed.

PUNCHING ball, ditto gloves, ring weights, boxing boots, exchange birds: Kitchen, 20, Blanchard-rd., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE hand camera and large Norwich cock for Rollers or Norwich Plainhead hens: Sowerbutts, South-st., Bacup.

BAGATELLE, 8 ft., folding, complete, without balls; exchange Canaries, or sell £1: 2, Wilks-place, Hoxton, London.

EXCHANGE for 2 cock Canaries, singing, kodak film camera in leather carrying case: Gould, Saddler, Bridgwater.

ITALIAN zither, cost £3 10s, with case, bargain, 20/-; exchange 2 pairs Yorkshires: Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

RIFLE, 22 bore, value 28/6; sell or exchange birds, dogs, anything useful: George Hare, Netherburn, Lanarkshire, N.B.

PAIR clap-nets, 7 yards long, new this year, exchange Canaries or Goldfinches, cocks: 43, Grafton-st., Northampton.

DOUBLE breeding cages, complete, 5/6; large flight cage, 6/-; exchange anything: Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

TWO double breeding cages, loose fronts, 5/- the lot. They were new last season. See "Mules": Hawkes, Strafford.

WHAT offers Canaries for good aviary, 4ft. high, 3ft. 6in. long; new condition; sell 15/-: Hudson, Westgate, Skipton.

ANYTHING living bought for cash; or exchange; largest aviaries in London or Surrey: Barnes, 13, King-st., Richmond.

FOX Terrier pups, champion pedigree, dog 10/-, bitch 7/6; exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Chadwick, Duxbury-st., Earby.

PRIZE strain Hondan cockerel and pullet; exchange pair 1909 Yorkshires; offers.—Hatcher, Cemetery-rd., Gillingham, Dorset.

NEARLY new, American guitar zither, cost 30/-, exchange foreign seed-eaters; birds first: Taylor, 50 Temple-st., Nelson.

EXCHANGE 2 good pairs of Dragoons for Canaries (Yorkshires preferred) or breeding cages: Henry Patience, Romford.

WHAT offers Canaries; exchange lady's dress length, patterns sent; sell, £1: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

NEW pair clap nets, size 9ft., 3ft., 4/-, cheap; exchange double breeding cage: Ellerby, Thornton Moor, Woodhall Spa.

BIKE, practically new, cost £6 6s., take £3; exchange Canaries or fowls for killing: Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE champion pedigree French bull bitch for good Parrot and cage, sell 65/-: King, 40, Westbourne-rd., Barnsbury.

BLACK Pom. bitch pup, little white, value 10/-; exchange Rollers, or offers: Clarke, 23, Crossflatts Grove, Beeston, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 2 14-in. back-saws for Budgerigars or Canaries, sell 3/3 each: W. Matthews, 7, Ellerton-rd., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 8 valuable working homers, flown from Worcester to Nantes, for Canaries.—Fazakerley, Bolanie rd., Southport.

TINY, smart Yorkshire Terrier Toy dog, 11 months, 3½lbs. weight; sell 30/-; useful exchange: H. Smith, 17, Trindle-rd., Dudley.

EXTRA large Parrot cage, nearly new, 7/6, cost double; exchange Norwich cock or hens: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

BORDER Fancies, matched pairs from winners, from 8/-; wanted few Buff Orpington pullets: Crossley, 71, Old rd., Blackley.

EXCHANGE 100 Hobbies and designs for pair of Canaries (Yorkshires) or Budgerigars: Healey Dawson, Woodhouse, Sheffield.

ROAD racer, Elswick, £9 last October, hens in part payment, Cinnamons or Green Norwich: Owen, 72, St. Mary's-villas, Widnes.

EXCHANGE cage fronts, any size, good work, guaranteed, for Canaries: Baldwin, Aviaries, 7, Hingeston-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE good violin, bow, case, for 4 large Norwich yellow hens, or sell £1: Tomlinson, Coquet-st., Chopwell, co. Durham.

CARPENTER'S tools, crossed Terrier pups, 7/6 each, Spaniel bitch, 2 years, 30/-, for Britishers, Canaries: Hayward, Old Town, Chard.

TWELVE Brown Leghorn chickens, fortnight old, 10/6; ditto Buff Orpingtons; exchange live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE 2lbs dandelion seed for cock Mule, brown Linnet song; approval: C. Cheesebrough, Bridge Gate, Barnard Castle.

THREE white toy Poms, two puppies and mother; offers, gramophone, birds, anything useful: 23, Tolleross-rd, Parkhead, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Linnet-Mule, full song, or dozen new Edison records for Roller cock, or three hens: Whiteley, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE show cages, Yorkshires or Norwich, or flight, for side gas-brackets: Middleton, 15, Willoughly-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

BLACK and white smooth Collie bitch, quiet with children: Apply J. Mewes, No. 7, Meldon-ter., New Kyo, Anfield Plain, co. Durham.

ZITHER harp, new recently, cost £2; exchange Yorkshires, or Norwich; offers: F. Hill, 333, Kensington-st., Girlington, Bradford.

BRADBURY'S boot repairing machine, 50/-, or exchange for Canaries, gramophone, or lady's cycle: 27, Faulkner-st., Hoole, Chester.

HOBBIES' Imperial Fretsaw, with drill attachment, cost 42/6, sell 25/-; exchange Canaries: Brown, 28, Harlestone-rd., Northampton.

EXCHANGE Edison recorder, new, cost 21/-, for pair Rollers or Yorkshires same value: Amis, 83, Varna-st., Openshaw, Manchester.

SMALL fox-terrier bitch, 10 months, champion guard, fond children, clean and healthy; what offers: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford.

ZONOPHONE, 28 records, 4 double; exchange good snap-shot camera and outfit, or offers; 35/-: Goodwin, 53, Cornish-st., New Seaham.

SALE or exchange six double-breeders, 38 x 16 x 9, good condition, Yorkshire brood bitch preferred: Skinner, 4, Idsworth-rd., Sheffield.

NEW Edison Standard phonograph, 3 horns, floor and table stands, 140 records, case to hold 6 dozen, £6: Erridge, Hoad-rd., Eastbourne.

TWO pair of prize-bred black Tumbler pigeons, Williment's strain, 10/-; exchange for good Roller Canary: Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

EXCHANGE glass hydrometer and book for buff Norwich cock or good yellow Yorkshire hen: Allen, Bootmaker, Oxford-st., Rotherham.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, or Norwich, prices reasonable; or exchange good built bitch: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

SIX months' editions Illustrated London News, bound, cost 10/6; exchange British or Canaries: Wood, 5, Moreton-ter., Rotherhithe.

GOOD set brown boxing gloves and double-ended punch ball, exchange for a Pom bitch or Canaries: Clark, 105, Woodside-lane, Sheffield.

THREE compartment breeder for two 1909 Norwich or Yorkshire hens or English tortoiseshell buck: England, Lookholme-lane, Shirebrook.

TWENTY-TWO 6d. parts Cassell's New Popular Educator, exchange pair yellow Norwich: Sergt. Dowler, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

PAIR of Black Jacobins, 7/6 pair; hen Goldfinch-Mules, 2/-; or exchange hen Canaries or British birds: Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

PHONOGRAPH, flower horn, 12 records, 4 volumes "Graphic," 1877 and 1878; exchange Canaries. Offers: Shadbolt, 3, Cavendish-rd., Cambridge.

TEN-keyed Campbell's melodeon, scarcely used; exchange pair Budgerigars or three hen Canaries, or offers: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

WILL exchange 2 pairs Black Magpie pigeons for melodion, or sell 16/-, for anything useful: Samuel Gaved, Fancier, Polgooth, St. Austell.

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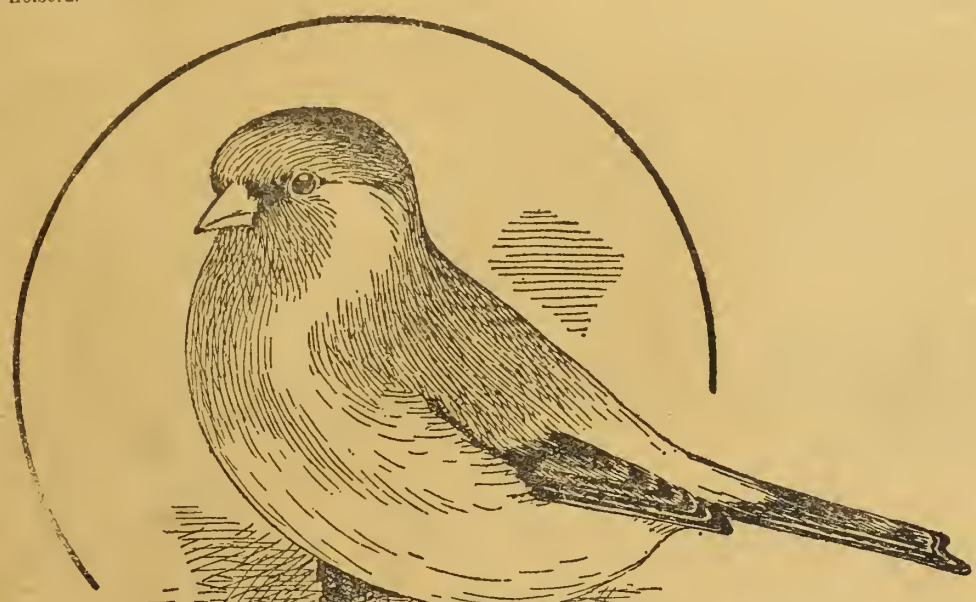
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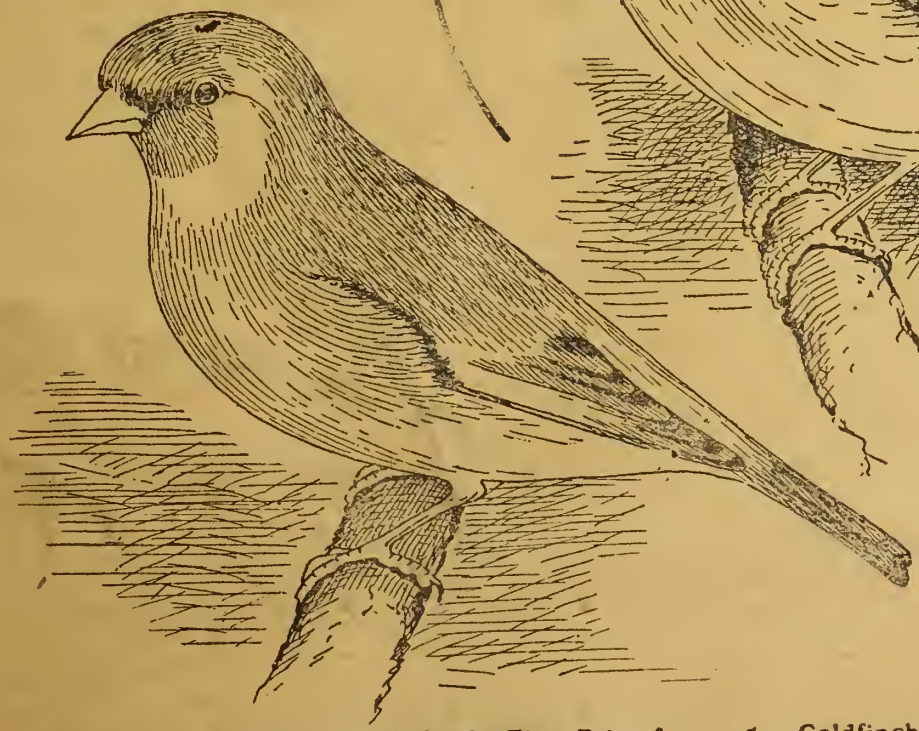
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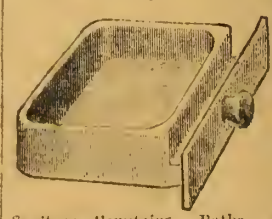
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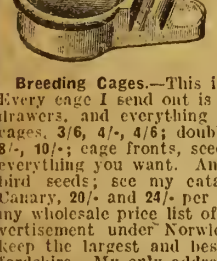
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PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

GOOD Green crestbred cock, for good Crest hens, or cock Mules, sell 15/-: Barber, 44, Davy-st., Deanhank, Ferryhill.

SOME very good 1909 crested cock Canaries, in full song, 7/6 each; hen, 4/-; Haves, Bottisham Hall Gardens, Cambs.

Norwich crest cocks, 10/6, crest and crestbred hens up to 10/-; private: Appleshaw, 66, Birdhurst-rd., Croydon, Surrey.

C. Conway, Nunwich Hall, Penrith, Cumberland, has few good Crests, Crest-breds, and Norwich, sale cheap; approval.

CREST-bred green cock, 1908, full song, heavy feathered, 18/6; deposit; approval: Owen, 29, Woodside, Wimbledon.

MONSTER Crest and Crestbred, from 7/6 (Barnett's strain); approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

WANTED any number Crest-bred hens; good young birds, cheap for cash; approval: Bowie, 5, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CRESTED cock, reserve, Highbridge, 15/-; a good pair, our winning blood, 30/-; approval: Burgess and Son, Bridgwater.

GRAND Crested hen, 15/-; Crest-bred cock, 10/-; champion strain; approval: J. Nichols, Damsgate-st., Wymondham, Norfolk.

LARGE young Crested and Crest-bred cocks, good stock, Barnet's strain, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

BROADBENT has a few Crest cocks, Green, worth 15/- each, price 8/6; Crest-bred cocks, 7/6: Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

BARNETT'S direct; Crests and Crest-breds, good, strong, healthy stock birds, cheap: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION large Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CREST and Crestbred, from 8/- to 25/-; few breeding cages from 2/- to 4/-; stamps reply: W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerstone-rd., West Hampstead, London.

A. MOIR, winner of cup and medal, can supply crests and cresthreds, good stock birds, cheap to clear; approval; deposit: Greenside-st., Alloa, Scotland.

GRAND specimens, pairs and single birds; some grand crest-bred hens, cheap to clear; state wants; all on approval: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CLEARING out, high class Crested and Yorkshires (stamp reply); offers, glass or roses, etc.: W. Young, Hill View, Station-rd., Lower Soundwell, Kingswood.

WELL bred heavy feather Crest and Cresthred hens, also Crest and Crestbred cocks, from 15/- to £10: W. Gutteridge, 159, Halihurton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

GIVING up through ill-health only; my best pair left, big winners, £8; also Green C.B. cock, 30/-; approval, stamp: Wm. Griffiths, 25, Avenue-rd., Springburn, Glasgow.

YELLOW Crested cock, lightly marked, winner 25/-, also few pairs buff from 30/- upwards, all related to my well-known winners: W. Brown, Bargate, Holbrook, nr. Derby.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give: Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

REDUCED to half-price, dark crest wing marked cock, 10/-; green ditto, 10/-; green crestbred cock, dark crest buff hen, 20/- pair; offers: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

WM. CAMPBELL, 45, Park-st., Alva, is selling all his crests, including winners, no better anywhere, some great length, head, feather; reasonable; stamp particulars: 34 years breeder.

BIG heavy-fronted crested cock, second coppy cross, dense leafy head feathers, 50/-; 1909 crest-bred Clear Buff, thick heavy lash, grand head, 20/6; worth 45/-: Coltridge, Kilburn, Derby.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, no little rubbish, but large healthy birds of the best blood, on approval, from 15/-; useful exchange entertained: Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

SOME grand crest and crested bred cocks for sale; Palace strain of the late Mr. John Simms; state wants; approval willingly: Sloss and Fox, 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

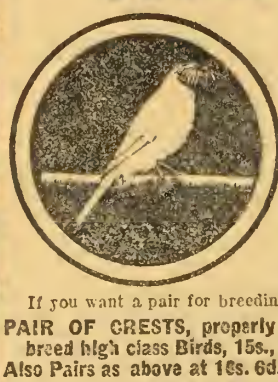
WALLACE, twice winner silver challenge cup, also bronze medal (points) Palace, can supply useful stock birds, 12/6 to 40/-; no better blood anywhere; approval: 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

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See my Advt. on page 216.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder, not a dealer, exhibitor, 1909, Norwich, four prizes (C.C.C. guinea special, Lowestoft), five prizes (bred 1909 cup); from 10/- each; approval.

TWO grand Crest-bred cocks, 1909 buff green, 1908 buff variegated, both good stock birds, and in rank breeding condition, 25/- each; deposit system invited: J. Walmsley, 6, Brand-st., Nottingham.

CREST.—Champion Crests and Crest-breds for sale, only winner of the Lord Mayor's bowl, Bristol, twice; from £1 a pair up to £10; single birds equally cheap: Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

LARGE lightly marked Crestbred cock, winner, 22/6; do hen, 12/6; dark Crested cock, 20/-; do, 12/6; well bred pair, 25/-; others cheap; approval, deposit: Haylick, 5, Moorend-ter., Cheltenham.

CHAMPION 1909 clear body, wing marked crested cock, enormous feather, 25/-; large Green, grand feather, 16/6; also Yellow, nearly clear cap, beauty, 16/-; best blood: Gomersall, 8, Hayter-rd., Brixton, London.

HAVING purchased the whole of W. Sutherland's stock of birds, have several pairs of Crests for sale; 2 nice Yellow copy Crested cocks, £1 each; all bred from Barnett's, and on approval: R. Mole, Durham.

MONSTER light, variegated Crestbred cock, winner, 22/6; heavily variegated Crestbred cock, immense head, 15/-; lightly variegated Crestbred cock and dark Crested hen, 15/- pair; approval: Miles, Judge, Chichester.

EXCHANGE high-class Crests and Crest-breds, ready to nest, for medium size fireproof iron safe to value, or will sell in pairs or single birds; approval willingly; particulars: Bale, 55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

ONE large even-marked Yellow Dark Crest cock, a gem, 20/-; 1 large even-marked Buff Dark Crest cock, 15/-; 1 large variegated Dark Crest cock, 15/-; all Barnett's and Joyce's: J. Hands, 41, Ada-st., Westoe, South Shields.

HAVE just bought several good crest, crest-breds and Cinnamons off Mr. E. L. A. Crow, can spare five of the right blood, cheap; state wants and price, have them, approval; ditto Norwich Plainheads: Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world; winnings in severest competition well known; the whole stock on offer; properly-mated pairs and single cocks; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched, high-class crested Canaries, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners; only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

SPLENDID value in Crests and Crest-breds, and every bird healthy and typical; cocks from 8/-; hens from 4/6; matched pairs for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; enquiries invited; cold-room bred; enquiries invited: Amies, 69, Ashby-st.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has still large stock of his unapproachable strain of Crests and Crest-breds, which must be cleared for breeding season: prices to suit all; no fancy prices asked; from 12/6; state wants; have every bird on approval.

LARGE, strong, healthy, high-class crested and crestbred cocks or hens, for stock or exhibition, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality, Barnett's strain; prices reasonable; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests: Dark crested yellow cock, large crest end of beak, even marked, dark Crested cock, large, with grand crest, large green Crested cock, very large Crestbred cock, with dark head, grand birds all four, best blood; only want seeing; approval: T. Searle, 64, Gowan-ter., Scotforth, Lancaster.

MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 5/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster green ditto, gem, 10/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 7/6; pairs, properly matched, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Barnett's strain; half-price to clear, room wanted, must sell; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains at half value to clear; must sell: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 14/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest hen, 12/6; massive heavy feathered, variegated dark Crest hen, 11/6; monster yellow variegated Crestbred cock grand head, 16/-; monster buff variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 16/-; monster heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered clear ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; genuine reductions; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EVENLY-marked dark Crest cock, mother won 15 lets, £1 10s. 6d.; clear Buff Crest-bred cock, feather to beak end, £1 10s. 6d.; variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1 0s. 6d.; 3 Yellow Green Crest-bred cocks, best living, £6, £5, £4; variegated Crest-bred cock, turnover size half-crown, £3 0s. 6d.; Green Crest-bred cock, turnover half-crown, £1 5s. 6d.; Yellow Green Crested cock, show bird, £4 0s. 6d.; clear Crested cock, superb blood, £1 10s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest cock, brother my best Yellow, £2 0s. 6d.; nearly clear body dark Crest cock, £1 5s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest cock, £3 0s. 6d.; ticked Yellow Crest-bred, half coppy cock, £2 0s. 6d.; variegated Crest-bred cock, grand rise, skull, wide feather, £2 0s. 6d.; nearly Green Crested hen, £2 10s. 6d.; Green hen, immense crest, £4; variegated dark Crested cocks, £1 5s. 6d., £1 10s. 6d.; Green Crested cock, brother won 10 lsts, £1 10s. 6d.; giant evenly-marked dark Crest cock, from two Crests, £1 10s. 6d.; Yellow variegated half coppy Crest-bred cock, gem, £3 0s. 6d.; evenly-marked grizzle Crest cock, brother won 10 lsts, £4; variegated dark Crest Yellow cock, sister 1st Nottingham, £4; nearly all of them 1909 birds; approval: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

Frills.

PAIRS Dutch Frills, 30/-; Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Parisians, 15/-; pair Starlings, 15/-; exchange: Williams, 9, Thirlmere, Liscard.

Greens.

PAIRS matched for breeding, high-class Greens, reasonable; approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

TYPICAL Greens, Yorkshires, and Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6, fit for exhibition 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HAVING acquired the whole first-class breeder and exhibitor's stock of Yorkshire Greens, can offer grand matched pairs, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; single buff cocks, hens, 10/- to 30/-; approval; stamp; no single yellows: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Owing to pressure of business during the breeding season must considerably reduce my stock, therefore can spare some grand cocks at 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; also smart breeding hens at 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; cheap matched pairs from 12/6; these are the result of 15 years breeding; also clear, ticked, marked, and heavily variegated birds at same prices: 6, Asb-mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

WEST, Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires; winner at all leading shows; approval.

BUFF coppy cock, 1909 bird, 12/-; approval: Whipp, Rusbcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

1909 Buff coppy and Plainhead cocks, cheap to clear; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

YELLOW, coppy cock, 20 months, 20/-; or exchange buff, coppy cock: Robert Taylor, 50, Durnford-st., Middleton, Manch.

LANCASHIRES, Yellow and Buff cocks, Yellow and Buff hens, Coppys, Plainheads; stamp: Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

CHAMPION extra large Lancashire Plainheads, stock and show birds, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

F. I. Green has good buff coppy cock, also buff Plainhead cock, bred off 2 coppies, 20/- each; yellow Plainhead hen, 12/6: 54, Frederick-st., Loughborough.

MONSTER Buff Plain cock, 15/-; monster Yellow coppy cock, 20/-; large Plainhead hen, Buff, 10/-; Buff coppy, 7/-, 5/-; Plainhead hen, 4/-: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

Lizards.

SILVER cocks, 8/- each: Whipp, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list; cocks from 5/6; hens, 3/6. See my advertisement on page 216: Rudd.

THE Lizard Prince offers high-class winners and stock birds, bred from his winning strain, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited; John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard challenge cup three years together, winner champion diploma Palace 1909 and 1910; for best Lizard winners and stock birds; reasonable; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES, Cage Bird judge, breeder champion Lizards, has 20 gold and silver Lizard hens, 1909 birds, from 6/- each; three properly matched pairs, 15/- to 25/-; six cocks, from 10/-; no better strain obtainable; every bird sent out in best condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain: winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

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BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Bauner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc.; few really good hens left, 7/6 to 20/- each; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

20 Norwich, cocks from 6s., hens 2/6: Burgess, 40, Stewart-rd., Stratford.

FEW clear Norwich cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/-: Bryant, 37, Tennyson-rd., Kettering.

FEW good cocks and hens, 6/- each: J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London.

TWO good quality, chubby yellow Norwich hens, 6/6 each; Morris, "Fancier," Ryde.

NORWICH cocks, hens, clears, variegated; approval; 5/- to 25/-: Fiddes, see British.

TWENTY colour-fed typical Norwich cocks, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 3/6: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 3/- each: Tipper, 135, Heath-rd., Wandsworth-rd., Clapham, S.W.

WANTED few good cocks and hens on approval: S., 13, Great St. Andrew-st., London, W.C.

NORWICH Canaries, cages, and fittings, cheap: Wallbanks, 239, Broad-st., Bridgton, Glasgow.

FEW Norwich hen Canaries ready for nesting, 3/- each: Stock, 80, Tinto-rd., Canning Town, E.

NORWICH hens, ready for breeding, 2/- each: A. Bacon, 17, Farmers-rd, Kennington Park, S.E.

NORWICH Canaries, Crested or Plalu cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

8/6 pair, grand stuff, from the breeder; cash, three days' approval: F. Gilling, Harford-st., Norwich.

TWO yellow cocks, 7/6 and 5/-; yellow hen, 6/-; buff hen, 3/-: Bryson, 8, Broomhill-rd., Aberdeen.

NORWICH, 30, some grand yellows, cocks from 7/-, hens from 3/- each: Amis, 23, Leipsic-rd., Camberwell.

NORWICH, 4 good 1909 var. buff cocks for sale, 6/6 each; approval, deposit: Rose, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

TEN high-class Norwich hens, yellow, buff, and marked, 2/6 to 4/- each: Treugove-eres., Spalding.

WANTED, large hens, large or small quantities; dealers' prices: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WANTED to sell, 6 good Norwich hens, also a large Crest-bred cock: Ashby, Finedon, Wellinboro'.

SIX Norwich double-breeding cages, complete, ready for use, 2/6 each: Wilson, 63, Rosebery-rd., Norwich.

SIX pairs good Norwich Plainhead cocks, full song, 8/; pairs 42/- lot: M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 8/6; cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

BARGAIN, two pairs good Norwich, Bullfinch type, price 7/6 pair; selling off: J. Risdell, Heckmondwike.

UNFLIGHTED Yellow and Buff cocks, fed, cold-room, from 7/6: Tanner, 10, Deacon-st., Swindon, Wilts.

TWO pair good Norwich Canaries, 8/6 pair; also clear yellow hen, 3/-; Vesty, 21, Ridgway, Wimbledon.

ROOM wanted; four pairs from 40/- to 60/-, winners among them: Gardiner, Hairdresser, Newton-grange.

CLEAR buff unflighted Norwich cock, first prize winner, Wigan, 60/-: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

UNFLIGHTED Buff hen, varieg. Buff hen; approval; cheap to clear: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few crest and crestbred cocks and hens, cheap; Norwich hens from 4/6.

GOOD Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, from 5/- to clear; approval, deposit: Myles, 16, Chalmers-st., Arbroath.

SEVENTEEN Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, 3/-; will sell lot cheap, or part: Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 12/6; buff cock, 10/6; grand stock birds; approval: MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick.

FROM outdoor aviary: cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; approval, deposit: Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead.

NORWICH, good healthy cocks and hens; cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6: 138, Hallburton-rd., Twickenham.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has 2 extra large yellow Norwich cocks, mated to grand hens, 60/- pair, worth double.

MUST clear; 40 grand Norwich, reasonable; 6 1903 Buff cocks, cheap; state wants: Tottle, 23, Cobourg-st., Plymouth.

THREE Norwich hen Canaries, 1 buff, 2 clear, 2/6 each, 7/- 3; 2 brass hanging cages, 2/6 each: 18, Kirk-st., Derby.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, from 7/6 pair; good condition; songsters, 6/6; hens, 2/6: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

SEVERAL good Buff cocks for sale; clears, 5/-, 10/-; ticked, 7/6; variegated, 6/-: Paul, 74, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

NORWICH, 20 for sale, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-: Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenbill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

NORWICH Canaries, the best and cheapest in the kingdom; send for price list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

GRAND Norwich, colour-fed, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; approval, deposit: Jessop, 439, Spring Vale-rd., Sheffield.

YELLOW and buff Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; bred from winners; approval; deposit: Woodall, Park-rd., Rochdale.

FOUR unflighted buff cocks, sell 30/-; exchange pair of good Norwich Greens: Norman, Confectioner, Rishton, Blackburn.

STRAIN second to none, typical buff cocks, fit to win, from 15/-: approval, stamp: Georgo Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

CLEAR Buff cock, 1st prize winner, 14/6; few odd hens, 5/- each; worth double; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

WORTH notice, grand lot Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Scabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

TYPICAL buff cocks, 7/-; buff hen, 4/-; Cinnamon cock, 6/-; Cinnamon hen, 4/-; cold-room; deposit: Nile, Fowey, Coruwall.

SALE, few 1909 Norwich yellow, also Cinnamon Canaries, cocks, 7/6, 10/- each: Williams, Manor House, Sharow, Ripon.

NORWICH cocks, some gems, same breed as my winners, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

UNFLIGHTED, yellow and buff hens, splendid feather, true type, winning strain, healthy, 15/-; approval: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Higham's Park, Essex.

F. Maddison, 80, Gayville-rd., Wandsworth Common, S.W., has few good Norwich cocks, cheap to clear; approval, stamp.

LARGE cock Norwich, bred from winning parents (yellow), price 15/-: Particulars, apply, Horace Curcy, Ramsey, Huntingdonshire.

JUST five left, 3 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, 1 yellow variegated hen; prices reasonable: Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

ARTHUR Green, Tunnard-st., Bostou, offers several pairs Norwich from 8/6 pair; cock, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval; inspection invited.

TWENTY buff Norwich hens, clean, healthy, 1909 birds, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH, splendid healthy cocks, from 6/, excellent colour and song, cold bred, 1909, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; single cocks and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; stamp; approval: Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

I have several clear yellow cocks, unflighted, for disposal, 7/6 each, approval: J. Davies, Alma-cottage, Maesgwyn-rd., Wrexham.

GOOD, healthy Norwich, buffs and yellows, from 10/6 pair; odd cocks, from 6/-; hens 4/- upwards: Nelson, Middleton-rd., Banbury.

HIGH class Norwich cocks, tight feathered, plenty of colour, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each: Neal, 37, Ullswater-st., Leicester.

J. C. WILMOT, Cage Bird judge, Arcade, Bedford, can spare grand typical buff cock and yellow hen, 15/-; another pair, 10/6; approval.

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, or exchange high-class Cinnamons; approval; yours first: Wright and Fox, 7, Cardiff-rd., Watford, Herts.

NORWICH cocks, full song, good stock birds, 6/- and 7/- each, approval: Sharp, 13, Wheat Sheaf Yard, Kirk Gate, Newark, Notts.

FIFTY pairs Norwich Canaries; matched pairs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; singing cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; see show reports Palace, L.C.B.A., W.L.F.A. cup winner: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

J. Calem (winner Hull Cage Bird Society's Champion Cup, 1909) has a few pairs Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards: 44, George-st., Hull.

MASSIVE Norwich stock birds, bred from great winner, cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, offers Norwich pairs from 15/6 to £2 10s.; single birds, cocks or hens; cold-room; approval.

PURE Norwich, yellows, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; good hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

TWENTY Norwich hens, all prize strains, from 7/6 each, yellows and buffs, no letters or appro.; phone, 888 Hop: H. Lee, 242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads; a few grand unflighted yellow and buff cocks cheap to clear, from winners: Spinner, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

PAIR Greens, crested, 10/6; 1 buff 1 variegated cocks, Plainheads, 6/- each. Particulars, apply: Wm. Buckle, Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

FEW smart young cocks and hens, very cheap to clear; absolutely reliable strain; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North Avenue, Ramsgate.

ABSOLUTE sale, some excellent c.f. Norwich yellows and buffs, cocks 6/-, 7/6, hens 4/-, 5/6; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

FINE young Canaries, yellow Cinnamon cock, 15/-; hen, 8/6; magnificent young yellow and green cock, 20/-: Miss Mann, Bracondale, Blandford, Dorset.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven. West, Wood Green, has 2 yellow, 2 buff cocks, grand type, quality, 30/- the four, fed, Robson's Hodder's; approval willingly.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- and 6/6 each; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; cocks on full song; cold-room; approval, cash or deposit, stamp: Clayton, Duck Hill, Ripon.

SIX hen Canaries, Norwich type, two ditto Yorkshire type, 2/- each, healthy; approval, cash or deposit with Editor: Arthur Hill, Halebank, Widnes.

HIGH-class Norwich, winning strain, will exchange for poultry, well bred puppies, dogs, or anything useful; stamp particulars: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

CLEAR buff, unflighted, pure Norwich stock cock, good type, quality, 8/6; exchange Green stock cock; yours first: John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone.

LARGE typical clear Yellow Norwich cock, 10/6; Buff cocks, 7/6; Yellow hens, 3/6; own breeding; approval: Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., East Sheen.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; offers wanted for lot, about 30 pairs; ten pairs, small, 55/-: A. J. Cooke, Groeer, Kenilworth.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH hens, well known strain, 3 hens, cinnamon marked, good type, strong and healthy, 5/- and 6/-: R. Hyde, Mertonville, Pennfields, Wolverhampton.

W. Miles, Aviaries, Chichester, has typical clear buff cock winner, 30/-; monster variegated buff cock, 20/-; large clear do, 15/-; several others from 10/-; approval.

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 6/6, ditto hens, 4/-; also few high-class Lizards, cheap; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

PLAINHEAD Norwich.—I have a few of my winners and stock birds for sale, from 25/- a pair; approval: Master Arthur Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

GREAT sacrifice, must clear immediately, excellent pair of c. Norwich, won 2nd in 80/- selling, accept 15/-, cheap at 50/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

GRAND medium size, evenly-marked Yellow Norwich hen, cost 32/-, sell 15/-; deposit; also other pairs; giving up: Clare, 30, Gladstone-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

A few pairs, short, chubby, good heads, short wings and tails; fed; 1909; single cocks rom 10/-, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6; approval: Fesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

A. WATTS, Breeder and Exhibitor of Norwich yellow and buff, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; approval, deposit: Manor Farm, High-st., Old Fellton, Peterboro'.

SIX good large young Norwich cocks, clear and variegated buffs, full song, healthy, cold room, no rubbish, 6/6 each; or offers lot; approval, deposit: Casling, Ilkley-rd., Otley.

NORWICH pairs, 15/-, 20/- upwards: winner Queen's Park Cup best unflighted City and Suburban Show, by Warwick Cooper Bros. strain; inspection: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

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C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has lot f his large noted Norwich that must be sold to make room for breeding, no fancy prices, from 12/6 ach; state wants; approval.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs, from 12/6; hens from /-; inspection invited morning or evening by appointment; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmeravenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainhead Canaries, must clear out about 50, room wanted, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 11/6, 12/6 the pair; on approval, or sell the lot: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st. Nottingham.

NORWICH, same strain as our winners Nottingham, Hucknall, Sheffield, Ilkeston, etc.; cocks from 7/6, buff: hens from 3/6; approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH, 4 Yellow cocks, 4 hens, 6 Buff cocks, 6 hens; cold-room bred and breeding condition; sell singly; no reasonable offer refused: Apply 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

ANYONE wishing success in the Fancy would do well to send for Mrs. Martin's price list; bred from my Crystal Palace winners gold and silver medalist; approval: Gerrard-st., Marsh, Lancaster.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 3/6, 10/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize-bred; approval.

CAN spare 5 buff, and 3 yellow Norwich cocks, 10/- each; 1 1st Watford, 12/-; buff cock, yellow hen, he Palace, 64 in class, £1; any bird fit to win; splendid quality: Wright, 103, Leavesden-rd., Watford.

LARGE quantity 1909 Norwich cocks and hens; cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; clears and varlegated, all in good health, and coldroom bred; approval: Akers, 16, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

VERY large buff cock, massive bird, full song, make good stock bird, 12/6, well worth 20/-; yellow cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 7/6; 12 good buff cocks, full song, large birds, 7/6 and 8/6: Lepla, Grocer, Newmarket.

NORWICH, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/- upwards; on approval, cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

COMPULSORY sale through pressure of business, grand 1909 deep c. yellow Norwich cock, won 1st and special Chelmsford only time shown, 10/-, great bargain; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

ALL our stock of Norwich for sale, winners; also stock birds; breeding, flight, show cages, sell in pairs, or offer for lot; inspection invited; stamp full particulars: Lovegrove, 42, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

PRIZE Norwich Plainhead cocks, yellow and buff, same as winners Palace, from 15/- upwards; see report, or exchange bolts, steel, paints, varnish, anything useful: Handley, Builder, Walsoken, Wisbech; approval.

J. W. RAMSDEN, for convenience of sale, has sent his remaining stock of Norwich Plainheads to Mr. Newley, 24, Stockwell-green, S.W. Call there to inspect them; unprecedented bargains to ensure a quick sale.

J. Holmes, Breeder and Exhibitor; high-class Norwich pairs from 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/- upwards; single, cocks from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; young birds, in grand condition: 169, Fountain-bridge, Edinburgh.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched, high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 21/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

W. VARDY'S champion Norwich, two variegated buff cocks, also two variegated yellows, cocks, 10/- each; also a few nice chubby yellow and buff hens, 10/- each; on approval: Vardy, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts.

DIRECT from breeder; save dealers' profits; grand Norwich Plainheads, from winners, to produce winners; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; single birds, reasonable; no rubbish; approval: W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

OWING to the death of Mr. G. Moakes, all his Norwich are for sale; amongst them are some very useful birds of both colours; cocks and hens also; approval; deposit: Mrs. Moakes, 92, Water-lane, Southnormanton, Alfreton.

HEALTHY typical Norwich, at prices to suit all; cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; matched pairs for breeding, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; enquiries invited; cold-room bred; approval willingly: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

OUT of my "important purchase" (see page 188 last week's issue), I still have a few grand Norwich cocks and hens for disposal, clears and variegated, Yellows or Buff, good heads, type and quality: Evans, Margate Aviaries, Margate.

LARGE, strong, healthy, high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, cocks or hens, for stock or exhibition; prices reasonable; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TO novices; why pay dealers larger profits, when you can have a pair properly matched from the breeder at 15/- upwards; I guarantee every bird bred from same stock as my winners for years; approval: Wm. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain few real clinkers for disposal, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, properly mated, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WINNING stud, recently purchased, leaves me several exceptionally good pairs for disposal, very moderate prices, excellent chance for beginners desirous of breeding winners. Approval, or seen by appointment: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

HAVING decided to further reduce my breeding stock, I have the following high-class Norwich for sale: 1909 clear yellow cock, grand colour and quality like silk, rather small, but exceptionally well bred, dirt cheap, 10/6; 1909 ticked buff ditto, 8/6, '09 variegated ditto, 10/6; 3 variegated buff hens, 4/6 each; approval, deposit: Hindle, Photographer, Bastwell, Blackburn.

LET me send you, carriage paid, on 7 days approval, 1 pair of large Norwich, Bullfinch type, in Buff, Yellow, Variegated, and Greens, at workingmen's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; cash or deposit with Editor: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., E.

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UNFLIGHTED buff cock and 1909 yellow hen, £2, a bargain; ticked yellow cock (1908) and large buff hen, £2 5/- only; other excellent pairs, containing blood of generations of winners, from 30/- to clear: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

THREE buff, one yellow, 1908 hens, good feeders, 10/- each; buffs and yellow cocks and hens, 1909, 5/- and 7/6 each; the above are bred from Iron's and Sandiford's strains only; also four half-bred Norwich and Roller hens, 1/6 each: Naylor, Daventry, Northants.

TWO pair of Norwich Canaries, Bullfinch type, with breeding cages and fittings, complete, 10/6 and 12/6 pair; one pair of large Yorkshires, 20/-; no time for breeding, owing to pressure of business; see under Appliances: Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

MOORE and Son, after selecting their own breeding stock, have one pair for disposal, unflighted yellow cock and year-old buff hen, price 17/6; same strain as winners Grimsby, Hull, Cambridge, Burton, Stamford, Halifax, etc.: West End Aviaries, Flottergate, Grimsby.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers his entire stock of 100 Norwich Plainheads, giving up breeding, graud pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; half value, splendid cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, A1 trim; cold room, amateurs' excellent opportunity; approval with pleasure; packed free.

150 matched pairs Norwich from 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; cage 3d., approval; dealers supplied with Norwich and Crests; inquiries invited; cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

GREEN Norwich, grand songster, with yellow Norwich, large birds, double breeder, complete, 12/6; aviary, 4 by 2 by 4 ft., sand drawers, new, 5/-; Linnet and cage, 2/-; 3 box cages, 3/-, all good condition, lot £1; particulars, stamp: Newmarsh, Bridgegate, Howden, E. Yorks.

WAKE and Carr, winners of 60 cash prizes this show season. Norwich cocks, large ticked buff, 10/-; broken Green, buff, 4th, bc, 10/-; unflighted clear yellow, 15/-; broken yellow Green, 15/-; unflighted ticked buff hen, 7/6; only half value to clear; approval: 41, Aske-rd., Middlesborough.

AFTER selecting my breeding stock, I find I have more pairs than I have room for, also single cocks, yellow and buff Norwich Plainheads (Dobinson's, Iron's, Sandiford's, Grey's strains), prices reasonable; I have also some good poultry for sale or exchange: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

WILLIAM Judd, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester, the largest stores in the Midland Counties; established over 30 years.—High-class Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; orange yellows, 7/6 and 10/- each; good healthy hens, for this year's breeding, 2/6, 3/6; orange yellows, 5/- and 7/6 each; pairs properly mated, now ready for nesting, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; carefully packed and every satisfaction guaranteed.

LINDLEY and Sons. Champion winning Norwich yellow cock and buff hen, 25/-; wing marked yellow and buff hen, 25/-; two more pair, 20/-; two pairs, 15/-; one pair, 12/6; 2 yellow cocks, 15/- each; two buffs, 10/-; 3 yellow hens, 20/- each; and two 15/-; and one 6/-; 2 buff hens, 10/-, one 7/6, and one at 5/-; wing marked Crested cock, 1st Hull, 1st Halifax, 4th Darlington, 40/-; 3 days' approval; birds before cash: W. H. Lindley and Sons, 5, Edward-st., Wombwell, nr. Barnsley.

HAVING selected by breeding stock, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Norwich, Sandiford's strain at half value to clear, must sell: Massive stout clear buff cock, 12/6; ditto, beauty, 10/6; grand cobby marked ditto, 10/6; ditto, gem, 7/6; monster clear yellow cock, 11/6; ditto, lovely quality, 10/6; ditto, 7/6; stout cobby yellow marked cock, 8/6; nice stout yellow hen, 7/6; ditto, 5/6; grand stout buff hen, 6/6; ditto, 5/6, gem; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; genuine reductions; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

FANCIERS wanting fresh blood, I find I can offer you, including grand unflighted variegated yellow cock, invaluable to fanciers wanting to improve colour and quality of feather, £2; large typical, natural colour buff cock, nice and cobby, good head and neck, very large bird, 25/-; large '08 yellow cock, good head and neck, nice quality, a real stock bird, 20/-; nice unflighted yellow marked cock, splendid shape, fair size. 12/-; good big yellow cock, beautiful feather, useful stock bird, 12/6; unflighted yellow green hen, a beauty, good shape and quality feather, 12/6; unflighted buff heavily variegated hen, 10/-; clear yellow hen, most decidedly cheap, 8/-; large buff '08 hen, marked eyes and wings, splendid feeder, 10/-; large clear buff hen bred mules, 7/6; no better blood; approval, deposit; stamp reply: J. Hunter, Nab-lane, Blackburn.

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can spare two nice pairs healthy Norwich, 15/- pair: 126, Bury New-rd., Bolton, Lancs.

JUST A REMINDER

that R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton, has 16 pairs of Norwich from 12/6 to 40/- a pair, mostly unflighted, and include some winners; cold-room; inspection invited; approval.

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Offer prize-bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; buffs, yellow, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 2/9, 3/-, 3/6, upwards; specially matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6: double Norwich breeding cages, full length, 3/9, complete with all fittings; travelling cages, 3d. extra: St. Andrew's, Norwich.

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A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN,

Will send on one week's approval, by depositing with "Cage Birds," the following: Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all birds kept in outdoor aviary: Apply, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

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If you cannot afford a big price, send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at 8/6 or 9/6; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked**, and one **clear, one buff**, and the **other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for 3/6 I will send you a Double Breeding Cage, fitted with everything complete, for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage, 12/3, for 8/6 birds, or 13/3 for 9/6 birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only 5/-. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

See my advt. on page 216.)

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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winners over 500 prizes, including 20 1sts and 2 cups this season. See reports Bristol, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Crystal Palace, etc.; must clear to make room; 10 pairs at 20/- pair, worth 50/- pair; single cocks from 7/6; first orders secures them; all one strain, breeding condition: Elstem House, Winchester-rd., Brisington, Bristol.

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NOTE FOLLOWING:—

Plainheaded Norwich Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards.

Plainheaded Norwich Hens.—Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

Just compare the above prices with others, to say nothing of quality, but there is no guesswork here; it is not a game of chance, as with some.

Call and inspect my thousands of birds.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist,

NORWICH.

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and offered from the largest colection in the world. Go and inspect all others, I care not where, then come to mine; that will at once set all doubts or speculations on one side, as I can always stand by all I state, and if an appointment is made, there will be no excuses "Not at Home," etc. I am, I hope, far from being a vain man, but I confess to the weakness of being proud of my stock.

PLEASE LOOK CAREFULLY THROUGH THESE BARGAIN PRICES:—

My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

UP TO DATE FACTS—NOT ANCIENT HISTORY.

7, Lr. Glengariff Road, N.C.R., Dublin. February 17th, 1910,—I am very much pleased with the pair of Yorkshires. J. Coudon to W. Rudd.

"Prestcyne," Lower Bourne, Farnham. February 25th, 1910,—I received Canaries, also breeding cage, quite safely, and I am very pleased with all. J. E. Marshment to W. Rudd.

Well Worth the Money.

Castlersland, Co. Kerry. February 20th, 1910,—I received the birds last evening quite safely, and in good condition. I am very pleased with them, and consider them well worth the money. D. J. Nolan to W. Rudd.

Singing Beautifully.

2, Station Parade, Wembley Hill. February 26th, 1910,—Received bird safely, for which I thank you. We are very pleased with it. It is singing beautifully. G. Tasker to W. Rudd.

Splendid for the Money.

27, Mackeson Road, Hampstead, London, N.W. February 27th, 1910,—Received the birds quite safely, and I am very pleased with them. I think they are splendid birds for the money. Shall do my best to recommend you to my friends. C. H. Hildersley to W. Rudd.

Very Nice Pair.

Manor Farm, Fleet, Holbeach, Lincs. Feb. 26th, 1910,—I received the pair of Norwich safely this morning, and I am very pleased with them. They are a very nice pair, and I am well satisfied with them. I thank you for the straightforward way in which you have dealt with me. H. English to W. Rudd.

Bear in Mind in Future.

Fairholmes, Dervent, near Sheffie'd. February 21st, 1910,—I have written Mr. Carl to forward the 20/- for C.-Bred cock, I am very well pleased with the same, and will bear you in mind for the future. J. Evans to W. Rudd.

Prompt Attention Again.

9, Elm Street, Grove Town, Pontefract. Feb. 26th, 1910,—I received the birds, and am well pleased with them. Thanks for such prompt attention. Shall recommend you to my friends. W. Bircher to W. Rudd.

A Very Nice Bird.

Patten Arms Hotel, Warrington. February 25th, 1910,—The Muling hen arrived all right, and seems a very nice bird. W. H. Burleigh to W. Rudd.

Honestly Worth the Money.

Lode Hill, Downton, Wilts, February 25th, 1910,—Bird arrived quite safe. It is in good health and condition. Thanks for the warm and comfortable way in which you packed it. It is honestly worth the money. E. Palmer to W. Rudd.

Very Well Pleased.

Ring o' Bells, Lathorn, near Ormskirk. February 25th, 1910,—I received Muling hen quite safe, and I am very well pleased with it. R. Seldon to W. Rudd.

Well Satisfied.

5, Morrison Street, Battersea, London, S.W. February 25th, 1910,—The yellow hen arrived safe, and I am well satisfied. C. Smith to W. Rudd.

When I Want More.

2, Head's Lane, Keswick. February 23st, 1910,—Many thanks for sending me a very nice bird, and in the pink of condition. When I want more birds I will come to you again. This is the first I have had from you, and it has given me satisfaction. D. Telford to W. Rudd.

Never Before.

7, Majendie Road, Plumstead, Kent. February 24th, 1910,—I have received the birds safe. I am more than pleased with them. I have never before had birds like them from other dealers. I will recommend you to all my friends, and I shall always deal with you when I want birds. D. C. Williams to W. Rudd.

Delighted.

Shoeing Forge, London Road, Northwich. February 25th, 1910,—Birds arrived safely this morning, and I am delighted with same. H. Shawcross to W. Rudd.

No One Could Have Done Better.

Edinburgh. February 21st, 1910,—Through stress of business I have been unable to acknowledge the arrival of birds. We are delighted with them, and are sure no one could have done better by us for the money. Wm. Slater to W. Rudd.

Got the Value for His Money.

Loganlea. February 22nd, 1910,—The birds arrived safe, and in the best of condition. The cock was singing a little while after he arrived, and the hen was as lively as could be. I got the value for my money. R. Gibson to W. Rudd.

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Such Value for Money.

Birchwood, Luton Hoo, near Luton. Feb. 26th, 1910,—Hen arrived safely. I am very pleased with it. She is a splendid bird. Thanking you for sending such value for money. F. Bryant to W. Rudd.

Great Satisfaction.

Hill Top, Eastwood, Notts. February 26th, 1910,—I beg to say that bird arrived all safe and sound, and it gives great satisfaction. H. Pilkington to W. Rudd.

Highly Pleased With Them Both.

5, King's Road, Dundee. February 21st, 1910,—Birds and cage arrived safe this morning, and I need hardly say that I am highly pleased with both. I shall strongly recommend you to my friends. J. McIntosh to W. Rudd.

A Compliment.

7, Kensington Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Feb. 23rd, 1910,—Birds arrived safe and well, and give every satisfaction. Allow me to compliment you on your promptness of despatch, and you can be assured of my future orders. W. J. Schofield to W. Rudd.

Larchfield, Lisburn. February 24th, 1910,—I received the bird quite safe, and in good condition, I was at the station when it arrived, thanks to your P.C. There is no one in the trade like yourself that I know. I think you deserve all you get. Wm. Caul to W. Rudd.

Well Satisfied.

181, Baltic Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow,—I am pleased to let you know the buff hen arrived in good condition, thanks for your prompt attention. I may say I am very well satisfied. D. Harris to W. Rudd.

Thinks Them Worth Double.

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32, Gill Crescent, Fence Houses, Durham. February 24th, 1910,—Birds arrived safe, and none the worse for their journey. They give every satisfaction. I think they are worth double the money. Further orders will be yours. T. Moore to W. Rudd.

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5, Scotland Villa, Ponder's End. February 25th, 1910.—Just received letter from my sister that bird arrived quite safe, and started singing as soon as taken out of cage. It gives satisfaction. W. H. Finkler to W. Rudd.

Delighted.

6, Hanbury Road, Pontnewynydd. February 26, 1910.—The Roller you sent has given every satisfaction. I am delighted. S. Griffiths to W. Rudd.

Very Pleased.

The Towers, Salthurn-by-Sea. February 19th, 1910.—The Roller arrived safely, and I am very pleased with it. E. M. Haycraft to W. Rudd.

Beautiful Bird.

3, Old London Road, Penrith. February 24th, 1910.—Received the Hartz Mountain Roller quite safe, and lively. Thanking you for such a beautiful bird. It has been singing well. Wm. Barton to W. Rudd.

Ten Minutes Sufficient.

17, New Chapel Street, Treorchy, Glam. February 22nd, 1910.—I am compelled to take pen in hand and let you know I received the bird safely. Ten minutes after he was unpacked he sang. There is no need for a week's approval as 10 minutes will suffice. I will recommend you to my friends. Thanking you for your prompt attention, T. Daye to W. Rudd.

Perseverance House, Attleborough. Feb. 19th, 1910.—Bird arrived safe; he has been singing freely this afternoon. I think him a beautiful clear songster. Thanks for kind attention. Mrs. Warren to W. Rudd.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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A free, lond or sweet songster for 5/3. High-class Norwich or Yorkshire Songsters, selected from thousands, 7/6, 8 6, 10 6 up.

All above on one week's approval to any part of Great Britain on receipt of cash or deposit with Editor. Cages, in all cases, 3d. extra.

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W. RUDD THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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GOOD Scotch Fancies, hens, cocks, 7/6, 10/-: Irwin, Bird Specialist, Lurgan.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, 1909, cheap for cash: Apply, H. Bevlss, Snowden, Chard.

SCOTCH Fancies and first crosses for sale cheap; approval: Wm. Beattie, 3, North Church-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancy, buff hen, 1 year bred, good and healthy, 30/-; approval: Carmyllie, Broughty Ferry.

SCOTCH Fancy, 3 cocks, 2 hens, good birds, sale, 25/-; worth double: Brander, 65, Commercial-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancies, 1909 Buff hen for sale, good bird, seen any time: Cliff Bell, 202, Church-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

YELLOW Green hen, 25/-; 3 cocks, 10/- to 30/-, all 1909; approval: Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

CLEAR Buff cock, 1909, bred from winners, 10/6 to clear; worth double; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks and hens, bred of my National winners, 15/- each: bargains: Smart, Camptoun, Drem.

YELLOW cock, 40/-; buff hen, 20/-; both young birds; buff pied hen, one year, cheap: Lang, 118, Main-st., Rutherglen.

SCOTCH Fancy young yellow Pied hen, will exchange for young buff cock; must be large: Muir, 39, Duff-st., Edinburgh.

GRAND young yellow hen (large) yellow cock, and buff cock, both one year bred, genuine breeders: Mathieson (119 E), Airhle's-st., Motherwell. Stamp.

SCOTCH Fancies, good stock, bufls, yellows, cocks from 15/-; hens from 25/-; approval, deposit; stamped reply, seen any time: Robert Fernie, Parkview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

CANARIES, Scotch Fancy, Yellow and Buff pied cocks, Buff and Buff pied hens; prize and prize bred; good stock birds; prices very reasonable: Proudfoot, 20, Gardner's-crescent, Edinburgh.

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Yorkshires.

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WANTED, Yorkshires: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

YORKSHIRES, clears and breeding cages, must be sold: 8, Sandon-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, 10 hens, 4 cocks, 35/-; no offers: Woodman, 43, Russell-rd., Holloway, N.

WANTED, few good cocks and hens, on approval: S., 13, Great St. Andrew-st., London, W.C.

FOR sale, 5 hens, 3 buff, 2 yellow, 2 yellow cocks, £2 the lot: Dwight, 4, Chapel-rd., Notting Hill.

HIGH-class Yorkshires for sale, 15 pairs: Haddon, 143 Salt-st., Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES, buff, variegated, and green cocks, in full song, from 6/6: 88, Park-rd., West Ham.

FEW high-class buff Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 6/6: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-ave., York.

LOVELY buff Yorkshire hen, guaranteed excellent breeder and feeder, 5/-: Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

FOUR good Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, two hens, 3/6 each: Haynes, 26, Salisbury-st., St. George, Bristol.

HIGH class Yorkshire cocks, from 10/-; hens, 5/-; Inspection invited: Nash, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE and Belgian crossed, Yellow hen and Buff cock, 8/6 each; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

FIFTY prize bred Yorkshires, very cheap, singly or pairs: Brooks and Huntley, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

LEGGY Yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, 10/-; cinnamon-marked hens, 4/6: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

FOUR pair smart Yorkshires and odd hens, cheap; some John Robson strain: West, 377, Alhany-rd., Camberwell.

A few good Yorkshires to spare, from 15/-: W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

A few unflighted hens, 3/6 and 5/- to clear; smart typical, worth 10/- each: Paddock, 9, All Saint's-rd., King's Heath.

GRAND yellow cock, 8/6; Cinnamon-marked cock, vhc, class of 17, Thirsk show last week, 15/-; Cotton, Northallerton.

CHAMPIONS of the West are bred by me; grand cocks and hens, reasonable approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

A few cocks and hens for sale, cheap, seen evenings or Sunday: Monger, 3, Cranmer-ave., Northfleet-lane, West Ealing.

TWO prize-bred yellow Yorkshire cocks, 8/6 each; 2 buff, 1 yellow hens, 4/- each: Payne, High-st., Glastonbury, Somerset.

HIGH class Yorks., cocks, 7/6 to 10/6; hens, 3/6 to 5/-; approval; cash or deposit: Williams, 4, Chapel-st., Trefnant.

NOTICE. Grand lot Yorkshires, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, from 8/-; hens 4/-; inspection invited: Ireland, 13, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners, long, slim cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: Stone, 33, Fortescue-rd., Exeter.

YORKSHIRE cocks, grand birds, no rubbish, 6/6, 7/6 each; on approval, cash or deposit: Price, Pontryfydd Lodge, Trefnant.

CINNAMON-marked (wing) buff Yorksbire hen, Radley's Palace strain, 7/6: Parkin, jun., Upper House, Liversedge, Yorks.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Hawes' direct champion strain; cocks 7/6 to 20/-; approval: 65, St. Quintin's-avenue, North Kensington.

YORK cocks, 7/6 to 10/6; hens, 3/6 to 6/6; pairs to produce winners, 10/6 to 15/6; approval: F. Gray, Fire Brigade, Filey, Yorks.

SIX magnificent matched pairs, 25/- to 30/- pair, worth double; approval; satisfaction: Negus, 4, Monmouth-rd., Abergavenny.

WHOLESALE and retail; Yorkshires, single or pairs, winning strain, colour-fed, ridiculously cheap: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, cold room bred; inspection invited: S. Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham, S.W.

SAM HAIGH has eight champion buff Yorkshire stock cocks left for sale, 10/- each to clear, cash or deposit: Range Bank, Halifax.

YORKSHIRES, buff marked cock, yellow hen, 10/6; yellow and buff cocks, 8/- each: Wilkes, 223, St. John's-hill, Clapham Junction.

A few good Yorkshires for sale cheap, hens from 2/6, cocks 6/-, cold room bred; inspection invited: S. Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham.

GREAT sacrifice, pair typical Yorkshires, cock highly commended Palace selling, accept 15/-, worth treble: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

FEW lengthy, unflighted cocks, also pairs, from 12/6; approval; inspection invited; stamp reply: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, bred from winners; cocks from 8s., hens from 4s.; three days' approval, deposit: Cullam, 113, Maysoul-rd., Battersea.

YORKSHIRES.

Another big winner.—Read following testimonial from: 4, Fox Street, Treharris, S. Wales, February 20th, 1910.—Yorkshire cock you sent me last week won all right, and won special for best bird in the show. I am highly pleased with him. W. H. Aplin to J. Taylor. Champion prize-bred lengthy yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song, and guaranteed standard length (some over), in clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked; pairs, personally and carefully matched to breed own winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; extra good, stylish, leggy hens, yellows or buffs, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; all cold-room bred and kept, and in perfect health and feather. Inspection invited at any time, and over 500 to select from. Illustrated new price list post free. State wants to the old reliable firm, and one of the oldest advertisers in CAGE BIRDS, and avoid disappointment. All orders sent off same day as received, carefully packed, and safe arrival guaranteed any distance. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval.



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Champion large Norwich cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 6/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; Norwich hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; pairs, matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- 25/- per pair, in clears, green, marked, etc.; colour-fed or natural colour. Large Crested or Crest-Bred cocks, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, feather to beak end; Crested or Crest-bred hens, at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All colonrs in stock, "Barnett's" and "Joyce's strains; pairs matched at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; Sib hens for light or dark Mule breeding at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6 each. **Easy Payment System:** Birds sent off at once, on receiving first payment, in any of above varieties. Full particulars, terms, and price list post free. No extras charged, and same value given as if paying cash down. Kindly note: This is my only address, and no connection with anyone of same name. The old firm—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

HENS, unflighted, few good ones to spare, reasonable, cold-room stock; also 2 matched pairs, 13/6 pair: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

STYLISH young Yorkshire cocks, long, bredy birds, grand condition, prize strain, 6/-; inspection invited: Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

COLD room, long stylish hens, breeding condition, from 5/6, cocks from 8/6, related to winners; deposit, approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

A few good typical cinnamon marked Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 7/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited any time: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Belgium crossed, some over 7ins., from 7/6; also few good Norwich, same price; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

GIVING up Fancy.—Splendid collection of Yorkshires and Norwich; no reasonable offer refused: Apply to Minden, Woodside-avenue, Muswell Hill.

JOHN Fox, 10, Egerton-st., Liverpool, has high-class Yorkshires, clears and few greens, cocks, 5/- and 6/-; hens, 3/6 and 4/-; bred from my cup winners.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven. West, Wood Green, yellow variegated cock 15/-, buff cock 10/-, both grand stock birds, Bailey's, Amblers'; approval willingly.

A few good hens, both yellow and buff, very cheap to clear quickly; see wins at Weybridge and Clapham: Silverthorn, 85, Coldharbour-la., Camberwell.

YORKSHIRES, direct from winners, cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-; also cages; approval with pleasure: Burke, 72, Greenway-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SEVEN grand buff Yorkshire cocks, unflighted, at 8/- and 10/-; also a few good buff hens at 5/-: Allen Haigh, No. 15, Blue Bell-yard, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 9/-, 10/-; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

YELLOW cock and two buff hens, 25/-; the set of three; also buff cock and two yellow hens, 30/- and 20/- the set: Samuel Dean. See advertisement under Greens.

CINNAMON ticked Buff stock cock, quarter bred Belgian, 12/-; 2 Yellow cocks, 6/- each; 2 Buff hens, 4/- each; 28/- the lot: Mitchell, Stocks Bank, Mirfield.

TYPICAL Yorkshire hen, bred and reared Mules two seasons, guaranteed in every way; invaluable to Mule breeder, 6/-: Atkinson, 120, Church-st., Preston.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, related to my cup winners at some of the leading shows; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; pairs, 12/6; approval: Cross, 41, North-st., Dowlais.

J. W. WHARTON.—High-class Yorkshires, bred from my winning strain, cocks from 6/6, hens 4/6; pairs from 11/-, well matched: Heights, Hightown, Liversedge.

CHAMPION Yorkshires.—I have four yellow cocks and twenty grand buff hens of type and quality, not to be beaten: William Maybank, 22, Aytoun-rd., Stockwell, S.W.

NOTICE, 2 pairs of high-class Yorkshires and 1 pair of Norwich, prize bred, sell, 17/6 pair; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: Heys, 21, Rosemary-lane, Stockport.

YORKSHIRES, cinnamon-marked and ticked, clear yellow and buff fit for show; cocks 7/6, 8/6 each; hens 5/- each; 7 days' approval: Jno. Whitley, 2, Hendreterr., Penycraig.

MAGNIFICENT clear typical yellow Yorkshire hen, 1909, from winners, 7/6; very good clear yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/6; another 4/-; lot 15/-: Ellis, 2 Mill-rd., Kettering.

EXTREME VALUE.

This can be proved by having on approval.

I can and do give in

High-Class Yorkshires.

Note following Prices, and have on approval. That will prove more than anything I can say. I have Clears, Greens, Cinnamons, and Cinnamon-marked.

COCKS—5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-
HENS—2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-,
PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-,
Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

GIVING up breeding; 20 fine healthy Yorkshires from 5/- to 10/6 each; mahogany Crystal Palace aviary and large flight cage: F., 14, Bury-rd., Rawtenstall, Manchester.

NOTE this. For sale, five pair clear Yorkshire Canaries, sound and healthy, ready for pairing, cheap to clear. Apply: Greenwood, Bootmaker, Silsden, nr. Keighley.

TWO good yellow Yorkshire cocks and 3 huff, to part with, from 10/- to 20/- each, cheap, to clear; Ambler's pure strain; approval: H. C. Hedworth, Dudley-rd., Grantham.

ALL my high-class Yorkshires for disposal including some good stock and show birds, also cages and accessories, reasonable to clear: Dell, St. Helen's, Estella-ave., New Malden.

CHAMPION Yorkshire pairs, from 12/6, hens from 5/-; inspection invited morning or evening by appointment; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer Avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

TWO 1909 Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, 13/- the two; also two 1909 breeding condition, full song, 10/6 each, 20/- the two; hargains; offers for lot: Boston, 15, Grand Parade, Harringay.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, fine upstanding birds, full of breed, bred from my winners; cocks from 8/6; hens from 4/- to clear; 3 days' approval, deposit: Holbrook, 27, Hope-st., Battersea.

FOR if you want good seed, try mine; I stock nothing but the best: can also supply good course pine sawdust, 2/- sack; delivered free in London: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have few good Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; green buff hen, 5/-; all 1909 bred; offers, stamp: Roberts, New-st., Hebden Bridge.

I HAVE a few good pairs of Yorkshires from 12/6 pair; try my champion mixed seed, and keep your birds in fine condition; grand tonic, 7d. quart: Easterlings, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

CHAMPION Yorkshires.—Having selected our breeding stock, can spare two yellow cocks, 1909, at 12/6 each; three yellow hens, 7/6; typical specimens: Weedall Bros., 4, John-st., Winsford.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks, yellow, 10/-, buff from 7/6, hens 5/-; also 2 clear yellow Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval; seen evenings, Saturday afternoons: Phipps, Mill Platt, Isleworth.

COMPELLED through business to dispose of my winning Yorkshires, same grand stock, dirt cheap, on approval, cash or deposit; stamp: Welsh, 4, Holland-st., W. Broughton, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6; all on approval; cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

YORKSHIRES, best strain in West England, winners cups and medals; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6; week's approval: Baker, Proprietor Malsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

GRAND, slim, typical Yorkshires for sale, feathered like wax, cocks, 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6 each; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; Ogden's strain; approval: William Clough, Lee Green, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, style and quality cock, from 5/-; few grand matched pairs, 10/- upwards; worth double; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

GIVING up the Fancy, I have about 15 pairs of high-class Yorkshires for disposal, including many winners, at most leading shows; also breeding cages, show cages, and travelling cases; stamp reply: Brennan, Earney-st., Altrincham.

T. C. CRAWHALL, is disposing of his whole stock of Yorkshires, every bird is related to Crystal Palace winners; cocks from 7/6 to 40/-; hens from 5/ to 40/-; pairs to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-: 121, St. George's-terr:. Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ABSOLUTE clearance, typical long slim Yorkshires in all colours; many have won in open competitions, cocks 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, hens 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; equal to any costing £2 and more; approval; inspection invited: Hawkes, 360, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

LAWRENCE Lane has some grand Yorkshires, both and stock birds, for sale, bred from my well-known winners, full of style and quality, cold room bred, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval; satisfaction given or money returned in full: 16, Fountain-st., Barnoldswick, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, 3rd, vhc, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 2nd, 15/-; grand cocks, both clears and ticked, from 7/6; hens from 6/0 upwards; pairs properly mated to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair, all cold room kept; 26 years breeder and exhibitor; approval; prize cards sent: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

EXHIBITORS please note. Magnificent pair champion bred high-class Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds, yellow cock, buff hen, bred from big winners, certain to breed winners, only 12/- pair, worth 30/-; but must sell; week's approval, deposit, cage free; exchange for rabbits, cavies; stamp reply: Turner, Harlton, Cambs.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds, all from winning strain, in all colours, and cold-room bred, at working-men's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 per pair, worth 20/- and 25/- per pair; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; will send carriage paid on seven days approval; cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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4 Firsts, 3 Specials, Crystal Palace Show, 1910.

The above feat is quite sufficient proof as to the quality of my birds. I have also won hundreds of prizes at leading shows during this season. I have at the present moment a stock of over 3,000 birds in my rooms. I ask you to come on any day but Sunday, and see them for yourself. I will also show you piles of recent testimonials from all quarters, proving that I give complete satisfaction to my customers. I have sold birds that have won in every part of the Kingdom this present season.

I have every variety in stock, and can supply you at a moment's notice.

YORKSHIRES.—Champion stock or exhibition birds, guaranteed bred from the finest strains in the country; cocks, long, typical birds, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, lengthy, racy birds, in beautiful feather, and ready for nesting, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; matched pairs, to breed own winners, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

YORKSHIRE GREENS.—Cocks or hens, bred from this season's winners, in lovely plumage and condition, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.—Some real gems, ready for immediate disposal, large, cobby birds, with good heads, round chests and short flights and tails, the correct sort to breed winners, at same prices as Yorkshires.

CHAMPION NORWICH CINNAMONS.—Guaranteed bred from well-known strains; cocks or hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; matched pairs to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

CRESTS AND CRESTED-BRED.—Large, massive, feathery birds, from reliable strains; cocks or hens, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

LANCASHIRES, COPPIES OR PLAINHEADS.—Cocks or hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each upwards; pairs at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- upwards.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES.—In the pink of health and condition, large birds, many fit to win; very suitable for Muling, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each.

SIB HENS.—Yorkshire or Norwich type, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each.

SEIFERT ROLLERS.—Large consignment just received; marvellous songsters; certain to please anyone, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Lizards, also in stock.

MULES.—Champion stock of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, guaranteed in full song, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; few light Mules for exhibition, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each.

SPECIAL TO AMATEURS.—You cannot possibly do better than send for one of my matched pairs of Yorkshires or Norwich, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, or 20/-, to breed your own winners. My birds have won a vast number of prizes this season. See reports of all leading shows.

Cages and appliances of every description in stock. Single breeders, 3/- and 3/6; double breeders, 5/- and 5/6. **EASY PAYMENTS ARRANGED,** without extra charge.

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JOE THOMAS,

Breeder and Exhibitor,

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POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, long slim typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

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Won Palace 1910 two 1sts, 2nd, 4th, and Ramsden's special championship diploma, and 10/6 special for best Yorkshire in show; as we are only reserving a few for breeding with, we have for sale some real clinkers, wonderful length, perfect type, and full of quality and style, just the sort to breed champions; cocks, 7/6 to 50/- each; hens, 7/6 to 30/-; the most reliable strain in the Fancy; see our winnings for over 30 years; cold room bred; approval, stamp particulars: Messrs. Amblers, late of Bradford, 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

BAILEY'S STRAIN

is bang at the top again, over all other so-called champion strains, having won this season the Yorkshire Union 30 guinea challenge trophy, and Naylor's challenge cup, at the Yorkshire shows, with fifty per cent. less entries than nearest competitor; have also won at Y.C.C. competition, Ramsden's challenge cup and Sandiford's challenge cup, only showing at eight shows, and my nearest opponent showing at ten shows, finishing at Palace with more 1sts than any other fancier in open section. I think this will convince you that the Sandy Lane stud are clear away from all others. Have few pairs same strain as above at 20/-, also few pairs extra quality from 60/- to 80/-; odd hens, either colour, feathered like paint; stamp reply: South View Terrace, Sandy Lane, Allerton, Bradford.

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KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

Extracts from a lecture delivered recently by a well-known judge and breeder of Yorkshire variety cage birds:—"The highest ambition and aim of true fanciers is to breed own winners rather than acquire such by purchase. The only method to attain this desirable object is having possession of suitable and reliable stock pairs for producing such. To ensure these conditions, avoid purchasing stock from a market where all and every kind and variety of cage birds are bought and kept for purpose of resale only, as even the least expensive stock purchased or procured from a recognised and reliable breeder of the variety required is far better than paying double or more for haphazard selection from such stocks." This without comment is solid truth in a nutshell, and should be seriously considered by all intending purchasers of coming season breeders. Having had over 30 years' experience in the breeding and keeping of Yorkshire varieties only, intending purchasers for such can rely on purity of breed combined with up-to-date style and quality. Personally selected and unrelated pairs from 10/0. 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; single birds proportionately; few exhibition specimens from 20/- upwards; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash or deposit. Full season's price list sent on receipt of stamp for reply. Old 50 years' address: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (See previous advertisements in this paper.)

C. MABEY,
Yorkshires; have a few hens left from his winners, from 7/6; stamp: 5, Anerley-st., Battersea.

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Sheffield Linnet S.S. contest held on February 27. Result: J. Robinson, 54, 1; H. Burkinshaw, 51, 2nd; E. Bisby, 43, 3rd.—E. BISBY, Sec.

LONDON, N.

Last week we had, at The Swan, Caledonian Road, N., three handicaps. February 23, Chaffinch handicap; winner, T. Morriss; Country Dick 2nd. Feb. 26th, Chaffinch, winner, Jim; 2nd, Old Boots; 3rd, Tubby. February 27th, Mr. Meacock winner, Tubby 2nd, Scott 3rd. Hope fanciers will not forget our supper and concert on March 7th. Timekeeper, Pony Moore.—F. WESTMORE.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at The Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer-lane, on February 26th, when 22 birds entered, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Storey; 2, Laverick; 3, Mangham; 4, Harrison; 5, Buckle. Judge, Mr. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed; some good singing was heard. Results: 1, Bean; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, J. Smith.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinner's Arms, Bustlingthorpe, on Feb. 27th, when 15 birds sang. First and second shared between Green and Thirkill; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Granger and Renton.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 26th, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings, Wood, and Hoban. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Solman. Also on Feb. 27th, when 32 birds sang for four good prizes, judged to perfection by Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Solman; 4, Bland. Also on same evening, grand Canary contest, open to all, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Foley; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Wake; 4, Bland.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, February 19th, when 20 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, Puller; 3, Adams. Judge, Mr. Stout. Also at Love's Hotel, Crook. 20 birds entered. Result: 1, 2, 3, Lockhurst and Brady. On February 26th, at Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, 24 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, 3, Lockhurst and Brady. Judge, Mr. Stout (Brandon). Another contest at Bob Winter's, Royal Oak, Crook, March 5th. Mr. G. Reed (Brandon), will judge.

HINCKLEY.

Usual Linnet contest held on February 26th, at White Hart, when there was again a large entry. Result: 1, E. Garners (Cockwing); 2, H. Heaton; 3, W. Towers; 4, D. Pegg. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Leason; timekeeper, Feather. This is the last contest before the Open-to-all-England one on Easter Monday morning, when the prizes will be: 1st, 15/- and gold medal; 2nd, 7/6 and silver medal; 3rd, 3/- and silver medal; entrance fee, 1/-. Further particulars from T. Towers, Hon. Sec., 15, Orchard-street, Hinckley.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual sing held at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on February 27th, 12 entries. R. Taylor was 1st with 36 sec.; S. Scott 2nd with 34. We sing 1 min. face on, and 3 min. bluff.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

We started holding our week-end contests last week-end, when 16 birds were entered to sing. Singing was only of a moderate character. The 1st prize went to Mr. J. Nelson. Judge, Mr. W. H. Topping; timekeeper, Mr. J. Monk.—T. SLATER, Sec.

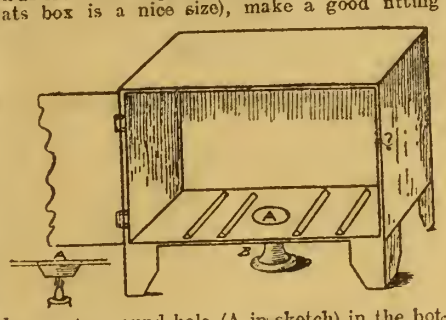
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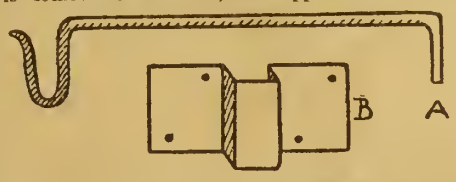
Here is an idea of what I find exterminates red mite. It is a very simple contrivance, and I am sure my fellow readers would only be too pleased to give it a trial. I have tried red mite perches, traps, disinfectants, etc., but I find this idea about the best way to keep my birds free. First get an ordinary box (a Quaker oats box is a nice size), make a good fitting



door, cut a round hole (A in sketch) in the bottom to allow an ordinary cake tin (about 6ins. diameter) to fit. Then place the cage or cages (seed box as well) into the box, and put a quantity of cayenne pods in the tin. Close the door and allow the whole to stand for about half an hour. This gives the red mite time to go in search of their prey, which they do in the dark. Then place an ordinary spirit lamp under the tin beneath the box and allow to burn for 15 minutes, and no red mite or other insect will survive. B shows the lamp in position. I do this about twice during the season, and the cost is only a trifle.—P. CROOK.

No. 389.
A Handy Cage Hook.
Sent by Mr. W. King, 30, Hampden Street, York.

Enclosed is a sketch of a hook which I have found very useful for a drawing-room cage. It is made of ⅛-in. round iron of convenient length to the shape shown in the sketch. The end A is somewhat flattened, the opposite or cross-



ways to the hook. B is a clip made of hoop iron or brass to the shape shown for A to slide easily into or out of; it is then screwed to the window frame or any other handy place. If desired to hang a cage outside, an additional clip could be made and left outside, the hook being easily moved from one place to another. —W. KING.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

A Social Gathering.

A social gathering was held at the Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, on Feb. 24th. An excellent dinner was provided, to which a goodly company sat down. Mr. F. J. Martin gave the toast of "The Association," reviewing the past year's work and commenting upon their flourishing condition and sound financial position. They had held two successful members' shows during the winter, each of which had paid. They had bought no less than five cups and medals, and still had a good balance in hand, and their future prospects looked rosy. Mr. H. Davis, one of the old school of fanciers, in proposing "The Press," drew an interesting picture of the struggles of fanciers before the coming of CAGE BIRDS. In those days a novice struggled on for years before he could even gain a common knowledge of bird management. Old fanciers kept their secrets to themselves, and reports of meetings and gatherings were few and far between. Now, however, things were entirely changed. Old fanciers freely gave of their best, and the reports of meetings and lectures not only were interesting reading but saved time and money to the struggling novice. The presentation of medals and cups then took place, the successful candidates being Messrs. G. Harwood (Yorkshires), and G. Sayteh (Borders). The following won medals, Messrs. Best, King, Mabey, Ottaway, Saytch, Harwood, and Mrs. McGregor. The association does not believe in trophies running indefinitely, so each cup is won outright during the season. Three new ones have already been purchased for competition among the members next year. During the evening a most enjoyable programme of music was got through, the principal artistes being Messrs. Starkey, Smith, Ottaway, and McGregor. Mr. Cunningham ably presided at the piano. Among the company we noticed Messrs. Tebbs, Best, Walker, Johnson, Martin, Davis, Burgess, Gallop, Ottaway and Mrs. Ottaway, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, the able secretary and his assistant, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, and Mr. H. Norman. The company dispersed at a late hour, having spent a most enjoyable time.

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

The eighth list of subscriptions received by Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday evening last is as follows: Dr. E. Hopkinson (Gambia, West Africa), £1 1s.; per Messrs. Ewen and Anderson (Aberdeen), 18s. 6d.; Penzance F.A., 10s. 6d.; Northamptonshire Town and County Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., 10s.; per Mr. James Overend (Ravensthorpe), 9d. 3d.; per Mr. G. Linsey (Cambridge) (Messrs. G. Linsey, F. Burgess, W. Smith, and T. Mansfield, 1s. each, F. Hurry 9d., G. Thurston, W. Brown, E. Wells, E. Newman and S. Coote 6d. each), 7s. 3d.; Reigate F.A., 6s. 6d.; per Mr. A. Matthews (Bristol), 5s. 3d.; Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., 5s.; Wigan C.B.S., 5s.; Mr. Pruden (Waterloo), 5s.; Doncaster C.B.S., 4s. 6d.; Dysart C.B.S., 2s. 8d.; Southend and Southern Counties O.S., 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Moore (London, N.), 2s.; P. W. (Newton Abbott), 1s.; B. Hope (Boston, Spa), 1s. These amounts total £5 16s. 11d., and, together with the sums already acknowledged, bring the aggregate subscriptions received up to £57 8s. 3d.

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

Through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, myself and a few Dewsbury working men friends (who all are fanciers) have become acquainted with the facts of the case of Messrs. Preston and Flowers, and to show our sympathy would ask you to accept the sum of 9s. 3d. towards taking their case to a higher court. We would also tender you our thanks for the publicity you have given to the matter. We wish your paper every success for the way you insert all news to the interest of any of us fanciers.—(Signed for the subscribers), JAMES OVEREND (Dewsbury).

Allow me to express my feelings of gratitude towards CAGE BIRDS for taking such a deep interest in the matter. I corroborate all Mr. Trower's statements, and the reasoning from his intelligent pen. His chief interest whilst he was chairman of the Bird Traders' Protection Society was to promote its welfare. All weathers he was at his post every meeting night, having come a long distance. "Old Jack Flower" (as he is known in the trade) also never missed an opportunity of being present. He is the most amiable of men, and was a zealous worker in aid of the society. Know him rightly and you will find that he is one of the most honest men in the trade. I am fully convinced that if defended properly and the case thoroughly thrashed out, the two defendants will be exonerated, and justice dealt out. —J. J. HALL (late secretary of Society and Editor of "Bird Trade Journal").

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Wild Bird Life.

The Advance of Spring.

"February fill dyke" is an old saying, and this year the month is keeping up its reputation; but the weather is mild with occasional gleams of sunshine, which is quite enjoyable. Spring is advancing much too rapidly. Already the fruit buds are bursting, and the varnished tips of the chestnut trees are swelling. In the open country where a few elders are crowded in the hedgerows, the green leaves are showing plainly, and along the sheltered sides of the wood, and upon the sunny banks, primroses and violets may already be gathered. The sight of the first spring flowers growing wild in the open conjures up memories of past days when we ranged the hills and woods, gathering the choicest of wild growths and seeking the homes of the feathered race. With the decline of winter the bird lover has much to look forward to. Spring brings with it many pleasures, and not the least of these is the renewing of our acquaintance with those members of the feathered race who have for a time deserted us.

Of all the birds that delight us with their presence and song around our homes the one we should miss the most is the cheery Song Thrush. All through the winter we have had intermittent bursts of birdy music, but now he is an incessant performer. At the first faint streak of light in the east he commences his morning melody, and through the whole day he can be heard everywhere. He is far in advance of the Blackbird, who seldom sings until spring is with us. But the Song Thrush is not the only performer; the Starling gurgles and whistles from the chimney top or higher trees; the Skylark soars and carols; the noisy, piercing call of the Great Tit resounds through the woods; the tune of the Linnet and the mellow twittering notes of the Greenbird are becoming quite familiar along the country side. Up to the present I have not actually seen a nest of this season's construction, but suspicious signs of early incubation are constantly being noticed. For the past few days a Starling has been flying between my garden and an old walnut tree some two hundred yards away, and at each journey he takes a grub in his beak, so he is evidently feeding something located in one of the knot holes of the old monarch. Another pair are frequently sitting side by side in another tree, or dodging in and out suitable building sites, and I am inclined to think that the wild, free notes of the bold Missel Thrush on yonder elm are not intended for human listeners.

Accident to a Blackbird.

Many wild birds die from accidents, frequently by getting entangled by the hair of animals or vegetable threads. A Blackbird was recently found fastened to a blackberry bush, where it had evidently died of starvation.

Construction of a Rook's Nest.

From the ground a Rook's nest looks a heap of sticks, but one that was thrown down recently proved to be quite different from what it appeared. Sticks certainly formed the exterior, but the inside was neatly lined with roots and rough bits of turf, the whole having a neat, cosy appearance.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**"Old Don."

We had a very nice cock Bullie which we called "Don," and a cat called "Tommy," which often looked at "Don" as if it would like him. But "Don" was quite safe for many months. Recently, however, when I was feeding him "Don" got out of his cage, and thinking he was safe chirped. At the same moment "Tommy" made a grab at, but luckily missed, "Don." I now make sure the door is fastened when I go to feed our "Don."—Sent by Sam Foster, Notting Road, Codnor, near Derby.

*A Welcome Visitor.

I am living with my grandmother in a lonely part of Gloucestershire. A Robin accustomed to feed on the crumbs thrown out during the winter of 1908 has gradually since found its way inside, and now, instead of waiting for the crumbs to be thrown out, comes in regularly and hops about the kitchen. A few weeks ago it spent the night in one of our bedrooms, and in the morning came and perched on my head. Sent by Frances Webb (age 11), Littlewood, Charfield, Gloucester.

*A Bright Idea.

I had two birds, one named Peter and the other Tom. One day Peter became ill and died. On Tom missing his comrade he also became ill, but luckily I knew how to manage him. As soon as he recovered I put a mirror in the corner of the cage, and he lived long after, for he did not know his own face from Peter's, and he thought his comrade was with him.—Sent by James McGuire (age 15), 73, Crossburn Street, Glasgow.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

L. ADAMS, Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone, Kent. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, etc.; life experience. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign; Specialist Hyb. and Brit. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE. Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds; specialist Mules, British and Foreign. Terms moderate.

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties British birds and Mules; life experience. Fee moderate.

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Twitterings.

Our First Feather show, writes Mr. J. Carlin, secretary of the Eastfield Side C.B.F.S., has been fixed for June 4th.

Owing to pressure of business I am selling all my winning British, writes Mr. A. Coffey (Liverpool). The birds have won at all the leading shows.

Our open show, writes Mr. T. G. Jeffery, hon. secretary of the Sonthall and Dis. C.B.S., will be held on December 14th, when Mr. J. Robson will judge.

Kindly note that the annual open show of the Battersea and Dis. Open C.B.A. will be held on October 19th and 20th, the same date as last year, writes Mr. W. G. Honeysett, the chairman.

Will fanciers kindly note that my address as the new secretary of the Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S. is 43, Cimcart Road, Mount Florida, Glasgow, writes Mr. Robt. Heggie.

Mr. L. Bousfield, of Bournemouth, has, we hear, purchased from Mr. L. Dykes, his buff Yorkshire hen, 4th at Crystal Palace and also his buff cinnamon marked cock, 3rd at the Palace.

The judges appointed for our annual show, to be held on December 16th and 17th, are Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen) for Norwich, Mr. D. A. Craig (Arbroath) for Crests, Cinnamons and other varieties, and Mr. Alex. Steele (Aberdeen) for Hybrids, British and foreign birds, writes Mr. J. Bryson, secretary, Aberdeen O.S.

In answer to "Nimrod," writes Mr. W. Thompson (Llanelly), my birds were going light and losing flesh, so I noticed advertised in CAGE BIRDS "Maryelino" (a bird medicine), which I tried, and my birds were cured.

Will fanciers kindly note that the headquarters of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. in future will be at Duke of York Hotel, Princess Street, meetings second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m.?—J. GIBBONS, hon. secretary.

I have removed from Horfield to 1, Grantham Villas, Slad Road, Stroud, Gloucester, writes Mr. H. Barry, and although I have not exhibited this last season, I intend to do so this. I may say I have some very promising birds, especially a few good Brambles.

Will Barrow C.B.A. members interested in show business please attend our next meeting on March 9th, writes Mr. G. Large, the hon. secretary, as we have important matters to discuss. I hope the members will stir up a bit, and let us have a good muster.

The rule-book of the Queen's Park and Dis. Cage Bird Association includes also a list of the meetings, lectures, and shows (a capital programme), and the members' names and addresses. The secretary is Mr. J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, London, N.W.

The Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland have issued a neat little syllabus, in which are also included a list of the officials and the rules of the club. The programme includes lectures, a first feather show, etc. The secretary is Mr. F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tolleross, Glasgow.

I have resigned my position as secretary of the Southport and Dis. C.B.S. owing to my not having time to attend to it. Mr. A. Williams has been elected secretary, and in future all communications should be directed to him at 19, Halifax Road, Ainsdale.—R. BULLOUGH.

We have received a schedule of the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s British and foreign bird show, to be held on March 12th at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone, London, W. No fewer than 25 classes are provided, and Mr. C. Prior will judge. It is expected there will be a large attendance and a record success is confidently anticipated.

The Stratton, Bude and District F.A. balance-sheet shows the cash in hand at the end of last year at £3 13s. 11d., which is distinctly good considering £25 was expended during the year on tents, penning and benching, and less than £19 was brought forward from the previous accounts. Messrs. Bohn and Welch, the secretaries, and the society are to be complimented on this result.

The Nottingham and Dis. Permanent O.S. hold a Canary washing competition, open to all comers in the clubroom, "Grapes" Inn, Platt Street, on March 12th, writes Mr. J. Walmsley (secretary). Entrance fee 7d.; admission to room free. Washing to commence at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Prizes: 1st, copper kettle; 2nd, the whole of the entrance money. Fanciers are heartily invited to see this contest, novices especially, for whose benefit it is mainly intended.

Wedding bells were again ringing on February 23rd, when the youngest son of Mr. Joe Wilcock, the veteran fancier, Mr. Joe Wilcock, jun., of Eccleshill, Bradford, was married to Miss Lilian Medley, also of Bradford, by the Rev. R. B. Mackee, at the parish church of Eccleshill. The wedding breakfast was enjoyed at the Liberal Club, Bolton Road, when a large number of guests sat down, and the afternoon and evening were passed in a happy and social manner. The presents were numerous and useful.—MRS. C. M. SUNDERLAND (Bradford).

We have secured the services of Messrs. R. Lambie (Whitburn), G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock), and D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), to judge at our show on November 12th, writes Mr. George Smith, secretary, the Grangemouth and Dis. O.S.

We hear that the Newburgh (Fife) and Dis. Gardening Society are to have a cage-bird section at their big show, to be held on July 23rd. It will all depend upon the response received as to whether or not this section will be enlarged in the future. The secretary of the cage-bird section is Mr. Robert Campbell, 109, High Street, Newburgh, Fife.

In forwarding us a copy of the club's balance-sheet for the year ended January 31st, Mr. J. Brown, secretary of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, writes: that the decrease in the balance compared with last year (a difference of 18s. 10½d.) is due to a shrinkage in the membership, which I am hoping to augment considerably during the coming season. All the same, there are considerably over a hundred members, and it says a great deal for the club that they have come out on the right side financially.

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Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in putting the picture of my winning Gold Lizard in CAGE BIRDS. It is a credit, both to yourself and the artist.—JOHN RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

We have elected Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Hirst to judge at our annual open show on September 30th and October 1st, writes Mr. R. Towler, secretary of the Burnley and District C.B.B.S.

We hear that Mr. C. A. House, of Walthamstow, London, N.E., is engaged to judge at the following shows: Hastings, December 6th; Harpenden, Whit Monday; and Jersey, November 30th and December 1st.

We have received an advertisement offering Canaries from "Sleightholme Cottage," but with the name and remainder of address missing. Will the sender please write us, giving the necessary particulars?

Will secretaries please note that all communications respecting the Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Barber, should be addressed to me, as secretary, at Tapton View Road, Chesterfield, our late secretary, Mr. Atkins, having retired through pressure of business?

The sweet pea is perhaps the most popular flower of the present time. It can be relied upon to grow almost anywhere, will give a continuous supply of fragrant bloom right through the autumn, and is most useful to hide any ugly or unsightly corner in one's garden. Mr. E. A. Bannister, the well-known sweet pea specialist (5, Grotto Road, Twickenham), it will be noticed, is advertising in our columns, and offering seeds at very keen prices. Lovers of their gardens would do well to send for his price list, mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing.

The 1910 programme of the Cheltenham C.B.S. includes, besides lectures and papers on all branches of the Fancy, several special events, such as an annual dinner, a question night, an outing, shows and competitions. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. A. S. Treasure and W. Pounsett (Idahoe, Oaklands Avenue, Prestbury), will be glad to supply information to anyone respecting the association.

Readers will learn with regret that Mr. A. Watson, secretary of the Grand United Metropolitan Show (and himself a cage-bird man) is still suffering from the effects of his breakdown in health last autumn. We hear, however, that he hopes to be able to attend to business matters in two or three weeks. He has had a very anxious time lately. Mrs. Watson has undergone an operation for appendicitis, and is mending but slowly. Mr. Watson regrets that there should be one or two small matters in connection with the show still unsettled. May both invalids have a speedy restoration to health, will be the wish of fanciers.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen to act as judges at our open show on October 22nd: for Scotch Fancies, Mr. R. Wright (Greenock); for Borders, Mr. W. McAdam (Lauswade); for Yorkshires, etc., Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh); for Crest and Crestbred, Mr. H. Moreland (Falkirk); for Norwich, Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock); and for British birds, Mr. S. Ward (Glasgow). We have also extended our classes, hoping fanciers will take note. No expense has been spared in securing the above-named gentlemen. We are also having a lecture on "British Birds" from Mr. Bruce, of Coldstream, and a ramble in the woods and glens of Blairadam estate.—JOHN FORD, secretary, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. E. BROTHERTON (Bradford).

It is with great regret, writes Mrs. C. M. Sunderland (Bradford), that I have to announce the sudden death of Mr. J. E. Brotherton, a fancier well known in Yorkshire circles as a genial and generous patron of the Yorkshire bird. Mr. Brotherton was a giver of many trophies, especially for the novice, and in his time was very successful on the bench. For a few years back Mr. Brotherton has not had the time to spare owing to pressure of business, but he never let his Fancy flag, and he will be greatly missed in the fanciers' circle.

Mr. ROBERT RENNIE (Govanhill).

I am sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. Chas. C. Watson, secretary of the Govanhill and Dis. O.A., of the death of one of our members, Mr. Robt. Rennie, on February 20th. Mr. Rennie was a member for the last four years, and was a very enthusiastic fancier, doing well in the club. He was the winner of several first prizes. He won the cup and gold medal in 1908, with a very neat foul buff, the same bird being second at Paisley New Year show. He had been ill for some time, but his death came suddenly. He has left a widow but no family. His death will be much regretted by the members, as he was very popular. Before joining us he was a member of the Springburn Club. He was also at one time a volunteer—a good shot—and lifted some handsome prizes.

CAGE BIRDS' last plate of Canary Bullies was a real treat.—G. PERRINS (Longton).

The CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is a grand advance on your former productions, and is fairly a hot 'un.—JOHN RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

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I have sold my whole stock of Crests and feeders, writes Mr. James Veitch (Kelty), also cages and birdroom to Mr. John Ford (Kelty), as I have thoughts of going abroad. Will secretaries of shows please note?

The Gt. Horton O.S. 1910 season's shows include a first feather show on June 25th and another on July 23rd, a second feather show on October 22nd, and another on November 26th, and the usual Boxing-day show on December 26th. Particulars may be had of the secretary, Mr. J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street, Gt. Horton.

Buckhaven and Dis. C.B.S. have secured the following judges for the open show on October 15th, writes Mr. W. Foster, the secretary: for Border Fancy, Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); for Norwich, Mr. Allen Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); and for British and foreign birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow). The society is in a flourishing condition, both as regards membership and finances.

Mr. J. Walsh, the noted bird specialist of Blackburn, writes us pointing out that the King Parrakeet and Grey Parrot, advertised in his "Foreign" announcement last week, should have been priced at 90s. and £7 10s. respectively, the incorrect prices which appeared being the result of a printer's error. Will readers who have received no reply to their letters please accept this explanation? Mr. Walsh writes further: "We have had a great number of inquiries for our catalogue through our advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. We have 268 applications for same this day (Monday). I think this is a record."

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will those societies desirous of having the patronage of the above club kindly apply for same at once, giving date of show and name of judge (if same has been appointed)? As the committee meet on March 12th, to consider applications, such applications must be sent to me before that date.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs.

At the Palace Show.

One novelty was the "Nevillian Folding Cage," which took third prize. As its name implies, it is constructed to fold into a very small space, viz., 1in., by its length and breadth, for purposes of storage and transit. In addition it has the following features claimed for it: Made of insulating materials, is antiseptic, lays flat for cleansing, is waterproof, can be cleansed with paraffin, benzoline, or soap and water, and restored to use immediately

The Breeding & Rearing of the Yorkshire Canary.

A Lecture delivered before the Bradford East O.S. on Feb. 22, by Mr. CHARLES WHITING.

About 32 members had the privilege of hearing a most entrancing lecture by Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford), a man who has had a long experience with the bird of position, the Yorkshire. Getting into the subject straight away, Mr. Whiting told of the progress that had been made with this variety since he started about twenty-five years ago. It was then a longer bird, and thicker set than that of to-day; also the feather was not as fine.

The introduction of the 6¾in. standard for Yorkshires, was a step in the right direction, for it disposed to a large extent of the too prevalent use of the Lancashire, and fanciers went in more for the position, or breed, thus giving us a bird that was much smarter than those of former years.

Ideal Pair Described.

My ideal breeding stock pair is as follows, he said: The cock should be about 7ins. long, straight, and narrow at the shoulders, with nice round head and well-filled neck, the wings well balanced, the tail long and well folded, position as near erect as possible, and the feather fine and silky. The hen should be from 6¼ to 6½ inches long, with feather like wax, and with all the other good points that I have mentioned. I do not care for over large hens, for, as a rule, they are rather sluggish, and do not nearly so well as the medium-sized ones. Of course, it will be patent to all that a fancier who has a pair or two of birds like those just described should breed something above the ordinary, and if they are not so fortunate in this respect the young ones I am sure will be good saleable birds. It is advisable to keep one or two big hens back for stock purposes alone; they come in very useful.

The Inbreeding Question.

With regard to inbreeding, he continued, I know this is a question that has caused a great amount of controversy, but I am convinced that if it is done judiciously, and not with the birds too nearly related, nor with birds that lack stamina or length, the result will be beneficial. My advice to everyone is, don't carry it too far, or disastrous results will certainly follow. I also believe in introducing a bit of fresh blood into my stock at times, and this is where one's judgment is put to the test. You can throw your stock back a long way if you do not use the greatest care in this respect.

Breeding and Rearing.

Having described somewhat minutely the stock I desire to breed from, I will deal with my method of breeding and rearing. Most people turn their thoughts to pairing their stock about the middle of March, and if the weather is at all suitable then, by about the 21st, this can be ventured; but prior to this the birds must be got into good breeding form, especially the cocks, and my plan is to give them a little egg food with a sprinkling of maw seed added about three times a week, a little hemp, and a variety of mixed seeds, with now and again a leaf of young dandelion. You must also look to the bird's claws, or you may be troubled with the eggs being punctured or spoilt.

The lecturer said he believed in the old way of taking the first three eggs away, and replacing them on the evening of the third day. The food I give when feeding the young is hard-boiled egg and soaked stale bread, with as much of the water squeezed out as possible, a little maw seed added, and as much hemp seed as they will eat along with dandelion as green food.

When the Young are Taken Away.

When the young are taken away from the parents I believe in giving them boiled rape seed, which should be well rinsed in water, and when given to the young must not be allowed to stand so very long, as it soon goes sour, especially in hot weather. When the young ones are about a month old I give them plenty of baths and hang them (in their cages) on the show cages, so that they can learn to run in and out at their own pleasure; you can train them better at this age than at any other time. Place the most promising of the young birds into show cages, and let them stop there for an hour or two, lifting them occasionally to talk to them; do this, and they will never lose the training.

We will now step over to the moulting time. This is the most critical period. I think the majority of people will agree with me here. The birds should be kept free from draughts, and must also be kept warm—without using artificial heat, of course.

When to Start Colour-feeding.

The best time to start colour-feeding the young ones is when they are about ten weeks old for the first round of birds; eight weeks for the second round, and six weeks for the third. Use the best colour food you can buy; it pays best in the long run. Most fanciers mix one pound of hot to about four pounds of tasteless or cold pepper; and I think this is the best way, as the birds seem to come through the moult with a better finish on them. It is wise to add a little sugar and a little maw seed.

If you want the birds to come out even in colour, feed them regularly, and don't miss a few days thinking it will have no effect, or the birds may come out patchy in colour. I always draw the young birds' tails when they are going well in the moult, and I draw the three outer tail feathers on each side; then, when these have grown about three-quarters of an inch, I draw the remainder. This, to my mind, allows the tail to fold more closely together. To fasten the colour I give the birds sulphate of iron in the drinkers. Also at this time give a little linseed; it will put a little extra finish on. To get my birds into show condition I give them a little yolk of egg about the size of a nut crushed, with a little maw seed added.

Mr. Whiting then told how he washed his birds for exhibition, and gave some useful advice on this important item. Always stage the birds as clean as possible, he said, and see that the cages are nice and clean as well; birds look ever so much better.

There is just one point in conclusion that I desire to touch upon. It is with regard to the pairing of birds for breeding, or selection for stock. Mr. Whiting believes that the royal road to success is by adopting a proper system of pedigree breeding, always bearing in mind that only by using the best of one's knowledge on this important point can anyone hope to be at all successful. Pair your birds, he said, judiciously, and use every possible care, always remembering that whatever object you wish to attain, only by using these methods will your ultimate success be assured.

The Chairman (Mr. G. White) then threw the subject open for discussion, and many members took the opportunity of asking Mr. Whiting's opinion on many vital questions which affect our hobby. These were answered in splendid style by the lecturer, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. G. R. Rushworth, seconded by Mr. H. Hill, and supported by the Chairman. Mr. Whiting suitably responded, thanking the members for their patient hearing, and for the hearty reception they had given him. I can assure Mr. Whiting, on the society's behalf, that the lecture was so brimful of interesting topics that it will not readily be forgotten by those who heard it.—H. HILL, Hon. Sec.

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A NEW FIELD FOR THE CANARY BREEDER.

In our recent "Conundrum Competition" one of the questions set was: What new variety of Canary ought breeders to strive for? This brought many interesting replies, and our artist, Mr. Norman, has this week endeavoured to realise the "dreams" of some of the competitors. Taking the upper row, the first bird is an even-marked green Border, the markings being light instead of (as is usual) dark—a reversal, in fact, of the usual order of things. The figure of the "Fantail Norwich" speaks for itself, and we fancy there are few breeders who would not be glad to produce such a bird—it would create an immense sensation, and we venture to think it would "catch on" with no uncertain catch. The "Elizabethan Canary" takes its name from the suggested ruffle round the neck, open at the throat. The "Houdan Canary" (the first of the lower figures) has a headpiece not unlike that of the fowl rejoicing in the same name and a similar adornment. The "Frill-Neck Canary" is an idea for developing a bird with a frill and hood, after the style of the Jacobin pigeon. These five types offer a new field for the skill and energies of those Canary-breeders who delight in experiments. We leave them to think out "ways and means" for themselves.

Swallows and Young.

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Worms in Birds: Their Origin, Classification & Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

(Continued from page 166).

Although not strictly bearing upon the subject of intestinal worms, yet as included in the order of round worms, is of vast interest, the syngamus trachealis. It causes gapes in birds, resulting in a large annual mortality. In the crop of birds are found twisted hair, like worms, or trichosomes, varying greatly in length, and producing impaction of the crop. Their presence is often manifested in outbreaks of an epizootic character, and on post mortem examination of infested birds they are found in immmerable numbers, either embedded or free in the mucous membrane of the gullet. They are responsible for progressive and extreme emaciation for a varying period until impaction of the gullet and crop follows, and death rapidly ensues.

In this position again are frequently found the spiroptera, rather smaller than the preceding, and inhabiting the gullet and crop, as well as the small intestines. Here they produce an inflammatory action. The symptoms are not well pronounced, and the appetite is capricious; there is dulness, drooping, rufled feathers, and quickened breathing. In the intestines the worms will be found free in the contents, manifesting their presence by an undulatory motion. When dead they may be very easily overlooked. At all times cases need great care in diagnosing their presence. This is facilitated by taking a little of the fluid from the intestine, placing it in a watch glass containing clear water, when they will be found by their swimming-like movements.

In the proventriculus, or true stomach, of birds, there are to be found a large number of worms of many varieties, each possessing its own peculiar characters, and producing within its host more or less harmful consequences. Some are comparatively rare, so here I will give but a brief history of each.

Dispharagus Nasutus.—This, in addition to affecting smaller birds, is also found in the domesticated fowl, and is so named on account of its throat or pharynx being divided into two passages, and from each side of the mouth in the female parasite there projects a nose-like papillæ, accounting for its name, which literally means large-nosed. It is found embedded in the wall of the gizzard and proventicle. It produces symptoms not easily diagnosable, there resulting great depression, and emaciation, simulating a wasting disease, the bird itself retaining a voracious appetite.

Spiroptera Hamula, or small hook, and the Physalopterus Truncatus, so called because of its puffed-up lips, have been found embedded in the gizzard and proventriculus, but no ill effects have been noticed in connection with them.

Tropisurus Inflatus and Tropisurus Fissispinus are two species of parasites found in the proventriculus. They produce local inflammations. The male parasite is threadlike, being 15 to 18 times longer than its thickness. It has its tail turned down like a keel.

Hystrichis Tricolor receives this name because part of its body is studded with hooklets. The female is white externally, the intestines are black, and the gullet red; so it is named tricolor. It has been found with the spiked portion of its body embedded in the proventriculus. It gives rise to irritation and inflammation, producing diarrhœa, emaciation, and depression.

Strongylus Nodularis is narrow in front, and its mouth is armed with three spikes. It is found embedded in the mucous coats of the proventriculus and small bowel.

Heterachis Papillosa. This, again, is a very common parasite, found principally in the cœcal part of the intestines, often in great numbers. Worms of this species, again, are occasionally found in the peritoneal cavity or body cavity outside the intestine. How they gain this position it is difficult to surmise. I have found them in this position when conducting post-mortems, and amongst my collection of parasites I have included a very fine specimen of this order. Its presence in the intestines is manifested by inappetence, emaciation, somnolency or drowsiness, with frequent sudden fits of wakefulness, and relaxation of the bowels. The ova of these worms are revealed in great masses under the microscope in the excreta. There is ulceration of the mucous membrane of the intestine, which is covered with a thick mucous. The evolution of the parasite does not need a second host, for infestation takes place from bird to bird through food soiled by the excreta of affected subjects.

The Ascaridæ are of very frequent occurrence, and are found inhabiting the intestines. They are included in the variety of round worms, and carry out their full life cycle within the one host. The birds gain the germs of the ascaridæ through the media of food and water. They are of great importance, on account of their being so commonly found, affecting all classes of birds. They distribute their ova within the intestines of their host. These, in this situation, develop and rapidly increase in number. Occasionally worms are seen to pass away with the excreta. Such should be destroyed, and surface disinfection of floor aviaries or cages should be made to prevent later reinfection or contamination of any other birds. This is a condition which ought never to be neglected, for in addition to the destruction of refuse, suitable medicinal treatment should be adopted.

The Sporozoa are a very important class of parasite. One called Coccidia is of very common distribution, affecting all classes of birds, and producing a disease known as Coccidiosis. It produces its harmful effects on some of the domestic animals, such as cattle and sheep, being responsible for a large mortality in the animal kingdom. There has also been described in birds a form of the disease affecting the skin, and producing lesions known as cutaneous coccidiosis.

Under the name of Gregarina avium intestinalis, this parasite has been found incysted in the connective tissue of the intestines of birds. They are very small, of an ovoid contour, and filled with spores. These spores, when reaching the digestive tract, with the food, gain access to the mucous membrane lining the intestines; they become encysted, and give rise to white spots throughout the length of the bowel wall. Their presence interferes with the normal physiological function of the intestines, and produce profuse diarrhœa, most difficult to arrest; there is consequent weakness and emaciation, and finally death. It is a slow, insidious disease, and appears more often in an epizootic form. These pathological changes may extend so as to involve the liver substance; there then follows disorganisation of its functions, and health becomes impaired. It has been confounded with tuberculosis of birds, the symptoms presented being a facsimile of what occurs in tuberculosis; but the lesions produced differ most markedly in their structure, and with the absence of tubercle bacillus.

Having dealt in as brief a manner as possible with the subject of worms as affecting birds, their origin, and symptoms, together with their classification, I shall now endeavour to explain to the reader the various methods of treatment to be adopted, both preventative and remedial, in dealing with these parasites.

The prescribing and administering of medicine to birds is an operation which requires the greatest possible care and skill. Drugs employed should be of a physiological standard, and the doses graduated, as in the dispensing of hœmeopathic preparations (but not hœmeopathically prescribed), to ensure safe administration to birds of all sizes and species. Medicine may be given indirectly, as by solution in drinking water, or mixed with the food, or directly, as administration by the beak. In the first method difficulties arise owing to the fact that many medicines are insoluble in water, and are not easily mixed with the food; and many owing to their unpleasant taste are not readily partaken of, and in serious cases, where inappetence is a feature, this method fails absolutely. For the direct administration of medicinal agents great care has to be exercised in the handling so as to disturb the patient as little as possible, for with careless or too rough handling many birds readily succumb. Like all other animals, they resent too energetic interference, and medicaments so applied should be dispensed in some convenient form, preferably in small pilules, globules, or palatinoids, so as to ensure a quick and speedy delivery without unduly distressing the subject. Medicines administered in liquid form in any quantity are to be condemned as causing unnecessary fright and excitement, and often resulting in choking by gaining access to the windpipe.

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By the Rev. BERNARD WILTON.

The embryo Hybrid-breeder who wishes to indulge upon a very small scale in this fascinating pastime cannot, I think, do better than begin by attempting the above-named cross. The Goldfinch-Bullfinch combination is perhaps more beautiful; and all the Bullfinch crosses are, generally speaking, more valuable, but personally I have found fertile eggs more difficult to obtain from the hen Bullfinch, and even when young are hatched they are rather difficult to rear.

Of course, when a fancier is able to put up several pairs it would be folly to neglect the Bullfinch crosses, but where, as is often the case, he has only cage room for one attempt, I should strongly recommend the Goldfinch-Greenfinch.

A Successful Season.

I was successful last season in an ordinary double breeding cage, 24 inches long by 10 inches wide, with a round door leading from one compartment to the other. The cock Goldfinch I used was taken from the nest in 1905 and reared by his own parents through the cage wires until he was able to feed himself. He was steady, and a good specimen, both of which qualities, it is needless to say, make for success. I tried him first in 1906 with a hen Greenfinch which had been reared from the egg by Canaries in my own bird-room. She laid two or three eggs during the season, but made no attempt to sit, and the eggs when placed under Canaries, without exception, proved infertile.

In 1907 I tried the same Goldfinch again with another hen Greenfinch that I had caught as a fledgling with a landing-net in my garden, before it could feed itself. My wife reared it by hand until it could peck, and it has developed into a very nice specimen. This bird showed signs of wanting to build about the middle of May, but her ideas of nest-making were extremely rudimentary. She was continually carrying material about, and attacked the felt lining of the nest pan so vigorously that there was absolutely none of it left at the end of a day or two, and I was obliged to supply a new one. When she had finished building there was only the empty nest pan to show for her labours. However, she was kind enough to lay in the nest as a rule; but I should scarcely have saved an egg had not my wife paid a very early visit to the cage each morning, as she continued her building operations with such vigour until the clutch was completed, that any eggs that happened to be in the nest were pretty sure to come to an untimely end.

However, out of three clutches, about eight eggs survived, half of which proved fertile. I placed them under Canaries, as the Greenfinch, although she sat on addled Canary eggs after a fashion, generally broke one every day, and never took her responsibilities very seriously.

Worthy of Note.

With regard to the fertility of the eggs, I think it is worthy of note that the Goldfinch had been tried without success the previous year. This is only another proof of what I believe is a well-known fact with experienced fanciers, that a young Finch which is apparently quite useless for stock purposes his first year, may be a valuable bird the next. It is also interesting to note that although I spent a good deal of time in my bird-room, I never saw the Goldfinch and Greenfinch take the slightest notice of each other; and I was consequently much surprised when one of the eggs in the first nest proved fertile. The moral is, that the inexperienced Hybrid-breeder must not be in a hurry to separate a pair of birds, merely because he has observed no signs of intimacy between them. It is unfortunately equally true that the fact that two British Finches are well paired is no guarantee of fertile eggs. The conduct of my cock Greenfinches and hen Bullfinches has often led me to cherish the most sanguine hopes; but, alas! the denouement has always been found, either in yoke still transparent after a fortnight's incubation; or a microscopic fragment of shell which was the only morsel of the egg the hen Bullie spared me.

But to return to the subject in hand. Out of the four fertile eggs I obtained last year from my Goldfinch-Greenfinch, one was dead in the shell, and three hatched out. Two of these were brought up without any hitch along with young Canaries, the other along with Goldfinch-Canary Mules. The latter arrangement is preferable, when possible, as then the young will leave the nest at the same time: Mules and Hybrids being, of course, fledged two or three days sooner than Canaries. If, however, you have a good feeding Canary, the precocity of her strange chick will not make her neglect her remaining off-spring.

In order to ensure success on the show bench, the young birds must, of course, be colour-fed. Even then they will not be such effective show birds in their first year, as they will become with care during their second and third seasons. For the rest, they are extremely attractive, and docile birds, and have a sweet song, though my two cock birds were not free singers. The Goldfinch blaze, and the broad yellow band on the wings of the male birds, the combined legacy of both parents, make them extremely attractive.

Mine thrive exceedingly on a stock mixture of Canary, hemp, teazle, and a little sunflower and summer rape. In the matter of feeding, however, I think they appear to take after their mother's family, and to be ready to accommodate themselves to anything, which is another point in their favour from the novice's point of view.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.
Author of "The World's Birds."

A Lovely Lorikeet.

There have lately been imported a few very few—specimens of a Lorikeet, which is quite common in Australia, but has, so far as I know, never been brought over here before. This is the Purple-crowned Lorikeet (*Glossopsittacus porphyrocephalus*), a bird about equalling the size of a Starling, and with a pointed though short tail; in fact, in form and build it is a counterpart of the varied Lorikeet (*Ptilosclera versicolor*) in colour it is of the usual Parrot-green for the most part, but with the throat and breast of a lovely pale sky-blue, a most remarkable hue for any Parrot. There is a purple patch on the crown, a red one on the forehead, and a yellow one on each cheek, so that on the whole the combination of colours is a striking and remarkable one.

Carnivorous Kingfishers.

Speaking of the Australian birds reminds me of a very interesting note in a recent number of Mr. A. J. North's Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds, now being issued in parts. In this an observer relates how he saw a pair of the Red-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon pyrrhopygius*) attack the mud jar-shaped nests of a colony of Fairy Martins (*Lagenoplastes ariel*), and break them away by degrees, taking turns at the work, until they could reach the eggs and young, which they devoured. They carried on these depredations day after day, and, as this Red-backed Kingfisher is a near relative of the Sacred Kingfisher (*H. sanctus*), and, in fact, very similar to it except for the red back, it is easily seen that raw meat is quite a natural diet to offer to such birds, though of course mice or sparrows chopped up would be better than the flesh of large animals. The specimens of the Sacred Kingfisher at the Zoo have, however, done quite well on chopped raw horse-flesh. These birds, by the way, are very impetuous in their movements. I have seen one come with such a rush at his keeper's fingers, which held a mealworm for him, that he drew blood from them as he secured the delicacy. Earthworms also are eaten by these, and other Kingfishers, which seek their prey mostly on land, so that anyone getting hold of such birds need not be at a loss how to feed them properly. I do not think, however, that meat, long continued, would suit our own fishing Kingfisher, as meat does not agree with purely fish-eating birds after a certain time, being too heavy.

The Green Peacock.

There seem to be a good many people interested in keeping Peafowl, and so I should like to draw their attention to a Peafowl which is without some of the disadvantages of the ordinary kind, although unfortunately it is not at all easy to get. This, which is the only other true species of Peacock besides the ordinary one, is the Green Peafowl of Java and Burma, the Peacock of the further East; in fact, as opposed to India, where the ordinary Peacock has its ancestral home. This Eastern species is the favourite of the Japanese, who always depict it in their art, faithfully rendering the long spear-head-shaped crest, and the scaly-looking feathering which characterise this bird. The Green Peacock loses something in beauty to the common bird in having his neck bronze-green instead of the intense blue we know so well, but every neck feather is purple at the base, and the wings are more beautiful than in most common Peacocks, being black laced with refulgent blue and green, though there is a variety of the common bird which has similarly coloured wings. The hen of the Green Peacock is far superior in appearance to that of the common bird, being of the same splendid colours as her mate, from which she scarcely differs except in having no train, and young cocks, before this appendage has grown, can only be known from hens by looking at the small patch of tiny feathers on the face, between bill and eye, which is always glossy green in cocks and rusty-brown in hens. This Peacock's voice is so subdued that it is no annoyance whatever, and the species would no doubt have become quite common in captivity, were it not for two things: one is that it is so expensive, and one Peacock is as good as another to people who don't know the difference in voice; the other is that some individuals of this species are far less hardy than common Peafowl, and that the cocks are abominably spiteful and treacherous



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Club Reports.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held at the Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester, on February 26th, Mr. A. Foulds, chairman. A good number of members and a few friends were present. After the ordinary business, two birds were put up for exhibition. Messrs. Massey and Foulds kindly explained the different tours (or rolls). A very pleasant evening was spent. Two new members were elected.—ANDREW PERCIVAL, Smithy Bridge, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PK. (Glasgow) & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Marie Stuart Halls, on February 25th, Mr. R. Thomson presiding. The pair show results were as follows: 1, 2, Edwards; 3, vhc, R. Rennie; 4, Burnside. Mr. Hunter judged. It was arranged to have a show of Muling and Hybrid pairs at next meeting, on February 25th. It was also arranged that 3 medals be presented for the 3 members with most points during year at all club shows, including table shows; points to count from next meeting. A silver cup and 3 gold medals were promised, these to be competed for at the annual club show. Two new members were enrolled.—ROBT. HUGGIE, Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting, held in the Co-operative Guildroom, on Feb. 26th, it was unanimously decided that we extend our radius from five to ten miles, with a view to further encouraging the Fancy in the district, and to strengthen our ranks. The annual subscription is 4s. 4d., equal to 1d. per week, and we have the following cups for members' competition, which will, no doubt, shortly be increased in number:—Challenge cup for the best unflighted Norwich, another for Border Fancy, ditto for Buff dark crest, and a fourth for crest-bred. Table shows, etc., will be held during the season. I shall be pleased to bring any fancier's name forward for membership at our next meeting, and it will also afford me great pleasure to answer any enquiries.—A. E. WIGGINTON, Hon. sec., 94, Station Road.

BANKFOOT AND DIS. C.B.S

At Bankfoot Schools on February 22nd, a lecture on "Breeding the Exhibition Yorkshire" was given by Mr. W. A. Cowgill. It was very instructive and interesting. In connection with the lecture a pair class was arranged, so as to give the members a thorough grasp of what was required. Result: 1st, J. Taylor; 2, 3, C. Hardaker; 4, F. Helder; vhc, W. North; hc, J. Ormandroyd; c, H. Taylor. Mr. Cowgill explained the good and bad points of each pair, and the probable result of such pairing. The result of this lecture will be seen when the breeding season is over, as some of the pairs were not approved of by the lecturer, and no doubt fresh partners will be found in one or two instances. Mr. Cowgill dealt at great length on all points regarding the breeding of the show bird, also in the keeping these in condition, and gave the process of feeding, washing, and staging. Mr. C. Horsley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. W. Ketteringham. Mr. Cowgill suitably responded.—F. GELDER, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

Nineteenth annual meeting held at the Quadrant Restaurant on Feb. 18th, and adjourned till the 28th; 20 members present; Mr. G. W. Jones occupied the chair. The balance-sheet as audited was presented and adopted, but, unfortunately, this showed a debit balance of £4 12s. 8d. The following officers were elected:—President, the Earl of Malmesbury; vice-presidents, the Earl of Leven and Melville, the Lord and Lady Alington, Henry Page Croft, Esq., M.P., A. Acland Allen, Esq., Dr. Hooker, J. Downing Farrer, Esq., C. H. Cartwright, Esq., and P. Wareham, Esq.; treasurer, H. Sandell, Esq.; hon. secretary, Mr. W. O. Brooke; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. N. Churcher and S. M. Davis; committee, Messrs. G. W. Jones, M. Cook, E. Leech, H. Harris, S. M. Davis, F. House, H. Goodland, G. Gerrey, E. Neale, and M. E. Feltham. Thirteen new members were elected. A revised set of rules, prepared by the newly-elected hon. sec., were, with a few minor additions, unanimously adopted. Next monthly meeting, March 9th.—W. O BROOKE, hon. sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

A "Smoker" was held on February 26th, in the club room at the Railway Hotel. Mr. E. Padgett occupied the chair. He never let the artistes sit idle. He called upon Mr. Coulson (Bradford) to open the ball, which he did in most favourable style. Mr. G. P. Logan, the comedian, of Bankfoot, kept the audience of about 70 in roars of laughter. We had fanciers and friends from Rodley, Bramley, Morley, and all parts. Mr. Butterfield rendered a song in a good style; Mr. Elsegood gave us a capital recitation, and Mr. Irlam a song. This was followed by Mr. Dinneson and other friends. Mr. Carter (Manningham) was the accompanist. Remarks were passed upon the secretary's good selection of artistes. Mr. Hudson, who made a few remarks, said he hoped our next event would not be a "Smoker," only, but something to eat as well. Mr. Bottomley proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and the artistes. These gatherings, he said, did not come often enough; we ought to have more. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. Mr. E. Padgett, the chairman, responded on behalf of himself and all the artistes. This brought the meeting to an end.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

CARLISLE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held in the Viaduct Temperance Hotel, when the balance sheet for 1909 was submitted and passed, showing a nice balance to be carried forward for another year. It was very pleasing to come out on the right side after the adversity the society met with during the last two or three years; the last two shows alone showing a deficit of nearly £12. However, by reverting to our old show date, viz., New Year's Day, and it proved to be the right thing, we had a splendid entry and a good gate, so the committee and members had every right to be pleased with themselves. We have again adopted January 2nd, and hope it will again prove satisfactory. The officers were elected for 1910, the same being: Chairman, Mr. G. Johnstone; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Reay; secretary, and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Wright; auditors, Messrs. J. Atkinson and F. F. Lawson; committee, Messrs. C. Cranston, J. Carrick, G. Dawson, D. Docherty, H. Fraser, R. Gill, J. Hutchinson, A. Harrison, W. Herring, R. Johnstone, W. McFarlane, J. H. Nixon, J. Nixon, J. J. Robson. The judges for 1910 were appointed after the terms of several gentlemen were read out, the result being: Mr. J. Patterson for Borders, Mr. J. Hopkins for Norwich and Yorks., and Mr. J. Maddison for Mules, British, and For.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.



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CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

A meeting was held after the show had been open to visitors, when the rules were passed. A table show of British and Mules was arranged to be held at our next meeting, March 12th, when we hope to see fresh members. The judge's opinion of the room where we hold our meetings, etc., is that it is an ideal room. We are open to accept members within 20 miles' radius.—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

CHOPPINGTON & DIS. OLD C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 26th, at Railway Hotel; Mr. H. Seely presided. The following officers were duly elected:—President, Mr. A. Grey; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. Clark and A. Darling; chairman, Mr. H. Seely; secretary, Mr. G. H. Seely; treasurer, Mr. E. B. Atkinson; committee, Messrs. T. Rieg, H. Neal, A. Edwards, E. Edwards, A. Stevenson, and W. Archbold. We intend holding our first feather show on June 11th, and our big show on Nov. 12th. All correspondence relating to the above society must now be sent to me, 10, Third Row, Choppington Colliery, near Morpeth.—G. H. SEELY, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY.

The management of this enterprising society have compiled the member-ship's card for the current year, and have circulated it among breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Should any fancier have been overlooked in the distribution of the tickets, the secretary, on receipt of a post-card to his address, will be pleased to supply a membership ticket, which gives all particulars. The exhibitions under the auspices of this Association in the past have been splendid events, and the executive would like to see the next show the record. This depends upon the individual effort of members and fanciers, and the executive are confident they will do all they can in that direction.—THOS. SMITH Secretary (56, Minard Road, Glasgow).

EDINBURGH (Open) O.A.

The annual meetings have now concluded, the following business being transacted: The financial statement was submitted, the auditors reporting as to its correctness, and that the books were in a satisfactory condition. The date of our next show was fixed for December 12th. The office-bearers for the year are: President, Mr. D. Martin; vice-president, Mr. J. Dalgleish; secretary, J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh; paid committee, Messrs. P. McNiven and J. Robertson; honorary committee, Messrs. J. McLennan, W. Whitefield, P. Farrell, P. Blair, W. Thornton, P. West, J. Hendry, M. Petrie, J. Sinclair, G. Hope, W. Rodgers; auditors, Messrs. A. Stavert, and R. Menzies. It was decided to continue classification as formerly, viz., Scotch Fancy Section, 21 classes, 4 of which are selling classes; Belgian Section, 5 classes, one for young birds, bred in 1910. The prize money to be awarded is £1 12s. per class, divided as follows: 1st, 12s.; 2nd, 9s.; 3rd, 6s.; 4th, 3s.; 5th, 2s. The judges were elected, but we await their acceptance before publishing their names. Mr. J. McLennan, the retiring president, received the heartiest thanks for the splendid services he rendered during his tenure of office. On behalf of the executive and committee I have to state that a very special effort is to be put forth to make our show, etc., a great success, and so we confidently appeal to all fanciers to do their very best to extend to us their support, to uphold this fine old Association. Prompt settlement of prize money is one of its best features, no doubt much appreciated by the winners.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held 21st Feb. It was decided to again hold an open show, and that Mr. J. Robson be invited to judge. The date was left to the secretary to fix up, sometime in the early part of December. One new member was elected.—T. G. JEFFERY, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE C.S. OF SCOTLAND.

Points for cups gained at show are as follows:—Messrs. W. Birse, 150 points; W. Hawkins, 67; J. Devins, 74; P. Mulcahy, 63. Senior Cup: Messrs. J. Devins, 100 points; M. Fleming, jun., 83; P. Gillen, 69; C. J. Mulligan, 51; W. Birse, 31; P. McDonnell, 28. Ring Cup: Messrs. J. Devins, 48 points; P. Gillen, 46; Dr. Lavery, 25; Mr. M. Fleming, jun., 20. British Bird Cup: Messrs. P. Mulcahy, 37 points; W. Birse, 34. Junior Cup: Messrs. M. J. Mulligan, 82 points; J. P. Lavery, 51; D. Carroll, 31; C. Holley, 27.—D. CARROLL, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Swan and Peacock Hotel on February 22nd, Mr. F. J. Weaver in the chair. The chief business was the change of headquarters. It was decided to take up those splendid rooms at the Duke of York Hotel, Princess-street, which is in a very prominent part of the town, being only one minute's walk from tram and train. It was also decided to hold our next meeting there on March 10th, at which a pair show (Nor., Yorks, Muling, and Hyb. pairs) will be held. Mr. J. Crundell has been engaged to judge the Canaries, and Mr. R. Willoughby the Mules and Hybrids. Will all members bring birds along? These will be staged at half-past seven, and let us have a record. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

Successful table show for Norwich stock pairs and a judging competition held on Feb. 15th. The large room at headquarters was well filled with members and friends. Four new members were made. Eight pairs of birds were staged, and Mr. L. Burrows, who judged, gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. T. Birch secured 1st with a grand pair well worth walking a few miles to see; Mr. G. Hill 2nd and 3rd, with two pairs close up to the winners, ought to breed a champion; vhc, A. Barnes; hc, G. Sharp; c, Birch. The judging competition was a great success. The 1st and 2nd prizes were equally divided between G. White and G. Sharp; 3rd prize, C. Pratt. Mr. L. Burrows kindly gave the 1st prize. The members gave the 2nd and 3rd prizes in the judging competition.—W. COTTINGHAM, sec.

WATFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at Swan Inn, High-street, on February 24th, when a very good number were present. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. Quantrell) gave the report for the past year, which was very satisfactory. The officers for the coming year were then elected: President, Lord Hyde; Patrons, Lady Edith Villiers and the Right Hon. the Earl of Clarendon, P.C., G.C.B.; Vice-Presidents, C. Challands, Esq., R. A. Thorpe, Esq., and E. C. Oxley, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. R. J. Pretty; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. J. Watts; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. W. Quantrell; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. E. F. Bailey and E. A. Wright; Committee, Messrs. J. Goodall, T. Wright, W. Buckingham, W. Shirley, J. A. Groves, J. Fox, A. T. Sear, G. W. Swain, A. Tucker, A. G. Frost, Wright, and P. Chalk. Arrangements were made for the pairs matched for breeding show to be held at Victoria Junior Boys' School, March 5th. The Society, which is one of the best in the South, owes much of its success to the hard-working Secretary, Mr. W. Quantrell, and a very successful season is looked forward to.—E. A. WRIGHT.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

A well attended general meeting of this newly-formed association was held at the St. Andrew's Club and Institute, Lower Coombe Street, on Feb. 15th, when Mr. J. Sutton presided. The chief business was to confirm the rules and put the association in thorough working order. The secretary (Mr. A. C. N. Hewens) reported that Sir Robert Hermon-Hodge, Bart., M.P., had accepted the presidency, and Mr. T. B. Mason the vice-presidency. Some 50 members had joined, and about 11 or 15 additional nominations had been received. They had received £3 14s. 6d. in subscriptions, and £2 10s. in donations, and had spent £2 13s. 11d. The rules were then considered, and it was decided that membership should be confined to persons residing within a radius of seven miles of the Croydon Town Hall. A question was raised of the notification of members of the meetings, and it was agreed to advertise in the local papers. It was decided not to bind the society to an annual show, but to leave show matters with the committee after the consent of a general meeting had been obtained. The committee also have power to expel, after investigating the case, any member making himself obnoxious or behaving in a manner detrimental to the association, and in order to safeguard the association the following words were added to the rule:—"All decisions arrived at by the committee are subject to no appeal at law."

MALTON NORTON AND DIS. F.S.

Annual meeting held on February 16th at the George Hotel. Mr. J. Ehor Jackson was elected to the chair, and there was a good attendance. The report and balance-sheet for 1909 were given by the secretary, Mr. G. M. Horsley. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, congratulated the members on the excellent work done during the past twelve months. They had increased their balance at the bank. During the thirteen years of their existence they had never had to appeal twice for subscriptions, nor hold a concert or a jumble sale—and he hoped they never would. (Applause.) The motion was seconded by Mr. Bulmer, and carried. The donors of prizes and the subscribers were thanked, on the motion of Mr. J. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Middleton; and the treasurer (Mr. J. Potter) and the auditors (Messrs. J. Jackson and R. G. Lucas) were thanked, on the motion of Mr. E. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. Brown, sen. A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Lucas for his services as auditor for several years on his approaching removal from the town. The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Mrs. Behrens accepting the presidency for another year, and Mr. T. Blanchard proposed that lady's re-election, which was seconded by Mr. Dixon, and carried. The vice-presidents were re-elected, as was Mr. J. Potter, the treasurer. Messrs. J. Jackson and G. W. Suggitt were elected auditors. The Chairman proposed the re-election of Mr. G. M. Horsley as secretary, and complimented him highly on the way in which he carried out the duties of the post. Mr. W. Brown seconded, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Horsley returned thanks, and urged the committee to work on the show days and give greater assistance in that way than one or two of them had done. The following were elected by scroll on the committee:—Messrs. J. E. Jackson, J. Kitching, W. Brown, sen., W. H. Brown, jun., J. W. Middleton, A. F. Balme, J. Wilson, G. W. Milson, C. Vessey, A. Anderson, W. Wilson, W. Warren, J. Wardill, A. Irving Parke, and C. Dixon. The next show was fixed for November 10th.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

A special general meeting, held on February 23rd, at the Royal Oak Hotel, when the president, Mr. E. E. Clarke, presided over one of the best attended meetings ever held. It was decided to withdraw from the Cage Bird Union. The annual open show was fixed for November 1st and 2nd. Mr. J. Robson was again elected to judge. A members' show was also fixed for December 6th and 7th, with Mr. C. A. House for judge, at the Silverhill Assembly Rooms. First feather shows are arranged for the following dates: May 25th, June 22nd, July 20th, and an evening show on October 12th. Special prizes will be given to members making most points throughout the five.—A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN F.A.

At a committee meeting held on February 9th, at the Clarence Hotel, Jeffrey's-road, Clapham, S.W., it was decided that a fund be opened with the object of providing a cup for each section of the Fancy, including one for the cage bird section for competition among the members at the annual shows. Any member, fancier or friend, feeling desirous of helping cup fund, should send all donations, whether large or small, to the hon. secretary, Mr. Harold J. Heppell, No. 11, Wyndham-road, Camberwell, S.E., who will be pleased to receive and acknowledge same. Meetings held the first and third Wednesdays in the month, at 8 p.m., at the above-named hotel. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. A. ROBERTS, Assist. Hon. Sec.

NORTHAMPTON (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting on Feb. 22nd, it was decided to open the society to the whole of Northamptonshire, so that for the future it will be named The Northamptonshire Hand-in-Hand Town and County C.B.S. This step has been brought about by several fanciers wishing to join us, who live in the neighbouring districts. Another special feature of the business was as regards our nest feather show, which takes place on June 11th. Mr. J. Robson was unanimously elected as judge. At this meeting we had the pleasure of electing five new members, which is a good start for the new year, viz.: Messrs. G. Daniels, F. Smith, F. Freeman, A. E. Dunkley, and T. Freeman. A donation of 10s. was granted by the society to the Preston and Flowers Fund. This concluded a most successful evening.—A. W. LAW, sec.

WINDHILL O.S.

Annual tea and social held on February 19th, in the concert-room at the Blue Bell Hotel, the headquarters. The Entertainment Committee: Messrs. H. Bailey (chairman), R. W. Alderson, G. H. Walton, J. Martin, with Mr. J. Cook as secretary, had everything in good order, with tea on tables at 5 p.m. The concert commenced at 7.30, and there was not a dull moment right to the close. Mr. R. W. Alderson (the president) was in the chair for the concert. Mr. Evens, from Leeds, was a very enjoyable comedian, and Messrs. Walker, Rhodes, Nickolson, Spinerey, and Beaver with songs and recitals made up a good programme, which the company, about 100 strong, enjoyed to the full. Mr. M. Broadley proposed that we give our best thanks to the host and hostess. This was seconded by Mr. H. Martin and carried with musical honours. The numbers were larger both at the tea and social than for a year or two, and the committee hope that the members will attend the meetings better than during the last twelve months.—GARNETT and COOK, Secretaries.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

After Mr. Whiting's lecture on Feb. 22nd, the members settled on having six members' shows for the coming year; particulars of same will be published later. The special list was opened by the secretary. Result: A two-guinea marble clock, also a one-guinea barometer and a one-guinea miniature rose bowl. Our president, Mr. E. Suddards, who on previous occasions has been the society's mainstay, and whose generosity has been unlimited, gave the magnificent sum of £3 10s., to be allotted as the society considered best. Eight other specials were promised, bringing the grand total up to £10 on this, the first night of the inception of the fund. The list will be kept open until the latter part of the year. The enthusiasm that marked the after proceedings was remarkable, and when one considers this society has led the van in this respect during the four years it has been formed, and is forging ahead of all previous achievements, it can be said that the welfare of the members is the society's main object. Seven new members have been made at the last two meetings. Any fancier desirous of joining will be welcomed, and will be eligible to compete for all the specials at the members' shows. The first show will be for young birds on June 11th.—H. HILL, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Adjourned annual general meeting, held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on February 24th. Present: Messrs. J. Robson, F. Wyse, H. J. Hawes, J. Dobson, A. Plumbridge, A. C. Askew, G. Thurling, C. T. Maxwell, R. A. Newby, T. R. Trower, J. Dewhurst, G. E. Weston, and J. P. Carr. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the year: Mr. J. Robson (chairman), Mr. J. Dewhurst (vice-chairman), Mr. T. R. Trower (hon. treasurer), P. J. Nicholls, Esq. (hon. solicitor), Mr. C. Cooper, and Mr. Allen Silver (auditors), and Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr (joint secretaries). This concluded the business of the annual general meeting. A committee meeting was held, Mr. J. Robson in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. Crisp, Best, Askew, and Hawes. Mr. Cooper's proposition to amend Rule 17 was carried. Rule now reads: "All members competing for the club Hardbill Cup must send on to the secretaries of the N.B.B. and M.C. a duplicate copy of their entry form at each show, giving names and classes of the birds entered for the cup competition; the points claimed by a member to have been scored by his nominated birds must also be forwarded to the secretaries of the club for their verification within seven days of the holding of the show. The word "Cup" must also be printed in catalogue if same appear on entry form. Mr. Trower put before the committee a scheme with a view to increasing the membership of the club, viz., of the allotting of twenty silver medals, at twenty shows not held under the patronage of the club. This was unanimously adopted, and the following rule to govern the allotting of these medals, and same to appear in show schedules—silver medal given by the National British Bird and Mule Club, Hon. Secs., Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, 2, Broad Street Station, E.C., to be awarded to the best bird in the Hybrid and British sections at this show (open or members' classes), on the condition that the winner of the said medal becomes a member of the N.B.B. and M.C. The committee of the N.B.B. and M.C. reserving the right of approving the election to membership. Mr. G. Mortlock, of Stoke Newington, was elected to membership.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Secs.

WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

At a meeting held on March 12th, at headquarters, the following officials were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, A. Chrisp, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Laugsdale and W. J. Taylor; chairman, Mr. W. Butler; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Emmerson; treasurer, Mr. J. Hunter; secretary, W. Elliott; assistant-secretary, Mr. R. Peart. The society is to be congratulated upon securing that prominent breeder and exhibitor, Mr. W. Butler for their chairman. It is intended, as usual, to hold a nest feather show in June, and an annual show in January, 1911. I wish all members a very prosperous breeding year, and many more to follow. — W ELLIOTT, sec.

DENTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Adjourned general meeting and lecture held at headquarters, Denton Brotherhood, off Stockport Road, on Feb. 21st, when a good number of fanciers were present. We enrolled 15 members. The election of officers resulted: President, Dr. Duigenan; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Collins, J. Marsden, T. Blease, R. A. Watson, N. Stansfield, J. Harrison, R. Garley; committee, Messrs. T. Rowbotham, F. Andrew, J. Royds, S. Bleasc, B. Moore, and H. Fairclough; chairman, Mr. E. Marlor; treasurer and secretary, Hopwood Bros. A capital programme for 1910 has been arranged; it includes lectures, table shows, washing demonstrations, cage making, etc. This being our first year, we are working hard, and leaving no stone unturned in trying to make ours one of the best societies going. We are not holding a first feather show, but are having two big shows in October and January. We have engaged Mr. Booth, of Hyde (Scottish National judge) to judge our show in October. We have lots of specials promised for this first show, including medals, drying cages, show cages, photo frames, pictures (framed), seeds, etc., all to go to novices. We are working our annual show in three sections—champion (open to all members), novice who has never won three firsts in open, and novice who has never before staged a bird. Messrs. N. Stansfield and T. Mason judged the first pair show (Nor. and Yorks.) held at this meeting. Both gentlemen afterwards delivered lectures, for which they were heartily thanked.—W. HOPWOOD, sec.

WHITTINGTON MOOR & DIS. C.B.S.

A very interesting function took place at headquarters, The Victoria Hotel, on February 16th. The principal item on the programme was the presentation of a beautiful gold medal to our esteemed secretary, Mr. A. Atkins, who is obliged to give up the work on account of other business, but who will always be willing to give our newly appointed secretary, Mr. E. Barber, a helping hand. Mr. Roe, our president, occupied the chair, and in presenting Mr. Atkins with the medal, spoke in very glowing terms of the good work the secretary had done for the society, and referred to the healthy and honest way he had discharged his duties. Mr. Atkins, amidst cheers, responded. Coun. Dodd also spoke of the abilities of Mr. Atkins, and said he was not only respected by the members, but also by the exhibitors, who always gave him the greatest praise for the way he conducted the shows. Very pleasing remarks were also made by Messrs. Thorpe, Smith, and Hulley. Later we had mandoline selections, songs, etc. The rooms were kindly lent by our host, and member, W. Smith, Esq., who is always ready to do his utmost for the Fancy, to be at the call of the most prosperous cage bird society in the district. A bird-washing competition took place for three grand money prizes, given by Messrs. W. Smith and J. Fretwell. The entries were numerous, and were very ably judged by Mr. D. Hulley: Mr. Roe 1st, Mr. Buck 2nd, Mr. Atkins 3rd. A very interesting evening ended with a vote of thanks to all who had taken part.—E. BARKER, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, on Feb. 24th, when a room full of members turned up to "have a go" at judging a few birds brought by Messrs. T. J. Smith, Harper, Crouch, Turpin, and the secretary. All the birds have done well for their respective owners, and it was a treat to have the pleasure of listening quietly to a few of the best birds bred in the Midlands last year. Each member was supplied with a judging-sheet, and judged each bird in turn, after which notes were compared and a discussion followed on the various tours, which proved highly interesting. After the business part of the evening, and just before the birds were judged, our President, Mr. Max Jacquemin, who was in the chair, sprung a surprise on the secretary (yours truly) by making me a present on behalf of the members, of a handsome meerschaum pipe and pouch, the silver shield on the pouch being suitably engraved. In a neat speech, Mr. Jacquemin said no end of kind things about me, which I am sure I never deserved, and I take this opportunity of again thanking our members, and especially those who had subscribed and were unable to get to the meeting. I cannot express how much I appreciate the kindly thought that prompted their action, and can only assure them that so long as I am in the position I am I shall strive to merit a continuance of their goodwill. Four new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. J. Jones (Ockre Hill), Cox (Bilston), Ball and Wistance (Wolverhampton). Next meeting last Thursday in March at Hole-in-the-Wall, Bilston; a few birds will be brought for judging, and it is anticipated we shall have another interesting meeting.—J. H. WILLOWS, hon. sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

The annual dinner and concert were held on Feb. 19th at the society's headquarters, Victoria Hotel. An excellent dinner was provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd. There were about 150 people present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, which was presided over by Councillor Percy L. Craven, Esq., assisted by Mr. W. B. Atkinson, the society's chairman. Councillor Craven presented the prizes to the winners for 1909, which consisted of the following:—First prize for highest number of points, Mr. L. Dykes; silver cup and electro-plated teapot. This is the fourth time in succession Mr. Dykes has won the cup; the other he won outright. This new one he has won again in the very keenest of competition, as our members are determined not to lose this cup as soon as they have lost the old one. Councillor Craven passed some very pleasant remarks to Mr. Dykes. He also announced that he would give a medal (value £1) to be competed for as an extra prize. Mr. Dykes also in his reply said he would give a prize of equal value to that of Councillor Craven's, which was greeted with loud applause. The next was Mr. J. Hutton for a gold (society's) medal as second prize. Mr. Hutton has also this year won a medal in open shows of the Yorks. Union. In his reply he remarked that he would be after the prizes offered by Mr. Dykes and Mr. Craven. The next prize went to Mr. E. Shepherd; it was a splendid timepiece. He, too, has won a Yorks. Union gold medal. The fourth prize was won by Mr. C. Bloomfield, who was unable to be present. After these pleasant proceedings, Mr. Craven offered each gentleman a cigar and the ladies anything they might choose, and he begged leave to retire, as he was in indifferent health, and was going away for a complete rest, and would have eleven hours' journey before him. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, who made some pleasing remarks in respect to the good work done by Councillor Craven on the City Council. He also instructed the gentleman how he could assist the fanciers by the office he held. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. M. Skirrow, who said that not much had been left him to say. He hoped Councillor Craven would give his medal for the novice section, as he was one of them, and had had the bad luck to be beaten by one point last year. After passing the vote of thanks we sang "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Craven thanked everyone. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing. All the artistes were very good. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the way in which they had catered for us was carried. The host (Mr. H. Shepherd) suitably replied, and hoped we should improve each year. Singing the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.—M. SKIRROW, sec. (Please write on one side of paper only.—ED.)

RUTHERGLEN AND DIST. O.A.

One of the most successful meetings was held in the Rechabites' Institute on Feb. 21st. Mr. Livingstone gave an interesting and practical paper on Norwich Plainheads. He answered all criticisms, which were remarkably few. Mr. McAulay promised to give a washing exhibition on March 21st. Date of young bird show was arranged for July 2nd. A new member was admitted.—V. JOHNSON, sec.

STRATTON, BUDE AND DIS. F.A.

Annual meeting held at Bude on Feb. 15th; the chair was taken by Mr. W. Waddon Martyn, J.P., C.C. The balance-sheet was passed. Mr. C. H. Carney was elected president. The hon. treasurer (Mr. E. H. Bridgman) and the hon. secs. (Messrs. H. J. Bohn and S. J. Welch) were also re-elected. Five open classes for cage birds were arranged for. Seventh annual meeting at Bude on August 1st, 1910. —BOHN and WELCH, secs.

PENZANCE AND DIS. F.A.

The eleventh annual meeting was held at the Rechabite Hall on Feb. 21st, when Mr. Ernest Michell (chairman) presided over a good attendance. The Hon. Secretary read a number of letters of congratulation from exhibitors on the way the show was managed, also upon the prompt payment of prize-money. He also read his report, which showed we had 716 entries at the annual open show, an increase of 179 on last year's; also there was an increased membership. The Hon. Treasurer read the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £19 8s. in hand. The following officers were elected:—President, Sir Clifford J. Cory, Bart., M.P.; vice-presidents, Col. Cornish, Major Harvey, D.S.O., Messrs. A. K. Barnett, J. H. Tonking, J. V. Thomas, J. P. Milton, P. T. Chirgwin, W. H. Coulson, J. Scobell Armstrong, S. G. Bazeley, C. E. Veaning, W. Badgery, E. Hall, W. Bazeley, and W. Colenso. Re-elected: Chairman, Mr. E. Michell; vice-chairman, Mr. J. C. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Hall; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Pearce Sampson; hon. auditor, Mr. T. H. L. Perry; hon. auctioneer, Mr. A. Robinson. The following were elected Cage Bird Committee:—Messrs. W. C. Bodinnar, W. H. Batten, J. Carne, R. Gendall, C. Rosking, W. Fox, T. Treganowen, W. H. Warren, S. O. Watkins, and D. Williams. It was proposed to hold the annual open show on the same dates as last year, November 9th and 10th. Decided, to wait to see what steps the Cage Bird Union take to reform itself before deciding to hold the show under their rules. It was resolved to vote 10s. 6d. from the funds to the Defence Fund for the Preston and Flowers British bird case. Decided, to hold first feather shows for members. The election of four new members brought the business to a close.—J. PEARCE SAMPSON, hon. sec., 4, Parade Street.

WIMBLEDON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual meeting was held during the holding of the pair show on February 14th. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there was a large attendance of some 50 or 60 members. At the outset the chairman explained that they only intended to transact purely formal business and then adjourn the election of officers, the presentation of the report and accounts, and the revision of the rules. Four new members, one lady and three gentlemen, were elected, and two gentlemen were nominated for membership. The secretary announced that the judging competition had been won by Mr. G. Baker, with 49 points, and the chairman then presented the lucky winner with a clock, the prize which had been given for the member gaining the highest number of points at all the competitions during the year. The second was Mr. L. G. Owen, with 34 points, and the third Mr. A. W. Reade, with 30. The secretary reported that he had received a letter from the secretary of the London C.B.A. informing the Society that they had been adjudicated the third prize winners of the United Kingdom Cage Bird Championship, and had pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £2, the prize they had won. The chairman said their thanks were due to those members who had so kindly made up the team, and whose action had resulted in an addition, deducting the entry fee of 10s., of 30s. to the funds. The number of points gained was 67, the L.C.B.A., the winners, making 82, and the Liverpool O.S., the second prize winners, 81. The secretary announced that CAGE BIRDS had opened a fund to test in a higher court the decision of a magistrate recently arrived at in a case having reference to the protection of wild birds, which is said, if it stands, to be the death-blow to the hobby of keeping British birds, and the decline of the British bird section at shows. A collection for the fund was made, which realised 12s. 6d.



SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road).
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street).
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wiltou Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street) R.A.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviarics). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., R.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 35, Camnethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Dec. 12.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street)
Nov. 23 &24.—**Sligo.**—(E. J. Tighe, High Street).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morrision.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

A YORKSHIRE FANCIER CELEBRATES HIS PALACE WIN.

To celebrate the success of Mr. H. H. Towers at the recent Crystal Palace Show, a party of business gentlemen (numbering 24) with whom he is in the habit of travelling to and from Bradford, arranged to have a dinner, which was duly held on Friday evening last, February 25th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Martin (Shipley). An excellent repast was served up by the host, and the guests (who by the way were mostly non-fanciers) enjoyed themselves so much that it was decided to make it an annual event. Nearly every village and town on the Midland Railway between Skipton and Bradford was represented in the party. The menu card and programme was most striking, and will certainly be greatly treasured by all present.



The design on the menu-card.

After the dinner the rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner. The health of Mr. Towers was drunk with musical honours, and hearty wishes were unanimously expressed that he would be even more successful in the future. Mr. Arthur Lee (Francis Willey and Co., Bradford) was the chairman. The musical portion of the programme was of a very high order, whilst the "unmusical" was equally successful, there being not a dull moment from beginning to end. The great wrestling match ("scratch as scratch can") duly took place with disastrous results to the referee. The "early train" serenaders, though not exactly a musical success, provided plenty of enjoyment. Songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. W. Mason (Bingley), M. Speight (Wibsey), T. Kelly (Crosshills), and W. Greenwood (Steeton); humorous songs and recitations by Messrs. A. Hart (Leeds), and W. Richardson (Bradford). Mr. W. Aldridge (Bradford) was the accompanist, whilst all the rest of the party contributed to the programme in one form or another. The time for the "last train" arrived all too soon.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD has suffered another severe loss by the death of one of its noted fanciers, Mr. J. E. Brotherton, who died very suddenly on Friday morning last, February 25th. Mr. Brotherton had been in the Fancy a considerable time, and at one period kept a very large number of birds. He was one of the trustees of the Yorkshire Union, and his name figures on the ballot paper issued last week, where he offered his services for the same office. The news of his death comes as a severe shock, as he had been in the company of several fanciers only a short time previously. The Fancy in general will have every sympathy with his wife and family.

GREAT HORTON O.S. held a very successful members' show on Saturday last, and great interest was centred therein, this being the first show in the series for the "Silver Cup" which has been purchased for these shows. The cup was on view and greatly admired, being quite unique and very massive in design. The competition for such a trophy is sure to be keen.

FOLLOWING last week's notes on the Y.U. ballot paper, we come to the new rules. No. 1 is in regard to novice birds, and the novices will easily settle this matter. No. 2 deals with a suggestion for the Y.U. year book, containing all schedules for the shows, and is a very good idea. No. 3 is a rule that should certainly be passed, as it may very easily be required at any time, and would simply be settling a point of difference should it arise. No. 4 is in regard to voting, doing away with plurality of votes. No. 5 is another for the novices, and is in regard to the price of their exhibits. Shall it be no limit? Well, this has its drawbacks. Nos. 6 and 7 are in regard to judges, and will require no small amount of study to see where the benefit will come in. Aren't the Yorkshire men competent to judge? And cannot a reporter do justice? No. 8 is—well! least said soonest mended, in my opinion. No. 9 is a rule to get first feather shows running again, and would doubtless be of great benefit during what is now a close season. No. 10, that the Y.U. pay delegates' travelling expenses, is only just, and should be brought about.

I HEAR that there was a little jollification at the Market Tavern on Friday evening last, in honour of a certain fancier's (Mr. H. H. Towers) great wins at the late Palace Show, and if the menu and concert are anything to go by, I am sure it must have been really good. This "do" was got up really by non-fancier friends of the fortunate one. The illustrated menu card is rather amusing; done by a non-fancier, who has never known what an exhibition bird is like!

THE Social and Prize Distribution of the Amalgamated Societies, to be held to-day, promises to be the most successful of the series. For the dinner over 120 names are already booked, and the Market Tavern promises to be packed with fanciers. So don't be late; dinner at 4 p.m. prompt; no waiting. The O.N.P.C. hold their second annual general meeting at 3 p.m. Social and prize distribution to commence at 5.30.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Headquarters, 8. Very important.—J. W. Philpott.
Ayr C.B.C.—Mar. 7, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Annual general meeting, bal.-sheet, election of officers, etc.—C. C. Irvine.
Attercliffe C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture, "Preparation for Breeding," by Mr. H. Taylor.—W. Richinson.
Brighton C.B.A.—Mar. 9, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Table show of Canaries, Brlt., and Mules.—A. T. Riddles.
Bolton Roller C.S.—Mar. 8, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Lecture hy W. Massey, on the Roller Canary, Breeding, etc. Members and friends invited.—W. Massey.
Bolton O.S.—Mar. 7, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8.—H. Parkinson.
Bournemouth C.B.A.—Mar. 9, 8. Discussion on British birds.—W. O. Brooke.
Bury C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Textile Hall, 7.30. Lecture on the Nor., by Mr. Schofield (Heywood); friends cardially invited.—H. Jameson.
Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 9, Gardner and Richards, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. To arrange for medals for cup winners; also shall we have a nest feather or young bird show, etc.—G. Large.
British Roller C.C.—Mar. 8, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand. 8.—J. W. Norris.
Clitheroe C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Nomination of judge, where show is to be held; Mr. Briggs will give a reading on the pairing of birds.—J. Southworth.
City and County of Perth O.S.—Mar 7, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Business of Importance.—J. Kerr.
Clapham C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Avondale Hotel, 8. General show business, important, prize money for pair show and specials.—A. C. Askew.
City of Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 5. Cancelled. No meeting; to allow members to get to the Y.U. annual prize distribution.—Parker and Parkes.
Douglas and I.O.M. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Rosehery Buildings, 8. Table show, 2 classes, Linnet and Greenfinch; fanciers invited.—J. Turner.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 5. Church Hall, 7. Resignation of secretary, etc.—J. Brown.
Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Mar. 9, George Hotel, 7.30. Table show. Yorks, yellow and buff, Nor. yellow, and buff, A.O.V. Can., Linnet, Siskin, Twite or Redpoll, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, A.O. Brit., and Mule or Hyb., same classes on for novices; judge, Mr. A. Wake.—R. S. Black.
Edin. Eastern O.S.—Mar. 7, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. New members invited.—G. R. Smith.
Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. (Sutton-in-Ashfield).—Mar. 5, Mason's Arms, Eastfield Side, 7. Tripe supper, meeting afterwards.—J. Carlin.
Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, Greenwich, 7.45. Committee 7.30; Brit. table show; fanciers welcome.—Hamer and Putner.
Hull C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' show. Brit. and Hyhs.; judge, Mr. F. Medley.—E. R. Ridley.
Halifax O.S.—Mar. 5, Griffin Hotel, 8. Election of officials, bal.-sheet, members are requested to send in voting papers.—J. F. Thackray.
Heptonstall C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Wadsworth View, 8. paper by Mr. J. H. Harrison (Hebden Bridge), "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries."—P. S. Mathers.
Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 7, Methodist Schoolroom, 8. Election of judges for Yorks. Union shows, etc.—R. Greensmith.
Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Pair show, 5 classes, birds to be staged at 7.30; Mr. R. Sanderson, judge.—R. Blore.
Leith O.S.—Mar. 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Classifications.—G. Brown.
Llanelly C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important to members.—D. John.
Lancaster C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for nest feather show.—C. J. Cafferty.
Leadgate C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Bal.-sheet, election of officers, etc., anyone wishing to join may do so at this meeting, entrance fee 1/-, and 3d. per month.—J. A. Turnhull.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 12, Miners' Hall, 7. Election of office-bearers, new members enrolled.—J. Pollock.
Leeds C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Lockhart's, Briggate. Birds staged at 7. Pair show; judge, Mr. F. Farrar; fanciers invited, admission free.—J. Chambers.
Loanhead C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Mason's Arms, Loanhead, 7. Consider F.F. Show, election of judges, booking of hens, new members enrolled.—W. B. Smart.
Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Mar. 5. Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Balance-sheet, report, etc.—J. Rukin.
Leyton C.B.A.—Mar. 5, Headquarters, 5. Brit. bird show; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke.—Forse and Son.
Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table Show, Gold or Bullfinch, Bramble, Green or Chaffinch, and Linnets; judge, Mr. E. B. Hunt; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.
Leeds Roller C.C.—Mar. 5, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Discussion on Roller Canary's song, tours, etc.; fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.
Liverpool B.B.A.—Mar. 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on Pairing, and drawing up syllabus for following year.—F. E. Hawkes.
Manchester & N.C.O.S.—Mar. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture hy Mr. Cowgill (Bradford) on the Yorkshire Canary.—E. H. Jones.
Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 12, Morley Arms, 8. Meeting postponed owing to Y.U. prize distribution, Market Tavern.—H. Grange.
Macclesfield C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Daybrook Street, Schoolroom, 7.30. Illustrated studies in Pairing Birds for breeding; members don't forget your birds.—H. Wallworth.
Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mar. 10, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. Rule cards, etc.; fanciers invited.—G. Harwood.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Headquarters, 8. Fixing Show dates and judges for same.—J. Davey.
Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Mar. 12, Club Room, Graves Inn, Platt Street. Canary-washing exhibition; ent. fee 3d., admission free; washing to begin at 7.30; good prizes.—G. Walmsley.
Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Textile Dining Room, 8. Fixing of show dates, and pair show of Lancs., Liz., Crest. Nor. and Yorks; fanciers and friends invited.—F. Steenle.
Ormskirk C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting and purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.
Queen's Park C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, subject, "Judicious Pairing"; visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.
Southend and S.C.O.S.—Mar. 9, Headquarters, 8. Lecture by A. E. Pattrick, Esq.—W. Franks.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Commercial Hotel, 8. Cup and medals on view.—J. Lewis.
Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Mar. 8, Victoria Hotel, 8.—S. Edmondson.
Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Headquarters, 7. Paper on the Nor. Can., by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson; also making classification for June Nest Feather Show.—F. Elliott.
Sale Open O.S.—Mar. 7, Technical School, 8. Revision of rules, etc.—J. Irlam.
South London Col. & F.A.—Mar. 10, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. Pair show of cage birds; judge, Mr. R. Brownlie; birds to be staged by 7.30.—G. A. Jefferys.
South-West London C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by J. Jeffrey; fanciers invited, we have a large room.—J. Jeffrey.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 7. Boiler Maker's Arms, 8. Washing competition for novices; important business.—F. Washbourne.
Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for season.—A. Hitchings.
Scottish Plainhead Club.—Mar. 12, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5. Annual meeting.—J. Brown.
Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Mar. 5, Institute, 7.30. New members, etc.—J. Pickering.
Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Presentation of medals and specials by Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley).—J. Smith.
Wimbledon C.B.S.—Mar. 7, 6, The Broadway, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting, bal.-sheet and election of officers.—H. Smith.
West Auckland C.B. & P.F.S.—Mar. 5, Talbot Hotel, 7. Finances.—J. Gill.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 5. Monthly meeting will not be held, owing to Y.U. prize distribution.—E. W. Johnson.
Walkley C.B.A.—Mar. 10, St. Philip's Mission Room, 8. Address by ballot.—W. E. Clarke.
Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Mar. 12, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Meeting is instead of the monthly one on 5th inst., owing to the presentation meeting at Bradford, Union ballot paper, Union judges, bal.-sheet of tea and social, judge for members' F.F. Show.—Garnett and Cook.
Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Duke of York Hotel, 7.30. Pairs show, birds to be staged at 7.30.—J. Gibbons.
Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 10. Station Hotel, 7.30. Schedule and judges for next show.—J. R. Evans.
Wood Green F.F.A.—Mar. 8, Brook Road Hall, Mayes Road, 8. Annual general meeting, bal.-sheet, election of officers, presentation of prizes.—T. Callegari.
Yorkshire Societies' Dinner and Prize Distribution.—Mar. 5, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Dinner at 4 prompt, 1/6 per head; prize distribution and social at 5.30, free; the committee extend a hearty invitation to all, including ladies.—H. Hill.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND CLUB

Monthly meeting and pairs' show held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Feb. 15th, the president, Mr. J. L. Burnett, in the chair. After the usual business, the pairs' show was proceeded with, and the following were the winners: Canary pairs, Messrs. A. Sloan, J. McLay, F. Bowman, R. Foster, J. Campbell, A. Geddies, and W. Crawford. Hybrid pairs, Messrs. M. Donaghy, R. Watson, F. Taylor, A. Sloan, and J. Black. The judges were Messrs. A. Chalmers, J. Lappin, and S. Ward. Five new members were elected.—ROBT. WATSON, sec.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting held in Normand Memorial Hall on Feb. 26th, there being a full attendance of members. The first business was the appointment of a secretary. Owing to business reasons, Mr. James Logan could not see his way to take it. After a deal of debating, the President, Mr. John S. Harris, took over the office on the condition that Mr. J. Logan give him whatever assistance he required. Mr. D. Walker was re-elected president, Mr. T. Davidson vice-president, and Mr. A. Watson treasurer. After the nomination of eight popular judges, the secretary was instructed to write them for their terms. Before the meeting closed the past secretary put round the hat in support of the Wild Bird Fund. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.—JOHN J. HARRIS, hon. sec.

SOUTHEND & SOUTHERN C.O.S

Special meeting held on February 23rd. In the absence of Mr. Pattrick, Mr. W. Jeffries occupied the chair. The most important business was the Sec's and Auditors' reports on the last year's working. The reports show a profit of £4, the first time in the club's history that it has made a profit. Considering that three other important fixtures were held the same day, viz., Canbridge, Hastings, and Swansea, the annual show entry was most satisfactory—350 against 315 in 1908. One pleasing feature about the open show was that every member received full prize money, as against half prize money in other years. All open prize money was paid out during the show, with one or two exceptions. Mr. Brown (Auditor), in giving his report, said the accounts were very satisfactory. On the motion of Mr. Bunning, seconded by Mr. Hutson, the balance-sheet was passed. Proposed by Mr. Franks, and seconded by Mr. Jeffries, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Brown for the excellent way in which he had carried out his duties as auditor, also for the very lucid report he had given, the same to be recorded in the minutes. The open show dates were then considered, but not settled definitely. With several minor alterations to rules, the meeting closed. Will all "away" members please note that a copy of the balance-sheet will be forwarded to them in due course.—W. FRANKS, Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Weak on Legs.

A. B. C., Middlesbro'.—The hen is certainly not a promising subject for breeding. I almost doubt her surviving until the season begins, and your diet is the most likely cause for her condition. Keep her on a staple of plain canary seed now, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give twice each week the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed; and on two other days a small piece of bread and milk slightly dusted with soft sugar. Twice a week, on days when you give the rape, give also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, linseed, and teazle. Every second day give a spray of green food, preferably a leaf of dandelion. Keep cage free from red mite, strewn with clean gritty sand, and free from any draught. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Continue this treatment for a month, save for the medicines, which cease giving at the times named.

Wheezy Since Moulting.

R.A.G.—You probably allowed the bird to contract a chill in some way whilst moulting. Had you said where or how you kept him, I might have suggested the cause. See he is fully protected from all cold draughts, is not exposed to rapid fluctuations of heat and cold, nor hung near a window, or over, or near, any light burning in the evenings. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape seed mixed together. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, linseed, and gold of pleasure seeds. Every second day for a fortnight give a small piece—about the size of a hazel nut—of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and dusted over with soft sugar. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb for two consecutive days, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

The Old, Old Trouble.

Enthusiastic Lad.—Sorry you are so soon getting disgusted with the old trouble. Your opinion that it is impossible to keep birds without having them wheezy, physical wrecks, is only true when the birds are kept under unhealthy conditions. Neither is the complaint infectious, so as to spread from one bird to another in an adjoining cage, but you must surely see that when several cages are stacked together, except it be in a few rare instances, the birds are all subject to the same influences, good or bad, and when one bird can no longer resist these influences, and succumbs to the inevitable, the probability is the remainder are soon destined to follow. The one great point is the hygiene of your hobby. See the cages are always scrupulously clean, free from insect pests, in a bright airy position where the air is always pure and fresh, but at the same time totally free from draughts, and not exposed to the heat and fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Naturally, this position will not be in or near a window, nor high up against a ceiling. Until you have assured all these healthful surroundings, treatment with drugs and nostrums is worthless. Proper feeding, also, must be attended to. Better get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, for general information. Meanwhile, feed affected birds on plain Canary seed as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Three times a week give a little green food. Keep them on this diet for a fortnight. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three, and every second day during the next week.

Three-pointed.

C.C.C.—(1) If you mean to prepare these for mating, you seem to be feeding quite liberally enough without further additions. But you do not say how often or how much of the different foods you are using. The staple seed diet may be a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. This obviates the necessity for giving rape separately. Every second day now give about half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. On the alternate days give the same quantity of egg-food, with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed mixed in it. A crisp young leaf of dandelion should be given daily, if obtainable. This should be amply sufficient to bring the birds into the best possible condition for mating at the end of the month. (2) If you well sand the cages as suggested, they will do very nicely from one Saturday until the next. But there can be no possible objection to sifting the contents of the sand tray and retaining only that which is clean mid-way between the regular weekly cleaning day. (3) Carbolic disinfectant in the proportion of one ounce (two tablespoonfuls) of carbolic fluid to two gallons of water. If you cannot obtain this readily, you would find Izal even a better (and certainly safer) thing to use.

Bald Canary.

Wylde Green.—The bird is probably old, and it is doubtful whether you will be able to make the least improvement in it. If you could look up a few back numbers you would find many similar cases dealt with in detail. Your feeding is not very suitable. As a staple diet, give two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice each week give half a teaspoonful only of the seed mixture as an extra; once a week a similar quantity of the egg bread, or as a variant of this give a small piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar. Every second day give a spray of green food. Once each week dust the egg bread or bread and milk, as the case may be, with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. In the drinking water give twice a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice. Allow it to bathe quite freely; see its cage is perfectly free from red mites; and slightly anoint the bare places with warm olive oil twice a week; but do not overdo this last, and smear the surrounding feathers. Continue this treatment for several weeks, and report result in, say, two months hence.

Malformed Feathers.

Rofey.—The bird's age is much against improvement. Still, you may try what a few weeks of the following treatment will do. At the same time, you must not expect a perfect cure until the bird has had another general moult. See the cage is kept in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily very high, nor yet on the cold side. Let it be in a well-ventilated position, where the air is always pure and fresh, free from rapid fluctuations, and see that red mites are kept at bay. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give separately twice a week a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts linseed and inga, and on two other days give half a teaspoonful, not more, of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of green food every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and during the next week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel. Stop the medicines after this, but continue to give the same diet for at least a month or six weeks.

Four Doubts.

X Rays.—(1) I suspect your hens are mostly Buffs, with perhaps a sprinkling of pale Yellows. Many Yellow birds show a few buff feathers about the back, neck, and sometimes on the breast, but if there is any general or regular spreading of these feathers in patches, even if the pure yellow shows in patches here and there, they are probably Buffs. If you have any that show only a small area of buff in the aggregate, I should advise you to mate them with Yellows, if they are of good size and carry plenty of feather. On the other hand, if they have none too much feather, and are on the small side, I should go back to Buffs again. It all depends upon the birds' size and feather, and how they have been bred. If you could give me more particulars on this point, I could give you more definite advice. (2) This hen is in high breeding condition and anxious to mate. That is all that is wrong. Feed her plainly, and give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water three times in one week. (3) No harm would result if the parents have not been previously inbred, and these birds are strong and robust, and of good size. Still, the practice is not to be commended unless there is some definite object in view. (4) Yes. Feed the same as you would for young Canaries, with a larger supply of green food, hemp, and rape.

Exterminating Red-mite.

No Nom-de-plume.—When the new cage is ready, give the bath daily for three or four days, and stir in the water a small teaspoonful of quassia essence, or soak a few of the chips in the water overnight. This will be a safeguard against the birds carrying any mites, though there is really very little danger of this, as the mites do not live upon the birds. What you must guard against most particularly is putting the new cage in the position occupied by the old one, or putting the seed box or any other appliance from the old one on to the new one, until all these places and articles have been thoroughly treated. You have probably omitted to deal with the wall, nail, etc., on which the old cage hung, or your previous operations must have been more effective. In dealing with the old cage, if the size allows of it, put it bodily into a copper and boil it for a quarter of an hour. If this is impracticable, saturate it a few times at intervals of a day or so with a solution of a tablespoonful of carbolic fluid in a quart of hot water, working it well into all the joints and crevices with a paint brush. After this, re-distemper, paint, and varnish. Do not forget to treat the position occupied by the cage and all appliances in the same drastic manner.

Building Aviary, etc.

N.E.R. Co.—The only difference I would suggest is that you use feather-edge boards for the outer shell instead of flooring deal, as this should give an outer wall more impervious to damp, etc. Otherwise, your method is very good. The roof, of course, should be water-tight, and have a nice margin of overhanging eaves to prevent the rain dropping in. The position is a very good one, and if you propose letting the birds fly loose there should be no necessity for artificial heat. If you prefer making provision for it, however, it will be cheaper to do so now whilst building the house, and I should advise you to add just a small shelter at one end sufficiently large to hold a small boiler and an oil stove, or gas burner if practicable, to heat it, the boiler to be connected with hot water pipes running into and around the aviary, which may be added if desired later. If the birds are to be kept in cages, the whole structure should be enclosed, but well ventilated, and the number will depend upon the amount of internal space you have. If flying loose, then about one-third of the space should be open, except for a roof, another third partly enclosed, say, solid roof and front, and the remainder fully enclosed but always with a free passage for the birds to the other portion. About 60 birds would be its full capacity, or for breeding purposes, twelve hens and four cocks. Common Germans, Border Fancy, or Norwich would be the best breeds.

Brevities.

Turning White (Frank Hambrook).—Continue treating the birds as advised in last reply for another two or three weeks, and then report result, at the same time enclosing a few feathers from one of the birds which you say are turning white. I may then be able to say something more definite about them, but at present I don't quite understand what this phenomenon really is.

Hen Laying (H. Lucas).—I doubt whether you will be able to keep this hen back any longer in the kitchen. Therefore, if the cock is in fairly stout song, you had better feed her a trifle more liberally and mate her in about a week or ten days after laying the last egg. If she seems to be in very fresh condition, mate her in a week after laying; otherwise allow the longer period to elapse. Glad to hear the cock has made so much improvement.

Roller Organ (Regular Subscriber).—I should imagine the two closing notes of the organ you describe are correct in not vibrating, as you term it. Your best course, however, would be to get a good judge of the Rollers' song to hear it, if possible, and give you an opinion. If the notes are bad or incorrectly rendered, you would certainly be most ill-advised to try to rectify them yourself. It is too ticklish a job for anyone, save those who understand the mechanism, as well as the Rollers' song, and what it is desired to teach the bird.

Birdlime (Ralph Harrison).—Fancy your query should have been marked for British bird expert. However, you can make good birdlime by simmering linseed oil over a slow fire until it is of the requisite consistency and stickiness. Test it occasionally when it begins to thicken by smearing a little on a stick and dipping it in cold water to cool it, and trying the holding power between the thumb and finger. The operation is not a nice one, and is accompanied by a disquieting odour. You can thin what you have, if it is made as above, with a small quantity of Stockholm tar.

Mate for Norwich (E. J. C.).—You should get a clear hen of the opposite colour to the cock—thus, if you have a variegated yellow cock, you want a clear buff hen to mate with him, and vice versa. As you omit any mention of the colour of the variegated cock, in case you do not know the difference between yellow and buff, you will find the latter a paler kind of yellow, due principally to absence of colour in the tips of the webs of the feathers, which gives a frosted or white powdery appearance to the plumage, especially noticeable about the neck, back, wings, butt, and breast.

Canary Queries should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "Heuse's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

A Greedy Bird (E.C.).—The fact of the bird being quite lively and in good condition is sufficient proof that her continual eating is no disease. Although she seems to be always eating, you will doubtless find on close observation that she does not get through a vast amount of food after all each day. Still, you can very easily turn her attention from more solid sustenance by supplying her with a fair-sized spray of green food daily, which will also help to prevent any ill-effect from her constant visit to the seed box.

Swollen Feet (H. C. W.).—Thanks for further details. In all probability the swellings are due to bacillary infection, which may be indirectly due to using a too coarse and sharp, gritty sand. Continue the treatment with these slight alterations. In addition to the iron and soda in the water, give six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give this mixture three times a week; also paint the feet with Friar's Balsam every second day for a week or fortnight in addition to the bathing. You may do one foot each day, instead of both together. Limit the diet mainly to canary and rape, with green food daily; add only a small scrap of bread and milk or a few crumbs of sponge cake once a week.

About a Crest (Crest-wrong).—I fear the cause is that it is blind in the one eye, if not both. If only the one eye is affected now, it may possibly pick up and fill a clutch of eggs before the other one fails, but as a rule they take months to get fully accustomed to the condition, and by that time both eyes get involved. Bathe the eye daily with a solution of a teaspoonful of boracic acid in a teacupful of hot water. Use it lukewarm, about one ounce at once, and mix in it five drops of laudanum. You may also dissolve five grains of sulphate of zinc in one ounce of rose water, add five drops of laudanum, and drop one or two drops on the eye after bathing each day. Stop bathing when the water condition is cured. Feed rather liberally, and give twenty-drop doses of chemical food in the water for a time. See it does not get constipated.

Cinnamon Crests (Bert).—Your idea is by no means a new one, and you may rest assured it will not be quite such an absurdly simple process as you evidently imagine. Your first step will answer as well as anything. Mate the largest and heaviest feathered, sound-coloured, pure self cinnamon with a good typical Crested hen; if bred from double Crests, so much the better. From the progeny of this pair mate a green or green-marked cock which shows the best all-round Crest qualities with the original Crested hen, and the best Crested hen showing cinnamon colour mate back to the male parent. It may be a few years before a cinnamon-coloured cock turns up among the cross-breds, and until this happens you must keep working back to the cinnamon every year, choosing for the purpose only those birds which approach most nearly to the Crest variety in type, and that favour the cinnamon as much as possible in colour. But don't expect your ideal to turn up the first year.

Burnt Toes (J.O.C.K.).—Yes, I should say the injury you describe will certainly prevent the bird breeding successfully. It would be only a charitable deed to get a chemist or your medical man to chloroform it, as it will never have anything better than a miserable existence.

Points of Dutch Frill (A. Cooper).—Sorry I have not the proposed standard of perfection handy just now. Will look it up, and give you the information next week. In a word, its chief and most notable points exist in its curiously curled and arranged plumage.

Seed Samples (R. M. Davies).—A few samples of seeds seem to have got accidentally mixed up this week. I cannot be quite sure who belongs to which. These, I fancy, are yours in four small square envelopes. One, marked No. 3, Spanish canary, is of fair size, but very poor quality. No. 4, ditto, rather sweeter than 3 but very small, and of poor quality. No. 5, ditto, is smaller still, but cleaner and sweeter, and preferable, notwithstanding its being extremely small. No. 8, summer rape, I have marked as being practically the same as No. 2, which is missing.

Other Samples.—Three samples in small oblong packets, all marked No. 2: German summer rape, is a very fair average sample. Giant Spanish Canary, is very small and thin, but sweet and of fair average quality, apart from its small size. Dutch hemp, a large number of very badly damaged grains, which might have been damaged in post; therefore, no fair criticism can be made.

Still More Samples (J.M.B.).—Canary, is a very fine sample of excellent size and quality. German rape, a nice seed of very fair quality. Hemp, another excellent sample of good sound seed.

Concerning Germans (J. T., Horsforth).—(1) Gopio is a kind of bread or plain cake used by some German breeders to prepare the egg food instead of the ordinary fermented household bread. Sorry I do not know where you could get it in this country. Personally, I think you would find a plain biscuit, such as the Osborne, quite as good in every respect. (2) Write the Secretary, J. W. Norris, Esq., 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E., who will give you all the information you require about B.R. Canary Club.

Yellow or Buff? (Puzzled).—Am afraid you have not followed these replies very closely, or you would have seen the difference given several times. If you look through the replies this week you will find full details in one or two at least. Buff is practically a yellow which has the extreme tips of its feathers white, giving it a frosted or powdery appearance. The hen you describe is a ticked bird. She will make a suitable mate for the clear cock if suitable in other respects besides colour. The young will be ticked and clears, with perhaps a few lightly variegated.

Best Breeding Cage (E. E. M., Wimbledon).—I do not consider the cage the most suitable under all conditions. Being open all round and thus giving free access to draughts from every quarter, it is only suitable for use in a room or position where draughts are absent. A box cage of fair size, kept in a bright position, is far more generally suitable. Enamelled tin cages I consider too cold, and prefer wooden ones. In a single breeding cage of box type no wire slide is used. In the double breeder the slide is necessary when it is wished to make two compartments to separate the cock from the hen, or the young from their parents. The use of the platform in the cage you mention is to place the nest box upon, and the space underneath it is intended for a nursery for the first brood when the hen starts nesting again.

About Breeding (T. McCulloch).—There is no reason why you should not mate the Yorkshire to the Canary from the Canary Islands. I should imagine the latter is probably a pure domestic-bred. If you take advantage of a bright mild interval in the weather about a month hence to move them to the spare room, there will be no danger of throwing them into moult. The diet is by no means ideal, and you would do well to gradually bring it a little near to that frequently advised here. The position also is most risky, and you must take very particular precautions that the birds are not exposed to draughts through the window prior to moving them to the spare room, otherwise your idea of breeding will be somewhat abortive. You cannot tell whether the hen is too old to breed until you have tried her. Some hens breed much longer than others, and if yours is healthy, bright, and active, there is no reason why she should not breed.

Mating for Type (D. A. J.).—I fear I cannot help you from your present letter; to do so necessitates either a personal inspection of the birds, or a detailed description of the typical characteristics. In mating for type, endeavour to so balance the failings of one bird by corresponding merits in its mate as to get as nearly as possible the sum total of points of an ideal bird distributed between the two. I can only advise you as to mating for colour now, and even then I cannot definitely say the results will be quite as anticipated, without knowing whether there is much cinnamon blood in the clear and ticked birds. If no cinnamon blood is present, mate the clear yellow cock with the ticked buff hen, the buff ticked cinnamon cock with a clear yellow pink-eyed hen, and the cinnamon hen with a self-cinnamon yellow. This necessitates getting two more birds. If you are not inclined to do this, then replace the cinnamon hen with a clear pink-eyed bird as above-mentioned.

What to Do (Hopeful).—If the cinnamon hen is all clear yellow, save for the cinnamon colour on head, I should advise you to keep this as a mate for the Goldfinch, and when the proper time for mating arrives put these two together in a space by themselves to breed Mules, and hope for the desirable light Mule to turn up a trump card. But if the cinnamon has much cinnamon colour about the body, I should prefer mating the Roller hen with him. The Norwich cock you should mate with the two remaining hens, after selecting the one to mate with the Goldie, and if they fly loose about the aviary, as I presume is the case, hang up four nest boxes or pans, and do not put them close together. If the Roller hen is chosen for the Norwich, it would be an advantage if you could remove the young cocks as soon as they can do for themselves, and train them for singing under a good Roller. They should then develop into very fair songsters.

To Lessen the Work (Novice).—(1) I have known very successful results from breeding with several cocks and hens flying loose in a room, and as the writer you refer to also seems to have had very good results there is no reason why you should not by adopting a similar method, and following the instructions given. In the matter of perches, however, I fancy the space referred to was much overcrowded, and I should have at least two feet between them. (2) The Goldfinch and Canary must be kept alone in a breeding cage. (3) Place the nest pans in a variety of positions, to give the hens some range of choice, and do not have them near together. Also see that you have more nest pans hung about than there are hens to choose, to avoid quarrelling. For six hens put in ten or twelve nest pans. (4) It is quite possible to rear the young on the food you mention.

Cinnamon Crests (Bert).—Your query was among a batch that was delayed in transit, and reached too late for a reply last week. You will find it dealt with in this issue. Yes, cinnamon blood has certainly been put into Crests, some years ago, but is not common. I think you will find the matter referred to in the other reply.

Moving Quarters (T. H. Druett).—Your sketch shows only one door to the room, and you omit to say whether the window opens or not. If the window does not open it would be advisable to have a small ventilator with cover inserted in the bottom of the door, to allow of free ingress of fresh air. If steam from the bath-room, and dampness, are not allowed to enter the room, and this arrangement made for free passage of fresh air without having to keep the door ajar, the room should answer very well as a bird-room. You should keep the birds now well away from any fire or other source of heat, but avoid all draughts, until the end of the month, and then take advantage of an interval of fine, mild weather to make the change. If you do this, there should be no necessity to do without fires before removing the birds, although you may, if you wish, as an additional precaution, keep low fires for the last day or two before the removal.

Two Norwich Hens (Novice, Cheshire).—Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple diet. Twice each week give about half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed, and on each of the remaining days a spray of watercress or other green food. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week, and in the second week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. If not quite right in that time repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order. If you cannot get green food give a grape with the skin broken, but no other fruit.

Loss of Song (Novice, Essex).—As you refer to one of the birds as a Mule cock, yet say you intend breeding with them, I can only assume you are unaware of the fact that Mules are, in practically all cases, sterile, and therefore useless as breeders. As you have changed the room it is quite possible the bird's loss of song is due to being in a colder room, and if very much so, you will probably find the birds in moult when this appears. You should have waited until the end of this month at least before changing the room. Stop the egg-food for a week or so, and give instead a half-teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day. If not better in a week write again, and say how they are.

Aged Canary (A.K.).—Sorry, but I fear your bird is but going under to the weight of his years. In addition to the plain seed diet frequently recommended here, give him a scrap of bread and milk, about the size of a hazel nut, three times a week for a month, and each time drop two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkle it with gold of pleasure seed. Give a little green food, or ripe banana, three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this you may give twenty-drop doses of chemical food in the water three times a week for a month as a strengthening tonic.

Injured Mandible (J.K.).—I should not feel much inclined to breed with a bird in any case which needed its seed cracked to enable it to feed. Whether you should make the attempt or not depends upon the nature of the sore which has formed a hole right through the lower mandible. Are there any jagged ends of wires about cage or feeding holes which could have caused it accidentally, or is the cage so infested with red mites that they are the indirect cause? Look well to these points. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and smear the sore with a zinc ointment every second day. In the drinking water give it a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice three times a week. Report progress in a fortnight, and say how long sore has been there, and if you have any ideas how it originated—whether accidentally or otherwise, I mean.

Asthma (Sparrow).—You will, I think, do no good with the first-named bird, and it certainly will not be fit to breed with. Keep both birds in a dry, comfortable place, not overheated, nor yet cold, free from all foul air and draughts, but well ventilated. Feed on a plain seed diet, and in addition give the first bird a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a month. On the alternate days give a morsel of green food or ripe banana. In the drinking water give fifteen drops of a mixture of equal parts glycerine, oxymel of squills, paregoric, and chlorodyne, every second day for a week at a time; then miss four or five days, and go on again. When very bad, you may dilute a little with an equal quantity of glycerine, and give one drop in the beak twice a day. Any chemist will make you the mixture. Treat the other the same, but a fortnight should suffice to cure this one. If the first bird is no better in a month, it would be more merciful to chloroform it than keep it on in misery.

A Trio (Paddy).—(1) Three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed as staple. A small pinch of hemp, or inga, teazle, or maw, occasionally as a treat, say, about once a week. Half a teaspoonful of crushed biscuit or sponge cake once a week. A spray of green-stuff three times a week now, and daily a little further on. (2) "a" Canary, is rather small and thin, but sweet, and of fairly good quality. "b" Canary, not quite so well ripened, but practically the same as "a." The price may be left to decide choice. Rape, a very good sample of summer rape. Hemp, "a," very nice sample, of good, sound seed; "b," a decidedly poor sample. (3) Am afraid this "cock" is a "wrong 'un." It will probably prove a hen.

After the Plague (Bob).—There will probably be a certain amount of risk of the infection lurking still in the room or cages, so I would advise you to begin in quite a small way, and with inexpensive birds, and proceed cautiously. Am afraid you have missed a fine opportunity of stamping out the disease; you should have turned the cages out and exposed them to every ray of sunshine possible during the months they have lain idle, and washed them out with carbolic fluid every month or so, leaving the final re-painting and varnishing until about this time. It is quite possible they may be perfectly safe, but you should test them with cheap stock before speculating. Consult the article on disinfectants in the new CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

To Breed a Good Singer (W. L. Westerman).—Do not place any reliance on the hen you have for breeding. Get a robust, healthy, 1909 Roller hen to mate with the cock, and get them both in a good fresh condition, as you will find described in the book sent you, before putting them together. About the end of March will be early enough to mate them. As regards the other hen, try what two or three weeks of the following treatment will do for her. Feed on plain canary only as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Four times a week give a spray of green food, and, if possible, a small leaf of dandelion each time. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Bleeding at Mouth (W.G.H.).—The bird ruptured a blood vessel, and I scarcely expect it will have survived until now. If it has, however, keep it as quiet as possible for a time, feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give a tiny morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with soft sugar each day for a fortnight or so. Give a spray of green-food daily. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of steel and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. See that it does not become constipated.

Ailing Crest (Clarrie).—The bird may have got a chill. See it is not exposed to any draughts at all, and withhold the bath until better. In addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day and on the alternate days, the same quantity of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Twice a week give a pinch of equal parts of hemp and inga. Stop the bread and milk. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a week. If not quite well then, continue it for another week. Give the above dietary for a fortnight at least.

Soft Moult (Miss C., Glasgow).—See the bird is not exposed to rapid extremes of heat and cold, and is not near or over any lights that burn in the evening. Continue your staple mixture, and for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful, only, of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and two small leaves of dandelion. If the latter are unobtainable substitute a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and until the feathers cease dropping out.

Ailing Crest-bred (P. Harriss).—The hen has probably been accustomed to more warmth than you say you give. However, do not increase your temperature now, as the weather will be rapidly growing milder. Keep the bird in the coolest part of your room. Give half a teaspoonful of rape every second day for a week, and every day afterwards until she has nested. On the alternate days in the first week give a tiny morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled slightly with soft sugar. Stop the mixture of hemp, inga, linseed, and rape, and give instead a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after this give ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine, every second day for a week.

Two Cocks (Spivinix).—I hardly think there is much the matter; indeed, it seems as if they were vying with each other in trying to appear the best candidates for any possible feathered feminine that comes that way. Anyway, you may bathe the feet and legs of No. 1 in a very warm and fairly strong solution of boracic acid—say, a small teaspoonful of acid in half a teacupful of hot water. After bathing for a few minutes, dry gently, and smear on the least amount of cold cream, or zinc ointment. Also give both birds half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia every second day for a week, and twice during the week give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar.

In High Condition (Health).—So long as your bird keeps in such fine condition and song, do not begin to doctor or pamper him at all. He is probably a youngster, and has a foretaste of the coming spring in his blood. Your feeding is good, and beyond giving a tiny scrap of bread soaked in milk and sprinkled with a little soft sugar occasionally if he should show any signs of exhaustion, but not more than once a week, I would not advise you to alter it. You might let him bathe every second day in a short time, and daily if he likes in summer. See he is kept free from draughts, sudden fluctuations from heat to cold; don't bang his cage in a window, nor where the air is sometimes heated and impure, and let him have pure, fresh air always. A wooden cage is preferable to a japanned one, generally, but fancy carvings are not to be recommended; they afford too much harbour for red mites.

Bare-Necked (X.Y.Z.).—You cannot do better than persevere with the treatment advised in last reply for another three or four weeks. If there is any probability of the feathers being reproduced before next moulting season, they should be well in evidence by the end of that time. I cannot say it is a wise course to attempt to breed with the birds; particularly if no improvement is apparent after this treatment. She may, however, breed successfully. The chief point to consider is that such birds very rarely rear anything but wastrels, and to breed with them is simply perpetuating a strain of physically unfit birds.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding a "Talker."

W. J. Holmes.—I should plump for the Magpie as the best talker; you want to obtain a young bird (hand-reared, if possible). It can be kept outdoors through the winter, and needs a very big cage—one can be made which is excellent in every way out of a planoforte packing case, though this, of course, is exceptionally large. Broom-stick handles make fine perches. A very simple and economical method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Mclox" (or other dog meal), with coarse crissel, say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows, and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked), of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter, are other things they will eat.

Feeding a Yellowhammer.

Beginner.—I have very frequently dealt with this matter. All the Buntings feed very much alike. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few Yellow Buntings will eat any quantity of other seeds, though small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds, will be picked over, and a few eaten, while some get to like crushed sunflower, and safflower. To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally), according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds; this helps to bring them into condition. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place.

The Bullfinch-Chaffinch Cross.

F. J. W. S.—The Bullfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid has never yet been bred and exhibited. It is well worth trying for, as any young produced (if cocks) would be of great value and highly interesting. I have a pair up myself; but hen Bullie to cock Chaffinch, seems to me the mating most likely to succeed. Have never had any luck when trying to breed from the cock Bullie. Are you quite sure that the statements made to you by the catcher are actually correct? Still, I have had cock Bullies "pair," and pair very often, but the eggs have always been absolutely clear. It is a very early instance; but whether the "record" in that direction I cannot say. I have two hen Bullies which have been very anxious to go to nest for several weeks past; when house-moulted they often want to start housekeeping far earlier than they would do if in a wild state.

Concerning the Redpoll.

C. C. C.—(1) If a Redpoll sings freely and vigorously, it is a sure cock; a red breast is also a sure sign. The hen is generally greyer in colour. (2) Birds often "go off" a certain item of diet for a time; try the mealworms again in a week or so's time. No cause for alarm if the bird seems healthy in itself. (3) A Redpoll, whether the Mealy or the Lesser, should be managed on much the same lines as the Linnet. One of the best possible seed mixtures is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. Also give a little hemp and maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished. Seeding green food, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, knotgrass, plantain, etc., is very good for them, and these things, too, require to be given more freely during the breeding season and the moult than at any other period. These wild seeding plants should be gathered fresh as often as possible, and the more minute, crawling insect life there is about them the better for the birds. Redpolls also like thistle and hardheads.

Linnet Muling.

Trio.—Have given several lengthy replies on the breeding of Linnet-Mules recently; several good articles also have been published. One in the "Annual" you would find very useful. (1) This seed mixture is very good of its kind, but not one that I should use personally when Mule breeding; note answer to question three. (2) This is a nice sample of full-kernelled, clean canary seed. (3) Yes; you ought to breed Mules all right in this single breeding cage. The best mixture now is: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape two parts, charlock one part, and linseed one part. Give a good pinch of hemp one day, maw the next, and inga the next. You should gather shepherd's purse, flowering groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc., whenever obtainable. All these are very valuable in getting one's birds into high breeding condition. The hen Canary ought not to have the same mixture as the Linnet, although when actually breeding this will not matter. Plain canary seed should be given her, and about a teaspoonful of summer rape on alternate days. When not giving the rape, let her have half a teaspoonful of hemp; alternate the latter with the same quantity of maw and inga mixed (equal parts). This will give variety, and be quite "forcing" enough. A little egg food twice or thrice a week can be commenced now. But be guided by the condition of your Linnet; you don't want the hen to commence laying eggs before he is "rank," or they will of a certainty be clear. His beak will be blue-black, and his song very vigorous and free when he is in right breeding condition. Pleased to answer any further questions.

Brevities.

The Redpoll (A Reader).—You want to know the difference between an ordinary Redpoll and a "Lesser Redpoll." Well, there is none, for the Lesser is the bird which all fanciers, I think, would term the "ordinary" Redpoll. At any rate, it is the common one, for the Mealy Redpoll (the much larger and lighter coloured species) is, comparatively, very rare in England.

A Colour-Food Matter (W. R.).—If the seed (Canary, hemp, sunflower, linseed, etc., etc.) is cracked in a seed-mill, the sweet pepper can be rubbed in amongst it. The birds will get quite sufficient of the colour-food, as you will be able to tell by their excreta. Cannot understand your failure with pepper and soft food. I get excellent results from that combination. The combined egg-bread and pepper can be rubbed amongst the cracked seed. I often adopt this method.

Floor of Aviary (K. M.).—It will not injuriously affect the feet or beaks of birds if the aviary floor is of brick or stone. Your experience proves my contention that it is always better to entirely roof over small aviaries. You must arrange fairly large, shallow boxes (pans) of gritty sand somewhere under cover. All seed-eaters need grit; and many birds delight in dust baths.

Feeding a Goldfinch (M.T.).—Your Goldie will thrive well on any good maker's packet Goldfinch mixture (see advertisement columns). As "tit-bits" offer occasional feeds of cracked white sunflower seed and a good wild seed mixture, which has had a little thistle seed added to it. Give him the opportunity to bathe on all fine days; in cold weather keep him out of draughts whilst he is wet. Seeding dandelion, groundsel tops, likewise seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, are well liked by Goldfinches.

A Mule and a Goldie (T.F.T.)—1, The Mule now in a cross moult will come into good plumage in about six weeks, and then soon get into full song. You are treating him very well indeed. 2. Give this Goldie half a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn, stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Leave on cage for 24 hours. Then give plain water for 24 hours, after which repeat the dose of buckthorn. This should put him to rights. Give a change of diet—niger (if he is not having it), thistle, cracked sunflower, etc.

Identity of Bird (C. H. J.).—The bird you have caught is a male Reed Bunting, common all over England, but not generally known, as this species only visits human habitations under stress of severe weather. No particular value; they are advertised quite cheaply in our columns. Their song is very curious, but personally I do not think it at all pleasant. I have never heard of hybrids being produced by it; a hen Yellow Bunting would be a suitable bird for a mate.

Cock Bullie—Hen Canary (G. G. Pearson).—I have never heard of any Hybrids being shown which were bred from the cock Bullie, the hen generally being used as the most likely bird of the two. Still, the mating is worth trying by way of experiment. The cock Bullie will soon come into condition if you allow him a little sunflower seed (cracked, if necessary) daily, with a little hemp, maw and wild seed mixture, now and again. Likewise he must have plenty of early flowering and seeding heads of dandelion, and young leaves, also chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc.

Three Seed Samples (Seed-eater).—1. Wild poppy seed (a kind of maw seed) will not harm birds if occasionally given to them. 2 and 3. These are samples of the usual "type of "wild seed mixtures" (farmers' screenings), but they are not really good—in fact, the percentage of mere waste (litter and rubbish) is much higher than usual. Birds would no doubt find acceptable items when picking them over. Wild seed mixtures are not harmful to Canaries in any way (given in moderation), but are not much used by fanciers of these birds.

Deaths in an Aviary (D. Wallice).—The only satisfactory means of ascertaining the cause of the deaths is to submit a body for examination to Mr. Yates (see post-mortem column). I could not pretend to guess at it, but may, perhaps, hazard the suggestion that they failed to find either the food or the water. Would that be likely? Eating paint containing white lead would kill birds. Give the mule a little Epsom salts in the water, enough to make it taste saline. Ivy, privet, box, fir, "Xmas trees," holly, and evergreens generally are suitable for aviaries.

Opinion on an Aviary (Young Catcher).—An open-wire table-aviary is about the worst possible place into which you could put either fresh-caught Linnets or Goldfinches. They would knock about terribly therein. If you want to put them in a large cage, choose a box-patterp flight cage, of an extra good width (front to back), with perches in plenty at the back, high up, on to which they can retire and secure privacy, which is what newly-caught birds require, until they have become used to the conditions of captivity. You might possibly be able to utilise your open aviary if you covered it all over, except at front, and placed it in a quiet corner of the room.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Ring-neck with Swelling.

A.T.C.—Your letter reads as if your bird had been getting a bit of everything, and birds so fed usually get into a very bad way. Confine your diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuit, stale crust of household bread, or dry toast. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), with two or three days between each dose. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Bathe the eye with a rose-water and zinc eye solution, and keep the nostrils well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline. A few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) two or three times daily will act as a useful stimulant. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, yet where it will also get light and air. If there should be no improvement in about a fortnight, you had better repeat query, and please give full details as to previous dietary and nature of swelling under the eye. In the case of any aggravation of the present symptoms write again at once with fullest possible details. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet seed two parts each, and one part each hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats and sunflower seed, well mix, and always keep a tin of this mixture in the cage, also a piece of clean cuttlefish.

Cockatoo in Poor Plumage.

M.L.—I do not gather whether the bird is plucking itself or not, but rather that you assume so, as the damage was done before they came into your possession. The principal thing to regulate is the diet; confine it to the following:—Seed mixture: Canary and white millet seed two parts each, and one part each hemp, sunflower, maize, dari, oats, and "paddy" rice, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, stale crust of household bread, and boiled potato (dry), not necessarily all together, but so as to keep up a varied diet. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Procure a bottle each of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food. Put one teaspoonful of the magnesia into each ounce of the bird's drinking water, for one day only, and then repeat this as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but not loose. Well colour drinking water with the chemical food when not giving the magnesia. You might draw the stumps, two or three every other day, till all are extracted. As soon as the weather is more genial and open the bird will be better in an aviary. Spray the bird twice weekly with quassia solution, both as a precaution against parasites, and to make the plumage distasteful. Supply it with wood and cuttlefish to chew up.

Gouldians and Cordon Bleus.

F.S.—Gouldians and Cordon Bleus are unsatisfactory things as new purchases; losses are both numerous and disheartening, and, coming to hand at this season, complicates matters still more, and I much fear you will lose them, not from your treatment, but from the hardships of importation, and possibly (especially the Cordons) from some infection contracted *en route*. Continue your present treatment, and, in addition thereto, get a few nuts' eggs, pick all the sticks, etc., away from these, and then use them with an equal bulk of crumbled sponge cake—take a small portion and scald with boiling milk; if they will eat this, it will certainly help. If you can get them to take a little ripe fruit of any kind, this also will be good for them. I should also put a few grains of Epsom salts, or preferably a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, in the drinking water for one day only. If your convenience permits, a fly round the room daily would be of great benefit to the Gouldians, and also the others; they would return to the cage when hungry for food. If the birds should be very weak, a little (*very weak*) brandy and water, with just the chill off, may be given as a stimulant. Keep strictly out of draught, yet where they will get light and air—an even temperature will be an advantage.

Budgerigars for Outdoor Aviary.

Amateur.—I get so many queries that I cannot call to mind the full details of your previous query. Most certainly the Budgerigars will do well in your outdoor aviary, but they will soon eat up any growing bushes or plants there may be therein. They will let nothing grow but grass and weeds, and these you will have to sow each year. Three pairs of Budgerigars would be sufficient to start with. Procure each pair, if possible, from a different source, and see that you get large and well-feathered birds. As regards the C.P. aviary, Zebra Finches would breed therein, but I should only put in one pair in such confined quarters. If they do not quarrel they usually interfere with each sufficiently to upset all successful nesting operations. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful. (See advert in these columns.)

Alexandrines and Ring-necks.

"Foreign Breeder."—Yes, both are hardy species, do not need artificial heat, but, like all species of birds, must be protected from draught. The best procedure would be to divide your 16-ft. aviary into two flights of 8 ft. each, and put a pair in each, after furnishing the flights with some branches of varying thickness, including one or two quite stout ones, and a small barrel in each, hung high up, longtitudinally. You should stand a good prospect of success this year, if you fit up the place at once for them, but do not be disappointed if this should not be the case, as many species of Parrakeets take a year to settle down before attempting nesting operations; but one pair having already bred in the cage makes success very probable indeed with this pair. Your diet is ample and very satisfactory. Hope you'll have luck. Don't omit to keep up the supply of cuttlefish and old mortar rubbish.

Brevities.

Bringing Birds from Russia (J.H.).—I do not know of any difficulty likely to occur; so far as I know, no law stands in the way, and if your friend can get them comfortably on board on the other side, he will experience no difficulty in landing them on this side.

What Book? (A. Hallatt).—In a week or two's time CAGE BIRDS will have ready for sale the very book you require, dealing fully with the keeping of all the popular Parrots. Look out for the announcement, which will duly appear in our columns.

Will it Answer? ("Wesley").—Yes, a pair of Budgerigars should do well in the pen; I should, however, give them two husks, as most species of birds prefer to have a choice of nesting places. The husks should be hung longtitudinally with the openings towards the light. Well furnish the back and ends of aviary with branches; pea-sticks answer well for the purpose. When procurable, free from frost and not sodden with wet, keep up an unlimited supply of flowering or seeding grass. Also supply Canary and white millet seeds, a few oats, and a little of such ripe fruit as they fancy; apple is usually much favoured. A millet spray occasionally is welcome change in their menu.

Birds for Aviary (A. Taylor).—It is very difficult giving a reply unless the conditions are given me. What is your aviary, size, etc.—is it indoors or out? Cutthroats, Bronze Mannikins, Zebra Finches, Green and Grey Singing Finches, and Avadavats would all agree together, providing they were not too crowded. Diet: Canary and white millet seeds, oats, millet sprays, green-food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing.

What Parrot? (Parrot Lover).—It has probably been improperly fed. Give me a few more details, how you are feeding, and, if possible, how it had been fed by its present owner. Keep it out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. For one day only make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, see other replies in this issue; ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, dry crust household bread, grit, cuttlefish and water. A little Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water at this juncture will be advantageous.

What Parrot? (W.A.P.).—You have the ordinary Ring-necked Parrakeet, and I am surprised you have not succeeded in teaching it to talk before this. These birds require to be petted, talked to, and made a fuss of generally, and, as a rule, they soon respond, and pick up a vocabulary, though some individuals are much more teachable than others. You must make a fresh start on these lines, keep him where he will hear plenty of conversation, yet not where he will get scared. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuit; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and do not give any sops or messes.

Cutthroats with British Finches (Judex).—Yes, Cutthroats would agree with the Goldfinch and Greenfinch in an indoor aviary, providing they were in not too confined quarters. Canary, white millet, and spray millet, with green-food and grit, is about all they require, save a little soft food when they have young to feed. It all depends on your space; if not too crowded, Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, Avadavats, Waxbills of all sorts, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, and Bronze and Magpie Mannikins will agree in the same aviary with British Finches. I could give you more definite advice if you would give me size of aviary and the general conditions under which you would have to keep them.

Red-headed Finches ("Volucris").—Your friend is one of the lucky ones, for with most aviarists the experience is abundance of eggs and scarcely any hatched out, though some few have bred them fairly freely. Yes, they will take almost as many insects as you like to give them, and will, if given the opportunity, feed their young almost entirely upon gentles and other small insects—at any rate, for the first week. I am afraid I can only advise you to give them as much room as possible, and do not overdo the live food while they are engaged in incubation, but give it freely as soon as the young are hatched—not more than 18 pairs, at the outside, if you wish to meet with much breeding luck.

Birds for Crystal Palace Aviary (F.W.L.).—Of small Waxbills it would hold a dozen, and these wee mites are brightly coloured, and also have sweet little songs; the Goldfinch would agree with these, as also would a Grey Singing Finch, a plainly clad but very sweet songster. The Budgerigars sooner or later would break the legs and wings, and otherwise mutilate the Finches; they are quite unsafe together even in large aviaries. The following would make a nice series: Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheek Waxbills, and Green Avadavats, with your Goldfinch and a Grey Singing Finch. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful—see advert. in this column.

About Budgerigars ("C.C.C.").—(1) These are hardy birds, and if they can only get reasonable exercise, are better in a cold room, without any artificial heat whatever. The change from a warm room to a cold one should not be too sudden; make the change the first mild genial day you get, when the weather appears fairly settled—that is, so far as it is possible to tell. (2) A few oats occasionally make a wholesome and agreeable change. (3) The large cage made from a box will be the best. (4) Put a coating of some pale blue distemper on the interior: a coating of Brunswick Black on the exterior, will make the whole look very neat. (5) None, but if the birds care for it, a few pieces of "broken biscuit" can be thrown down for them. (6) Put in two husks, and there is then nothing more to do. (7) See reply to "Wesley." (8) Condy's Fluid.

Cock Plucking Hen (R. Blackman).—Such occurs at times with all species of birds, and it is a vice in individual birds, and I am afraid there is no remedy for it, and I should advise your trying to make an exchange with someone, probably change of surroundings, etc., would effect a cure with him, or, if you could put them up a small outside flight, about as large again as your cage, with a shelter box in one corner, the habit would probably soon disappear. If you could run up a place, say, 4 ft. long by 2½ to 3 ft. deep and 4 ft. high, with wire-netting only at front, you would get more pleasure from the birds than you do at present, and you could also keep a pair of Budgerigars with them. Your diet is satisfactory.

Breeding Green Singing Finches in a Cage (A. Alden).—I know of one or two instances, but the greatest drawback to breeding with this attractive species is that as a species they seem addicted to egg-eating in captivity. That has been my experience mostly, though I have reared young of this species, and a similar experience has been the lot of many other prominent aviarists I am acquainted with. The sexual distinctions are very slight, the hen being similar in colour markings, but the hues of her plumage are not quite so intense. A cage half as large again would make success more probable than the one you have at present; but, even with this, success is not hopeless. I should suggest hanging up one of the Hartz travelling cages in one corner of the cage, cutting away one of the bars for an entrance hole, supplying them with some long hay, and then leave them to take their own course.

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P.J.B.—Replied by post.

J.G.—Death arose from hæmorrhage of the lungs both of which were in a highly congested condition.

F. Holmes.—The bird received by me was in a state of decomposition, which rendered it useless for purposes of post-mortem examination, so that any attempt to discover the cause of death was rendered futile. In the event of any further loss will you instruct the purchaser to forward them on to me direct, as putrificative changes rapidly occur after death, and so obliterate the real nature of the disease.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Report (G.H.B.).—A report of the February 3rd fixture reached us last week, and will be found printed in this issue.

A Collection (G. Reed).—Many thanks. (J.C.B.). Also accept our hearty thanks.

A Letter (C. Parnell).—Your letter has been duly forwarded. All the addresses of judges of cage birds will be found in "Cage Birds' Annual."

Hardheads (G. Davidson).—Your parcel reached us all right, but the gentleman mentioned has been recently unwell.

The Roller Canary (Constant Reader).—We shall be able to supply a booklet on the Roller Canary (in our "Nutshell" series, price 2d.) in about a fortnight's time, and we think this will meet your requirements.

A Skylark Society (E. N. Smith).—The secretary of the Midland Counties Skylark Society is Mr. W. Martin, Grosvenor Road, Aston, near Birmingham. You will find particulars of practically all societies in "Cage Birds' Annual."

A Court Case (J. W. Goldsmith).—Thanks for your letter. This man was "brought to book" through our agency. Sorry to hear that you were one of his victims. Your suggestion shall receive our consideration, but we very much doubt whether the idea would be widely approved.

A Sectional Cage (Flight Breeder).—The article concerning the cages which could be used in sections, or as one large flight, appeared in the 1907 Birthday Number, which is now entirely out of print. You will find it included in full in "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," published at these offices, price 2/- (or post free 2/3).

Norwich Plainheads at Auchterarder Show (James Kerr).—We really do not think it quite fair of you to "bait" Mr. McLay for what, after all, was merely an unfortunate way of expressing himself in his capacity as reporter. In our mind, and we feel sure, in the minds of our readers, there was not the slightest insinuation that the birds you showed were not your own property.

A Water Bottle (Reader).—You can buy a water fountain suitable for an aviary from any of the advertisers using our appliance columns; they are very cheap. If you arrange a wire holder so that a bottle can be turned upside down in a fairly shallow dish, the "lip" being about half-an-inch from the bottom of the dish, this makes a good "self supplying" fountain when the bottle is filled with water.

Illustrated Ideas (W. H. Walker).—We think that a still better idea is to use glass drinkers with rounded corners; these present no difficulty in the cleaning. (R. Carrol).—This is a useful hint, but hardly comes within the scope of our "Illustrated Idea" column. (B. Wharton).—Possibly this is in our artist's hands; will enquire. (H. G. Chadwick) —Have given this before. (D. E. Jones).—We have, from time to time, illustrated a great number of seed-hoppers, water tins, etc., of a similar nature. (J. H. Flshwick).—We have given this kind of removable perch before (for use at water holes, etc.), and numbers of readers send it in from time to time. (J. McBurney).—We do not quite understand your sketch, but may say that we have given the method of putting a screw through the wire catch of the show-cage door, which seems very similar. (T. Craighill).—This left-hand door has been fitted to many stock cages which we have seen

Correspondence.

A Recipe Wanted for a "Conditioner."

SIR,—I wish to thank your kind correspondent, Mr. W. C. McIntosh, for replying to my enquiry re "Conditioner" in CAGE BIRDS, February 12. It is the very recipe I required, and intend this time to see it is safe. Also will Mr. Holder and others please accept my thanks for so kindly writing on the same recipe? I will also take Mr. McIntosh's advice re cuttings.

G. P. MORGAN.

Stupendous!

SIR,—I have just noticed that in my article in last issue, in the second paragraph under sub-heading, "What Price Winners?" I am made to say ten thousand shillings would be none too much to tempt a few breeders to dispose of a pair of birds. I rather fancy the poor "comp." is responsible for this bloated price, as what I had in mind, and intended writing was "one" thousand shillings. If I really wrote "ten" for "one" it was a slip of the pen, which I trust you will correct, lest it should prove too much of a wet blanket, and damp the ardour of enthusiastic but not over-rich fanciers, whose one desire is to become possessors of a pair of the best. It is a small error in written language, but makes all the difference between fifty pounds and five hundred pounds, and I am afraid breeders are rare indeed who would not be sorely tempted by an offer of the latter sum for a pair of their best birds.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Prize Money at Oakengates Show.

SIR,—I notice in Mr. W. P. Bell's reply that he states the Secretary has a witness, but gives no name. I might mention I was the witness, and I helped in sending off prize money, and I can truthfully say I saw the 5s. P.O. enclosed, also the letter posted to Mr. Bell, and I was more than surprised when my attention was called to his letter.

A. W. MITCHELL.

SIR,—Mr. Bell, in his letter re the above, says we did not give the name of the witness who saw the postal order enclosed in his letter. For his information we are pleased to give it, viz., Mr. A. W. Mitchell. We stated in our letter that his was the only complaint received, and we still adhere to that statement. If there are any others who have not received their prize money, as Mr. Bell says, why haven't they complained to us? It would be more gentlemanly, and would do the society less harm than by talking to other people about it. It is quite true that Mr. Bell sent a lost letter form, but as our letter had been sent six weeks previously, we thought it would be impossible to trace it. After this explanation, and our witness's statement, if Mr. Bell still thinks we have not sent the prize money (5s.) we will gladly pay him the money out of our own pockets, as we certainly cannot debit the society again. We are sorry Mr. Bell has not received the money, but this is our explanation of the matter.

GEO. WARD.
A. BROTHERWOOD Secs.

A New Society for Choppington and District.

SIR,—A very enthusiastic meeting was held on February 26th, when the Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.A., was formed with 35 members and several more wished to join after the meeting. A good deal of business was got through, and the office-bearers were chosen as follows: President, Mr. G. Waugh (Newcastle); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Cowan, T. Morris, and J. Huntley; secretary, Mr. W. Woollett, Barrington; treasurer, Mr. E. Peel; chairman, Mr. J. Douglas; committee, Messrs. T. Dixon, R. Rowell, T. Griffiths, J. Paxton, J. Beverage, J. Anderson, J. Crackett. Mr. James McNally gave the fanciers present a very hearty welcome on behalf of the members of the social club, and made an ideal chairman. After the business he contributed to the harmony of the evening with a capital song. After others had given us some songs, a very enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close.

W. WOOLLETT, Sec.

SIR,—In reply to "A Member and Admirer of the old Society," I don't think there is any admiration when he has to hide under a nom-de-plume. He should have shown his admiration when he had the horse in the stable; but he recognises now that he has been too long in closing the stable door, and the horse has gone. He says I am at fault in saying that the old club is disbanded, whereas it is more alive than ever. There was not much life at the meeting when the club was disbanded, as no one present would take up the secretaryship. Also, the new club was a private venture. Just look, "Admirer," at the report of the Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.A. We have 17 of the old members in this club already, and there were only 24, and some of them have not as yet been notified of the situation. Where did "Admirer" get his information from when he says that to be a member one has to be a member or affiliate of the said club? To prove this false, we have now four members who are neither members of nor are they affiliated to any social club, nor have they ever been, and anyone in the district is at liberty to join this new society on or before the April meeting. Just you watch the horse in the future, "Admirer," and get in as many specials as you can, and keep a good hold of the horse's head for fear this new one bolts. This is my last reply to anyone who dares not disclose his identity.

W. WOOLLETT, Sec., Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.A.

The Scotch Fancy Canary in South Africa.

SIR,—I thought the following letter might interest you and your many readers, as the sale referred to is the result of the good reports in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, of the shows I have been winning at this season. Anyone can see the original copy at my address. I take your paper in every week, and advertise in it when I have any birds to sell.

J. LITTLE.
Johannesburg.

DEAR MR. LITTLE,—
I received the birds to hand in splendid condition, not a wrong feather in any of them, which is very good considering the distance, and the time it took them to do it—just one month from November 15th to December 15th. I am very pleased with them, they are a clean and healthy lot. I have had several lots from England, but I am sorry to say one or two cages were empty by the time they reached Durban. Enclosed find postal order for one pound (£1), which I think will cover the extra expense you have been put to; that will be £13 10s. in all I have sent you. They have cost me close on £20 to land. I had them insured, which cost more than the freight. I don't mind that, now I have got them safe in my birdroom. They ought to hold their own on the show bench, as they haven't the same competition here as they would have at home. I will write and let you know what luck I have in the breeding season. Hoping these few lines will find you enjoying the best of health,

(Signed) T. FISHER.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR.—In answer to Mr. J. C. Barnes' letter that appeared in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, I think that Mr. Barnes' memory serves him badly, as he says the dark Greenfinch Mule that I referred to he placed second to Mr. J. Maddison's Newcastle light Goldie Mule. This, I think, could not be, as the Mule I referred to was in the dark Mule class. This being the case, the Goldie Mule should have been disqualified as not being eligible to compete on account of its being a light one. If Mr. Barnes cares to look up CAGE BIRDS for January 8th, he will find that the two Mules he has referred to are in separate classes. Mr. Maddison's light Goldie Mule winning in the light Mule or Hybrid class, the dark Greenie Mule could not be second in this class. But from memory I think the class I referred to was won by Howe's dark Greenie Mule, and the second was Mr. Cuthbertson's Linnet Mule; and the Greenie Mule referred to was blind. The Mule, I think, is certainly blind in one eye, as it was disqualified at Hull, also at Darlington; and it has since then been stated in the show reports to be blind in one eye. He also refers to a certain exhibitor showing another dark Greenie Mule in the same class, and asking why his bird was so low in the cards. I may say that I have had the pleasure of seeing two gentlemen this week-end, and they thought they were the ones he was referring to, and said they asked Mr. Barnes if the Mule was wet when judged, as they thought that might be the reason it was so low in the cards, being an awful bird for washing.

READER.

[One sentence, which breaks our rule regarding criticism in the correspondence columns over judges' awards, has had to be deleted.—Editor.]

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A Twenty-three Year Old Parrot Lays Eggs.

SIR,—I have an Australian Parrot which has recently laid two eggs. This bird is 23 years old, and we have had her for nearly that period. I think this is quite an unusual thing, for a bird to lay after being so long in confinement.

GEO. CLARK.

Concerning a Queck's Roller Organ.

SIR,—Having recently purchased a Queck's Roller Organ, second-hand, I am not sure if the last two notes before the pause are correct, as they come out quite a clear note, instead of vibrating same as the others at the commencement of the song. Should they be so or not? And could any of your numerous Roller fanciers give me any idea how to rectify the same?

REGULAR SUBSCRIBER.

The Yorkshire Prize Distribution

A Record Gathering Anticipated.

SIR,—For the benefit of those desirous of attending the dinner and prize distribution this Saturday, March 5, I would just like to say that there is every prospect of the event being a record in every respect. A number bordering on three figures have already sent in their names to be present at the dinner, which will be served at 4 o'clock prompt. Those who have booked tickets in advance will be expected to take their seats at the table as near to time as possible, in order to avoid disappointment, and order what refreshments they require before the dinner is served. Mr. D. Sunderland will have charge of the toast-list, and act in the capacity of host. The social evening and prize distribution is timed to commence at 5.30, and a capital programme has been arranged by the committee, excellent talent has been engaged, and everything points to a most successful and enjoyable event, with Mr. D. Sunderland officiating as chairman. The secretaries of the specialist clubs are timed to meet at 2.30 to unpack and arrange the prizes. The committee desire to extend a hearty invitation to all who wish to attend. Dinner, 1s. 6d. per head. Social and prize distribution free.

H. HILL, Secretary.

Are Pedigree Rings Responsible for Cracked Eggs?

SIR,—Kindly allow me to give my opinion concerning the above in answer to Sherwood Forester's letter. I have for eleven years used Canary rings, and I have never had any trouble in any shape or form. The rings are put on the young birds when they leave their parents, and are never removed. I have seen some rings much better than others. My reason for your cracked eggs is that your stock birds, cock and hen, had long claws which wanted cutting. If this is not the fault, then I should think that the hen is cramped in her nest pan for want of room to perform her duties. A most suitable nest pan is one unglazed, five inches over the top, two inches at the bottom, and one and three-quarter inches in depth. The hen can then sit with her head just over the rim of pan, and her tail just over the same; she can move quite easy, and also turn her eggs without the use of her legs or beak, which she is bound to do if cramped up in her nest. These readers who do not know will find this a good way of doing it. Get a piece of cardboard five inches square; cut two holes in it large enough to put your finger through about two inches apart. Put your bird's legs through the holes, set it over a cup filled with warm water, let the claws soak and then wash them clean, and with a pair of small scissors take the claws one at a time and cut them. You will see a small red vein running down the claw. Do not cut within an eighth of an inch of it, or you will cause it to bleed; you will also stand a chance of making your bird a cripple. Choose daylight to do the above work. Special attention as to their long claws should be given to stock pairs before putting them up for breeding. A beak and long claws are responsible for many troubles during the breeding season—young birds thrown out of the nest on to sand tray, also eggs and nest together are not unusual.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW.

SIR,—I should like to say a few words to Sherwood Forester on Are Pedigree Rings Responsible for Cracked Eggs. I have been a breeder for over 35 years, and have used rings for the greater part of that period, and have never found them the cause. At one time my bird room was a long narrow one, and when I sat watching my birds I was within 2ft. of the cages, and in a good position to see all that happened, the birds being very tame with being in such closed quarters. About this time I had a lot of bulged or cracked eggs, but I watched until I found the cause, and it was this: my nest pans were pretty deep ones, and I have seen the hens turning the eggs (I suppose you are aware that they turn them with the beak or side of the face), and get them nearly half way up the nest and then let them go; the consequence is that they roll against the others and are cracked. I saw one hen do it one day. I got her off the nest and I found two of the eggs bulged, and, mind you, this hen had no ring on at the time, therefore I could not lay the blame on that. I then knew I had found the cause, as I had clipped the claws and cut the beaks if they were at all sharp. I got some very shallow nest pans and put the others away, and from that day to this I have had very few cracked eggs. I should advise Sherwood Forester to do as I did—look to the birds' beaks and claws, and also see to the nest pans. Don't give the birds too much material to make the nest on; also use a pad to line inside of pan. Also perhaps the rings had flanges on. Now the rings I use are without, and I do not favour them with anything standing out, as perhaps they have a tendency to indent the eggs. But look to the above also, and I think you will have no reason for complaint. Perhaps someone else has been troubled in the same way, and yet has not used rings; but, anyway, mine is a bit of advice which costs nothing, and perhaps will do someone good.

PEDIGREE RINGS.

Can Canaries be Taught the Nightingale's Song?

SIR,—Kindly allow me through your valuable paper to answer C. Harrison's letter about Canaries taking Nightingales' notes. I have been a British bird fancier for about 40 years, and I say that they can be taught if it is begun when they are young. I am sorry to hear that he has no young ones yet, but I am proud to say that out of seven hens I have two sitting and four sets of young, which were hatched on Feb. 24th, and the week following. And all are doing well. I have two sittings of Germans, one of Yorkshires, and three of rose cock Linnets and German hen. I have seen many statements in your paper about how to get Mule birds, but all I have to say to your readers is that when nature comes in time, as we all know that breeding young birds late is like sending your children to school with no teacher to teach them. I have been like it myself; I have had some Mules and nothing to teach them, for when the old birds ought to have been teaching my young they have been in the moult. But this year I shall be nicely in time, as I have two grand Linnets (one rose and one thorn), and they are grand as songsters for Mules, and I am going to let them teach my young. I wish every reader of CAGE BIRDS knew how to rear them as well as I do, and if any one wishes to know I will reply to them as I have never had any bother with my young. Wishing CAGE BIRDS and its readers every success,

WILLIAM E. PRIESTLEY.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I was pleased on opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday morning to read the report of the Lancashire C.A. at Rochdale, and to read the discussion on the type of the bird I love so well. They say there is great dissatisfaction over the judges placing in the money birds that are not the right type. Well, it has taken fanciers 20 years to my knowledge to find it out. But I will forgive them for all that. I am delighted to see that Rochdale is making a move at last. I have waited for it to come for a great many years. Now it seems too good to be true. To Messrs. Nadin, Whitehead, Fitton, Laycock, and Adams allow me to say "Thank you" for trying to stamp out birds showing the Norwich cross. I should like it to have been last year; then it would have saved me a bit of money, as I had quite given up ever seeing the Lancashire judged to the true type except at Rochdale and Manchester shows. I made up my mind to go in for Crest breeding, and have now bought a nice lot of stock birds which I never should have done had the Lancashire C.A. come out sooner. I see it also reads that the coppy must be of the horse-shoe shape, and the bird stand erect. How many more times are we to be told (as Mr. Whitehead says) that birds should be put down that do not possess these qualities? I say hear, hear to that. Mr. Nadin goes on to say that judges have their own opinions. All Lancashire exhibitors know my opinion. I say that there should not be different opinions when there is only one type of Lancashire, that is the type laid down by Mr Nadin, and if judges will not judge to the type without fear of losing future engagements, I say wipe them out. Mr. Nadin goes on to mention purity of race. When I mentioned purity of race some time ago in one of my letters on the Lancashire, one of the so-called judges laughed at me. Perhaps he has laughed also at Mr. Nadin. Yes, the purity of race is something we have not seen for this last 20 years in the Lancashire.

E. FULLER.

A CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Birmingham and District Remains Loyal.

SIR,—Will send full particulars of District meeting of C.B.U. (No. 7) in time for next week's paper. Delegates unanimously decided to stick to the Union, and special steps are to be taken to stop members exhibiting at non-affiliated shows in the district. Meeting lasted two hours, and a great deal of business was got through.

J. H. DE MAILLET,

The Metropolitan Sensation.

SIR,—Since you have been good enough to open your columns to report the above, perhaps you will be kind enough to do likewise to others who wish to air their views on the same. How will it affect the C.B.U.? How will it affect the smaller affiliated societies in the South? What is the position of the latter in trying to fix up their annual show dates without the C.B.U., as before the so-called "sensation"? There are societies that cater well for the Fancy in every way, and are anxious to meet the requirements of all concerned to make the show a success, and sacrifice many things to do it. These questions I put to those who are responsible for the present situation. Speaking for the C.B.U., it has justified its existence in many ways. It has been the means of getting together a larger body of fanciers than has ever been known before (in my opinion), ensured larger shows, and weeded out many evil doers; consequently the Fancy must necessarily be healthier even under its present miserable management. Therefore, what can the C.B.U. do under sound, up-to-date management? But who is responsible for the position in which the C.B.U. find themselves? The meeting at the Palace was out of order, as well as the agenda, and that unfortunate man, the Secretary, found himself unable to report progress. Hence the "sensation," which I predicted long ago. What is the object in view? What will the answer be? At first sight of this great "Metropolitan Sensation," one would think all societies would withdraw in the South, and your columns be filled up, Sir. But not one have I seen yet, and I hope, on principle, that all affiliated societies will seriously think first and give it the utmost consideration before withdrawing from the C.B.U. I suggest all districts have meetings at once (those of the London districts jointly), and lose no time in discussing who is to be the governing body for the South—the C.B.U., or is it to be a London Federation, or none at all? I pen these few lines with the greatest respect for all whom they may concern, and by reason of the position that I hold at present I must keep in the shade of

THE APPLE TREE.

SIR,—At last we have got a sensible letter published on the C.B.U. affair in that of Mr. Hadwin in your last issue. I think if the carping critics who have been writing lately on the matter would use their energies in trying to put the present Union on a sound basis (and all are bound to admit that it has been the means of doing useful work in the Fancy) their time would be better spent in the interest of exhibitors. With regard to the letters re a Lancashire Society, I fail to see how such could be worked. The writers seem to lose sight of the fact that the Yorkshire fanciers are nearly all confined to one variety of birds, which is the means of making their union more solid than would be the case with a so-called Lancashire Union. What we want is every member of the Union to rally round and be loyal, and appoint officials who have the interests of same at heart, and then we shall have a society second to none.

REASON.

SIR,—I am the late secretary of the Hanley and District C.B.S., so I must say that while in that position I could not see where our belonging to the Cage Bird Union benefited our society. We paid our money and we got no returns. It guarantees you nothing, and gives you nothing. I know this, that we should have made more members if there had not been a Cage Bird Union. It pays an exhibitor not to be a member, because he can show anywhere he likes, and he has his freedom, which every man likes; so how can you build up a Union under these conditions? I say it is not unity, it is compulsion. When you are running an open show a secretary must watch every penny, and it is very annoying to know that he has got to send the Cage Bird Union fee, knowing that there will be no return therefor. No, you stand to win or lose just the same as if there were no C.B.U. What is wanted is an understanding amongst secretaries to do a bit for one another in the way of receiving schedules and delivering them to their members at their meetings to save each society postage, anything between 10s. and £1. And there are other ways in which we could help one another. I thought it was in this direction that the C.B.U. was going to benefit the Fancy when it was started, but I soon found out differently. But as far as it has gone I cannot see much that it has done—only pay the officials and work 1909 at a loss. I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS that the Secretary of the No. 7 District is calling a meeting at Leicester. I wonder what society such as ours is going to advance its representative about 15s. for his expenses to attend at that meeting? If you could see any return for your money it would be another thing. I conclude hoping your valuable paper will be open to discuss this matter.

C. J. ROBINSON.

SIR,—May I be allowed a little space in your valuable paper as regards the "vigorous defence" which I think the Cage Bird Union stands badly in need of at the present time. I do not think it is going to outlive its critics, for as matters stand at present it looks as if nothing can save the Union. I am a member of both the Manchester and Stockport societies, and delegate for the latter to the C.B.U., and I have often thought a national society too unwieldly for the cage bird Fancy. I think if we Lancashire fanciers could start a Union after the style of the Yorshire Union it would be well, as they seem to know how to deal with the wrong-doers, which should be one of any society's endeavours. I cannot myself see any other work which the C.B.U. has accomplished, and I think the Fancy could be managed better by each county having its own Union, the Specialist Clubs to look after their own varieties. Now, Mr. Hadwin, a few fanciers, like yourself and "Lancashire Union," will be a real live Union. I recognise that we must have a ruling, and it is my intention to move at the next meetings of the above-named societies their withdrawal from the C.B.U. That we may substitute a good County Union is the wish of

W. MCKAIL.

The C.B.U. in the North.

SIR,—May I be allowed a small space for comment on the letter which appeared in your issue of the 12th from Mr. James Johnston? I am out on the identical lines J. J. assumes himself to be, and I "cannot" allow this to pass before your readers without comment, because if J. J. received no injustice at the above show, he has been doing a very great injustice to some of its officials, between the show and the time he wrote that letter, and he is surely "forgetting" himself when he says he had forgotten all about the matter until he saw it brought forward in your journal, as from what I have overheard J. J. say (and various other individuals), he has not failed in any opportunity whenever and wherever it occurred to ventilate his grievance over the injustice (or supposed injustice) which he received at Newcastle Show, and also to couple certain individuals' names with his insinuations. My advice to J. J. is, the next time he receives an injustice at any show (as he must have done at this one, or why did he say things that ought to have been left unsaid?) is to see it righted on the spot. Don't go away and ventilate your "wrongs" at every opportunity. If you had done what you say, "Lover of Justice" should have done ("if" he is a member), you certainly would have shown yourself in a better light than by the way you acted after "Lover of Justice" (whoever he may be) was trying to see you righted.

CONSTANT READER.

SIR,—In spite of James Johnston's reply in your issue of February 12th, "Lover of Justice" is not yet satisfied, and he congratulates himself upon the fact that he has discovered (I was going to say another "comet"), but it is only the identity of a member, and then goes on to prove that it is only another "mare's nest." Let me tell "Lover of Justice" that I have never seen this label referred to, and that I was not in the show till some time after the judging was finished. I think I can guess who it is that "Lover of Justice" wants to "get at," and I suspect that it is simply a piece of malice If "Lover of Justice" chooses to play for high stakes, he ought to be prepared to abide by the consequences of his own mistakes and not try to blame others. I promised to ask "Lover of Justice" a few questions, but seeing the decision of the Cage Bird Union Council meeting at the Crystal Palace, re the sensational Mule case, I think it would be too bad for me to add anything to what he has already suffered, so I will simply follow "J. Graham's" example and assure him that I am not a member of the Newcastle Society, nor of the Sunderland Society, nor have I ever been

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The Best Way to Keep a Magpie.

SIR,—I would be pleased to hear from any of your readers what they consider the best way of keeping a Magpie in good plumage?

S. S.

Phonograph Record of the Linnet's Song.

SIR,—In answer to "Phonograph" and others, re a phonograph record of a Linnet's song, it is quite possible to get one. I will do my best to find a firm to put one on the market. I will write again on this subject.

HUMAN LINNET.

Kelty and Blairadam Show.

SIR,—It is with regret I have to answer the letter of Mr. A. Cargill in regard to his name being mentioned as judge of Yorkshires, and third with Borders at our Pair show. I may state that he has no connection with the above society, and it must have been an error of the printer, for it should have read, "S." Cargill. I wish CAGE BIRDS prolonged success.

J. FORD, Sec.

A Hint About Mousetraps.

SIR.—As to the kind of mouse-traps for use in bird-rooms or aviaries, never use that called "The Little Nipper" or the "Certainty," which are strong spring traps, and kill the mice all right, but we have had one of our best birds killed instantaneously through alighting on one of the these traps. Always use the good old-fashioned style of box mouse-trap, which is quite harmless to the birds, and also to your fingers when setting.

R. CARROLL.

A Lizard Canary Club for the Northern Counties.

SIR,—Will you again kindly allow me to state that it is proposed to form a Northern Lizard Canary Club for the Counties of Durham and Northumberland. I would be glad if any fancier who intends to join and has not already sent me his name and address, would do so as soon as possible, so that a meeting may be called and officers elected. It is hoped that the club will be thoroughly representative of the two counties, and not confined to one particular district.

W. REID, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.

The Proposed Open Show in Glasgow.

SIR.—I observe from Mr. Bowman's letter in your columns that it is suggested to have another open show in Glasgow on the lines of the City's Show. But beyond that no particulars are given. I hope the promoters have counted the cost to the Fancy before proceeding further. Would another show help the City of Glasgow? We all know that, controlled by efficient management, the City of Glasgow Show is the best in Scotland, and fanciers should take care of that institution. In my opinion one good open show for cage birds is enough for a town, and I would counsel fanciers to support it, and not be carried away. Is there something undisclosed behind all this? If so, everytbing should be explained ere any move is made.

A MEMBER.

The Norwich Plainhead in Ireland.

SIR,—In your issue of the 19th ult., I notice a letter from "Sceptre" re the Norwich Plainhead in Ireland. It would be very interesting to know what "Sceptre" wants to get at. To say the least of it, his letter seems to be a parable from first to last. Now if "Sceptre" could see his way to be a little more explicit, I for one would very much like to see another letter from him explaining exactly what he would have the North of Ireland fanciers do. He says he noticed that Holywood, Co. Down, are thinking of starting a society. "My word," it would be very interesting to know where he noticed it, for it certainly was nover published that Holywood was thinking of starting a society. For his information I beg to inform him that Holywood has not only thought, but has started a society, and a very good and strong one at that. Now, "Sceptre," let us hear from you as early as possible, and if your cause is worthy of support you may at least rely on

MAYPOLE.

SIR,—Will you allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS in reply to J. R. Hyland. This gentleman asks his brother fanciers to suggest some means whereby a reconciliation may come about with clubs in Ireland. Well, if my memory serves me correctly, last season a memorial was got up by some of the leading fanciers in Ireland to try and do what Mr. Hyland now suggests, and to try and get those who were the cause of disunion, etc., removed; but I am sorry to say that a party drew up another document opposing same, and placing confidence in the guilty ones. Well, we have seen the result, and those who were the great men have very much disappointed their supporters, and have suffered defeat both as regards finance and otherwise. But I am very glad now that they see their mistake when they are sorely bitten. They now call for a reconciliation, which I am afraid will never come to pass with the club of which Mr. Hyland has the honour to hold the secretarial reins, as all our confidence is lost in this club, and I see no future before them but to wind up. I wish all Irish fanciers, and our CAGE BIRDS, too, a record season.

DISHONOURED CHEQUE.

The Newsham and District Linnet Singing Club.

SIR,—Just a line to inform Linnet fanciers that we intend to hold an open Linnet singing contest on March 5, when the landlord of "Miners' Arms," Newsham, will add 10s. to all entrance fees.

S. LAWS, Sec.

A Lovebird and Its Vocabulary.

SIR,—The following concerning a talking Lovebird may be interesting to your readers. My bird was bought about the end of last October from Mr. H. Lewis, Handsworth. We called it "Little Budge," and were rather surprised one evening in January to hear it repeating same. Since then it has been taught to say "Pretty Polly" and "Sweet Dick." It also makes a noise like kissing which it picked up from a Grey Parrot, and a few Canary notes. It is most amusing, and makes an ideal pet with its winning ways. Oftentimes we mistake its "sweet" for the Canary's.

G. P. MORGAN.

An Aged Grey Parrot.

SIR,—Since sending you the note respecting the Bullfinch cock pairing off with hen Chaffinch at this early part of the year for recently caught birds, I have been to see a Parrot, all grey with red tail, which has been in the owner's possession for the last 36 years, and was informed that relatives (or friends of theirs) had one in their possession, and could trace it back for 90 years. This bird died about 12 months ago. Would that constitute a record for a Parrot? The Grey I saw this afternoon is in splendid plumage and talks and mimics well.

F. J. WEAIRE.

[Ninety years is a ripe old age, certainly, but that veteran and respected fancier, Mr. Jos. F. Hills, of Sudbury, Suffolk, has in his possession a cockatoo (Lemon-crest) which we believe can give even this Methusalah amongst Parrots a few years, and a beating. When we last saw it, this bird seemed lively enough to last another century.—Editor.]

How to Steady British Hardbills

SIR,—Beauty of plumage, softness of voice, quickness of instinct, remarkable cleverness, proved docility, tender affection, are all united in the Goldfinch, and if it were rare, or if it came from a foreign country, it would then be valued as it deserves to be. I find the best way to steady a bird is to place it on the table in front of you, keep handling the cage, and talk to the bird. The bird's instinct soon teaches it that you mean it no harm. In a week or two of this treatment tho bird soon settles down, and commences singing away, thus repaying you for the trouble and patience you have bestowed on your pet. This I find applies to any bird. I have a Japanese cage, and if I want to make a bird steady I put the bird in and hang cage on a line stretched across the room. When I am at home I place him on the table again. This cage is an open wire one. My method acts like magic. The wildest bird I find always makes the best songster, and the bird that sulks at first is the one that lives in confinement. You can let cock and hen Bullfinch face each other on table for three or four days and then put both together; at night is the best time.

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(Mention Paper.)

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5, Crotto Road, TWICKENHAM.

Wanted, a Roller Club for West Hartlepool.

SIR,—I wish "Roller Novice" and S. Fairey every success in forming a Roller Club for the Hartlepools, and would be pleased to become a member. If there are not enough fanciers at present to successfully carry on a Roller Club, I propose we join the Hartlepools C.B.S. Mr. Woodhead, the hon. sec., I feel sure, would do his best to make a Roller Section a success. Any Roller fanciers in the Hartlepools wishing to become members of the British Roller Club I should be pleased to propose and give any information to.

ALEX. LAMB,

3, Church Walk, Hartlepool.

The Making of Egg-food.

SIR,—Under the heading of "Club Reports," the City and Suburban A.C.B., I was highly amused at the account given of the egg-food making competition, all the competitors using sieves or other contaminating influences in the making of the food. Really I should have thought that Twentieth Century fanciers knew better. I think I could easily have secured first prize with the following method:—"Drop the egg in a white glazed marmalade (1lb) pot, put crumbs from a slice of bread in, and stir with a strong fork until the whole becomes a moist, crumbly mass." I have an idea that a teaspoonful of maw seed helps the mixing, while the hens relish it, and eat it more readily. If fanciers tried the above method they would look upon sieves as abominations.

W. J. CLARKE.

Prize Money and Entry Fees at Abertillery Show.

SIR,—I entered two birds at the above-named show, held on December 8. I received destination labels only. Thinking cage tallies were lost through the post or otherwise I classified the two birds as entered, enclosed a postcard stating I had not received any tallies and forwarded my birds. They returned home wearing 1st and 4th prize cards. On looking up the report of CAGE BIRDS, Mr. Parfitt was credited with winning 1st in class 22 in which my light Mule won. I dropped a postcard to the secretary explaining the error. Also put same through CAGE BIRDS' "Twitterings" the following week, and Mr. Parfitt has not, to my knowledge, said anything to the contrary. Not hearing from any source the prize-money of show in question had been paid out, I wrote to the secretary for some explanation, referring to the error which had taken place Failing to get a reply, I wrote again on February 10, and up to time of writing this I have had no reply. Could Mr. Payne kindly inform me as to whether No. 4, in class 22, won first or not? I hope this will meet the eye of one of the committeemen, and further that he will have some respect for the society and reply if they cannot say.

J. LOCKE (Bristol).

The Recent Suspensions by the Yorkshire Union.

A Sensational Letter.

SIR,—In last week's CAGE BIRDS I see that I am expelled from the Yorkshire Union, I believe, for borrowing and lending birds for exhibition, and still the man whom I borrowed from has gone Scot free. I think the Union, or rather the Council, have been hard upon me in this matter. I was very sorry indeed when I saw the announcement in CAGE BIRDS. Some have been exonerated from all blame (when there was nobody there to accuse them). Now, I know for a fact that Mr. X has borrowed more birds on two separate occasions than I have lent and borrowed in all my life. Then take Mr. Y, even I have borrowed one bird from him. And I am not by myself in the matter. I could go on all down the list and accuse every man if needs be. But I should like to ask Mr. A why he did not object to the birds that were borrowed and shown at Halifax Show when he went there to object instead of going six weeks back and objecting to a certain bird that belonged to a certain man? He knew that all the six birds that were shown in Mr. B's name were not his bona-fide property, for he knew perfectly well that Mr. B had only two birds of his own and here he was showing six. Then, again, why did not he object to Mr. B at the City of Bradford Show, where he picked up a Yellow Hen and told a gentleman who was with him that that bird was not the property of Mr. B, but belonged to Mr. C? Then I should like to ask Mr. A if ever he himself showed a Green-marked Cock (that came from Mr. C) before it was his bona-fide property? I should also like to ask Messrs. D and E how many times certain birds have first been in one bird room and then back again home? Perhaps these birds did not know who was master. Then I should like to ask Messrs. Q. and R. why the latter got a Yellow Hen from C, handed it over to Q all the show season, after which the bird disappeared? And I should like to ask Mr. R if he did not accuse Mr. S of having borrowed a bird from Mr. T? Did Mr. R ever lend Mr. C a bird to show? Then, again, how many times has Mr. R washed Mr. B's two birds when he was showing three, four, five, and six? I should like to ask them all to speak the truth, just for once, and make a clean breast of it, and perhaps the Council will deal leniently with us all if we will all promise to do better in the future. I should also like to remind the Secretary, Mr. H. Hill, that two persons were overlooked in the matter.

HENRY KAYE.

(There is an old saying that when certain gentlemen fall out, honest men get their own. Whether this proverb has any application to the above case we do not know, but Mr. Kaye's allegations are of so startling a character that we cannot (in the interests of the public) consign them entirely to the waste-paper basket, but we feel that we ought to suppress the names of the fanciers whom Mr. Kaye so vigorously attacks.—EDITOR.)

South Manchester Linnet S.A. Send-off.

SIR,—It has been decided to hold an open contest for time on March 12 at the Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Openshaw, first birds to be hung at 2.30. Radius, five miles, entrance fee 6d. a bird. After the contest a meeting will be held to elect new members and select officers. The host, Mr. Garbutt, will give a first prize. Entrance fees will be divided between second and third. Fanciers are heartily welcomed. Any information will be given by me. The contest for March 5 is cancelled.

G. B. WHARTON, Sec., pro. tem.
51, Parrott-street, Longsight.

A Six-compartment Cage Problem.

SIR,—I wonder if any of your readers would be so kind as to give me a few hints on making a cage? I want to make a six compartment cage for breeding purposes (two compartments side by side and consequently three tiers high), and when I have finished, to be able to turn it all into one flight. I would like a few hints on how to make the bottoms of each compartment; whether I will want both sand trays and bottoms, or only just sand trays. Yonr excellent paper, I think, is the best one that is published, and if anybody missed getting your last Birthday Number, they have missed a grand treat.

G. WRIGHT.

The Scottish Plainhead Club Show Cages.

Does the Cage Secure the Award?

SIR,—Allow me to say to my fellow members that when I heard that there is to be "a packed general meeting" for the express purpose of upsetting the cage question, I felt it my duty to put forward the notice of motion which is given on voting paper, and I appeal to those members who have the best interests of the club at heart to give it their support. Were any member found guilty of giving the numbers of his exhibits to a judge, he would very justly be expelled the club. Yet the equivalent of this is done by certain members who exhibit in cages of special make and colouring, and known to the judges (whom they usually exhibit under), as well as are the owners themselves. These cages are a good deal less in size than the Club cage. They thereby take a mean advantage of their fellow members by exhibiting in smaller cages. They are also content to forego the right of competing for all Club specials rather than lose the identity of their exhibits through adopting the Club cage. It is generally admitted that the "cage" often secures the award. The reason for this "packed meeting" must be quite apparent from the foregoing. They wish to secure all the privileges of specials, while retaining the identity of their cages to the detriment of their fellow members. Are men of this principle worthy of membership?

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Among the Hand-looms and Birds at Skelmanthorpe.

SIR,—Having during the past few months promised a friend escort on a visit to Skelmanthorpe to see the making of pile fabrics (mostly tablecloths) on the hand-looms, with a good chance of seeing a few birds also, we started on a recent Saturday. We were met by appointment by Mr. E. Radley, and a friend of his, Mr. Senior. The latter lives near the station, so we popped in to have a peep at his birds. Yorkshires, of course, were the variety kept, and he is the possessor of a very nice lot, grand type, and not a frill in the room; the hens in particular were a nice lot. The only thing we could find fault with was the size of the cock birds. They may breed a trifle on the short side, but every bird that gets long enough will win, and, without doubt, there will be no rough ones. Proceeding a little further (round a few dozen gable ends and corners, and up a few "snicketts") we reached Mr. E. Radley's place. This gentleman works with his birds, his establishment consisting of a nice-sized outbuilding, containing a large hand-loom and a very neat and good stock of cages. His birds are all splendid typical Yorkies, some of the hens being very big ones, and smart for all that. Across the room near the birds is a very heavy old oak beam, as hard as iron; you can't drive a nail into it, for the nail bends before it gets an inch in. Now we turned round to the loom, and the owner showed us the working of it. Friend Senior took the boy's part of "wiring," but after a while Mr. Radley says, "Come on, 'straight 'un,' let's see thee have a go at t'wires." Well, I had a go, but it took me about ten times too long to get the first in right. However, after a few more tries, I "tumbled" to the way they had to be manipulated, and have got promise of a job at seven and a tanner a week, should I ever want one. One thing I thought, and that was how fine it must be to be able to be with and see your stock during the daily "grind." Next we called in to see Mr. Radley, sen., who is also a hand-loom weaver, and a birdy man, but his stock is, I should say, as vastly different from the Yorkshire as possible, viz., Crests, which are kept in a place built at the gable end of his house, a grand room, all the cages stacked against the house wall and plenty of light on them; but, the owner said, rather apt to get too warm in summer. With this stock of Crests and Crest-breds I was simply delighted, such size and immense heads, but the best Crests had been cut ready for the breeding season. This gentleman won the diploma last year for his variety at the Palace, and he was greatly disappointed that the classes had been cancelled this year. Next we trudged off round a few more corners to the place where Mr. W. Radley does his "weyving," and after inspecting and chatting about the four looms in this building (or rather buildings) we had the pleasure of seeing another loom in motion, turning out material worth about 15s. to 20s. per yard. We next returned to Mr. Radley's house, calling on the way to see the new building put up by Mr. Beaumont (one of last year's novices) for his birds, a well-built brick place, good light, nice height, well finished off, and with a heating apparatus arranged (hot water, with fire outside) to thoroughly dry the place to get it ready for the birds; if it will not suit the birds, two full-sized hand-looms can be put in and use made of it this way. Evidently Mr. B. can see a little further than the end of his nose. We were sorry it had got too dark for us to see his stock. After accepting Mr. Radley's hospitality over the tea-table, we wended our way to the headquarters of the Skelmanthorpe Society, which consists of a wooden building on the roadside, with the name over the door, and also a lifelike painting of a Yorkshire Canary (very much over standard length!) But, unfortunately, the place was deserted, and perhaps it was better so, for had the "naughty boys" who had had to go to Bradford, to appear before the "Y.U. jury," have got back, there might have been some arguments, and hot ones too. As my friend is never happy except he has a good long walk, I had perforce to study him a little, therefore we set out, accompanied by Mr. E. Radley, as far as the heights of Shelley, where we parted, he to return to his "mountain fastness," and we to trudge to Huddersfield, where we entrained, reaching home at 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable and instructive (both for business and pleasure) afternoon, and our best thanks are due to the gentlemen concerned.

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The Shows.

EAST HAM AND DIS. F.A.

On Feb. 24th, at Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield-st., we held a very successful British bird and paint show. Mr. Easterling (Battersea) made a very painstaking judge. A silver spoon for best British was won by Mr. Arnell.

BRIT. (7): 1, Arnell, Thrush, in fine plumage and condition; 2, Rutter, Goldfinch; 3, Burton, Linnet. YORKS. PAIRS (14): 1 and silver spoon, 2, 3, Skinner, good team. NOR. PAIRS (8): 1, Smith; 2, Staines; 3, Rout. HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, Freer, Goldfinch-Greenfinch; 2, Arnell, Greenfinch-Goldfinch; 3, South, Goldfinch-Can.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Pair show held on February 17th. Mr. Robson and Mr. Easterling both being unable to judge, Mr. Meades kindly filled the breach at the last minute. The entry was not so large as on previous occasions, but this no doubt was owing to the fact that notices had not been sent to each member; but we understand that in future a notice will be sent to each member by post. The awards gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. (2): Mr. Pawley both. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, Weaver; vhc, Pawley. NOVICE YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (7): 1, 3, Wood; 2, hc, Dibley; vhc, c, Hall. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Dibley; 3, Wood; vhc, Hall; hc, Hartland; c, Newnham, jun. YORKS, Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, Barton. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, Barton; 2, Newnham. BORD. FCY.: 1, Ingram. CREST BREEDING: 1, 2, 3, B. Brett. CUP CLASSES, NOR. CHAMP: 1, 2, Pawley. NOVICE: 1, 2, Dibley; 3, hc, Wood; vhc, Dibley; c, Hall. YORKS: 1, 2, Barton; 3, Newnham. A.O.V. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Weaver; vhc, Pawley. NOVICE: 1, 3, vhc, Brett; 2, Ingram.—PAWLEY AND NEWNHAM, Hon. Secs.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Very successful members' show held on Feb. 26th in St. John's School, Paley Road. In the 16 classes provided, 112 birds were staged. There were some grand birds on view now the Union shows have finished, and there was keen competition for points. In the open section, Messrs. Casey, Clark, Firth, and Gledhill were the principal prize-winners, and Messrs. Booth, Day, Padgett, and Calloway in the novice section. Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane) placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS 1 (14): 1, Varley; 2, Casey; 3, Bleazard; 4, Hodgson; vhc, hc, Dinsdale; c, Gledhill. CLASS 2 (15): 1, 4, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, c, Bleazard; vhc, Bywater; hc, Helliwell. CLASS 3 (14): 1, Firth; 2, Casey; 3, Warburton; 4, Wilson; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Dinsdale; c, Bleazard. CLASS 4 (9): 1, Clark; 2, Casey; 3, Dinsdale; 4, c, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Firth. CLASS 5 (9): 1, Clark; 2, Helliwell; 3, Firth; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Warburton; hc, Casey; c, Hodgson. CLASS 6: 1, Warburton; 2, Robinson and Sharp. CLASS 7 (6): 1, Bywater; 2, Clark; 3, Wilson; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Robinson and Sharp; hc, Helliwell. CLASS 8: 1, Firth; 2, Bywater; 3, Wilson; 4, Atkinson. NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS 9 (12): 1, Hargreaves; 2, 3, Booth; 4, Shaw; vhc, Dawson; hc, Rawes; c, Padgett. CLASS 10 (6): 1, Padgett; 2, Day; 3, hc, Shaw; 4, Booth; vhc, Rawes. CLASS 11 (7): 1, Day; 2, Calloway; 3, 4, Padgett; vhc, Booth; hc Shaw; c, Rawes. CLASS 12 (8): 1, Calloway; 2, Booth; 3, Rawes; 4, Day; vhc, Shaw; hc, Hodgson; c, Hargreaves. CLASS 13: 1, 2, Rawes. CLASS 14: 1, 2, Dawson. CLASS 15: 1, Hargreaves. CLASS 16: 1, Hargreaves.—L. BOOTH, sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Pair show and meeting held on February 22nd, in Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-Street, Glasgow, a large number of members being present. The members decided to appoint club judges at all open shows accepting the patronage of the club. The following twelve were duly elected:—Messrs. A. Hendry, J. B. Paterson, T. Penman, R. B. Gibb, F. Bowman, C. Martin, E. Barron, J. C. Sinclair, W. Hyndford, A. R. Baird, D. F. Webster, and G. McRobbie. No member will be allowed to judge more than one show each season. The clubs accepting patronage will have power to appoint either of these judges, and will be liable for travelling expenses only. It was also decided to deduct an average of points from each member to enable those members appointed as judges to be on equal terms when counting for club specials. The following gentlemen kindly offered specials for this season's competition: Gold enamelled medal for runner-up to challenge bowl, Mr. T. Penman; gold enamelled medal, for most points gained by a novice at three shows, Dr. C. Syson; sanitary breeding cage, value 7s. 6d., for second most points gained by a novice, Mr. T. Penman. Mr. W. B. Cobb, secretary United Kingdom Belgian C.A., who was present at the meeting, also offered a silver medal, and left allocation of same in hands of the club. Pair show winners:—

YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, Braidy; 2, Penman; 3, Martin; 4, spl, Bowman; vhc, Anderson; hc, Forrest; c, Campbell. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Martin; 2, Wood; 3, Webster; 4, spl, Forrest; vhc, Campbell; hc, Marr; c, Hendry. Three money prizes and 2s. 6d. special were paid in each class. New members elected: Messrs. J. Campbell, R. T. Anderson, and John Young.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual show of pairs matched for breeding, held in the splendid large room at the Lord Palmerston, Dartmouth Park, on February 26th. The hon. secretary was placed in a somewhat awkward position at the last moment, owing to Spencer Hall, the usual meeting place of the society, being required for an important event, but owing to the kindness of the proprietor of the Lord Palmerston, what might have been a failure was averted. Mr. Law, the hon. secretary, did everything he could to ensure success under the difficult circumstances, and he did it well, having everything in readiness by ten o'clock. Judging was completed and catalogues of awards ready before two o'clock. Willing and valuable assistance was rendered during judging by those old fanciers, Messrs. Shakespeare and J. Oldaker; and this in itself was sufficient to ensure smoothness in the arrangements. Close upon 120 pairs were staged, and some splendid quality was to be found amongst the exhibits, making competition exceedingly keen and judging no easy task. There were close upon 20 specials, in addition to the points challenge cup, so that the battle was fierce. The special winners were Messrs. Lovegrove and Lovegrove (2), C. W. Law, W. Knight, E. T. Bush, H. T. Jones, G. T. Pile (3), Mrs. Giddy, H. J. Hyde (2), E. J. Gill, J. Trigger (2). In the evening the show was well patronised, and praise was general. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Lovegrove and Lovegrove. YORKS: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Shakespeare; vhc, Armstrong. BORD.: 1, Shakespeare. LANCS.: 1, Shakespeare. LIZ: 1, Shakespeare. GOLDIE AND CAN.: 1, 2, Pile; 3, Sparke; vhc, Bell. LINNET & CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pile; hc, Bell. GREENIE AND CAN.: 1, 3, vhc, Pile; hc, Bell. CAN. OR BRIT., AND BULLIE HEN: 1, Pile; 2, Armstrong. A.O.S. FINCH AND CANARY: 1, Pile. AMAT., NOR.: 1, 2, Pile; 3, vhc, Cowie and Elton. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, W. Knight; vhc, hc, Pile. BORD.: 1, Pile. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, 3, Law; 2, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Hyde; hc, Trigger; c, Johnson. CRESTS: 1, c, Appleby; 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Gill; hc, Ward. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Bush; vhc, Trigger; hc, Ward; c, Mrs. Giddy. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Trigger; vhc, Walmsley. CINN.: 1, Abrams; 2, Williams. GOLDIE AND CAN.: 1, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Abrams; 3, Bane. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Trigger. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Street; 3, Johnson. CAN. OR BRIT. AND BULLIE HEN: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Street; hc, Trigger. A.O.S. FINCH AND CANARY: 1, Trigger. SELL., 40/-: 1, Walmsley; 2, Jones; 3, Knight. 30/-: 1, Armstrong; 2, Walmsley. 20/-: 1, Armstrong; 2, Knight; 3, Jones; vhc, Abrams.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Pairs and British bird show, held on February 26th, at headquarters, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, Notts, when 44 birds turned up in all, which made a very strong and interesting show for this young society. Some very good pairs were on view. Britishers were not so strong as might have been, yet a few very nice ones were on view. Messrs. Simpson, Vertigan, Williamson, etc., put down some fine teams. Mr. J. Driver judged; his awards gave the greatest satisfaction.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, 3, 4, Simpson; 2, Vertigan; r, Williamson; vhc, Holmes. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, Mitchell. CREST PAIRS: 1, Howard. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (Single): 1, Martin; 2, Wild. BRIT. (Single): 1, Mitchell; 2, Martin; 3, Wild; 4, Mossenden. CAN. PAIRS (NOVICE): 1, 4, Vertigau; 2, Martin; 3, Williamson. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Mossenden; 2, Williamson.—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Annual members' show held at headquarters on Feb. 19th. Mr. F. Oldroyd judged, and gave general satisfaction. After the judging tea was provided, and a most enjoyable evening was spent listening to the song of the birds.

AMA.: 1, Craig, hollow roll 6, bass 3, schockel 5, flute 4, water glucke 2, hell tour 2, G.E. 4, total, 26 points; 2, Craig, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, schockel 5, flute 2, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, total, 26 points; 3, Bew, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schockel 4, flute 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, 1 point off sharp bell tour, G.E. 2, total 20 points; 4, vhc, Towes, 17 points, 16 points. NOVICE: 1, Atkinson, holl. roll 6, schockel 4, flute 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, total, 18 points; 2, Pell, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, schockel 4, water roll 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, total 17 points; 3, Towes, holl. roll 6, schockel 3, water roll 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 1 off sharp flutes, total 17 points; 4, Speight, 15 points; vhc, Bew, 15 points; hc, Speight, 12 points; c, Sagar. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Sagar.—T. W. WALTON, sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held on February 26th, at the Butchers' Arms, where 89 birds were staged in eight classes. Many notable winners were amongst them. Mr. F. Benn awarded the prizes, and gave general satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Hodgson; 2, Mann; 3, Myers and Lumb; 4, F. Self; vhc, C. H. Self; hc, Lister; c, Wilson. CLASS 2: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Snead; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Jowett; vhc, Lister; hc, F. Self; c, Sagar. CLASS 3: 1, Crabtree; 2, Sykes; 3, Sagar; 4, Wilson; vhc, Lister; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Jennings. CLASS 4: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Hodgson; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Lister; vhc, Wilson; hc, Greenwood; c, F. Self. CLASS 5: 1, Jowett; 2, Lister; 3, Shackleton. CLASS 6: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, hc, Lister; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Snead. CLASS 7: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Dean; vhc, Crabtree; hc, F. Self; c, Waterworth. CLASS 8: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Self; 3, Crabtree; 4, Manu; vhc, Sagar; hc, Greenwood; c, Lister. Messrs. Myers and Lumb won most points in open section, and Mr. F. Crabtree in the novice. Messrs. Myers and Lumb take a strong lead for the cup.—J. HOLROYD, sec.

AYLESBURY AND DIS. F.A.

The members held their first annual show in the Co-operative Hall, on February 24th. For some time past the fanciers have been making earnest efforts to establish an association on a sound basis, and have gathered round them a large number of influential personages. Messrs. R. J. C. Fountain and F. Inch are the hon. secretaries; Mr. F. W. Hone, treasurer; Messrs. H. Wilson and W. White, auditors; and the committee consists of Messrs. F. Bowler, F. Barrett, F. C. Bates, F. C. Bowler, J. Clarke, F. Carter, C. J. Clarke, H. Fisher, W. J. Pallett, C. Rodwell, F. Rayner, J. Stephens, G. Webb, F. West. The hall is a capital one for a show, and the arrangements were ably carried out, the committee working with zeal and perseverance from the opening to closing of show. A large number of local people visited the exhibition, and it was pronounced a success. Upwards of 60 specials were awarded. Quality was excellent, particularly in Norwich, Mr. Inch being most successful in this section. British made a fine collection. It is in contemplation to hold an open show. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Inch, good team, premier positions being held by two hens. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Bowler, rattling fine bodied bird, sound and level col., nice head; 2, 3, Inch, former variegated, yell., very rich col., splendid quality; vhc, Rayner. HENS, UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 3, Inch, leader grand buff, fine body, rare undercolour; 2, Rayner, nice feather and body. NOVICE, NOR., ETC.: 1, spl, Rayner, buff, one of the "plugger," grand feather, fitting closely; 2, Carter, yellow, not stout enough, good quality; 3, Barrett, variegated buff; vhc, Carter. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Rayner, leader lovely soft, bloomy-feathered, capped buff, sweet bird in all ways, 2nd variegated buff, rich feather; 3, Carter, nice shape; vhc, Leader. YORKS.: 1, spl, Barrett, yell., nice quality; 2, Fountaine; 3, Tarry. C. OR C.B.: 1, spl, Carter, variegated, nice frontal, fine density and droop; 2, Fountaine, nearly green, neat; 3, Barrett, neat; vhc, Fountaine. A.V. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Bowler, leader cl. yell., shape, quality and col. pure; 2, 3, Carter, former variegated yell., rich quality; vhc, Bowler; hc, Rayner. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Bowler, lovely face and bars, nice chestnut and whites, steady; 2, Inch, good as first when in full colour, not yet at its best; 3, Leader, nice flush; vhc, hc, Bowler; c, Horn. BULLIE: 1, spl, 3, Fountaine, former grand shape, lustre, cap and breast, latter bonny hen; 3, Mitchell, grand col.; vhc, hc, Bowler; c, Wilson. MULES: 1, spl, Fountaine, yell., dark Goldie-Canary; 2, Horn, buff ditto; 3, Bowler, ditto; vhc, Bowler. BRIT., SMALL: 1, spl, Mitchell, topping Greenie; 2, Leader, pretty mealy Redpoll; 3, Bowler, lesser; vhc, Bowler. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Bowler, leader very steady, nice pencilling and lustrous. FOR.: 1, spl, Wilson; 2, Fountaine. SELL., 15/-: 1, spl, Inch; 2, Barrett, best Yorkie in the show; 3, Rayner.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

First members' show held on Feb. 26th. Mr. A. W. Hartley judged and his awards gave general satisfaction. Messrs. T. L. Whiteley and G. Riley won extra specials; the following being winners of most points: T. L. Whiteley, A. Holden, C. Walker, H. Chubb, and H. Schofield. Most points in selling classes, C. Ackroyd, A. Holden, and D. Bartle.

CLASS 1: 1, hc, Whiteley; 2, Holden; 3, Walker; 4, Worsnop; vhc, Riley; c, Bartle. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Whiteley; 3, Rushworth; 4, Bartle; vhc, Chubb; hc, Worsnop; c, Walker. CLASS 3: 1, Walker; 2, Schofield; 3, Chubb; 4, Whiteley; vhc, Firth. CLASS 4: 1, Sharp and Son; 2, Thompson. CLASS 5: 1, Walker; 2, Firth; 3, Whiteley; 4, Holden; vhc, Sharp and Son; hc, Schofield; c, Hooson. CLASS 6: 1, Chubb; 2, hc, Holden; 3, Schofield; 4, Bartle; vhc, Riley; c, Firth. CLASS 7: 1, Hooson; 2, Rushworth; 3, Firth; 4, Riley. CLASS 8: 1, Schofield. SELL.—CLASS 9: 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Bartle; 3, Holden. CLASS 10: 1, Holden; 2, Bartle; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Walker.—H. CHUBB, sec.

CARDIFF AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held at Naish's Royal Stores, on February 23rd. Over 160 entries were staged, which was highly satisfactory, and a compliment to the judges, Messrs. Jones, Banks, and Ford, the two latter officiating in this capacity for the first time. The quality of the exhibits was of a high order, and in the British and Foreign bird section a very nice variety confronted the visitors, many of whom had not visited a show before. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Thorne with a Troupial.

NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Thomas; 2, Pole; 3, Dummett; 4, G. Slocombe. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Thomas; 3, G. Slocombe; 4, c, F. Slocombe; vhc, Maggs; hc, Dummett. HEN (8): 1, F. Slocombe; 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Maggs; vhc, G. Slocombe; hc, Dummett; c, Pole. YELL. CK., AND BUFF HEN (10): 1, Thomas; 2, Pole; 3, Dummett; 4, hc, G. Slocombe; vhc, F. Slocombe; c, Gardner. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (11): 1, c, Thomas; 2, 3, F. Slocombe; 4, G. Slocombe; vhc, hc, Pole. NOVICE YELL. (3): 1, Chedgey; 2, Hopson; 3, Murray. BUFF (3): 1, Chedgey; 2, Murray; 3, Turton. NOVICE PAIR (8): 1, 3, Hopson; 2, Chedgey; 4, vhc, hc, Murray; c, Drake. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, H. C. Smith; 3, Negus; 4, Wilson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, H. C. Smith; 3, 4, c, Wilson; vhc, James; hc, Negus. HEN (11): 1, 3, H. C. Smith; 2, Phillips; 4, Negus; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Whetton. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (10): 1, c, Wilson; 2, 3, H. C. Smith; 4, Phillips; vhc, Negus; hc, Tonkin. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, H. C. Smith; 2, James; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, Negus; hc, Phillips. NOVICE YELL. (5): 1, Williams; 2, 4, Brown; vhc, Whetton. BUFF (5): 1, Williams; 2, James; 3, Brown; 4, Whetton; vhc, Tonkin. NOVICE PAIRS (11): 1, James; 2, 4, Brown; 3, Whetton; vhc, Williams; hc, Phillips; c, Tonkin. CAN. MULING PAIRS: 1, Hunt. BRIT. MULING PAIRS (4): 1, Lewis and Dymond; 2, Whetton; 3, 4, Turton. HYB.: 1, Pole. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Jones; 2, Hopson; 3, Thorne. BULLFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Lewis and Dymond; 2, Pole; 3, hc, Dallimore; 4, Thorne; vhc, Drake; c, Turton. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Lewis and Dymond; 2, vhc, Dallimore; 3, Drake; 4, Jones; hc, Thorne. HARD-BILLED (8): 1, 2, 4, hc, Dallimore; 3, Jones; vhc, Pole; c, Thorne. SOFTBILLED (4): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Thorne. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 4, Thorne; 3, Whetton.—W. SAMPSON, sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. C.B.A.

The pair show was held at the Avondale Hall, Clapham, on February 26th, when some very good birds were staged in both sections; in all, some 90 birds faced the judges. Mr. Morris's Norwich pair looked very promising, likewise Mr. Masters' birds in the Yorkshire classes. Mr. Priest's birds in the Goldie-Canary class were very likely mulers. The Britishers were of capital quality, if not over-strong in numbers; the Bunting class especially, Mr. Graham staging a Yellow Bunting that may be expected to give a good account of itself later. Mr. Francis' Goldfinch was a big-faced bird. Mr. Vale's Chaffinch was a stormer for colour, dense blue cap, good flights, but was beaten by Mr. Carter's noted Bramble looking very well. The Twite class brought out some good specimens, also a couple of promising Siskins. The honours in the small insectivorous class went to a very fine Pied Wagtail, exhibited by Mr. Sandy, and the larger insectivorous fell to Mr. Vale's Starling, a fine glossy chap, very tame. Mr. Vale placed the cards in the Canary classes, and Mr. Alleu Silver officiated in the British class.

CRESTS AND C.-B., CHAMP: 1, Askew. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Morris; 3, vhc, Mazzoni; hc, Warley; c, Priest. YORKS: 1, spl, Warley; 2, spl, Masters; 3, vhc, Honeysett; hc, Askew. A.O.V.: 1, Warley. NOR., NOV.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Vincent. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, Masters; vhc, hc, Yeoman. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Tanner. PAIRS, GOLDIE-CAN.: 1, spl, Priest; 2, Mazzoni; 3, Miss Tanner; vhc, Warley. LINNET CAN.: 1, spl., Mazzoni; 2, Priest. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Emms. BULLIE AND A.O.V.: 1, spl, Askew; 2, Emms; 3, Priest; vhc, Brighty; hc, Clark. A.O.V., between 2 British Birds: 1, spl, Clark; 2, Askew. A.O.S. PAIRS (30s.): 1, 3, Warley; 2, Miss Tanner. A.O.S., SINGLE (15s.): 1, vhc, Honeysett; 2, Vale; 3, Brighty; hc, Graham; c, Emms. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Honeysett; 3, Carter; vhc, Sandy; hc, Miss Tanner. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Brighty; 2, Francis; 3, Vale. LINNET: 1, spl, Carter; 2, spl, c, Gooch; 3, Brighty; vhc, Graham; hc, Emms. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Carter; 3, Clark. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, spl, Carter; 2, Vale; 3, Francis; vhc, Sandy. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, c, Graham; 2, spl, Gooch; vhc, Clark; hc, Francis. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, spl, 2, Graham; 3, Francis; vhc, Vale; hc, Clark. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Francis. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, Sandy. LARGE: 1, spl, Vale.

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LINCOLN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show held at the Arcade on Feb. 3rd. There were 44 entries in eight classes, which made a very nice show. Some grand birds were placed before the judges, and it is very gratifying to note the great improvement in the birds possessed by the Lincoln fanciers generally, and I am sure Lincoln will be heard of in some of the open shows this year. The cards were placed by two members, and every satisfaction was given, Mr. G. H. Boucher judging the Canarics and Mr. J. Hawkins the British birds and Mules.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Coulson; 2, Sindell; 3, Lawson; 4, J. Priestley. BUFF (5): 1, Coulson; 2, vhc, Lawson; 3, Priestley; 4, Sindell. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Moore; 3, Pickering; 4, res, Heath; vhc, Johnson; hc, Sindell; c, Cordwell. BUFF (8): 1, res, Cordwell; 2, Heath; 3, J. Priestley; 4, Thornton; vhc, c, Priestley; hc, Johnson; c, Sindell CAN. A.O.V. (3): 1, Heath; 2, Pickering; 3, Dann BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 3, res, Goldies; 4, Bullfinch; 1, 3, Heath; 2, Lacy; 4, res, C. Priestley. MULES (3): 1, Heath; 2, Hall; 3, Johnson. SELL. (6): 1, Lawson; 2, C. Priestley; 3, Hall; 4, Pickering; res, Johnson; vhc, J. Priestley.—O. HEATH, hon. sec.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first show of the season was held in the Bankfoot School-room on Feb. 12th. Mr. J. W. Wharton (Liversedge) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Entries turned up fairly well, 70 birds being staged. Mr. C. Hardaker won the cup (valued 30s.) for most points in show, also special for best hen in show; Mr. O. Priestley special for best cock in show.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Ormondroyd. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Taylor; 3, Oldfield; 4, Taylor; vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, North; c, Barker. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hudson; 4, Gelder; vhc, Taylor; hc, Sargeant; c, Barker. BUFF: 1, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 2, Lawson; 3, Taylor; 4, Sargeant; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Priestley. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Wilmau Bros. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Hardaker; 2, Wilman Bros.; 4 Lawson; vhc, Hinchliffe and Horsley; hc, Oldfield; c, Priestley. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, hc, Gelder; 3, vhc, Hardaker; 4, Taylor. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. CK.: 1, Hudson; 2, Ormondroyd; 3, Taylor; 4, Lawson. STOCK BIRD: 1, 2, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 3, Gelder; 4, Wilman Bros.; vhc, Hardaker. EVEN ETC., MKD. HEN: 1, Hudson; 2, Priestley; 3, Taylor; 4, Wilman Bros.; vhc, Sargeant; hc, J. Taylor; c, Hinchliffe and Horsley.—W. NORTH, assistant sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

The third annual show of breeding pairs took place on February 14th, in the club-room attached to the headquarters (the Buck i' th' Vine Hotel). The number of entries was in excess of last year's, with a marked improvement in quality. Norwich were a nice, level, well-matched lot. Yorks and Greens contained some grand birds, with plenty of length, style and nerve. That Borders are advancing in this district was clearly seen by the quality staged here. Hybrid classes again secured the most entries, competition being always very keen in this section, which contained some promising and well-selected pairs. Mr. R. Hunter (Ormskirk) handled the birds in a most careful manner, and his awards were well received. Will members, and local fanciers especially, kindly note that the annual meeting takes place on March 7th, at headquarters, at 8 p.m.

NOR.: 1, vhc, Price, fine, big pair, nicely balanced; 2, 3, Tasker, grand birds. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, G. J. Johnson, good team, well matched; vhc, W. E. Lewis. YORKS., GREENS: 1, 2, 3, Walker, fine trio, good length and position, nice breeding stock. BORD.: 1, hc, Tiffen, well-known buff cock and cinn. hen; 2, vhc, Hesketh, right type; 3, Blundell, good stock birds. CAN. HYB: 1, 2, 3, Johnson and Sons, splendid team (Can.-Bullie, Goldie-Can., and Siskin-Can); vhc, Price; hc, c, J. Lewis. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Johnson and Sons, another smart lot, well ahead (Goldie-Bullie, Greenie-Bullie, Goldie-Greenie); c, W. E. Lewis.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual pair show held at Saddle Hotel, February 19th, this being the last of the series arranged for the past season. Entries totalled 44 pairs. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The following are the results of the season's competitions:—1st, T. Pilling, 89 points; 2nd, F. Townsend, 71 points; 3rd, Samson Smith, 60 points; 4th, W. Simpson, 59 points; 5th, a tie between Messrs. Ross and Morrison, 55 points each; 6th, Burdikin Bros., 45 points. Mr. Samson Smith also wins medal given for most points gained by a novice.

YORKS. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Townsend; 3, Ross. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Ross. GREEN MKD. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Townsend; 2, Dunn. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, Townsend; 2, Lloyd. GREEN BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Pilling. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN, 1, Lloyd. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Morrison; 2, Wild; 3, Sutcliffe; vhc, Smitb; c, Dewhirst. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Morrison; 2, Burdikin Bros. CINN. MKD. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Morrison. GREEN MKD. YELL CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Morrison; 2, Smith. GREEN MKD. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, Morrison; 2, Smith. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Sutcliffe. NOR. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Tillett: 2, Sutcliffe. YORKS. GREEN YELL. CK AND BUFF HEN: 1, Smith; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Simpson. GREEN BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, 2, 3, Simpson.—H. WHITAKER, Assist-Secretary.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

Show held in the ante-room, Co-operative Hall, on Feb. 19th. A good display of 110 birds was on view, and amongst them were to be seen some really fine birds. In one or two instances good birds had to stand down a peg or two through being wet, and others soft and out of feather. Taken all round, it was a very creditable show. Mr. Hancocks and his lieutenant (Mr. Heaton) had all arrangements in apple-pie order. Competition was rather keen, and chief honours were shared by most of the exhibitors. The light was very good, and the awards were made in fine time, and prize-lists of awards on sale by 1 p.m. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and everyone seemed pleased with his work.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Crimes, noted winner, looking well, very fine substance, full of colour and quality; 2, Latham, grand type, etc.; 3, Jones, nice colour. BUFFS: 1, Heaton, fine bouncing bird, full of bloom nice quality and condition; 2, 3, Cooper, pretty type and AI quality and condition; vhc, Crimes. TKD. YELL. BUFF: 1, hc, Crimes, noted wing-ticked yellow leading; 2, vhc, Cooper, capital big, thick-set varieg. buff, 2nd AI bloom and condition, vhc dark cap, yellow head, unfortunately been bathing and lost his chance; c, Harding. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Crimes, capital young bird, AI size, shape and quality and nice condition; 2, 3, Heaton, 2nd a bit wet, good one, 3rd beaten in wing flights and tightness just a little. BUFFS: 1, hc, Heaton, good trio, former has it in all round merits; 2, Crimes, rare good cl.; vhc, Latham. NON-FKD: 1, 3, Harding; 2, Latham. YORKS CL.: 1, Potts, grand slim, well-rounded, clean, typical Yorkie fine quality, rare position; 2, Potts, yell., smaller, very fine drawn, nice col., good stand; 3, Lawton pretty, neat buff, just beaten in all-round smartness by 1st; vhc, Moulton. TKD., ETC.: 1, Moulton, well-moulded varieg. buff, AI stand, well up and nicely rounded off; 2, 3, Lawton, 2nd nice varieg. yell., 3rd tkd. left wing, grand positiou; vhc, Potts, tkd. left cheek, nice quality. HENS: 1, 3, Potts, lightly varieg. yell., AI type, etc.; 3rd buff good type and feather; 2, Minshull, fine cl. buff, grand quality. UNFL.: 1, Potts, yell., grand stand and condition; 2, 3, Moulton, pair buffs. NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, Minshull. BORD., CL. YELL. OR BUFF: 1, 2, Lawton, yell. and buff respectively, fine shape, smart carriage and condition; 3, vhc, Kirk; hc, Parker. TKD., ETC.: 1, Kirk, thigh tkd., fine type, nice quality and good carriage, back, etc.; 2, Hancocks, tkd. yell., nice carriage and condition; 3, vhc, Parker, cinn. varieg. and a heavy green varieg. HENS: 1, 2, Kirk, buff wing mkd. and a tkd. head buff, both good quality and type; 3, hc, Parker, varieg. yell., nice shape, etc.; vhc, Hancocks. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Hancocks, good strong team, particularly three leaders; vhc, Parker. HYB.: 1, 3, Crimes, very good pair of Goldie-Bullie Hybrids, young birds, fine blaze, etc.; 2, Lawton, varieg. buff Goldie-Can., nice feather. GOLDFINCH: 1, Jaycott, deep colours, good blaze, etc.; 2, Moulton, large and broad set; 3, Hancocks, grand stout bird, excellent moons, etc.; vhc, Greenwood. LINNET: 1, Greenwood, best cage-moulted to-day; 2, 3, Cooper, wild-moulted and cage-moulted, former very fine to moult; vhc, Bowker; hc, Harding; c, Minshull. BULLFINCH: 1, Latham; 2, Cooper; both nearly alike, grand feather, good shape, medium size; 3, Jaycott, cage-moulted; vhc, Harding, large. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Cooper, neat nat. col. Siskin, good cap and markings; 2, Harding, nice Jonque Redpoll, well moulted; 3, Bowker; vhc, Latham. BRAMBLE: 1, 3, Bowker, large Yellow-bunting and a nice Bramble; 2, Greenwood, good rich nat. col. Greenfinch, fine size and condition; vhc, Latham. FOR.: 1, vhc, Jaycott, leaders good pair of Cuttthroats; 2, 3, Bowker, nice Magpie-Mannikin leading. SELL. (10s. 6d.): 1, Kirk; 2, 3, Minshull. EXTRA STOCK (15): 1, Cooper; 2, Hancocks; 3, Hancocks; vhc, hc, c, Crimes.

LIVERPOOL O.S.

Successful pair show, held on February 15th. Mr. J. Thornton judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rowlands; hc, c, Nimmo. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Douglas NOR. GREENS: 1, 3, Deacon; 2, vhc, Hales. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hillmen; hc, c, Hales. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Coffey. A.O.V.: 1, Deacon; 2, Thomas; 3, Hales.—METCALFE AND HILLMEN, Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The 29th annual British and Foreign Bird show was held in the splendid rooms, York-place, Yorkshire-street, on February 19th. Some of the best British and Foreign birds were ou exhibition; 56 birds in 8 classes, all confined to members. There were plenty of good birds out of the money. Mr. L. Butterworth (Rochdale) placed the birds, and he had his work cut out. The show was well patronised during the day, and the visitors commented very favourably on it.

BULLFINCH (10): 1, 2, spl, hc, Blincoe; 3, Entwistle; 4, vhc, Rubbish. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, spl, vhc, Pratt; 3, Rabbish; 4, Blincoe; hc, Walton. BROWN LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Pratt; 2, Naden; 3, Blincoe; 4, Rabbish; vhc, c, Gaskill; hc, Walton. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Rabbish; 2, 3, spl, Entwistle; 4, hc, Blincoe; vhc, Walton. A.O.V. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, spl, R. Blincoe; hc, Rabbish; c, Entwistle. MULES (3): 1, 3, spl, Pratt; 2, Naden. FOR. (5): 1, Rahbish; 2, 4, spl, Pratt; 3, Blincoe. FINCH HEN (4): 1, 3, spl, Rabbish; 2, 4, Blincoe.—J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Annual show of pairs matched for breeding held at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell, on February 19th, when close upon 50 pairs were staged, including birds of excellent quality, well matched for breeding purposes. Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, had the birds staged, and everything in readiness in good time, and Mr. Geo. Gardner, who judged, had his task completed, and cards were up by mid-day. Specials were won for best Norwich pair, by Mr. A. Austin; Yorkshires, Mr. G. T. Pile; Cinnamons, Mr. R. J. Pretty; A.O.V., Mr. G. Thurling; Goldie and Canary, Mr. G. T. Pile; Linnet and Can., Mr. G. T. Pile; Goldie and Bullie, Mr. G. T Pile; Canary and Bullie, Mr. G. T. Pile. The collection did credit to the society, and there was a fair attendance.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Bell; vhc, Sparks. AMAT. YORKS.: 1, spl, G. T. Gile. NOVICE NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Austin. CINN., NOR. TYPE: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, hc, Thurling; 3, vhc, c, R. J. Pretty. GOLDIE AND CAN.: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Sharpe; 3, White; vhc, Thurling; hc, Sparke; c, Bell. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Austin; 3, White; vhc, Bell; hc, Sharpe GREENIE AND CAN.: 1, Pile; 2, Sharpe; 3, Bell. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Sharpe. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Pretty. SELL. (30/-): 1, Gilbert. (20/-): 1, 2, 3, Thurling. (15/-): 1, 2, 3, Gilbert.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Show held Feb. 14th at 6, The Broadway. It was the largest of its kind ever held by the Society, and, indeed, was one of the best that has been held in and around London this season, and says much for the great enterprise of the energetic secretary, Mr. H. Smith, who works so hard and untiringly. There were no fewer than 106 entries—more than 200 birds—as against 68 last year. The Yorkshires were a grand lot, and would be difficult to beat at any show. In the champion class there were as many as 26 entries, and in the novice class the record entry of 23, both classes being very hot. There was also a capital show of Crests, Border Fancy, and Finches. Mr. J. Robson judged. A large crowd was present all the time, the fair sex, if anything, predominating.

CHAMP. SECTION.—NOR.: 1, 2, Mrs. Smith. YORKS.: 1, c, Wheeler; 2, vhc (2), Rorke; 3, Mrs. Whittome; hc, Mrs. Gill, H. Smith. AMAT. SECTION.—NOR.: 1, vhc, Priest; 2, 3, hc, c, Dixon. YORKS.: 1, 3, Miss Walker; 2, vhc, Dixon. NOVICE SECTION.—Nor.: 1, Brown; 2, Baker; 3, Wright. YORKS.: 1, vhc (2), Stoakley; 2, Mrs. Lee; 3, hc, Mrs. Owen; hc, Brown; c, L. G. Owen. OPEN TO MEMBERS.—BORD. FCY.: 1, c, F. W. Owen; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.V PAIRS: 1, vhc, hc, c, Pickard; 2, vhc, Mrs Thynne. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Priest; 2, Tutty. SELL.: 1, Rorke; 2, Smith; 3, Reade; vhc, Miss Walker. FINCH: 1, Shipton; 2, hc, c, Tutty; 3, Brown; vhc, Baker. Diplomas for best bird in each of the three sections were awarded to Mr J. Wheeler (champion section); Miss M. Walker (amateur section); and Mr. W. H. Stoakley (novice section). The special for best pair shown by a lady was won by Mrs. E. J. Whittome. Special most points pairs for Hybrid breeding, Mr. A. Priest.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Successful table show held at Railway Hotel, on February 16th, when some good pairs for breeding were put down to be judged by Mr. P. Hart, hon. secretary. His awards gave entire satisfaction.

AWARDS.—1, 3, W. Ordish (Nor.); 2, G. Slater (Yorks.); vhc, hc, E. Clare; c, Gaskell.—P. HART, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on 26th February, when a British Bird show was held. Mr. J. Hutchison (Dysart) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

LINNET (6): 1, Hazzard; 2, Foster; 3, 4, Cain; 5, Whitbrook; 6, A. Peters. GREENFINCH: 1, J. Peters; 2, Wright; 3, Thomson; 4, 6, Whitbrook; 5, Hazzard. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 3, 4, J. Peters; 2, Whitbrook. LIGHT, ETC., MULE: 1, Kinnear; 2, Foster; 3, Thomson; 4, Riley. FOR.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Peters.—WM. FOSTER, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second of the series of table shows, and an amateur judging competition, held at the Onward Hall, Ashton Old-road, Ardwick, Manchester, on February 15th. Mr. Norris (Harpurhey) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The members had a discussion on the awards, and Mr. Norris suitably answered all questions.

YORKS. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, 4, Simpson; 3, vhc, Mason; hc, c, Downing. Mr. Robinson again won the amateur judging competition.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held at the White Swan on Feb. 15th, some good birds being staged. Mr. E. Noakes judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

NOR. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, Peberdy; 2, Freestone; 3, vhc, Hulse; hc, Gibbins. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Freestone; 2, Gibbins; 3, Peberdy; vhc, Orme. A.O.V. CAN. OR HYB.: 1 Orme; 2, Sheriff, junr.; 3, c, Whelband and Tomlinson; vhc, Bate; hc, Kilsby. NOVICE, BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Mothersole; 2, Sheriff, junr.; vhc, hc, Kilsby; c, Bull. GREEN ETC.: 1 Buck; 2, vbc, Sherriff, junr.; 3, Moores; hc, Kilsby.—J. E. WOOD, sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Nigbt show of pairs held on February 10th, at Oldham Hall. A nice lot of birds were staged, but not the quantity of last year. Mr. S. Hadwin judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. (6): 1, spl, hc, Morton; 2, 3, Plunkett; vhc, c, H. Hawkes. YORKS., GREENS, YELL. CK. BUFF HEN (3): 1, spl, 3, Eccleston; 2, H. Hawkes. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl, Plunkett; 2, H. J. Hawkes; 3, Eccleston. NOR. GREEN, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (4): 1, spl, vhc, F. E. Hawkes; 2, 3, Isaac. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, 3, F. E. Hawkes; 2, vhc, Isaac. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Green; vhc, H. T. Hawkes. MULING PAIRS (3): 1, H. T. Hawkes; 2, 3, Lloyd.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

A very successful show of pairs was held in the Miners' Hall on February 12th. The quality, especially in the Mule and Hybrid pair classes, was excellent, and the record entry of 61 pairs speaks well for the healthy state of the society and for the popularity of Mr. Dan Hamilton, who made the awards.

COM. CAN. PAIR: 1, Rundell; 2, Johnstone; 3, Nelson; 4, Sinclair; 5, Swan; 6, Kennedy. BORD. FCY.: 1, Graham; 2, 6, Anderson; 3, Kennedy; 4, Pollock; 5, McClue. NOR.: 1, Johnstone; 2, 4, Nisbet; 3, 5, Nelson; 6, Perrie. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Arnott; 2, Bulloch; 3, McClue. BULLIE HEN. HYB. PAIR: 1, Fulton; 2, Neshit; 3, Cook; 4, 5, Anderson; 6, Whitelaw. A.O.V. HEN: 1, 2, Sinclair; 3, Swan; 4, Clark; 5, McLean; 6, McEwan. MULING PAIR: 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Whitelaw; 4, Johnstone; 5, Brown; 6, Nesbit. FOR. HYB. PAIR: 1, Johnstone; 2, Arnott; 3, Fulton; 4, Neil. Special prizes: Most points Canary section, Johnstone; most points Mule and Hybrid section, Sinclair; 2nd most points any section, Anderson.—JAMES POLLOCK, Sec.

BIDEFORD.

The Bideford fanciers have formed a Cage Bird Society, and held their first open show on February 23rd. Many were the congratulations on their first venture, which was a decided success, and augurs well for the future. Thirty-three classes were provided, and entries came up well. Some classes contained 24 entries, and there were money specials nearly in every class. The show was held in Mill-street, in the late Mr. Pound's Assembly Hall, an ideal one for a bird show—plenty of light and free from draught, with good ventilation. The exhibits were staged in three tiers the whole length of the hall. The exhibits were put down in the pink of condition. Mr. Greenaway makes an ideal secretary, and with a good working committee the work was soon got over. The gate was a good one, the sales numerous, and the prize money paid the same afternoon, which speaks well for the society. Judging was over in fine time, and the cards soon put up. Mr. Dix (Barnstaple) judged.

NOR. COL. FED.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Hughes, real good birds. NON-FED.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Taylor and Son, three bonny birds, 1st lovely yell. of nice shape and quality; 4, French. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, German, 1st nice quality, good length and quality of feather; 2nd and 3rd similar. BUFF: All the prizes to Mr. German, nice team, put down in good form. TKD., ETC.: 1, Kivel, variег., very nice bird, beautifully drawn, of nice quality; 2, 3, German, two nice birds. NON-FED. (14): 1, spl, 4, vhc, c, Symons, 1st beautiful buff of extra good quality, wins; 2, Brend, another nice exhibit; 3, 2, vbc, c, Elliott, four good exhibits, in strong competition; c, German. CREST OR C.B.: All prizes to Symons, fine birds of good substance and feather. BELG.: Here all the prizes went to Symons, 1st good buff cock, fine substance, back and legs; 2nd and 3rd yellows, similar to above. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 4, Short; 2, 3, Greenaway; hc, Taylor. PAIRS (matched for breeding): All prizes to Taylor and Son, with a team of Crests. CAN. MULE: 1, spl, 3, Carter and Wills, two light Mules, nice exhibits; 2, French, another light Mule, very fine bird; vhc, Griffiths and Saunders; 4, Brend; hc, Padden; hc, Harding; c, Sprague. HYB.: 1, spl, 2, spl for 2nd best bird in hall; , 3, Collins (Barnstaple), 1st his noted Linnet-Bullie, put down in grand form; 2nd and 3rd, noted Goldfinch-Redpolls. PAIRS (for Mule breeding (24): 1, spl, 2, Taylor and Son, 1st Goldfinch and Can., 2nd, Nor. cock and hen Greenfinch, staged to perfection; 3, Hicks, Greenfinch and Can., nice pair; 4, Symons, variег. Nor. cock and Bullfinch hen, another fine pair; vhc, Kivel, Pulman, Symons; hc, Brent, Elliott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Taylor and Son, nice Finch, jonque, fine face and chestnut; 2, Collins. Buff, nice exhibit, grand square cut blaze of good size; 3, Hughes, nice bird; 4, Lock, another good bird, frequent winner; vhc, Kivel, Miss Kivel, Griffiths, Harris, Paddon; hc, Barrett, Carpenter, Symons, and Brend. BULLFINCH CK. (9): 1, spl, 2, Taylor and Son, two beauties, grand shape and col., beautiful cap, nicely cut; 3, Miss Boyd, another fine bird; 4, vhc, Davey, 4th grand size, house-moulted, lovely shape; vhc, Randall; hc, Bastin; hc, Pulman. HENS: 8pl and all prizes went to Mr. Harris. GREENFINCH CK.: Here, again, spl and all prizes to Mr. Kivel, nice team winner a lovely bird, well mkd. SISKIN, ETC.: 8pl and prizes to Mr. Harris, Siskin heading, very nice bird. A.O.S., LARGE: 8pl and all prize money to Mr. Davey, noted Hawfinch leading, grand bird, staged to perfection. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, spl, Eastman, Blackbird, grand exhibit, nice beak and cere; 2, Johns; 3, Butler; 4, Seldon. CAN. (shown by a lady): 1, spl, Mrs. Copp, yell. Nor., nice shape, good chubby body; 2, Kivel, Yorks., another nice exhibit; 3, Miss Carrington, buff Nor.; 4, Elliott; vhc, Carpenter; vhc, Shadwick; hc, Brend, Griffiths. SELL. (20/-): All prizes to Mr. Copp. (10/-): 1, 3, Davey; 2, Taylor; 4, Beer. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, spl for best bird in hall, Mrs. Eastman, Silver-Grey Parrot, a real beauty, in lovely condition; 2, Clements, another Grey; 3, Meredith; 4, Lang; vhc, Copp. SMALL: 1, Boyd; 2, Jenn; 3, Beer.

LOWESTOFT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members pair show held at "Fox and Hounds," on Feb. 7th. The members showed but a poor attendance; I hope they will show up better next meeting night. Mr. Bedwell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. (12): 1, Kirk, yell. variegated cock and buff hen, good pair; 2, 3, 4, Hatch, birds that should bring the owner some credit. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, 3, Hart.—F. RACKHAM, hon. sec.

LUTON C B.S.

Table show held at 4, Peel-street on February 14th. Judges, Messrs. F. Webb and E. Bloomfield.

NOR.: 1, Messrs. Litchfield and Sons. YORKS.: 1, 2, Cherry. MULES, CAN.: 1, Eling; 2, Thring; 3, vhc, hc, Cherry; 4, Ball. HYB. BRIT. CROSSES: 1, vhc, Thring; 2, F. J. Webb; 3, 4, Ball. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, hc, Morris; 3, Horwood; vhc, Thring; c, Eling. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Thring; 3, F. J. Webb; 4, Ball.—E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. C.S.

The first of a series of table shows was held recently, and consisted of matched pairs. Some grand pairs were put down, and we had a very good attendance, the show room being quite packed. Mr. G. Sharples (Oldham) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Mellor; 2, Kelsall; 3, Foxall. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, 3, Foxall; 2, Kelsall; 4, Mellor. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Foden; 2, Green; 3, Foxall. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, Foden; 2, Clayton; 3, Green. MULING PAIRS: 1, Heap; 2, Lockwood. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Lockwood; 3, Baron.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

STONEHOUSE C.B. AND F.H.S.

Table show of matched pairs held in the Royal Oak Tavern on Feb. 12th. Mr. W. Clark (Larkhall) judged. The Canaries were a very small entry, but were of very good quality. Mr. W. Johnson is to be complimented not only upon the quality of his birds, but also upon the manner in which he staged them.

CAN., PAIR: 1, Johnson; 2, McAlpine; 3, Wallace; 4, Mather. MULING PAIR: 1, 2, McAlpine; 3, Johnson; 4, Cuthbertson; vhc, Melvin; hc, Whitelaw; c, Swan. HYB. PAIR: 1, two spls, Johnson; 2, Melvin; 3, Gray; 4, Burns; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, Whitelaw; c, Burns. Special for most points was won by Mr. Johnson. It was agreed to hold another table show on March 12th; three classes—Linnet, Greenfinch, and A.O.V. British, all field-moulted. A special will be given for best in each class by Messrs. J. Hamilton, T. Sorbie, and W. Melvin; also a special by Mr. K. Wallace for best Yellowhammer, and a special by Mr. J. Whitelaw for most points. Mr. W. Johnson has agreed to judge.—WM. MELVIN, assist.-sec.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual members' pair show was held on February 19th, at headquarters, Black Dog, Watergate. There was a large increase in entries, and competition was strong in all classes, many good birds being staged. Special for best pair shown hy a novice, was won by Mr. Eldred with a nice pair of Yorkshires. Messrs. Kirkby, Parsons, Kettle, Lowther, and Starr, staged some very nice Britishers, which were much admired. Local fanciers wishing to join should write the secretary, Mr. W. E. Allen, Alexandria-road, as our next show will start for a grand lot of medals for most points. Mr. Barnes kindly judged.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, c, Bond; vhc, hc, Allen. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Allen. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Kettle; 3, Mann; c, Waite. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, spl, Eldred; 2, 3, vhc, Mann; hc, Waite. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Kettle; 2, Kirkby; 3, vhc, Parsons; hc, Ratcliff; c, Starr. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Starr; 2, Ratcliff. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Lowther; 2, vhc, Ratcliff; 3, Kettle; hc, Kirkby. SELL.: 1, hc, Parsons; 2, Kirkby; 3, Kettle; vhc, Bond; c, Parsons.—W. RATCLIFF.

YORK C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held at headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, North-street, on February 14th. In the 20 classes provided, 119 birds were staged. Some exceptionally fine Norwich were shown by Messrs. Humphreys, Shorney, and Wright. The Yorkshire classes were especially good. The British bird classes were really a show in themselves. The Glossy Starling belonging to Mr. F. B. Sissons, and the champion Snow Bunting belonging to Mr. T. Boyle, were both much admired, and all agreed these were two of the best seen for some time. Foreign birds are, as a rule, very scarce at a members' show, but here some beauties were shown by Mr. Zimmerman. The Cinnamon Canary in this district is not extensively kept, and those shown by Mr. A. Richardson and Mr. T. Wright were a great attraction. The management was in the hands of the committee and the secretary, Mr. A. Waud. The judges had a difficult task, but their decisions gave general satisfaction. During the evening the show was well patronised.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Shorney; 2, c, Humphries. BUFF: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, c, Wright; vhc, hc, Pickering. NOR., HEN: 1, 3, hc, Wright; 2, c, Humphries; vhc, Pickering. NOR. PAIRS: 1, vhc, hc, Pickering; 2, c, Wright; 3, Humphries. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK: 1, hc, c, Campling; 2, vhc, Simeson; 3, O'Reilly. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Campling; vhc, hc, Simeson. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Simeson. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, vhc, Simeson; 3, hc, Campling; c, O'Reilly. CINN.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Richardson; 2, 3, Wright. A.O.V PAIRS: 1, Hunter; 2, c, Wright. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 3, hc, Boyle; 2, Pickering; vhc, Bell; c, Chittenden. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Simeson; 2, Hunter; 3, c, Bell; vhc, Dodgson; hc, Wright. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Shorney; 2, c, Sissons; 3, Wright; vhc, Hunter; hc, Bell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Chittenden; 3, hc, Sissons. BRIT. HEN: 1, Shorney; 2, O'Reilly; 3, vhc, Bell; hc, Sissons; c, Hunter. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, vhc, Sissons; 2, Boyle. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Sissons; 3, Bell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, vhc, c, Boyle; hc, Bell. FOR. SMALL: 1, 3, hc, Sissons; 2, vhc, Zimmerman; c, Chittenden.

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YORKSHIRES—continued.

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SIX spanking cock Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshire, full song, 30/- lot; 5/6 each: Frowde, Alton, Hants.

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PURE-bred Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, grand typical birds; cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs of Canaries, for breeders, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; all on approval; kindly state wants; list free: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

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MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

TWO pairs Redpoll-Bullfinch, 2/6; 3 pairs Greenfinch-Bullfinch, 2/6: Kelly, 9, Nelson-st., Limerick.

TWO Goldfinch Canary mules, cocks, 5/-; two hens, 1/6 each: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinches and hen Canary for muling, 7/6: J. Gough, 71, St. Clements, Oxford.

GREENFINCH (2nd prize) paired to hen Bullfinch, 7/6, or best offer: Porter (Butler), Thornbury, Sheffield.

GOLDFINCH-LINNET Hybrid, cock, singing, good specimen, 15/-, or offers: Will Mack, 6, Tower-place, York.

GREENFINCHES, cocks and hens, aviary bred, real fine stuff, 1/3 each: Pickles, Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

TWO large Buff Norwich hens, Mule breeders, 5/ each; young Sib. hens, 4/- each: 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft.

SPLENDID Siberian Goldfinch, on full song, paired with Sib hen Canary, 6/6 the pair: G. Chapman, 25, High-st., Birmingham.

LINNET and Canary, with large cage, have bred mules, 10/-; a bargain: S. Garrett, Melbourn-villa, Blinco-grove, Cambridge.

HAND-REARED cock Linnet, Mule and Hybrid breeder, pink-eyed, yellow hen, 7/6; approval: Apps, Noah's Ark, Seal, Kent.

GOOD house-moulted Goldfinch, full song, breeding condition; sacrifice, 5/6; approval, deposit: 32, Royal York-cres., Clifton, Bristol.

A LIFE'S Study.—Sib.-bred hens, 10 years inbred, 5/- each; cock Redpoll, bred mules, 2/6: William Gardner, Marchant-st., Preston.

LARGE Greenfinch cock Mule, 2nd Birmingham, 2nd Blackburn, £1; Goldfinch, bred Bullfinch Hybrids, 6/-: Marsh, Butcher, Ashton, Preston.

HAND reared cock Bullfinch, feed from fingers, 6/6; another, 2/6; 3 hens, 4/6; exchange Budgerigars or Canaries: Scott, Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

GIVEN away, cock Greenfinch and Siberian hen Bullfinch, bred Hybrids last season, sacrifice 9/- the pair, worth 25/-: Atkinson, 120, Church-st., Preston.

HOUSE moulted Greenfinch Bullfinch, been together since October; Redpoll Bullfinch ditto, exchange Border yellow cock; yours first: Roebuck, Langholm.

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THREE superior Goldfinch Mules, 1909, well fed, grand faces, fullest song, 8/6, or 23/6 lot; one extra special colour, 10/6; choice specimens: Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

LOOK. Goldfinch Mules, sing anywhere, 5/-; all my last season muling hens for sale; very large champion feeders, 3/- each: 3, Blenheim-st., Stapleton-rd., Bristol.

NOTICE; two large brown Linnet Mules, on full song, and Linnet notes, sell 8/6 each; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Hollinshead, Rosemary-lane, Stockport.

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LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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COCK Siskin-Redpoll, hybrid, first prize only time shown, unfed, £1 sterling, or birds to value; British preferred; great bargain: John Brown, 12, Shillinghill, Alloa, Clackmananshire, Scotland.

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MULES, light and dark, for singing and breeding, all varieties, including some of the best living; also Hybrids (cocks) all can be seen. See my advt. on page 216: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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TO Hybrid Breeders.—Very fine white-throated cock Goldfinch, gold-mine to mule breeders; also two gems for mule and hybrid breeding; very fine house-moulted muling Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch; 35/- lot, or exchange phonograph: Miss Elsam, Queen-st., Boston.

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FIVE grand mules, three lightly variegated, two dark, all grand colour, price 20/- the lot; also grand yellow light muling cocks, nothing better living, price 10/- each: Vardy, The Aviaries, Hucknall, Huthwaite, Notts.

TWO grand cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, pure Finch note, 7/6 each; 3 hens, 1/- each; grand six-pointed cock, 25/-; 2 hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; hens, 1/6; approval with pleasure: J. Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

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WHAT offers in cash for Parrakeet and cage? says few words: A. Deans, Diss.

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GREY Parrot, young, with new cage, finger-tame, show condition, approval, 30/-: Duke, 65, Hungerford-rd., London, N.

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IF you want a reliable Parrot or grand breeding Budgerigars, send for my list before deciding elsewhere. See my advertisement on page 216: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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ACCLIMATISED, healthy show condition, Indian Shama, full song, 50/-; Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, 50/-; talking Alexandrine Parrakeet, 35/-; Chinese Painted Quails, 20/- pair; all perfect feather: John Frostick, Endlesham-rd., Balham.

FINE yellow naped Parrakeet, grand whistler, very nice pet, 90/; splendid King Parrakeet, just coming into colour, 70/-; nice pair Parrot Finches, 70/-; pair masked Finches, 16/-; inspection invited: R. Colton, 9, Birkendale-rd., Sheffield.

LARGE, green Budgerigars, ready to nest, from outdoor aviary, 6/6 pair; few grand yellow cocks, 4/- each; pair Cockatiels, have nested, 11/6; pair Saffrons, 5/6, nesting; all strong, and healthy; or exchange: Henstock, Bookseller, Ashbourne.

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TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 6/- each; 2 house-moulted cock brown Linnets, 3/- each; exchange Canaries; grand upstanding, legy Yorkshire hen, yellow, with typical, slim, cinnamon-marked buff cock, 30/-: E. Flint, 7, Lord-st., Oldham.

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Owing to removal, fanciers and beginners have a chance seldom met with to acquire **high-class birds** at low prices: Two light Goldfinch Mules, 15/- each; one dark ditto, gem, £1; two others, 15/- each; and four at 12/6 each; also cock Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, faultless, 10/- to 15/- each; cock Goldfinch, 5/-; all above birds guaranteed clean, healthy and in full, vigorous song, birds any man should be proud to possess. State wants; stamp reply; all orders treated strictly in rotation.

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GOLDENS and Silvers, 4 Golden Amherst cross cocks, all beautiful plumage; cock, three hens Pied Pheasants; pair crosses Golden Mongolian, 7 pairs Chinese; offers for lot or separate: Benson, Dalbeattie.

WANTED.

WANTED 1 Roller cock and 2 hens, exchange tea: R. Lyon, Promenade, Bridlington.

FEW common Canaries, surplus, cheap, cash: Dawson, 188, Garnyad-rd., Glasgow.

NORWICH, several pairs, must be good; on approval: Barnes, 13, King-st., Richmond.

WANTED, British from catchers, talking Parrots, Canaries: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED, three hen Canaries, exchange case carvers and steel: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRES.—Several pairs, must be good, on approval: Barnes, 13, King-st., Richmond.

ANYTHING living bought for spot cash: Naturalist and Dog Bureau, 50, Broomielaw, Glasgow.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange ease cutlery, cost 21/-; sell 15/-: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED good set boxing-gloves; exchange good Yorkshire cock: Andrew Montgomery, Staines.

WANTED, a hen Canary; will exchange cock Chaffinch and cage: G., 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, two hen Canaries, exchange breakfast cruet; sell 8/6; Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED large Yorkshire cocks and hens cheap for resale: T. Marsh, 269, Brighton-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, Canaries, cheap for cash; or exchange cages: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, pair Norwich, in exchange for big black yard dog, his kennel, collar: 52, Francis-st., Derby.

WANTED offers for two bow-fronted Lark cages; one never used: 10, James-st., Tyldesley, Manchester.

LARGE common young hens wanted, any number, cheap for cash: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

EXCHANGE good pair 1909 Yorkshire Canaries for 2 hen Budgerigars; approval: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

WANTED, 1 pair breeding Canaries for good silver watch, 10/-: Emery, 5, Pembroke-st., Aberdare, Wales.

WANTED, pair aviary-bred Budgerigars, exchange black mottle Tumblers: M. A. Sendell, Wrington, Bristol.

WANTED, offers Canaries, pair Scotch blankets or suit length; sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire hens, in exchange for poultry: Davies, Sardies, Burton Parish, Haverfordwest.

WANTED, Norwich Cinnamon cock, also hen: approval: H. Thurley, Hadleigh-villas, Stanstead-rd., Hoddesdon.

WANTED, typical yellow hen; exchange Crest-bred cocks to value: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; exchange young Minorca cock, pure bred: Batstone, Thomas-st., Wells, Som.

WANTED, 6 Yorkshire show cages, new; will give 2 cock Canaries: E. Dychouse, 55, Bilston-rd., Wolverhampton.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED, offers Canaries, exchange silver tea set, with large tray; sell 35/-: Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

WANTED, three Norwich yellow hens, exchange cock Goldfinch mule: Cook, Asylum-lane, Henwich-rd., Worcester.

WANTED, any quantity Crests, Crest-breds, coloured Norwich, cheap, for cash: A. Leitch, 469, Gallangate, Glasgow.

LARGE hen Canary, clear preferred; give h.m. Blackbird and new Lark's cage; offers: Cooke, Worldham, Alton.

WANTED, large Crest-bred hen Canary, also yellow Yorkshire hen; approval: J. Dickinson, Serpentine-terr., Kendal.

WANTED, Bullies, Goldies, Siskins, Linnets, and other British; exchange Canaries: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

WANTED, large variegated yellow Norwich cock and yellow hen, in exchange for 2 large buff cocks: Dazeley, Aylsham.

WANTED, hen mules, hen Goldfinch, hen Linnets; state lowest price: Henderson's, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth, London.

ANYTHING living bought for cash, or exchange; largest aviaries in London or Surrey: Barnes, 13, King-st., Richmond.

WANTED, chocolate Toy Pom. dog; exchange 2 unfighted buff Norwich, or sell 50/-; no rubbish: 37, East-st., Chichester.

WANTED, pair of good cycle tyres, 26 x 1¾; exchange Norwich; sell from 8/6: Nash, 462, Gladstone-st., Peterboro'.

WANTED, any quantity of young, healthy Yorkshire hens: cheap: Walker, 66, Wood-st., Cannock-rd., Wolverhampton.

WANTED, for export; will give 2/- doz. hen Linnets and Larks, 1/3 each; hen Canaries; Aviaries Wellington-rd., Leeds.

YORKSHIRES; dealers supplied with large or small quantities, price list on application: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WANTED, Yorkshire hen Canaries, cold room bred; state quantity and lowest cash price: Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

HOUSE moulted cock Bramble Siskin or Goldfinch; exchange variegated Siskin mule: Davey, 2, Alice-st., Cwmbwrla, Swansea.

WANTED, exhibition cock Goldfinch, on approval; give pair nesting Budgerigars, and cash: Barre-Bayly, Bonhay-rd., Exeter.

WANTED, Goldies or Canaries, for single-barrel breech-loader (new), or sell, 25/-: McAdam, 139a, Sand-st., Keith, Banffshire.

WANTED, British Hard or Softbills, cavies, rabbits, puppies, or anything alive.—C., Palmer and S., 352, Upper-st., Islington, N.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange ½ plate camera, 50/-, ¼-plate, 40/-, ½-plate 20/-, stereoscopic camera, 25/-: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

SCHOOLMASTER Rollers or Yorkshires, in exchange for beading and moulding planes: Keith, 174, Turney-rd., Dulwich, London.

WANTED, offers Norwich Canaries; exchange pair men's new calf boots, 7/-; sell, 8/6: Plumkett, 12, Alliance-terr., Wellingborough.

WANTED, extra large yellow Norwich cock, tip-top specimen; good price given: Nichols, 10, King's-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

WANTED a clear Yellow Yorkshire cock for hand reared cock Goldfinch; mutual approval: Thomas, "Appledore," Llansaint, Kidwelly.

WANTED 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; exchange 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 teaspoons; approval: Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Canaries, 2 common cocks, 1909; exchange variegated Norwich, buff cock; approval: Renwick, 126, Ingleby Drive, Glasgow.

WANTED, silver table, dessert or teaspoons; exchange Crest-bred cocks, from my winners: Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple: Approval.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, in exchange Dragon cock, 5/-; show Homer hen, 5/-; pair Tipplers, 6/-: Martin, Westbourne-terr., Thirsk.

WANTED cash offers; 6 cock Linnets, hen Mule, hen Bullfinch, house-moulted hen Goldfinch; all very steady: Kenworthy, Walpole, Wisbech.

WANTED, a good Norwich Canary, in exchange for 4 hen Bullfinches, caged all winter; or sell, 5/-: D. Terrington, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

BUY, sell or exchange live stock, prize pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, British and Foreign birds: Maynard, Naturalist, Bethnal Green.

WANTED, long, slim, clear buff Yorkshire hen, 1909; exchange 3 Bovril prints, unframed, large; or sell, 7/6: Flook, 5, Stoneham-rd., Hove.

WANTED, good yellow Yorkshire hen; exchange 3 Bullfinch cocks, hen Goldfinch mule; sell, 6/-; offers: Wills, Thomas-st., Wells, Somersetshire.

BUYER of all kinds of birds, bird catcher wanted to sure weekly: Hardy and Barron, Aviary, 16, Clubrow, Church-st., London, E.; estab. 20 years.

WANTED good big Buff Norwich cock; exchange Black Rosecomb cockerel, 2nd Wetherby; grand stock bird: W. Robson, Wormald Green, via Leeds.

WANTED, Canaries, other birds, and large outdoor aviary; exchange 5sin. brass Phonohorn, new cylinder, or disc records: Stores, 614, Fulham-rd., London.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, cock Goldfinch, Mules, Linnet-Mules and hen Canaries. State lowest price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange gent's walking boots, special value, 14/6, ladies' boots, 7/6 to 15/- pair, etc.; send particulars: Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, all varieties, Canaries, cheap, for cash or good exchange suit lengths or lady's dress lengths: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for cabbage and lettuce plants, or Tripoli onions; or for sale; stamp reply: Griffin, jun., New-st., Upton-on-Severn.

WANTED a good British Goldfinch, will give a good house-moulted Muling Linnet; approval both ways: Couper, 15, Weaver-row, St. Ninians, Stirling.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Budgerigars, etc.; exchange overmantle, sewing machine, mitre machine, useful household goods: Cypher, Llanbradach.

WANTED Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/3, hen Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, exchange six-compartment breeding cage: Blackett, Phillips-st., Kingsland, London.

WANTED, good house-moulted cock Linnet for muling; exchange cock Goldfinch Mule; yours first: Brimmer, Greengrocer, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.

WANTED, large yellow green Yorkshire hen, or large green Norwich hen, for yellow green Yorkshire cocks: Wm. Alderson, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorks.

I will give 1/6 each for hen Canaries, 1/- hen Goldfinch Mules; wanted cock Mules. Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches, Aviaries, 15, Nashville-pl., Hanwell.

WANTED, large stock buff Norwich cock, good head; exchange, buff Yorkshire cock, winner: Norwich, 1st: Simants, Burdett-place, May Place-rd., Bexley Heath.

WANTED, gent's cycle; give Canaries value £3, one Yorkshire cock taken first Liverpool, 30/- selling class also breeding cages: Morrison, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterboro'.

WANTED, good Goldie-Linnet; exchange hand-reared hen Bullie, 150 cigarette coupons; also hand-reared piping cock Bullie; wanted, 2 hen Canaries: Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, pair large typical Norwich, healthy, 1909 birds, in exchange gent's cycle, good condition; sell, 32/-: Page, Beaumont House, St. Mark's-rd., Bush Hill Park, N.

WANTED a large yellow variegated Norwich cock, in exchange a variegated buff cock, Norwich, a Twite, and a Redpoll; three good birds: McDougall, 12, High-st., Oban.

WANTED, a yellow 1909 Lancashire coppy cock, exchange a large exhibition dark Goldfinch mule, Finch note; or sell, 15/6: Barnes, 47, Bryn Gwyn, Six Bells, Abertillery, Mon.

WANTED Walson soap wrappers for cash; exchange birds, mice, rabbits, razor; what offers: album, containing 300 unused picture postcards: Gardner, Blue-st., Boston.

WANTED, hen Budgerigars or other useful exchange for some Yorkshire pattern Sib. hen Goldfinches, Bullfinches, all good stuff: approval, deposit: Hutchens, New Bridge-st., Truro.

WANTED large muling cock Goldfinch, expansive blaze, proved; exchange house-moulted cock Bullfinch, jet-black, real bargain, sell 30/-: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Higham Park, Essex.

WANTED, pedigree Pom.; exchange 380-bore rifle, value 27s. 6d.; or 3 cock Goldfinches, show cages, ¼-plate camera, value 35/-. Send particulars, colour, age, weight. Approval: Thomas Maunders, The Square, Ystradmynach, Cardiff.

WANTED, large muling cock Finches, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Linnet, house-moulted preferred; state full particulars and price, or will exchange new golf clubs to value, first-class make; birds first: John Anderson, 42, Cowan-rd., Edinburgh.

WANTED offer in really good stock Norwich for split cane fly rod, spare top, reel, basket, folding landing net and case, lot cost 29/-; mutual approval: Steel, Eskdail, Dalkeith, Midlothian.

WANTED, offers Norwich Canaries, exchange English concertina with case, 48 keys, maker Lachenal, London, cost £3; sell, 30/-; sound condition; approval: Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

WANTED, Canaries, cloth, fowls, boots, anything useful; exchange gent.'s watch (capped), lady's watch (silver), perfect timekeeper, patent mantle oil lamp, clapnets, variegated Mule, Singer machine: Westope, Agent, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

WANTED Edison Gem phonograph or Amazon Parrot, exchange lady's bike, house-moulted cock Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, 7/6; hand-reared Magpie and Missel Thrush, 5/- each; exchange Canaries: Charles Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

WANTED, high-class Canaries; exchange Edison phonograph, 72 records, cupboard to hold same, cost £7; also 37 numbers Harmsworth encyclopedia, unsoiled, 50 CAGE BIRDS, 16 coloured plates, 50 Amateur Photography; letters only: Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, Canaries; 9-carat gold watch, 40/; diamond scarf pin-stud, 6/; umbrella, 1s 6, rolled gold pencil, 10/6; 2 volumes Sphere, 1900, Boer War, 15 6, cost 42/-; dark grey coat and skirt, cost £6 6s, 40/-; exchange anything: Norfolk House, Mickleburg, Herne Bay.

WANTED, 2 long, upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 1 yellow, 1 buff, clear or marked, in exchange for 103 parts Cassell's Illustrated History of England, cost 65/-; and South Africa and the Trans-vaal War, complete, in 20 parts, by Louis Creswicke, cost 40 -; birds first, or sell the lot, 45 -: Ball, Parsonage-lane, Enfield.

WANTED a good pair of Norwich cock and hen; will give in exchange 2 good house-moulted Goldies, proved Mule breeders, or sell 13/-; also wanted 1 good pair of Yorkshires, cock and hen: will give 4 good cock Goldies and 2 hens, or sell 14/-; for sale, a trio of splendid Bantams, 1 cock and 2 hens, accept 6 -: John Cosgrove, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim.

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248 British birds' skins, 6d. each: 28s, Blackhorse-la., Walthamstow; list, stamp.

BIRDS' eggs, lowest prices. Send stamp for English and foreign catalogues: E. R. Skinner, 73, Primrose-mans., Battersea-pk., London.

BIRDSTUFFING, illustrated, 1/-; egg drills, blowpipe, etc., 1/-; catalogue naturalists', botanists' requisites, apparatus, 2d.: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British

To be Sold or Exchanged.

SISKINS; 2 cocks, 1 hen, exchange for 1909 yellow Border cocks: Dorward, Paton-st., Inverness.

GOLDFINCH, cock, exchange two Muling hens, sell 6/-: Jones, 6, Church-st., Whittington, Salop.

EXCHANGE 5 cocks 4 hens, Bullfinches, for pair Nor.; Can's. first: W. George, Ingate-place, Beccles.

TWO cock Bullfinches, one house-moulted, for yellow Border hen, or offers: Smith, 38, Eastgate, Inverness.

HAND-reared white Albino Thrush; cash or exchange Canaries: T. Dunk, 35, High-st., Rye, Sussex.

COCK Goldfinch (bred mules), on song, sell, or exchange anything: Ed. Morley, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

GREY Owl, finger tame, sell 7/6, or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cock; offers: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

TWO good cock Linnets, on full song, exchange yellow Yorkshire hen; yours first: J. Slade, London Inn, Chard.

TWO house-moulted hen Bullfinches; exchange good pigeon hamper to hold dozen: Coles, West View, Long Buckby.

CANARY reared exhibition cock Greenfinch muler, exchange cock Goldfinch; approval: T. Cooney, 305, High-st., Elgin.

TWICE house-moulted cock Blackbird, perfect; exchange cock Canary; sell 5/-: Townsend, 4, Sayers-st., Huntingdon.

WILL give grand cock Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, 4 cock Linnets, for 1909 Buff Norwich cock: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE finger-tame piping cock Bullfinch, for singing cock Canary; yours first: Newman, Arcade, Liss, Hants.

FOR sale, 4 cock Bullfinches, fine specimens, 2/6 each, or exchange anything useful: B. Jenkins, Tanerdy, Carmarthen.

TWO grand British Goldfinches, singing, 10/-; exchange large Norwich cock: Whitmore, 26, Landor-rd., Stockwell, London.

EXCHANGE, 2 cock Linnets and small aviary for Canaries, or singing Mule: V. Tomkins, 10, Northampton Buildings, E.C.

EXCHANGE Hawfinch, winner, for winning Bullfinches, or other Britishers, or Borders: Leask, Church-square, Dunoon.

EXCHANGE six spring net traps, never used, for cock Goldfinches or yellow Norwich hens: Dryden, Drumdarrig-sq., Harwich.

TWICE house-moulted cock Chaffinch and Crested hen Canary, 6/6; exchange Goldfinches: Hutchison, 27, Maiden-st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, provisions, anything: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham: stamp reply.

1909 cock Hawfinch, 5/-; exchange large Goldfinch, Siskin, or offers; approval: A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

COCK Linnet Mule, 7/6; exchange White Minorca hen for Black Orpington cock; mail cart, nearly new, 25/-: 24, Hipkins-st., Tipton.

DARK Goldfinch-Canary Mule, good songster; exchange two Norwich hens, or offers: Rorke, Craigmark, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

BULLFINCH, guaranteed house-moulted, would exchange Norwich Canaries, or what cash offers: 8, Sandon-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE cock Siskin and Norwich buff hen, for a good bold Norwich yellow hen; yours first: Mellor, 164, Oxford-st., Ashton-u.-Lyne.

EIGHT cock Bullfinches, 3 hens, will exchange for Linnets or Linnet Mules; must be cocks: P. Brack, 89, Hammond-st., Preston, Lancs.

SPLENDID cock Linnet-Mule, full song, sell 10 -; exchange 6-chamber revolver; yours first.—Manders, Fairfield, Ystradmynach, Cardiff.

TWO cock Goldfinches and 3 cock Linnets; exchange for couple of Yorkshire cock Canaries, singing: A. Ham, 6, Blair-st., Poplar.

LARGE Hawfinch cock, winner, cock Greenfinch hen, Bullfinch, exchange Norwich; offers: John Borthwick, Gladstone-st., Hawick.

BUGG, Marble Mason, Holbeach; grand large Red-breasted Linnets, good mulers, full song, 2 6 each; exchange cock Goldfinches Canaries.

TWO splendid twice house-moulted hen Bullies and 3 cocks, been caged month, 10/6; exchange: G. Warburton, 15, George-st., Winsford.

TWO cock Greenfinches, 2 cock Thrushes, pair splendid Bullfinches, all hand-reared, cheap, or exchange Canaries: H. Piggott, Wantage.

EXHIBITORS; 2 Tree Sparrows, rare, also very tame Owl, caged 3 years, sell cheap, or exchange; offers? Osborn, 49, Milton-rd., Margate.

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, 1909, hen Bullfinch, steady, 5/6; exchange good breeding cage; sent first: Jarvis, London-rd., Grays, Essex.

WILL exchange Greenfinch, Bullfinch, paired, and Norwich pair; wanted, offers in Goldfinches, musical instruments: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

EXCHANGE grand Goldfinch Mule, champion songster; exchange hearthrug home-made will do: Jefferies, 3, Blenheim-st., Stapleton-rd., Bristol.

FOUR pair Bullfinches, 2/3 pair, or exchange seed, anything; also muling cock Goldfinch, and hen, bred 8 mules last year, 9/-: H. Duke, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE 12 cock Greenfinches, 6 Redpolls, 3 Yellowhammers, for yellow Yorkshire or Norwich cock, or offers: Charles M'Cann, 16, North-st., Lurgan

COCK Goldfinch-Canary Mule, good songster, sell 6/6, or exchange for Siberian cock Goldfinch, or new cycle cover, 28 x 1¾: Lovell, Church-st., Long Buckby.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, winner, 10/6; cock Linnet Mule, 8/6, grand singer, or exchange for large yellow muling hens: MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick.

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch, also dark yellow Goldfinch Mule, winners, for exhibition dark yellow Linnet Mule cock, approval: Bell, Mansfield-square, Hawick.

THREE large cock Bullfinches, grand colour and condition, 3/6 each; or exchange clear Norwich hens, approval: Davies, 381, Station-rd., Wilsford, Cheshire.

TWO splendid cock Linnets, full song, 1/6 each; 2 cock Bullies, 2/6 each; pair Goldfinches, 3/6; or exchange anything; yours first: Frank Tyler, Great Dunmow.

GOLDFINCH Mules, variegated cock, 7/6; dark cock, 6/6; light hen, 4/-; exchange Yorkshires, or cock Goldfinches: Bates, 19, Cross Oak-rd., Gt. Berkhamsted.

BULLFINCH cock, 3/-; hen, Bramble Finch and hen Chaffinch, 4/-; Linnet, 1/6; two Greenfinches, 1/-; Border hen, 2/-; or 10/- lot: Clark, Eaglesfield, Ecclefechan.

LARGE, cage-moulted Goldfinch, 5/6; 2 cage-moulted cock Linnets, one fit show; cage-moulted muling cock Greenie, sell 7/6: F. Weidall, 110, High-street, Winsford.

EXCHANGE variegated Goldfinch cock mule, with Goldfinch notes, and dark hen, for Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin; or sell the two, 12/-: A. Hibble, Pimlico, Clitheroe, Lanc.

EXCHANGE large cock Greenfinch Mule for two good feeding hens; exchange watch for three healthy Norwich hens; sell 9/-: Walker, Elsworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FINE hand-reared cock Greenfinch, good, steady house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 6/6; exchange good large 1909 yellow Norwich hen: Leveuton, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, ditto cock Bullfinch, all in good health and song; exchange pair Rollers and a yellow Norwich hen; or offers: Caseys, 3, Thomond Gate, Limerick.

EXCHANGE, Siberians, cock Goldfinches, for Norwich and Yorkshires and Goldfinch-Mules; must be in full song, or otherwise no use.—Enock Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

PAIR of 1909 Canaries, pair of Bullfinches Canary reared, hen Linnet, also a feeding hen, sell, 14/-; or exchange ladies' boots, anything useful: T. Rowlands, 8, Mill-st., Bridgnorth, Salop.

TWO cock Greenie-Canary mules, singing, exchange for 1909 yellow Norwich cock, or sell 5/- each; pair H.M. Bramblefinches for Norwich hen; yours first: Longshaw, New-st., Chipping Norton.

EXCHANGE grand house-moulted cock Thrush, for yellow Yorkshire cock Canary; cash, 8/6; approval; also three grand cock brown Linnets: anything useful; cash, 4/6: Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster.

SPLENDID cock Blackbird, sides of face and neck spotted, caged 12 months, on song; exchange buff Norwich cock, or good Goldfinch, 1909 birds; or sell, 7/6; birds on approval: Wales, Chalkpits, Oxted.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Chaffinch, two Bullfinches, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Linnet cocks, caged October, for good pair Yorkshires; or offers: Jackson, Honey-lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

EXCHANGE 4 cock Goldfinches, twice house-moulted, steady, cold-room kept, full song, for 2 pairs Yorkshire or 6 muling hens; yours first; approval both ways: Harrison, Model Village, Maltby, Rotherham.

EXHIBITION specimens.—Robin, four Greenfinch-Chaffinch cocks, hen Chaffinch, house-moulted, exchange Yorkshire or Norwich variegated hens, or nest-pans.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterborough.

SOMERSETSHIRE cock Bullfinches, 4 grand birds, caged since November, 3/- each; 10/- the lot: exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: E. Bargery, Bird Fancier, Higher Cottages, Bycwater, Crewkerne, Somerset.

GOOD cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 5/-; grand cock Linnet, hen Twite, well marked, vhe Cambridge bred, together last season, 5/-; fine cock Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange; wanted good cock Siskin; exchange good muling hen Canary: Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

Mainly Canaries.
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SIX Norwich-Roller hens, healthy birds, 9s., or exchange: 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

COCK Canary, in full song, with cage, 7/6, or exchange: A. Leitch, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WHAT offers Canaries or live stock for gent's cycle, worth £2 10s.?: Clarke, 1, Ilva-place, Shoreditch.

NORWICH, massive yellow cock, 4 buff hens, 25/-, or useful exchange: Wilcox, Froghall-cot., Wokingham.

FEW good Yorkshires for sale; or exchange scrap metal, or anything useful: F. Green, Bridge-st., Dover.

EXCHANGE good British for a big Yellow or marked Yellow Yorkshire cock: Nevison, Elugate, Bedale.

OFFERS in hen Canaries for 1909 cinnamon-bred cock, sell 10/-: Gillham, 18, Marlborough-square, Chelsea.

GIVING up Fancy; well-known stock of Crests; exchange good gramophone: Fyfe, 5, Ramsay-place, Portobello.

TRIO Black Rosecombs, 4 cross-bred hen Bantams; exchange Canaries; offers; Stanford, 8, Charman-rd., Redhill, Surrey.

EXCHANGE pair Crests for winning Norwich cock, clear, or offers Rollers; sell 30/-: Bennett, Fountain-ferrace, Bacup.

TWO Norwich Cinnamon hens, sells 3/6 each, exchange good yellow Norwich, unflighted hen: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

PHONOGRAPH, case, horn, 30 records, complete, 35/-, exchange African Grey; offers: Thornboro', 202, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

EXCHANGE 2 yellow, 1 buff Norwich cocks, 1 Crested hen, all bred, for 2 large yellow hens; approval: A. Deans, Biss.

SELL 8 young Border hens for 15/-; or exchange for young Buff Crest-bred hen: Geo. H. Jeffrey, 11, Watson-crescent, Edinburgh.

WHAT offers in good Norwich hens for almost six pointed Goldfinch Mule? Sell, 25/-: Hallam, 125, Normacot-rd., Longton, Staffs.

THREE good clear Buff Norwich hens, exchange good British Hardbill, sell 12/6; offers: Page, 14, Bishopsgate-st. Within, London.

WANTED good Crested or Norwich cock, winner, exchange beautiful Persian cat, age 7 months: R. English, Uplands, Alton, Hants.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

BARGAIN.—Gun metal watch, silver albert, compass attached, 17/-; exchange good Norwich: E. Smith, 73, Brandon-st., Leicester.

NORWICH cocks or hens, prize strain, sale or exchange for vases, anything useful; yours first: Harding, Wensleydale, Southend-on-Sea.

PIGEONS, 3 archangels and 6 working homers, sell 15/-, or exchange Canaries and breeding cages: Goodacre, Brotherton-rd., Boston.

EXCHANGE good clear Norwich hen, Budd strain, for good quality Roller hen; no rubbish required: Annett, Wareham Station, Dorset.

HIGH-class Yorkshire Canaries, 1 cock, 2 hens, 20/-, exchange lady's watch, offers; yours first: Thomas Freeman, Station-rd., Earls Barton.

THRUSH, 1908, hand-reared, wild notes, lovely songster, 10/6, or exchange pair Norwich: Clarke, Green, Great Bowden, Leicestershire.

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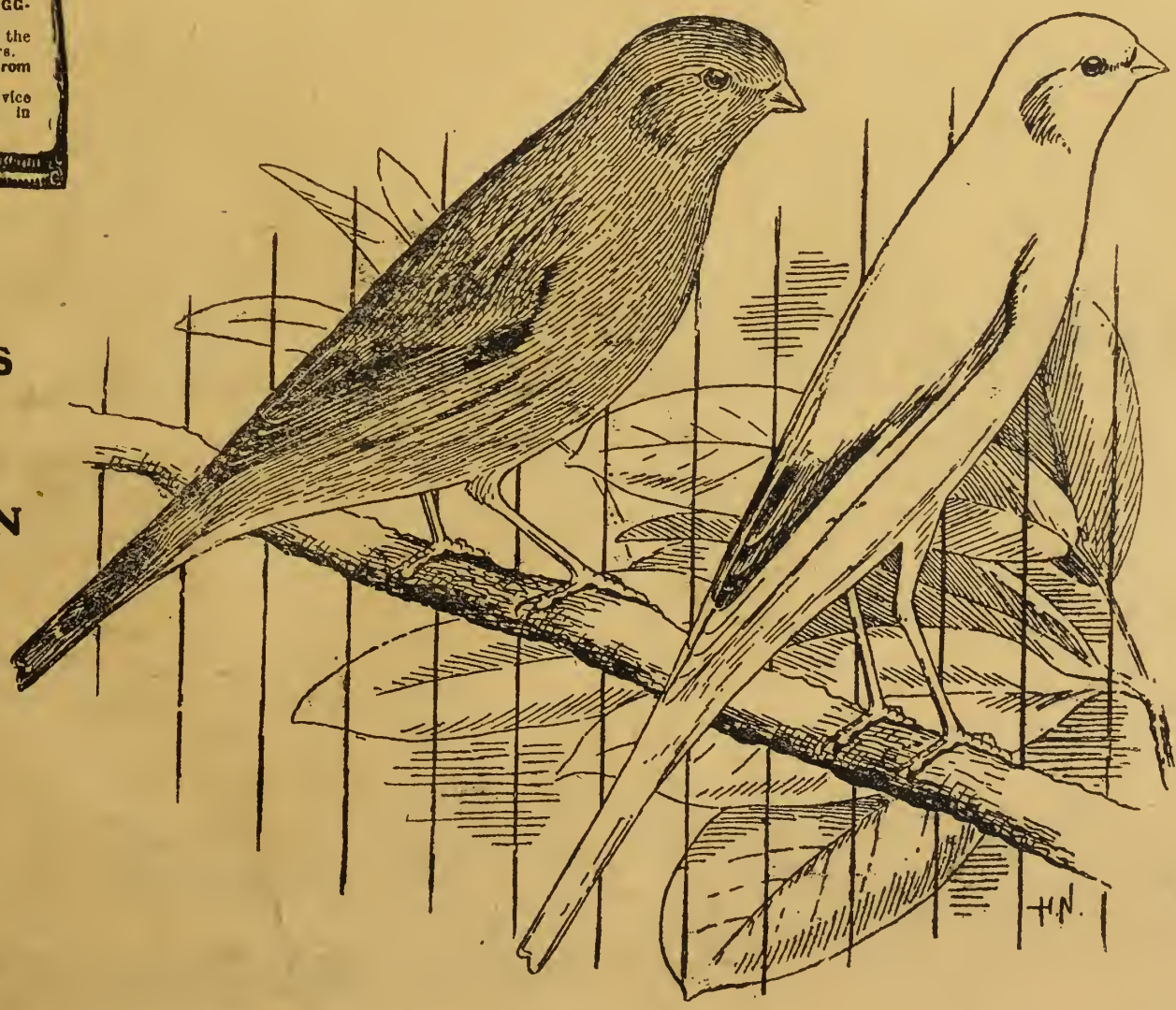
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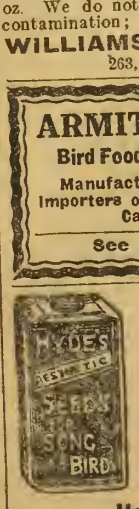
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SPLENDID value in Crests and Crest-breds, and every bird healthy and typical; cocks from 8/-; hens from 4/6; matched pairs for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; enquiries invited; cold-room bred; enquiries invited: Amiss, 69, Ashby-st.

MAGNIFICENT pair perfectly matched high-class Crested Canaries, nesting, rare type and quality, abundantly feathered, certain to breed winners, only 15/-, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CRESTED bred cock, 1st Chirnside, 1909, enormous size, 20/-, a bargain; dark Crest, even marked wings, cock, 1909 bred, 2nd Duns 1909, 20/-; dark Crest, clear body, 3rd Duns., 15/-; dark buff Goldie Mule, enormous size, 3rd Duns 1909, 7/6; all the above in guaranteed condition; approval: Thomas Forsyth, 2, Clouds-st., Duns, N.B.

CHAMPION Crests, large dark Crested yellow cock, Crest end of beak, even marked dark Crested cock, large, with grand Crest, large green-crested cock very large Crest-bred cock, with dark head, all 1909, best blood; many fanciers want these birds if they saw them; approval: T. Scarle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 5/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster green ditto, gem, 10/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 7/6; pairs, properly matched, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Barnett's strain; half-price to clear, room wanted, must sell; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

COCK'S giant variegated Crestbred, 50/-; ditto, 40/-; yellow Crestbreds, 50/-, 40/-; green Crest-breds, 50/-, 30/-; ticked buffs, 30/-, 20/-; all above have grand heads, feather to beak end; three topping yellow Greens, best living, £5, £4, £3; grey Crest, 20/-; dark Crest cock, third coppy, 40/-; clear body, dark mop Crest, 12/-; grey Crest cock, 25/-; biggest clear yellow Crestbred cock living, sure champion, £7; large variegated dark Crests, 20/-, 25/-; clear Crest, superb blood, 30/-; Grizzle, Crest wings, 50/-, worth £6 stock; yellow variegated half-coppy Crestbred cocks, 50/-, 40/-; green Crested cock, brother winner many firsts, 30/-; yellow grey Crest, large bird, 30/-; most of them 1909: full song; cold room; approval; hens to match: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains at half value to clear; must sell: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 14/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest hen, 12/6; massive heavy feathered, variegated dark Crest hen, 11/6; monster yellow variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 16/-; monster buff variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 10/-; monster heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered clear ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; genuine reductions; approval willingly; Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CLEAR body dark crest cock, won several 1sts, 2nds, other prizes; nice Crest-bred hen, to mate, same blood, closely related to winning strain, price 20/- the pair; bargain; giving up; approval, deposit; stamp reply: A. Morris, Braybrook-rd., Desborough, Northants.

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A huge collection, which includes Yellows, Yellow-marked, Greens, Buff and Buff-marked. Some of the prices I here give:—

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NORWICH, matched for breeding high-class Greens, reasonable approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

YORKS quarter-bred buff Green, 10/-; 2 quarter-bred clears, yell. and buff, 7/- each: C. Thornton, Slater, Otley.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens; Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, well-bred yellow cock 5/-, also 3 good yellow hens, rather small, 2/6 each: Simms, Relieving Officer, Windsor.

TYPICAL Greens, Yorkshires, and Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6, fit for exhibition 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HAVING acquired the whole first-class breeder and exhibitor's stock of Yorkshire Greens, can offer grand matched pairs, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; single buff cocks, hens, 10/- to 30/-; approval; stamp; no single yellows: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

SAMUEL DEAN

Self yellow green Yorkshire cocks, 6/-, 7/6 each; foul yellow green Yorkshire cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; foul buff yellow Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; variegated hens, yellow or buff, at 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; also few smart sets or pairs, cock and hen, in clear, ticked or variegated Yorkshire, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/- per pair; ditto cock and two hens, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/- the set; seven days' approval: Address, 6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

WEST, Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires; winner at all leading shows; approval.

YELLOW Plainhead hen, £1; 1909; deposit, stamp reply: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

1909 Buff coppy and Plainhead cocks, cheap to clear; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

BUFF coppy cock, 7/6; yellow coppy hen, 3/6; young birds, healthy; approval: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

MATCHED pair, 1909, bred from winners, 30/-; buff coppy cock, 15/-, healthy; approval: Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

CHAMPION extra large Lancashire Plainheads, stock and show birds, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

MONSTER Buff Plain cock, 15/-; monster Yellow coppy cock, 20/-; large Plainhead hen, Buff, 10/-; Buff coppy, 7/-, 5/-; Plainhead hen, 4/-: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

Lizards.

GOLD cocks, 8/- and 10/- each; cash, deposit: Wrigley, 91, Crompton-st., Coldhurst, Oldham.

LOVELY 1909 Golden Lizard hen, 3rd Frome, beautifully spangled, 8/6; approval, deposit: Miss Price, Inveravon, Clifton, Bristol.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list; cocks from 5/6; hens, 3/6; Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-class Lizards for sale, Golds and Silvers, cocks from 7/-, hens from 5/- (winner of society gold medal 1909-10); approval: Walter Dewsnap, 62, High-st.-west, Glossop.

THE Lizard Prince offers high-class winners and stock birds, bred from his winning strain, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited; John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard challenge cup three years together, winner champion diploma Palace 1909 and 1910; fur best Lizard winners and stock birds; reasonable; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds or sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st, Long Acre, London.

FEW clear Norwich cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/-: Bryant, 37, Tennyson-rd., Kettering.

TO make room for breeding, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-: Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

FOR sale, 4 medium-sized Norwich Hens, 3/- each: R. Duncan, 201, Holburn-st., Aberdeen.

WANTED several pairs, must be good, on approval: Barnes, 13, King-st., Richmond.

FOR sale, unlighted yellow cock, buff cock, 2 buff hens: Thorn, 69, Oxford-drive, Glasgow.

UNFLIGHTED variegated buff hens 15/-, 12/6; approval: Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

A few variegated Norwich cocks (1909) to clear, 3/6 each: W. Cornock, 6, Bainbrigge-st., Derby.

GOOD Norwich songsters, 5/-; hens, 2/6; clears, Yellows, 3/6: Miss Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

WANTED, large hens, large or small quantities; dealers' prices: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

TWO unflighted buff hens, 5/6 each, suit large cocks, same as winners: Notley, King's-pl., Bedford.

THREE Norwich cinnamon hens, 1909, from 5/-, or 15/- the three: Beard, Montebello-lodge, Totteridge, N.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 8/6; cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

NORWICH, good pairs from 10/0, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-: Mathers, 163, Pollokshaws-rd., Glasgow.

TWO big marked Buff cocks, 1908, 12/6 each; 4 Buff hens, 3/6, 4/- each: Ford, Isolation Hospital, Burton.

NORWICH hens, 2/6; Yorkshires, 3/6, 4/6; cocks from 5/6: Hill, 18, Coach-ter., Longsight, Manchester.

GRAND Norwich buff cock, 15/-; three yellow, one buff hens, 6/- each: Riseborough, Amberley-st., Sunderland.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few crest and crestbred cocks and hens, cheap; Norwich hens from 4/6.

TWO large hens, 1 yellow, 1 buff, 5/- 2; 3 buff cocks, 5/- each: White, Spring Hill Farm, Clapton, N.E.

NORWICH cocks, clears, variegated, yellows, and buffs, 7/6 to 12/6: Stewart, 62, Great Northern-rd., Aberdeen.

TEN pair left, Norwich Plainheads, 7/- pair, or cash offers for lot: Maryanon, Providence-ter., Swaffham.

YOUNG Norwich hens, clear, 3/- each; one, two years, good breeder, 2/6: Castleman Brown, Leeds, Maidstone.

BARGAINS, to clear, 2 pair, 8/6 pair; 2 pair, 10/6 a pair: Kelsall, 655, Oldham-rd., Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

H. Wicker.—Clear buff Norwich cock, v.h.c., 8/6; ticked yellow hen, 5/-, 1909; approval, deposit: Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

NORWICH, good healthy cocks and hens; cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6: 138, Haliburton-rd., Twickenham.

GRAND Norwich colour-fed cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; approval, deposit: Jessop, 459, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

ATTENTION: To make room for breeding, grand Norwich, 5/6 pair, to clear: H. Barker, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed.

BUFF cock, yellow hen, with eggs, breeding cage, complete, 10/-: Burrows, 5, Houblon-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

HIGH-class unflighted Norwich hens, yellow and buff, 5/- each; approval: Chapman, 110, Bergholt-rd., Colchester.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, from 7/0 pair; good condition: songsters, 6/6; hens, 2/6: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

FINE Norwich Canaries, 1909, cocks 5/6, hens 2/6, or 7/0 pair; Approval: Martin, Hairdresser, Belgrave, Leicester.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cocks, also cinnamon marked, from 7/-: Clapham, 138, Lovett-st., Grimsby (see Cinnamons).

THIRTY Norwich Buffs, Yellows, Crested; exchange songsters and large hens (feeders): Sayer, New-st., Margate.

NORWICH Canaries, the best and cheapest in the kingdom; send for price list, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

TWO buff cocks, 12/6 each, clear, tick, variegated buff hens, 7/-, 10/6; approval; stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

GRAND clear yellow hen, 10/-; heavy marked yellow hen, 4/-; approval: Twine, 3, Carlingford rd., Hucknall Torkard.

YELLOW Norwich cock, ditto green, full song, 6/- each; ticked Yorkshire cock, 6/6: Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

CHAMPION Norwich, from 12/6 pair, hens from 5/-; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

STRAIN second to none, typical buff cocks, fit to win, from 15/-; approval, stamp: George Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

WORTH notice, grand lot Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

TYPICAL buff cocks, 7/-; buff hen, 4/-; Cinnamon cock, 6/-; Cinnamon hen, 4/-; cold-room; deposit: Nile, Fewer, Cornwall.

1909 pair typical matched Norwich, Barnes' direct, 15/-; healthy, vigorous; approval willingly: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay.

NORWICH, vigorous cocks, aviary bred, full song, ready for breeding, 5/6 each; two, 10/-: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

LARGE Norwich cocks, full song, breeding condition, 5/6; hens, anxious to nest, 2/6: Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knightsbridge.

MOSS, moss, fresh gathered, disinfected, hand-picked, clean moss, 3d., 6d., 1/- bundles: Barwell, Grendon, Northamptonshire.

ARTHUR Green, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers several pairs Norwich from 8/6 pair; cock, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval; inspection invited.

NORWICH, splendid healthy cocks, from 6/-, excellent colour and song, cold bred, 1909, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks including winners, from 7/6; approval; cold room: A Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

LAST pair for sale, massive yellow cock, large unflighted buff hen, 25/-; approval: Churchard, 20, Rankin-st., Shepherd's Bush.

ONE pair clears, lovely birds, good condition, full song; 2 new single breeding cages, sacrifice, 13/- lot: A. Easton, Grove-st., Boston.

NORWICH, big buff hens 6/- each, yellow cock 8/-, flight and show cages, cheap: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-aven., Holbeck, Leeds.

TWO large buff green cocks, 1908, from grand clear yellow cock, 10/6 each; approval, deposit: Cross, 7, Bridge-rd., Rainham, Yarmouth.

NORWICH cocks, grand birds, pink condition, cold aviary bred, 6/-, 6/6; good large hens, 2/6, 3/-: Hewitt, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

FIFTY pairs Norwich Canaries; matched pairs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; singing cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2,6: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

GRAND typical Norwich, 15/- pair; few odd hens left at 7/6, all related to my own winners: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FOR sale 10 Norwich hens and cocks, the lot or separate, offers invited: Tice, Sheringham, Norfolk.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, good stock birds, 6/- and 7/- each; approval: Sharp, Wheat Sheaf Yard, Kirke Gate, Newark, Notts.

FEW grand Norwich cock, yellow marked, also clear buff, buff marked, 7/6 to 15/- each; approval, deposit: Spanu, Styvichale, Coventry.

FOUR cocks 4/6 each, 6 hens 2/6 each, or 30/- lot; approval; two London breeding cages, 3/- each, or 5/- two: H. Edwards, Glastonbury.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 3/6, pairs 8/6; large Crestbred hen, 0/6; approval, cash or deposit: Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

GRAND pair, fit for exhibition, nice size and shape, 13/0, only half their value; approval, cash or deposit: Bowie, Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

THREE Norwich matched pairs, from 7/6, not suited money returned; also single birds cheap to clear: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, offers Norwich pairs from 15/6 to £2 10s.; single birds, cocks or hens; cold-room; approval.

CRYSTAL Palace 3-dome aviary and 15 Norwich Canaries (cocks and hens), also double breeding cage, £2: 47, Lansdowne-rd., Tottenham.

TWENTY Norwich hens, all prize strains, from 7/6 each, yellows and buffs, no letters or approv.; phone, 888 Hop: H. Lee, 242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

FEW smart young cocks and hens, very cheap to clear; absolutely reliable strain; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North Avenue, Ramsgate.

NORWICH hens from 4/-, cocks from 6/- to £6, all from winners; also Chaffinch, winner, 4/6; must clear: Thompson, 35, Winsover-rd., Spalding.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, outdoor bred, 4 buff cocks 5/-, 4 buff hens 2/6; call any evening: Findlay, 8, Bickerstaith-rd., Lower Tooting, London.

A pair of monster ticked Norwich Canaries, in breeding condition, 12/6, worth 30/-, giving up Canaries; approval: Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

CAN spare 4 pairs high-class Norwich, grand stock yellows and buffs, cocks 10/6, 15/6, hens 5/6, 7/6; approval, deposit: 91, Holton-rd., Barry Dock.

THREE good pairs, also 0 hens, colour fed, yellow and variegated, all from winning strain, what offers the lot or part: R., 8, Lind-st., St. John's, London.

HIGH-class Norwich, winning strain, will exchange for poultry, well bred puppies, dogs, or anything useful; stamp particulars: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED Norwich Plainheads, yellow cock, yellow hen, or ticked unflighted large cobby tight-feathered birds; no rubbish; approval: Bridges, Boship, Hellingly.

TWO unflighted prize-bred, chubby, lightly-variegated yellows and buffs, cocks; great sacrifice, 7/6 each. Approval; deposit: Batten, Rosenean, Penzance.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

TYPICAL buff and yellow Norwich cocks, must be sold immediately at great sacrifice, 7/6 each, worth treble as songsters: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 6/6, ditto hens, 4/-; also few high-class lizards, cheap; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

NORWICH, good sized birds, clear yellow, ditto buff, variegated buff cocks, full song, 4/-, 4/9, 5/6, 6/-, hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-: Samuel Pratt, 7, Oxford-st., Leicester.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 4/6; pairs properly matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; marvellous value; approval willingly: E. Hanford, Derby.

L. J. Richardson, having paired up his birds, can spare 5 yellow hens, from 7/6 to 13/6; one buff hen, 20/-; 2 yellow cocks, 12/6 and 10/-: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, S.E.

EXTRA large yellow Norwich cock, two fine buffs, six good hens, one even marked yellow, winner, best blood obtainable; cheap, approval: Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

GREAT sacrifice, yellow Norwich cock, 2nd St. Albans, shade small, otherwise grand bird, accept 8/6, worth treble as a songster: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

EXTRA large 1908 eye-ticked yellow hen, non-fed, 15/-; variegated 1909 yellow hen, 7/6; good buff hen, 5/-; any approval, deposit: Young, Mechanics' Institute, Alford, Lincs.

A. WATTS, Breeder and Exhibitor of Norwich yellow and buff, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; approval, deposit: Manor Farm, High-st., Old Feltton, Peterboro'.

NORWICH; breeders, I am wanting 5 or 6 dozen Norwich hens; if you have any for sale, send me price and particulars: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

GOOD healthy outdoor aviary bred Norwich, in clears, cinnamon, ticked, variegated, cocks 4/-, 4,6, 5/-; hens 2/-, 2,6, 3/-; approval, deposit: Osborne, Stockwell Head, Hinckley.

TWO unflighted Yellow hens, one 1908, from winners, 5/ each; 12/6 lot; large typical Buff cock, good head, neck, and quality, 12/6, winners, bargain: Viggers Bros., Banbury.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has lot of his large noted Norwich that must be sold to make room for breeding; no fancy prices; from 10/6 each; state wants; approval.

NOTICE: I have 3 unflighted yellow Norwich hens, short thick birds, for sale, price 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; cash or deposit: M. T. Makin, 10, Jubilee-st., Church-rd., New Mills, nr. Stockport.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

STRONG, healthy hens, variegated and yellow, 2/6 to clear, cold room; room wanted: inspection invited: C. Brenton, 63, Howard Buildings, Albert-st., near Hanbury-st., London, N.E.

GIVING up, genuine sale, high-class Norwich, winners of 200 cards, also grand stock birds, breeding, flight, show cages; inspection invited: Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

J. HODDER can spare fine chubby variegated buff cock, 20/-; yellow cock, fine head, 15/-; ticked buff cock, fine bird, 15/-; approval: few others from 7/6: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

H. Wilson, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, can spare large buff cock, grand head, winner 1st., 15/-; two cobby buff hens, 5/- each; cinnamon marked buff hen, 6/-, cold room; approval, deposit.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich, short tail and flights, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, hens 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, bred from winners; worth double; approval: T. Yates, Albany-rd., Aviaries, Reading.

MAZZONI (late Rogers-Mazzoni), splendid prize bred Norwich cocks, from 20/-; hens from 12/6; finest quality; personal application invited: 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.

UPWARDS of 100 good Norwich Plainheads, cocks 5/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, pairs matched 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

R. Stirling can offer 2 pairs of first-class Norwich Plainheads, 15/- and 20/-; 2 yellow variegated hens, 5/-, 7/-; 2 clear yellow Sib. hens, 5/ each, on approval; deposit: 22, Sellincourtrd., Tooting.

TICKED Buff Plainhead hen, 4th Norwich All-England show, 10/6; clear yellow, vhc ditto, 10/6; marked Buff hens, 4/- each; approval, deposit; T. and E. Wright, Tunn-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

NOTICE, beautiful Norwich Plainheads and Crests, separate or pairs, ready for breeding; no rubbish; state wants; approval; instalments taken: Fancier, 44, High Mill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

C. HILLMEN, Ellel-grove, Liverpool, has still some grand typical good quality birds for sale; yellow and buffs, cocks, a few buff hens, very reasonable; also good feeding hens, 3/-, on appro.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, winner, 10/6; another, 7/6; clear yellow cock, winner, 8/6; variegated buff cock, a model, 8/6; others cheap; particulars stamp, approval: Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

NOTICE; champion pair, Buff cock and Yellow hen, 20/-; 3 large cocks, 10/- each; Yellow hen, 10/6; exhibition cock Mule, 20/-; house-moulted Linnet, 5/-; remainder of stock, stamp: Brain, Glastonbury.

TYPICAL marked unflighted buff cock, winner, 15/-; 3 bouncing buff hens, 7/6 each, worth double; see show reports; wanted, youth's bicycle, 22in. frame, good condition: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

BARGAIN: 6 pairs of large high-class Norwich, grand colour and quality, 12/6 pair, £3 lot; large buff cock 7/6, ditto hen 4/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: W. Garner, 19, White Friars, Coventry.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize-bred; approval.

NORWICH, few fine unflighted cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/- upwards; on approval, cash or deposit; send for price list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

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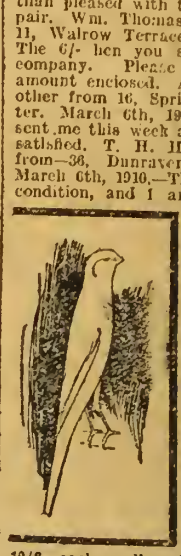
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GRAND long, slim yellow Yorkshire cocks (several winners local and members' shows), splendid breeding birds, and ready for pairing up, only 10/6 each to clear; approval; cash or deposit. Stamp reply: Hodgson, Printer, Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

LONG, slim, typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, racers cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; upstanding hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 28/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, 3rd vhc, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 2nd, 15/-; grand cock both clears and ticked, from 7/6; hens from 6/6 upwards; pairs properly mated to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair, all cold room kept; 26 years breeder and exhibitor; approval; prize cards sent: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds all from winning strain, in all colours, and cold-room bred, at working-men's prices, 8/6 and 10/6 per pair, worth 20/- and 25/- per pair; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; will send carriage paid on seven days approval; cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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The Very One.

John's Street, Wexford. March 1st, 1910,—The bird arrived safe. I am very thankful to you for sending me such a fine hen. It was the very one I was wanting. It is a pleasure to do business with you. J. O'Brien to W. Rudd.

Very Highly Satisfied.

66, Back Row, Nettlesworth. March 1st, 1910,—I have received the birds all right, and I am highly satisfied with them, and thank you very much. The cock is singing well. It started as soon as it was put into the cage. M. Blamson to W. Rudd.

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His First—But Not the Last.

433, West Street, Crewe. March 3rd, 1910,—Bird to hand, I may say it is my first deal, but I can assure you it will not be my last, as it gives me every satisfaction. I also thank you for prompt despatch. A. W. Ellis to W. Rudd.

What More do we Want?

Marshside, Southport. March 3rd, 1910,—The two birds received all right. I am more than satisfied. They are good value for my money, and I can strongly recommend you to all who are in want of a bird. It is honest dealing and good value we get from you. What more do we want? J. Forshaw to W. Rudd.

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Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 6/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Ticked or variegated, 5/-, 6/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards.

Hens.—Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards.

Just compare the above prices with others, to say nothing of quality, but there is no guesswork here; it is not a game of chance, as with some.

Call and inspect thousands.

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If you cannot afford a big price, send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at 8/6 or 9/6; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked,** and one **clear, one buff,** and the **other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for 8/6 I will send you a Double Breeding Cage, fitted with everything complete, for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage, 12/3, for 8/6 birds, or 13/3 for 9/6 birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only 8/-.

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You may say, "This is all very well for you to state that." I agree with you, it is. But, have one or more on approval, and then see if the statement is not correct. I have Clears, Greens, Cinnamons, and Cinnamon-marked.

COCKS.—5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.
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All birds on approval to any part of Great Britain. Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

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Having selected my breeding stock, I have some real gems to part with, either cocks or hens, all cold room bred; sent on 3 days' approval: 14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

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To those wanting high-class Yorkshires, bred from and including winners of cup, 1907, outright challenge cup winner 1907, cup winner 1908, outright: Baily and Ambler's strain; only a few for sale; cocks from 10/-; hens, from 7/6; approval: cash or deposit with Editor: A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell.

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Our winnings in Cinnamon-marks and Green-marked Yorkshires for the past ten years exceed those of any other fancier. We have a few show birds and stock birds for sale, also a few clears, price from 15/- to 60/- a pair; approval; if not satisfied, your full money returned; stamp for reply.—1, Back Kitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

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Desiring to clear season's surplus stock (about 150) before end of month, I offer 50 pairs at reduced prices, viz.: 10 pairs each at 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; single stock cocks, 7/-, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/6, 7/-, 9/-, 12/-; these are guaranteed bred from same stock sold at 50/- to £5 the pair. Owing to past indifferent health conditions, have also decided to limit my coming season's breeding stock, so I offer a few specially selected pairs, intended for own use, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/- to 30/- pair. My past 30 years' experience in the breeding and keeping of Yorkshires only is sufficient guarantee for purity of breed, combined with up-to-date style and qualities; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash or deposit; price list and particulars sent on receipt of stamp for postage: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Direct from "Mr. Bates, Stoke," strain, which won for him thousands of prizes. I have sold from this strain to Mr. Blackhurst some toppers, and he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1908, Crystal Palace; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, etc., this season; also Mr. Banks, Cardiff, won 1sts, 2nds, etc., with this strain supplied by me. Some grand youngsters, same strain and models; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, Yellows or Buffs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; matched pairs, to breed winners, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/- pair. Any I send on approval and guaranteed to please you, as I don't exhibit these myself. Order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancashire.

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Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet contest held at Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on March 6th, when we had 11 entries. J. Wainwright, 1st, 45sec.; R. Taylor, 2nd, 22sec.; W. Dobson, 3rd, 17sec.—R. Taylor, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, on March 6th, when 17 birds sang. 1st, Hutchinson; 2nd, Green; 3rd, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Reed and Renton.

Usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, March 5th, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Johnson and Hoban. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Sissons. Also on March 6th, when 32 birds sang for four good prizes. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Johnson; 4th, Bland. Judges, Messrs. Naylor, Clark, and Hoban. Also on same evening novice Canary contest held, and a muster of 16 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Smith; 3rd, shared between Johnson and Hamilton. A grand Canary contest will be held at above house (open to all) March 13th, at 8.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet singing contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, on March 6th, for quality singing, when 16 birds faced the judges. The house was packed, visitors coming from all parts. 1st prize, Turner; 2nd, Soloman; 3rd, Sellers. Judges, Messrs. P. Madden and G. Towers; timekeeper, Mr. A. Binns. Don't forget annual Easter Tuesday championship match open to all England, no one barred, Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, Newtown.

Usual week-end time singing contest of the Newtown Linnet and C.C., held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, February 27th. 1, Rennie; 2, Brophy; 3, Fenwick. Result of match, March 6th: 1, T. Hargreaves; 2, 3, divided between Brophy and Hargreaves. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, J. Hargreaves. A nice select audience of fanciers and friends assembled to hear the usual fortnightly Roller contest: 1, Foley; 2, D. Madder; 3, Greer; judges, Messrs. T. Summers, T. Clark. Time singing contests held every week-end, open to all.—Jos Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held an open Linnet match for time singing at Weavers' Arms on March 5th, when 27 birds were entered from Leigh, Wigan, Westhoughton, and Standish, and some good singing was heard. Winners: 1st, T. Statham, 59; 2nd, T. Mawdsley, 74; 3rd, W. Mellingan, 64; 4th, J. Macfarlane, 51; 5th, T. Seddon, 47; 6th divided between R. Holcroft and T. Mawdsley, 46 each. Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Parker, E. Parker, and G. Mellingan. After the match we had a contest sing in the gaslight, which proved a success. Winners: 1st, W. Howard, 46; 2nd, T. Statham, 19.—A. Parker, Sec.

(Several Contest Reports unavoidably held over.)

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THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

The solicitors acting for Messrs. Preston and Flowers have made very considerable progress towards getting the case in order ready for the appeal to be heard, and we hope in a week or so's time to be in a position to make a definite statement as to the date (or thereabouts) on which the case will come up for hearing, and to give other interesting particulars.

The ninth list of subscriptions received by Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday afternoon last is as follows: Per Mr. W. Riley Myers (collected at the great prize-distribution at Bradford on March 5), 15s.; Hull C.B.S., 10s. 6d.; Ashton-under-Lyne O.S., 5s.; Lancaster and District C.B.S., 3s. 4d.; Coxhoe C.B.S., 2s. 6d.; Hartlepools C.B.S., 2s. 6d.; per Mr. G. Reed (collected at Durham Linnet Singing Association contest), 2s. 3d.; Morley C.B.S., 1s. 6d.; Mr. J. Hinson (Cambridge), 1s.; and L. Burborough (London, S.W.), 1s. These amounts total £2 4s. 7d., and, together with the sums already acknowledged, bring the aggregate subscriptions received up to £59 12s. 10d. The acknowledgement of the King's Head Ramblers' Society, 7s. 6d. (in our issue of February 26), should have read, The King's Head (Leicester) British Bird and Mule. Club (incorporated with the King's Head Ramblers' Society, Leicester).

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. O.S.

At the monthly meeting held on February 28th, Mr. A. Towl presiding, it was decided to alter the club meeting nights to Thursday, instead of Monday as heretofore, to meet the convenience of members. The following gentlemen were elected to judge at the forthcoming nest feather shows: May 26th, Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby); June 25th, Mr. George Harland (Hull); July 21st, Mr. W. T. Pepper (Hull); and August 18th, Mr. Jesse Calam (Hull). It is to be hoped our friends will come forward with specials for competition at these shows. At our next monthly meeting, to be held on March 31st, it was decided that each member bring a written question appertaining to the Fancy, the whole of such questions to be placed in a hat and drawn out by each member present, who will endeavour to answer same, when a discussion will be taken thereon.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

MORPETH AND DIS. C.B.S.

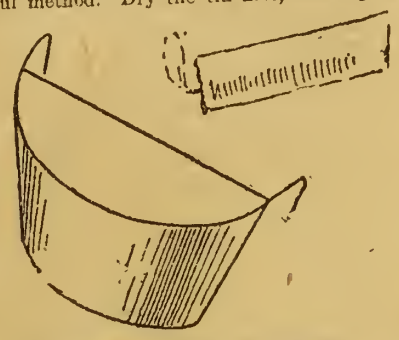
Monthly meeting held in the Temperance Hotel on March 4th, Mr. A. G. Marshall in the chair. A very fair number put in an appearance, and three new members were enrolled. The principal business was whether we should still belong to the Cage Bird Union, or sever our connection with that body. After serious consideration it was unanimously agreed that owing to the Union's unsatisfactory state of affairs as at present constituted (rendering it utterly useless to us as a society), we withdraw and run our next show on October 15th independently of the C.B.U. It was further decided to hold a first feather show on June 25th. Mr. Clark was appointed to look after the management of same, and as I shall not be free to undertake, at that time, any responsibility, Mr. J. Moore, a promising young fancier, was appointed secretary. It will be confined to members. We are still open to accept new members, and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join. Will members who were not present please note change of meeting place—Temperance Hotel, Bridge-street?—E. COWLING, Hon. Sec.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 390.
Device for Temporarily Stopping Leaks.
Sent by Mr. W. Spencer.

I have found the following an easy way of stopping a crack in the corners of zinc or tin drinkers, if you suddenly find one leaks and do not have a spare one handy. It is a very useful method. Dry the tin first, then light a

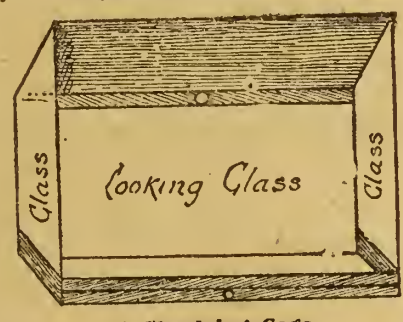


To Temporarily Stop Leaks.

wax candle and let the wax drop into the crack as shown in the sketch. It does not hurt the birds, and the repair will last till you can purchase some more drinkers.—W. SPENCER. [*Will Mr. Spencer kindly forward us his address?*]

No. 391.
A Novel Finch Steadying Cage.
Sent by Mr. C. Lees, 107, Monk Street, Derby.

Enclosed you will find a sketch of a steadying cage for Linnets and other Finches. I have had the same cage in use with success. First of all make a frame as shown in sketch; then get a piece of looking-glass for the back, an ordinary window glass for both ends, and a piece of



A Steadying Cage.

wood for top. With this cage you have the advantage of the wood box cage, because when you place your bird in the cage the bird can see you no matter which way you go. You do not, therefore, drop on it too suddenly as you do in the case of the wooden box cage. Any fancier wishing to try one can do so, if he will deposit 2s. (with the fee, sixpence, in addition) with Editor, which will be returned when done with same, and sent home. These cages are not for sale. I think the sketch will give anyone an idea of same. The perch used is a spring one, fixed to the front of cage.—C. LEES.

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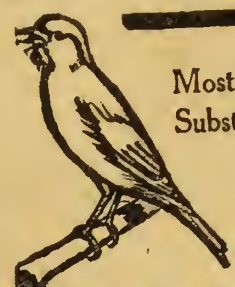
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WATFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner has now become quite an institution with the local firms and societies, and not to be behind in the fashion, the Cage Bird Society, doubtless in pardonable elation after the success of their recent show, decided to organise such a pleasant social evening. Thus their first annual dinner came off recently in the Swan Inn, High Street, and was a most gratifying and encouraging success. The Dinner Committee, Messrs. R. J. Watts, P. Hedgeman, with Mr. W. Quantrell as hon. secretary, had all the arrangements efficiently carried out, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Mr. C. Watson presided over a large company. A select musical programme was discoursed by Messrs. Pycroft, Stuart, Leighton, Pearson, with Mr. P. C. Kluht as accompanist. The toast of "The Watford and District C.B.S." was proposed by Mr. J. Goodall and responded to by Mr. R. J. Pretty. The health of "The Chairman" was given by Mr. W. Quantrell, and that of "The Secretary and Treasurer" by Mr. E. T. Bailey. Mr. G. Swain proposed "The Sub-Committee," which was suitably responded to. At an interval the presentation of cups and medals took place. The Sears Challenge Cup went to Mr. R. J. Watts, and the Novice Challenge Cup (presented by Mr. Partridge) to Mr. F. Wright, with a gold medal to the previous holder, Mr. E. Wright. A medal presented by Mrs. Willison Ewans was carried off by Mr. T. Wright, and the Ramsden trophy by Mr. Buckingham. The cup presented by Mr. R. J. Pretty for best bird bred in the current year was awarded to Mr. Sear, and the Gleeson Challenge Cup to Mr. W. Quantrell, who also took the prize for gaining most points during the year. After this interesting ceremony another pretty function took place. To mark their appreciation of the work done by Mr. R. J. Pretty as chairman, and Mr. W. Quantrell as hon. sec., the members decided to prepare a surprise for them. This took the form of two illuminated addresses, richly mounted, expressing the recognition and appreciation of the services of these two officials on behalf of the Society. Amidst a scene of tremendous enthusiasm the presentations were made by the Chairman, who, as secretary of the West Herts F.A., paid a high tribute to both recipients, and incidentally referred with pleasure to the removal of any differences that might have arisen between what were once rival Associations. Messrs. Pretty and Quantrell were again loudly cheered on rising to respond. All the speeches to the toasts during the evening emphasised the great progress the Society had made, and the foremost and respected position it now occupied among similar societies within the London radius. A graceful compliment was paid to Mrs. Quantrell by having her name coupled and drunk with the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer." This was in fitting recognition of her hospitality to the committee at their meetings at her house. The one address presented read as follows: "This address is presented to our Chairman, Mr. R. J. Pretty, by the members of the Watford and District Cage Bird Society as a token of esteem and of their appreciation of the valuable assistance which he has on all occasions rendered to the Society from its foundation to the present day. December 16th, 1909." Mr. Quantrell's address was couched in similar terms.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Aberdare.—Mar. 28 and 29, Market Hall. Judge: Mr. T. L. Castree. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 2, For. 1, Local Can. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Mar. 21, to T. J. DAVIES, George Hotel.

Wild Bird Life.

Concerning Nest Boxes.

Bird lovers who have good-sized gardens or orchards may induce many interesting birds to nest upon the premises by the simple device of supplying suitable nesting boxes for their accommodation. The most simple form is one made with a sloping roof, which is easily removable for the inspection of the interior; this may be covered with cork for the sake of ornamentation, but this exterior decoration is not absolutely necessary, as I do not think it is in any way an additional attraction to the feathered race. Of course, there is no nest box in existence that in the eyes of a bird is equal to a hole in an old tree; but hollow trees are scarce, that is, trees with the exact sized hollow required by the house-hunting Tit or Robin; and as many of our British birds nest in holes in trees and cliffs, there is generally pretty keen competition for choice sites. Our nest-boxes, therefore, should be made to take the place of the natural sites, and should be hung in positions sheltered from the roughest weather, and free from interference by vermin and cats.

The various species of Tits are generally the first to avail themselves of these boxes, and to prevent their being turned out by stronger rivals the entrances should be small—that is, too small for a Sparrow or Starling, but just large enough for the Tit. The size of the box is not of much consequence to a Tit; he will easily collect enough material to fill up a box of reasonable size, and once installed the owner may safely reckon upon his annual visit for nesting purposes. The familiar Wren will occasionally condescend to patronise an artificial nesting site, but is not satisfied with the roof supplied to the box, but will proceed to build a dome nest in the same manner as she would in the open. Sometimes the owner of a few boxes will be fortunate enough to get a visit from the handsome Wryneck, which will be heard in the neighbourhood some days before it is seen; but should it at length appear to favour the vicinity of any particular box, and this box is occupied the occupant must be bundled out neck and crop, or the box replaced by another; for Tits and other birds, however interesting, are somewhat common, and Wrynecks are rare and still more interesting. Of course, our nest boxes are frequently inspected and occupied by the common House Sparrow and Starling, but unless a brood of these latter are required for hand-rearing, they are not allowed to take up the quarters designed for others.

The Constant Daws.

Crows, Jackdaws, and Rooks evidently pair for life, for an observer may frequently notice signs of it, even in winter, when the 'Daws and Rooks flock. A pair of Jackdaws will often leave their fellows and visit the cliffs or tree where they nested the previous summer.

Coming Events.

In consequence of the mildness of the season many species are far advanced, and in fine condition. The Starlings are already hunting among the old trees for nesting sites, running in and out the knot holes, and inspecting suitable positions. The Rooks' nests have increased considerably during the last week or two, and one can frequently see them out in the open collecting sticks and other building material. They do not always carry it away at once, but handle it in a playful fashion, as though there was still plenty of time before spring. As for the Sparrows, as usual they are far in advance of all other species. They have been building for some time, and it is quite on the cards that Mrs. Sparrow is already incubating her first clutch.

Tits in the Garden.

C.C.C.—(1) I have hanging on one of the trees in our garden a cocoanut, and a few Tits have been at it I believe. Is there, in the spring, any likelihood of their nesting in it? (2) What I could see of them was that they had black heads, with white cheeks, and a brown and white striped back, with grey under. Would it be better to hang the cocoanut in the creeper on the wall, than leave it on the tree?

They were no doubt Tits, but it is doubtful if they will build in the shell. But you might give them the opportunity, and for that purpose I think it would be better to hang it against the wall, as they would be more likely to take to it there than in the tree. You could also place near it a box about eight inches high and four or five inches wide and deep; bore a hole one and a half inches in diameter, three inches from the top, and just below it place a small perch. Make the lid to slope and work on hinges, so that you are able to inspect the interior. The birds are very likely to take to this if it is placed in a suitable position and out of the reach of cats. You should also hang a piece of fat or suet close to it, to entice them to visit the spot.—H.N.

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The Ardwick and District C.B.S. have fixed June 18th for their First Feather show, and December 3rd for the annual show, writes Mr. J. Spencer, the hon. secretary.

On Easter Monday, Mr. C. A. House will judge Bangor show throughout, writes Mr. J. O. Williams, particulars of which will be found in the advertisement columns. Good classification is given, and special in almost every class. We hope that North Wales fanciers will make a special effort to ensure this show being a success. We are pleased to understand that the Fancy in our neighbourhood is in a flourishing condition. Two novices, Mr. H. Jones and Mr. D. Walford, of Bangor, have both taken up Yorkshires (some well-known winners). That well-known fancier Mr. W. H. Williams (Llangoed) has taken up Norwich once more, with some of the right sort. Also Mr. W. R. Roberts has added a few of the same variety to his stock. We should like to see a few more Lizards and Scotch Fancies shown, also the Belgian and the Lancashire added to the list.

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Twitterings.

Our First Feather show has been fixed for July 2nd, writes Mr. J. Shaddock, hon secretary, Coventry O.S.

Will show secretaries kindly send all communications in future to me, instead of to A. and H. Parker? writes Mr. Adam Parker, Nellfield Place, Head of Muir, Denny.

The Great Horton O.S. are holding two First Feather shows, the one on June 18th and the other on July 30th, besides shows on September 24th and December 10th. Schedules of these shows may be had of the secretaries, Messrs. Chubb and Worsnop, 227, Great Horton Road, Bradford.

In the death of our friend, Mr. J. E. Brotherton, we have sustained a great loss, writes Mr. H. Martin, hon. secretary, Shipley O.S. At the last meeting our members passed a vote of condolence, expressing their sincere sympathy with Mr. Brotherton's relatives.

The London and Counties O.S. Finch show will be held on April 2nd, with Mr. C. Prior as judge; our First Feather show on July 9th, judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke; and our annual show on November 11th and 12th. The rule book with arrangements for the year will be ready shortly. —W. GILBERT, hon. secretary.

We regret to hear of the indisposition of Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop), who writes: I am confined to my bed with a severe attack of catarrh. I was far from well when judging Wellington show, and found some "teasers" of classes to get through. I have not been out of bed since I returned home.

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We have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye to judge at our open show on Octoher 7th and 8th, writes Mr. W. Howe, hon. secretary of the Wellingborough and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note that my address is 76, Hartington Terrace, having removed from Marlborough Street. I am continually having letters sent to the old address.—JAS. BARRASS, secretary, South Shields C.B.S.

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A sample of the nesting moss which he is advertising in our columns has reached us from Mr. C. Barwell (Grendon). It is a very clean material, and looks as though it would prove very successful in use.

Our Table Show for pairs of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Hybrids, A.O.V., Novice, Single Bird, and Selling Class, writes Mr. F. Brown, sec. of the Crook Original C.B.S., has been fixed for March 19th.

The North London C.B.A.'s 1910 Manual is an exceedingly neat production, and includes, in addition to a list of the officers and the members (with their addresses), and the rules and regulations, a list of the fixtures for the year, which includes lectures on all branches of the Fancy, besides numerous "special events." The secretary is Mr. R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Before the London and Provincial O.S., Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, at the "Raglan," on Thursday, March 17th, at 8.30 sharp, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, acting hon. secretary. All visitors heartily welcome.

Our Nest Feather show has been fixed for July 9th, and we are trying to get Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) to place the cards, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, secretary of the Hartlepools C.B.S. There will be open classes for Yorkshires, Norwich and Linnets.

Mr. S. H. George (32, Fisher Street, Swansea), writes, that he has been appointed secretary of the Swansea and Dis. C.B. Society (with Mr. Fred Heal as joint secretary), and that all correspondence in connection with the society should in future be sent to the above address.

To save any slight misunderstanding, I wish to state that Mr. A. E. Rogers and myself dissolved partnership in November last (1909), and that in future the birds will be bred and exhibited by myself and in my name, as I have secured all of the valuable stock.—C. L. S. MAZZONI (East Dulwich, London, S.E.).

I called in at the Market Tavern on Saturday, writes Mr. John H. Jowett (Bradford), to see the Great Yorkshire distribution of prizes, and am sorry I happened to be a late caller. I took 3 or 4 private breeders just to let them witness this grand affair. It must have been an immense success indeed. I went prepared with a few wigs and several songs to give Mr. H. Hill a few rounds (in addition to the programme), but unfortunately the evening closed just after 10 (no doubt for the benefit of distant comers). The gathering was a sight to remember, and a credit to Bradford.

We hear from the secretary, Mr. Wynn, that there promises to be a magnificent display of birds at the City and Suburban Society's "British and Foreign Bird Show" being held to-day (Saturday). Mr. C. Prior judges. Further particulars will be found in the advertisement in these columns.

The catalogue issued by Mr. Enoch Tams, of Church Street, Longton, is full of good things for the fancier, and our readers would do well to consult its pages when making their purchases. Mr. Tams also states that he has on view the largest stock of Roller Canaries (arrived this week) that has ever entered the Potteries.

I have won the challenge cup (presented by Mr. F. Kelly, of Holly Court, Sheffield, to the Hoyland O.S. in 1905) outright, writes Mr. A. H. Waters (Wombwell Main, near Barnsley). I was successful in winning this cup four times in five years. The final contest was at Hoyland on February 19th, when Mr. W. H. Lindley, of Wombwell, placed the cards.

You can judge of my surprise when getting my CAGE BIRDS on Friday last to find on the front page a lifelike reproduction of the picture of my Goldie-Bullie. It may interest many of your readers to know that I have sold him to a well-known North Country exhibitor at a good figure. I wish your splendid paper every success.—ALF. SHELLAM (Cardiff).

Owing to the clashing of dates the annual show of the Dublin P., Cage Bird, and B.A. will be held on October 27th and 28th, and not on November 16th and 17th, as previously announced. I will, even at this early date, be pleased to hear from any fanciers wishing to come forward and guarantee classes in the cage bird or other sections.—J. GIBSON, sec.

Our show dates are as follows, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, hon. secretary of the North London C.B.A.: British and foreign bird show, March 16th; young stock show, June 25th; and the annual show, November 4th and 5th. We have been presented with a handsome challenge cup for most points, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, and a smaller cup for runner-up, to be won outright.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JOSEPH CHISNALL.

I regret to have to inform you that my former show colleague, Mr. Joseph Chisnall, passed away after a few months' severe illness on March 5th, writes Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens). It is now some 14 years ago since "Houlton and Chisnall" ceased to show birds, but no doubt many old fanciers well remember how successful they were on the show bench, and they will be sorry to learn that one more bird enthusiast has joined the great majority.

Mr. J. DALZIEL (Birkenhead).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. J. Richardson (Birkenhead), that I have to announce the sudden death of Mr. J. Dalziel, a fancier well known in Birkenhead and district. He was interred at Bromboro' Church on February 23rd. Mr. Harris and Mr. Porter represented the Birkenhead Society, and Mr. Parry the Chester Society. His death will be much regretted by the members, as he was very popular.

I must thank you for sending me the postcard giving me the good news that I had won first prize at the Crystal Palace Show with my Bullfinch hen. This is, I may say, my first attempt in England.—R. WATSON (Glasgow).

I wish to thank Mr. G. E. Weston for his kindness in explaining in CAGE BIRDS the mating problem I recently asked, writes Mr. F. George (Gosforth). I have received much good advice about British birds from the same gentleman at various times under different noms de plume. I always cut out anything useful and paste in a scrap book for further reference. I wish CAGE BIRDS every prosperity.

It is with the utmost satisfaction I have to record the new enthusiasm that has arisen in the society, writes Mr. Wm. Maltby, hon. secretary of the Bramley and District C.B.S.; and with the same spirit continuing the society will soon emerge from the gloom that has so persistently hung over it for the past season or two. There was a good attendance at our last meeting, and there would have been more but for the great Yorkshire prize distribution at Bradford.

I wish to thank your correspondents, Messrs. Wm. Todd and Edward Floyd, for the kind manner in which they answered my query, re "How to make and use egg cake," writes Mr. F. George (Gosforth). I am sure they are both useful recipes, and it is through the kindness of such gentlemen as these answering questions through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, that the path of the novice is made comparatively easy. Living in Northumberland myself, I shall be able to follow Mr. Floyd's suggestion easily enough, as the time is drawing close for the "bairns" to get their "peast eggs," which they are looking forward to.

The Southern Norwich P.C.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's distribution of prizes will, we are informed, take place at "The Raglan," on March 17th, the night Mr. Robson is giving his lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.

The Southern Yorkshire C.C.

The annual meeting of the S.Y.C.C. will be held at the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, W., on March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The novice teapot at Southend was won by Mr. Franks, and the medal by Mr. Creamer. Mr. Ramsden's cruet was won by Mr. Whittome, not Mr. Angeaur, as previously announced.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary, Junction Hotel, Andover.

Helpful Hints to Beginners in Canary Breeding.

By M. HOPPER.

In taking up cage bird keeping as a hobby there are a few things which ought to be taken into consideration, and which when dealt with will greatly lessen the difficulties at the beginning. The first question is to decide what variety takes your fancy. Having decided this point, the next is how many pairs to have. This must be governed by the accommodation at the beginner's disposal; also by the amount of time he will be able to give to his hobby. Overcrowding is a step in the wrong direction, and would in all probability bring about early disasters. There is also the question of how far the pocket will go. But it is advisable to obtain a few good specimens rather than crowd the space at one's disposal with cheap, undesirable stock.

Obtaining One's Stock.

Another question concerns how to go about obtaining the stock. The best way is undoubtedly to go to some prominent fancier in your district, one whose reputation can be relied on; tell him what you want, and what you are prepared to pay for the birds; and be guided by him in the selection of what you require.

Should you be unable to obtain what you want in this way, you will find plenty advertised in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. Above all be sure and see that the birds you buy are healthy and sound, as it is a waste of time and money to start off with unhealthy stock. It is not advisable to go to the cheapest market; the main object is to get full value for your money.

It is important to pay special attention to cages and appliances. If the new recruit to the Fancy be a handy man he will be able to furnish himself with what he will require in the way of cages, seed hoppers, etc. He may also at little cost obtain what he requires through the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS.

Where to Keep Your Birds.

Having purchased your stock birds and cages, you have next to settle the question as to what part of the premises you intend to carry on operations in—and this is not always an easy matter to settle. Of course, if there be a spare room at your disposal you are "in clover"; but this is a luxury which is not always met with in the cottager's home. Where a spare room is not at your disposal you must make the best arrangements you can. Select the part of the house where there will be no disturbance for the birds and where they will be free from draughts and not too warm.

I would also advise you to join some cage bird society, and keep in touch with older fanciers; also visit any show that may be handy, and as many fanciers' rooms as possible; you will pick up much valuable information in this way which you will find of great assistance, and it will also make your hobby more interesting.

Feeding and Management of Stock.

There is also the important question of the feeding and managing of one's stock. First obtain and give regularly the best Spanish Canary seed, which can be bought in bulk or from a local seed merchant. A teaspoonful of hemp seed can be added now and again, also a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week during winter. Give no green food, as it is not suitable owing to the frost. A slice of apple or a little boiled carrot placed between the wires, also some grated raw carrot mixed with bread crumbs, may be given now and again during the winter months, in place of green food.

Now and again a little bread and milk may be given with advantage, made as follows: place what bread is required into a pot, pour on boiling milk, and after the bread has been well scalded pour off the milk, and when the bread is cold serve to the birds with a sprinkling of sugar on the top. It is best to give a little egg food now and again during winter, as it will help to keep the birds in good condition; and this is important, as those which have been in good condition during the winter give the best results during the breeding season.

On no account over-feed; this is almost as bad as under-feeding, bringing the birds on too soon or causing them to be too fat, which is not a desirable thing and very often upsets the whole breeding season.

Keep a nice supply of good sharp grit in the cage. Some fanciers give it in tins or pots, covering the bottom of the cages with pine saw-dust; others use grit. A piece of cuttlefish bone should also be placed between the wires for the birds to pick at. A show-cage should also be kept, and the birds run into it now and again; this will help to steady them and get them used to their attendant.

When the Breeding Season Arrives.

As the breeding season comes on special attention must be given to stock and appliances. Cleanliness is of the greatest importance, and all cages, seed hoppers, and perches should be thoroughly washed, and where needed painted or whitewashed, and all repairs seen to and put into order.

A little extra feeding of stock will be required; hemp may be given more freely, also a pinch of maw seed and a teaspoonful of egg food given twice a week. This will depend on the condition of the birds; some will naturally come into condition on little or no extra feed, and others will be a little backward and will require more liberal diet. Where a bird seems backward in condition egg food can be given more often, and a little Parrish's Chemical Food mixed with the egg food. Also now and again add a little to the drinking water (one teaspoonful of chemical food to two tablespoonfuls of water).

The time for pairing, should the weather be suitable and the stock in condition, should not be earlier than the middle of March, so if all conditions be favourable a start can now be made. All breeding cages ought to be fitted with wire slides, also a blank slide, and if possible a double set of sand trays, having one set always clean and ready to take the place of those in use. Also have a few extra perches.

Being satisfied which of the stock is most forward in condition, run them in the breeding cages with wire slides for a day or two. Give them a little summer rape seed and some egg food, also hemp as soon as they show signs of pairing; draw out the slide, and run them together; and place in the cage some nest pans and some nesting materials. Fix all perches securely, and see that they are so fixed that the droppings do not fall into the nest, as this is the cause of a good many eggs not hatching, as when the nest gets fouled the eggs get fixed to the nesting materials and so become broken, or the hen is unable to turn them. It is best to have a few spare nest-pans lined with moss or swansdown, removing the one that has been in use during the time the birds have been paired up, and substituting the clean one when the hen is about to lay.

When the hen commences to lay, it is best to take away the eggs as they are laid, and have a box partly filled with bran to place the eggs into. Then return them in a clean nest-pan the evening she has laid her third egg.

When setting the hen, it is a practice with a great many to shut off the cock bird, and leave the hen to look after herself. Some don't. Personally I have had good results both ways; also the reverse. The egg food should now be discontinued, and the hen supplied with plain Canary seed. Incubation lasts from thirteen to fourteen days. On the sixth or seventh day you may peep at the eggs. If you hold the eggs to the light it will be seen whether they are fertile or not; those which are light are unfertile, and those which are dark are fertile.

Shortly before the eggs are due to hatch a little egg food must be given to the hen, and after the young have made their appearance egg food must be given regularly and hemp and summer rape seeds added to the Canary seed. When the young are about three or four days old dandelion leaves can be given, or watercress, chickweed, or lettuce, but I prefer young shoots of dandelion. If watercress be given, be careful to avoid all thick stems, as they are very juicy and may set up diarrhœa. When the young are about seven or eight days old they should be put into a clean nest. When about three weeks old the young will be ready to leave the nest, and will be thinking of having a look round. Be careful to see that the water holes in your cages are not too big, or you may find one of the young will venture out on the floor

The Hen's Perverted Fancy.

It is about this time that trouble often begins; the hen may take a fancy to some of the plumage of the young, not at all an uncommon thing, as the hen will be thinking about the making of her second nest. Many birds seem to prefer the soft downy feathers of their offspring to any other material. It is very difficult to overcome this plucking without shutting off the young with the wire slide, and letting the hen feed them through the wires. The cock can also be run through to the hen, and he will assist her to feed them.

When the young are about thirty days old they may be taken from the parents and put into a flight cage, and the egg food given with a pot of crushed hemp. Also now and again give a pot of scalded summer rape mixed with bread crumbs. A pot with Canary seed can also be given, but the young will not be able to crack sufficient seed until they are six weeks old, and then it will be necessary to continue to give a little egg food daily. But as they get older and stronger they must be weaned off the egg food, which must only be given now and again. It will also be found very beneficial to give scalded bread and milk. This I have found very good for young about this time.

It is not wise to give green food until the young are through the moult. It will happen occasionally that one of the young may be found puffed up and in a bad way in the bottom of the cage, and will require immediate attention. Catch the bird, blow up the feathers, and should the bowels be swollen and inflamed, place the little patient in a separate cage by itself. Then put a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water and take away all seed and give a diet of bread and milk, changing the water within twenty-four hours. Continue the bread and milk for about another day, giving a little scalded rape on the third day and replace the Canary seed. On no account give egg food until the bird is quite well.

Moulting Time.

The next important stage is the moult, and by now a few possible Palace "cracks" will have been spotted. These must be separated off for special attention, more so if the variety selected requires colour feeding. The young begin the moult when from eight to twelve weeks old. It will be advisable to call in an old fancier and get his opinion, but on no account be disheartened if his views are not quite the same as your own with regard to his champions, as they are not found in every nest, only coming up here and there. He will be able to give you a few wrinkles touching on the moult, how to get the birds through and up into form.

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Some Interesting Canary Problems Considered.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(Continued from page 195.)

The Eternal Egg Question.

"Is there any substitute for egg that is just as beneficial in rearing, and cheaper than eggs?"

This question has become fairly common all through the breeding season, yet, curiously enough, it is but few who seek this knowledge from a hygienic point of view in order to avoid the septic risks attendant upon the use of egg. It is a most difficult subject to deal with to the welfare and satisfaction of all classes of fanciers. I am fully prepared to admit the tremendous risks which physiology teaches are attached to the use of eggs as food for rearing young birds, on account of the great encouragement it affords to the growth and development of the bacilli, and I know that these give rise to that most common, and at times fatal, disease known as septic fever. But I am forced to admit, too, that in real practice I know of nothing which I can conscientiously say can take its place, be generally employed in its stead, and give equally good results all round.

Let me not be misunderstood. Since eggs have been tried, found guilty, and sentenced by scientific investigators, many substitutes have been employed, to take the place of the egg, but even now the use of such substitutes in a general way is still very much in the experimental stage, and although we have records of birds reared and kept without the use of the least amount of egg in their diet, such instances are comparatively very few, and if I am not mistaken relate mostly to a fairly hardy and robust class of bird. If I am wrong in this surmise I am open to correction, but I cannot call to mind any single case of high-class exhibition Canaries being reared on the new plan, if I may so term it. Doubtless I may be told that what is physiologically good for one strain or variety is good for all. So far, correct; I will not attempt to quarrel with the assertion. But on the principle that practice is worth far more than precept, I must have proof of the results of a much more general adoption of substitutes for rearing really high-class exhibition specimens of, say, such varieties as Crests, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Yorkshires, or Cinnamons, before I can honestly advise beginners to pin their faith to them. Experiments on a larger scale are wanted in this direction, but the value of high-class stock combined with fanciers' unbounded faith in the old well-tried method, is a serious obstacle to their being carried out. It is one thing to launch out in experiments on an unknown and untried method with birds worth a few shillings, or, perhaps, a sovereign, per pair, but quite another to do the same thing with birds worth as many pounds as the former were worth shillings. For my own part and to my regret I feel compelled to postpone such experiments until some public-spirited millionaire rises up to finance the undertaking.

Substitutes for Experiment.

As I have frequently pointed out, in making use of any kind of substitute for the usual egg food, one of the chief difficulties to be encountered is the old birds' refusal to take kindly to the new food, and when this is offered for the first time (when the breeding season is in full swing) the chances are greatly in favour of the parents absolutely refusing to give it to the youngsters. For this reason it is most important that the birds should be accustomed to the new food some time before the breeding season commences.

An insectile mixture, invented, I believe, by the worthy "leader of the opposition" (consisting of a mixture of crushed unsweetened biscuit, ants' eggs, and dried flies, in equal parts) should occupy first place. This mixture should be given dry, or at most very slightly moistened with a drop or two of moisture. To this may be added a little soaked rape seed in a separate vessel, in addition to the usual dict of dry seeds and a liberal supply of green food.

Next to this I would place scalded puppy biscuits, preferably those without meat, but cod liver oil as an ingredient need not be objected to. This substitute has been very often used, and with much success, so that it may truly be said to have had a better trial than any other method totally devoid of egg.

Then there should be no reason whatever why a mixture consisting simply of crushed biscuits either plain or sweetened, but without flavouring essences, made just crumbly moist by the addition of a little soaked rape seed to add somewhat to its palatability from the birds' point of view should not prove an unqualified success as a pabulum for rearing young birds. Similarly, in theory, at least, bread scalded in milk and then reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of a sufficient quantity of biscuit meal, or a mixture of this, and game and chicken meals, as used for poultry feeding, should form an excellent and wholesome food for rearing Canaries.

Most other substitutes which one comes across are such in name only, as they usually contain a greater or less proportion of egg in a cooked state used in the manufacture. Crushed sponge cake, for example, which is almost if not quite as much liked by the birds as any form of egg food, is, in fact, composed very largely of eggs and sugar. Eggs also enter largely into the composition of Madiera cake, and practically all the biscuit foods which are offered as substitutes for egg food.

Step by Step.

Finally, before leaving this question I would repeat the caution frequently given: do not go "the whole hog," nor put all your eggs, figuratively, into one basket, when you wish to enter upon experiments of this kind. Honest experiment in breaking up new ground I admire and applaud but let it be undertaken in the true spirit of experiment for its own sake, and proceed cautiously, as one would in a new and strange country, opening up the ground step by step, and being sure of every foot as one proceeds. Do not dream of commencing these experiments with the whole of your stock at once, unless indeed you have already watched the result of your proposed new method worked out on some other stock. Far better set apart a certain proportion of your total stock—say a quarter, or a third, of your birds—for the new treatment, and keep the whole of the stock under precisely similar conditions and management save only that the selected pairs are given only the chosen substitute for egg food, while the remainder of the stock have the usual supply of egg food. Then by comparison of the results of the two sections at the close of the season one may be guided best how and in what direction to continue the experiments. Then, if egg feeding is found to possess no advantage over the no-egg system, do not fail to put the fact on record for posterity to benefit by your work—and bless you.

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His Breeding Experiences and Methods.

By W. J. STAGG.

I hope this account of my experiences in the Fancy will be read by those for whom I intend it; I mean those who do not know there is a way by which to become a successful keeper and breeder of Canaries and Mules, no matter how big a "mug" one may be (like I was when I first started, in 1907, to keep birds). I did not know the difference between a Canary and a Sparrow, as I might put it; but thanks to CAGE BIRDS I know a lot more now about Canaries and wild birds.

Success at the First Venture.

I am writing this to show how I learnt to keep birds, and also to breed Goldfinch and Linnet Mules at the first try. I had my knowledge by reading CAGE BIRDS, and buying two books from the Manager (one was "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and the other "British Bird Manual (Hardbills)." I did not know any breeder whom I could get advice from, and all I know I owe to CAGE BIRDS. So, my readers, you will see you can be a breeder, even if, like myself, you do not know a kind fancier who will give you a little help.

It was in 1909 that I made up my mind to have a try to breed Goldfinch and Linnet Mules. I put up one pair of Norwich Canaries, one Goldfinch and hen Canary, and one Linnet and hen Canary in double-breeders just after Christmas (1908), with a wired slide between them. I left them like this until the hens showed signs of wanting to nest; then I let them go together. I put the nest-pan in, and stuff for them to make the nest with. I removed the eggs as they were laid, putting crock one ones in their places until the third egg was laid. I then started the hens to sit, removing the cocks and leaving the hens to sit the eggs and hatch and rear the young themselves. I let each hen have two nests, after which I broke up my breeding pairs, so that I had six nests in all. Two of the nests were clear eggs and four good ones—one with three Canaries, one with three Linnet-Mules, and two with Goldfinch-Mules. I had three young in each nest, making a total of twelve young birds.

This, I think, was not bad for my first start, and to make things better, three of the Goldfinch-Mules were light ones, but were hens; the cocks were all dark ones. The Linnet-Mules were two cocks and one hen, all dark. The Canaries were one cock and two hens. My Muling hens were clear yellow, with the Goldie and clear buff with the Linnet, and the Canaries were a pair of Cinnamons (yellow cock and buff hen).

Now, I had to buy the Canary through the sale columns of CAGE BIRDS on the deposit system; this is the best thing anyone can do who does not know with whom he is dealing; you see then what you are getting for your money. The Finches I bought from a dealer close to me, seeing his advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I should like to say that neither the Goldie nor the Linnet was house-moulted, but wild caught, the Goldie being full coloured, and the Linnet red-breasted and red-headed. They were bought in November, 1908.

Now, you will want to know how I knew when the birds were in breeding condition. Well, out came "Canary Breeding for Beginners"; this told me about all the signs of the Canary's wanting to nest. Then off went a letter to Mr. Weston, of CAGE BIRDS, to tell me about the Finches, and all I wanted to know about Mule breeding.

The Method of Feeding.

Here is my way of feeding before pairing up: For the Canaries, plain canary seed; for the Finches, one part each of hemp, canary, linseed, and teazle. Then when pairing I added one part rape to the Canaries' diet, and started giving the tit-bits to the Finches recommended in the "British Bird Manual." Then when they were paired, I added a special make of egg and bisenit to their diet three times a week for the cocks and twice for the hens. They were fed like this till the hens laid. The reason I used the egg food was that I had very little spare time, and could not find the time to make egg and bread-crumb. I used this food throughout the season, and had good results from it. Then when the hens had laid their third eggs, and I started them sitting, I stopped the egg food until one day before the eggs were due to hatch out. Then I gave the egg food again until the young were four days old. I gave them a little soaked rape, about half a teaspoonful to two teaspoonfuls of egg food. This is all they had until the young were six days old. After this I gave green stuff, viz., watercress, giving them a spray of it each day until the young left the nest. Then I got them off this and the egg food at the same time by adding crushed seeds to the egg food, and seed (not crushed) in the seed pot until the young knew how to crack the seed for themselves. Then I took them out of that cage and put them into another and let the cock and hen start again. I almost forgot to state that I give watercress to all my birds once a week until they are paired; then I give it three times a week until they commence to sit, and if the birds are backward I give a little dandelion leaf in between. I might say it was the last week in April that the first hen laid, and the first week in July, when the last nest of young left the nest; so you see that if I was a little behind I was well rewarded.

Now, the cages I made myself out of boxes I bought, each being made box pattern—36in. long, 16in. high, and 11in. back to front; they were divided in the centre for wire and wooden slides. The nest-pans were earthenware-lined, and were hung between the perches facing the cage doors. The egg dishes were crock, as also were the finger drawers for tit-bits.

So don't let anyone think that this hobby is a dear one because of one's having to spend a lot of money to buy birds, cages, seeds, etc., for it is not. If you get good, healthy birds to start with, right seeds to give them, and also clean the cages for them, it will surprise you when you come to see how little you have spent, for the pleasure and enjoyment you get out of the birds and the hobby.

A VISIT TO SOME MIDLAND AVIARIES.

Lecture delivered recently by Mr. H. J. L. Williams before the Hartlepools C.B.S.

The above was the subject of a most interesting lecture given to the members of the Hartlepools C.B.S. by Mr. H. J. L. Williams. Owing to severe illness, it was necessary last summer for Mr. Williams to take a holiday, and in answer to a par in CAGE BIRDS "Twitterings" he had numerous invitations from the most prominent exhibitors in the Midlands. Making Alfreton his centre, he had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of such fanciers as Messrs. Vardy, Mitchell, Jackson Bros., Smedley, Adnitt and Driver, Messrs. Norwood Bros., and others. Messrs. Jackson Bros. were found most courteous, and the aviary of the one and the rooms of the other were visited, and the stock found in splendid condition. The miniature fountain in the former was quite novel. A cock Bullie was in fine form and wonderfully tame, as not only would it feed from the hand, but it would run daintily up the owner's arm and take the kernel of a sunflower from his tongue. Not much cruelty in the keeping of that bird! It was "protected" with most loving care.

The rooms of Mr. Vardy were a real treat, and a most interesting conversation turned on a pair that were put up for double-buffing. Never had the visitor seen such birds—perfect in condition, feather, type, and quality; they made a picture. The owner stated that the hens produced from such mating the following season would be paired to yell. cocks, and the offspring would turn out 80 per cent. yellows.

In every room visited, green blood predominated, and the result was high colour and splendid quality. The evolution from the old type of bird with strong, wiry feather, long body, flights and tail, to the satin-like coats of Mr. Vardy's stock was most clearly demonstrated in every case. The present-day standard was fixed in every bird. At Messrs. Norwood Bros.' a magnificent collection of crests and crestbreds were on view, and the lecturer was favoured to an unusual extent, inasmuch as they make it an almost invariable rule never to allow visitors in their rooms when arrangements had been completed for the breeding season.

Mr. Butler was called upon, and here was found the magnificent specimen that stood first in the unfligbted yell. class at Nottingham. There was not a large number in his rooms, but all were real good ones. The derelict strain of the once-famous stud of the late Mr. Simms was seen, and it was regrettable that such valuable materials should be allowed to remain dormant. From this stud two birds were at one time sold for £40.

Mr. Marshall (Mr. Vardy's late partner) was paid a visit, and again the same high standard was found; and a most fitting climax to a grand holiday was in the visit to Messrs. Adnitt and Driver. Theirs is not an attic merely. The front parlour is used, and the lecturer believed that if the house had contained a better room the birds would have had it. What about the missus? Why, she is a fancier, and a fancier's wife, and that explains everything. Whilst going over the stock Mr. Driver called in. There was a splendid collection of Norwich. The name of Messrs. Adnitt and Driver is a household word in the Fancy, and after 20 years running in double harness, they were not in the least lukewarm.

The kindness received on all hands was overwhelming, and if the cranks and faddists could have been in the lecturer's company during that tour, they would have been converted to at least one thing, viz., that in every house visited there was perfect harmony among the inmates, without exception scrupulous cleanliness; and more than one case could be cited where the tending of beautiful birds in their homes had at least brought a ray of sunshine in their lives, which would otherwise have passed them by.

Mr. Woodhead moved, and Mr. Pillar seconded, a voto of thanks to the lecturer; and Mr. Williams, in responding, stated that the notes made while away had been mislaid, otherwise he would have been able to give more details.—E. WOODHEAD, hon. secretary.

The Shows.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Annual pair show was held on February 26th, at the George Hotel. Mr. T. Wright (York) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Carter; vhc, Stephenson. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Cleminson; 2, O'Connor; 3, Black. A.O.V.: 1, Carter. PAIRS FOR MULE OR HYB. BREEDING: 1, 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. NOVICE CAN.: 1, 2, O'Connor; 3, Black; vhc, c, Hildon; hc, Stephenson. NOVICE PAIRS (for Mule or Hybrid breeding): 1, 3, Hildon; 2, Black.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

At the last table show of the season, a large number of members and friends were present. The majority of the birds were well-known winners in open competition; which has made competition so keen that three of the competitors had equal numbers of points, and had to ballot for their position in the final list of specials, which was one of the best ever given in the district for this kiud of show. Judges, Messrs. T. H. Colling and B. Lord, Lancs. and Lizards; Messrs. Banks and Gaskill, Norwich, Yorks., etc. List of specials' winners: 1, R. Schofield; 2, J. Lees; 3, 4, 5, Messrs. Faulkner, Holt, Nuttall; 6, Adams.

LANCS.: 1, Adams. LIZ.: 1, hc, Nuttall; 2, vhc, Holt; 3, Adams; 4, Haylock. NOR.: 1, hc, Lees; 2, vhc, Dewhurst; 3, hc, Faulkner; 4 Schofield. YORKS.: 1, Schofield. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Radcliffe.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Second annual pair show held at headquarters, on February 24th. Forty-seven cages were put before the judges, Messrs. J. Dolan and G. Davidson, and their decisions gave entire satisfaction. The premier sections were Norwich and Borders, both containing some grand pairs, whose progeny should be heard of later. The Mule and Hybrid pairs were forward in goodly numbers, and were hard to place for quality. The British and Foreign birds did not come up to expectations, but what was shown was good. All the birds were staged in fine time, and we had many visitors.

NOR. (12): 1, T. J. Robson; 2, Chaplow; 3, 5, Davidson; 4, T. J. Robson; 6, Jos. Robson. YORKS (2): 1, Jos. Robson; 2, T. J. Robson. BORD. (13): 1, 2, 6, W. Bell; 3, J. Robson, jun.; 4, Jos. Robson; 5, T. J. Robson. BRIT. (6): 1, Chaplow; 2, 5, F. Bell; 3, 4, 6, Holmes. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, Macartney; 2, 6, Holmes; 3, ex 3, 4, Chaplow; 5, F. Bell. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, F. Bell; 4, Holmes. Special Prizes for most points in each section: Nor., T. J. Robson. Yorkshire, Jos. Robson. Border, W. Bell. British, T Holmes. Mule or Hybrid, J. Chaplow. Foreign, F. Bell. 1st most points throughout, F. Bell. 2nd most points throughout, J. Chaplow.—J. C. BELL, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

The open table show held on February 26th was a decided success, a large number of fanciers being present. The entries in the British bird class were a record for Nottingham, no less than thirty facing the judge. The Goldfinch was first favourite, no fewer than six being staged, all of them first-rate specimens. Some grand Bullies were also on view, with a miscellaneous collection of Crossbills, Larks, Yellowhammers, etc. With such a large entry, and considering that judging had to be undertaken by gaslight, the placing of the awards was no light task. The entries in the Crest aud Norwich stock pair classes were a little below expectations, but the proximity of the breeding season no doubt accounted for this. However, the quality was of the highest grade. The three special prizes (consisting of a plated teapot, clock, knives and forks, respectively), were won by Miss Scattergood, and Messrs. Holmes and Hill. Mr. T. Barker kindly judged, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he performed his difficult task.

CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, Wood, grand pair, well matched; 2, Holmes, pair of Greens, beautiful specimens; 3, Bowers, fine pair, close up; vhc, Bowers; hc, Wood. NOR. STOCK: Some of the finest specimens ever seen on the show bench; 1, 2, 3, Hill, 1st yell. mkd. ck., cl. buff hen, good type and quality; 2nd cl. yell. ck., huff tkd. hen, close up; 3rd cl. buff ck., cl. yellow hen, fine pair; vhc, hc, c, Smedley, three grand pairs. BRIT: 1, Miss Scattergood, Goldfinch, grand specimen, perfect markings, shown in beautiful condition, credit to the owner; 2, Wood, Chaffinch, large bird, typical specimens; 3, Harrison, well known Blackbird; 4, Stopper, Starling, nicely spangled, beautiful polish; vhc, Nuttall Bros., Bullfinch, first-rate; c, Goode, Bramblefinch, typical specimen.—J. WALMSLEY, sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

A large number of visitors were present at the Dartmouth Arms Hotel on March 1st, it being the third annual pair and British bird show of this very flourishing society, and it must be voted a huge success. The birds were of exceptional merit, and there were some well-known winners. It being so near to the breeding season the committee did not expect such a large entry, aud tho members are to be complimented on the splendid show. No charge was made for admission, and fanciers from the surrounding districts turned up in full force. Sixteen classes were provided, all sections being well watered for. The entries were a great surprise to the esteemed secretaries, Messrs. Jennings and Viles, who worked like Trojans. Norwich and Crests were very good, and came up in strong force; the three classes contained about 40 birds. The Hybrid and Mule classes received a very fine entry, including a Greenie-Bullie, a Linnet-Bullie, a Redpoll-Canary, and a Siskin-Canary. There was also a nice collection of British birds, Mr. Tonks taking all the prizes in the Hardbills and Mr. Capewell those in the Softbills. The classes for novices did not come up to expectations, but the birds were nicely shown. The special given by Mr. Green for best colour-fed bird was won by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Joseph Jones (Dudley) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, H. C. Cooper, leaders nice pair, should produce some good birds, the ck. being the pick of the two; 2, Beck, hen a little on the small side, good pair though; 3, Viles, nice pair; vhc, Key. B. CK. AND Y. H.: 1, Viles, even matched pair, well placed; 2, Taylor, nice cock, with a medium-sized hen, worth their place; 3, Cooper, best-matched pair in class, good in most points; vhc, hc, Key; c, Cooper, splendid class. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Cooper, both cl., nice shape and style, good length; 2, 3, Andrew, former pair a long way the best. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Beck, two good pairs, properly matched, former fine length, nice quality feather, well shown, should produce something good; 3, vhc, hc, Andrew, splendid trio. CREST PAIRS: Some grand birds were here, having won all over the Midlands: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Groves, a fine quartette, all well known. MATCHED FOR MULING: 1, 2, vhc, Tonks, good trio, grand Siberian Goldfinch and Nor. hen, best Goldfinch seen here for a long time, 2nd nice Redpoll and Can., very likely pair; 3, Taylor, grand Goldfinch and Can., good blaze, nice buttons and tanning, worth their place; hc, Copewell. HYB. BREEDING PAIR: 1, 2, Tonks, Greenie-Bullie and very nice Goldfinch-Bullfinch in the order named. BRIT. HARDBILL: One of the best classes in show: 1, 2, vhc, Touks, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, and Chaffinch in the above order, three good birds, well shown; 3, hc, Capewell, former very nice feathered Hawfinch; hc, Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Capewell, good Waxwing aud a steady Robin. NOR., NOVICE: 1, Taylor, nicely-matched pair; 2, Cowley, nice quality, well matched. YORKS: 1, Cowley, too small for a breeding pair. BRIT., NOVICE: 1, Taylor.

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held in the Good Templars Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mr. J. Ramsay presiding over a good attendance. The rules were the first business. Mr. Pettigrew moved that they remain as they are, which was carried. Two new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. J. Liddell and J. Mann. The classes for our next show were settled, viz., Goldfinch British, Goldfinch Foreign, Linnet, and Greenfinch. It was carried that we have a judging competition on one class at next meeting. The chairman asked for specials for pair show, when the following gentlemen responded:—Messrs. Pettigrew 3/6, A. Malcolmson 2/6, W. Munro 2/6, J. Reid 2/6, A. McInnes 2/6, A. Roulstone 2/6, C. Small 2/6. The judges appointed were Messrs. A. McInnes, D. Johnstone, and J. Liddell.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Roulstone; 3, spl, Reid; 4, 5, 6, Connelly. CLASS 2: 1, spl, 3, 6, Reid; 2, 5, Connelly; 7, Thomson. CLASS 3: 1, King; 2, 3, spl, Small; 4, Renfrew; 5, Knox; 6, Drysdale. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Small; 3, King; 4, McInnes; 5, Knox; 6, 7, Renfrew. CLASS 5: 1, spl, Roulstone; 2, 6, Pettigrew; 3, 7, Munro; 4, Malcolmson; 5, Ramsay. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Ramsay; 3, spl, Malcolmson; 4, Pettigrew; 5, spl, Drysdale; 6, Thomson. CLASS 7: 1, Small; 2, 3, Ramsay; 4, Malcolmson; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Knox; 7, Renfrew; 8, Johnstone. CLASS 8: 1, Malcolmson; 2, 4, Pettigrew; 3, Ramsay; 5, King; 6, Renfrew; 7, spl, Drysdale; 8, Johnstone. CLASS 9: 1, Malcolmson; 2, 3, Connelly; 4, Knox; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Brown; 7, Renfrew.—T. DRYSDALE, sec.

WATFORD C.B.S.

A capital little show was that of the Watford C.B.S., which was held in the Victoria Schools on March 5th. The quality in the Canary section was quite the best we have seen at Watford, and with one or two exceptions the same could be said about the British section. In champion Norwich Plainheads, Mr. Buckingham won with a splendidly-matched pair, but he was closely pressed by a rare-shaped pair shown by Mr. Goodall. The winners secured the special for the best pair in the Canary section. The novices were a strong lot, and very little divided the exhibits of Messrs. Groves and Swain, each of which were most typical. In the Yorkshire, which were a great advance upon anything we have seen at this society's fixture, Mr. Gilbert's novice winners beat Mr. Buckingham's champions. In the Muling section the special fell to Mr. Quantrell, who staged a magnificent Greenie-Bullie pair, and the same gentleman led the way in the British Hybrid class, with a lovely Goldie-Greenie pair. Amongst the British birds, Mr. Quantrell had quite a field day, winning the premier ticket in every class except one. The manner in which this enthusiastic fancier staged his birds was simply splendid. The veteran Johnnie Goodall captured the Linnet class with a nicely-marked, good-coloured bird. Mr. Watts, as usual, took the cream in the Foreigners. The birds were nicely staged, and all their wants attended to by Messrs. Goodall, Watts, Shirley, and Wombwell. Mr. Quantrell, as secretary, was, as usual, in rare form. Mr. C. A. House judged.

MATCHED PAIRS: NOR. CL. (10): 1, sp, 3, c, Buckingham; 2, Goodall; vhc, hc, Wright and Fox. NOVICE (14): 1, 2, hc, Groves; 3, vhc, Swain; c, Tucker. CRESTS (1): 1, sp, Goodall. YORKS. CL. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, sp, Buckingham; vhc, Sears. NOVICE (7): 1, vhc, sp, Gilbert; 2, c, Cox; 3, Chalk; hc, Littlechild. MULING PAIRS: GOLD.-CAN. (2): 1, sp, Buckingham; 2, Wright. LIN.-CAN. (3): 1, Hedgeman; 2, Wright; 3, Goodall. GREEN.-CAN. (2): 1, Cox; 2, Harwood. A.O.V. FINCH-CAN. (2): 1, 2, Goodall. A.V. FINCH-BULLIE (3): 1, 2, sp, sp for best Muling pair, Quantrell; 3, Goodall. A.V. TWO BRIT. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Quantrell; 2, Sparrow; hc, c, Goodall. BRIT. GOLD. (5): 1, sp, sp best Brit., vhc, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; 3, Wombwell; hc, Sparrow. BULLIE (4): 1, 2, 3, Quantrell; vhc, Harwood. LIN. (3): 1, Goodall; 2, Finlay, junr.; 3, Quantrell. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, c, Quantrell; vhc, Sparrow; hc, Goodall. GREEN (1): 1, Quantrell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Quantrell; 2, Shirley. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Quantrell; Mr. Shirley's exhibit died whilst judging was in progress. H.B. HEN (3): 1, 3, Quantrell; 2, Goodall. S.B. SMALL (4): 1, sp, Quantrell, well-known Titlark; 2, Finlay, junr., well-mkd. Skylark; 3, Shirley, another noted Titlark. S.B. LARGE (4): 1, 2, sp, Quantrell, grand Magpie and Blackbird; 3, Chalk, Thrush; vhc, Goodall. FOR. SINGLE (3): 1, 2, sp, Watts, the noted Tanagers; 3, Mrs. Webb, pretty Cordon Bleu. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, hc, Watts, lovely red-headed Gouldians and black-headed Love Birds; 3, vhc, Mrs. Webb, about the best pair of Pekins we have ever seen. SELL. PAIRS (20s.) (5): 1, Chalk; 2, 3, Wright and Fox; vhc, Cox; hc, Buckingham. SINGLE (10s.) (11): 1, Wright and Fox; 2, Wombwell; 3, Wright; vhc, hc, Buckingham; c, Cox.

WALKDEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Pair show, held March 1st, in the I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, when a good number of birds turned up. Some very good pairs were staged. We had a large number of spectators, and among them were fanciers from Bolton, and a couple of local gentlemen, who promised to be patrons. Mr. Alex. Donnelly (Swinton) judged, and his awards gave great satisfaction.

CAN.: 1, Howard, pair of Yorks.; 2, 3, Gaskell Bros., Nor.; 4, F. Tate. MULING PAIRS: 1, Multineux, Goldfinch and Can.; 2, Gaskell Bros., Greenfinch and Can.; 3, Yates, Linnet and Can.—HENRY HOWARD, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Pair show, held 5th March, at Lockharts. There was a very good attendance of both members and visitors, and during the judging the following three gentlemen were made members: Messrs. J. Sykes, A. Rhodes, and J. Crossley. Forty-nine pairs were shown in five classes. Mr. F. Farrar, our vice-chairman, placed the cards, his awards meeting with general approval. Most points specials were won by Mr. J. McDade, 18 points; and Mr. W. A. Wilson, 16 points.

YORKS. PAIRS (9): 1, 2, 3, McDade; 4, vhc, c, Hall; hc, Baldwinson. NOR. (9): 1, W. Wilson; 2, c, Hall; 3, 4, vhc, Johnson; hc, Leo Smith. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, Flint; 3, J. R. Owen; 4, vhc, hc, c, J. Owen. NOVICE YORKS. PAIRS (13): 1, 2, W. H. Norton; 3, Whiteley; 4, hc, c, E. Norton; vhc, J. Smith. NOR. (10): 1, c, Brusby; 2, 3, vhc, hc, W. A. Wilson; 4, Benge.—J. CHAMBERS, hon. sec.



WELLINGTON (Salop).

The Wellington (Salop) P.P. and C.B.S. Show was held in the Town Hall on March 3rd and 4th. The room in which it was held is a splendid one for the purpose, being spacious, well lighted, and free from draughts. The entry was a splendid one, averaging about fifteen per class, which must have been very gratifying to the executive for the first venture. And not only was the entry a good one numerically, but every class was simply teeming with quality. Many Palace birds put in an appearance, and some had to be content with commendation cards. The Mule or Hybrid class had no fewer than 21 entries, and not a bad one among them—three Canary-Bullies, four Goldie-Bullies, nine topping light Goldie-Canaries, most of them big winners, one Bramble-Chaffinch, and the remainder good dark Goldie-Canaries. No doubt the splendid solid silver cup and gold medal to be won outright were an immense attraction. The cup winner turned up at the head of the Mule or Hybrid class—a delightful specimen of the Canary-Bullie persuasion, belonging to Mr. J. M. Walsh. The gold medal for best bird other than cup winner was secured by Mr. Davidson's charming Waxwing, after a good fight with Mr. Andrews' Goldie-Bullie. The management deserve the highest congratulation upon the success of their initial show, it being admitted on all hands as the finest ever seen in these parts; indeed, it does not fall to the lot of many provincial shows to be favoured with the presence of four Canary-Bullies, not to speak of other rare and most delightful exhibits. They were splendidly staged on the three-tier system, and were well attended to by a capable body of stewards, consisting of Messrs. Callear, Campbell, Potter, and Edwards. The society is very fortunate in having such a man as Mr. Geo. Hitchman to fill the post of secretary; he is a thorough worker, and richly deserves the success achieved under most trying circumstances, having had the misfortune to get his foot severely crushed some weeks ago; but he gallantly stuck to his post on both days, with the aid of crutches. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood made the awards, and little fault was found with his selections.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Crimes, wing tkd., splendid size, grand col. and quality, rare type and substance, wins; 2, Campbell, cl., topper for size, nice col, good head and front; 3, vhc, hc, Victor Williams, cl., lovely type and quality, short and compact; res, Weaver, uneven mkd., rare size, type and feather; vhc, Willoughby, Mrs. Jeacock; hc, Dykes; c, Potter. BUFF (15): 1, Crimes, tkd on head, lovely type, short, thickset, fine quality, beautiful bloom, well known; 2, Weaver, bouncer for size, very stout, rattling col. and quality; 3, res, vhc, Victor Williams, leader grand size, very typical, well cleaned out; res, uneven mkd., excellent quality and col.; vhc, Dykes, Davies; hc, Dykes, Mrs. Jeacock; c, G. Williams. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, 3, Millincamp, leader splendid length, nicely drawn, good back, neat waist, typical and stylish, 3rd cl., nice length and style, neat wings and tail; 2, res, vhc, Victor Williams, leader wing tkd., grand head and neck, beautiful length and shape, res uneven mkd., well-known winner; vhc, hc, Dykes; vhc, Pierce; hc, Tonkins. BUFF (12): 1, 3, vhc, Victor Williams, leader grizzle shoulder, grand length, magnificent shape, splendid back and shoulders tapering to a neat waist, 3rd lovely unflighted cl., best of quality and position, shows for all he is worth; 2, Dykes, wing tkd., good length and quality, smart and stylish, nice head and neck; res, c, Campbell, cl., splendid length and shape; vhc, Tomkins; hc, Pierce, Windsor and Sons. MULE OR HYB. (21): 1 and cup, hc (2), Walsh, Canary-Bullie, fine specimen, grand size and col., shows parentage well, shown in splendid condition, takes cup for best members' bird in show; 2, Andrews, Goldie-Bullie, lovely bird, good size, very large and rich face and front, splendid wings, pressed hard for gold medal; 3, hc, Callear, Buff Goldie-Can., grand size and shape, slightly grizzled on wings, good face, feather and condition; ex 3, res, Davies, Can.-Bullie, another topping specimen, grand col. and condition, 2nd at Scottish National; res, veil. Goldie-Can., mkd. wings and tail, nice size, splendid quality; vhc (2), hc, Coffey, very fine Bramble-Chaffinch, 3 Palace, etc., unfortunately soft when judged, or would have been higher, followed by a lovely six-pointed buff Goldie-Can., good enough to win anywhere and a fine Goldie-Bullie; vhc, hc, Lawrence, former very good Can.-Bullie, latter even buff Goldie-Can., well known winner; vhc, Potter, another splendid light Mule; c, Crimes, very nice Goldie-Bullie, truly a wonderful lot, a most difficult class to judge, needs dividing another year. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Thomas, nice size and shape, well cut blaze of rare brilliancy, good wings, in rare bloom, looked like Cardigan winner; 2, Morgan, good size, rare width of face; 3, Tonks, very nice Finch, good face and tanning, fine bars and finish; res, hc, Robinson, another smart Finch, close up, Nantwich winner; vhc (2), Potter, Andrews; hc, Butler; c, Harris. LINNET, ETC. (19): 1, vhc, Coffey, Linnet, nice size, very shapely exceedingly rich in body colour, profusion of pencilling of great depth, carried well down without any break; 2, Poole, very smart, rich nat. col. Siskin, very dense cap, nicely laced; 3, Harris, Linnet, good size and shape, nice whites, grand one, put down in rare fettle; res, hc, Walsh, lovely nat. col. Siskin; vhc, Andrews, another rattling good fed Siskin; vhc, Tonks, one of the best Mealy Redpolls seen out this season, wet when judged, which spoiled his chance; hc, Thomas; c, Bridges, grand class. A.O.S. HARDBILL (17): 1, Poole, magnificent Hawfinch, in the best possible condition, hard indeed to find a fault with, 2nd at Palace; 2, Walsh, very fine Bullie, grand size and shape, dense, well-cut cap, splendid breast col., good bars, in lovely bloom; 3, ex 3, Bell, very large Yellow Bunting, nice shape and col., good head and cheek markings, followed by Hawfinch, a beauty, well put down; res, Andrews, Greenfinch, splendid size and shape; vhc, Davies, Boswell, Lawrence, Potter; hc, Coffey, Harris, another magnificent class, full of quality. SOFTBILL (10): 1, gold medal, vhc, Davidson, charming Waxwing, good size and shape, splendid wing markings, wax tips of grand size, well cut bib, shown in delightful bloom, takes gold medal for best bird in show other than cup winner, vhc grand Blackbird, good size, col and condition, 3rd at Palace; 2, Howe, Great Grey Shrike, lovely exhibit, good size, beautifully mkd. bird, broken feather in tail; 3, ex 3, vhc, Victor Williams, well-known Chough leading, grand col. and condition, followed by a splendid Magpie in full tail, one of the best seen for a long time; vhc, rattling good Waxwing; res, Callear, Waxwing, smaller, but grand feather and wing tippings; vhc, hc, Walsh, still another grand Waxwing, fine size, col. and condition, followed by a Chough, looking a trifle soft; c, Lane, nice Skylark, another immense class for quality. SELL. (10s.): 1, Willoughby; 2, Potter; 3, Mrs. Jeacock; res, Campbell; vhc, Millincamp, Windsor and Sons; hc, Pearce; c, Butler. MEMBERS.—GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Walsh, A.O.V.: 1, 3, Walsh, very fine Can.-Bullie, followed by a Waxwing, grand size, col. and markings, minus tail; 2, Callear, nice uneven mkd. Goldie-Can.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

At the February show the cage bird awards were as follows:—YORKS, PAIR; 1, 2, Dandridge; 3, Rodgers. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Gravett. BORD. PAIRS: 1, 2, Riddles. CREST: 1, sp for best in cage birds, Gravett. BRIT.: 1, 2, Absolam. Mr. Gibb, jun., judged in the absence of Mr. Swaysland.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The third and last table show of the season of Muling pairs was held March 1st, at Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road. Mr. A. G. Smith (Moss Side) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. A discussion was held on the awards, and Mr. Smith replied to several questions. A presentation to the secretary's wife, Mrs. Spencer, of a beautiful umbrella, was made by the members in recognition of the secretary's successful management of the first annual show. Dr. Kinlon handed this to Mrs. Spencer with a few remarks. Mr. Spencer thanked the members on his wife's behalf. Result of show:—1, 3, Downing; 2, vhc, Fryer; 4, Simpson; hc, Fulcher. —J. COULSON.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held at Boar's Head Hotel, a good number of members being present. A table show of Norwich and Yorkshires was held for amateurs only. Mr. F. W. Nelson judged, and gave every satisfaction. Some very nice birds were staged, and Mr. Nelson spoke very highly of Mr. T. Mason's Yorkshire hen and unflighted Yorkshire, also of Mr. Clough's unflighted yellow Norwich. Mr. T. Mason won a very nice egg stand, scoring 40 points; Mr. R. Clough, a gold centre medal, 35 points; Mr. J. Lee third with 27 points. Both the above prizes were given by the president, Mr. J. E. Davies.

YORKS. CK.: 1, Mason; 2, Lees. HEN: 1, 2, Mason; 3, vhc, Lees; 4, Clough. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Mason; 2, Clough; 4, vhc, Lees. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Clough; 2, 4, Mason. HEN: 1, Mason; 2, Lees. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Clough.—W. STAFFORD.

DONCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

The second members' show was held on February 26th in the Victoria Rooms, where over 60 birds were staged, and were well patronised by the public. This new society is making good progress in the hands of Mr. Bescoby, the secretary, and his energetic committee. Some excellent specimens were shown in the Yorkshire, Norwich and British sections. Mr. Stocks took 1st and special for best Yorkshire, Mr. Crundall 1st and special for best Norwich, Messrs Lee and Pollard that for best British. Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, Raynes; 2, Brown; 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1, sp, Stocks; 2, 3, Tomkinson. HEN: 1, Stocks; 2, Raynes; 3, Tomkinson. UNFLIGH.: 1, 2, Tomkinson; 3, Lee and Pollard. YELL. NOR.: 1, F. G. Saxton. BUFF: 1, 2, Baxby. HEN: 1, Saxton; 2, Baxby. UNFLIG.: Spl, 1, 2, 3, Crundall. MULE: 1, Lee and Polard; 2, Stocks; 3, Pogmore. GOLDFINCH: 1, Pogmore; 2, Saxton. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, Lee and Pollard; 2, Stocks; 3, Crundall. LINNET: 1, Stocks; 2, Brearley GREENFINCH: 1, Pogmore; 2, Stocks; 3, Lee and Pollard. SISKEN, ETC.: 1, Pogmore; 2, Crundall; 3, Whittington. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Biscoby. SOFT BILL LARGE: 1, Whittington; 2, 3, Bescoby. SMALL: 1, 2, Bescoby. FOR.: 1, Stocks.

"ADMIRAL DUNCAN" (Nottingham) O.S.

A very successful table show was held at headquarters, on March 5th. Competition was keen in the three classes provided. There were twenty entries in the last class—for Britishers. Each bird was almost good enough to win anywhere; consequently several deserving ones stood cardless, and more would have stood so, but that four consolation prizes were given. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. William Healey, who again proved to be most competent in the discharge of his duties. Mr. J. H. Scothern judged.

NOR. STOCK PAIRS (11): 1, 2, 4, 5, Hill, very creditable team; 3, 7, Birch; 6, Moore. CRESTS, STOCK PAIRS (9): 1, J. Goode, fine green Crest mated to a yell. Crest-bred, decidedly the best-balanced pair; 2, 7, Wood, leading pair very good; 3, 5, Bowers, both useful pairs; 4, 6, Holmes, very creditable. BRIT. (20): 1, Harrison, Blackbird, in perfect plumage; 2, Stopper, Crossbill, faultlessly staged; 3, 6, 7, Goode, large, well-pencilled Twite; 4, Boult, grand Goldfinch, fine, square-cut blaze; 5, Wood, beautiful Chaffinch. Consolation prizes were awarded to: W. Goode (Yellowhammer and Bullfinch), W. Stopper (Starling), T. Harrison (Wheatear). Special prizes were won as follows, for most points: Nor., G. Hill; Crests, J. Bowers; Brit., W. Goode.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

A very successful show was held in the club-room Red Lion Hotel, on February 26th, this being the first of a series, and competition was very keen throughout. Entries came up very well, over 100 birds being staged, and the judge, Mr. E. Smith (Allerton) had no light task in finding the winners; but his awards gave entire satisfaction. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. W. Crabtree with his clear yellow. The following is a list of points gained in each section:—Champion Section: I W. Crabtree 22 points, 2 J. Clark 19, 3 A. Cooper 18, 4 W. Cowgill 17, and 5 G. Wellock 17; Novice Section: 1 A. Bennett 24 points, 2 F. Western 20, 3 G. A. Bennett 20, and 4 A. Pratt 20.

CHAMP.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Crabtree; 3, hc, Cooper; 4, Murgatroyd; vhc, Cowgill. BUFF: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, Cowgill; 4, Cooper; vhc, Whitley; hc, Murgatroyd. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Cooper; 2, Wellock; 3, Wallbank; 4, vhc, Clark. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Cowgill; 3, Murgatroyd; 4, Whitley. BUFF: 1, Wallbank; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Cowgill. UNEVEN MKD. HEN: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Whitley; 3, Clark; 4, vhc, Wellock. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Cooper. HEN: 1, Whitley; 2, Cooper; 3, Wellock. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, Clark. NOR. CK.: 1, Cowgill; 2, Wallbank; 3, 4, Cooper. HEN: 1, Clark. NOVICE.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, A. Bennett; 3, Stirk; 4, Craven; vhc, hc, Western. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, G. A. Bennett; 3, Pratt; vhc, A. Bennett; hc, c, Mountain. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Craven; 2, Stirk. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 4, c, Western; 2, 3, Pratt; vhc, A. Bennett; hc, Craven. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Bennett; 3, 4, hc, Western; vhc, G. A. Bennett; c, Pratt. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, A. Bennett; 2, G. A. Bennett; 3, Pratt. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Western. A.O.V., YORKS. CK.: 1, Pratt; 2, 3, Western; 4, Turner. CHAMPION AND NOVICE CLASSES.—A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Clark; 4, Wellock. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Cowgill. SELL. CK.: 1, hc, Wellock; 2, Cowgill; 3, Cooper; 4, Clark; vhc, Wallbrook; c, Murgatroyd. HEN: 1, 2, Wellock; 3, Cowgill.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BRAMLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Pair show and monthly meeting, at the "New Inn," on March 5th. After two unsuccessful attempts to hold a pair show, I am pleased to say that a very successful one was held, and although the number of birds staged was not as large as could have been desired, the quality was excellent. The clear Norwich class contained some very nice pairs. The Greens were also very fine birds. Messrs. Richmond and Maltby won the two specials. Mr. Woot (Armley) placed the cards to the entire satisfaction of all, and a word of thanks is due to him, for so generously giving his services.

CL., ETC., YORKS. (4): 1, spl, and vhc, Maltby; 2, Benson; 3, Richmond. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (3): 1, spl, 3, Richmond; 2, Benson. CL., ETC., NOR. (8): 1, Brucewell; 2, Maltby; 3, hc, Wilson; vhc, Southern; c, E. Craven. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Benson. Special meeting on March 14th, at 8; fanciers invited.—Wm. MALTBY, hon. sec. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

LONGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 1st at the Castle Inn, when there was a grand attendance. We held a table show, nearly 40 birds being staged. Mr. J. Edwards, who judged, gave every satisfaction. Mr. R. Smith won special for best Norwich; Mr. H. Perrins that for Yorks.; Mr. A. Hallam that for Goldie; Mr. E. Tams that for Linnet; Mr. A. Goostry that for Hybrid pair; and Mr. J. Davis that for A.O.V. Brit.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Smith; 3, Bowers; 4, Holland; vhc, hc, Roberts; c, Lovatt. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Perrins; 3, 4, Hawley; vhc, Perrins. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hallam; 2, vhc, Davis; 3, Leadbeater; 4, Barker; hc, Smith. LINNET: 1, spl, 3, Tams; 2, Leadbeater; 4, Barker; vhc, Goodfellow; hc, Hawley. HYB. PAIR: 1, spl, Goostry; 2, Goodfellow; 3, 4, Perrins. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl, Davis; 2, Leadbeater; 3, Lovatt. We also enrolled three new members. Mr. Leadbeater proposed, and Mr. Hawley seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards for judging, to which he suitably responded, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.—HALLAM AND LOVATT, Hon. Secs.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Pair show, held on February 26th, at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street. Mr. J. Corrall judged, and give every satisfaction. The entries did not come up to expectation, but it is rather close on the breeding season, which kept a lot of exhibits away. These shows seem to be very interesting. I might say they are getting us several new members, and I hope to get several more. Fanciers wishing to join can have information from me or at any of our shows.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Ryecroft; 2, Mann, 3, Lucas; vhc, Wright; c, Coxhill. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Ryecroft; 2, Wiberley; 3, Saunders; vhc, Wright; hc, Mann. CINN., ETC.: 1, Wright; 2, Coxhill; 3, Blackshaw; vhc, Bray. YORKS.: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Blackshaw; vhc, Bray. GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Busby; vhc, Watson. A.O.V. MULING: 1, Lucas; 2, vhc, Bray; hc, 3, Blackshaw; c, Busby. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Lucas; 2, hc, Blackshaw; 3, Busby; vhc, Saunders. SELL., PAIRS, 15/-: 1, Lucas; 2, Wiberley; 3, vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Messrs. A. and W. Radburn. —W. H. BRAY, hon. sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Pair show held at headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, on February 23rd. This event took place on our ordinary meeting night, and considering it was only an evening show, the entries came up splendidly, and far above expectations, there being nearly 80 pairs. All sections were well represented, and competition was fairly keen, especially among the novices. The birds were staged down one side of the hall, and there was a splendid attendance. Mr. J. Robson judged. During judging the chairman announced that two challenge cups had been presented to the association for most points. These were on view, and were much admired, several expressing their intention of competing for same. The larger cup was presented by two of our patrons, Messrs. Percy and Walter J. Nutter, and has to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. The smaller one (presented by the secretary) is for the runner-up, and is to be won out right this year. The proof of electro for our suggested diplomas was handed round, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. (7): 1, r, hc, c, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Harper. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Forse and Son; c, Harper. MULING (3): 1, 2, 3, Cooper. HYB.: 1, Cooper. A.O.V.: 1, Cooper, Cinnamons. AMAT. NOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, Williamson; r, vhc, c, Langridge; hc, Hale. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Lacey. MULING (2): 1, 2, Langridge. NOVICE NOR. (16): 1, vhc, Bartlett; 2, 3, Billingsley; r, Jeffries; hc, Ingles; c, Ayling. YORKS. (11): 1, c, Rowson; 2, Collins; 3, r, vhc, Parks; hc, Joyce. MULING (4): 1, 2, Ayling; 3, Parks. HYB. (5): 1, 3, Collins; 2, r, vhc, Bell. SELL. (4): 1, Billingsley; 2, 3, Langridge; r, Parr.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

The seventh annual show of pairs matched for breeding and table show of British was held at the new headquarters, the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane Peckham, on March 1st, and proved in every way a success. The room is well adapted for the purpose, and being in a central position, is easy of access from all parts. The wisdom of the change was manifest on this, our first night, the show being crowded for the greater part of the evening, both with fanciers and the general public. No fewer than nine gentlemen handed in their names for membership. The birds were quite up to the standard of our past shows. The novices ran the champions very close. Norwich were a grand lot, and some excellent pairs were shown in both sections. Some nice Yorkshires were also put down. The British were also grand. The birds entered by our worthy chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham, were unfortunately absent. The arrangements, as usual, were in the hands of the hon. secretary, who was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. Mr. J. Cole had catalogues with awards on sale a few minutes after judging. The following were the winners of the specials:—Messrs. L. J. Richardson, J. Cole, D. Reeks, C. Bolting. Mr. J. Robson judged. The proprietor of the Reindeer and his manager, Mr. Harris, were enthusiastic over our first venture at their house, both gentlemen becoming members, with a promise to do all in their power to assist the society.

CHAMP. NOR. (14): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Thomas; vhc, Baker. CLASS 2 (5): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Baker; vhc, Thomas; hc, Holland. YORKS, YELL. (4): 1, Baker; 2, 3, Waterman; abs. Tringham. CLASS 4 (4): 1, Baker; 2, Waterman; abs. (2) Tringham. NOVICE NOR. (4): 1, vhc, Cole; 2, Cracknell; 3, Tomsett. CLASS 8 (4): 1, Cole; 2, 3, Tomsett; vhc, Cracknell. YORKS. (1): Reeks. A.O.V. (3): 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Reeks. MULING PAIR (3): 1, Baker; 2, Richardson; 3, Harris. BRIT. GOLDIE (2): 1, Botting; 2, Carter. BULLIE (1): Stevens. LINNET (2): 1, Botting; 2, Carter. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Botting. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Botting; hc, Stephens; c, Carter. A.O.S. (1): Botting. SELL (7): 1, Thomas; 2, vhc, Richardson; 3, Cole; hc, Tomsett; c, Hollands.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

LEEDS. C.B.S.

At a special meeting held on 26th February, it was decided to run a one-day open show on 15th October, at St. George's Schoolroom. Messrs. T. Flint and W. Bristow were elected members.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

OTLEY O.S.

Meeting held February 23rd. It was decided to hold a First Feather Show for members, June 18th, 35s. to be given in three prizes for most points gained at this and the winter show. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d. per annum. I shall be pleased to enrol any new members.—C. THORNTON, Hon. Sec.

REDRUTH F.A.

Annual meeting held in the Masonic Hall on March 2nd, when Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) presided over a good attendance. The hon. sec., Mr. Opie, gave the report for the past year, which was very satisfactory. The officers for the coming year were then elected:—Chairman, Mr. F. Collins; hon. sec., Mr. R. G. P. Nelson; committee, Messrs. Ferrill, Kemp, Opie, Sherman, and Allen. The show is fixed for July 6th and 7th, with W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) judge. It was also decided to withdraw from the Cage Bird Union. Mr. Opie, the retiring hon. sec., received the heartiest thanks for the splendid services he rendered during his tenure of office.—F. COLLINS, Chairman.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held February 26th, Clarence Hotel. Mr. J. Eyre presided over a good meeting. The balance-sheet was submitted and passed as read, showing a splendid balance in hand to December 31st, 1909, of £6 17s. 6d., which is a credit to those who have been connected with the society's affairs. Officers duly elected for 1910: Mr. J. Eyre, chairman; Mr. A. Green, vice-chairman; Mr. E. Carlisle, treasurer; assist.-sec., Mr. G. Hencliffe; auditors, Messrs. Race and Jackson. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers. Any fancier wishing to become a member can do so by communicating with the secretary, when all information regarding this society will be gladly given. Honorary members, 2s. 6d. per year.—F. C. SIMS, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Second annual meeting held on March 5th, at Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, Mr. T. Hammond (chairman) in the chair. Business transacted: A vote of thanks to Mr. Carl for his generosity in providing a souvenir in the form of a flower for button-hole for each member present. Balance-sheet adopted. Mr. Percy Illingworth again elected president. Vice-presidents to be elected by committee. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) elected as chairman for ensuing year; Mr. O. Mitchell secretary and treasurer; Messrs. Simonette and J. Wilcock auditors. Vote of thanks to retiring chairman. Decided: "That the following be added to Rule 15—'That all societies will be required to give all particulars in reference to money prizes, and that no society receive the club's patronage who award less than four money prizes equivalent to 22s. per class.'" Also decided, "That the following bye-law be inserted in rule books, 'That the secretary of each society receiving patronage be required to forward to the club secretary, free, a catalogue with awards marked by first post possible after judging has been completed.'" Decided: "That ballot papers be forwarded to all members for election of committee." Arrangements for a prize fund, with a suggestion that each member try his best to contribute to same. Already promised: Mr. Hammond, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Waters, 10s.; and Mr. Grey, 5s. Owing to shortage of time we decided to leave other business to committee. A hearty vote of thanks to all retiring officials brought meeting to a close.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

CAGE BIRD UNION (District No. 7).

Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting of delegates of societies in District No. 7 of the C.B.U. held at Saracens Head Hotel, Leicester, on February 26th. Present: Messrs. R. Rhodes (Nottingham and Notts O.S.) in the chair; Howe (Wellingborough C.B.S.), J. H. Jennings (West Bromwich C.B.C.), Pass (Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.), T. Smith (Ilkeston C.B.S.), J. A. Tyler (Leicester C.B.S.), F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton C.B.S.), J. E. Wood (Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.), J. H. de Maillet (Birmingham C.B.S.), district secretary. (1) The minutes of previous meeting were passed. (2) Mr. Tyler proposed, "That Mr. Rhodes be appointed chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously, and Mr. Rhodes returned thanks. (3) The next item on the agenda, "To consider the proceedings at the annual meeting at the Palace on February 5th, 1910," caused a most animated discussion, in which Mr. Tyler and the secretary (who were present at that meeting), and Mr. Rhodes thoroughly thrashed out the various matters relating thereto; and it was resolved, upon the proposition of Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Weaver, and carried unanimously: "That in the opinion of this meeting, the Cage Bird Union has done, and is capable of doing, good work; that such a Union is necessary, and should be supported by all fanciers having the welfare of the cage bird Fancy at heart, and desiring to stamp out the malpractices which are known to exist; and in other ways raise the status of the Fancy. This meeting places on record its adherence to the Union, and its desire to support and strengthen it as far as is necessary to carry out the objects for which it was formed; but in view of the unsatisfactory termination of the recent annual meeting at the Crystal Palace, it is desirable that a meeting of the Executive Council be held at an early date." Mr. Tyler remarked that, in his opinion, the Palace is not the most desirable place for the annual meeting. (4) With a view to putting a stop to Union members showing at non-affiliated or non-licensed shows, Mr. Wood proposed, "That the secretary of each affiliated society in this district be asked to send in a list of their members' names and addresses to the district secretary, the latter to obtain through the nearest affiliated society a catalogue of all unlicensed or unaffiliated shows in the district (at the Union's expense) for him to compare with his lists and so bring the offenders to book"; seconded by Mr. Howe, and carried. (5) The applications for show dates were considered, and the following fixed: October 1st, Longton; October 8th, Admiral Duncan, Nottingham; October 7th and 8th, Wellingborough (agree to clash); October 15th, Coventry Godiva; October 22nd, Burton-on-Trent; October 28th and 29th, Hucknall Torkard and Wolverhampton (agree to clash); November 5th to 7th, Leicester Hand-in-Hand; November 12th to 14th, Nottingham and Notts O.S.; November 19th, Coventry O.S.; November 24th, Stamford; November 26th to 28th, Ilkeston; November 30th and December 1st, Birmingham; December 2nd and 3rd, Leicester C.B.S. Eastfield Side applied for November 5th, and were requested to fix another date. Tideswell and Sutton-in-Ashfield societies both applied for November 19th, and were asked to confer with Coventry O.S. with a view to getting the latter's consent. (6) It was left to the district secretary to arrange for delegates to visit the various shows. (7) Mr. de Maillet was appointed district secretary for the ensuing year. (8) Mr. Weaver raised the question as to whether the Union could not do something regarding railway charges for carriage to and from shows; also reduced fares for fanciers attending shows. Further, that he thought the Cage Bird Union should come to some arrangement with the Yorkshire Union. Mr. Weaver and the secretary spoke against Rule 22 respecting members being debarred from showing at non-affiliated shows, and suggested that either this part of the rule should be done away with, or that non-members be debarred from exhibiting at affiliated shows, and thus bring them into the Union. The chairman remarked that this matter had been discussed several times, while Mr. Wood said his society would object to non-members being debarred from exhibiting at Union shows. A question was asked referring to prize money won at a licensed show in 1908, and the meeting suggested that any further application for a license be refused that society. (9) A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Rhodes for his services in the chair, and Mr. Tyler asked Mr. Rhodes to accept nomination for the office of president to the Union. Mr. Rhodes returned thanks, and regretted he could not see his way owing to pressure of business. (10) A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. de Maillet for his services during the past year. A member suggested that the district secretary accept nomination for secretaryship of the Union, but the honour was declined, and the meeting terminated after a two hours' sitting.—J. H. DE MAILLET, District Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

On March 3rd, at the Tokio Cafe, where Mr. T. H. Dent's (the chairman's) son is manager, we held what might be termed the happiest evening within the memory of the oldest members. About thirty sat down to a good supper, after which we adjourned to another room for a concert, for which all the best local talent had been procured. Mr. R. Wyard's rendering of "Our Old Dutch" was a treat. Mr. H. Simpson sang "The Yeoman's Wedding," and Mr. T. Gregson gave us "Love's Sweet Song." Mr. F. Issott, Mr. T. Leeming, Mr. J. Yates, and Mr. T. Burrows also obliged. Messrs. R. Wyard, H. Simpson, J. Yates again favoured us in turn. Mr. F. Issott, the local funny man, commenced to tell the company something about how Paddy Nolan missed the flood; and such a screaming, rib-splitting tale was nearly too much for several of our members, and if it had not been for the chairman grasping the situation, and calling time, there would have been very few left to carry on the business of the next general meeting, to be held April 7th, at the Tokio Cafe, at 8 p.m.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Annual general meeting held at Workman's Hall, Romford Road, E., on February 24th, Mr. J. Smith in the chair. The Secretary, Mr. W. Maxey, read the annual report, which gave general satisfaction. It showed a balance on the year's working of £1 4s. 3½d. Both the young stock and annual shows were a success, a profit of £1 4s. 5d. being made on the former, and 9s. on the latter. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Maxey for the able manner in which he had carried out the work of the society during the past year, to which Mr. Maxey made a suitable reply. A proposition that the meeting nights in future take place once a month, instead of twice, was put to the meeting and carried. Members are therefore requested to take note that both committee and general meetings will be held the same night, viz., the second Thursday in each month, meetings to commence at 8 p.m. Next meeting, March 10th, when all show and lecture dates will be fixed. The following new members were elected. Messrs. G. Eke, J. H. Priestman, N. Abbot, H. Hiscocks, and J. Simmonds. Any other fanciers wishing to join are requested to send their names at once, so that they can be inserted in the 1910 annual. The officers for 1910 were elected: President, T. H. Harrison, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, T. Threlford, Esq., H. Mason, Esq., F. A. S. Stern, Esq., Dr. Buchan, F. Jayne, Esq., Miss G. E. Jay; Chairman, Mr. John Smith; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. H. Collings; Cage Bird Committee: Messrs. Cooper and Reed; Hon. Auctioneer, J. Bussey, Esq.; Hon. Solicitor, F. A. S. Stern, Esq.; Auditors, Messrs. H. Mason and T. H. Houlding; Hon. Assistant Secretary, C. A. Redcock; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Maxey, 16, James'-place, North-street, Poplar, London, E.—W. MAXEY, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting held at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Mr. J. Shepherd in the chair. Correspondence was read from the president, A. J. Haggie, Esq., intimating his willingness to remain president; from Mr. Currah (chairman) regretting his inability to be present; and Mr. Vanner, resigning membership, as it had been intimated to him that dealers should not be members of societies. A resolution was passed requesting Mr. Vanner to reconsider his decision, as he had given far more than he had ever received through his connection with the society. New members admitted were: Messrs. Douglas (Bedlington), and F. J. Storey (Heaton). It was decided that the members approve of the action of the committee in giving the secretary a selection of judges to write to for terms. Before commencing the election of committee, Mr. Maddison wished to draw attention to a letter in the Press of the preceding week, as some of the members had taken it that he was the Mr. M. referred to; he wished to state that he was one of four stewards on the section, and all looked for the bird, which could not be found, and to that day he had not seen the ticket on the cage. The secretary pointed out that the "Mr. M." referred to "memher," which had occurred previously in the letter. The following gentlemen were elected to form the committee, in addition to the officers already announced: Messrs. J. W. Reed, Coxon, MacPartling, Coutts, Tindale, Holden, J. McKenzie, Atkinson, Coltman, Chapman, Potts, Milne, Young, Bertram, Grieve, Scott (W.), A. Storey, Patterson, Robson, T. Taylor, MacDonald, Ellis, Little, Hutchinson, E. White, H. Dowson, G. Allinson, G. B. Vanner. The rules, with a few slight alterations, chiefly verbal, were passed. Votes of thanks were given to all the retiring officers, especially to the late secretaries. Mr. Coltman proposed, and Mr. G. Taylor seconded, that Mr. Hutchinson be appointed show manager, as Mr. Currah had stated he wished to be relieved of the position. The meeting proceeded to select the judges for the coming show. The following was the voting:—Norwich Section: Mr. J. H. Roe; Crest: Mr. W. E. Greeves; Borders: Mr. Patterson; British: Mr. Dewar; Yorkshires: Mr. Bailey. So that our judges are Messrs. Roe, Greeves, Dewar, Patterson, and Bailey. A special meeting will be held on March 17th to discuss our attitude towards the Cage Bird Union.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead).
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street).
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85. Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39. Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Gutsborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 &24.—**Sligo.**—(E. J. Tighe, High Street).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Warlng Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

"Cage Birds" Prizes for the Amateurs of Yorkshire.

Winners of cash prizes at Yorkshire Union shows:—Messrs. J. Helliwell 10s., S. Lingley 10s., W. Markwell 10s., W. Beaumont 10s., J. Chippindale 10s., H. Hill 10s., J. Lane 10s., Drake and Son 10s., George White 10s., W. Laycock 10s., J. Isherwood 10s., A. Radley 8s., W. Blakey 5s., J. Waterworth 5s., E. Clegg 2s., H. Mitchell 2s., F. Self 1s. 4d., O. Mitchell 1s. 4d., J. W. Holmes 8d., F. Townsend 8d.; total £6 16s. Yorkshire Union: 1, H. Hill, £1 15s.; 2, Drake and Son, £1 8s.; 3, W. Beaumont, £1 1s. Yorkshire Canary Club: 1, J. Helliwell, £1 5s.; 2, J. Chippindale, £1; 3, J. Lane, 15s. Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C.: 1, Wright and Son, £1 5s.; 2, F. Townsend, £1; 3, H. H. Clark, 15s. National Green-marked Yorkshire C.C.: 1, E. Clegg, 12s. 6d.; 2, F. Self, 7s. 6d. Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C.: 1, J. Meadows, £1 5s.; 2, J. Isherwood, £1; 3, B. H. Wilson, 15s. Open Norwich Plainhead Club: 1, H. Snowden, £1 5s.; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, £1; 3, A. Humphries, 15s. Total value in above prizes £17 4s. Summary: Value of prizes selected by winners, £17 4s.; cash prizes at Yorkshire Union shows, £6 16s.; total £24. It will be noticed that the sum of £1 4s. was not won at Yorkshire Union shows. This amount has been added, pro rata, to the winners of first, second, and third prizes in the Yorkshire Union section, according to rule.

BIRD BREEDING BARRED BY THE BRADFORD CORPORATION.

Remarkable Stand Taken by the Health Committee.

A number of the tenants of houses in the five streets off Faxfleet Street (Bradford), owned by the Corporation are very uneasy in consequence of a notice that they received this week from the Health Committee as landlords of the property. This document states:

"It has been reported that many of the tenants of these dwellings are using part of the premises for the keeping of birds. This is contrary to the regulations, and I am instructed to see that the practice is forthwith discontinued. If you are an offender in this respect I must ask you to dispose of your stock at your early convenience, otherwise the tenancy of your house will be terminated."

On behalf of the Health Committee it is stated that there are about fifteen occupiers of the Corporation houses who keep birds in the large attic which goes right across these houses, and that in consequence the family have not always sufficient sleeping accommodation, while the neighbours complain about the breeding of birds in attics as likely to encourage pests.

No complaint is, of course, made about the keeping of a bird as a pet, and the notices have been served upon those tenants only who are known to breed birds.

Bradford is, of course, the home of the Yorkshire Canary, and enquiry shows that the breeding of the cheerful songsters is quite an important local industry. In all the outlying district are scores of breeders, and one working man not far from the city is said to have made no less than £80 in one season by the breeding of the popular cage birds.

In this particular district of Bankfoot are a number of men who keep 20, 30, or even 50 birds, and who make £20 a year by breeding and showing birds at local shows arranged by various cage-bird societies.

Enquiry does not confirm the contention that the breeding of birds leads to overcrowding, for all these houses have two bedrooms in addition to the attic. A large number of those who appear to have violated the regulations of these Corporation dwellings are employed on the trams, and have taken up the breeding of cage birds as a hobby.

In view of the hours at which they are employed, there certainly appears to be considerable truth in their contention that it is the only hobby they could take up, for they often finish work too late in the day and are too tired to work, for instance, on an allotment.

"It keeps a man steady and straight," said one breeder to our representative to-day, "and we take a great interest in it. Not only so, but it is a most profitable hobby, and many of us could not afford to pay 6s. a week rent without the little income which the Canaries bring."

The housewives concerned are also highly indignant at what is considered an interference with the right of the tenant. They point out that following a hobby like this often keeps a man from worse things, for the time now spent in attending to the birds would in many cases be spent in the public-house.

A few of them declare that they will remove should the regulation be enforced, and we surmise that their intention will be announced with a bit of "plain Yorksher" to the gentleman who collects the rents.

In one house the occupier, who has been confined to the house for two or three months with a broken leg, has relieved the tedium by following this hobby, and both he and his wife asserted that during a trying period of family sickness they could not have paid their way and paid the rent regularly but for the help afforded by the income from the birds.

In another house our representative found the birds cleanly and comfortably housed, and the flood of melody in the attic was astounding.

All the ailing birds or those a little "off colour" were housed in what was jokingly described as "the consumptive sanatorium." There can be no doubt that the breeders of Canaries get a great deal of innocent pleasure out of their hobby, and that it is also very profitable to them, and it seems rather hard that tenants should be driven out of houses in which they are comfortably settled if no harm is being done.

We understand that the Yorkshire Union will probably endeavour to put the breeders' side of the case before the Health Committee.—"Bradford Daily Telegraph."

We are certainly astonished that so presumably enlightened a body as the Health Committee of an important centre like Bradford, should take action in the above manner. The question of the absence of proper sleeping accommodation for the humans by reason of the presence of the birds is one which, of course, we are not in a position to discuss. But that interference is justified on the score that the birds affect the health of tenants, or create a nuisance by means of "insect pests," is absurd, and we are surprised how this particular health committee came to entertain such notions. We feel sure that the proposed deputation from the Yorkshire Union will establish the matter in a more favourable and correct light, and that this latest form of official interference with the rights of citizens will be nipped in the bud. —EDITOR.

Under the White Rose.

THE annual prize distribution and social of the Amalgamated Societies and Specialist Clubs took place on Saturday last. The dinner attained huge dimensions, no fewer than 148 individuals sitting down to a splendid repast provided by the popular host, Mr. W. H. Mitchell, who pleased everybody by his catering. Mr. D. Sunderland occupied his usual position, for which he is well fitted, and under his chairmanship everything passed off as merrily as a marriage bell. (No, I don't mean thee, Luther, this time.)

AMONGST the company were Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. Pretty, and a friend from London. Mr. Ridley, hon. secretary, Hull C.B.S., Mr. Fredk. Handley, chairman of the G.C.A., Liverpool, Mr. Lindley from Hoyland, and many others—in fact, close on 400 people must have attended at some time or other during the evening. The gathering was voted to be "perfect," every item passing off successfully, while the talent secured was of a very high order, and the prizes resembled a display in a jeweller's shop, so numerous and costly were they.

HOYLAND Society had a nice gathering the other week. The members got up a grand social and supper, and during the evening the members' cup was presented to the successful winner, Mr. A. H. Waters. They were a jolly lot. Nobody to see them would have thought they had had to face a severe loss at their last show. Hoyland fanciers have some grit, and will easily pull through.

THE Hull C.B.S. is forging ahead. This year they have put a grand syllabus together, which embraces all branches of the Fancy from Canaries, British, and Mules, to colour-food, washing, and a ramble, not forgetting an excursion to the Scottish National Show, and a whole host of other events. One is very novel and interesting, viz., a "Wild seeds and berry competition." Here the members have to gather wild seeds, etc., then in September they will be classified and judged by an expert, who will describe their different varieties and uses. This is a really good idea, and worth copying widely, especially in districts where British fanciers are numerous, for it must be very instructive.

LEEDS C.B.S. had a grand pair show on March 5th, no less than 49 pairs being staged in five classes for Mr. F. Farrar, of Leeds, to judge. A notable achievement was the securing of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in one class, where 9 pairs were entered, by Mr. J. McDade. This society has also issued a handy little book containing a list of patrons and officers, syllabus of members' shows, lectures, discussions, etc., etc., members' specials, names and addresses of its members, with a key to denote what variety each member is interested in; a very handy card to put in one's pocket when on a round of visits. The special list is a good one, and should provide some keen competition amongst the 60 odd members of the society.

THE CAGE BIRDS special buttonhole was in great favour on Saturday last at the prize distribution, and many thanks were given the proprietor of the paper, Mr. Carl, for his thoughtfulness in providing them. The flowers lent an appearance of gaiety to all, and to the surroundings.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

We have received a copy of the splendid 1910 catalogue issued by Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd. (Coventry), the world-renowned makers of cycles, etc. It has been increased in size from 68 to 76 pages, and each page is full of information of value to every cyclist. It is well called the "Cyclist's Encyclopædia," and this issue is graced by a superb coloured frontispiece. In addition to the "Aero-Specials," "Specials," and "Crescent" models of Rudge-Whitworths which are so well-known throughout the kingdom, they have this season re-introduced the "Standard Models," and to meet enquiries for an extra strong machine have introduced the "Standard Imperial Roadster," built the requirements of heavy and rough riders. On pages 54 to 61 every separate part of a bicycle is separately illustrated and the price given. These charts are of inestimable service to cyclists, who may have occasion to require a replacement. A copy of this fine catalogue will be sent post free to all readers who mention CAGE BIRDS when sending their request.

CLUB NOTICES; continued.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Mar. 16th, Clarence Hotel, Jeffreys Road, Clapham, S.W., 8, Lecture by Mr. T. B. Mason; fanciers and friends welcome.—J. A. Roberts.

South Manchester Linnet S.A.—Mar. 12, Boiler Maker's Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Openshaw. Open contest for time, radius 5 miles, first birds 2.30.—B. Wharton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 15, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Exhibition of washing by Messrs. G. H. Massey and F. W. Nelson; friends and fanciers invited.—W. Stafford.

Wigan C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Legs of Man Hotel, Market Arcade, 8.—W. Ridge.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Bal.-sheet, table pair show, and prize money, distribution of same, Members' contributions already due.—Jennings and Viles.

Walkden C.B.S.—Mar. 15, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil St., 7.30.—H. Howard.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 14, All Saints School Room, 6.30. Members' show, classes same as last month; judge, Mr. H. W. Axe (Doncaster); will members do their best to make this a real good exhibition?—A. Waud.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 5.30. Important Business. —H. Hill.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. W. Downing; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 15, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General business and question night, fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Admiral Duncan O.S.—Mar. 19, "Admiral Duncan," 5.30. Table show, 2 classes: stock pairs for Mule and Hyb. breeding; young fanciers specially invited.—W. Healey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. —M. Skirrow.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 15, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Brit. bird show; judge, Mr. Mallinson; fanciers cordially invited; entry fee 6d.; birds to be staged 8.—A. E. Lloyd.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Wellington Inn, 8. Please note change of headquarters.—F. Mitchell.

Bramley C.B.S.—Mar 14, New Inn, 8. Syllabus, special prize list, etc.; fanciers invited.—W. Maltby.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Discussion of ballot paper, annual tea and social on Mar. 19, nominations of Union judges.—F. Western.

Bolton O.S.—Mar. 16, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. J. R. Mitchell; friends and fanciers invited.—H. Parkinson.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 15, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Impromptu questions and answers on breeding topics, etc.—H. Hill.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Mar. 16, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Revision of challenge cup rules, No. 1.—A. Lupton.

Bath F.A.—Mar. 17. Table show.—H. Turtle.

Bingley O.S.—Mar. 15, Assembly Rooms, 7.30. Lecture. "How I Manage my Bird-room," by Mrs. C. M. Sunderland (Bradford), ladies and friends especially invited.—A. Livesey.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Distribution of food samples, and lecture, entitled "Condition of Matched Pairs, and its Effect on Progeny," by Mr. S. Dean; fanciers invited.—F. Gelder.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Members' table show; pairs for Mule breeding; and for Hyb. breeding; birds to be in by 8.15; friends invited.—J. Shaddock.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 12, Flying Dutchman, 8. Final arrangements for members' show.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 12, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Yorks. Union ballot papers, etc.—Parker and Parkes.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Mar. 16, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Nominations of new members, yearly subscriptions, to appoint judges for open show, entries taken for table show, Mar. 19.—Brown and Horner.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. lecture by Mr. J. Robson, entitled "Success in the Breeding Room," payment of prize money, and presentation of specials.—V. Wynn.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Question night.—A. S. Treasure.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Mar 14, Headquarters. Table show of Redpolls and Siskins; will members kindly attend and bring their cards? I should like them to clear these up for balance-sheet purposes. —W. H. Bray.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 17, "Maskell's," Queen Street, 8. Annual meeting, presentation of bal.-sheet, election of officers, appointment of judges for F.F. and open shows.—W. Sampson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Saville Hotel, 7. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—N. Rayner.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. & F.B.C.—Mar. 15, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Monthly meeting and show of British—Linnet, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch hen, A.O.V. hen. Judges, Messrs. S. Ward and H. Jamieson.—R. Watson.

Great Horton O.S.—Mar. 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Garston B.B.A.—Mar. 16, Baptist Schoolroom, 8. Brit. bird and pair show, well-known judge appointed, entry 6d. per bird.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Election of secretary, etc.—C. Buck.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Cricket Players Hotel, 8. Special meeting.—W. Cottingham.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Crown Inn, 5. Business before "Pair Show," birds to be on tables at 6; members' judging competition after.—A. J. Notley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Mar. 14, St. George's Schools, 8. Lecture on the Nor., by F. Barraclough, etc., etc.—F. Barraclough.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To arrange rules, etc., and order rule books.—P. Hart.

Liverpool C.S.—Mar. 15, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Night show, Brit. birds, to be staged 7.45; Mr. A. Wellings, judge, etc., etc.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Mar. 15, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Table Show, Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin, etc.—J. E. Wood.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Mar. 10th, Crown Hotel, 8.—A. Wake.

Middleton C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Old Boar's Head, 8. Important correspondence and confirmation of officers, etc.—J. Oldham.

Mannington C.B.A.—Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Ballot papers, Preparation for Breeding Season, by Mr. J. Ackroyd.—H. Grange. (No date given.—Ed.)

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Arranging meeting to suit Union secretary.—A. Gledhill.

North London C.B.A.—Mar. 16, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Brit. and For. bird show; judge, Mr. Allen Silver; hearty welcome to all.—R. P. Harper.

Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Mar. 16, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Presentation of cups and medals, and club report on year's working. Table show: Linnet, Greenfinch, A.S. Brit., field-moulted, and For.; judge, Mr. J. Irving.—J. Bertram.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. To consider whether we continue membership of C.B.U. or not.—T. C. Crawhall.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Finch show; all welcome.—Pawley and Newnham.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 14, Chapel St Hall, Salford, 8. Bal.-sheet, and debate night.—H. Clayton.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 13, Club, 6.30. Debate on the Lancs. Can., opened by Mr. J. Nadin.

Reigate F.A. (C.B. Section).—Mar. 14, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—Baldock and Weller.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Ordinary business and proposed scheme.—W. Reid.

St. Helens O.S.—Mar. 14, George Inn, 8. Annual show business.—J. Hesketh.

Questions and Answers.

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**C. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Grit, Seed and Mating.

C.H.D.—(1) The grit is excellent, and you may quite safely use it for the floors of your cages in the natural state. Washing it in fresh water would not be any improvement—rather the reverse—and to break up oyster shells to mix with it would reduce instead of improve its value for small birds. (2) The Canary is very small and thin, and not very well ripened. It is, however, sweet and clean. Whilst not seriously harmful it is undesirable. (3) It depends wholly upon circumstances. Reduce the question to your means of combating any adverse influence that may arise. If you are able to counteract any sudden spell of frost or cold, or have the birds in a cosy room, such as a kitchen, or regularly-heated living room, and the birds are in very high condition, you might mate them up now. But if the conditions named are wanting, do not be in a hurry for another fortnight or three weeks.

Heaving and Panting.

Aeolus.—I suspect she is beginning to pay more than the usual amount of attention to the commissariat department, and perhaps might have contracted a chill. As a staple diet give two parts of Canary to one part summer rape, mixed together. Every second day for a week give a scrap of bread and milk, about the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure on it. Give a spray of green food each day, and see it has a regular supply of clean gritty sand.—Limit the diet to this for a week or fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of a week, and on the alternate days during the latter period give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. In the next week after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. See that she is quite protected from cold draughts.

Varied.

J.H.—(1) If you had said how you fed and treated the hen last year whilst breeding, I should have been helped. There was probably something wrong with your feeding. Briefly, give a plain seed diet during incubation; give only a small amount of egg-food during the first three days after hatching, and fresh at least twice a day. Begin giving green-food on the fourth day; slowly increase egg-food also, but do not give enough for the old birds to overgorge themselves. Do not begin to give hemp seed until the young are 10 or 12 days old. If the hen does not then do better, write again, and give full details as to your feeding and management. (2) A Crest-bred is the plain-headed offspring of Crests, or, rather, of a Crest and Crest-bred. For Crest breeding a Crest-bred is mated with a Crest, and both Crests and Crest-breds are reared in the same brood. The Crest-bred differs from the ordinary Norwich by being much larger, more profusely feathered, and especially in having an unusual quantity of dense long feathers on the head; but it has no crest. (3) Right, again. A "plainhead," unless prefixed by "Lancashire," is simply the ordinary Norwich. (4) Canaries do not naturally lose the large quill feathers in the wings and tail until the second moult. Sometimes they are removed at the first moult, when the bird is said to be "flighted"; when not removed, they are termed "unflighted."

Hen rather Backward.

G. Howard.—It is nothing at all unusual for the adults to be rather more backward in coming into condition than the young stock. You should be treating these old hens more liberally now. Begin at once, and give first as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb in the drinking water daily for three days. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, or Madiera cake, with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed int it, and on the alternate days give a small pinch of mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, inga, and linseed. Every second day give a crisp young leaf of dandelion, and gradually increase the allowance until in a week's time they are each having two fair-sized leaves daily. Repeat the above dose of salts and rhubarb about every third or fourth day for a fortnight if the birds do not show signs of brightening up quickly.

A Trio of Them.

Y.O.R.K.S.—(1) You may mate the one cock with both hens instead of procuring another cock to make up two single pairs, so to speak. You must not, however, put them all in one cage. Cage each hen separately in a single breeding cage, and when the proper time arrives and the birds are ready to begin, mate the cock with the hen that seems most forward. When this hen has gone to nest and commenced sitting, remove the cock and mate him with the other hen, leaving number one hen to hatch out and rear the young herself. When the second hen has commenced sitting, remove him again, and leave her to do likewise, and cage the cock by himself until hen number one is ready for him again for the second brood. (2) It is quite probable there was a mistake made in the sex of this bird. Treat him the same as advised to "G. Howard," and if he does not assert himself more actively in a fortnight or so get the breeder to have another look at him to see if it is a hen. (3) Treat these hens also the same as advised to "G. Howard," but do not overdo it when you see them freshening up, unless the cock also is getting forward as rapidly as they.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Loss of Voice.

Anxious H.—Your first step must be to see the adverse conditions are reduced to a minimum. Place the birds in a position quite free from damp, and also strictly avoid all cold draughts, extreme fluctuations, and heated and impure air. Let the position be fairly comfortable, but not necessarily very warm. Feed on plain Canary only as staple, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days for the next fortnight give a scrap of bread, not larger than a hazel nut, soaked in hot milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and strewn with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of green food every second or third day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week. On the alternate days give ten drops of glycerine, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, and continue giving this each alternate day for a fortnight. Do not give the bath, save on quite fine days, until birds are better.

Swelling on Throat.

D.M.—In the event of this bird dying, have a post-mortem on it to ascertain beyond doubt whether the swelling is of a contagious description. I think it very probable it is of that nature, and you have done quite right to isolate the bird. Do not mix up the birds out of the other cage, where this hen has been, with your other birds until you see how this case terminates, and thoroughly disinfect the cage, and also the show cage, before keeping any other birds in them. Your feeding is very good, and needs no alteration except in the case of this hen, where you would do well to avoid the egg-food. Stop this and give instead a similar quantity of stale sponge cake crumbs with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, or the crushed biscuit (given dry), you now use with the egg, may be given without egg. On the alternate days give a spray of green-food, which should now be procurable. Paint the swelling every second day with a feather dipped in tincture of iodine for a week, and if swelling is not then considerably reduced, prick it with a clean needle, gently press out contents, bathe in warm water, and anoint with boracic ointment. In the drinking water give ten drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, in the water, continuing the latter for a fortnight.

Dropping Feathers, etc.

F. H. B.—The hen will not be of any use to breed with as long as the condition of things you describe lasts. It is possible she has been accustomed to a much warmer room, in which case keep her in a comfortable temperature for a few weeks until the weather is milder. If this surmise is incorrect, the bird has certainly been kept under bad conditions since last moult. Keep her, as suggested, in a cosy place, but not too warm, quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations, but well ventilated. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, as a staple. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a pinch of hemp seed and a morsel of banana, or two leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. On the alternate days give in the water twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, until the sneezing is cured. The reason the cock stops singing is probably that he is so overpowered with the hen's charms that he can only look and admire. There is nothing wrong. It is a peculiarity of some mere males.

Brevities.

Three Briefs (Incubator).—(1) Probably 102 deg. F., though I have not yet thoroughly satisfied myself during the actual process of incubation. At other times, however, the temperature ranges between 108 deg. F. and 110 deg. F., so the above will be pretty near the mark, if not absolutely correct. (2) About one week is the limit, in my opinion. In some cases they may be kept rather longer, but there is always a great risk of the germs being seriously weakened. (3) The less variation of temperature the eggs get during incubation the better. The range of variations cannot be definitely stated. It depends a great deal upon the strength of the embryo and the stage of development reached. Eggs may sometimes get quite cold to the touch, and yet hatch out satisfactorily; but do not try the experiment.

A Recommendation (G.K.).—Am very sorry, but cannot possibly recommend any individual here, for reasons which must be obvious. Consult our advertisement columns, and insist upon using our deposit system, which should be an efficient safeguard.

Helping to Make Nests (W. Sturge).—Most cock birds swagger about with nesting material, more or less, and make a big display before the hen commences to build; but it is all "make believe," and intended to convey a hint of what is required of the "missus." They are just as apt to fetch their supply of material out of the box or pan, as out of the nest bag supplied. As a rule, the less they potter about the nest the better.

Cinnamon Crests (Bert).—Thanks for further letter. Do not imagine I wished to discourage your experiment; but I certainly did think your first letter indicated that you were probably expecting success earlier than I knew it would come. Hence my warning, which, I am glad to note, does not discourage you. By all means go ahead; keep your eye on the two main points, as suggested in last reply, and success will be gained. A hearty wish for your success.

Age to Breed (A.M.).—Your last season's bird, bred at end of July, would doubtless breed if mated. I do not, however, consider it advisable to get all you can out of such birds in the first year. If it is one of the larger breeds, I should advise you to take only one nest from it, or, if a small breed, not more than two at the outside limit this season. Mate it, if quite ready, from the middle to the end of April, and let the hen be not younger than 1908 bred. See next issue for reply to Mule query.

A Bashful Wooer (W.A.P.).—Maybe, the arrival of a lady-love upon the scene set the Yorkshire thinking so furiously that singing was out of the question. It is not a very uncommon occurrence for a cock to cease singing as soon as he is mated. It does not necessarily affect their fertility, and there is no reason at all why the pair should not do well. Alter your diet to three parts Canary to one part rape, give a small quantity of egg-food every second day, a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga on the alternate days, and a little green-food, including a leaf of dandelion, daily. When the hen commences to sit, stop all the extras, and when young are hatched feed as advised in first part of reply to "J.H."

Bare Around Eye (A. and B.).—Try and give me a few more particulars as to how the bird appears to be affected, and the symptoms exhibited; then only can I give you a really satisfactory reply. Meantime, as your diet is wrong, feed on a staple mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape. Twice a week give a small piece of bread soaked in hot milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar; each of the remaining days a spray of green-food. Limit diet to this for two or three weeks, or until you get the next reply. Keep cage perfectly free from insects and well strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give ten drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day during following week. Let him bathe daily if he is willing.

Partial Success (Hilda).—Continue treatment advised for another month, if necessary; but give in the drinking water, instead of the gentian and steel, six drops of dandelion juice and fifteen drops of sherry and quinine, prepared by dissolving as much citrate of iron and quinine as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of sherry. Give this every second day, instead of two days in every three, until the feathers cease dropping. There is no necessity now to move the bird about. Touch the bare places with warm olive oil once a week. Keep a sharp look-out for mites, as I still feel inclined to think they may be at the root of the trouble. You might try raking out the cracks with a pin on to a sheet of white paper during the daytime.

Crest-bred in Moult (W. Johnson).—You have probably hit upon the correct cause. Keep the hen in a comfortable place, not very warm, nor yet on the cold side; see that draughts and sudden or extreme fluctuations are quite avoided in future. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and every second day give a half-teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a scrap of banana and a pinch of hemp seed. Give a leaf or two of dandelion, or other green-food—the former preferably—every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in three for a week, and every second day afterwards until the moulting ceases..

Wasting Seed (J.E.H.).—You ought to have given more details of feeding, and said what seeds, besides Canary, and how much, and how often you give. Have the birds you have previously lost died in this cage? If so, I should advise you, in the event of this one dying, to burn the cage at once. To treat, give a mixture of three parts Canary to two parts summer rape in the seed box as a staple. Every second day, until it begins to eat the seed freely, give a piece of bread soaked in cold milk, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure scattered about it. On the alternate days give a spray of watercress, or one or two crisp dandelion leaves. See all the seeds are sweet and good, keep cage clear of red mites, and well strewn with clean, gritty sand, and free from draughts or foul air. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts daily—for three days as will cover a sixpence, and every second day for the remainder of the week. During the latter period give on the alternate days six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water, and continue this throughout the next week.

Strange Behaviour (H. Moore).—What position does the bird assume? Does he stand at right angles across perch, crouching low, and his beak pointing towards you? If so, I am inclined to think it nothing more or less than tameness, and the bird merely challenging you to a fight. But if you usually attend to the needs of the birds, and do things about the cage frequently, and these attacks only occur when you clean out the cage, it is doubtless sheer fright, and all you can do is to go about these occupations quietly and methodically. Give a choice bit of green-food in the top part of cage before starting to clean it, in order to attract its attention somewhat. It may be a little overfed, which would help to aggravate this condition. Stop the mixed seed, or materially reduce the quantity, also the egg-food, for a time, and give in the water a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week; then miss a week, and give again for another week. No reason why it should not breed all right.

Best or Worst (Ked.).—If you cannot avoid the continual disturbances in the dining room, and also the daily removal of cage to another room, which, by the way, I should say is quite unnecessary, you would certainly succeed better in the unheated room, where all these disturbances can be avoided. Keep the birds in the room where they now are for another three weeks or so, and then take advantage of the first spell of nice mild weather to remove the birds to the other room, and leave them there permanently. Do not mate them up until after the removal. If the weather is favourable, you should be able to get them transferred, settled, and ready to mate by about the second week in April.

Points of Dutch Frill (A. Cooper).—The following are the chief points in the standard collated by a prominent continental breeder:—Length, 7 to 8 inches; attitude, a little curved, but without high shoulders, standing well up on legs, and very elegant. Plumage, fine and silky, well separated on back and frilled evenly outwards, falling down on the wings and forming the mantle. Frill on breast, and at both sides of the thighs, the latter curling upwards, and joining the mantle. Tail, 3fins., with slight curl of small feather at base. Wings, carried well up, a slight crossing of tips permissible. Head, medium size, without crest, but if hooded it will be an improvement. Legs, slightly curved. Colour, similar to the Norwich in colour and variegation.

We Two (Novice, Shettleston).—(1) About four and a half or five inches from each end. To a certain extent the size of the birds regulates the distance. I prefer to place perches so that the tails clear each end of cage by about half an inch or an inch when bird is standing at right angles across perch. This gives the greatest amount of clear space for exercise. They should rest upon the middle cross-bar of front, and this should be rather less than midway between top and bottom; say, in a cage 16 inches high, the cross-bar, and consequently the perches, should not be more than 7 inches from the floor. (2) Give a pinch of Epsom salts first for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and six of mucilage of gum arabic in the water for a day or two. Also give a pinch of crushed plain dry biscuit for a day or two.

Not Singing (J.R.L.).—It is nothing unusual for some cock birds not to come into song again after moulting until spring is at hand, after their first few seasons. No doubt this is the case with yours, as he seems in such perfect health. Try moving him further away from the hen for a week or two. Hang his cage on the wall immediately facing the fireplace, and let it be a box cage in order to avoid any possible draught from the door. In addition to the usual staple diet, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a wee bit of bread and milk dusted with soft sugar, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure.

To Get Colour (Cinnamon).—I hardly think you did quite right to introduce cinnamon blood, as there should be any amount of colour, and to spare, available in the pure Norwich. Fortunately, as you wish to breed it out again at once, you used the Cinnamon hen, so you are not likely to find any serious difficulty in working it out so long as you avoid any mating with a cock which has any trace of Cinnamon blood. You will certainly be taking the shorter road to get rid of it by keeping the variegated hen and rejecting the cock. Mate her with a clear yellow cock, bred from a tickled and a clear pure-bred for preference. The result will be green tickled and variegated young, with perhaps a few clears.

Cages (no nom-de-plume).—It is quite a matter of taste whether enamel or whitewash is best for the insides of cages. The former can be washed over its surface from time to time, the latter can be washed right off and replaced with new. Enamel gives a nicer appearance, and is more durable. The appearance, but not the durability, can also be secured with sanitary coloured distempers. Try to see a few cages of each kind and choose. As regards black paint for the outside, try lacquer, similar to Brunswick Black, or even the latter itself; put on thinly, so that it is absorbed into the wood, and finish with copal varnish. I have had excellent results from this method. The cages never stick together.

Cages Again (T. Frost).—(1) No, the cage made of pitch pine will not prove harmful to the birds in any way. Whether it will prevent red mites remains to be seen. (2)—I really cannot say whether making cages with cedar wood would prevent red mites, as I have had no practical experience in this matter. Cedar wood is said to prevent clothes moth getting into drawers or boxes wherein chips of the wood are kept. If it does so, its properties are probably more or less evanescent, and whether they are such as to prove a deterrent to red mite experiment only could show.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Foreign Finches.

Rawston.—You would greatly increase its utility if you could have an outside flight to same; it only needs a few standards covered with half-inch mesh wire netting. Try half a dozen pairs, say, as follows: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Common Avadavats (Tiger Finches), Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins—average price, 3/6 to 7/6 per pair. Do not put them out before May, though. Hay and long grass will suffice for nesting material. Diet: Canary and white millet, unlimited supply, with oats, hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seed as extras; green food, such ripe fruit as they fancy, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. They would require a saucer of some good soft food mixture when they hand young to feed. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful, see advertisements.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free, a mine of information of use and interest.

Amazon Parrot.

"Novice."—You are feeding wrongly. Get a bottle of Dinneford's magnesia from your chemist, and give the bird a weekly dose (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) so long as the bottle lasts. Do not give any tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts—a little boiled potato (dry) is permissible, and some Amazons are very fond of it. Well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, two or three times a week would also be a help, and if the bird craves for sop at all, a stale crust of household bread or plain biscuit moistened in the chemical food water is quite wholesome. For a healthy bird already talking a little, 40/- is not an excessive price.

A Feather Plucker.

Parrots.—You give me but few details, but the bird must have a cooling aperient—say, Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) twice a week, so long as the voidings are not watery. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary and white millet seed two parts each, and one part each hemp, dari, oats, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts, with, of course, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. Re your friend's Amazon, a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia will also be advisable here, and the same dietary, at any rate for the present, as advised for your bird. If the bird rejects all large seed, it will be none the worse for this providing it eats heartily of the small seed; in such case supply Canary and white millet seed in equal parts. As soon as the bird gets a little brighter, a course of Parrish's chemical food would be advisable.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

H.A.S.—Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Rosella Parrakeets, black-cheeked and blue-wing Lovebirds. The Java Sparrows and Weavers should be all right, as they will have plenty of space, but if you do pick one up with a broken leg or wing occasionally, you can safely put this down to the Budgerigars or Lovebirds. There should be a good prospect of all the Parrakeets breeding, and I should really advise you to add Redrumps to the series, and leave out the Java Sparrows and Weavers. The Black-cheeks, Rosellas, and Redrumps would cost you from 20/- to 30/- per pair—the latter price would, I expect, be really the cheaper; the other kinds not more than 10/- the pair. The birds should do well in your aviary, but Parrakeets do not always settle down to breeding the first year of their occupancy.

Brevities.

Parrots Laying Eggs in Cage (R. J. McC.).—This is not uncommon, but there is rather a risk of egg-binding on such occasions, and I should advise a piece of cuttlefish and a lump of old mortar rubbish being kept in the cage.

What Bird and Value? ("Umpire").—It is a Roscute Cockatoo, and its value about 10s. 6d.; its value will increase in proportion as it becomes talented and in fine condition. I have heard of some really talented birds of this species, but the majority do not make great talkers. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it and teach it words and short sentences by constant repetition. Keep it out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. See other replies re warning about slops and table scraps, etc.

Birds for Crystal Palace Cage (Seaford).—See reply to A. H. Hall for list of birds, and reply to "Rawston" for food and treatment. No, with the birds named I should advise pairs, the birds will be happier, and your cage of pets more interesting to yourself. Hang up a cocoanut shell nest in each compartment, pushing a little bay into each, and the birds will use these as night shelters, as well as retiring places during the day—it will add greatly to their comfort and your pleasure.

Breeding Budgerigars (P. O. Dawson).—All that is necessary is to hang up the husks longitudinally as received, with the openings towards the light. The birds will fashion the inside to their liking—no nesting material is required. The yellow and green varieties may be crossed, and the bulk of the progeny will be green, with only an occasional yellow. It is necessary from time to time to introduce fresh blood into your strain, or the size, texture, and hue of plumage soon deteriorate. Glad to note you find our little booklet on this species helpful.

Outdoor Aviary Matters (Mere Novice).—The items of your seed mixture are all right, but I should certainly advise you to make two mixtures, one to consist of equal parts of Canary and white millet seeds, and the other of the remaining seeds you mention, in about the proportions given. I should also hang up one or two millet sprays; also supply cuttlefish, green food ad lib., and such ripe fruit as they fancy. Variety in the menu adds greatly to their well-being. If you put in hen Canaries in same proportion as the Continental and British Finches, you may get some nice Mules; otherwise the cocks will simply spend their time quarrelling over the hens.

Small Foreigners for Cage (A. H. Hall).—Foreign Finches and Waxbills, when kept in a cage, must be placed in some position where they are free from draught, yet where they will get light and fresh air. The following would all agree together providing you do not overcrowd: Zebra Finches, common and green Avadavats, orange-cheek, Zebra, St. Helena, and grey Waxbills, grey and green Singing-finches, are good songsters, especially the former, and a cock of each or either might be added for this purpose. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/- plus postage (see advertisement), gives full instructions as to diet, treatment, etc., and you would find it very helpful.

What Parrot? ("Parrot Lover"). — It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and should certainly prove a talking species. Many individuals whisper over their words before articulating clearly. The bird is not yet fully accustomed to you; as it settles down it will screech less. Keep it in your midst, yet not where it will get scared by sudden movements. Talk to it, pet it, and make a fuss of it generally, and what it hears of your conversation, etc., it should soon commence talking. Your diet is satisfactory, and the bird should do well. Only patience and kindness can train it. Some are more teachable than others, but all Alexandrines usually make fair talkers, and if you persevere, yours is practically sure to do so.

Cardinals and Pekin Robin (V.A.G.).—Give this bird an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (but the voidings should not be watery), and also frequently colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: Canary and white millet seeds, with a few oats, little hemp and sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, and two or three mealworms daily or other insects. Two cocks will agree in the one cage providing it is fairly roomy. I cannot recommend your keeping the Pekin Robin and Cardinal together, unless the cage is a very large one; I fear they would mutually harass each other. By all means spray the bird, being careful to keep it out of a direct draught till dry. A leaf of fresh lettuce will also be appreciated and be very beneficial, as also will a piece of cuttlefish.

Seed Mixture for Budgerigars (J.C.S.).—You do not give me the conditions under which you are keeping your Budgerigars; if indoors, and the temperature is variable, this alone is quite sufficient to throw them into moult. Feed as follows: Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, with a tablespoonful of oats every other day; a millet spray is a wholesome and agreeable change. Also supply green food, cuttlefish, grit and water, and when you can get it free from frost, seeding grass (grass in flower) ad lib. should be given. The best way to give them a bath is to keep a turf, well water it, and then put it for them to roll about on—this is their natural way of taking a bath, viz., rolling in the wet herbage.

Roseate Cockatoos and Quaker Parrakeets (M. L.).—Unless their quarters are very confined they will agree together well enough; see that two or three good sized logs are hung up, as far apart as your space permits, and I do not think you will have any trouble with them. The sexual distinctions, so far as plumage colouration is concerned, are infinitesimal, but the area of grey in the female is a little smaller than that of the male. There is no difficulty in telling if you have a true pair; they are very affectionate to each other, though able to take care of themselves in any company, and feed each at intervals throughout the day. The Quakers are one of the few nest-building Parrakeets, and you must supply them with twiggy branches, about the size of besom heads, for the purpose; they are a hardy species, and will do well out of doors.

Breeding White Java Sparrows in Cage (Howard W.).—(1) Yes, both sexes take part in the duties of incubation. (2) Possibly, but it is very unsafe to keep an unmated hen with a breeding pair, as the two hens will quarrel as fiercely as two cocks would under similar conditions. (3) Probably, but it is not wise in the confined quarters of the largest cage; the better plan would be to put in a pair of some other species, say, Zebra Finches; but you must contrive to have three or four nest boxes about, or they may quarrel. You must not, however, introduce others till the present brood has left the nest. (4) I have had two, three, and even four broods in the year, perhaps two is the more usual number. It largely depends on how early they begin to breed in the year, and the constitution of your stock.

Pekin Robins (L.W.).—Yes, your birds are Pekin or Japanese Robins. The cocks are mostly good songsters, and both sexes are handsome birds when in good feather. Providing they have room for exercise, and are kept free from draught, these birds are hardy and enduring, and not difficult to keep in good condition. Diet: Soft food (see our advertisement columns), take the required portion and make crumbly moist for use, ripe fruit ad lib., and one or two mealworms per bird daily; in the summer, when insect life is plentiful, supplement the mealworms with any beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc., you can capture for them; a teaspoonful of white millet seed may be given weekly, and is mostly appreciated.

Grey Parrot Ill (Rhosite).—Your diet is all wrong; make a change at once. You will find the correct diet given in our reply to "Parrots" in this issue. Also give Dinneford's magnesia under same conditions as stated in that reply. Also give every other day for a week, and then after a week's interval repeat for another week, three grains of bromide of potassium dissolved in a little syrup. If this bird calls out for table scraps when you are at meals, you had better have a piece of plain biscuit to hand; just moisten this in water, and it will meet the case. Note our warning re sops, etc., in other replies. A piece of boiled potato (without fats of any kind) is permissible if the bird has been accustomed to same.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

An Alien Goldfinch.

Rochester.—It is difficult to form an opinion without seeing the bird, but judging from your description as "hardly bigger than the British bird I have," it can hardly be a genuine Siberian, but probably a small Russian. You are wrong in assuming it will require different treatment to a British Finch. The tastes of both are very much alike. A good stock mixture for your Russian (or Siberian) Goldfinch, assuming him to be newly imported, would be: Hemp, niger, and teazle one pint each, canary half a pint, linseed a quarter pint; with just a little sprinkle of summer rape and charlock. A feed of cracked sunflower seed should be offered daily, and as the bird gets on to it, the niger in the stock mixture should be gradually lessened. Maw seed is also relished, and very good for a tit-bit. Russian Goldics relish the same wild foods as our English Finch, viz., thistle, teazle, and hard heads, dandelion, groundsel, etc. Many also get very fond of an occasional mealworm, once they have been induced to taste of them. Keep him in the usual Finch stock cage.

Cages and Mule Breeding.

Trooper P. T.—A 16in. breeder is not long enough, in my opinion. I am a stickler for roomy breeding cages, and know from experience they are far and away the best. A cage which is only cheap because of its very small size, is in reality very dear to any fancier, and the sooner the young fancier realises this the better it will be for him. My minimum length for a single muling cage is 20 inches, and 24 inches is a much better size. Any yellow Norwich hen should be a grand mate for a Linnet; you could not get a better kind. When the Linnet is in stout song, and his beak has turned a distinct deep slate-blue colour, you will know he is quite fit for breeding purposes. The hen, when ready, will be noticed bouncing vigorously from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and frequently calling in a shrill voice. Give her a little wool, nesting moss, or even a little teazed-out string, and she will carry it about in her beak, and be looking all over the cage for something to pop it in so as to commence to nest. When you see these signs, you can start your hen off with confidence. You need not trouble to put the cock Linnet with the hen until she lets you know she is ready; but let him hang close by, within sight of her, if you can manage it. Should he "sing at her," with wings down and heaving throat and chest, you can shake hands with yourself, and almost venture to ignore the old proverb about counting your chickens before they are hatched.

My Hybrid Breeding Methods.

A Starter.—Yes, I will give you an outline of my methods, with pleasure. The single Hybrid breeding cages I myself use are about 30ins. long, 17 or 18 high, and 14 deep (one or two are larger). I am dead against smaller cages, for they get very dirty in next to no time, and occasionally it would be very bad policy to disturb Hybrid-breeding couples by cleaning them out, and in a large cage a few days' neglect in this respect makes no matter. I have two perches in, on the crossbar, the birds feeding from the cage bottom. There is one large door in the centre of the front, at the bottom (as usual), made extra wide. A "platform" of wire-netting runs from the crossbar to the back of the cage. It is 5½ to 6 inches wide, and the netting is tacked to a piece of wood, which is screwed to the cage back, and wired to the crossbar at front. This "platform," if thickly interlaced and strewed with sun-dried grasses or chickweed, etc., affords a fine place for the hen to lay her eggs on; or on which to lodge the favourite old Thrush or Blackbird nest, for the Bullie hen to re-line (some don't trouble to do the latter). A more or less cup-shaped depression is easily contrived in the dry grasses, and the latter may be easily removed (or so much as is necessary) as required, being get-at-able through the door. If I know my hen, and have no fear of eggs dropping on bottom of cage, I cover the latter with fine peat-moss litter. If a strange hen, or one which behaves doubtfully, I use a thick layer of dried grasses, as above. The latter has great advantages over sawdust, etc., as it is not easily swept aside by the movements of the birds, thus leaving patches of the cage-bottom uncovered. (It can be used over a layer of sawdust). It is very "springy," too, and catches an egg safely. The perches, by the way, ought not to be placed very high up in the cage. My favourite way of screening the nesting site is to hang a strip of thick, stiff brown paper over the particular corner of the cage. If one's room is dark, a light material (such as muslin) should, of course, be used.

Foster Mothers.

H. Martin.—If you cannot afford to buy hen Canaries, you can certainly try as foster-mothers the hen Mules you have bred. You will find that the hen Mules will accept the attention of male

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birds (whether other Mules, or of some distinct species) in the same matter as do other hen birds. However, the eggs they lay all prove infertile—at least, I have never seen a Mule bred from a Mule, though I have read of it being obtained. I did not always trouble to provide with a mate the hen Mules I intended using for foster-mothers. Give them a nest and some building material, and they will, when they feel they must (so to speak), put up a nest and commence to sit. It hurries them up, however, when one permits them the attentions of some high-conditioned, pushful male bird. I always found hen Mules—most of mine were small to average-sized Goldie-Canaries—devoted mothers and excellent feeders. A lot of latitude is permissible in the changing of the eggs, etc. I have put eggs under a hen Mule which have hatched out after she has been sitting but three or four days, and she has fed and brought up the young quite as if that were the usual thing. They are not particular as regards sitting a day or two over time, either. Young, common German hen Canaries make good foster-mothers, too; likewise Border Fancy hens; and both are cheap. The trouble when leaving a hen Canary and cock Finch together through the winter and onwards, is that she invariably goes to nest before the Finch is ready, when the result is clear eggs, and one nest wasted.

Finches for Breeding.

Silex.—As I have oft-times written, to get Finches into high breeding condition pinches of hemp, niger, maw, gold of pleasure, sesame, dandelion, and similar "wild" seeds are invaluable. Note other replies given this week. You must also look out for tender dandelion leaves and the flowering and seeding heads, and give the bird a free supply, seeing they are never in a frosted condition when offered. This is invaluable as a "conditioner" for breeding birds. For early supplies, look on sheltered banks (railway embankments, for instance) which face south. Also let the bird have sprigs of seeding shepherd's purse, and chickweed, and flowering groundsel tops, looking out for the earliest possible supplies.

Getting Goldfinch into Condition.

Constant Reader.—This is now quite a familiar topic. First of all, don't forget that the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May generally being the month he selects to "keep house" in. House-moulted birds come into breeding condition earlier than those in field plumage. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, saf-flower, summer rape, and charlock half-part each. The sunflower and saf-flower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and corntlower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible).

Rejected Addresses.

W. S. Payne.— I most certainly think that the cause of your trouble lies in the fact that you have paired up the two birds before they are ready. This would account for the Goldfinch's "bad fits of temper," and for the hen turning the tables now and again by chasing him round the cage. If she were in amorous mood and he were equally willing, she would most likely be accepting dainty morsels of food from his beak instead of blows. Some Canary hens absolutely will not accept the attentions of cock British birds; such are rare, it is true—but I have had them myself, and so has many another fancier. Still, it often happens when two birds are rushed together, and one of them is not ripe for breeding, that serious fighting ensues, which embitters the couple for the rest of the season. The Goldfinch and the hen Canary should be introduced in a double breeding cage, having the wired slide down the centre—that is, one bird in each compartment. When the hen begins to carry nesting material about in her beak, and appears to be looking for a receptacle in which to deposit it, hang up a nest-box, withdraw the slide, and let the Goldfinch run in with her. Before this takes place, I fancy you will find him (if, as he ought to be, in condition) both singing to her and feeding her through the wires. If so, you can shake hands with yourself on a rosy outlook. A great deal more depends on the proper mating of Muling (and other) couples than the majority of breeders seem to credit. Some do not even seem to worry about whether the birds are in breeding condition; when they think the time has come for them to breed, pop they go together. Then there is trouble should one of the twain happen to be rank and its partner contrariwise.

Brevities.

Do Mountain Linnets Sing? (A. B. Newton).—By Mountain Linnet I take it that you mean the bird more commonly known as the Twite. This is a very happy, sprightly little bird, with a cheerful ditty, which it is constantly uttering, but it can hardly be designated a "song" in the true sense of the term—it consists of a string of notes of very circumscribed range, and jerky utterance.

Linnet Muling (P. Kent).—A two-year-old Linnet and a last-year Yorkshire hen Canary would be a quite suitable couple to mate up. There is no reason why you should not get Mules from them. I presume that by "ordinary breeding cage" you mean a single-compartment one or box pattern; if so, this should answer very well. If the Linnet misbehaves (interferes with the eggs, or the hen while she is sitting, or pulls the nest to pieces), you will have to remove him, and let him in with the hen only for a short time (half or one hour) night and morning, after she is building, and until she begins to sit. Look out for CAGE BIRDS coming book on "Hybrid Breeding."

Two Points (M. W. B.)—You can try the Goldfinch again, certainly. Often at the second season of trial a Goldfinch will fertilise eggs, notwithstanding the fact that the year before he proved a failure. He needs to be in breeding condition, of course. And it is of no use to part him from the hen Canary too quickly; he must be given a fair chance. Often second nest eggs prove full after those of the first round have been clear. Canaries hatched last June can certainly be bred with during the coming season.

A Loss and a Mating (Novice).—Cases have been put on record of birds fretting for a departed mate, and pining away. It is very difficult for me to say, of course; still, there seems to be the possibility that your hen Bullie died of a "broken heart." Birds when ailing often turn very spiteful. The only bird I could recommend as a mate for the hen Chaffinch with any certainty (judging from past records) of producing young, is a cock Bramblefinch. The suggested cross with the cock Linnet would be most interesting, but has never yet been tried with success. Feed as recommended "Trio" last week, giving the hen Chaffinch a little soft food containing ants' eggs.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Catedonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 2s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. T. W.—Replied by post.

Miss E. Liman.—I gather more from the history you give me than from the actual post-mortem examination, the reason for the the cause of the death. It is what is known as over-sweating, which occasionally occurs when the young are early hatched, and the hen is apt to nest too long, from early evening on becoming dark, until late next morning. To obviate this trouble it is advisable to provide some artificial light during the evening or night, and I take it you did not adopt this precaution. The dieting was perfectly correct in every way, and had nothing whatever to do with your loss; but I think that the white as well as the yolk of egg might be advantageously used, with an equal part of bread-crumbs from the first. This is a method condemned by many fanciers, but personally I have no fault to find with it. Other authorities, again, suggest using only half the white and the whole of the yolk. It is not at all an easy matter to differentiate the sexes. Not infrequently I have birds submitted to me as cock birds, which on autopsy prove to be hens. Some breeds, of course, are very distinctive, and their sex readily recognised, whilst others, again, are most confusing. The disappearance of the fourth egg in such a mysterious manner savours something of legerdemain, for very few Canaries ever interfere with their eggs, whilst Finches are very guilty in this respect; so I am afraid I am unable to solve this problem for you.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Shows and Societies (Captain Starlight).—The show season proper is at an end, and the only fixtures between now and next October will be those of such agricultural, etc., societies, which provide a few classes for cage birds. Watch our show advertisement columns (and reviews of schedules) for particulars of these. The secretary of Windsor C.B.S. is Mr. C. A. Stickland, 38, Alma Road, Windsor; and of the Reading C.B.S., Mr. W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove, Reading. Either of these gentlemen will give you particulars of his society. If you become a member you will be able to stage a few birds at the members' shows, which affords valuable "training" for the attempt to capture prizes at the open shows; further, you will be able to discuss the merits and failings of the birds with your fellow-members, and pick up many valuable hints in so doing. Glad to hear you "swear by" our paper. Competition result will appear shortly.

Cage Front Making (F. Western). — Many thanks for your helpful letter; we will have a drawing made to accompany it.

Mule Breeding (W. J. Stagg).—Thanks for your interesting communication. Pleased to hear from you at any time. We hope you will have luck with the birds. Readers will enjoy the account of your experiences.

A Cutting (R. W. Higginson).—Thanks for the newspaper cutting, and your kindly remarks.

Stocking an Aviary (Beginner).—In a place like yours you could keep either hardy Canaries or Foreign birds, or British birds, or a suitable mixed series. The choice depends entirely upon your own taste. If you will decide, then one or other of specialists will be glad to assist you.

A Photograph (A. F. Fifield).—Thanks; we will certainly find a corner for it in one of our supplements.

A Cutting (J. A. Taylor).—Many thanks.

Collection (W. Priest).—We are very much obliged to you.

A Change of Secretary (J. Graham).—Your letter is of much too personal a nature; we could not publish it in its present form.

Prizemoney and a Returned Cheque (J. H. Barber).—We have communicated direct with the secretary and await his explanation.

Illustrated Ideas (A. B. Allardyce).—Have given this method before; it appears, too, in one of the books we publish. (H. T. Kelsall).—We have given a similar perch before; many readers send this in, almost weekly.

The Preston and Flowers Fund (W. Burbidge).—We shall have pleasure in making it clear that the society is a Leicester one. We have not got out any collecting forms or other printed matter in connection with this fund. We did not think it would be necessary to incur the expense; the response has been very gratifying.

A Thrush and its Food (G. Smith).—If you obtained a copy of our "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush (2½d. post free) we think you would find in it all the information you seek.

THE ART OF STAGING.

A Lecture Delivered by Mr. H. NORMAN before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on February 28th.

"A Cage Bird Staging Competition" was the title given to a small evening show held by the City and Suburban A.C.B. at the Church Institute on Feb. 28th. The prizes were: Two silver medals and one bronze, and a bronze medal for the usual judging competition. There was a goodly number of entries, including several varieties of Canaries, and British and Foreign birds. The judge for the evening was Mr. H. Norman, who, previous to commenting upon the exhibits, made a few remarks respecting the subject of staging.

The Art Analysed.

He said he had visited many shows and gatherings connected with the Fancy, but this was the first competition of the kind he had ever attended, and it was with considerable diffidence he undertook the task of awarding the medals. Staging, he said, was the art of showing an exhibit to the very best advantage, and placing it before the judge in such a condition as to command and compel his attention. The bird must be clean and in high fettle, the perches placed in the best position to enable the bird to show itself off to the greatest advantage, and the cage must be perfectly clean and fresh. The bird and the cage, as a whole, should make up a perfect picture. It is not desirable to place a clean bird in a dirty cage, or a dirty bird in a clean cage; the two must go together.

Frequently Overlooked.

Staging is a branch of the Fancy frequently overlooked, especially by novices. Many of them hardly realise the importance of properly exhibiting a good bird. It is no uncommon sight to see exhibits at shows securing third prize or v.h.c. card which would have stood higher if shown as they should be. The speaker mentioned a case where he was judging a class of hybrids. Two grand Goldfinch-Bullfinches were among the exhibits, but they were so dirty and badly shown that he was compelled to leave them cardless. The owner of the birds afterwards expressed surprise at this action, saying that he thought such rare crosses should win without washing or without his having anything special done to the cage. At the next show this exhibitor was more successful, as he made a fairly creditable attempt at showing his birds to the best advantage. A badly-staged bird forced itself upon the attention of the judge quite as much as one properly shown, and he almost unconsciously gradually worked a badly-staged one down the row away from the leading birds.

Considerable Progress.

The speaker ventured to express an opinion that the art of staging had made considerable progress during the last ten years, for which fanciers had in a great measure to thank the Fancy Press, and the increased number of shows where visiting exhibitors were constantly having the need of good staging brought before them. The competition now in all branches was so keen that any little item likely to advance an exhibit should not be neglected.

During his visits to shows in different parts of the country, the speaker had had ample opportunities of studying the subject, and his impression was that the Northern fanciers were slightly ahead of those in the South in the matter of cleaner staging.

The Best and Worst Staged Birds.

In the Canary section he thought the Border fanciers were slightly in advance of others. There was such a levelness of typo and general excellence of feather, and absence of competition in size (as existed in the cases of Yorkshires and Norwich) that condition and staging played a very important part, extra cleverness in this direction frequently turning the scale. Another variety that needed proper staging was the Yorkshire. The bird was nothing if not shown at its best. This fact undoubtedly kept the exhibitors of this handsome bird alive to all the advantages gained by skilful exhibiting, the number of shows in the Yorkshire district enabling novices and amateurs to study easily the best ways of showing their birds.

London fanciers staged their birds well, especially the British and Hybrids, also some varieties of Canaries. He thought that the Irish exhibitors had still something to learn in this branch of the Fancy. This he attributed in a great measure to their shows being patronised only by Irish fanciers; they needed outside competition and example to enable them to improve in the art.

As the Borders and Yorkshires were the best staged varieties, so he considered the Norwich the worst. Unsuitable sized cages, perches too high or too close together, with backgrounds to the cages that did not show the inmate to the best advantage, were common everyday failings. A Norwich Canary did not require to be up in the roof of the cage, nor did it need two perches to rest on, one for its feet and one for its tail. It was very doubtful, he said, if the exhibition cage were now quite suited to the modern Norwich Canary. Within the last ten to fifteen years there had been a great advance in the size and bulk of the bird, but no corresponding improvement in the cage. This was a matter that should receive attention at the hands of the specialist clubs of this popular variety.

A Practical Suggestion.

In the British bird and Hybrid sections, too, there was room for more individuality and taste in the matter of staging than in the Canary sections. There was such diversity of colour, shape and size in the exhibits that a clever fancier could considerably enhance these qualities by skilful staging. The importance of correctly-coloured backgrounds was felt more in this section than in any other, and fanciers could not study the matter too closely, nor make too many tests before deciding upon the most suitable one. For this purpose he advised a cage with a movable back, so that different tints could be tried; this cage would only be for trial, and not for exhibition purposes..

Commenting upon the exhibits of the evening, he said the first prize was given to a Goldfinch shown by Mr. Thrower. This, he thought, was well shown. The cage and perches were of suitable size, the seed trough placed in such a position as not to cramp the bird, and the exhibit as a whole was a satisfactory one. Second prize went to a Mynah shown by Mr. W. Shepherd. The cage, Mr. Norman thought, was a trifle too large for the bird, and appeared somewhat out of proportion to the size of the inmate, although the lightly-tinted background suited it admirably. Mr. W. Sanders annexed the third prize with a nicely-shown clear Crest-bred, in a cage with a richly-coloured background, which showed up the bird to perfection. The judge thought the front rail might with advantage be made half-an-inch deeper to raise the perches a shade higher, so as to keep the bird's tail clear of the floor. The v.h.c. card went to Miss Rose Shephard for a Zebra Finch, very tastefully shown with a suitable background to the cage and natural twigs. The wires of the cage, however, were a shade too close together to allow an uninterrupted view of the bird. The h.c. card was won by Mr. S. Turner, for a Yorkshire, nicely put down, but which required a new set of perches; commended, Mr. F. Curry, for a Goldfinch, a good exhibit, the cage of nice size for the bird, which, however, hardly appears in such good condition as the winner.

In answer to questions the judge said the Greenfinches were shown in cages with unsuitable backgrounds. For non-fed birds he considered light grey blue grounds the best, and these should be flat, all the polish being required on the bird. The same background did not suit a buff and a yellow Norwich, as the buff bird required a greater contrast to show up the quality of feather and meal. A uniform colour for Norwich birds was, in his opinion, quite a mistake, as some took the feed better than others.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Birds and their Friends.

We were one year very fortunate in possessing two birds, one a pretty little Whitethroat, and the other a Starling. The Whitethroat flew into our front door, and, of course, we caged it up. The Starling flew in the shop in which my father works. It had evidently just left the nest. Needless to say, they received every attention, and became two pets, and quite reconciled to their home.—Sent by John Nicholson (age 14), 6, Weardale Place, Stockton-on-Tees.

*Parental Regard.

A number of school boys were wandering about the great park near here recently, when one of them found a Blackbird's nest, with young ones in it. He soon made prize of it, and was taking it home, when the cry of their young was heard by the old birds, and notwithstanding the noise of the boys, they did not desert the helpless young, but kept near them for three miles, flying from tree to tree. This circumstance made the boy place the young birds in a cage, which he hung outside the house. Here they were fed by their parents. As the birds grew the boy sold them, until they were all disposed of. The morning after the last bird went, the female Blackbird was found dead beneath the cage in which her young ones had been confined, as if she had been unable to survive their loss.—Sent by David T. Dyer, Mountain Hare, Pencoed, near Bridgend, Glam.

**Bobbie's Fearlessness.

One morning as I was alone reading by the fire, the door ajar, a little Robin hopped just in. I sat quite still, and he flew on to the picture and looked round. I thought I would catch him, but he looked so happy and bright. I set the door open wide, and he flew out again. —Sent by May Johnson (age 11), Poplar Gardens, Aylsham Road, Norwich.

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How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—I use linen thread (Knox's Kilburn 22a), 3s. lb.; ask your draper for same. I make my nets of ¾in. mesh, 70 mesh wide, 10 yards long, using a 4ft. 9in. staff; and I dye them brown with cutch, which I get at a chemist. These nets take 1½lbs. of thread, take 5 hours to make a yard, and last for about ten years. I should be very much obliged if some of your readers would give the working of Lark night nets.

A. B.

Prize-money at Oakengates Show.

SIR,—I thank the secretaries of Oakengates Show—Mr. G. Ward and Mr. A. Brothwood—for their kind offer to pay my prize money out of their pockets. Of course, I cannot entertain this offer, neither would I retain the money even if the society itself paid me, as I now quite believe the money was sent to me. One of the rules in the Oakengates schedule stated that prize-money would be paid within 28 days, so, of course, I did not think of writing until that time had nearly expired, that being the reason they did not hear from me sooner. I know neither of the above gentlemen personally, and when I say I only received one single postcard on the subject, I think readers of CAGE BIRDS, will agree that I was quite justified in stating my case in the Fancy Press. If the secretaries desire it, I will send them privately the name and address of the gentleman who told me of another person who had not received his prize-money. I could not doubt this gentleman's word, as I believe he is well respected where he lives; but if the person whose name he gave me has not complained to the secretaries, all I can say is that he is not acting in an honourable way. I might state that if I am not exhibiting elsewhere when Oakengates hold their next show, I shall certainly support them and that their society may be a success is my sincere wish.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

Father and His Canaries.

SIR,—My father has a great many birds, such as Canaries and Goldfinches, and also a Mule. He has mostly Canaries, and they are all Norwich. He says he likes them better than any other breed, because they are more beautiful in colour and shape. My mother often says he is "bird mad"; she tells him she will get a bed and an easy-chair and put in his bird-room, because he spends so much of his time in watching them. When they come back from the shows with prizes she cannot help smiling, and my father looks as if to say, "Now I have got my own back." Every year he carries away a great many prizes, and only two birds this year came back from the shows without cards on their cages. Before he shows them he has to wash them, and the first time I saw him wash them I thought the dear little things were going to die; but when they are put by the fire to dry they are very soon lively again. Very often he has let one loose, but he has always had enough luck in catching them, and brings them home in his pocket. Last year he let one fly away, and it took him a long time to catch it, but the very same bird had 1st prize at Swindon. He feeds them every day on Canary, rape, hemp, niger, lin. and maw seeds, and gold of pleasure, etc. They are very fond of sweet apple, and in the summer they have other green food, such as lettuce, dandelions, groundsel, and watercress. As soon as my father sees one go a little puffy, he gives it bread-and-milk with a little maw-seed on the top, and they very soon recover. During their moult they are fed on eggs, Osborne biscuits, breadcrumbs, and colour-food mixed.

LILIAN SCHNEIDER (11 years.)

On a Sunday Afternoon.

SIR,—After doing justice to a good dinner I started upon an afternoon's stroll, leaving the tiny village of Astley Abbotts with its ancient church which bears the date of 1633, and which had its share of trouble during the troublesome times of Cromwell. I make towards the longest river in Britain, and to my mind the most beautiful, and I have seen a few. Before reaching its banks I pass the cottage of my nearest fancier friend, and here I am always welcome, and he being like myself a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, many are the friendly chats we have over the show reports and articles therein. I journey on, and at last reach the River Severn, and take a walk along the river side in the direction of Coalport. Now I am getting among the birds; it is winter, but there are plenty of birds about. Some Longtailed Tits are busy looking for minute insects hidden away in the tiny crevices of the bare branches. I come to a house that once was a public-house, and gloried in the name of "The Wren's Nest" (that was in the time of the barges, when they used to ply on the river, but the iron horse has stopped all this traffic). But the good lady of this house keeps Goldfinches, that favourite bird of the proud Salopians, and called by them the seven-coloured Linnet. A little further on are some more Tits; this time they are Coal Tits. This Tit, like the Marsh Tit, is rather shy, and not so often seen as the Great Tit and the Blue Tit. The two latter are as bold and cheeky as militant suffragettes. Further on my journey I disturb some wild ducks, and away they fly further along the river. On I go, and at last Coalport is reached, noted for its famous china. Here the Severn is spanned by a bridge, nearly 100 years old, and to go over you have still to pay toll. It is now time for me to return home, and on my journey back I come across some Golden-crested Wrens, tiny feathered mites, busy searching among the branches for food before they go to roost. This bird and the pretty little Tree-creeper, I believe, suffer more than any other of our British birds during a severe winter, and I know for a fact that the little Gold Crests can be caught by your hands during a spell of hard weather. I at last arrive home in time for tea, having had a very enjoyable walk.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

The Making of Egg-food.

SIR,—I should like to ask Mr. W. J. Clarke whether he means the egg to be hard boiled or not boiled at all. If the latter, then I should think that, provided the young birds thrived on it, it would be the ideal way for fanciers who only have a few birds, and who do not use a whole egg every day, as what was left each day night perhaps be dried after the manner suggested by Mr. E. Floyd, and used after the young had left the nest and were getting on to hard seed or ready for colour feeding. An answer to this would add one more to the many useful hints I have obtained from CAGE BIRDS.

P. RAFFERTY.

SIR,—Re W. J. Clark's letter concerning the above; if he was highly amused at the account of the competition, it was rather amusing to me to read his remarks. He says the appliances used by the competitors were of a contaminating nature. I beg to inform him, as winner of the competition, that the appliances used by myself and other competitors were far different from what he surmises them to be. I very much doubt if Mr. Clark could describe the sieve used by me. I cannot see how he can criticise unless he was an eye witness; but if he was so, he had the opportunity of suggesting any improved method. Therefore, there was no need for him to air his views in the Press. Or does he think that by so doing he is popularising his name as the champion egg-food maker? There is no orthodox way of making egg-food. Every fancier has his own way, and each one, as in Mr. Clark's case, thinks his own the best. If Mr. Clark had some 60 birds to cater for, his method would keep him busy picking up the pieces from the floor, as there is not much room in a marmalade jar. Mr. C. is very confident on his winning the competition had he competed. I should advise him to join the City and Suburban A.C.B. and enter for the next competition; but I should like to inform him that the competition is not for method only, but for quality and time. I very much doubt if he would have been in the first six had he entered. I should like to advise him to use a large basin; he would have more room, and it would save a lot of time; unless the quality of the food depends on a 1lb. marmalade pot being used. Also, I should like him to give us fanciers a little idea of the drop required for the egg.

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SIR,—In view of the coming breeding season, I think it would be very interesting to hear the experiences of some of your readers who have been successful in breeding birds without the use of the old fashioned food, viz., eggs and bread or biscuit, using instead some other preparations.

A. SLATER.

[Mr. Slater will find an article in this week's issue which deals with one aspect of this question.—Editor.]

Is Early Breeding Disastrous?

SIR,—I should be glad if you would kindly allow me to state that in the last two issues of CAGE BIRDS I notice accounts of early breeding, and I think this is very misleading to novices. Two years ago I saw the same thing; I tried early breeding, and it proved disastrous. When fanciers are writing about early breeding, I think they ought to state if the room is heated, as I don't think you can breed good class birds in January or February in a cold room. I hope to hear of other fanciers' opinions.

H. BENNETT.

The New Society for Chopping ton and District.

SIR,—Seeing that Mr. Woollett in his letter of last week distinctly points to me as being the writer of the "Admirer" letter, I beg of him to understand he has saddled the wrong horse this time. "Admirer" is still at large. Perhaps Mr. Woollett can answer me a couple of questions: Why, firstly as a member, secondly as an officer of the society (treasurer), and thirdly as the principal financial supporter of the club, I was not informed of the change that was to be made, also, why he has taken possession of, and carried away, the books of the Choppington and District C.B.S.?

E. B. ATKINSON.

The New Society for Codnor Park.

SIR,—Seeing "Nom-de-plume's" letter in your valuable paper I can truthfully say that the members of the Selston Society (Cage Bird section) numbered ten, and seven of them resigned the same time as Mr. Mitchell, and that was fully a week before the formation of the Codnor Park Society (which I am pleased to say is flourishing). I hope this will convince "Nom-de-plume" that the majority did resign; also that Mr. Mitchell sent in his resignation which was read out before the members of the Selston Society at their meeting, but I venture to say that "Nom-de-plume" was not present at the time.

ONE PRESENT.

SIR,—I see in your valuable paper a letter from Mr. Mitchell in reply to "Nom-de-plume." It does not matter whether a majority of cage bird fanciers resigned or not. We are only a new society, having held only three meetings previous to the one referred to in Mr. Mitchell's letter. I can safely say that no 7 members who had paid their entrance fee resigned. And as for Mr. Mitchell giving up, it could not be termed a resignation. He simply sent a letter stating that if we did not take the society down to the Portland Arms, we could cross his name off the books. Now I consider this kind of letter very unfancier-like and unsportsmanlike. Had Mr. Mitchell sent in a respectful resignation, and not a threat, it would have saved all unpleasantness.

W. N. BOOTH.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Mitchell's letter of the 12th Feb., I am leaving it over till later, when I will state all the affairs between us. So I ask Mr. Mitchell if he will kindly send me the minutes from the first meeting up to Jan. 8th, 1910, with the list of names which was taken at the first meeting, and also the letter which was sent by him to be read out at the meeting on Jan. 8th, 1910. I shall be very much obliged if he will kindly do so, and then I will state whether I am wrong on the majority or whether Mr. Mitchell is.

F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—At first I did not intend "entering the fray" connected with the above society, which seems to have arisen through want of forethought by Mr. Mitchell in regard to his first letter to your valuable paper; but on perusing his last pamphlet of inaccuracies I feel it my duty—as one of the committee to whom his challenge is thrown—to accept it, which I do with pleasure. Now, Mr. Mitchell, you say the majority of Cage-bird fanciers resigned our society (Selston and District) along with you, and you defy anyone to prove the contrary. This I do emphatically and absolutely. To be exact, the number of Cage-bird fanciers that had joined our society up to the time of your resignation, Sir, was four—i.e., Messrs. Simpson, Bacon, Maltby, and Mitchell. Messrs. Bacon and Maltby are still members, which equally divides the number, as it was then. Hence I congratulate you on your misrepresentation of the real facts. We are well aware of your letter containing your resignation being read out, and shall have pleasure in forwarding copy of same to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS if need be, which will enable others to judge of the spirit in which the above is couched, but we should like to know—1st, Is the secretary empowered to dictate to the committee, of which you give us an example; 2ndly, Who authorised you to get "The Portland Arms" club room for us?

S. G. LEESE.



YELLOW NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

First and Special Prizes at the Metropolitan C.B.A Show for Mr. F. J. Martin.

Hints on the Rearing of Birds.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Priestley will give advice to any bird fancier who may write to him, I should be very glad if he would kindly give the same. I should like to know how he rears his birds, and also his method of Mule breeding. This is my first year, and I shall be thankful for any advice Mr. Priestley will give me.

A. FLACK.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Priestley's reply in CAGE BIRDS re "Can Canaries be taught the Nightingale's Song?" I should be ever so glad if he would give me his method of breeding and feeding Linnet and Canary Mules, as I am putting up three pairs. This being my first attempt, the information through CAGE BIRDS would be very thankfully received.

E. BINFIELD.

Mice in the Bird-room.

SIR,—The best preventive I ever had for mice I picked up in the entry at the rear of our house, and she was a beauty, "Tortoise-shell," and, as one of my neighbours once said, she was a "lady cat." I had her three or four years before I kept birds, and when I started with birds I put an empty cage on the kitchen table and put the cat on too, and just tapped her nose and said, What's going in there is not for you. She would go up to the bird room with me, and when I cleaned them out would sit on a chair and watch me. Should one get out of cage, she would watch it fly about but never attempt to touch it. I have shut her in the room for over two hours (not knowing she was there), and cages within 18 inches of the floor, but not a feather has she touched. I fed her well, and treated her like one of the family, and she well repaid me for it. Last year, I am sorry to say, I had to kill her for, owing to old age, she got vicious, and if any children came into the house she would scratch them. To those who would rid themselves of mice, I say, get a cat, treat her as you would your birds, and you will be well repaid.

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Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—Having read in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, Mr. J. Souls' (of the Midland Counties' Skylark Society) method of feeding his Larks, will he kindly state whether he cooks the peas when ground? Having followed his recipe I am told the peas ought to have been baked in the oven.

D. R. GRAY.

Wanted: a Roller Club for West Hartlepool.

SIR,—I have been much interested in the correspondence in your paper on the above subject. As secretary of the Hartlepools C.B.S. I give all interested in the movement a most hearty welcome to our next meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, on April 6th, at 8 p.m. I may state that I am leaving the meeting open (after the ordinary business) for the furtherance of the project, and all who care to come will find themselves amongst friends. I may state that I have been in communication with Mr. Lamb, Mr. Steel and others, and the feeling is in favour of adding a Roller section to the above society. Now then, Linnet fanciers, could you not do the same? One word, and I am there.

ERNEST WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

The Type of the Belgian Canary —Past and Present.

SIR,—Am writing to thank your able correspondent, Mr. T. Smith, for the remarks made in the last paragraph of his article re Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries. I consider that the time has arrived to decide what is to be done to preserve the Belgian proper as a distinct and useful variety. The treatment it is receiving and has received on the show bench is something all true fanciers may come to regret; in fact, so far as I know it has driven some of the breed's principal friends out of the Fancy altogether. One who spent hundreds of pounds in getting up a stock was thoroughly disgusted with the treatment his birds received at a leading Scotch Show; he remarked to me that the birds he showed against were nothing but first crosses with the Scotch Fancy. For the same reason another has not shown for two seasons. Nor is it surprising when the thing is so plain. Indeed, so distinct are the Belgian and Scotch Fancy breeds that a novice can distinguish them. Your critic's report upon one of the principal Scottish shows reads, re the Belgian classes: "1st, splendid bird, a first cross;" whilst I also had pointed out to me a bird that had been placed first in both Scotch Fancy and Belgian classes. Now, I contend that the judging is at fault; and till judges can be found with backbone enough to relegate all first crosses to the top shelf, the same will occur again until the breed is altogether destroyed. I may remark here that other fanciers use the pure Belgian for crossing the Yorkshire, for instance, but the first cross is never seen at a show. I understand that fanciers use it in a legitimate way, and do not try to steal the variety altogether. In writing this I have no other interest than the welfare of the old-fashioned type of bird. And Mr. Smith has my thanks for drawing attention to the matter. May judges of each variety henceforth relegate to their deserved places all first and second crosses, no matter by whom exhibited. I have little opportunity of meeting other Belgian exhibitors, but hope some of them may be good enough to give their views through CAGE BIRDS, so that means may be taken to preserve what the late Mr. Blakston called the "King of the Fancy."

JAMES ROBERTSON.

A Phonograph Record of the Linnet's Song.

SIR,—Respecting the suggested phonograph record of the Linnet song, I for one should very much like to get one. I have a 10-inch disc machine.

W. VOWLES.

How Nets are Made.

SIR,—In reply to "Amateur Catcher," the best nets I have found for practical use are the clap nets—two yards long and 5ft. poles, ¾in. mesh, with about a foot of lint (or loose net). You will find this size works well without the pulleys on, unless it is a very rough wind. I don't care for a shorter pair for Linnet catching, as when a flight swoops down you want to catch them on the wing, or you stand a good chance of not getting any. As to how much netting you can do in an hour, that depends on what rate you can tie the knots. I use the underhand knot the same as Mr. Biscoe (I don't like the over-hand one), and can tie 1,500 in an hour, using a ¾in. mesh. You will soon see how much if you calculate up a foot, and take the number of knots you can do in an hour.

NETTER.

The Scottish Plainhead Club Show Cages.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me a few words regarding this club cage question? In the first place Mr. Aitchison has to be commended for the interest he takes in the S.P.C., but I do not think he has considered well what his motion involves to most of the members who do not trouble about the S.P.C. medals and specials. I for one do not care for the club cage. As a breeder and exhibitor, I think it is too large for the Norwich Plainhead; it encourages the long-sided bird in more ways than one; therefore I discard it altogether for showing my Plainheads in. If it is the case that the cage is judged, as Mr. A infers, why not adopt Mr. Macfarlane's last year's motion in regard to the cages? It seems it will come to that, as the club cage has not done away with the "marked" cage. I was sorry I could not be at the S.P.C. meeting last Saturday to have given a personal protest against Mr. A's motion, but I hope it was defeated. I have no doubt about Mr. Aitchison's sincerity towards the welfare of the club, but if the motion was carried, it would mean the loss of one-half the members, as I know plenty of members like myself who never use the cage. The hardship is if we remain as members we cannot be allowed to exhibit at any show except we use the club cage. Working men fanciers cannot afford to buy new pattern club cages every year or two. It seems to me that the evil is worked just the same as previous to the adoption of the cage. As an instance I have been told by a judge (while lifting down birds for medals) not to bring a certain bird as it got a medal at a show previous to ours, and he had never seen a catalogue. In my opinion it should have been out of the tickets for bad staging. It is no use trying to stamp the evil out; it will go on till the end of the chapter. Show committees can stop it to a certain extent, but a club cage—never.

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How Should Eggs be Kept?

SIR,—I have read many roports in your valuable paper of lectures given on the breeding of Canaries, and in nearly every one the lecturer tells us that he takes the first three eggs away; but I have never noticed one say how he keeps them to give the best result, whether on their small ends or on their sides. I daresay many novices, like myself, would be glad to hear from some of the more experienced fanciers on this point.

W. F.

The New Society for Polmont and District.

SIR,—Our first meeting was held on March 5, when a dozen fanciers responded to our appeal for members. It was agreed to make the radius 15 miles, and the entrance fee 6s., and no charge for exhibits at show. The society is to be called the Polmont and District Cage Bird Society. Our next meeting will be held in Ritchie's Tea Rooms, at 7 p.m., on the 19th March, when all intending members are requested to attend.

ROBERT LEITCH.

Taylor's Buildings, Polmont Station.

Is the Bullfinch-Chaffinch Cross Possible?

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me if such a cross has been tried or produced as the Bullfinch-Chaffinch? Having purchased birds this season off a catcher, he came to see me on a recent evening, and during conversation informed me that he had one of his cock Bullfinches (caught about a month ago) crossed with a hen Chaffinch which he caught about a fortnight ago. I had some of the birds out of each batch. As the hen Chaffinch was seen to pick up and carry something about, some cotton waste was put in the cage and a nest was soon commenced. The cock Bullfinch was seen to pair off on several occasions. The pair have built a nest in a box made of deal about the depth of a cigar box. The cage is made from a box about 27in. high, 18in. wide, and about 12in. back to front. It is kept in a corner (rather dark and quiet) of a small room next to the living room of a cottage. The catcher has also a hen Bullfinch which he has been using as a call bird to catch with for some time. It is in an aviary in the garden, with wire netting front and side. It has laid two eggs, and built a nest in a box similar to the others, and with cotton waste. The catcher has two cock brown Linnets, a hen Bullie, and a cock Yellowhammer flying about in the same aviary. These birds have recently been caught. Is it a record for fresh-caught Britishers to nest so early, especially the Bullfinch and Chaffinch cross?

E. J. W. S.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—With regard to the above correspondence, in my opinion there are faults on both the judges' and exhibitors' sides. Here we have Mr. Fuller thanking a few fanciers for voicing their feelings at the Lancashire C.A. meeting on the Crest-cum-Lancashire being exhibited and winning at various shows under the patronage of the Lancashire C.A. Then we have Mr. Adams who distinctly states that, as a "test case," he exhibited one of these Crest-cum-Lancashires in the first instance, and was fortunate in securing a prize. Then I suppose, like Oliver Twist, he was longing for more. He sends the same bird out, I understand, four more times (as test cases), the fourth time he states that it was rightly put down. By the way, it would be interesting to know if the points this particular bird won were credited to him for the medal competition of the L.C.A.; if so, I consider that he knowingly exhibited at several shows a bird that was not a Lancashire show bird, according to rules. It ought not, therefore, to count for points for medals. Further, what is the use of insisting upon the judges to take particular notice of type when members of this society exhibit birds that ought never to be run in a show cage? By keeping this class of bird at home, they would invariably help to stamp out that ill-feeling which is caused through seeing a Crest-cum-Lancashire in the winners, also at the same time greatly assist the judges in their judicial duties. I must admit it is very curious reading that Mr. Adams, after exhibiting this bird, also moves that all secretaries have a standard list to present to the judge—I presume for him (the judge) to take more notice of points and type. Probably the show season of 1910 will see more upright and horseshoe coppies than in the last few years winning on the show bench. Then Mr. Fuller, who, I believe, is an old fancier, will be able to secure some prizes. But if I was Mr. Fuller (seeing that he has made up his mind to go in for Crest breeding), I should just experiment with a Crest and Lancashire. I guess he will be able to gather that introducing a leggy bird with plenty of head to a Lancashire comes in very handy at times. But don't show it until you have got the crest out of it again, or else it will be another "test case," and I should not like to see Mr. Fuller winning at every show with "test cases," no matter whether they be coppies or Plainheads, after his 20 or 30 years in the Lancashire Fancy.

HORSESHOE.

SIR,—I was glad when I opened my paper, CAGE BIRDS, to see there was one who took an interest in the Lancashire. Thanking Mr. Fuller for his remarks, I send you the standard and the type that the Lancashire C.A. work to. The typical Lancashire should be a large bird of good length and stoutness, and should stand boldly and well up on perch. The coppy differs from the crest, inasmuch as it should lie at the back of the neck, falling off so evenly as to leave no trace of roughness. The coppy must be neat and well packed with feathers, with no split or other break in its formation. The shoulders should be broad, the back and tail long, and the chest bold and wide. The bird should move with ease and elegance. Its legs should be long and sturdy in appearance. When standing upright in the cage the tail should droop slightly curved.

The properties of the Plainhead Lancashire are the same as in the case of the coppy, except as regards the head. This in the plainhead should be broad and long and have overhanging eyebrows, giving what is generally termed a sulky appearance to the bird. The feathers on the head should be plentiful and good in the quality (not to be wiped or tucked up behind the eye, because it is a bad fault). A good Lancashire should not stand across the perch nor should it possess a hollow, which means not filled in at the back of neck. I think I have given the Lancashire fanciers the correct type as near as can be got. I will now appeal to all Lancashire fanciers to join the Lancashire Canary Association, which I think it is their place to do to make one strong society. I will now give you our standard: Head, coppy, 25; neck, for fullness and thickness, 10; back, round, full and long, 10; wings, meeting at tips, 5; length of bird, 20; quality of feathers, 5; position, upstanding, 10; colour, 5; condition and cleanliness, 10; making a total of 100 points. I hope to see more fanciers take an interest in the grand bird.

CHARLES WHITEHEAD.

[Kindly write on one side of the paper only.—Editor.]

Six Bells (Abertillery, Mon.) Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space to enlighten fanciers who exhibited at our late show. We should like to hear from all who are waiting for prizes won at our show, also those who are waiting for returned entry fees, as our late secretary has resigned in the middle of his work. Would all exhibitors who have either prize-money or entry fees to come to them please apply at once?

ALF. CATFIELD, Sec.

15, Eastville Road, Six Bells, Abertillery, Mon.

Will Tame Bullfinches Breed in Captivity?

SIR,—With regard to tame Bullfinches breeding in captivity, I should like a few lines in your paper to place before your readers an experience I had some three years ago with a pair of tame but newly-caught Bullfinches and Hedge-Sparrows. I put them in a large aviary (6ft. by 19ft. by 6ft.) containing small shrubs and undergrowth early in spring. As time went on both the hen Bullfinch and Hedge-Sparrow built nests, and in due season their clutches of eggs were deposited. Then they began to sit, but in a few days the cock Bullfinch, intruding on the Hedge-Sparrow's preserves, went and destroyed both the eggs and nest. At this I was very annoyed, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise as will be seen later. After the appointed time the Bullfinch hatched three chicks. These she tended with great care for the first day or two, then she became rather slack in her maternal duties, not brooding the chicks as much as she ought. Evidently the bereft Hedge-Sparrow saw this and took upon herself, at her own free will, the duty of protecting the young and helpless birds, brooding them continually. At this the pair of Bullfinches were quite satisfied, but continued to feed their young well, which, of course, the Hedge-Sparrow being an insectivorous bird, could not do. This continued until the young birds were able to look after themselves (thanks to the attention of their kind foster-mother). The Hedge-Sparrow was quite tame, allowing me to go and look through the bush at her, but unfortunately she could not bring herself to face the camera. To verify these statements I might quote the name of a well-known fancier, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, under whose notice this strange quartet were brought.

F. D. ELKINGTON.

Newport, Salop.

THE CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the Rochdale "Good Intent" C.B.S. have withdrawn from the Cage Bird Union. At a well-attended meeting called for the purpose, I may say it was unanimously (with the exception of two, one of whom was neutral) decided to withdraw.

WM. ADAMS,
Hon. Sec. Rochdale "G. I." C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting of the Newcastle C.B.S. is called for March 17th for the purpose of deciding whether we retain our membership of the C.B.U. or not. A good attendance of members is requested, that the question may be considered in all its bearings.

T. C. CRAWHALE, Hon. Secretary.

SIR,—As a member of the Cage Bird Union I would like to know if the Executive Council are asleep. Wake up, ye sluggards. Know ye not the enemy is nigh? To arms! to arms! defend yourselves or ye shall surely die. Wake up! wake up; the North's aflame, the West's astir, the South deserts, the Midlands take the rebels cry. Have ye no valiant knight. Awake to take the fight? No warrior fit to give our foeman steel? Your cause is good, your cause is true; strike out, strike out, with all your might, Before the foe o'erwhelms you. Wake up, wake up, the Palace feed, Will surely give the strength you need To put the Rebels down. And if ye craven wretches fear To brave the fight, Get off this sphere; Dying the coward's death In sweet oblivion rest. Let others take your place To wield the sword, With might for right, To triumph in the end. I am not surprised at rebellion breaking out; I have been a member now for two years, and have never seen the rules by which I am governed, and no balance sheet. Where do the funds get to? Buying feather beds and blankets. May the Council rest in peace and no red mite break their sleep. But, in spite of all, I am in favour of the C.B.U. if they would get out of bed and bestir themselves. A lot of good work remains to be done, and if the members of the C.B.U. would gossip less behind each others' backs in the various bird markets, and would report what they say they know, the C.B.U. would flourish and become the power for good it ought to be in the Fancy. The man who knows and hides a crime is worse than the criminal. I find those who gossip most, and those who run the C.B.U. down hardest, are those who if they did their duty first to themselves and second to their fellow-fanciers, by reporting what they know, could do the C.B.U. most good. Hoping that some abler pen than mine (one from the Council) will with fortitude defend the right, to triumph in the end

FORTITER DEFENDIT TRIUMPHANS.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see in your last issue that District No 7 had decided to remain loyal to the Cage Bird Union, and that they intend to help carry out the rules. If all other districts will do the same, the officials will have a pleasant time of it. Of course, there will be plenty of work, but with the support of the members, work can be gone through cheerfully, because it will have a good result. "Apple Tree's" letter asks a lot of point-blank questions which are very deserving of answers by all concerned. Personally I think societies will find it will pay them to support the C.B.U. and help to carry out its rules. "Reason's" letter deserves careful thought, and I would commend it to Mr. C. J. Robinson, and Mr. W. McKail, especially the reference to the difference betwixt the Yorkshire Union and the proposed Lancashire Society. I should like to ask Mr. McKail if he has thought out the probable result of a series of county unions each working on its own? In one respect they would be very similar to the present system of District Committees, but they would have the disadvantage of not having a central court of appeal, and surely, Mr. McKail, you will recognise that it is very often advantageous that the trial of a case should be taken entirely away from local interests and prejudices? Again, if unions are to be multiplied, there is bound to be increased expenditure, as every union would cost pretty well as much as the present C.B.U. to work. Of course, there would not be the expense of a long journey to attend the general meeting, but there would be a lot of little expenses attached to each Union that would in the grand total be far greater than at present. I was more than sorry to see that Mr. McKail intends to move that the societies in his district sever their connection with the C.B.U. The C.B.U. was started in the Manchester district, and practically all the spade work was done by this district; it seems hard, therefore, that a motion of this kind should come from the very centre of the foundation so to speak. Presumably Mr. McKail was in at the beginning, and it reflects on him with the others that they did not found a perfect society. Would it not be better, Mr. McKail, to try to improve away the bad points in the present society, rather than make a new one which might easily have a lot of bad points? I am quite sure, Mr. McKail, that your energies would be better employed in rearing the chicken already hatched, than in trying to fertilize another egg that might not hatch out. You can rely on my help in building up the C.B.U. and in improving its working, but not in pulling down what you yourself say is needed—a ruling body.

S. HADWIN.



Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Salisbury and District.

SIR,—I would like to ask through CAGE BIRDS if there is any chance of forming a cage bird society for Salisbury. I am sure there are a lot of bird fanciers in the town, because I can never get a copy of CAGE BIRDS after Friday night any week.

A NEW RESIDENT.

Why do Hens Refuse to Feed their Offspring?

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I don't remember ever reading of anyone asking the cause of hens refusing to feed their young; nor do I remember reading how it can be cured. I have been breeding Yorkshires for this last 20 years, and I was told by an old hand several years ago what is the cause of it, and I have never had a hen that refused to feed her young since. I would like to hear what others have to say on it.

H. WILLIAMS.

How a Fancier Got Rid of Redmite.

SIR,—Just a word or two about our lodger, who, like the poor, is "always with us," viz., redmite. Just before the breeding season I thoroughly overhaul my cages, give the insides a good coating of distemper, well disinfect the floors, and rub the outsides and wires with creosote. I also treat the racks with a drink of creosote. If my birds won't bathe I give them a good syringe with quassia. I put a handful of chips in a jug and pour over them a pint of boiling water and let it stand overnight. I put some of the liquid in a bottle and fill up with water. By the above treatment my birds seem happy. I have been in bird room at midnight when one would expect the enemy to be on the prowl, but birds have been on the nest and have never stirred. I must give my wife a word of praise, for she helps me a lot.

A. E. LONG.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR,—Respecting the letter, signed "Reader," in last week's issue, on perusing the report of Guisborough Show (issue, Jan. 8th), I find my own letter in your issue of February 26th was somewhat incorrect. I wrote from memory (as stated), which unfortunately failed me. For my slight error I wish to apologise to "Reader" and "Tyro." Mr. Hood stood 1st and Mr. Cuthbertson 2nd, also 3rd with a smart and good coloured Greenie Mule, this bird being the one said to be blind in one eye, which I did not detect if such was the case. The bird appeared to be possessed of good vision on January 1st, whatever is the case at the present time. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I detest a nom-de-plume, which both "Reader" and "Tyro" hide behind, and now I wish to add that abuse is the weakest part of argument. To sum the whole matter up, to my mind it is a case of "disappointed exhibitors" or of jealousy (the latter may be nearer the mark). In conclusion, I wish to inform both "Reader" and "Tyro," also the two gentlemen that "Reader" tells us he interviewed (?) on this matter, that I have the Fancy at heart, and that wherever I officiate as judge honest awards are dealt out—I am afraid of no man on that score. I am not in the Fancy to make a fortune out of it, as judging is no great catch, I can assure them. However, whatever society engages me as judge, and whatever fanciers show under me, the best birds will win as far as my judgment goes.

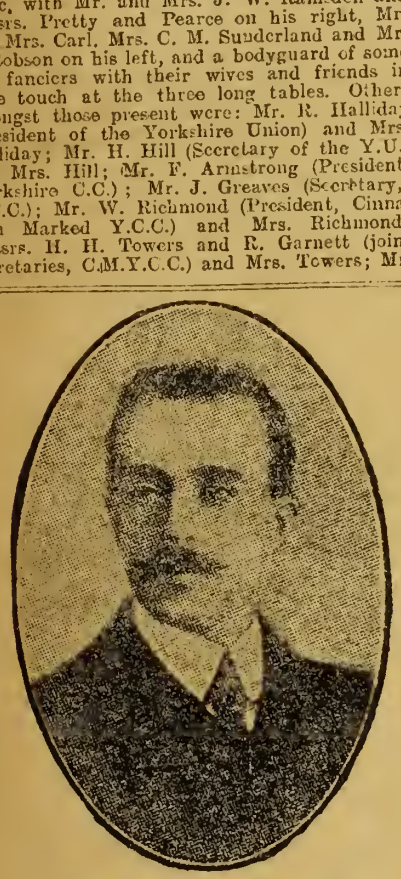
J. C. BARNES.

Unity and Good Fellowship in Yorkshire.

A Wonderful Gathering of Fanciers at Bradford.

This interesting affair took place at the fanciers' headquarters, The Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday last, March 5, and resulted in a record attendance at both dinner and social. The societies taking part were the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., the Yorkshire C.C., the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C., the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C.; also CAGE BIRDS' Prizes for the Amateurs of Yorkshire were distributed and the "Bradford East" Challenge Rose Bowl was presented to the fortunate winners.

At 2.30 o'clock the various secretaries and officials were "hard at it" getting things in readiness. A multitude of parcels of varied dimensions and shapes having arrived from the several firms where orders had been placed, these were opened ready for presentation. At 4.10 o'clock the dinner gong sounded. The genial and accomplished chairman, Mr. D. Sunderland, took his position at the head of the table, with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden and Messrs. Pretty and Pearce on his right, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland and Mr. J. Robson on his left, and a bodyguard of some 135 fanciers with their wives and friends in close touch at the three long tables. Others amongst those present were: Mr. R. Halliday (President of the Yorkshire Union) and Mrs. Halliday; Mr. H. Hill (Secretary of the Y.U.) and Mrs. Hill; Mr. F. Armstrong (President, Yorkshire C.C.); Mr. J. Greaves (Secretary, Y.C.C.); Mr. W. Richmond (President, Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.) and Mrs. Richmond; Messrs. H. H. Towers and R. Garnett (joint Secretaries, C.M.Y.C.C.) and Mrs. Towers; Mr.



MR. F. HAMMOND,
the new President of the Yorkshire Union.

D. Duncan, junr. (President, Y.C.B.B. and M.C.); Mr. W. R. Myers (Secretary, Y.C.B.B. and M.C.); Mr. F. Hammond (President, O.N.P.C.) and Mrs. Hammond; Mr. O. Mitchell (Secretary, O.N.P.C.) and Mrs. Mitchell; Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President, N.G.M.Y.C.C.); Mr. F. Armstrong (Secretary, N.G.M.Y.C.C.); and the following gentlemen with lady partners: Messrs. J. Bailey, L. Ogden, H. Simonett, S. Dean, W. Birkett, Hillary, West, Bedford, A. W. Hartley, J. Mann, H. Gledhill, E. Clegg, P. Drake, F. Rhodes, W. Walsh, H. Long, L. Hodgson, J. Wilcock, Warburton, Daley, W. Plowright, J. Isherwood, P. Parker, F. Self, J. Thomas, A. Cooper, and last, but not least, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ogden, who had only just "done it" in time to attend, having been "spliced" up during the morning; well! here's luck and much happiness. There were also present: Messrs. Hill, E. W. Johnson, A. Haigh, T. Tetley, W. Mundell, J. W. Turton, Inman, Whittaker, Dinsdale, Casey, L. Briggs, Copeland, Benn, Ormonroyd, Waterworth, Holroyd, A. Raistrick, M. Peel, A. Morley, M. Barraclough, Birkbeck, Musson, Crowther, Chapman, Hillas, Crossley, Lane, D. Sutcliffe, Clayton, H. J. Chittenden, W. A. Cowgill, J. Morley, G. Harland, J. Calam, Pepper, Ridley, A. Hirst, J. Eyre, B. Holmes, Greenwood, Pickles, Varley, Lindley, Mrs. J. Chippendale, and the Misses. Laycock and Whittaker, and others whose names unfortunately we could not get.

The dinner was a splendid one for 1s. 6d. per head, and reflected great credit on the host, Mr. W. H. Mitchell, who took great trouble upon himself to make everybody "at home" and comfortable. The dinner consisted of the following courses: 1st, Ox-tail soup; 2nd, boiled cod and parsley sauce; 3rd, boiled mutton and caper sauce or roast beef, with vegetables, boiled and baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts; 4th, ornithological pudding; 5th, cheese, butter and biscuits. Dinner was over at 5.15, when all present were bundled into the smaller room, so as to enable all being cleared away in the large concert room and the prizes arranged and ticketed ready for distribution. And what a show—cups, clocks, tea-urns, goblets, cruets, oil-paintings, jam dishes, bronzes, smoking-cabinets, easy chair, tea-set, blankets, copper kettle, knives, rose-bowl, medals in galore, cash in plenty, and other things too numerous to mention.

Mr. D. Sunderland opened the evening's entertainment with a few well-chosen remarks on various matters relating to the Fancy, including the talked-of amalgamation of the original Yorkshire C.C., its offspring, the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., and the newly-formed National Green Marked Y.C.C., to cater for the whole of the sub-varieties of the Yorkshire Fancy. He stated (with good grounds) that it could be worked on quite a small amount in comparison with what it now cost under the three managements. This is an idea well worth considering, and probably will be much talked of in the future. Next, he said a few words in reference to the Cinderella show, expressing great regret that for two years this had been allowed to lapse, and he hoped to see the matter brought forward and if possible some arrangements for its revival made. He added that as treasurer to the fund he had in hand a matter of a couple of pounds in cash, and hoped that the Y.U. would see their way to allow a date for the holding of this show.

The chairman called upon Mr. F. Armstrong to present the prizes of the Yorkshire Canary Club. Mr. Armstrong spoke of the great work done by the Y.C.C., which he considered was the parent of all the various Y.C. clubs now in existence, and hoped the Fancy would continue to support the club in its old age as they had done in the past. Then he had no fear for its good work in the future. The speaker touched upon the severe loss the Fancy had sustained by the death of one of its old patrons and upholders in the person of Mr. J. E. Brotherton, who died suddenly on the 25th of February. He proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family in their sudden and sad bereavement. This was seconded by Mr. H. Hill, and was agreed to by all present by a sad and silent show of hands.

Mr. Armstrong now called upon Messrs. Thornton and Bower to accept the "Bailey Trophy," which they had won after a magnificent race with 128 points. "Jimmie," the senior member of the firm, came forward to receive the prize on behalf of himself and his partner, remarking in his usual brief and pointed style that they had tried and "done it," and, moreover, had bred the birds themselves with which they had done it. Mr. Bailey proved to be the runner-up with 125 points, and duly acknowledged being a tryer. He was followed by Messrs. W. H. Shackleton and Hartley for third and fourth places. The "J. W. Ramsden Cup and Money Specials Competition": first, Mr. J. Bailey; second, Messrs. Ogden, Bros.; third, Mr. H. H. Towers; fourth, Mr. J. Helliwell. Shaving Cabinet Competition: Winner, Mr. H. H. Towers. On receiving his prize Mr. Towers caused much amusement by remarking that it was something he specially required as, having very often to attend meetings on Saturday evenings, he forgot to get shaved, with the result that on Sunday his "better half" would not let him go out. Hard lines! Second, Mr. J. Helliwell. Novice Competition: First, splendid easy chair, won by Mr. W. Beaumont, and no doubt heartily welcomed. He will have some comfort now for the long evenings, though the writer hopes he won't neglect his birds by sitting too long. Mr. W. R. Myers (of British bird fame) could hardly be moved out of this particular chair when it was wanted for the homeward journey. The second prize-winner turned up in Mr. J. Lane, with Mr. T. Fortnam in third place. CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of the Y.C.C.: Leader, Mr. J. Helliwell, followed by Mr. W. Beaumont in second place and Mr. J. Lane in third position.

Mr. Sunderland now called upon Mr. Berry, the comedian, to oblige; which he did in fine style. His efforts fairly "brought down the house." After the applause had subsided Mr. Fred Hammond was called upon to present the prizes of the Open Norwich P.C.

Mr. Hammond said he craved the permission of the assembly to make a few remarks in general, and mentioned firstly the working arrangement, which at one time seemed probable, between the Yorkshire Union and the Cage Bird Union, but he was afraid that the time was now passed, as he regretted very much to see that the doom of the C.B.U. seemed imminent and termed it, in a way, "a case of suicide." It verified his thoughts that a Union for the whole country was too large an undertaking, but he hoped that, should various Unions be attempted in different districts the Yorkshire Union would do all in their power to assist by lending rules, ballot-papers, etc., to anybody desirous of perusing them. Next the speaker dealt with the matter of the Y.U. ballot-paper (now in the hands of the members), and pointed out for special consideration two new rules thereon in reference to show reporters being debarred from entering a show room before it was open to the public, and secondly, "that no reporter be allowed to judge a Union show." Mr. Hammond was of the opinion that these points were simply absurd, and sincerely hoped the rules would not be agreed to, as he could not see that any benefit would be derived therefrom. He then gave an outline of the great progress made by this club since its inauguration two years ago, the membership having now reached the 100 mark with further good prospects. The first two in the Champion Section were in the reverse positions of last year, Mr. A. H. Waters coming out on top, with Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, the old veterans, in second place. Mr. A. Haigh responded in good style and congratulated Mr. Waters upon his success. Messrs. Haigh and Son also won the "Percy Illingworth Challenge Cup," which is given for competition in the unflighted bird classes, they having quite a large



MR. D. SUNDERLAND,
the genial Chairman of the great gathering.

number of points in hand on this trophy. Mr. A. Grey secured third place, Mr. J. Wilcock fourth, Messrs. A. Humphries and Pickering and Wright running a dead-heat for fifth position. Novice Section: First, Mr. H. Snowden; second, Greenwood and Pickles; third, J. W. Holmes; fourth, W. Markwell; fifth, T. C. Crawhall; sixth, A. Lloyd. Ramsden's Specials were won by Mr. A. H. Waters for Champion Section, and Mr. H. Snowden in Novice Section. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Prizes for the O.N.P.C.: Leader, Mr. H. Snowden; second, Greenwood and Pickles; third, A. Humphries. Mr. A. Haigh caused much amusement by stating that the medal given with the "Illingworth Cup" was the first gold medal the firm had ever had; they always took money in preference. Mr. T. C. Crawhall had won a pair of gloves as one special, and requested by letter that they be handed over to Mrs. Mitchell, the wife of the genial Secretary. Mr. J. W. Holmes had chosen a special alarm clock as his prize; this, he said, is to be utilised for awakening the hens at 3.30 a.m. during the breeding season—good hens, Holmes, don't require a clock.

Mr. Sunderland then called upon Mr. Stafford, whom I think we may term "the fanciers' favourite," to oblige. He is a grand singer, and no doubt on Saturday evening was in extra good form, his efforts being splendidly received.

Mr. Duncan was now called upon by the chairman to officiate for the British bird men, and had the great honour to present to himself the first prize. In his opening remarks he expressed great regret that no show in the Bradford district had applied for the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, and he hoped next season some societies would see their way to provide the necessary classes and ask for their support. He also reported good results in the way of entries from members, they having shown exceedingly well all through the season. Champion Section. First, D. Duncan, junr.; second and third, tie between Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby and Mr. J. B. Stamp, with 77 points each; fourth, T. H. Inman. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Prizes: Mr. J. Meadows secured first by the narrow margin of one point from Mr. J. Isherwood, Mr. B. H. Wilson taking the third prize.

We were now in for a surprise. Mr. Sunderland gave out that we were to have a song by Mrs. Mitchell—"Daffodil"—which went down exceedingly well and was indeed a treat. But to the astonishment of the audience the "lady," on the last few words, removed the hair from off the top and disclosed to the gaze of the company, not a lady's head, but that of a younger brother of the Secretary of the O.N.P.C. It was, indeed, rich—the joke, we mean. "She" was quite a smart girl, tall and slim, with grand hair, complexion like a peach, and a voice that would "take anybody in." At the conclusion of the song the audience called for an encore, but Mr. Sunderland said the pleasure would come again later.

The chairman now called upon Mr. W. Richmond to present to the successful winners the prizes of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. Mr. Richmond dealt shortly on the great advances made by this club during the last twelve months, the membership being nearly doubled. This, no doubt he thought, was due to their catering for the novice section. Open Competition: First, Ogden, Bros., who finished 9 points in front of Mr. H. H. Towers, after a tough and hard fight; Mr. A. Cooper came in for third position with only 7 points in the rear, and Mr. A. Jowett fourth. CAGE BIRDS Prizes for the Amateurs of the C.M.Y.C.C.: Messrs. Wright and Son, first; F. Townsend, second; H. H. Clark, third. Novice Competition: This, the first competition of its kind, was won in fairly easy style by Mr. W. Richmond, of Harrogate, who has put down some strong teams in these classes, second place being secured by Mr. E. Clegg, who has been a great tryer; third Mr. F. Gelder; fourth, Mr. S. B. Grayshon; fifth, Mr. E. Grange.

The company were next favoured by Mr. J. Hill, who sang that grand song, "The Mighty Deep," which he rendered in good style. Mr. Sunderland then made kindly reference to the CAGE BIRDS Prize scheme, and hoped that as Mr. Carl was with them, although he knew he was of a rather retiring disposition, he would say a few words to the great number of fanciers present.

Mr. Carl, replying, said the chairman had described him as being of a retiring disposition. He was afraid he could not plead guilty to retiring methods where CAGE BIRDS was concerned, and that fact, combined with the well-known hospitality of Yorkshiremen, was accountable for his presence there on that occasion. Never was there a greater need for union in the Cage Bird Fancy than to-day. We could see upon the one hand the funds and the influence of the Society for the Protection of Birds being utilised as a menace to the British Bird Hobby; or, on the other hand, the Canary fancier had been singled out for attack by faddists and fanatics of another kind. Dealing with an article which had appeared in the Bradford local papers that week with respect to the action of the Local Health Committee in giving notice to certain bird breeders living in houses belonging to the Bradford Corporation—that they must either discontinue keeping birds or consider themselves under notice to quit—Mr. Carl expressed the opinion that an autocratic and tyrannical attitude of this kind ought not to be taken up against such a pleasurable and innocent hobby as bird-keeping in Bradford, one of the chief centres of the Canary industry. He felt sure, however, that this matter was safe in the hands of the Yorkshire Union, who might be trusted to see that the interests of bird keepers in Bradford and of the Canary-loving community were duly safeguarded.

Mr. Sunderland had said many kind things about him, he continued, more particularly in connection with the CAGE BIRDS Prize scheme, but he, Mr. Carl, did not feel justified in assuming the attitude of a benefactor because his debt of gratitude to bird keepers as a class and to Yorkshiremen in particular, could never be wiped out. During that evening he had been approached by a number of professional exhibitors, staunch supporters of his journal, on the score of their being unable to participate in CAGE BIRDS competition, and as he did not think it would be fair to deprive the novices of any portion of their prizes for the sake of the



MR. H. HILL,
Secretary of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

professionals, he had, he said, decided to supplement the Prize Fund by another £20 to enable the competition to cover all sections. In conclusion, he extended his heartfelt thanks to Mr. Sunderland, as chairman of CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee, to Mr. Fred Hammond, the Hon. Secretary, and to all the other members of that body for their work on the Committee and for their very excellent arrangements in connection therewith, all of which had been carried out to his entire satisfaction.

Mr. Sunderland then, as chairman of the CAGE BIRDS Prize Committee, handed over the prizes to the successful winners, and these were suitably acknowledged.

Mr. Stafford then, by special request, rendered that good old song, "Eileen Allanah" in his "great" style, the whole assembly joining in the chorus. The enjoyment of the evening seemed fairly to bubble over at this point, so well received was the singer's efforts—a right jolly good Yorkshire song.

Mr. W. H. Shackleton now held the company for a while on behalf of the latest youngster, the National Green Marked Y.C.C., which Mr. W. H. S. said had fully upheld his early views,

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THE GREAT YORKSHIRE GATHERING.—Ctd.

as the success attained could compare very favourably with that of any club of its age. The membership had reached the respectable total of 110. (Cheers.) The premier honour in this its first year had been secured by those enthusiastic fanciers, Messrs. Ogden, Bros., who finished four points ahead of Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, Mr. E. Smith being third, with Messrs. W. H. Shackleton and P. Mason on an equal footing for fourth and fifth places. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Prizes were secured by Messrs. E. Clegg and F. Self in the order named. Novice Senior Competition: Winner of first prize, Mr. E. Clegg; second, Mr. F. Self; third, Mr. F. Townsend; fourth, Mr. H. Hill. Some of these winners appeared a little disappointed at having won some of the prizes so easily, and hoped the competition next year would be a little keener. Evidently they like a hard run.

Mr. Sunderland again called upon Mr. Mitchell, the lady impersonator, and this time he rendered "Your Eyes have told me so" in lovely style; it was a real treat.

Mr. Sunderland proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to all donors, specially referring to Mr. J. W. Ramsden for his splendid specials. This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, and carried with every spirit of goodwill by the entire company. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, whose popularity in Yorkshire was amply shown during the evening, said it would give him great pleasure to increase his prizes for next year as he was supported nobly by the Yorkshire fanciers. He also referred to Mr. Hammond's remarks re Yorkshire Judges, and stated that he considered they were absolutely straight and quite fearless in their decisions. Next year he hoped to be amongst the Yorkshiremen again. Mr. J. Robson, responding, said it gave him great pleasure to see the sportsmanship and friendly rivalry between the Yorkshire fanciers, and he wished them every success.

Mr. Berry, the "comic," now held the boards, his song being "Don't you think he ought to see a doctor?" which was received with much laughter, the crowd fairly enjoying the fun.

Mr. R. Halliday was called upon by the chairman to present the prizes of the Yorkshire Union and the premier competition. The "W. H. Shackleton Trophy" produced a tight race, Mr. J. Bailey just getting home one point in front of Messrs. Ogden, Bros., Mr. W. H. Shackleton being placed third, and Mr. H. H. Towers taking fourth position. The "H. W. Naylor Cup" was won by Mr. J. Bailey, Messrs. Ogden, Bros., second, Mr. W. H. Shackleton third, and Mr. H. H. Towers fourth. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's Specials were secured by Mr. J. Bailey and Messrs. Ogden, Bros., the latter being only one point to the bad. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Prizes: First, Mr. H. H. Hill, Messrs. Drake and Son being second, and Mr. J. Chippendale third. The twelve £1 1s. Gold Medals for most points secured in Y.U. Novice Classes were won by the following; Yorkshire Section, Messrs. J. Thomas, T. W. Turton, T. Elsegood, E. Dinsdale, W. Stables, C. E. Hall, A. Whitley, L. C. Casey, E. Shepherd, O. Priestley, J. Hutton, and S. Haigh. The four Medals for Norwich Section were won by Messrs. J. Naylor, J. Horsfield, W. H. Ball, and W. Plowright.

The next song was by the favourite, Mr. Stafford, who rendered "When the heart is young" in extraordinarily fine style, everybody being delighted.

Mr. H. H. Hill next presented the "Bradford East Rose Bowl" to the fortunate winner, who, by the way, is one of their own members, viz., Mr. L. Briggs, who suitably responded.

We were now delighted by the rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" by Mr. Mason (who was singing, we heard, at St. George's Hall the same evening). He is the possessor of an excellent voice and knows how to use it. The song received well-merited applause.

Mr. R. Halliday at this point moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Sunderland and Mr. H. Hill for their services as chairman and secretary respectively, paying tribute to both for the great amount of work they had gone through and the splendid style in which they had done it. Mr. Hill responded on their behalf.

Mr. Berry sang his comic song, "Little by little and bit by bit" at this point, which fairly took the audience by storm, it being some time before the cheers subsided. This was followed by a song by Mr. Mitchell, as a "gentleman" this time, the rendering of which was a real treat. Then he and Mr. Mason gave a duct, which was beautifully rendered.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden's Novice Prizes for the Y.U. were won by Messrs. T. W. Turton and J. Horsfield. Mr. H. H. Towers' Special for most points in Yorkshire Novice Classes was secured by Mr. J. Thomas, and that given by Mr. F. Hammond for most points in Norwich Novice Classes was won by Mr. J. Naylor. Mr. Hammond's Special for runner-up in Norwich Novice Classes fell to Mr. G. Hoap. Mr. E. Clegg secured Special for most points in C.M. Novice Classes at Yorkshire Union shows.

Mr. Mason again "held the boards" and gave "Down the Vale" in splendid style. He is, indeed, a fine singer, and the Committee were fortunate in securing his services. This was followed by Mr. Berry's amusing song, "He was a married man," after which Mr. Sunderland declared the function ended. The hour being about 10.30, this allowed a little time for the successful exhibitors to pack up their valuable and numerous prizes ready for home. The Social was a record, and was voted the most enjoyable and successful one so far, the only drawback being that, if anything, the room was too small for such a crowd. It will have to be held at St. George's Hall if it grows much more, and really it should do.

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SCOTCH FANCY (Nat. Derby) O.A.

Membership, 1910: Messrs. H. Crawford (Helensburgh), J. Shannon (Glasgow), J. Y. Millar, D. Black, and James Gaw (Govan), J. Dalgleish (Leith), W. Hart (Paisley), R. Wright (Greenock), Councillor J. Hogg (Oakley, Fife), E. B. Bullions (Glasgow), and T. Smith, Sec. and Treas., 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held on February 26th, in Oddfellows' Hall, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. For a new society we are doing exceedingly well—eight new members being added and four nominated at this meeting. The remainder of the time was taken up by the election of judges. We expect to have their answers in writing before next meeting, which takes place on the 26th March.—W. C. CLUBB, Sec.

SELSTON AND DIS. F.S.

Meeting held in the schoolroom on March 5th, when a good number of members were present. It was decided to hold a members' show on March 26th, three classes for the cage bird section—Stock Pairs, Muling and Hybrid Pairs, and British Birds. Entry fee to society, 1s. Fee in each class 6d., all entries to be made not later than March 19th. All exhibits to be in schoolroom no later than two o'clock. The radius of the society has been extended to seven miles.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH C.S.

At the monthly meeting held February 26th, the following judges were appointed to officiate at the annual show on November 26th: for Norwich, British, Mule, and Foreign birds, Mr. Allen Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); and for Scotch Fancy, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso). We made six new members, viz.: Messrs. E. A. Meldrum, T. Gray, J. Dickson, B. Beck, Cossar, and Hynds. Fanciers wishing to join should lodge their names (with any of the members) before the end of March, as the books will be closed after February 26th.—WM. NISBET, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting held on March 5th; there was a large turn-out of members. After the usual business it was decided that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and Mr. G. E. Russell (Birmingham) be the judges for our annual show on November 4th and 5th, for which all prize money is guaranteed. They further decided to withdraw from the Cage Bird Union. Also decided, to have a First Feather Show, date to be fixed later. We decideed to write for several patronages. Two handsome specials were promised, and four new members were proposed, making ten this year already; so you will see that the Fancy is beginning to "hum" about Blaydon.—GEO. HAVVER, Sec.

DALKEITH AND DIS. C.C.

Meeting held at headquarters, March 5th, when Mr. W. B. Smart (President) presided over a good turnout. The business was the hooking of hens. It was agreed to enrol members up to the end of April. The following members were elected as a Visiting Committee for the forthcoming season: Messrs. J. Thomson, J. Beveridge, J. Hamilton, W. B. Smart, J. Pearson, and J. Ewing. The President read a letter from Mrs. J. Steele asking the members to accept an antique silver jug for annual competition to be awarded to the runner-up of best bird in the Border Fancy section. The Secretary was instructed to write and thank Mrs. Steele for her handsome gift. A motion was tabled for next meeting to try and arrange a ramble.—JOHN EWING, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Green, on March 3rd, there being a big muster of members and friends. Business included the election of judges for the young bird and annual shows; Mr. J. Robson was elected to judge both, the former to take place in July and the latter the first or second week in November. Mr. Wright having been elected a member, the chairman called on Mr. Robson to give his promised lecture on the breeding of cage birds; which he did, first dealing with breeding in outdoor aviaries with the birds flying loose. He gave many valuable hints on the introduction of fresh blood, etc. An excellent debate ensued on selection versus pedigree. Mr. Robson explained that one could not do without selection, but that selection with pedigree was much better; which was the opinion of most members. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson and the chair.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held at Wentworth Cafe, February 25th, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. The business was the classification for members' shows to be held during the year, and selection of judges for same. All the classes at the three shows are the same as last year, except the two selling classes, which are to be, single birds, 15s.; pairs, 25s., and not 20s. and 30s. Also that there be any variety Mule class instead of the usual two light and dark classes. Several gentlemen were named as judges, and it was left to our secretaries to secure their services. It was decided that 20s. be given in specials to each section, and the penny taken from each entry in each section, be added to that section. Also, the specials will be divided between the four highest exhibitors in each section instead of two. Also decided, that we advertise our open show in the Fancy Press. Ordinary monthly meeting held on March 3rd. The balance sheet for 1909 was read and adopted. The gain on the nest feather show was £2 11s.; gain on October show, 15s.; loss on the annual show, £9 12s. 10d.; loss on December show, £1 6s.; and on the year's working, 11s. 8d. The guarantors of our open show are being asked to pay 6d. each, so that we may start the year with a clean sheet. After a vote of thanks to our auditors, Messrs. Cowley and Thorpe, Mr. Kelly gave his report of the Cage Bird Union annual meeting, which, of course, was what we had read in the Fancy Press, as all the agenda was out of order. Some being in favour of our leaving the C.B.U., and others thinking it best to wait awhile and see how things turn out, it was eventually decided to write to other societies and get a requisition signed as per Rule 8 of the Union, and see what could be done; also to write to the Fancy Press inviting other societies to join us. The questions by ballot proved to be very interesting, the members discussing the various questions with much interest. Next meeting is: "Experiences of members." Messrs. G. Clarke, F. Dutton, G. Furniss, J. W. Parrott, Elliott, and Lewis, were elected new members.—J. WOOLHOUSE, Sec.

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CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Nag's Head, Cocoa House, March 1st, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding. One new member was elected. It was decided to have a lecture at next meeting on a subject of seasonable interest by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool). The subject of the affiliation of the C.B.U. was next brought forward, and it was decided to continue the membership. We intend holding a First Feather Show, date and judge to be arranged.—J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

SHIELDS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at our new headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, King Street, on March 2nd. Bro. W. Thompson occupied the chair. Our late show books having been gone through by the auditors, show a balance of 10d., thanks to the gentlemen who have been kind enough to give us an extra donation, as it has been the worst year we have experienced in regard to entries. We accepted four new members, namely, Messrs. W. Garrock, R. Beales, J. H. Brown, and R. Jolley. It was decided to have a table show at our next meeting, three classes: 1, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or Greenfinch; 2, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; 3, A.O.V. British Bird. We hope to have a good muster.—JAMES BARRASS, Secretary.

EAST HAM F.S.

On March 1st, at Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield-street, Mr. C. W. Mead (Walthamstow) kindly gave us an instructive talk on cage-making, and showed in a practical way how one could be made. Mr. Mead, before commencing, explained the use of the tools employed, and punctuated his work by answering questions and giving explanations. After he had completed the cage he kindly handed it over to the society for disposal. The chairman, Mr. J. Lee, moved a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, and a pleasant and instructive evening came to a close. Members please note next meeting, March 14th, at Earl of Wakefield, 8 p.m. Arrangements for first general monthly show to be held on March 21st, G.U.M.S. Subscriptions are due by March 31st, according to rule.—H. RUTTER, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting on February 28th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from J. Burton, thanking members for sympathy; S. Gluckstein, accepting appointment as hon. solicitor; G. Bryant offering to give five per cent. per week to the Wynn Commemoration Benefit Fund on all new customers that the association recommends for laundry work; and others. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Shepherd for being instrumental in procuring the services of the hon. solicitor. Messrs. E. C. Offord, W. Shepherd, and R. Stevens kindly offered their services as stewards for the Finch show. It was unanimously agreed that the association join the N.B.B. and M.C. in their annual outing. A "cage bird staging" competition took place, preceded by a judging competition. There were 15 entries, and the awards were as follows:—1st, B. Thrower (Goldfinch); 2nd, W. Shepherd (Larger Hill Mynah); 3rd, W. Sanders (Crested-bred); vhc, Miss Rose Shephard; hc, S. Turner; c, F. Curry. For the competition, two champions, five amateurs, and 17 novices took part (for result, see next week's report). Mr. H. Norman judged, and afterwards gave a lecture upon the art of staging, concluding with a review of the birds staged before him. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Norman for his services as judge, and for the intensely instructive lecture afterwards.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

A meeting of the sub-committee elected at the annual general meeting of the C.C.C. took place in London on March 3rd. Present: Messrs. Rhodes (president), T. Heath, J. Robson, J. Tyson, and the hon. sec. The classification was duly drawn up and left with the undersigned for drafting and again submitting to the sub-committee for revision, if necessary. It will then be submitted to the general committee for approval and adoption. Will all societies, intending to apply for C.C.C. support, please do so? Full details will be published in the Fancy Press on March 18th.—J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

We have also received the following report from an authoritative source:—A meeting of the sub-committee was held to draw up the rules, classification, etc., for the scheme initiated by Mr. G. C. Ley, of Nottingham, to make the Crested variety more popular, and to give an opportunity for exhibitors to send to shows their specimens that are at the present time kept at home through inadequate classification. It was decided to recommend the committee of the club to offer to guarantee during the coming show season nine shows against loss they may sustain, upon the following terms: One—the club—show to have not less than 14 classes (as drawn up by the C.C.C.), and eight shows with not less than eight classes. Show committees desirous of this guarantee against any loss upon the C.C.C. section as a whole, will pay to the club £1 for 8 classes, and 2s. 6d. per class beyond this number, and any loss they sustain will be refunded to them. Further, any societies wishing for this guarantee must give in prize money not less than 22s. per class for a 1s. 6d. entry fee, and not less than 26s. for a 2s. entry fee. The amount of the prize money named is to be exclusive of any special prizes offered. Messrs. Rhodes and Ley have very kindly agreed to find the money in case there should be any loss to the C.C.C. through this scheme. The club will offer their valuable silver bowls at their club show, and their other specials at the other shows held under their patronage and their guarantee scheme. This we consider by far the very best thing that has ever been offered by the C.C.C., or any other specialist club, and should greatly increase the popularity of this section, as the classification provides for every variety of Crest and Crested-bred, several of which up to now have been kept at home for the want of a class answering to their description. The yellows especially are provided for, these having been very much neglected on the show bench; and yet no successful breeding room can do without them for any length of time. Again, the C.C.C. valuable silver bowls will be given this year for the most points gained by birds that are not in the prize money. The above is only a rough draft of what is proposed, and it must be sanctioned by the majority of the committee of the C.C.C.; but as this scheme is recommended by the sub-committee appointed at the general meeting held at the Crystal Palace, no doubt it will be accepted. All show secretaries should make the necessary application to the hon. sec., Mr. J. S. Clarke, Sunnyside, Prospect-rd., Woodford Green, without delay, who will then submit their applications to the committee.

STRATHBOGIE P.P. AND C.B.A.

The first monthly meeting was held in the Temperance Hotel Hall on Mar. 3rd, when there was a very encouraging attendance, Mr. John Wilson, president, in the chair. He thanked the association for the honour conferred upon him by asking him to become president. He then in a few interesting remarks explained the advantages to be derived from having such an association in our midst. The members' cards were then put upon the table, when a goodly number were disposed of, membership being fixed at 2/6. It was resolved to hold an open show in December, date to be fixed at next meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—L. DENISON.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 16th at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, Mr. Almond in the chair. It was proposed by Mr. Maddison, and seconded by Mr. Johnson, that minutes of previous meeting be adopted. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Reid, and seconded by Mr. Coutts that the minutes be rescinded, and on its being put to the meeting, it was unanimously carried by 15 to 2 "That the minutes be adopted as read." The next business was the enrolment of new members, when, in spite of adverse criticism about leaving the Cage Bird Union, 15 new members were elected. Next came the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected to office: President, Ald. Gillies; treasurer, Mr. T. Taylor; the position of secretary was left over, as Mr. Buck, our present secretary, could not, on account of business, again accept that office. The committee was elected as follows: Messrs. Longstaff, Hodgson, Campbell, Moore, Rule, G. E. Robson, Hooper, Hawkins, Kent, Lowery, Holden, Smith, and Story. Mr. Hawkins was again elected show manager, Mr. Almond chairman, and Mr. S. Robson, vice-chairman.—GEO. BUCK.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A social evening was held on March 3rd in connection with the pair show prize distribution. Mr. G. Gardner was in the chair, supported by the new vice-chairman, Mr. G. Dickson, and the committee. During the evening the following artistes contributed, and were received with loud applause: Messrs. G. Jeffery, W. Armstrong, F. Pearce, G. Clatworthy, W. Martin, V. Todman, and C. Simkins, Mr. and Miss Gill, Miss Adelaide Allen, Mrs. Tatten, and Messrs. Wort and Mart. During the evening both the chairman and vice-chairman spoke of the very fine character of the programme, and of the pleasure they had derived. The two patter comedians, Messrs. Wort and Mart, were highly appreciated, the audience being in one continuous state of convulsions while they were on the platform. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all who had assisted in giving the members this delightful evening. The chairman said he hoped the society would hold many more such evenings. There were about 120 persons present. There were only 25 members present out of a possible 80; it was very disappointing to me as secretary, after having gone to such great expense and trouble, to find that my efforts were not appreciated by them. May I appeal through CAGE BIRDS to all my members (the only means I have of reaching them all) to support me at all our meetings during the coming year?—CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting held on 5th March, at 142, High-street, Edinburgh. Owing to the absence of the President (Mr. Arrighi) through the death of his mother, the Vice-President (Mr. Bald) was called to the chair. The balance sheet was read over and approved of, leaving a balance on the right side of about 14s., this being considered very satisfactory owing to the very large number of medals presented for competition amongst the members at the various shows. Owing to delay by the makers of the medals, same were not presented, but will be posted to the various winners when received. Owing to a few misprints in winners' names, Messrs. Craig and Cochrane were appointed to assist the Secretary to go over same again, a full list to be sent to the Press when completed. After a satisfactory explanation by Mr. Bald re a bird not "trophied" in catalogue at Avonbridge, he was declared winner of the trophy with 92 points, Mr. G. Henderson being the runner-up with 86 points. A letter was read from Mr. Livingstone suggesting an increased subscription, but this was not agreed upon. Election of office-bearers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. Cochrane; Vice-President, Dr. Galloway, Messrs. Bald, T. Erskine, and Sykes. The Secretary then intimated that he could not see his way clear to stand again. Mr. John Allan, 57, Restalrig-road, Leith, was unanimously appointed secretary, salary to be same as previously, namely, £2. Auditors, Messrs. Watson and Craig. The following new members were admitted, namely, Messrs. J. Muir and C. Campbell (Glasgow). On the motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, the following rule was unanimously passed: "That all members entering birds for trophy competition at shows where trophy is granted, send to the Secretary a duplicate entry of birds nominated for same when making entry for said show." Edinburgh was agreed upon as the next meeting place for 3rd September. This being all the business, a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and retiring office-bearers brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.—JNO. ALLAN, Sec.

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WANTED good Buff Yorkshire cock Canary; will give in exchange pair of Cinnamon Norwich, or sell 15/-; mutual approval; Yorkshire first: Williamson, jun., Cellardyke.

WANTED 1 upstanding clear buff Yorkshire hen, 1 large clear buff Norwich hen, in exchange for 4 good feeding hens: Hooke, 2, Lynford-villas, Highland-rd., Aldershot.

WANTED good pair gent's Sunday boots, size 9; exchange good pair Norwich Canaries and good cock Goldfinch, sell 16/-; approval: Gervase, Tomlinson, Orchard-st., Ilkeston.

WANTED good Grey Talking Parrot and cage, will exchange Dickens' complete works, 15 volumes, well bound, cost £5 15s., as new; approval: Townard, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

WANTED Foreign seed-eaters; anything useful in exchange for Norwich, Edwards', Evans', and Barnes' strain; no rubbish wanted or offered: approval: Taylor, 50, Temple-st., Nelson, Lancs.

WANTED Canaries, exchange splendid blue Greyhound bitch, 18 months, grand courser, good picker up, or sell 50/-; trial allow for cash: John Goodwin, 32, Woodfield, Colliery, Crook, Durham.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for ladies solid gold watch, 9 carat, spring broken; also gentlemen's silver English Lever, London maker, in good going order: Edwards, 75, Talbot-rd., Bayswater.

WANTED, aviary bred, unrelated Budgerigars; exchange splendid Fox Terrier bitch (wire), would breed winners, highest class pedigree, or sell £1; approval: Eldred, 57, Tranquil-vale, Blackheath.

WANTED, Dr. Macaura's blood circulator, blankets, offers, exchange pair Norwich, 22/6, house-moulted Goldfinch, Sib. hen, 12/- pair; yellow Norwich hen, 4/-: Shuttleworth, 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires; exchange hand-made cloth hearthrug, good design, 2yds. by 1yd., value 15/6, lace curtains, fancy cushions, table covers, etc.: Cooper, 928, Rochdale-rd., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED, stylish, racy yellow Yorkshire cock or hen; exchange buff cock or Clnn.-marked or clear buff hen from winners Whitehaven, Egremont, Cleator Moor, etc.; offers entertained: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

WANTED large yellow, clear, or variegated Lancashire Plainhead hen, young, give exchange winning Greypate Goldfinch, sell 12/6; will sell grand green Crested cock, winner, splendid crest, 35/-, bargain; offers: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

WANTED pair prize-bred Canaries, Norwich preferred; or Goldfinch and hen Canary, must be properly matched, to value of 35/-; exchange for Sandow's grip dumb-bells, new, 12/6; new punch-ball, cost 15/6; fishing rod and line, 10/-; and new pair of trousers, cost 27/-: 60, Clarksfield-rd., Oldham, Lancs.

CANARIES (all varieties) taken in exchange for high-class table cutlery, joiners' and other tools, electroplated teapots, cruets, cased goods, etc.; no job lines or wasters; the same quality we have supplied for 10 years without a single complaint; will give cash if preferred: The Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

NATURAL HISTORY.

248 British birds' skins, 6d. each: 283, Blackhorse-la., Walthamstow: list, stamp.

PHOTOGRAPHS of birds' nests and eggs, specimen postcard, posted 2½d.: Nicholls, 29, Stephen-st., Rugby.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

GRAND steady cock Goldfinch, full blaze, 6/-; approval: Holmes, Inhams-rd., Whittlesea.

EXCHANGE a Goldfinch Mule, stout song, for hen Canaries: Wilson, 29, King's-rd., Luton, Beds.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, sell 7/6, exchange; offers first: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

EXCHANGE very good dark Greenfinch Mule cock for cock Canary: H. Broughton, 23, Witham-green, Boston.

EXCHANGE two pairs Bullfinches for Hartz Roller cock Canary, sell 6/-: Coates, Augusta-place, Weston, Bath.

EXCHANGE two good cock Bullfinches for good yellow Norwich hen; hen first: Castle, New Marston, Oxford.

COCK Goldfinch, 2nd prize only time shown, proved muler, 7/6; or exchange Canaries: Whiffin, Butcher, Linton, Cambs.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch 3/6, cock Linnet 1/6, exchange good yellow Norwich hen: Hotah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

COMPULSORY sale of Mules and Canaries, cheap to clear: Apply for particulars, McGorum, Golfdrum-st., Dunfermline.

GOOD cock Goldfinch and buff Norwich hen, 4/6; double breeding cage, 2/6: Randall, 7, Churchyard, Melton Mowbray.

HAND-reared Larks, pair; exchange Canaries, Linnet, 5/-; Greenfinch, 2/6: Strachan, 77, Rosemount-viaduct, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs of Bullfinches, h.m. Linnet, for Hawfinch or buff Norwich hen: G. Jones, Stoke Pound, Bromsgrove.

COCK Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules last year, 5/-, or exchange hen Canaries: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

HAND-reared Skylark, guaranteed full song; exchange trout-rod; yours first: Moffat, 4, Grange-square, Lochgelly, Fife.

EXCHANGE six spring net traps, never used, for cock Goldfinches or yellow Norwich hens: Dryden, Drumlanrig-sq., Hawick.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, hand-reared, for good Yorkshire yellow hen: Richards, 43, High-st., Wells, Somerset.

HAND-reared hen Bullfinch, make Canary Muler, exchange Canary, 28 x 1½ cycle tyre: Woodman, 18, William-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE genuine talking hand-reared Magpie, splendid plumage, for good pair Canaries; offers: Axhorn, Postman, Chard.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, provisions, anything: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham; stamp reply.

COCK Linnet Mule, been used for catching, exchange for yellow Norwich hen; approval: Morris, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk.

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch, hand-reared Magpie, for Canaries, sell 18/-, Rollers preferred; approval: Wilkins, George-st., Wycombe.

CHAMPION Linnet, as to size, markings, and type, would exchange for first-class Goldfinch or Sisken: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

COCK Goldfinch, winner 1st, sp, 2nd (members') cards, exchange Yorkshires, Rollers, offers: Bryant, Corams-la., Wellington, Somerset.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, full song, also Norwich cock, for hen Canaries; hens first: M'Cutcheon, Churchhill, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

TWO exhibition cock Bullfinches, grand specimens, 2/6 each, exchange large Norwich hen, buff, ticked: Barrett, Bugle, Hartwell, Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE two cock Goldfinch mules, full song, for pair Norwich unflighted, sell 14/-; approval: Gowin, 123, Durham-rd., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule, winner, for pair of good yellow Norwich hens, 1909 bred; on approval: Duncan, 8, West Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, splendid songster, and pair Rollers, for Budgerigars, or small foreign Finches: Ted Durnford, Midsomer, Norton.

FOUR hen Bullfinches, white-legged Goldfinch 5/-, winning Thrush 5/-, or exchange for good bicycle gas lamp: J. Coman, Norwich-rd., Wymondham.

SELECTED cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, hars and buttons; also champion Linnet, 5/- each; wanted Norwich or Yorkshire: Baker, City-rd., Cardiff.

COCK Greenefinch Mule, good singer, fancy cage; exchange high-class Yellow Norwich hen, or sell 15/-; approval; yours first: Alexander, 27, John-st., Larkhall.

EXCHANGE pair beautiful Owls, thrice housemoulted, for 2 pair long, slim Yorkshire Canaries; or offers; sell 21/-: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

HAND-reared Lark, full song, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch (guaranteed cocks), lot 5/-; exchange Roller Canaries, anything: Whiteley, Crowle, Lincs.

SELL or exchange 6 Goldfinches, 3 Linnets, cocks, 4 pair Yorkshires, stock Norwich or Yorks. Greens preferred; offers, cash, 45/-: Oddy, Mornington-rd., Bingley.

GIANT Scotch Siskins, cocks, 2/6; hens for hybrid breeding, 1/6; well on seed; offers in Goldfinches; yours first: Allan, 16, Ingleficld-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

GRAND cock Snow Bunting, for show, 3/-; large Norwich type cock Goldie, 5/-, caged since Sept.; large hen Canaries wanted: Cockerill, Atherton-st., Stockport.

FOUR large stout aviary-moulted cock Linnets, well pencilled, splendid contest singers, certain Mulers, 3/- each, bargain: F. Simonds, 8, High-st. North, Dunstable.

EXCEPTIONALLY good, steady hen Goldfinch, laid in cage, 5/6; lovely coloured cage-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/6: Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

COCKS, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Larks: hens, Linnet, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, accept 6/-; exchange, offers: Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

THIRTY-TWO parts Cassell's Popular Educator, unbound, and 2 vols. Old England, bound; exchange for Yorkshire hens, or sell 35/-: Wormleighton, Stockbridge, Sheffield.

HAND-reared cock Starling, whistles, just commencing to talk, sell 10/-; exchange gent.'s silver watch or lady's gold ring: Tilley, 95a, Deacon-rd., Willesden Green.

GRAND exhibition cock Bullfinch, winner, housemoulted hen Bullfinch, grand Buff Yorkshire cock, standard length, 12/6 lot; offers: Johnson, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

GRAND steady Goldfinch and Canary hen, paired for muling, 10/-; exchange Budgerigars, or anything useful: Mawship, Candan-rd., Bridgwater, Somerset.

TWO hen Bullfinches, 4 house-moulted cock Linnets, house-moulted Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, paired, exchange anything, offers: Winstoue, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplebill, Bristol.

EXHIBITION house-moulted Linnet, yellow Canary, grand Mule breeders, breeding cage, complete, 10/-, exchange football, anything useful: Mrs. Fenton, 149, Lyng-la., West Bromwich.

TWO Goldfinches, 2 Linnets, cocks, 2 Bullfinch hens; what offers in Yorkshires, Norwich, or Crest-bred, or sell; approval; no rubbish: W. Steel, Gardener, Heathcourt, Maidenhead, Berks.

TWO oxhibition cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, 6/- each; Goldfinch cock, '09, 3/-; cock Linnet Mule, 5/-, lot 15/-; or exchange good watch; approval: Edwards, 14, Market-st., Carnarvon.

LIGHT variegated cock Goldfinch mule, Finch song, 25/-; light variegated hen Goldfinch mule, 6/-; Canary-reared cock Goldfinch, 7/6, or offer exchange; approval: T. Hinson, Hooper-st., Cambridge.

TWICE house-moulted large hen Bullie, laid eggs in cage; house-moulted cock Linnet, sure muler; cock Bullie, sure winner; accept 12/6 tho lot, or good exchange: Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for Muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

EXCHANGE for white cock Linnet (pink-eyed preferred), or other rare-feathered British birds, some grand winning Norwich Plainheads (single or pairs), or show British birds: Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

TWO Goldfinches, 3 Bullfinches, 1 Greenfinch (Muler), cocks; Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Goldfinch Mule, Greenfinch Mule hens, lot 15/-; exchange cycle covers, beaded, 28 x 1¾; yours first: Larman, 5, Balmoral-rd., Hitchin.

Mainly Canaries.
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BIKE, in good order (tyres worn), exchange Canaries, anything; sell 17/6: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE Roller cocks and hens and cages for anything useful: Calverley, 42, Queen-st., Stourton, Leeds.

ONE cock Canary and three hens, 7/-; three Siskins, mules, 3/-: Armitage, Union-rd., Thorne, Doncaster.

GRAND young Yorkshire singing cock, new hanging cage, glass panel, 8/6: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton.

EXCHANGE Roller cock and Twite, full song, for good singing Linnets: Valentine, 74, Bolton-rd., Westhoughton.

EXCHANGE, self green 1909 Border hen and cash for Border cock, yellow, or offer: Rogers, Afoniven, Flintshire.

TWELVE pair Yorkshires, from 9/- pair, exchange blankets, sheets, ladies' watch: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley.

TWO good Norwich cocks, one ticked Buff, one variegated, 8/6 each; exchange offers: Bate, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

IMPROVED magneto electric machine, in polished box, for Norwich or Yorkshires; or sell £1: Agar, Saltburn-by-Sea.

EXCHANGE 2 healthy yellow Norwich hens for Buff Norwich cock: Denton, 57, Grosvenor Park, Tunbridge Wells.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, value 20/-, for Goldfinches; approval; Finches first: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd., London.

LANCASHIRE coppy cock, 15/-, bred by Barrass, or exchange Norwich hens: G. Moore, 353, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

CRESTED bred and songster cocks, for variegated Crested bred hen; approval: Hammett, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple.

THREE typical York. hens, 1909, 4/- each; or exchange 1900 Yellow Norwich cock: Richards, 86, New-st., Exmouth.

EXCHANGE good unflighted yellow Yorks cock for good unflighted yellow Norwich hen: Butler, Victoria Park, Basingstoke.

EXCHANGE, Sib. cock and 2 young prize Cavies; offers in Norwich hens, or sell 10/-: W. Reeks, Liskeard, Cornwall.

SCOTCH Fancies, 3 buff cocks, 3 hens, what offers, will exchange cock for yellow hen: N. Reid, T. Rd. Bridge, Kirkintilloch.

EXCHANGE 3 good young Yorkshire hens for extra-large buff young stock Norwich cock: 82, Albany-st., London.

FEW pairs of good Borders, 12/6 pair, or exchange prize bantams, carpet rugs, anything: Russell, Prendergast, Ayton.

EXCHANGE good unflighted buff Norwich cocks for yellow hens; inspection invited: Lane, 55, Milton-rd., Stoke Newington.

THREE splendid Norwich cocks, full song, cheap; call any time: Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Bennett-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

GRAND pair of Crest, in splendid condition, 11/6, bargain; two high-class Seifert hens, 2/6 each: Johnson, 49, Market-st., Bacup.

SELL 8 young Border hens for 15/-; or exchange for young Buff Crest-bred hen: Geo. H. Jeffrey, 11, Watson-crescent, Edinburgh.

ST. Andreasburg Rollers, full song, exchange small cabinets, anything for bird room: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

YELLOW-green Crest hen and cock tree Sparrow for good buff Crest hen; yours first: Kain, Goschen-pl., Uphall, Linlithgowshire.

EXCHANGE pair of high-class Yorkshires, Buff hen, Yellow cock, 15/-; or exchange good camera: Walker, Tobacconist, Conway.

HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet, full song, bred mules, exchange nice hen Canary, Yorkshire preferred: Bousfield, Frosterley, Durham.

MASSIVE Yellow Norwich cock, full song, bred from prize winners, 8/6; approval; no rubbish: Holmes, Inhams-rd., Whittlesea.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

PAIR 1909 Crests, £2; exchange cycle, grey Parrot; offers; also Budgerigars, exchange singing Canaries; offers; approval: Criddeford, Honiton.

TWO large buff cinnamon cocks, 25/-, exchange 2 Siberian, 1 British cock Goldfinches; yours first: Risehorough, Amberley-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, ready to nest, for 5 Bantams or 12 pigeons; approval: Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera and outfit and silver verge watch for pair Canaries, or anything: Woodhouse, Langford-st., Sutton-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshires for Toy Poms, or sell; no rubbish offered or taken; approval both ways: Scott, 78, Friendly-st., St. John's, S.E.

EXCHANGE two 1909 Norwich hens, yellow and marked yellow, for good buff cock, sell 10/-; approval: Strong, 2nd-aven., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE Border hen, winner, for cock Mule; approval: Wills, West End, Wadebridge.

THREE grand Norwich hen Canaries; exchange good cock, or sell 7/6: Greagsbey, Wadhurst, Sussex.

TWO clear buff Border Fancy hens, 2/6 and 3/6; or exchange watch, anything useful: Robinson, Clogger, Henderson-st., Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

EXCHANGE one Yorkshire cock, Yellow, good stock bird, for good Schoolmaster Roller; youre first: W. Brookes, 14, Cheltenham-st., Swindon.

EXCHANGE h.m. cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, Mule breeders, for pair Norwich or Yorks; offers: Lawrence, 143, Coulsdon-rd., Upper Caterham.

GRAND pair of Norwich Plainheads and two-compartment breeder, complete, accept 22/6; or exchange: Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock and buff hen, natural colour, for a good yellow Norwich cock; on approval: Samuel Smith, 13, Brigade-st., Bolton.

TWO champion Norwich hens, cinnamon and yellow, grand stock birds, 6/- each, exchange cocks: Aldred, 45, Grey Mare-la., Bradford, Manchester.

FOR sale, 8 Canaries, 8 breeding cages, 1 large flight cage; would exchange for gramophone, or anything useful: Cooksou, 157, Manor-st., Accrington.

EXCHANGE 6 pair Crests and Crestbreds, splendid stock birds, for Africau Grey Parrot, talker, or anything useful: R. Duncan, 201, Holburn-st., Aberdeen.

FIFTY Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/6, 10/6 each; 30/- six; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Borders for new phonograph records, or anything useful in home, or sell from 7/6 pair: Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading, Berks.

SELL or exchange good Norwich and Yorkshire hens for house-moulted Goldfinch or Goldfinch Mule, songster; approval: Walker, Queen's Hotel, Tirrel, Westmorland.

EXCHANGE large buff Norwich cock (Irons) for large yellow unflighted Norwich cock, yellow first; approval both ways: Price, Glanbrydau, Manordilo, near Swansea.

SPLENDID toned mandoline harp, nearly new, cost £2, sell £1; lady's silver watch, good timekeeper, 12/6; exchange cock Canaries, full song: Ford, Ivy-rd., Hounslow.

EXTRA large clear buff Norwich cock, yellow marked hen, 12/-; yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; buff Yorkshire hen, 4/-; exchange pullets: Albert Flint, Litton, Buxton.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks, 2 hens, Rollers, also few buff cocks, Yorkshires, pink eyed, for yellow Yorkshire pink eyed hens, or sell cheap: Bazzani, Norwood-rd., Huddersfield.

WANTED hoots, gents' and ladies', and hosiery, in exchange for Canaries or Mules; mutual approval; yours first; see Yorkshire and Mules headings: Richardson, York.

WANTED Norwich hens, or offers exchange Norwich cocks, Greenfinch Mule, cocks full song, large healthy birds, 6/- each: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy Goldfinch mule, both young cocks, sell, 18/-, for two Norwich cocks 1 hen, young feeders; yours first: Burnside, Elmbank, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE typical Yorkshires, fit to win, for gent's or little girl's bicycle, or sell from 15/- per pair; no rubbish taken or offered: Brennan, 5, Earney-st., Altrincham.

TOY Spaniel, tricolour brood bitch, 3 years old, excellent pedigree, £3 3/- to good home; or exchange large Norwich Canaries: Giddings, Kitsbury-rd., Berkhamstead, Herts.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks, one variegated, one Yellow Green, in full song, for large clear Norwick Yellow cock, Bullfinch type: J. Westerby, Newton Wakefield, Yorkshire.

TICKED Buff coppy cock, £1; Yellow Plainhead cock, £1; or exchange for a clear body dark Crested hen; F. Turner strain; approval each way: B. Melia, 44, Dane-st., Rochdale.

MOSS, Leigh-on-Sea, have 2 buff hens, 10/6 or 6/- each; yellow hen, 6/-; buff cock, 10/-; yellow cock, 10/-; to part with; bred from my winners, Palace, Westminster, etc.; useful exchange.

DARK Crested hens, evenly marked wings, Crest-bred ditto, dark Crested cocks, clear Crested ditto, Mackley's strain, all 1909, from 7/-; no exchange: Miss R. Leura, 30, Thorn-rd., Worthing.

YORKSHIRE clear or green variegated, Cinnamou bred, 1909, cocks, from 8/6; hens, 4/-; cold room; or exchange gent's underwear, cloth: Thompson, 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

YORKSHIRES.—3 high-class birds, one cock, two hens, price 30/-; exchange the three for exhibition Crest cock or clear buff exhibition Yorkshire hen. Yours first: Gibson, Euston Hotel, Fleetwood.

D. Bradley, Clarence-terrace, Bollington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, has four pairs of good Yorkshires from 12/6 a pair upwards, also a few hens to spare; or would exchange some for 1909 Leghorn pullets.

SIX grand stock Norwich cocks, unfed, Houghton's, splendid quality, type, good heads, one 30/-, 20/-; four, 15/-; exchange Yorkshire hens; pedigree dog pup, quality wanted and offered: Mares, Hosier, Hereford.

FOR sale or exchange, 1 Crest cock, 1 Crestbred cock, both winners, selling classes, exchange for 2 Siberian Goldfinch h.m. cocks, or Hawfinch and Goldfinch, must be good; mutual approval: Butler, Builder—Stanley, co. Durham.

EXCHANGE one Buff Yorkshire cock and two Yellow hens for the same in Norwich; what offers for two Buff Yorkshire cocks, two ditto hens, all bred from good parents, 1900; approval, deposit: Monday, "Glenville," Canterbury-rd., Sittinghourne, Kent.

THREE Crested and one Crest-bred cocks, from my winners, and three yellow Norwich songsters; will sell cheap; or exchange for good young Crest or Crest-bred hens, or new well-made breeding cages, suitable for Crests: T. Groves, 20, Adelaide-st., Brierley-hill, Staffordshire.

Mainly Foreign.
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PARRAKEET for sale, cheap; or exchange with anything useful; young bird: E. Staples, 87, Stanneshill, Wandsworth.

EXCHANGE hen Rosella with cage, or 10in. records, for common Canaries: Heyward, 122, Fairview-rd., Tottenham.

WILL give miniature hen Parrakeet, Black-headed Nun (cock) for yellow hen Budgerigar: Boddy, 18, Commercial-st., Scarborough.

ONE pair yellow Budgerigars, exchange Canaries, or anything useful; sell 10/6: John Jamieson, Abercorn-pl., Winchburgh, West Lothian.

GRAND Amazon Parrot, 1st prize winner, in large cage, 65/-, or exchange singing Canaries or Mules: Evenson, Lansdowne, Bournemouth.

ROCK Parrot, tame, commencing to mimic, make good talker, and cage, 30/-; or part exchange Canaries: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

CUTTLEBONE, fresh, 20lbs.; exchange Yorkshires: Dear, Dungeness.

EXCHANGE pair of Tiplers for cock Canary, value 5/-: Daines, 24, Grovedale-rd., Holloway.

SALE or offers; 116 hobbies, books, fretwork designs: Hedley Dawson, Woodhouse, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WILL exchange retriever bitch, 8 months, for pair green Budgerigars: W. Martin, 33, Church-st., Tovil.

PAIR prize-bred Ballpits Beauties, exchange for pair Norwich; approval: Wilson, High-st., Berwic, N.B.

AIREDALE bitch, 10 months, pedigree, 20/-; exchange live stock: "Rockery," Caversham Heights, Oxon.

JOINER-made aviary 8ft. long, 4ft. high, nearly new, 15/-, exchange: Amery, Fieldside, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE for Rollers B.S.A. cycle, with coaster hub; or offers in anything: Sowerbutts, South-st., Bacup.

EXCHANGE wire-haired fox terrier dog, 7 months, for Canaries, or sell 15/-: Hill, 29, New-st., Cambridge.

PALACE aviary, in good order, sell 20/-, or exchange Canaries; offers: G., 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

VIOLIN, bow, case, and tuition book, £1; exchange Canaries, offers: Savage, 33, Russell-st., Brighton, Sussex.

EXCHANGE piccolo in case, ivory mouthpiece, for pair of Norwich to value, 15/-: Swann, Plumber, Cromer.

NOTICE; beautifully-black-spotted Dalmatian dog, sell 20/-; or exchange poultry: Joyce, Ironmonger, Maesteg.

WHAT offers Canaries for Samuel, £3 10/- silver lever watch, new?: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow

WHIPPET dog, 4 months, exchange hen Canaries or Goldfinches, cocks: John C. Ward, High-st., Swinfleet.

EXCHANGE lady's new silver watch, worth 12/6, for cock and hen Canaries: Chapman, 36, Chapel-st., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE 25 coloured plates Cage Birds for cock Canary, offer: Laurence, 143, Coulsdon-rd., Upper Caterham.

WHIPPET Terrier dog, 6 months, ratter, sell 7/6, exchange anything: Corley, 76, Hagden-la., Watford, Herts.

GENT'S calf walking boots black or brown, new, exchange 1 pair or 3 hen Canaries: Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

PUP, cross Yorkshire-Irish, 7 months, lady's pet, exchange 2 cock Canaries; birds first: 70, Pope-st., Birmingham.

SEVEN racing Homers for sale, or exchange cage birds, anything useful: D. Fenny, Whitworth-ter., Spennymoor.

WILL exchange pair prize-bred Angora rabbits for two Norwich hen Canaries: N. Hearn, Bottisham Hall, Cambs.

KOH-I-NOOR phonograph, 100 records, 60/- lot, or exchange for Yorkshire: Jackson, 106, York-rd., King's Cross.

GOLDEN syrup cistern, with tap, practically new, 7/6; exchange Canaries: Brown, 28, Harlestone-rd., Northampton.

GENTLEMAN'S writing-desk; exchange for pair Norwich; approval; birds first: John Edward, Square, Bervie.

PAIR opera glasses, nearly new, cost 30/-; exchange pair Canaries: W. Bowers, York-terr., Snettisham, Norfolk.

HEN Canary 2/3, cock Bullfinch 2/6, hen Bullfinch 1/6, exchange Goldfinches: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE inside cycle tube, new, never used, for Norwich cock, a bargain: Gas Stewart, 6, Inverkip-st., Greenock.

TWO gramophones, new condition, plays 8in. discs, sell, or exchange Canaries or mules: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

EXCHANGE pair pedigree racing Homers, can win in show pen, for Canaries or British: Calleard, Shrubbery, Dawley.

SEVENTY-five "Cage Birds," 25 plates; exchange young Border, or Norwich cocks; offers: Garlick, Park-lane, Newbury.

FOR sale, smooth haired Whippet dog, 10/-; or exchange for birds, or anything useful: Alex. Samuel, Whitburn, Scotland.

GENTLEMAN'S dark overcoat, new, chest 35, exchange 2 yellow Crested hens, sell 30/-: Leitch, 5, High-st., Haddington.

DEERSKIN hearthrug, new, cost 25/-, exchange Canaries, cages, phonograph, anything: Haynes, 79, Villa-st., Birmingham.

PRIZE-bred Dutch stock rabbits, sell 10/- pair, or exchange Canaries, anything useful, or offers: Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

GRAND old guitar, good condition; sell cheap or exchange Canaries, violin, or offers: Harry Macmillan, Kirkcudbright.

WHAT offers Canaries for Hobbies' fretwork machine, almost new, cost 14/6: Hobdell, 36, King's-rd., Peckham, London.

BOOKS.—Singing Cage Birds, 1/2; 400 valuable recipes, 1/2; Furred and Feathered Pets, 2/9: Literary Press, Stockton, Rugby.

EXCHANGE pair Jockey Club field-glasses, value 30/-, for clear Yellow 1909 Norwich cock: Falconer, 19, Haugh-rd., Inverness.

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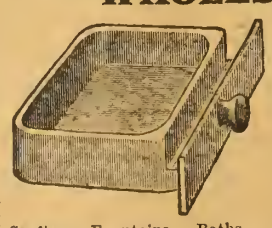
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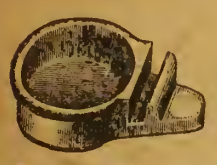
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Over 300 handsome, healthy, red-breasted cocks, 7/- dozen, two dozen 13/-; hens Linnets, cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; tame Jackdaws, 1/6, 12/- dozen; all on approval, cash or deposit, "Cage Birds"; every bird guaranteed: Jacobs, 5, Lombard-st., Bedminster.

IT PLEASES ME

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Cinnamons.

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GRAND Cinnamons; all wanting this variety should at once send for my free list: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my advt. on page 273.)
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BARGAINS, young Crested cock 10/-, monster Crested cock 12/6, from winners; approval: Burgess and Son, Bridgwater.
CRESTS and Crestbreds. Still a few left, and odd Crestbred cocks at half their value: Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.
GREEN Crested 1909 hen, rather small, rough crest, but heaps of feather, best strain, 12/6: Ben Radley, Queen-st., Skelmanthorpe.
WANTED, dark Crest hen; exchange crest-breds, cocks or hens, or winning British Godlies. No rubbish: J. Cockram, Dawlish.
WORTH double; 6 pairs Crest and crest-breds, 12/- per pair; also odd cocks and hens, cheap to clear: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.
CHAMPION large Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.
VARIEGATED C.B. cock, grand feather, sacrifice price 12/-, winner, worth double; exchange young hen; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.
LARGE 1909 feathery Crest, cocks, bred Mill's, Northampton, 12/6, dirt cheap, approval, deposit: emigrating: Gilles, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.
A. MOIR, winner of cup and medal, can supply crests and crestbreds, good stock birds, cheap to clear; approval; deposit: Greenside-st., Alloa, Scotland.
DECLINING Fancy, massive variegated Crested cock, 10/-; also Foul marked Crested-bred cock, 10/-, cheap at 63/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.
MASSIVE clear Crestbred cock, winner, 15/-; clear body, dark Crest cock, 7/6; 2 Crestbred hens, 6/- each (Barnett's); approval: Twine, 9, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.
WM. CAMPBELL, 43, Park-st., Alva, is selling all his crests, including winners, no better anywhere, some great length, head, feather; reasonable; stamp particulars; 24 years breeder.
WALLACE, twice winner silver challenge cup, also bronze medal (points) Palace, can supply useful stock birds, 12/6 to 40/-; no better blood anywhere; approval: 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.
JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder, not a dealer, exhibitor, 1909, Norwich, four prizes (C.C.C. guinea special) Lowestoft, five prizes (bred 1909 cup); from 10/- each; approval.
HAVING purchased the whole of G. Sutherland, of Pittington, stock of Crests, have several pairs for sale; also one or two Crested hens, all Barnett's and Armstrong strain; on approval: R. W. Mole, 62, Sadler-st., Durham.
50/- for large heavy dark Crested hen, with extra fine buff C.B. cock, massive head, and abundance of long head feather, both 1909, honestly worth £5, giving up Crest; approval: J. Bertie, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.
LARGE strong healthy high-class Crested and Crestbred cocks or hens, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality, Barnett's strain, 7/6 to £3 each, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.
CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world; winnings in severest competition well known; the whole stock on offer; properly-mated pairs and single cocks; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.
ONLY 8 left; 1909 green crested cock, reduced to 15/-; 1908 dark crested, wings marked, buff cock, 20/-; 1908 green variegated crest-bred cock, grand turnover, 20/-; cold room bred; approval, deposit: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.
CREST and Crestbred cocks from 7/6, matched pairs from 25/-; approval. Note: I am the only fancier in Norwich holding championship diploma won with birds bred by exhibitor; I am not a large advertising dealer, therefore don't send you specials weeded from common merchants' stuff: Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.
MONSTER green Crest cock, grand crest, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 5/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 10/6; monster clear ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster green ditto, gem, 10/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, nice head, 10/6; ditto, gem, 7/6; pairs, properly matched, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; all massive feathery birds, Barnett's strain; half-price to clear, room wanted, must sell; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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A huge collection, which includes Yellows, Yellow-marked, Greens, Buff and Buff-marked. Some of the prices I here give:—
Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards; Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards; Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 40/-, 60/-, 80/- upwards per pair. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

10/6 **Fancy, a pair of properly matched Crests for this remarkably low figure.** **10/6**

Others 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Take this specimen of a £5 pair. I give this one just to prove that whatever the price the value is unprecedented.

Greenock. March, 1910.
Birds received on Tuesday Noon. Crested Cock ideal. Hen fine quality.—T. Watson to W. Rudd.
See my advt. on page 273.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, Norwich.

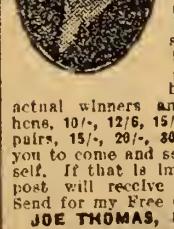
GREAT bargains in Crests and crest-breds, to clear for the coming season. I offer the following birds at exceedingly low prices: Dark Crest cock, 1909, exhibition bird, £3 10s.; green Crest cock, fit to show, and grand stock bird, 1908, £2; dark crest-bred cock, fine size and head feather, 30/-; one ditto, 18/6, both 1909 birds; green crest-bred hen, 1909, 35/-; ditto 1908, 28/6, both grand hens, with plenty of feather and size; two grand stock grey Crest hens, 18/6; one green crest-bred hen, 21/6; light variegated crest-bred hen, 25/-; one ditto, 10/6; one dark variegated, 18/6, all 1909 bred; approval, cash or deposit: Bowle, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.
T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers cocks: large grey Crest, 20/6; yellow variegated, half-copper Crestbreds, 40/6, 35/6; green Crestbred, immense head, 60/6; clear body, dark mop Crest, 12/6; fine grey Crest, 25/6; clear yellow Crestbred, clinker, £6, worth £12; three yellow greens, best living, £4, £3; large variegated dark Crests, 35/6, 30/6; large green Crestbred, turnover size, half-crown; clear Crest, beauty, 30/6; large green, immense Crest, £8; young green Crest, 2nd Manchester, £7; variegated dark Crest, £4; clear body, dark Crest, 3rd Horticultural Hall, Cheltenham, £7; large yellow greys, 40/6, 30/6; large grizzle Crest, 60/6; these are the best blood that money can buy, in full song, robust health, perfect condition; also about 20 grand pairs; approval.
HAVING selected my breeding stock, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains at half value to clear; must sell: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 14/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest hen, 12/6; massive heavy feathered, variegated dark Crest hen, 11/6; monster yellow variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 16/-; monster buff variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 16/-; monster heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered clear ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, 12/6; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; genuine reductions; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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HIGH class Yorkshires, self, fouls, and variegated, cheap; stamp reply: Hayden, 46, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.
NORWICH, matched for breeding high-class Greens, reasonable approval: Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.
TWO pairs of Deacon's 1909 Norwich Greens, buff cock and foul yell. hen, foul yell. cock, foul buff hen: Brotherton, 45, Netherfield-rd. N., Liverpool.
TYPICAL Greens, Yorkshires, and Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6, fit for exhibition 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.
HAVING acquired the whole first-class breeder and exhibitor's stock of Yorkshire Greens, can offer grand matched pairs, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; single buff cocks, hens, 10/- to 30/-; approval; stamp; no single yellows: Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.



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Lancashires.

WEST, Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires; winner at all leading shows; approval.

1609 Buff coppy and Plainhead cocks, cheap to clear; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

PRIZE-bred, single or pairs, very cheap to clear: Shakespeare, Bird Specialist, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W.

CLEAR yellow Coppy and clear buff Coppy cocks, 12/6 each; approval, deposit; breeding condition: Wordall, Park-rd., Rochdale.

CHAMPION extra large Lancashire Plainheads, stock and show birds, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

YELLOW cock, 2 buff hens, strong and healthy, cold house, 15/6; also young typical yellow Norwich cock, 6/6; deposit: J. Cross, Fowey, Cornwall.

LANCASHIRE buffs, coppy cocks, yellow Plainhead cocks, yellow and buffs, Plainhead hens, yellow coppy hens, 15/- each; on approval; stamped reply: Edward Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

LARGE buff Plainhead hen, 10/-; monster buff Coppy hen, 15/-; yellow Coppy cock, 10/-; grand yellow Coppy hen, 10/-; reliable feeders, 2/6, 3/-: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

Lizards.

GOLD cocks, 8/- and 10/- each; cash, deposit: Wrigley, 61, Crompton-st., Coldhurst, Oldham.

PRIZE-bred, single or pairs, very cheap to clear: Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W.

F. L. Green must sell grand pair of Lizards, 10/6; silver cocks, clear or broken cap, 7/6; good buff coppy cock, 20/-; room wanted: 54, Frederick-st., Loughborough.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner at leading shows, including medal for best Lizard, Palace, 1910; cocks from 8/6, hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Boothby st., Macclesfield.

HIGH-class Lizards for sale, Golds and Silvers, cocks from 7/-, hens from 5/- (winner of society gold medal 1909-10); approval: Walter Dewsnap, 62, High-st.-west, Glossop.

W. P. Barnes, cage bird judge, breeder champion Lizard, has three grand pairs properly matched, 20/- a pair; also 10 gold and silver hens, from 6/- to 10/- each; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

CHAMPION Lizards, winner Lizard challenge cup three years together, winner champion diploma Palace 1909 and 1910; for best Lizard winners and stock birds; reasonable; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

TWO gold Lizards, cocks, Mr. Dewsnap's strain, 8/6 each; exchange both for a long, slim Cinnamon tick yellow Yorkshire hen, or Yorkshire green cock; yours first; on approval: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnby-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

THE Lizard Prince offers 1st and 2nd Nottingham, etc., broken gold cocks, 25/-, 20/- each; 1908 clear silver cock, 3rd Horticultural Hall, 20/-; others cheap; approval. Inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply. —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc.; a few typical birds left at low prices.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

SEND for my free price list, it will pay you: Jeffery, The Aviaries, Southall.

WILLIAM Lockhart, Canonbie, has some grand Norwich for sale; on approval.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks 9/6, full song; hens, 5/6: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town.

TO make room for breeding; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-: Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

SIX Crested Norwich hens, 21/-; 6 small Norwich hens, 12/-: M. Cave, Bonford-st., Leicester.

TWO big buff cocks for sale, suitable for stock purposes: Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

VARIEGATED yellow hen, 15/-; approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin, Forfarshire.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, hens 3/-, pairs 6/6, 7/6: A. J. Cooke, Grocer, Kenilworth.

HENS; Norwich, 2/3 each, three for 6/6; Borders, same price: Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

GOOD Norwich songsters, 5/-; hens, 2/6; clears, Yellows, 3/6: Miss Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

A few Norwich cocks from 7/-, hens 3/-: Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

NORWICH cocks, unflighted, 8/6 each: T. Deakin, 41, Errwood-st., Thorp-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester.

HAVING selected more Norwich than require, will sell few pairs, 10/6 pair: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

NORWICH hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; Yorkshires, 3/6, 4/6; cocks from 5/6: Hill, 18, Coach-la., Longsight, Manchester.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few crest and crested cocks and hens, cheap; Norwich hens from 4/6.

PRIZE-bred Norwich; pairs or single birds; Inspection invited: Holt st, Cobden View-rd., Crookes, Sheffield.

Crests, 5/-; cold cocks, 3/6; hens, 2/-; all own breeding; sacrifice: Mrs. East, 56, Alexander Avenue, Southall.

Big typical buff cock, 7/-; big yellow cock, 6/6; grand stock birds, full song, 1909: Eddy, Belvoir, Penzance.

Grand clear yellow Norwich cock, full song, 7/-; ticked buff hen, 4/: Witt, Barton-St.-Mary, East Grinstead.

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SEVERAL nice Norwich, 10/6 and 12/6 the pair: odd cocks, 7/6, room wanted; approval: R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

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TWO buff cocks, 12/6 each, clear, tick, variegated buff hens, 7/-, 10/6; approval; stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

LARGE yellow Norwich hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; buff, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-; travelling cages, 3d.: Turner, Stamp Office-yard, Norwich.

SIXTEEN hens, 3/- each, in splendid condition, yellows and buffs; 3 cocks, 7/6 each: Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

TWO variegated yellow cocks, 6/-, 7/-; large buff and yellow cocks, 7/-, 8/-; healthy, reliable: Hunnick, Breeder, March.

WORTH notice, grand lot Norwich, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

FOR sale, 12 cock Canaries, 5/- each; 8 hens, 2/6 each; all healthy; or offers for the lot: C. Booth, Thrapston, Northants.

NORWICH, vigorous cocks, aviary bred, full song, ready for breeding, 5/6 each; two, 10/-: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

NORWICH cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/6; pairs, 8/6; cock Mules, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

FEW clear buff Norwich cocks, 7/6; ditto hens, 3/-; healthy, cold room birds: Miss Fooks, Devonshire House, Brentwood.

BARGAIN, typical yellow Norwich cock, in full song, good breeding condition, in box cage, 10/6 lot: Ford, Ivy-rd., Hounslow.

HIGH-class colour-fed Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 6/6; ditto hens, 4/-; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

MUST clear, Norwich Plainheads, Crest and Crest-bred, hens from 2/6, cocks from 5/-: Parsons, 66, Sprule-rd., Brockley, S.E.

GENUINE pairs Norwich, also Yorkshires; guaranteed cock and hen, 6/6 pair; healthy; bargains: G. Smith, Field-st., Shepshed.

HIGH-class Norwich, nice tight feather, cocks 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 15/- each; hens, 2/6 each; approval: Neal, 37, Ullswater-st., Leicester.

MOSS, moss, fresh gathered, disinfected, hand-picked, clean moss, 8d., 6d., 1/- bundles: Barwell, Grendon, Northamptonshire.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, 6 cocks, 6 hens, pairs or single, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; apply: Nelson, 27, Pine-st., Norton, Stockton.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, splendid head, wide skull, large bird, 22/-, worth 30/-; approval, deposit: Coulson, 33, Meanly-rd., Manor Park.

GRAND Norwich songsters, 5/-, and a few smart healthy hens, 2/6; approval, deposit: Bowman, Dogley, Kirkburton, Huddersfield.

TWENTY pairs Norwich Canaries, matched pairs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; singing cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6: Harrison, 13, Plimp-st., Nottingham.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

CLEAR yellow cock, ticked buff hen, 1909, nearly new, 6/6; breeding cage, complete, lot 12/6; others cheap: Faulkner, Bellevue, Redruth.

LARGE vigorous 1909 Norwich cocks, yellows 6/-, buffs 5/6, cold room, own breeding; approval: A. Manning, 49, Clipstone-st., Leicester.

MATCHED pairs, bang up for breeding, reliable healthy birds, 7/6, 8/- pair; cash or deposit; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Plainheads, buff cock, variegated yellow hen, pair 10/-; high-class buff hens, 4/-; cold-room; deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

WINNING Norwich, Sandiford's strains, prices low; easy payments taken; approval, deposit; letters only: H. Turner, Harlton, Cambridge.

CUP winning strain, must clear for breeding, chance for beginners, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; inspection: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

GENUINE reduction; must clear; grand buff cock, 1908, 7/6; three buff cocks, 1909, 7/6 and 10/-; approval: Tottle, Cobourg-st., Plymouth.

GRAND pair, fit for exhibition, nice size and shape, 13/6, only half their value; approval, cash or deposit: Bowie, Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

PURE Norwich matched pairs, from 7/6, not suited money returned; also single birds cheap to clear: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

FEW smart young cocks and hens, very cheap to clear; absolutely reliable strain; approval: Miss Gwyn Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

WM. Hindman, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, offers Norwich pairs from 15/6 to £2 10s.; single birds, cocks or hens; cold-room; approval.

TWENTY Norwich hens, all prize strains, from 7/6 each, yellows and buffs, no letters or appro.; phone, 888 Hop: H. Lee, 242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

HENS, hens, 1909, Norwich, excellent condition, 3/- each; cocks, 6/6, 7/6; matched pairs, 10/6; particulars: Arthur Green, Tunnard-st., Boston.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have two good pairs for disposal, 12/6 and 15/-; approval, deposit: Billingsley, 99, Manor-rd., Leyton.

CHAMPION Norwich, pairs, matched to breed winners, from 15/6, single birds from 7/6; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

E. GODLEY, Bishton, Blackburn, has for disposal Plainhead Norwich and Cinnamons, cocks 15/- to 60/-; hens 10/- to 3/-; approval; stamp.

CLEARING Norwich. Grand pair, buff cock, yellow hen, 6/6; a few hens, yellow and buff, 4/-, 5/-; cheap: Hadley, Princes-sq., Burton-on-Trent.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Elper.

COMPULSORY sale, massive colour-fed buff Norwich cock, winner, valuable stock bird, 10/-; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

GOOD Plainhead Norwich for sale, yellow cocks, buff cocks, A1 type and quality, reliable strain, cheap to clear: Thomson, Windsor-st., Burnbank, Lanarkshire.

TWO large Norwich cocks, 15/- each; one variegated Crested cock, 15/-; and two Sib.-bred hens, 5/- each: Miss Brown, Hebron House, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne.

EXTRA large yellow Norwich cock, two fine buffs, six good hens, one even marked yellow, winner, best blood obtainable; cheap, approval: Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

BARGAIN, buff cock, 1st Ryde last year, 20/-; another, 10/6; 6 buff hens, 7/6 each; accept 40/- lot to clear; all unfed, must clear; stamp reply: Broom, Long Sutton, Lincs.

GREAT sacrifice, excellent large yellow and buff Norwich hens, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/- each, 10 days' approval; must reduce immediately: Hawkes, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

TYPICAL yellow cock, 8/6; buffs, 6/6; yellow green cock, 5/6; yellow hens, 3/6; 1 buff hen, 2/6; own breeding; approval: Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., E. Sheen.

GOOD healthy outdoor aviary bred Norwich, in clears, cinnamon, ticked, variegated, cocks 4/-, 5/-, 5/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval, deposit: Osborne, Stockwell Head, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich, short tail and flights, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, hens 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, bred from winners; worth double; approval: T. Yates, Albany-rd., Aviaries, Reading.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has magnificent lot Norwich Plainheads, 9/6, 10/6 pair; declining the Fancy; giving up breeding; approval with pleasure; grand cocks, 7/6, 8/6; packed free, rail.

HOLMES, Breeder and Exhibitor, unflighted Norwich pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; single birds, 7/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; smart pair Borders, 9/- pair; cash or deposit: 169, Fountain-bridge, Edinburgh.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

C. HILLMEN, Elkel-grove, Liverpool, has still some grand typical good quality birds for sale; yellow and buffs, cocks, a few buff hens, very reasonable; also good feeding hens, 8/-, on appro.

TYPICAL Norwich, 8 cocks and 8 hens, breeding condition, cold-room bred, and no reasonable offer refused, must sell, to make room; yellow and buffs: Apply, 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

MASSIVE deep yellow variegated Norwich cock, won first prize 30/- selling, accept 10/-; also large buff cock, grand bird, 8/6, both make valuable stock birds; approval: Hawkes, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

FOUR big buff hens, left, a bargain, 5/- each, one pair of 1908 yellow cock buff hen, 15/-, worth double; two half-bred Norwich and Roller hens, 1/6 each; four cocks ditto, singing, 4/- each: Naylor, Davenby, Northants.

EIGHT pairs of real good Norwich Canaries for sale; clear yellow, clear buff, and variegated yellow and buff cocks, all with suitable hens to match, 15/- pair, or £4 the lot. Giving up: Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

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PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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"8, Emanuel Fold, Holton-lane, near Bolton, Feb. 24th.—Sir, received Seifert Roller in good health; he is a good bird, and no better could be got at double the money. Thanking you for honest dealings, your, W. Parkinson." "7, Batley-st., Mossley, Manchester, Feb. 24th.—Sir, birds arrived safe, and cock is very free singer.—Yours J. Gee." "40, Parker-st., Bradford, Manchester, Feb. 22nd.—Sir, please send Roller as follows; the two I had from you last December are both singing a treat; in fact, two friends came and heard them and would not rest till I had sold them one each.—Yours, J. Fisher." "Kentsford, Kentsbank, Feb. 23rd.—Sir, we are all delighted with the Roller you sent on trial a week ago; am well satisfied and thank you for straightforward dealings.—Yours, H. Hutchinson." "17, Nantylear-st., Cymmer, Port Talbot, Feb. 20th.—Sir, I am well pleased with Leipzig Roller. I never thought to get so good a bird for so little money; he is singing day and night.—Yours, J. Matthews." "3, Chapel-st., Chirton Village, North Shields, Feb. 10th.—Sir, received Roller safe and sound, and in ten minutes he showed us what he could do in way of siuging, and he delighted us all: such sweet trills, a pleasuro to hear; and since then he has gained the honour of 'pet of the household.' Please send following birds.—Please send following birds.—Yours, G. Hill." On October 20th Mr. Hall again writes as follows:—"Sir, birds arrived safe, and I am very pleased with them. I have had to part with the Leipzig Roller, as a friend was so delighted at his melodious song that he insisted ou me letting him have it, and now I have word from him that he is simply reiguing the household by his winning song. I should not have parted with him, but know I can get another from you at my convenience. I am confident that if people only kuew the beauty of your Rollers' song no other singing bird would be kept in their homes. —Yours, G. Hall." 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41, Oldfield Road, Willesden, London. March 12th, 1910,—Pair of Yorkshires arrived safe, and are going on fine. Very pleased with them. G. Savage to W. Rudd.

Beautiful Bird.

349, Bonehill Road, Fazeley, Tamworth. March 7th, 1910,—I received the Yorkshire hen safe. It is a beautiful bird, and gives every satisfaction. T. Pallett to W. Rudd.

The Homestead, Pensby Road, Heswell-on-Dee. March 11th, 1910,—The Buff Yorkshire hen arrived to-day in excellent condition, and is a very satisfactory one. A. M. Drennan to W. Rudd.

Pleased with Length, etc.

63, Lewes Road, Brighton. March 11th, 1910,—Bird arrived quite safe. I am very pleased with the length, and its appearance. A. Humphrey to W. Rudd.

See my advt. on page 273.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **Norwich**

I have 20 cinnamon marked and clear pink-eyed Yorkshire cocks, from 5/- each; pairs 8/0 upwards; approval, P.O. or deposit: Dearden, Spring-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

TWO good yellow Yorkshire cocks and 3 buffs to part with, 10/- to 20/- each, cheap to clear: Ambler's pure strain; approval: H. C. Hedworth, Dudley-road, Grantham.

S. McCann: 2 pairs and 2 cocks, cheap, real good ones; over 100 awards, including Palace, 1906; no business done on Sunday: 24, Henton-st., Higher Broughton, Manchester.

TWO pairs of typical racy Yorkshires, Ambler's strain, cold room bred, ready for nesting, 10/- pair; cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch hen, bred last year, only 10/-: 38, Kirkgate, Ripon.

HIGH class Yorkshire cocks, 2 Buffs, 1 Cinnamon marked buff, 3 Yellows. Must sell, overstocked—see my wins at Wallsend and Gateshead: George Ireland, 34, Albert-rd., Harrogate.e

I HAVE a few good pairs of Yorkshires from 12/6 pair; try my champion mixed seed, and keep your birds in fine condition; grand tonic, 7d. quart: Easterlings, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 3 yellow cocks and 2 buff cocks, from my well-known winning strain, to clear, 7/6, 10/6 each, worth double; approval, deposit: W. Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have a few good Yorkshires for sale, cock 5/-, hens 4/-, or 7/6 a pair, and upwards; cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-la., Keighley.

ONE hundred exceptional Canaries, every bird fit for immediate pairing, Yorkshires, Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Goldfinch Mules; no fancy prices, or would sell in one lot: Sayer, 25, New-st., Margate.

WATERS champion Yorkshires, unflighted buff cock, winner 1st, 15/-; unflighted yellow cock and grand buff hen, 20/- pair; certain breed winners, worth double; approval: Wombwell, Main, near Barnsley.

HENS, Hens, Hens.—Grand lot, long, slim, pure-bred, typical Yorkshire hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; all cold-room bred; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

W. Downing is compelled by business pressure to sell his Yorkshires, winners and stock birds, cheap to clear, will sell in one lot or separate; stamp reply, or call: The Hollies, Polygon-aven., Stockport-rd., C.-on-M., Manchester.

DECLINING the fancy, exceptional opportunity to secure some of the right stuff; no reasonable offer refused—all to go; 40 Yorkshire greens and few clear and marked, also breeding and show cages: Latham, 384, Hawthorne-road, Bootle, Liverpool.

GRAND long, slim yellow Yorkshire cocks (several winners local and members' shows), splendid breed birds, and ready for pairing up, only 10/6 each to clear; approval; cash or deposit. Stamp reply: Hodgson, Printer, Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

HENS, typical Yorkshires, all colour, 7/6, 10/6; also splendid yellow even marked cock, and good buff hen, bred even mks. last year, 17/6 pair; approval, deposit; also few good long buff cocks, 10/6 each: A. Hadley, Masonic Hall, Holyhead, N. Wales.

SELL following high-class Yorkshires: 3 yellow cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each; 4 buffs, 8/6 and 10/6; 3 yellow hens, 7/- each; 3 buffs, 6/- each; 2 proved Muling hens, 4/- each; no better winning strain obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-ter., Bradford, Yorkshire.

GREAT sacrifice, through pressure of business, having no time to breed this season, must reduce my selected stock of Yorkshires of rare length and style, all left now have won honours, therefore make valuable stock birds; buff and yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; 10 days' approval: Hawkes, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRES.

"THAT ALWAYS GIVE SATISFACTION."

Just one testimonial I give out of scores similar received this last few days. From—40, Alfred Street, Waterside, Londonderry. March 12th, 1910. Dear Sir,—Birds to hand, and happy to state have arrived safe and sound, nothing the worse for the long distance they have travelled, and I am very well pleased indeed with them. They are in splendid condition; I only wish I had heard of you a few weeks ago, as I was badly taken in elsewhere. I ask for no week's approval, as your birds and your straightforward manner in dealing with me is approval well worthy of every recommendation, and which I shall do my utmost to do. Again thanking you, and trust to send you more orders shortly. J. Campbell to L. Dykes.



My Yorkshires need no recommending, as they recommend themselves wherever they go, and my winning this season of over 200 cash prizes, three Challenge Cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, and numerous other specials, prove the quality of the reliable strain.

Champion long, slim, Yellow Yorkshire cocks at **6/-, 7/-, 8/0, 10/6, 12/0, 15/-, 20/-** each. Buff cocks at **5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each, all on full song, and 7 inches long. Long, racy hens, either Yellow or Buff, and all in breeding condition and anxious to nest, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/0, 10/6, 12/6** each. Pairs, unrelated, and matched to breed winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair; also few that can win in good competition, at reasonable prices. Clears, Ticked, Green Marked and Cinn. Marked. All guaranteed cold-rooms bred and kept, and feathered like wax. Travelling Cages 3d. extra. And **Remember** I send all orders off same day as received, either for cash, deposit with Editor, or on Easy Payments. All on a full week's approval at my risk, and I may also here state I have sent scores on deposit system, and never had one to return all season. Inspection invited at any time. Send for Price List, and hundreds of winning testimonials that I have received.

L. DYKES, Reliable Aviaries, 70, Bolton Hall Road, **BOLTON WOODS, BRADFORD.**

CHAMPION Yorkshire buff cock, 20/-, winner; matched pair, 20/-; three days' approval, cash or deposit. Parents of above winner of 7 1sts, 6 specials, including 1st and medal at Plymouth W.F.S., this being the champion yellow of the West: Bounds, St. Teath. Well-known winner.

POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, long slim typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/0 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

L. LANE has about 20 Yorkshires left, cocks and hens of rare style and quality, and feathered like wax, will take 10/6 each for cocks, and 5/- for hens, to clear; all my own breeding, cold room; approval; satisfaction given, or money returned in full; 16, Fountain-st., Barnoldswick, Yorkshire.

LONG, slim, typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, racey cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; upstanding hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; every bird a bargain; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, long, leggy, upstanding cock, both clear or ticked, from 7/6 upwards, hens ready to nest 6/6 upwards, pairs properly mated to breed winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; cold room kept; 26 years' breeder and exhibitor; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, typical birds, all from winning strain, cold-room bred, at workingmen's prices, 10/6 per pair, worth 20/-; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6; call and see them any time; inspection invited; will send carriage paid on seven days approval; cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

AN excellent opportunity to secure some real bargains for the breeding season, all fine healthy birds, in breeding condition, owing to business pressure, I am compelled to part with my prize Crests, Crest-breds, and typical Yorkshires in one lot, or separate, all cold room bred, also breeding cages, show cages, and cases, and everything for the bird room, at very reasonable prices. Seen any time: Slade, 154, Broomwood-rd., Clapham Common.

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Few champion pairs, 15/-, 20/-, to 30/-; also some slashing buff cocks, 8/- to 30/-; no better blood to be got; some can win amongst them; inspection invited; approval: 202, King James-st., Sheffield.

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Pairs from 20/-; odd birds from 10/-; clears, cinnamon, green marked: Wm. Richmond, Mayfield-grove, Harrogate.

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Owing to business, and want of time, I must dispose of my stock of Yorkshires and cages, 8 buff cocks, 2 yellow cocks, 6 yellow hens, 4 buff hens, 13 breeders, 6 show cages, 2 cases, 6 baths, and large flight; these birds can win their money back in one season; I gave £10 for 3, have won at the following shows: Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, Chester, Ormskirk, Wigan, Warrington, Tideswell, Palace, etc.; inspection by appointment: Stout, 14, Neston-st., Warrington.

J. WILCOCK,

I have a few choice selected pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads to part with from 20/- to 30/- per pair; these are great value to clear; three days' approval, with pleasure; 14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

There are Testimonials — AND — Testimonials

Please read these, and ask if better are possible to be found—Sceptics especially invited.

Exceeded All Expectations.

206, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. March 13th, 1910,—birds arrived safely. They exceeded all expectations, and are well worth the money. A. Arthington to W. Rudd.

Well Worth More Than the Price.

18, Winchester Buildings, Orange Street, London. March 11th, 1910,—Just a line to say bird arrived safely. I am fully satisfied, and think it is well worth more than the price which I paid for it. J. W. Barnes to W. Rudd.

Nothing Like Them Down Here at the Price.

Manchester. March 10th, 1910,—The two birds arrived all right, and I am quite pleased with them, nothing like them down here at the price. W. J. Wilson to W. Rudd.

First—but not the last.

33, Alma Street, London. March 14th, 1910.—Both cage and birds arrived quite safe, and I am more than pleased with both. Thanking you for the promptness with my first, but not the last, transaction, we will have together. J. J. Waymark to W. Rudd.

"A Record—Smart Work, Sir!"

Kilkee, Ireland. March 12th, 1910,—Birds arrived in splendid condition. Thanks for prompt attention to order. I think it is almost a record, three days from the time I sent the order, to the time I received the bird, taking into consideration that I live in the West of Ireland. Smart work, sir.—E. Southwood to W. Rudd.

More than Satisfied.

11, Wilson Terrace, Billingham. March 13th, 1910.—Received birds all right; I am more than satisfied with the grand birds you sent me. A. Cartwright to W. Rudd.

Never Expected Such.

32, Wilkinson Street, Warrington. March 13th, 1910,—Many thanks for sending me such a good Norwich; I never expected such a bird. He is a treat, a grand singer, and a nice bird. I thank you for treating me so well. You are a perfect gentleman. I am more than satisfied. R. Bibby to W. Rudd.

Cannot Speak Too Highly, etc.

3, Park Road, Radlett. March, 1910,—Birds arrived quite safe, I cannot speak too highly of the birds, and the prompt and careful way they were packed. It is really a pleasure to deal with you. I am more than pleased with my bargain. G. Hussey to W. Rudd.

Much Better than Expected at Price.

155, Liverpool Buildings, Station Road, Highbury, London. March 9th, 1910,—I received my two birds quite safely, for which I thank you; I am very pleased indeed with them. They are much better birds than I expected at the price. J. W. Redman to W. Rudd.

The Class for Money is Surprising.

11, Gardner Road, Guildford. March 9th, 1910.—I received the bird in fine condition, not even a feather broken. It is a splendid songster. It is surprising the class of bird you send for the money. F. Sherlock to W. Rudd.

22, South Parade, Waterford. March, 1910,—Just a line to say bird arrived quite safe a few days ago; I am delighted with it; it is a splendid singer, and good in colour. All that have seen him are delighted. Sergt. R. Chalmers to W. Rudd.

Long Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset. March 3rd, 1910,—I am writing to say the birds arrived quite safe, and in perfect condition. The Roller is singing grand, and I am well pleased with Crested hen. Thanking you for prompt attention. I shall be wanting more birds soon, and will send you my order. A. Trim to W. Rudd.

35, Bamborough, Byker-on-Tyne. March 9th, 1910,—I received the pair of Norwich Canaries safely, and I am very pleased with them. They are a very nice pair, and I am well satisfied. I thank you for the straightforward way in which you have dealt with me. J. King to W. Rudd.

Another Surprise.

(Yes, they are surprises in value.—W.R.).

30, Totnes Road, Tidal Basin, London. March 9th, 1910.—Received the bird quite safe, with many thanks, and quite surprised to see such a bird for the money. G. Cutterham to W. Rudd.

You Take the Biscuit for Promptness.

18, Belle Vue Terrace, Consett. March 8th, 1910,—Bird arrived safely this morning, in good condition. Am pleased with them, and think them good value. You take the biscuit for your promptness. W. Barron to W. Rudd.

More than could be desired for the money, and that is more than a lot, etc.

1, Office Row, Barrington, Bedlington. March, 1910,—I received birds all right. They are more than could be desired for the money. Thanking you for the straightforward manner in which you fulfilled my order. That is more than a lot of these so-called breeders and specialists do. R. Harrison to W. Rudd.

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If you cannot afford a big price, send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at 8/6 or 9/6; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one marked, and one clear, one buff, and the other yellow. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for 3/6 I will send you a Double Breeding Cage, fitted with everything complete, for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage, 12/3, for 8/6 birds, or 13/3 for 9/6 birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 107; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only

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R. Morgan has 15 crossbred Canaries for sale, cocks 4/- upwards, hens 2/-, or 6/- pair, yellow green: Good, Helhey, Old Police Station, Chitterne Codford, Wilts.

TWO grand pairs of Seifert Rollers, cocks in full song; hens in good condition; exchange for breedy hens, or sell £1: Crochett, Fenton-st., Brierley Hill, Staffs.

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THIRTY young hen Canaries for sale, all colours, very healthy, 2/- each; young cock birds, 4/- each, ready for breeding: Buckingham, Jeweller, Woodstock, Oxon

CROSS-bred Canaries, strong, healthy birds, Roller and Yorkshire cross, perfect condition; cocks, in full song, 5/- each, three for 13/6, 48/- dozen; hens, in breeding condition, 2/-each, three for 5/-, 18/- dozen: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

A bargain. All my stock for sale, through death of wife; mated up to breed winners. 1 pair cinnamons, 15/-, bought from J. Dobson; 1 pair Yorkshires, 15/-, from Sweetman; 3 pair Norwich, 18/-, 16/-, 14/-; and two spare hens, 8/-, bought from Hodder, all with new breeding cages, complete for breeding; 1 house moulted Russian Goldfinch and Yorkshire hen, and breeding cage, 12/-; 1 house moulted English Goldfinch and Sib.-bred hen, 10/-, with back cages; 1 house moulted Linnet and 2 others, cocks, with back cages, 5/-; one house moulted hen Goldfinch with back cage, 2/-; 1 new spare breeding cage, 3/6; 4 three compartment breeding or flight cages, 12/-; one Thrush cage and 9 other cages, 8/-, or £5 the lot: Blackballer, 6, Cowper-st., City-rd., London.

COME AND SEE THE LARGEST AND BEST SHOW OF CANARIES IN ENGLAND for sale this month before you buy them, as there is nothing like seeing what you are having for your money. Large, good coloured yellow and buff Norwich, long, good shape and good coloured Yorkshires, to be seen in their hundreds at Dawson's, Lower Sloane-st., London. Est. 50 years.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

VERY large Canary-Bullie Mule for sale, price 20/-: Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

CHOICE Sibs., my old Palace light Linnet muling strain: Sims, Aviary, Warminster.

H.M. cock Chaffinch, hen Bullfinch, 4/6: Warby, Grocer, 726, Ecclesall-rd., Sheffield.

TWO large Sib cocks 7/6 each; buff hens, 5/-; many years nnbred: Fursland, Langport.

STRONG feeding hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; cages 3d.: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HANDSOME green Greenfinch-Canary Mule, singing, 7/6, with cage: Candler, Northend, S. Walden, Essex.

CAGE-moulted cock Chaffinch and hen Bramblefinch, with box cage, 6/-: Stocktons, Kegworth, Derby.

RELIABLE Sib. hen, 10/-; hand-reared Bullfinch hens, 2/-; exchange; see Wanted: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

SALE, 16 hen Goldfinch mules, 1/- each; cocks, 7/- each; full song, Finch note: Wiltshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol.

MULE breeders, 2 large house-moulted Linnets, 5/- each; 1 large Redpoll, 4/-: Butler, c.o., Dr. Martin, Bloxwick, Walsall.

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, 8/-; muling pairs, 10/-; pair Norwich, 12/6: Coutts, 80, Heaver-rd., Clapham Junction.

COCK Redpoll, thrice house-moulted, and hen Goldfinch, splendid hybrid pair, sell 4/- pair; Peake, Double-st Spalding.

GOLDIE and cock Redpoll, Goldie laid eggs in cage last season, sell or exchange hen Canaries: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-; one with white ring round neck, and white breast, 7/6: Richard Aze, 13, Newington-st., Barnstaple.

GRAND 1909 dark cock Linnet Mule, Linnet note 8/-, cold bred; approval; 3 hens; offers: Mannlug, 49, Clipstone-st., Leicester.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch, father of Mules, commended open class Windsor, 7/6; approval: Mitchell, Buckingham Gardens, Slough.

GRAND Linnet Mule, big winner, 12/6; exchange large Siberian cock Goldie, house-moulted (Muler): 10, Gainsboro-grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIX beautiful Goldfinch Mules, sex uncertain, 9/ the lot; giving up; also father of above, splendid specimen, 10/-: Groves, 11, Nelson-st., Crewe.

MULE breeders, few grand yellow and buff light muling hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: Heal, Hill-view, Downside, Shepton Mallet.

BUYER of all kinds of birds, good price given for cocks and hen mules; est. 20 years: Hardy and Barron, Aviaries, 16, Club-row, Church-st., London.

GREENFINCH-Linnet hybrid, large, good specimen, 7/6; large yellow Greenfinch, 3rd Nottingham, 3rd Ilkeston, 10/-: Henshaw, 24, Wesley-st., Ilkeston.

CANARY-reared 1908 cock Goldie Muler, 2 Sib. yellow hens, 15/-, or offer in Rollers, 1909; mutual approval: Bayliss, Princes-st., St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

GRAND pairs Redpoll-Canary, 5/6; Greenfinch-Goldfinch, 3/6; Redpoll-Goldfinch, 5/6; Greenfinch-Canary, 4/-; Goldfinch-Canary, 5/6: Hipwell, Colville-rd., Wisbech.

EIGHT cock Goldfinch Mules, 4/6 each; 6 cock Linnet Mules, 4/6; can be seen any time; approval: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerou-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

WANTED, good light mule or Hybrid; exchange clear body, Grizzle-crest hen, yellow, green Crest-bred cock; both can win; particulars stamp: Andrews, Weston, Otley

HANDSOME Goldfinch mules, 2 light variegated, one cinnamon, '09 bred, cold room, Finch song, 15/- each, £2 the three; approval: E. Atkins, 47, Dalton st., St. Albans.

EVEN-marked light cock Mules, can win, singe, Goldfinch notes, 25/-; dark cock Mule, a winner, clinking songster, 15/-; approval: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/0 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LARGE yellow cinnamon marked cock and hand-reared Bullie hen, 12/-; Greenfinch cock, Bullie hen, 5/-; very large cinnamon green Norwich cock, 9/-: Blay, Lower Ford-st., Coventry.

J. SPICER can spare five pairs genuine sibs, to make room for breeding, 9/- pair, 5/- each; worth double. Wanted large Goldfinch for breeding: 53, Duke-st., Kettering, Northants.

TAME hen Bullfinch and 2 hen Goldfinches, 3 doz. new books, Richard Bruce and Malcolm Kirk, also seed potatoes; what offers: G. S. Burton, jun., Greengrocer, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

HIGH-class Sib-bred yellow cock, Lancashire, Norwich cross, invaluable for breeding high-class Mules, lovely quality of feather, price 10/-; approval with pleasure: Wilmot, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

CAN spare three or four nice big cock Goldfinches for mule breeding, in high condition, 7/6 to 10/6; also magnificent cock Linnet, 10/6: G. E. Weston, Specialist, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

GENUINE Sibs., yellow cocks, 10/-; buffs, 9/-; hen, mother of the splendid 4-pointed yellow Mule sold Browning, 25/-; others, 10/- each; holly bark bird lime, 5/- lb.: Rowley, Elston, Crediton

Proper Muling Hens

Ping-eyed and other Muling hens, as follows: 2/-, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6 each; yellow hens, for light Mule breeding, 3/6, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; hens for dark Mule breeding, 3/-, 3/6, and 5/- each. Travelling Cages, 3d. per bird extra. All on approval, and value guaranteed unapproachable. I guarantee all are exceptional value.—Large stock of singing Mules; also exhibition Birds, and few Hybrids.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

See my advert. on page 273.

LARGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, 6/-; clear yellow Norwich hen, 4/6; steady hen Bullfinch, caged September, 2/-; exhibition cock Bullfinch, 4/-; approval: Witt, Barton-St.-Mary, East Grinstead.

LARGE cock Goldfinch, 3 times house-moulted, warranted Mule breeder, 10/6; also nice cock Siskin, 3 years old, bred Mules, 6/-; both finger tame; approval; cash or deposit: James Manders, Fairfield, Blackwood, Mon.

TWO grand dark exhibition Mules, winners, 10/6 each, grand Redpoll, winner of numerous prizes, 5/6; show cages to suit, 1/6 extra; 3 light Muling hens, from my noted strain, 6/- each: W. J. Pitt, Ann-st., Cresswell, Mansfield.

GOLDFINCH mules, cocks, every bird in full loud song, 6/- each; dozen, £3; variegated ditto, 7/6; one extra light, 10/-; several Sib. hens, for light muling; clear Yellows, 4/6; clear Buffs, 3/6: F. Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

HOUSE-moulted Welsh cock Goldfinch Muler, one buff Norwich hen, Barnes, 7/6; ditto buff cock, 7/6; two crested cocks, 7/6 each; monster variegated crestbred cock, 10/-, giving up: Mr. J. P. Davies, 161, Caeran-rd., nr. Bridgend.

MULE breeders; proved mulers; cock Linnet, 7/6; cock Greenfinch, 2/6; cock Redpoll, 2/6; above are big, fine, steady birds, and proved mule breeders; hen Yellowhammer, 1/-; hen Greenfinch, 1/-; hen Corn Bunting, 3/6; hen Muler, 1/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

CHAMPION dark yellow Greenfinch-Canary Mule, well-known winner, 25/-; also twice house-moulted Linnet, steady as a rock, winner, 15/-; and 1 field-moulted British Goldie, will moult big winner, 15/-; or would exchange any of the above for unflighted yellow Norwich hens to value; mutual approval: Marshall, 50, Church-st., Woolwich.

HIGH-class Sibs; few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling; 41 years inbred; warranted, 10/- each; breeder Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 1sts and special prizes; bred 1905, clear Mule, 8 lightly marked; bred 1906, 10 light Mules, including even marked; bred 1907, 10 light Mules, including ticked Yellow; bred 1908, even marked Yellow, ticked Buff, 9 lightly marked; bred 1909, clear Yellow six-pointed Buff, 9 lightly marked; 43 years breeder high-class birds; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

GRAND light variegated cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, full pure Finch song, a picture without his song, 10/6; also grand 6-pointed cock Mule, 30/-; extra large twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, with very large clear Norwich hen, parents of above Mules, 18/6 pair; also a massive hen Greenfinch, twice house-moulted, a beauty, had fertile eggs, 7/6; grand large cock Goldfinch, paired to the hen Greenie last year and now sure Hybrid breeders, 7/6; grand house-moulted cock Linnet, full song, 4/6, paired to hen Goldfinch, 1/6; dark cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; approval with pleasure: J. Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

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Some real gems in pure bred Sib hens, Norwich and Yorkshire type, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Muling cock Goldfinches and Linnets, cocks 2/6, 3/6, 5/- and 6/- each, any on approval; scores testimonials. "Mr. Dillingham, Luton.—Sir,—The muling hen you sold me, and the Goldfinch that Mr. Thring had from you, bred me the dark Goldfinch Mule that won me the cup for best Mule bred by a member." "Mr. J. Caldin, Danbridge.—Sir,—I bred best Goldfinch Mule in Ireland from a hen I purchased from you." This year's wins, 1st and spl. Sligo, Dublin, Belfast, etc. I have plenty more like these, so order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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RING Doves or Barbary Doves, 1/6 pair; two pairs for 2/6; White Java Doves, 3/6 per pair; all in breeding condition. Send for catalogue, post free: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

GREEN Amazon Parrot, good talker, price 35/-: King, 35, Exley-st., Liverpool.

AFRICAN grey Parrot, clever talker, tame, £4 18/-: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town.

TWO young outdoor aviary bred Cockatiels, 3/6 each, splendid condition: Pulsford, Paignton.

BABY Grey, finger tame, talking, with handsome cage, 27/6: Miss Daley, 54, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, a good hen Redrump Parrakeet, from outdoor aviary: T. Parker, 17, Havelock-rd., Norwich.

PARROT, African grey, splendid talker, acclimatised, 6 years, £9: Howes, 8, Redcliffe-rd., Upton Park.

CLEVER talking Parrot, 3 years old, amusing companion, for sale; letters only: 83, Dalmatia-rd., Southend.

OUTSIDE aviary yellow Budgerigars, 7/- pair; odd cock, 3/-; wanted cock Rosella: Elliott, Oakbam, near Dudley.

BUDGERIGARS, yellow, outdoor aviary, 8/- pair; Zebra Finches, 5/-: Mason, 54, Aston-lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham.

TWO grand pairs of unrelated yellow Budgerigars, outdoor aviary bred, splendid health, 7/- pair: Pulsford, Paignton.

HEN Zebra Finch wanted, outdoor aviary bred; approval; suitable for breeding, at once: Yorke, 62, Stoke-rd., Guildford.

PAIR adult Cockatiels, 12/6: pair adult Budgerigars, 8/6; nesting; splendid birds: A. Wilson, 1a, Low Ousegate, York.

BEAUTIFUL Amazon Parrot, great pet for lady, very tame and good mimic, 30/- with cage: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

GIANT aviary-bred Budgerigars, ready to nest, greens, 6/-; yellows, 10/- pair; approval before payment: 82, Neal-st., Long Acre.

NOTICE.—Extra grand African Grey Parrot, with red tail, plain speaker, 25/-; approval: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle Douglas

BEAUTIFUL Amazon, finger tame, saying several words, 30/-; brass mounted cage, complete, 35/-: Miss Daley, 54, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.

WONDERFUL talking African Grey Parrot, four years old, can say almost anything; must sell, cheap: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

THREE aviary bred Cockatiels, 1909 birds, wintered outdoors, healthy, good condition, 6/- each: Frank Bush, Wood-st., Stratford-on-Avon.

FIFTY pairs Budgerigars (greens), outdoor bred; adults 5/- pair, cocks 1/9; perfect condition: Breton, 25, Sunderland-rd., next South Ealing Station.

PARROTS two promising acclimatised young yellow-fronted Amazons, 16/- each; reliable, healthy; approval deposit: Hall, 6, Strand, Southampton.

AFRICAN grey Parrot, 5 years, good talker, in first class condition and plumage, price £6; seen at 25, Devonshire-terr., Lancaster-gate, London, W.

TWO pair yellow adult Budgerigars, 9/6 pair; 1 pair green, 7/6; 1 pair Cockatiels, 9/6 pair; offers British birds or cash: Bardsley, Clarendon-pl., Hythe.

MAGNIFICENT Australian grey Parrot, tame, acclimatised, new brass bell-topped cage, 20/-; or exchange: Charing Cross Aviaries, Neal-st., Long Acre.

PROFITABLE aviculture; finest outdoor Yellow Budgerigars, guaranteed breeding pairs, 7/6, unrelated, nesting; approval: Jalland, Rookery, Horncastle.

SPLENDID South African Grey Parrot, with red tail, commencing to say a few words, price 25/-, worth double; approval: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

PARROT, grey coloured, age 18 months, talks, whistles, dances, turn summersaults, doesn't swear, 20/-, including cage; real bargain: Cobbs, Aviaries, Dartford.

WANTED, for cash, cocks, yellow Collard and Port Lincoln; hens, Pennant, Stanley, and Ringneck; adult, acclimatised birds; on approval: C. P. Arthur, Melksham.

FOR sale, pair Redrumps, perfect, outdoor aviary all winter, with two nest boxes, 27/-, or what offers in smaller Foreign birds, or cash?: Phillips, Boatbuilder, Rye, Sussex.

PERFECT health, feather, aviary eighteen months, cock, orange cheek, 2/6; lavender Finch, 3/6; Silverbill, singing, 2/3; cock Cordon Bleu, 3/-: Cuthbert, St. Augustine's, Bristol.

IF you want a reliable Parrot or grand breeding Budgerigars, send for my list before deciding elsewhere. See my advertisement on page 273: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PURE white Java cock, 8/-; pair double banded, 15/-; pair red-headed Gouldians, 25/6; true pair red Siskins, 70/-; 4 cock blue-breasted Waxbills, 12/6 each: Keith Murray, Bideford.

BUDGERIGARS, yellow, 8/6; green, 5/6 pair; hen Cockatiel, 2 years, 5/6; two black ducked Lovebirds, hens, both laid, 30/- each; all outdoor, splendid condition: Dolphin, Bentley-lane, Walsall.

BUDGERIGARS, green, adult cocks, 2/6 each; splendid Moustache cock 4/6, all outdoors; cash with order; exchange yellow Norwich or white Javas: Graham 67, Southfield-rd., Ponders End, Middlesex.

THREE blackhead Mannikins, 3 whitehead Mannikins, 4 Spice Birds, 2 tricolour Mannikins, 1 pair Madagascar Love Birds, 1 white Java cock, 1 grey Java hen; all acclimatised; the lot 20/-: Nicholl, St. Michael's-ter., Penzance.

MRS. Taylor offers acclimatised Waxbills, Nuns, Spice Finches, Avadavats, Cutthroats, Weavers, Cordon Bleus, Love Birds, Java Sparrows, 2/6 pair; Lavender Finches, 3/6; cock Bulbul, 5/-; bargain: 64 Canterbury-rd., West Croydon.

BARGAIN.—Bare-eyed Cockatoo, excellent condition, feeds from hand, valued by Mr. Wesley Page in this paper three weeks ago at 50/—60/-, with strong cage, only 25/-; exchange Foreign, or offers: McSorley, 47, Blackhorse-rd., Walthamstow.

BUDGERIGARS, finest possible condition, outdoor adult, selected breeding pairs, unrelated, 6/- pair; yellows, 8/- pair; 1,000 beautiful Foreign birds, from clean, well-kept aviaries, from 2/- pair: price list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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I consider CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL a most useful book. I have every one of the ANNUALS by me since they were issued, and I frequently find them handy for reference.—A. C. BROTHERHOOD (Newport, Salop).

Please accept my thanks for the splendid plato of my Border Fancy depicted in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I was greatly surprised to see it. I wish your ANNUAL all success. It should be in every fancier's home; no one should be without a copy, as it is the most useful article in the bird-room and secretary's office. It is like CAGE BIRDS: it has made rapid strides since the first copy came out.— W. SIMPSON (Fort William).

I beg to thank you for the splendid birdy paper, CAGE BIRDS, that you put out for our pleasure each week. I, like many bird lovers, await it each week. Many are the dull hours it clears away, and many a night when work is done, and I am in the easy chair with my breeding cage full of lovely Roller songsters, and I have CAGE BIRDS to read, I feel the happiest man in the world.—G. W. HALL (North Shields).

I think CAGE BIRDS a very good paper, and no bird fancier should be without it. It is very helpful. How I came to read it is interesting. One day I was walking down to business and found a paper lying on the ground. I noticed the words CAGE BIRDS at the top of the paper, and at once saw that it was a bird paper. I showed my prize to a friend, and he also was delighted with it, and gets it every week. I read it every week myself, because if you leave it off one week you don't know what you may be missing.—ERNEST FALKARD (York).

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SPRATT'S PATENT (Limited) ANNUAL MEETING.

The 24th annual meeting was held on the 8th instant at the Cannon Street Hotel, Mr. Stephen Wingrove (vice-chairman and managing director) in the chair. The secretary (Mr. W. M. Dry) read the auditor's certificate appended to the accounts. The Chairman, at the outset of his remarks, referred with great regret to the loss they had sustained since their last general meeting by the death of Mr. John Batchelor, who had been a director of the company for 23 years. They had also to regret the absence of Mr. Baelz (chairman of the company), who had been ordered to take a rest. Dealing with the business, he said he thought that the shareholders would agree with him that the report was satisfactory, especially in view of the higher prices of raw materials last year, compared with 1908 for manufacturing. After explaining various items in the balance-sheet and other details, the Chairman spoke with regard to the allocation of £5,000 to form the nucleus of a pension fund for the benefit of the employees, many of whom had been in the service of the company for periods varying from 20 to 37 years. The company, Mr. Wingrove stated, had a most efficient practical staff in the factory managers and heads of departments.—The report was adopted unanimously; also the recommendation of the Board that Mr. G. M. Edwards of the London Corn Exchange (an original shareholder), and Mr. S. T. Lethbridge, sales manager, who has been in the service of the company since 1886, be appointed directors.—Mr. Thomas Southcott was re-elected as auditor.

A WASHING EXHIBITION IN WALWORTH.

A washing exhibition was given at the "Queen Elizabeth," Morrow Street, Walworth, on March 9th, by Mr. S. Harris, of Walworth. A very nice room was kindly lent by Mr. Charles Mullally, and a goodly number were present, including many well-known fanciers, a very instructive and enjoyable evening being spent. Mr. Seyers, the chairman, on rising, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, as it was one of the most important items in exhibiting to show the birds scrupulously clean in order to be at the top of the class. He also gave good advice to the beginner, explaining how much better it was to buy a good pair matched by a breeder, than to buy a cock here and a hen there. He then called upon Mr. Harris to give his lecture.

Mr. Harris having his water, drying cage, and other utensils ready, commenced by washing a bird slowly, so as to give his audience a better chance of seeing how it was done, explaining thoroughly as he went along the correct way of proceeding with the least exertion to the bird. Several more were quickly washed, and while these were drying a discussion on colour food ensued. The birds now being dry they were handed round for inspection, and one and all expressed their appreciation.

Mr. G. Payne proposed, and Mr. Whatley seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman, also to Messrs. Mullally Bros. for their kindness in lending the room, to which all suitably replied, the chairman promising to give a washing exhibition at a future date.—W.B.

I was greatly surprised on obtaining my copy of CAGE BIRDS recently, to find such an excellent sketch on the front page of my buff Norwich cock bird, for which accept my best thanks. I have shown this bird thirteen times, and have been awarded eleven first prizes and about the same number of special prizes, besides winning the Sligo cup twice in succession. The only show where he was put down was at the Y.C.C. of Ireland, 1908 and 1909, once to third and this year to fourth. But one week later at the next show he had an easy win over the birds that beat him in Dublin. I wish CAGE BIRDS greater success than ever in the year we have just commenced.—J. STEWART (Belfast).

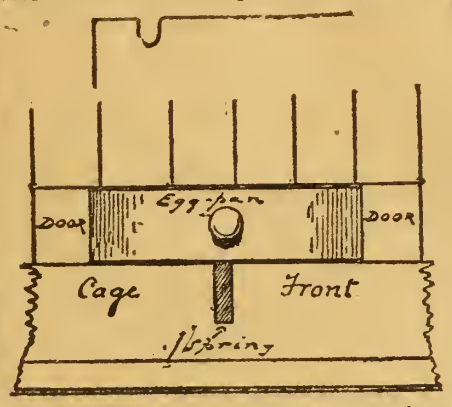
I am obliged to you and to your artist for the very pleasant surprise you gave me, by including such an excellent drawing of my unflighted yellow green Norwich in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I have only exhibited the bird on three occasions, when he stood first at the City and Suburban Young Bird Show, first at the same society's annual show, and second—not first—at Battersea open in the A.O.V. class. When washing the cage in which the bird was exhibited at Battersea, I found a first prize label under the second prize one, so Mr. Norman must have sketched him before the first prize label had been covered over, hence the mistake. I am somewhat surprised that this variety is not more popular in London, especially when one frequently hears fanciers complaining of the trouble and expense entailed in the moulting and colour-feeding of the lighter-plumaged varieties. My experience with the greens is that they are a hardy, prolific, and good feeding variety, and if not catered for on the show bench at London shows, it is because they are so few in number that it does not pay to run classes for them. At shows where no classes are given for greens, an exhibitor will generally find a place for them in the A.O.V. class, and a good specimen may be frequently found in the money.—A. W. CURTIS (Fulham, London, S.W.).

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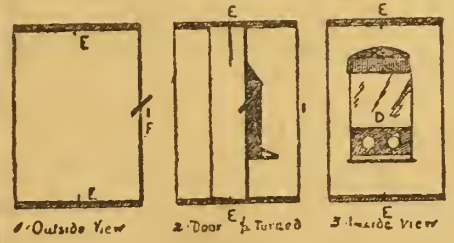
I send a sketch of a simple but useful egg-drawer holder. When using pot egg drawers which fix under a sliding door, they hang downwards and loose. Get a piece of clock spring,



and bend it over a lighted gas, to the shape shown in the top part of sketch. This piece of spring fixes on the cage front, and so holds the drawer quite firm as shown. These springs I find very useful, and hope my fellow readers will find them so too.—H. FREEMAN.

No. 393.
An Aviary Feeding Board.
Sent by Mr. W. Isherwood, 115, Greaves Street, Blackburn.

Enclosed is a sketch of an idea which I find very useful for aviaries or large flight cages. The device prevents your having to enter amongst your birds, which is often the cause of their not pairing up. Fig. 1 shows the out-



side view; Fig. 2, the inside view with seed hopper attached; and Fig. 3 the feeding board turned round. D is the seed hopper; E strong wire pins about two inches long; F is a catch on the outside. To feed your birds, all you have to do is to turn your board round and fill up the hopper. A water trough can be attached in the same manner.—W. ISHERWOOD.

Ruskin and Rare Birds.

The slaughter of rare birds visiting these shores during the winter has continued as usual. Ruskin once said that birds seemed to come to England for the express purpose of being shot. And so it seems.

A Non-drinker.

It is said that the Falcon never drinks. Some which have been kept in captivity have never been seen to do so, although carefully supplied with water and watched.

Vegetarian Birds.

During very severe weather Skylarks have been known to feed exclusively on vegetables. Their favourite is the tops of turnips, but cabbage leaves are freely eaten when no other food is obtainable. Some of the huge flocks upon the East Coast have been known to almost strip the gardens near the sea.

Pheasant's Strength in Flight.

Pursued probably by a Hawk, a full-grown wild cock Pheasant struck a window of the dining-room at Beaufort Castle, Beauly, with such force as to break through the plate glass, a quarter of an inch thick, and strike against the door on the opposite side of the room. The time was 5 p.m., and the dining-room is on the second floor. A remarkable circumstance is that the Pheasant appeared to be unhurt, and it is being kept at the castle. The glass is of such strength that some difficulty was experienced in breaking it by experimenting on it with a golf ball, standing well back.

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A BUDGET OF OPINIONS FROM READERS.

We have to apologise for the belated appearance, owing to pressure upon space, of some of the appended paragraphs.

Your last Double Number excels all others.—C. J. MULLIGAN (Sligo).

CAGE BIRDS takes well in this district, and you will find it in every fancier's home here.—F. ANDERSON (Biggar).

I must compliment CAGE BIRDS and its staff on the magnificent Birthday Number. It is, in my opinion, a masterpiece.—D. BUCHAN (Falkirk).

I have taken your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for a number of years now, and find it contains some very reliable information.—FRED ARCHER (Huddersfield).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS in since its first number, and have always found an improvement each season. May it go on still more to perfection.—W. MUIR (Edinburgh).

What a budget of news the Palace Number of CAGE BIRDS contained! And the Coloured Plate is quite a study for Hybrid breeders, and simply grand in itself.—W. LOWNE (Gt. Yarmouth).

I think the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS with the Calendar and Plates, was a perfect treat. And so were the plates I have received from time to time.—W. H. WALKER (Hanley).

I think CAGE BIRDS a grand paper for all bird-keepers. I wish it every success.—E. MAYNE (Grantham).

Your coloured plate of Canary-Bullfics and parents was extra good. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. HOWE (Wellingborough).

Your Crystal Palace Show Number means another "first and special" for the Editor and artists of CAGE BIRDS.—W. NICHOLLS (Twickenham).

I was very pleased with the Crystal Palace Show Number of CAGE BIRDS. It was a splendid two-pennyworth.—J. W. ADAMS (Kings Lynn).

I thank you for your splendid plates and double numbers, and also for the valuable information I have got through reading CAGE BIRDS from time to time.—R. BOOTH (Ardwick).

I find a great pleasure in reading CAGE BIRDS; in fact, one wearies and longs for the next number. The Birthday Number was too good for words. I can only join with others in wishing prosperity and long life to our favourite paper.—ARCH. P. DALE (Beith).

This excellent medium (CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1910) has now reached its eighth issue, and each year the publishers seem to go "one better." It contains a full review of the cage-bird Fancy during 1909 in all its varieties: it is lavishly illustrated throughout, and the leading specialists of the day have contributed much literary matter on subjects interesting to the ornithologist. The book is a complete guide for all lovers and keepers of cage-birds.—THE DEWSBURY REPORTER.

I was very proud of the honour I received in a recent CAGE BIRDS in having my three winning Goldfinches (at the recent Crystal Palace Show) depicted on the front page. Many thanks to your artist for such good portraits. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—T. W. RICHARDS (Narberth).

I have received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL from my newsagent, and I consider it a good six-pennyworth.—JOHN ROGERS (Afonwen, Flintshire).

I have been taking CAGE BIRDS for some time. It is good value for the money, especially to us fanciers in the Transvaal. The advertisements are also very useful to us.—J. F. EASTON (Turffontein, Johannesburg).

I was surprised at the ever-increasing superiority of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I congratulate you on the articles, which are most instructive to the novice. When I read it I thought about the phrase "live and learn."—F. COCKEREL (Stockport).

I thank you for the two copies of the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which I received safely. I find the ANNUAL most useful and instructive, and would miss it greatly. I have kept birds for a hobby for some years now, and during that period have regularly taken in CAGE BIRDS. I look forward to its receipt every Friday with the greatest pleasure. There is no periodical that I prize more, and all I know of bird-keeping has been learnt from its pages. May it be more and yet more successful as the years roll by.—A. W. HIGGINSON (Kendal).

Please accept my very best thanks for the splendid portrayal of my ticked buff Norwich in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1910. I consider the ANNUAL a perfect birdy encyclopædia, and I cannot understand any fancier being without such a valuable aid. How such a book can be produced, too, for sixpence is absolutely marvellous. The information it contains, the advice given (especially to young beginners), and the advertisements of all birdy requisites, and where to obtain them, are a veritable boon to fanciers. A gentleman from the Royal College at Osborne called on me this week and asked if he could see my birds, stating that he had seen the illustration of my ticked buff in the ANNUAL. Needless to say, I was delighted to show him my rooms containing over two hundred Norwich. He was amazed but very delighted, and assured me he had no idea there were so many birds in the Island. The fact of the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL being so attractive as to induce people outside the Fancy to purchase and peruse its contents speaks volumes for its popularity. To those fanciers not possessing a copy, my genuine advice is, get a copy at once, and they will find it absolutely the best six-penny investment they have ever made. That this bonny little ANNUAL may receive the support it so richly deserves is my most sincere wish.—E. BAKER (Cowes, I. of W.).

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
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R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
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Show will be held in the People's Park, on **Thursday, July 21.** Secretaries please note.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), we hear, has been appointed to judge at Northampton on October 19th, and at Blaydon-on-Tyne on November 4th.

Kindly note that I have removed to Park Crescent, Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge, writes Mr. Joseph Robertshaw, late of Rybum Buildings. Will secretaries please note?

Mr. E. Smith (42, Other Road, Redditch), writes that he would like to communicate with the secretary of the Midland Skylark Society, so possibly that official will communicate with him.

Kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the Dewsbury C.B.S., so that all correspondence should in future be addressed to me at Thornhill Road, Westtown, Dewsbury.—W. HINCHLIFFE.

A printer's error occurs in my letter in CAGE BIRDS of last week, which will you kindly correct; It occurs under the heading of "The Making of Nets." It should have been: nets 12 yards long, instead of 2.—W. CLEMENTS (Hungerford).

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Twitterings.

Mr. G. Gardner will judge the Hayle Cage-bird Show on November 2nd and 3rd, writes Mr. Hy. Ware, the hon. secretary.

Kindly note that my address is altered from Central Street to 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.—CHAS. H. NAYLOR.

We have removed to 29, Sefton Road, Morecambe, and shall be pleased to see here any fanciers at any time, write Messrs. Amblers.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Arthur Foulds, that I have removed from Brunswick Street, to 7, King's Parade, Fallowfield, Manchester. Will Roller exhibitors and secretaries of societies kindly note?

We have again removed our headquarters from the Fleece Hotel to the "Legs of Man" Hotel, Market Arcade, Wigan, writes Mr. W. Ridge, hon. secretary, Wigan and Dis. C.B.S. Meetings are held on the first Saturday in each month at 8 p.m.

The manual of the Ilford F. and F.S. (open to Essex) is a neat production, and contains a list of fixtures for the ensuing year, which includes a lecture by Mr. Skinner on cage-birds on May 10th. Mr. W. H. Drew is the secretary, and his address 37a, Romford Road, Forest Gate, E.

The newly-formed Brighton C.B.A. have issued a pretty little handbook which gives the fullest information respecting the association. There is a long list of members' names and addresses, and no doubt the secretary, Mr. A. T. Riddles, 29, Irwood Crescent, Brighton, will be pleased to hear of fanciers who wish to join.

We have been successful in arranging with the following gentlemen to judge at our open show on October 8th, writes Mr. Robert Whitton, secretary of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S.: for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Dalgleish (Leith) and J. Fotheringham (Kelty); for Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen); for Border Fancies, Mr. Gollan Hislop (Stirling); and for British and Foreign, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow).

We have received from Mr. E. E. Pass (Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard), a copy of his latest price list, replete with up-to-date cages, etc., specially designed for 1910 season. Our readers will do well to apply for one, as Mr. Pass has a reputation for good-class work, and his prices are extremely favourable to the purchaser. Cage racks, drying cages, travelling cases, seed, etc., mills, and other requisites are also supplied.

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The committee of the Forres and Northern O.A., writes Mr. J. Russell, have elected as judge for their show on December 3rd Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen); and the society is looking forward to a record show.

Mr. House, who judged our recent matched pair show, is giving us a lecture on "Inbreeding" on April 28th, and I want to get a good attendance on that night, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. secretary, Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. A. W. Watson writes that he has been appointed secretary of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society, and that his address will now be 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, Will members, secretaries, and others kindly note?

We should be glad if Mr. William E. Priestley, who wrote us a week or so ago respecting "Can Canaries be taught the Nightingale's song?" will communicate his address to us, as we have a letter which we are asked to forward to him.

Please state again in your columns, writes Mr. C. P. Arthur (Melksham), that I have given up Budgerigars and Cockatiels, as since the publication of my book on those birds I am inundated with applications from persons wishing to purchase them.

We have received from Mr. W. H. Mugford, the hon. secretary of the London Cage Bird Association a copy of the balance-sheet for 1909. From the figures given therein the finances of this society are apparently in a thoroughly satisfactory state.

Kindly note that I have been elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Wood Green and Dis. F. and F.A., and that all communications in connection with the society should be addressed to me, writes Mr. Wm. G. Bruce, hon. secretary, 10, Watervillo Road, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N.

The balance-sheet of the Wood Green F. and F.S. for 1909-10 reflects the highest credit on the secretary for the past year, Mr. Callegari, and the other officials, showing, as it does, a balance to the good of no less than £6 4s. 5d. This is the more creditable in view of the fact that the society is only a year old.

Whilst out for a walk on Sunday last (March 13th), I found a Thrush's nest with 4 eggs in it, and the hen closely sitting. Also I found a Robin's nest with four youngsters about two days old. Where the latter nest was I have found a Robin's nest for this last three years. Last year I found 5 young there on March 13th. —ARTHUR H. C. LEGG (Perth).

The following gentlemen have kindly agreed to judge at our next annual competition on December 10th, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, secretary of the Edinburgh Open O.A.: Scotch Fancy section, Messrs. D. Black (Govan), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), J. Carson (East Houses), and A. Paterson (Edinburgh); and Belgian section, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

May I draw the attention of Metropolitan fanciers to the fact that we are having a lecture by Mr. Allen Silver on British Birds at our next meeting on March 21st, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, hon. secretary of the London and Counties O.S.? All fanciers and friends will have a hearty welcome.

We have formed a Linnet Club for Castleford and district for Saturday singing, writes Mr. A. Sweeting, 102, Carlton Street, Castleford, and if the secretaries of any other clubs will be good enough to forward a card of their rules it will be a great help to us. We intend to have the first sing on Easter Saturday. Our headquarters are at Navigation Inn, Lock Lane, Castleford.

We hear from Mr. H. Tams, of Warren Street, Longton, Staffs, that he is doing exceptionally good business this season with his well-known white pottery appliances. His catalogue, which can be had for the asking, contains a splendid selection of nest pans, egg drawers, and other novelties, and is well worth a careful perusal.

It is with regret we hear that Mr. Walter Driver has resigned the secretaryship of the Cambs. O.S. During his term of office he has brought the society to a very high place in the Fancy. The society have secured two good men to follow Mr. Driver, and Messrs. Unwin and Howlett may be relied upon to keep up the high reputation which the society has enjoyed during Mr. Driver's term of office.

The silver cups we have been trying to obtain by the aid of private subscriptions and socials, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, hon. secretary of the Heywood and Dis. O.S., have now been purchased. They are very nice indeed, and a credit to the society. We are not strong in numbers, but we are hoping fanciers will join us. We have a four mile radius for membership, and are in a good financial position. A few more members to our aid, and I think we are sure of success at our coming members' shows. Fanciers joining at our next meeting, March 22nd, will be entitled to show for cups.

It is with great pleasure, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Perth), that I let you know of the success of the worthy president of the Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S., Mr. Wm. Evans, who was elected county councillor for Glamorganshire on March 7th. Mr. Evans received 920 votes, and his opponent 411 votes—a glorious majority of 509. Many bird fanciers worked on behalf of Mr. Evans, including the writer of this letter. We could not stand by idle, as Mr. Evans has done a great deal for the fanciers of this district. It has been for many years the ardent desire of many Perthites to return Mr. Evans to a seat upon one of our local governing bodies, and the present opportunity was too good to be missed, but hardly a soul dreamed of a majority of 509. I am sure fellow fanciers will join with me in wishing that Mr. Evans may retain his seat for many years to come.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. W. BROOK (Huddersfield).

With the deepest regret, writes Mr. Wm. Hardwick (Huddersfield), I have to announce the loss sustained by the Huddersfield O.S. through the passing away on March 11th, and in his 54th year, of Mr. John William Brook, who had been a member for over 28 years. His Fancy had been Norwich and Cinnamons. Of a gentle, kind, and lovable disposition, Mr. Brook had endeared himself to every member, and will be much missed by all, and especially by the writer, with whom for years he had been a close personal friend and companion. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow and family. He was borne to his grave in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel, on March 14th, by a number of his old and sorrowing fellow fanciers.

I have read your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for three years, and have received useful information from it; in fact, all my knowledge of bird-keeping.—ROBERT CAMPBELL, secretary of the Cage Bird Section of the Newburgh (Fife) and Dis. Gardening Society.

It is very gratifying to us to see our seed and nursery advertisers increasing their announcements with us, and we thank our readers for their support; without it no advertiser would remain in any journal. We would again ask our readers, when making up their list of garden requirements—a timely expenditure at this season—to look through our advertising columns, for therein they will find nearly everything they require, and at the right prices.

I see Mr. F. Collins has made a mistake in reporting our annual meeting, writes Mr. R. G. P. Nelson, hon. secretary, Redruth and Dis. F.A. The name of the society is "The Redruth Exhibition Society," and our meeting was only representing a part of it, viz., "Cage birds and fur section." The Redruth F.A. is a different society, and much younger, having been formed in 1909. Mr. Collins also forgot to mention that the assistant secretaries were Messrs. Kemp (cage birds) and Allen (fur).

The Yorkshire Canary Club.

The nomination of officers for 1910-11, latest date, March 31st. Nomination papers will be found in the centre of the handbook of the Y.C.C.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. secretary.

Crested Canary Club.

Kindly announce that the details of Mr. Ley's scheme are unavoidably delayed until next week.—J. S. CLARKE, hon. secretary, C.C.C.

The Cage Bird Union.

There will be a special meeting of the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union on Saturday next, March 19th, in Room No. 72 of the Mechanics' Institute, Nottingham, at 4 o'clock. —J. RAYNES, secretary, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, near Manchester.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

The annual meeting of the S.Y.C.C. will be held at the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Voting papers have been sent to every member. Should any member have been overlooked, I shall be glad if he will communicate with me at once. Mr. Robson has very kindly consented to lecture on the Yorkshire Canary (at 8 o'clock). I hope all members will endeavour to attend and bring friends, as all fanciers are cordially invited.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary.

How Not to Keep Canaries.

By the Rev. BERNARD WILTON.

Much practical information is placed at the disposal of readers of CAGE BIRDS as to how Canaries can be kept with the greatest pleasure and profit. I propose, however, by giving a faithful account of my preliminary canter in the Cage Bird Fancy, to pose as an awful warning to budding novices; if, indeed, any are to be found as green as I was in those days.

The Awakening.

It is just twenty years since the stupendous fact first really dawned upon me, that Canaries were born, or hatched, shall I say? in cages. Previously, if I thought of the matter at all, I think I must have imagined that they were imported in an unceasing stream from the Canary Islands. But one day, while I was paying a visit to the village cobbler to get my catapult mended—the possession of this weapon seemed to indicate that I was already a fancier in a destructive sense—that worthy remarked, "them two bods did weel for me last year." I enquired his meaning, and learnt with interest that the pair of birds had had three nests the previous season, and that their fortunate owner had disposed of them for prices varying from 5s. to 2s. 6d., thereby realising, what seemed to him and me, a handsome profit.

Instantly the brilliant thought flashed upon me that I would go and do likewise. I had always been interested in wild birds; now I would keep Canaries and combine pleasure with much gain. The thought of delay was hateful. I must possess birds at once. The cobbler became cautious when I approached him with a view to purchase. The birds it appeared were not only Canaries, but Norwich Canaries into the bargain. I did not know what he meant by this, but concluded that they had been conveyed direct to his shop from that ancient city; and dimly apprehended that in some way this mysterious fact increased their value. The cock bird, it appeared, after further parley, was beyond price. In other words it could not be bought for less than 10s., a sum which I could not hope to possess until after my birthday; but I had 1s., and for that amount the hen became mine. As far as I can remember her, she was a long, loose-feathered, nondescript creature; in colour a heavily variegated buff. I should have confidently described her as a mule the day before, for at that time, in company with a large proportion of the non-birdy public, I classified all dark Canaries as mules. But now, after the information imbibed from my cobbler friend, I knew better. She was a hen Canary, and a female goldmine at that.

Dreams and Realities.

It was terrible to have to wait until my birthday in early February before I could provide her with a fitting mate; but it had to be done. With great forethought I had obtained a Crystal Palace aviary for a Christmas present, so that I was prepared for all contingencies that the future might have in store. At last the fateful day arrived, and I set off to York, whither I journeyed every Monday to a mathematical tutor, with 10s. in my pocket.

Someone had advised me to obtain birds through the advertisement columns of a certain journal (before the days of CAGE BIRDS). But there was a great difficulty; how was I to choose from so many advertisements? My eyes roamed helplessly over the columns. Presently the advertisement of a big dealer met my eye. I am glad to say that he is still advertising at much greater length in CAGE BIRDS. He was offering Lizard Canaries from 9s. a pair. Here was a chance indeed. Not only should I possess a cock Canary, but one with two wives. I had gathered from an ancient book I had routed out of my father's library that polygamy was possible among Canaries. In this way I argued I would make more money still.

And a Lizard Canary! What that was I had not the faintest notion; but I had a vague idea that I was about to go one better than the cobbler and his Canaries from Norwich by introducing a new element. My dealer lived in Norwich, too, so that the envious shoemaker would have to digest the fact that my cock bird was a Norwich native, as well as a Lizard, whatever that might happen to be.

I wrote to the advertiser forthwith in the waiting-room at York station. I pointed out to him that he offered Lizard Canaries from 9s. a pair, and that as I was sending him 10s. I should expect something rather unusual, and I awaited the issue with as much calmness as I could muster. In due course the Lizards arrived. I think they must have been good value for the money, but their appearance gave me rather a shock. They were very pretty, but were they really Canaries? And what sort of a husband would the cock (he was a silver) make for a floppy-looking Norwich hen?

A Handsome Tip.

It was at this juncture that a calamity in disguise befel me. Some mistaken person, I forget now who it was, gave me a handsome tip, which I promptly converted into birds and cages. I had resolved to seek fortune upon a large scale. I found another fancier in the village who supplied me with another "Norwich" cock. I can remember this bird; it was a ticked yellow, very small and very thin; in fact, almost everything which a Norwich should not be. I paid 1s. 6d. for this treasure. I compared it with my long ragged hen, and was much puzzled. The advertisement columns had by this time taught me that there were many kinds of Canaries, but the differences between my two Norwich were irreconcileable. Surely there must be a hitch somewhere! At last I came to the conclusion that if you didn't know what else to call a Canary you called it a Norwich—a rule somewhat on a par with that weird law dear to the novice whist player: "When in doubt, play trumps."

For cages I repaired to the local ironmonger, being no carpenter myself. An ironmonger, who is not a fancier, always keeps the same kind of cage. It is known, I believe, as the London breeding cage, which seems to me a slur on the metropolis. There are two little dark holes at one end on a platform, with small boxes on the floor for the birds to nest in. By this arrangement you make quite sure of breeding every kind of known parasite in myriads, so that success of some sort is assured. There is a little chamber underneath, where the young birds may be placed to be fed through the wires by their parents; but thanks to the arrangements up above the young rarely arrive at this stage.

With a good supply of these cages on my bedroom wall, I was ready early in February to commence operations. The earlier the better I thought. Why wait till the end of March if your birds would build in February?

Youthful Excitement.

The Lizards were the first to commence operations. I had decided that the Lizard cock should be a bigamist only, and be paired with his own hen and the untidy lady from the cobbler's. For the Norwich cock I had far more ambitious views. But to return to the Lizards. They built a nest and the lady appeared to be about to lay. This was an intolerable state of things. Every time I saw the unfortunate bird upon the nest, I rushed to see if there was an egg. The last time I pushed her off my hopes were gratified in an unexpected way. She left the nest reluctantly, flew on to the perch, whence she dropped her egg upon the floor, where it lay a broken mass. This bird did eventually rear one young one, which was creditable under the circumstances. I next transferred her husband to the untidy Norwich lady, and this bird thoroughly maintained her reputation, and brought up four young ones.

Meanwhile I had provided the "Norwich" cock with six wives. This devoted bird went stubbornly on from one cage to another, leaving a prospective family behind him in each case, until at last I had no less than thirty young Canaries.

The Turn of the Tide.

It was at this stage that the young birds began to die with alarming rapidity. The mania was beginning to pall. The birds were cleaned out less and less regularly. The claims of the outside world became more insistent.

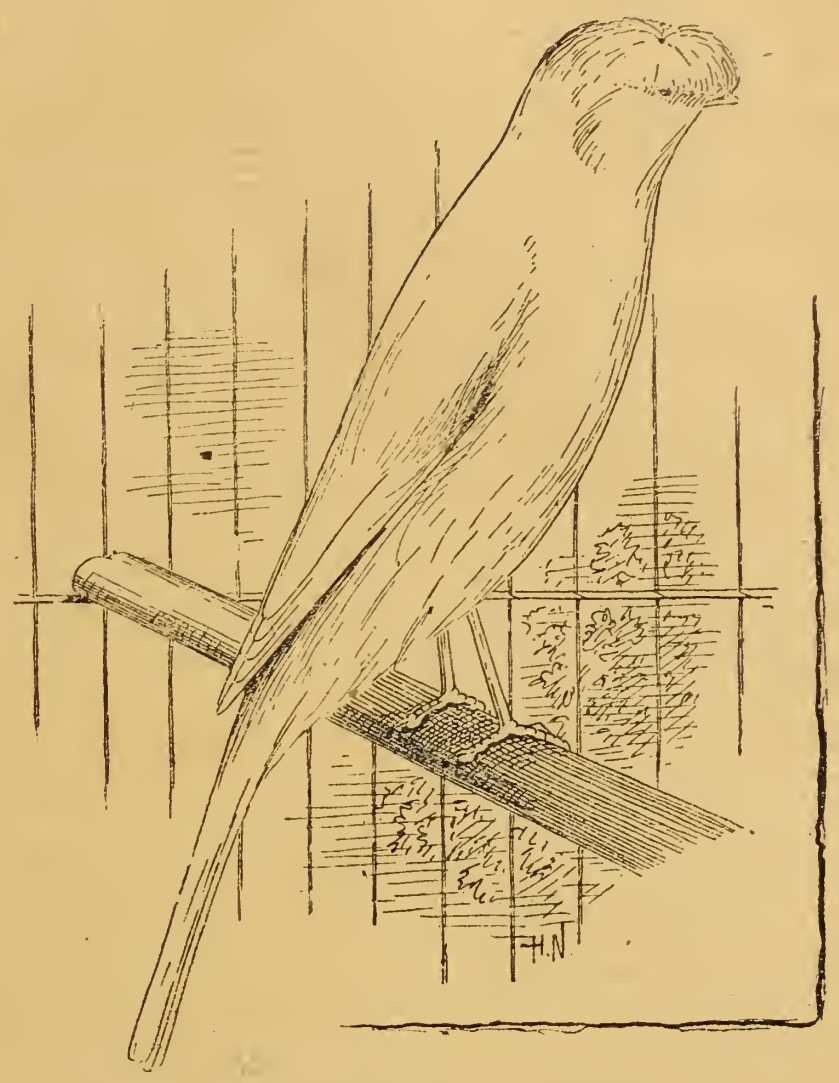
I purloined some long narrow ornaments from the drawing-room, which I thought would answer admirably for water vessels, for there would be no need to fill them every day. Happening to glance towards the cages on the third day, I saw two reproachful tails projecting from these water pots. The water had got low; the birds had reached down towards it, and overbalanced, and all was over. So ended two of the young birds I had managed to rear.

The young Lizard and the husband of six wives took advantage of an open window to join the Sparrows on the roof. Another young bird, the most promising I had reared, I placed under the counterpane of my bed for a moment to keep it quiet, before transferring it to another cage. I am a sufferer from chronic absent-mindedness, and before the removal was completed I sat on the bed. Then came an agonizing remembrance, a hasty search beneath the counterpane, and a flattened corpse as the result.

Repeated disappointments were now having a deleterious effect. The six children of one of Henry VIII.'s wives died in one day. I grew neglectful. Three birds escaped from their cages and drowned themselves in the washhand basin. I decided that my fortune must remain in abeyance.

The Cause of the Trouble.

I had six birds left. I advertised them at 11s. the lot. Even now my troubles were not over. Postal orders for 11s. showered in. Other people wrote demanding the birds without postal orders. I soon had these letters hopelessly mixed up, and in a few days infuriated would-be purchasers were demanding their money or my life. Eventually I succeeded in sorting out and returning everybody's money, and despatching my stock-in-trade to the earliest purchaser. So ended, at a heavy loss, my first essay as a Canary breeder. Had I been content with a couple of pairs to begin with I might have achieved a modest success, but greed and ignorance combined to wreck me, and it was sixteen years before I took up the Fancy again. But increased knowledge and better judgment have since put me on the right lines, and my former experience served as a warning to me which will not easily be forgotten.



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A Successful Method of Hybrid Breeding.

By W. SMALLDRIDGE.

When starting hybrid breeding try and get your Finches in October. By getting them then you have most of them through the moult, and will have plenty of time to get them steady and matched when the breeding season arrives. Cage them in pairs, so that they may get used to each other—in the ordinary Canary breeder, all the winter; turn them out in April in flights or hutches, with about eight feet of ground space or more. Each pair should have a hutch to themselves.

Making a Hutch.

I make my hutches as follows: Get a packing case from the grocer, then put an outer cover of matched boards on each end, and a sloping roof made with two wedges, tapering from three inches down to a quarter, one each end, nailing the boards longways; by these means you get a square (inside) which enables you to run a sliding partition in easily, and being double, is always dry and cosy. For the front make a wooden frame with two doors and tack on ½in. mesh wire netting. Having two doors enables you to take the eggs by one, and to feed by the other. The sketch shows my ideal front.

Take Particular Notice.

The most taking hybrids at present are got from the Bullfinch, but whatever the hybrid you are trying for, always select the biggest and brightest coloured birds you can get. Take particular notice of this, as like begets like, and poor specimens are not worth the trouble of breeding. I have found the field-moulted hen Bullie the best, as most of the house-moulted ones get fat and have no "go" in them, not laying so freely as the field-moulted ones.

Having wintered your pairs, now comes the time to turn them out into their breeding quarters. If any of them have gone sick or a bit wild, give them their liberty, as unless they are a bit steady and in perfect health it is useless trying them. Feed your pairs liberally on groundsel, dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, or anything, in fact, that is in a ripe, seedy state; I do not mean a spray or two, but as much as the birds will eat if you can get it. By feeding thus you will get your pairs into tip-top breeding condition, which is the only way to get Hybrids.

Nesting Sites.

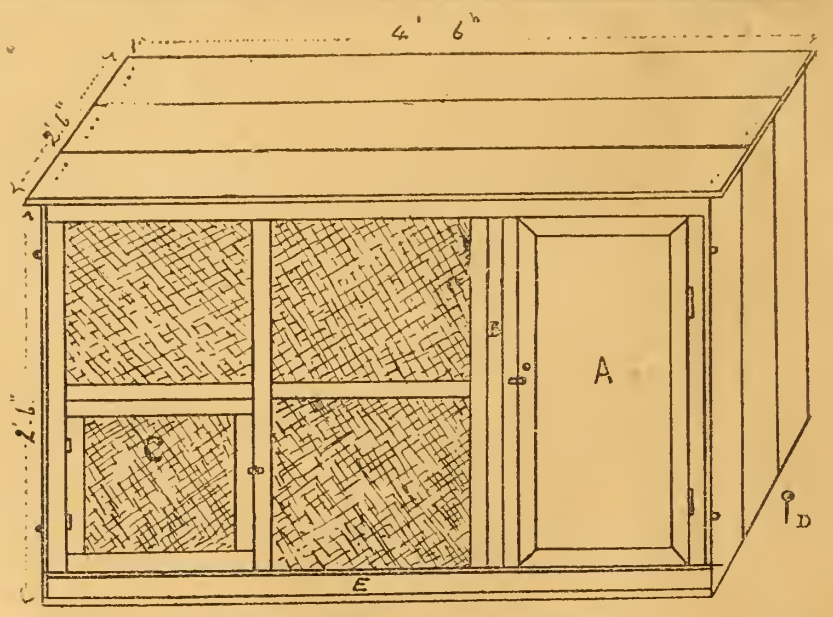
For a nesting place, some use a small wicker cage, others a nest pan; but I have found that the birds discard everything for an old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest, or a new one. For nesting material use cocoa-nut fibre or fine roots. I get my fibre from an old household mat. If supplied with this, the hen Bullies will not use anything else for lining their nests with. Keep your hens well supplied with plenty of good gritty sand, oyster shells and shells of eggs from the domestic fowl, etc.; only let it be broken up small, or you may get soft-shelled eggs.

When your hen comes on to lay do not get too eager, or inquisitive, or you may disturb her. Let her alone, and if she gets a bit thick do not treat her for egg-binding, as you may upset her for the rest of the season. Most of the hens look a bit queer the day before they are going to lay, which is usually between six o'clock and eight o'clock a.m. If let well alone, they will lay most of their eggs in the nest, and often sit very well.

Let them sit for six or seven days if they will. By taking the eggs then and placing them under Canaries you will see if they are fertile or not. Never trust a Bullie hen to feed her young, unless you are bound to, as the majority of them are very bad feeders, although they will sit very close. By putting up three or four pairs you will find there is plenty to do in supplying them with wild seeds—that is, to be successful.

A Good Hybrid.

If you would like to try the cock Bullie, put him with a hand-reared hen Greenfinch. The cock Bullie is nothing like so prolific as the hen Bullie, but if you get a Hybrid from this mating you will be compensated for your trouble. You will possibly get a better colour and shape by this method. Also the hen Greenies will rear most of their offspring. They are capital feeders generally if given their natural wild food. I had a Greenie that reared two Hybrids on nothing but milk thistles, and her usual stock seed mixture, consisting of hemp, teazle, sunflower, Canary, and rape; and two nice Hybrids they were.



Mr. Smalldridge's Outdoor Flight.

A: Door to Nesting Compartment. B: Movable Sliding Partition. C: Feeding Door. D: Pin used to fasten front on. E: Drawer for cleaning purposes.

Trust in Canaries.

But I should advise beginners to let Canaries rear the young whenever possible, as by so doing you have a better chance of assisting in the rearing, if necessary, by way of giving mealworms or small green caterpillars. Most of the Canaries will eat ants' eggs and mealworms. I have had them refuse good egg-food, while there have been any ants' eggs about. They do no harm, and I found that those which ate most were the most vigorous. The small live ants' eggs are those I use. I procured mine by going out in the summer to some piece of waste land and finding them under large flat stones on top of the soil, in thousands sometimes, and brushing them into a shovel ants and all. But if done quickly you will get the eggs practically free from ants. Then place in a tin with a tight lid, and warm over an oil-stove or fire just sufficiently enough to kill the ants. If giving these, and a good supply of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and egg-food, you will find that a feeding hen Canary will rear the most difficult Hybrids possible. I may say that with this method I have reared twenty-two Hybrids from various crosses, and have never had one go sick or die that I have had hatched.

Worms in Birds: Their Classification and Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

(Continued from page 222.)

Worm medicines may be given in a similar manner by direct or indirect methods, but preferably the former, where the result would be much more satisfactory, as many vermifuge and vermicide preparations are very unpleasant. I hope, in the near future, to introduce such preparations in a convenient pilule or palatinoid form in doses to suit all birds.

Vermicides, as I have previously stated, act by destroying the worms, also by rendering the medium in which they live an unsuitable habitat for their welfare when they leave their quarters. Vermifuges act by increasing the peristalsis or movements of the muscular coats of the intestine, and so act as expellants. Such include areca nut, which owes its property to the active principal Arecoline contained within it; whilst santonine is a good example of a vermicide. Other medicines include the vegetable bitters, such as gentian, calumba, kamala pomegranate root, etc., calomel as a mineral, whilst thymol, male fern extract, Fowler's solution of arsenic, sulphate of iron, lysol, assafœtida, cream of tartar, copper sulphate, etc., constitute a few others. The doses of each, of course, will depend upon the bird to be treated, and its species.

For the tœniæ, or tape worms, areca nut and the vegetable compounds may be used, whilst the mineral compounds and some of the vegetable are used. Many worm medicines require the prior or after use of laxatives, such as castor oil, olive oil, or glycerine, whilst drugs like areca nut are in themselves purgative, and do not call for previous preparation. Some, again, have an astringent action, following on this effect, which requires sometimes corrective treatment. To attempt to give a classification of the doses of these drugs for birds would entail too much space, and would not benefit the reader to any great extent. I should be pleased to enlighten the readers of CAGE BIRDS as to treatment and dosage for removal of same, or in cases where parasites are suspected to exist. Specimens should be sent as early as possible; this will ensure freshness, so as to allow of ready recognition.

Experiments have been carried out with the object of ascertaining the evolution of these parasites, pigeons being the subjects chosen. One of these cases is worthy of description. A small quantity of excreta—about 7 grammes—passed by a diseased pigeon, was found to contain about 12,000 eggs of the Heterakis. Some of these were placed on damp blotting paper in a flask, and in about 14 days their embryos were found to be well developed. These ova were then given to perfectly healthy pigeons, when they were in about three weeks transformed into adult Heterakes, the eggs of which were found in the droppings. On the other hand, healthy pigeons were given the ova immediately after the expulsion of these with the excreta, or the discharge from the oviducts, and they did not develop, being passed with the excrements intact, or slightly digested. The evolution of this parasite, therefore, can only take place beyond the intestine, without the necessity of an intermediate host. Infestation, therefore, takes place through the medium of the food soiled by the excrements of the disease.

I have given the result of this experiment, as demonstrated by Unterberger, to show the absolute necessity for a system of preventive treatment in co-operation with remedial measures as described. One without the other is useless, as it would only lead one into a sense of false security. Therefore, in order to prevent the extension of infection by this or other parasites, where possible the healthy should be separated from the diseased. The aviaries, cages, etc., occupied by them should be made scrupulously clean and disinfected with any of the ordinary disinfectants or parasiticides, such as Lysol, 3 per cent., carbolic acid 5 per cent. or Izal. The bird seed should be placed in proper receptacles into which the excreta is not likely to be deposited. By adopting such precautions the fancier should experience no difficulty in eradicating these parasitic diseases from his or her aviaries.

I trust this series of articles may result in some practical interest and value to readers of CAGE BIRDS, and hope at some future period I may have the opportunity of furnishing them with some further branch of parasitology appertaining to the ectoparasites of those affecting the exterior of the body.

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*A Battle Extraordinary.

Recently a Blackbird and a Thrush were fighting a tom cat which belongs to a family in Newington. They were striking him on the back of the head with their bills. The Thrush was wounded. Puss had no doubt intended him for his breakfast on the same morning. Near the bird were found worms with which his friend had tried to tempt his appetite. The Thrush, however, died. It is no less extraordinary that two such birds should have the power to contend victoriously with a full grown cat.—Sent by W. Fox (age 10½), Victoria Villas, Stanningly, Leeds.

*A Knowing Robin.

I keep birds, and recently I was trying to catch a Chaffinch by a sieve and a bit of thread. Many Sparrows came round and went under the sieve, eating the food as fast as they could. At last a Robin came and tried to get some, but the cheeky Sparrows were too many, till at last the Robin flew up against the cotton, and the sound frightened them away. The Robin then went under and fed. The Sparrows soon returned, but the knowing Robin would repeat the trick, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy doing it.—Sent by Reggie Beaven (age 11), Taddington, Buxton.

**The Starlings.

See here, my darlings,
How the brown Starlings
Cluster together,
In speckled rank here,
By the old tank here,
In the spring weather.
Apple-tree's flower
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A Chat about the Bullfinch.

By Wm. SANDERSON.

The Bullfinch is a general favourite with all who keep birds. Its beak is short, thick and black, and the legs are black also, but become white when it has moulted in a cage. The top of the head, the circle of the beak, the chin and the top part of the throat are a beautiful velvet black; the upper part of the neck, the back and shoulders, deep grey; the rump white; the under part of the neck and the breast are a fine vermilion (or red), which varies a good deal in different specimens. The tail is forked and of a brilliant black tinged with blue. This is a description of the male bird. The female is smaller, and where the feathers of the male are red hers are grey, often with a brownish-red tinge.

The Bullfinch is common in most parts of England, Ireland and Scotland (where it is called Coally-Hood). A much larger kind comes from Russia and Siberia, and the hens of these are much used in breeding hybrids. The Bullfinch breeds twice a year. The nest is made of twigs and fibres, and sometimes a few hairs, and is usually found in a thick bush or hedge. The hen lays from four to six eggs of a bluish-white colour, spotted with violet and brown at the larger end.

Rearing the Young.

The young are to be reared by taking them from the nest when at from ten to fourteen days old, and feeding them on scalded and crushed summer (German) rape seed; some people mix the rape with hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuit, or soaked stale white bread. The rape seed should have boiling water poured on it, and then be strained and washed in cold water; and only a small quantity should be scalded at one time, for it soon goes sour. As the young birds get stronger it is a good plan to mix a little hemp meal with the rape, but the hemp must be fresh-ground. As soon as the young can pick they should have crushed hemp and plenty of green food, and as they get older crushed Canary seed. Some soaked ants' eggs are good for them, and a few mealworms. Hand-reared birds I have found to be more delicate than wild-caught ones, but they make the nicest of pets and are perfect ladies' birds.

The young birds can be taught to pipe a tune, either by the employment of a bird organ, or by a person whistling the tune to them. Their lessons must be begun as soon as they are taken from the nest, and it is best to try to teach them the tune just after they have been fed, *i.e.*, at meal-times. They are apt to forget the tune when moulting unless it is played over to them during that period. Both the cocks and hens will learn to pipe a tune.

Treatment in Captivity.

In their wild state Bullfinches can hardly be said to have a song, as their notes are harsh. They may be caught with a call-bird in a trap cage, and when caught it is best to place them in a larger box-cage, with crushed hemp and soaked Canary seed, and water placed inside of it. Put the cage close to the window. It is a good plan to place some dock, privet berries, the red berries of the whitethorn, or blackberries, inside the cage, as fresh-caught Bullfinches are often inclined to sulk, and by offering food they have been accustomed to out in the fields it encourages them to begin to feed.

A number of them together in a cage are more likely to feed than if they are at first caged separately. When they have got used to captivity each bird should (they become rather quarrelsome) be put into a box-cage not less than fourteen inches long and thirteen high.

Bullfinches often suffer from their feet getting clogged with sand and dirt. Owing to the formation of their bill they seem to have a difficulty in cleaning them. In that case the bird must be taken from the cage and its feet soaked in warm water, and the dirt removed when soft; but care must be taken or the feet may be injured. They should be given a bath frequently, as the use of it keeps them in good health, and they enjoy it.

In their wild state Bullfinches eat pine and fir seeds, all kinds of berries, weed seeds, and the buds of trees and fruit trees. In captivity they should be fed on Canary, summer rape, and teazle seeds, with a little linseed and sunflower, and hemp now and again. All kinds of green food, the pips of apples, flowering and seeding groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, plantain, and a branch of the white or blackthorn, when in bud, are greatly relished; never give branches of ornamental or evergreen shrubs, or of lilac or laburnum.

WASHING BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. D. A. S. Longden, before the Felinfoel C.B.S. on March 5.

I must thank you for your kind invitation to spend the evening with you, and I hope this short address on Washing Birds for Exhibition will be a benefit to a few, if not all, fanciers present. In the first place I must say that I am not an expert on washing Canaries, as the birds I exhibit are mostly Mules and British birds, and very few of these require to be hand-washed if properly cared for and well looked after once they are through the moult. But with Canaries it is necessary to wash them as cleanliness has very much to do with one's success. Hence most Canaries have to be washed before being shown.

Don't Wash Too Much.

Of course, fanciers who live in the country have an advantage over town fanciers in that they do not have to contend with the smoke and dust of the city. Many a good bird has had to stand down owing to soiled plumage. But I do not advocate too much washing. Two or three times should be sufficient in a show season if thoroughly done and the birds are well looked after and cared for after it.

One evil of too much washing or tubbing is that the feathers seem to give way, and the fault generally shews itself at the back of the neck. In spite of this washing being an evil, I will endeavour to show you how to make the best of it, and in as simple a way as possible. Of course, different fanciers have different ways, and we all think our own way the best.

In the first place, I would advise you to get the assistance of your wife, or sister; also, if you have any children, get them off to bed before you commence operations, as washing a small bird requires great care and chatter will by no means assist the process. Also all the room round the fire will be needed. Now to the ways and means: get a good fire free from ash and dust, then get a large saucepan full of hot water on the hob ready and keep it simmering, not boiling. Of course, if you have many birds to wash plenty of hot water will be required. Next get an open wire cage (which has been thoroughly cleansed beforehand) to be used as a drying cage. Cover the bottom of same with flannel or other woollen material. Place the cage where a good heat from the fire can get at it, but be careful not to get it too close so that the wires of the cage will get too hot. Get your wife or sister to supply you with a few clean and soft cloths (these must be clean and soft, mind).

Three Good Sized Basins Wanted.

Then get three good-sized basins. Washing basins are very suitable as, being heavy, they are not apt to overturn. The first basin should be about half filled with warm water. Dissolve a piece of common soda, about the size of a small nut, in same. Then take a piece of good yellow soap in one hand and a nice soft brush (a shaving brush will do) in the other hand. Dip same in the water and keep rubbing soap until you have a nice basin of suds. Fill the other two basins with clean hot water, which get to about 90 degrees, or blood heat. Have soap handy. Place soap in a soap dish with flannel, as it will then not slip about when the brush is rubbed on it.

Ready to Begin.

With these preparations you are ready to begin washing. Take your bird in the left hand and hold it lightly, but firmly. Then dip the bird in the suds for a few seconds—all except the head. At the same time have the brush ready and get a good lather of soap in same and start washing the lower part of bird, the wings, and tail. Always work the brush the same way as the feathers lie, and occasionally dip the parts washed in the suds. Do this until all the dirt seems to have been got out. Then wash head and shoulders, and mind all dirt is got out from around the beak. As regards the eyes, you had better forget that the bird has any, as you cannot avoid the suds going in same. But be very careful that the brush does not touch the eyes.

Now turn the bird over and again wash the wings and tail. Open the wings as much as possible, and finish off with the throat and abdomen.

Then give the bird a good rinsing in the second basin and get all the soap out you possibly can, and then finish off with a final rinse in the third basin. But it is very essential that you should get all the soap out of the bird or the result will be very disappointing.

Then get all the wet out of the bird you can; take a cloth, which should be nice and warm by now, and wrap the bird in same and dab it gently in the hands until the worst of the wet is soaked up. Be very careful that the wet is well absorbed from the abdomen, vent, and under the wings. Use another couple of warm cloths as quickly as you can to get bird as dry as possible before putting it in the drying cage. Make sure you always use the cloths the same way as the feathers lie. The bird may appear dead by now, but very few do actually die.

In the Drying Cage.

Now place the bird in the drying cage on its back and with its tail towards the fire, where it will lie until the abdomen is pretty dry, when it will turn over suddenly and start shaking itself and hop about. In a very short time it will be up on the perch and will commence pruning itself. Care must be taken to see that the cage does not get too hot, and as it is drying you can remove the cage further back from the fire and cover it up with a light cloth for the night and leave in the room till morning, when you can give the bird a bath. But if it will not take a bath give it a slight spray with clean water. This will induce it to start pruning and the feathers will fall naturally into their places, and they should then have a nice bloom on them after finishing down.

One thing I would like to impress upon you, and that is to have confidence in yourself when washing the birds. It is useless to be timid; if you are, you will not make a success of same. With these few remarks I must draw to a close, hoping that this short address has interested you, as I have done my best to explain to you as simply as possible my way of washing. I thank you for your very kind attention and wish you all a very successful breeding season.

Wild Bird Life.

Birds in the Garden.

With the lengthening days comes increased activity in wild bird life. Somehow there appear to be more birds about. Many of the flocks have broken up, and others have been considerably reduced in numbers; consequently the bird population is now spread over a greater area, and is more frequently under notice. Bird music increases daily, both in volume and continuity. The Missel and Song Thrushes are incessant performers; the Lark's soarings are now continued to much greater height; and the sweet pipings of the Linnets, the warblings of the Greenbird, and the sprightly notes of the Chaffinch enliven every country lane, and the rich, mellow notes of the Blackbird have recently been added to the chorus. There are signs on every hand of early nesting, and should the mild weather continue we shall surely find in some sheltered thicket the neat mossy nest of the unobtrusive Hedge Sparrow, whose eggs for richness of colouring can compare favourably with those of any of our wild birds. The Hedge Sparrow is undoubtedly one of our most useful birds, and one that should be encouraged to sojourn in every garden; insects and wild seeds make up its daily fare, and of the former it must account for a goodly number. As a useful garden species it should certainly be given premier position. Unlike many other species, it does not appear to have any great affection for a fruit diet.

Most birds are undoubtedly very useful during the winter months, when fruit buds and garden produce are practically dormant; but as spring advances the buds begin to swell, and then the handsome Bullfinch and active Tits need careful watching. The old, vexed question as to the damage done by these birds crops up annually, and each season the birds find fresh champions to plead for them. My own opinion is that they are both useful and harmful, and that to seek for the insect the bird must in many cases destroy the bud. In this way the Tits would, perhaps, be more useful members than the Bullies, for the latter are exceedingly fond of a vegetable diet, and cannot resist the rich flavour of the currant bud. Of the larger birds the Song Thrush is to be greatly preferred in the garden to the Blackbird. The former does very little damage, and cares nothing for fruit, even in hard, winter weather. He fails to appreciate the sustaining powers of wild berries until he is absolutely obliged to do so. But with the Blackbird it is different; he rids the lawn of worms and larvæ, but takes a heavy toll of strawberries, currants and cherries. But he does his best to repay us with the most mellow birds music imaginable.

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Club Reports.

FALKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall, President Robert Dickson presiding. Classes were fixed for next year's annual show; they are as follows: 12 for Norwich, 9 for Borders, 8 for Crests and Crest-breds, 1 for A.O.V. Canary, 2 for Mule or Hybrid, 13 for British birds, and 1 for Foreign birds. The judges are as follows: For Norwich, Mr. G. Scotte (Faulhouse); for Borders, Mr. W. Hamilton (Fiddlewood); for British and Foreign, Mr. R. V. Keane (Cathcart); show to be held on October 29th. Intending members are requested to send on subscriptions as early as possible, as they are now due. The annual fees are 2s. 6d., and 6d. entry per bird money, and the society is open to a 20-mile radius. The members will welcome any fanciers who care to become members. Nest feather show to be held July 9th.—R. HAMILTON, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S

A very instructive and interesting lecture on the British Bullfinch was given before the members on March 1st by Mr. R. Barron. Touching on the habits of this favourite bird in its wild state, the lecturer gave some very valuable, and, to many of his listeners, new information regarding the keeping of the "Bullie" in captivity. While strongly advising the use of as much of the "natural food" as possible, he was still able to give many good tips regarding the uses of the different seeds which are beneficial. He concluded his lecture with some practical hints on moulting. A very hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Barron. Several new members were enrolled, and an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by making a grant to the Defence Fund.—J. R. COLVILLE, Assist. Sec. and Treasurer.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Meeting held at the club-room on March 2nd, Mr. E. Padgett presided. Mr. Chittenden was asked to attend and illustrate to our members full details of his new system, which is on the Yorkshire Union's ballot papers re all affiliated society's open show schedules, being printed and published in the Union handbook. Mr. Chittenden gave us a very satisfactory report upon the subject, and in every way you turn it, it means money gained to both the society holding a show and to the Union. Mr. Hills moved that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Chittenden; Mr. Marshall seconded. Mr. Chittenden said he was pleased he had convinced them that this scheme was a great benefit to all. We also decided to lower the subscription to the society from 6s. to 4s. per annum, so we ask fanciers to join us and make it worth our while to make the reduction.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at Palmer's Hall on March 2nd. It proved the best attended meeting we have had for a long time. It is very gratifying to find the members appreciate the meetings so much. Our first business was to elect two new members, and then arrange about our annual show. It was agreed that as trade was very bad it was not advisable to run a radius show, but to have a members' show as last year (only with a few open classes and Foreign bird classes added), probably on the last Wednesday in November; also to arrange a First Feather Show in July, as we have not had one for a long time. Mr. Yates has kindly promised us a medal for best novice Norwich. Mr. Maisey gave us his promised lecture on British Birds and Hybrids, and as it was packed full of practical information and tips it excited a great amount of interest. Mr. Maisey being a successful Hybrid breeder, told us about his successes and failures. It is certain that the first prize Hybrid at the Crystal Palace next year will be a Reading bird (perhaps). A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Maisey for his kindness, and we can assure him his tips will be acted upon, and are highly appreciated. The secretary intimated that at the next meeting, on April 6th, a washing display will be given, and members are requested to turn up again in good numbers, and to bring all their birds that want a spring cleaning.—W. H. PYKE, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual dinner, held at the Sydney Arms Hotel, on March 2nd, when a large number of members and friends supported the chairman (Mr. G. Grant). Letters were received from the president (Mr. W. Theobald), Messrs. T. J. King, J. H. Boulter and H. Hope. Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) in submitting the toast of the evening, said, as an outsider he could speak highly of the organisation and management of the society, and congratulated them on the splendid show held last November. Incidentally he mentioned the late entry nuisance, which he knew was a great bother to all secretaries. He had great pleasure in asking the company to drink to the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society, with which he coupled the names of Mr. Grant and Mr. Treasure. Mr. Treasure, in responding, thanked Mr. Payne for all he said and did for the society, and said it was run in a true fanciers' spirit, without any of the bickering and unpleasantness, which unfortunately occurred in some societies. Mr. Biles proposed the toast of kindred societies, and visitors. Mr. Houghton (Sec. Gloucester C.B.S.), and Mr Payne replied. An excellent programme was arranged by Mr. D. Lewis, the following gentlemen taking part: Messrs. Sherwood, Rogers, Yiard, Smith, and D. Lewis. Mr. Tibbles presided at the piano. During the evening Messrs. Birken and Lewis gave an interesting exhibition of weight lifting.—A. S. TREASURE, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual general meeting, held on March 5th, at the Griffin Hotel, when the president, Mr. Ross, presided. There was a large attendance of members. Messrs. Lord and Dunn were appointed scrutineers of ballot papers for election of officers. Results: President, Mr. A. Ross again re-elected unanimously. Mr. Ross, without doubt, has the support of every member. Vice-presidents, Messrs. H. W. Walsh, P. Lee, and H. Lord, Mr. J. F. Thackray, secretary, and Mr. H. Whitaker, assistant secretary, were re-elected; auditors, Messrs. Lord and Sunderland. Delegates to Yorks. Union, Messrs. H. W. Walsh, H. Whitaker, and F. Townsend re-elected. Sub-committee, Messrs. Haigh, Lord, Clegg, Townsend, Lee, Ball, and Saville. The balance sheet for the past year was eagerly awaited by the members present, and when read, was met by a round of applause, and many smiling faces. It showed a balance in hand of £32 9s. 5d. The president, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, congratulated the secretaries on their excellent work, having increased the balance, in addition to providing numerous specials for competition at the members' shows. Mr. Lord (one of the auditors) seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Messrs. Thackray and Whitaker responded and this brought one of the most enthusiastic general meetings to a close. We think we have good reasons for claiming to be one of the most progressive societies in the Yorkshire Union, seeing we made the largest classification in all the Y.U. shows, which was responded to by receiving the largest entry on record. Nine new members have been made at the last two meetings, and we shall be pleased to welcome any others desirous of joining.—H. WHITAKER, Assistant Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND BIRD CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting, held on 5th March, in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, the president, Mr. Peter Thom, in the chair. Mr. Webb, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Wilson, were enrolled as new members. The judges for the annual show will be nominated at next meeting, and there will also be a discussion on egg-feeding, if time permits. The "nat night" then proceeded, and all manner of questions were asked and discussed on breeding, rearing, and feeding on green stuff, etc., and both old and new fanciers got a few wrinkles. New members are still being enrolled.—GEO. SMART, sec.

LOANHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Masons' Arms on Mar. 12th, Mr. A. Jardine, president, in the chair. The following new members were admitted:—Messrs. W. R. Dunn, A. and W. Thomson, J. Stirling, J. Ewing, A. Rowe, and D. Dalgliesh. The chairman then asked for nomination of judges. It was left in secretary's hands to write. A discussion took place on the holding of a First Feather Show, and it was decided that we hold same in Hall in Masons' Arms, and have a judging competition among members. At this stage the members thought it would be better if this came up at the June meeting for final arrangements, after which the secretary proceeded with the booking of lieus, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.—WALTER B. SMART, sec.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

At our meeting held March 8th, Mr. R. Schofield (Heywood) a very successful exhibitor of the Yorkshire and Norwich, accompanied by Councillor McMurdo (Heywood), an ardent British bird fancier, gave a very interesting paper on the Norwich Plainhead, chiefly on the mating up. He believes in plenty of variegation. He brought two pairs of birds with him—variegated yellow cock to a clear buff hen, and a clear buff cock to a yellow variegated hen. He gave us to understand this would be the pairing for the coming breeding season. After the paper a discussion took place for about an hour, which was very interesting, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Afterwards the business of the society was gone through. It was decided to hold our F. F. Show on the first Saturday in July, that is the 2nd day, and Rev. R. P. Hudson, M.A., is to be asked to judge; also our autumn show will be held Nov. 26th, 1910.—H. JAMESON, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

At annual general meeting held a little while back the following business was transacted:—The President submitted the secretary's financial statement which was adopted, the auditors reporting as to its thorough correctness. The office-bearers elected for next year as:—Mr. C. R. Drysdale, hon. president; Mr. W. Thornton, hon. vice-president; J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Ediaburgh, hon. secretary and treasurer; acting committee, Messrs. J. McLennan, J. Dalgleish, A. Paterson, W. Allan, J. B. Kerr, A. Stavert; auditors, Messrs. Petrie, Whitefield, and Sinclair. It was agreed to hold another show in September, 1910, and that, as previously, each member be allowed ten entries for an annual subscription of 3s. The classification was decided upon as follows:—Scotch Fancy 8 classes, Belgian Fancy 2 classes. That all money left after meeting working expenses be divided equally per class in the proportion of four, three, two, and one, for first, second, third, and fourth. Our new membership tickets will be in the hands of fanciers before this report appears, and we hope they will extend to us their patronage and support in the same splendid way as before. Should any be overlooked on their making application for a copy, it will be sent on immediately.—J. R. MEIKLE, sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS. O.S.

We had a very pleasant meeting on March 2nd, attended by 24 members and friends. Formal business being over, a table show of British Hardbills was held. The entries totalled 14, and some very nice specimens were staged. Mr. T. Barker judged and his awards met with general satisfaction. The competition was keen, and the birds took a lot of separating. The first prize was awarded to Mr. W. H. Raven for a magnificent Hawfinch, and also won the special given by Mr. G. C. Ley of 5s. (one year's subscription to the society), and he was accordingly elected. The second prize went to Mr. A. Athey for a very nice Goldfinch, and the third prize to Mr. G. Alton for a beautiful Bramblefinch. All the other exhibits were fit to win almost anywhere, and the owners were congratulated on the excellence of the show. Mr. Athey and Mr. Moore joined, thus making three new members. Mr. Rhodes, the chairman, invited criticism on the judging, and a very interesting and profitable discussion ensued. The society is to be congratulated on the excellence of the show. It was arranged to hold an exhibition of Bird-Washing, by Messrs. Barker and Bertie at the next meeting, on April 6th, to be followed by a washing competition for novices who have not been exhibitors for more than three years. Five entries were made at the meeting, and the secretary will be pleased to receive further entries from novices residing within a radius of 20 miles of Nottingham. All fanciers and other friends interested are cordially invited to be present at the Mechanics' Hall, Burton Street, on this occasion.—G. E. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

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SWANSEA AND DIS. C.B.S.

At monthly meeting held on March 8th, a letter of resignation was read from the secretary (Mr. Alf Hitchings). Several members spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which he had carried out his duties since he began to hold office, and were all glad to know that he would still remain a member of the society. It was proposed by Mr. J. Hocking, and seconded by Mr. R. Mugford, "that we accept our secretary's resignation with the greatest regret." It was then proposed by Mr. Ford, and seconded by Mr. D. A. S. Longden, that Mr. S. H. George and Mr. Fred Heal, of 32, Fisher Street, Swansea, act as joint secretaries; which was carried unanimously.

AYR AND DIS. C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held in Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, on March 7th, Mr. John Forbes (president) in the chair. There was a good attendance. The balance sheet was adopted, and showed a balance of £2 1s. 5½d. The officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Mr. Forbes; vice-president, Mr. J. Hyslop; secretary and treasurer, Chas. Irvine; auditors, Messrs. G. Hunter and J. Stitt; committee, Messrs. Cameron, Girvan, J. Brown, McKay, Bell, Campbell, McComb G. Hunter, J. and T. French, Lyall, Aitken, Lindsay, N. Brown, and R. Hunter. A few of the rules were altered. Four new members were enrolled. Next meeting fixed for April 4th, same hall. Fanciers desirous of joining will be welcome; full particulars may be had from me at 114, Prestwick Road, Ayr.—C. IRVINE, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

General meeting held at City Hotel on March 2nd, Mr. T. Keegan presiding. The balance-sheet, as audited, was presented and adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Lieut.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. T. Gale, W. Carter, B. Bowring, W. H. Stinchcombe, F. Stone, R. H. Crocker, H. Carter, J. H. Payne, Chamberlain, Pole, and Brent; hon. solicitor, Mr. W. F. Cooke; chairman, Mr. W. H. Manley; vice-chairman, Mr. O. Coggins; committee, Messrs. F. Burgess, F. Buckland, C. Tilley, G. Morgan, T. Keegan, C. P. Tilling, T. Taylor and E. Stonelake; auditors, Messrs. W. Clee and T. J. McIlwrath; treasurer, Mr. J. Tristram; joint secretaries, Miss L. G. Byerley and Mr. A. Carter. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. H. Manley for his services as secretary. It was decided that a lecture be given at the next monthly meeting.—Miss L. G. BYERLEY and A. CARTER, Secs.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.S.

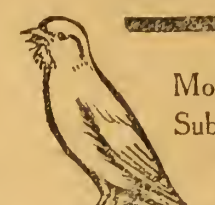
Monthly meeting held at Station Hotel on March 10th, there being a good muster of members. Mr. Richardson in the chair. Business included the election of judges for our annual young bird show. Messrs. A. Hay (Berwick) and J. Maddison were elected judges for our annual show, and Mr. T. Robson (Newcastle) for young bird show. Two new members, Mr. Curran and Mr. F. Spall, were elected. It was decided to go on with the schedule of annual and young bird shows at our next meeting. A great deal of discussion took place in regard to the Cage Bird Union, owing to the action of one of our neighbouring clubs by which we are likely to lose a number of members. It was decided to leave the matter over for further discussion. It was also decided that the secretary call the attention of members to the fact that the levy of 2s. 6d. per member is now due, and should be promptly paid to enable the society to clear off all its liabilities before starting another year. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting closed.

FELINFOEL C.B.S.

A very enjoyable and an interesting evening was spent at headquarters, Greyhound Hotel, on March 5th, where we had arranged to have a "knife and fork," and a lecture on handwashing birds, by Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea). We were greatly disappointed by the absence of our president, Mr. H. G. F. Royle. The event was presided over by Mr. W. Bowen (chairman). After the "knife and fork" a hearty vote of thanks to Miss S. J. Roberts, was proposed for the way in which the table was laid out, and for the good things provided. The rest of the evening was spent in a capital manner; we had the pleasure of listening to an excellent lecture delivered by Mr. Longden, which was the first since the commencement of the society, and I think it won't be the last. The lecture was the principal item on our programme. After the lecture, which was fully appreciated by all the members present (numbering 24) a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Longden for his kindness in coming from Swansea to lecture to us. Many questions were asked by the members, with which the lecturer was delighted, and which he fully answered to every one's satisfaction. The remainder of the evening was spent by members singing solos, etc. We concluded at a very reasonable hour, and the event proved very enjoyable.—T. J. DAVIES, hon. sec.

HYSON GREEN (Nottingham) C.B.S

Washing competition held on March 1st, at headquarters, the Cricket Players Hotel, Lindsey Street. The room was well packed with enthusiastic bird fanciers and friends. A silver medal with gold centre was kindly given by a friend, which made the competition keen, and quite a large number tried their hand, some of them for the first time (so they said). With very few exceptions the work was done well. But one thing was very noticeable; that was the long time it took the birds to dry. Although a good big fire was provided, and the drying cage was placed close enough, the birds took a great deal longer to dry than they ought. This, no doubt, was due to the hurrying of the competitors. This is a big mistake indeed. In washing birds for show I take great pains in drying the birds well in the drying cloths before putting them into the drying cage. This to my way of thinking is half the battle. A bird that has had the water well taken out of its feathers before being put into the drying cage will in most cases get on to the perch and commence to plume its feathers right away. Consequently that bird is dried much quicker, and its feathers are much straighter than those of a bird that is put into the drying cage half soaked with water. The latter will in most cases lie at the bottom of the cage, or get into a corner and there lie shivering and shaking like a half drowned rat. I have seen birds that have been well dried in the cloth start to sing as soon as they have got on to the perch in drying cage—quite a contrast to his mate who lies in the corner with eye closed and trembling like a leaf on the tree in a gale. Novices at washing birds will do well to take note of this and try it on themselves. The following were the competitors:—Messrs. Walker, Cannt, Barnes, Wolley, Pratt, Sharp, Clifford, Wolfe, Saywell, and others. Mr. Wolfe won the medal, he being the quickest washer; his bird also came out the best. His time was 1min. 48secs. Mr. Clifford was second, 3min. 20secs; Mr. Wolley third, 2mins., 45secs. After the competition Mr. J. Birch kindly gave an exhibition of how to handle and wash a bird. Messrs. J. Bertie and J. Birch judged, and all present seemed well pleased with their decision, and the night's entertainment.—J. BERTIE.



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NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

The washing competition held on March 12th drew a large gathering of fanciers from the surrounding district, and proved instructive. Eight birds went through the tubbing process, the copper kettle being secured by that well-known fancier, Mr. T. Barker, the second prize falling to Mr. J. Birch, one of our foremost Norwich breeders. The society's thanks are due to Messrs. Ball and Clarke for kindly lending us birds for the occasion. It was decided that our next table show (British classes only), fixed for Easter Saturday, be postponed for a fortnight later, owing to the holidays, and we hope to see another big muster of fanciers then.—J. WALMSLEY, sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At the meeting on March 10th, at the Enamel Hall, Harrow Road, after the ordinary business, which included the election of two new members and inspection of the specials provided for the three point competitions, Mr. J. Robson gave his promised lecture on "Judicious Pairing." A good muster of members and visitors were present, the seating accommodation having to be increased. The lecturer said he was pleased to see so many present, and at once commenced one of the most interesting and instructive evenings this society has had. He took all present through the different types, and the standard required, and explained how some of the faults crept in, and the proper course to take to try and breed them out. The evening came to a close only too soon, and a number of questions put to the lecturer brought out some very useful hints, and should prove valuable during this season. A very hearty vote of thanks, to which the lecturer suitably replied, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. C. BIRCH, hon. sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S.

General meeting held at Deansgate Temperance Hotel, March 7th, there being a large attendance of members and friends. After business, which included the election and nomination of three new members, Mr. Cowgill, of Bradford, gave us a splendid lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, having brought several pairs for illustration. Having described what a Yorkshire should be, he dealt first with the best birds for a novice, then with the introduction of Belgian blood instead of double yellowing, and then with the different stamps of birds for pairing successfully. The money value of exhibition Yorkshires, the training for show, moulting, tailing, and flighting, illustrating same, were dealt with in order. He did not advise flighting. Amongst the many questions asked were:—In introducing new stock, which did he prefer, a cock or hen?—A cock, as it could be run with several hens, but in some cases it would be necessary to introduce a hen. Why should he introduce Belgian blood instead of double yellowing?—In double yellowing you get long, thin feather and slimmer birds, but with the Belgian you get more figure, maintain quality of feather, and get more style. By adding Belgian blood do you get more frill?—The tendency was to get frill by introducing Belgian blood. Would you discard a big rough cock bird?—No, not if I knew it was bred all-right. Did pedigree show itself?—Yes; more winners were bred from stock birds than from show birds. Do you think a cock and hen well matched (no matter about pedigree)?—Pedigree was the surest method to work on. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cowgill for his splendid lecture and the way in which he answered the questions.—H. BOOTHMAN, hon. sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead).
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 70, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.B
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Gulsborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.D., J.Fm.
Oct. 8.—**Salkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhavsn.**—(W Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkoaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 &24.—**Sligo.**—(E. J. Tighe, High Street).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morrisfon.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.
*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

We have received a copy of the 1910 syllabus of the Leeds C.B.S. from Mr. J. Chambers, the secretary, who states that he will be pleased to forward a copy to anyone who cares to write him at 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds. Besides the list of fixtures (which includes many lectures, exhibitions, etc.), there is a list of competitions, specials, and a list of members' names and addresses, with the varieties of birds bred or kept by each.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for March contains articles by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A. (on the Nesting of the Blackcap), Mr. W. H. St. Quintin (on European Rock Thrushes), Mr. T. H. Newman (on the Nesting of the White-throated Pigeon), and others. There are also a description of the British and Foreign bird sections of the recent Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, the contributors being Messrs. F. Finn, D. Seth-Smith, and Allen Silver, and some interesting notes of his visit to Australia, by Mr. Seth-Smith. There are several capital illustrations.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

March 21.—Aberdare. T. J. Davies, George Hotel.

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

The tenth list of subscriptions received by Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday evening last is as follows:—Falkirk C.B.S., 7s.; Queen's Park C.B.A., 6s. 9d.; Partick C.B.C., 1s. 6d.; Lowestoft F.S., 6s.; Bournemouth C.B.A., 6s.; South Manchester C.B.S., 3s. These amounts total £1 10s. 3d. Owing to a misapprehension as to names, the amount credited to the Harrogate Linnet F.A. (viz., 3s. 6d.) was acknowledged twice—once as coming from the association and once as coming from Mr. Hall, the secretary; so that the total funds are less by that amount. The aggregate funds, together with those acknowledged this week, therefore total £60 19s. 7d.

This is a fund being established to enable an appeal to be made to the High Court of Justice, against a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron (the magistrate sitting at the Old Street, London, Police Court), at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., that no person may be in possession of a recently-taken British bird if that said bird is included in the list of protected species for the district in which the said person resides. Whether the bird was legally taken in a district wherein it is *not* protected they contend does not affect the case. The society recently brought a test case (Preston and Flowers), and the extreme seriousness of the aforesaid decision will be at once apparent. It means that in protected districts (and they comprise practically all the thickly-populated areas and towns in the British Isles) everyone who keeps a newly-taken British bird, and every dealer who exposes one for sale, can be prosecuted and fined.

We, however, have it on high legal authority that if this decision of Mr. Biron be taken to the High Courts there is every likelihood of it being set aside, and in response to a request, have opened a fund to enable this course to be adopted, and the legal aspect of the question to be adequately thrashed out, as the defendants in this test case have not the means to carry the matter further, the estimated cost being from £50 to £60.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. have issued a capital little manual for 1910, in which are to be found a list of the officers of the association, a list of the fixtures for 1910 (which includes a grand number of lectures, shows, etc.), the rules and regulations, and the names and addresses of the members. The secretaries, Messrs. Forse and Sons, 31, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E., will be glad to hear from fanciers desirous of joining the association.

Black Mule on your front page of a recent Black Mule on your front page of last week's CAGE BIRDS. It was a perfect picture of it. I think every credit is due to your artist, and I find that I cannot answer the many admirers only by taking the liberty of doing so through your valuable paper. Kindly thank them for the many tempting offers I received by post and wire for the bird. It was claimed the first day of the show at catalogue price. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—MRS. H. J. MOORE (Leicester).

I have been in hospital since Christmas, writes Mr. A. H. Chambers, Warwick, and the greatest treat I get is on a Friday, when dear old CAGE BIRDS arrives. Although in awful pain, I can force a smile when the nurse brings it me. Am pleased to say it passes many an hour away, and gives me something to look forward to. I have now taken in CAGE BIRDS for over 4 years, and it goes without saying what a lot I have learned from it during that time. I wish it every success. [We are grieved to hear of Mr. Chambers' misfortune, and sincerely wish him a speedy and complete recovery.—EDITOR.]

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Advertising that Pays.

We have done extra well with our advertisement in "Cage Birds."—R. SUTCLIFFE AND SON (Shipley).

My advertisements in "Cage Birds" recently were responsible for clearing out about 80 birds.—T. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

I have had twenty-two replies to date to my last advertisement in "Cage Birds," and replies are coming in by every post.—PERCY WATSON (Codnor).

Kindly thank those who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds." They are too numerous for me to answer individually.—S. ENTWISTLE (Rochdale).

I find "Cage Birds" the best Fancy journal to advertise in. I soon sold the two Blackbird cages I advertised in it a short time ago.—E. FOLKARD (York).

I am extremely pleased with the results received from my last advertisement in "Cage Birds." I received five good replies from each.—H. BARNARD (Bude).

I had eleven offers by Saturday morning from my little advertisement in "Cage Birds"—only one day after it had been issued!—ALEX. GREENHORN (Midcalder).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds" of recent date; they were too many for me to answer individually.—F. H. COOK (Pembridge).

I had a good many offers in reply to my last advertisement in "Cage Birds," and effected a very satisfactory sale to a man at Redditch.—P. S. MATHERS (Heptonstall).

Up to now I have had 22 offers through my advertisement in "Cage Birds," which speaks well for your valuable paper. Long may C.B. flourish.—ARCHIE MCWATT (Bonnybridge).

I am delighted with the result of my advertisements in your most valuable paper, "Cage Birds," which I consider no fancier can speak too highly of.—EDWARD FAULKNER (Rochdale).

I have done splendidly with regard to the sales of my stock through advertising in "Cage Birds." I would never have believed that such success was possible.—J. W. WHARTON (Liversedge).

I should like to thank through "Cage Birds," which is the very best journal of its kind, the many enquirers for my Goldfinches, which were too many for me to answer.—F. ARCHER (Redditch).

Kindly thank, through your paper, all who have written to me respecting my advertisement in "Cage Birds," recently, as the replies were too numerous for me to answer by letter.—G. H. GOULD (Coventry).

I have had excellent results from advertising in "Cage Birds," having sent birds all over the United Kingdom. I have only two left out of twenty, as advertised. Your paper is a champion.—J. J. MCILWAIN (Glasgow).

My advertisement in the Exchange Columns of "Cage Birds," January 15th, brought to me dozens of offers; which says a lot for your paper. There were too many for me to thank all personally.—J. WILLIAMS (Aberdare).

I advertised a monkey recently in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds." Am pleased to inform you that I have had thirteen offers, one of which I have accepted. I have been a reader of "C.B." for years.—J. R. LEAF (Leeds).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in the Birthday Number. I could have disposed of three dozen instead of three only, which shows the value of "Cage Birds" as an advertising medium.—D. TURNBULL (Winchburgh).

Since advertising in "Cage Birds" I have exported wire fronts to the U.S.A., and pierced bars to the National Wire Works, Montreal, Canada. I now have an enquiry from South Africa. Success to "C.B."—W. PINM (Birmingham).

Through my last advertisement in "Cage Birds" (to exchange eight cock Goldies, and nine pairs of Bullies for cycle), I have had no less than 18 offers from all over England, and one came from Lanarkshire, writes a reader of "Cage Birds."

Through one advertisement in "Cage Birds," I sold £10 worth of British birds and Mules. I could have sold more if I had had the stuff. The bulk of the sales were to English fanciers, and not one bird was returned.—E. CARROLL DAWSON (Bandon).

I have had to withhold by advertisement in "Cage Birds" this last month, owing to my having had a great rush of orders through advertising only in your valuable paper, which I consider the best advertising medium in Great Britain.—J. MARTIN (Castle Douglas).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds" recently, as the numerous answers I had from all parts of the country, were far too many for me to answer all; which proves what a very good paper "Cage Birds" is to advertise in.—WALTER SALMON (London, N.W.).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," as I could not answer all—only those who sent stamps for reply. I made an exchange with satisfaction, which speaks well for "Cage Birds." Offers came from all parts of the country.—J. CARRETT (Mitcham).

Kindly thank all who so readily replied to my advertisements in "Cage Birds" re Amazon Parrots; they were too many for me to answer personally, which speaks volumes for the paper's circulation. I find there is no paper like "Cage Birds," and I also find it a useful helper in the study of our hobby.—G. JOHNSTON (Carlisle).

I have found (and am finding more than I ever anticipated) that through the medium of your excellent paper, and by fair dealings with customers obtained therefrom, it is possible to build up around one's-self a really remunerative business. I wish "Cage Birds" the success it fully deserves.—H. ORFORD (Manchester).

I am glad to inform you that my last advertisement in "Cage Birds" brought me customers on the Friday night to buy birds. Almost before the ink was dry on the paper they came. And purchasers have continued to drop in since. So I have pleasure in again asking you to repeat the dose.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

In reply to the advertisement I had in "Cage Birds" (pair of Crests for a pair of Border Fancies), I received 76 letters, and post cards. The birds went to a gentleman in Carlisle. When he saw the birds, he sent three instead of one pair, he was so highly pleased with them. "Cage Birds" is a good paper for advertisements; it must have a good circulation. I wish it all success in the future.—JAMES MCMILLAN (Port Glasgow).

Kindly thank all applicants in reply to my advertisement in last week's issue of "Cage Birds," they are too many for me to reply to. By Saturday morning's post I had quite a lot of replies, and from all parts of the country. It shows how people are always on the look out in your exchange columns, and I heartily recommend anyone who has birds to dispose of, to give "Cage Birds" a trial, and they won't regret it.—JAS. TOMKINS (Warrington).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Mar. 29. First table show of Brit. birds, also pairs, Canaries and Pair Mule or Hyb. for breeding.—W. A. Broadley.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Mar. 24, Tullie House, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Hope; all interested in bird-study welcomed.—J. C. Bell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Red Lion Hotel. Annual tea and social, tea on table at 5.30; fanciers invited.—F. Western.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. Booking of hens, new members enrolled.—G. Harper.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather Show, etc.—F. C. Sims.

Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 23, Gardners and Richards' Dining Rooms, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Open show business, entries close second meeting night in April 20th, G. Large.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Headquarters, 8.30. Table show, any variety Can. hens, two classes, one of 4/-, and one at 7/6.—W. H. Bray.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Derwent Hotel, 7. Consideration of new rules, as suggested by sub-committee.—W. Stevens.

Denton C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Denton Brotherhood Institute, 7.30. Table show of Brit. and Mules; judge, Mr. J. Harrison; also lecture on same by the judge; birds to be staged not later than 7.15.—W. Hopwood.

East Ham F.S.—Mar. 21, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 7.30. General monthly show; Mr. C. A. House, judge; entries 2d. each.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Fountain Inn, 8. Special meeting; important, concerning open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Mar. 19, St. John's School, 7.30. Lecture on Breeding and Rearing the Yorks., by Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley); fanciers and friends invited.—L. Booth.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting.—R. Bings, jun.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Howard Arms Hotel, 8. Fix date of first show, etc.—H. S. Waters. (Your post card reached us unstamped.—Editor.)

Green C.A.—Mar. 24, Oldham Hall, Renshaw St., Liverpool, 8. Bal.-sheet, election of officers, patronage, etc.—S. Hadwin.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Mr. Cottier's, Town Gate, 7.45. To select judge for young bird show, etc.—J. Fielding.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Mar. 26, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Delegate's report of special meeting of the Yorks. Union.—H. Clubb.

Highgate, Hampstead and Dis.—Mar. 31, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Committee meeting at 8; nomination of new members, report of pair show; discussion on "Mule Breeding," Mr. G. E. Weston; visitors invited.—C. W. Law.

Heywood O.S.—Mar. 22, Rochdale Hall, Pine St., 7.30. Cups will be on view to decide which shall be for F.F. and back-end show, Spratt's samples to be given out, washing competition for members.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Mar. 24, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Revision of rules, etc.—W. Parratt.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 26, Miners' Hall, 7. Distribution of Spratt's samples, etc.—J. Pollock. (Your card arrived without a stamp.—Editor.)

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Saracen's Head Hotel Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V. Brit. and A.V. Brit. hens; judge Mr. W. Judd, jun.; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

London and Counties O.S.—Mar. 21, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. Allen Silver, on British birds; fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham).—E. H. Jones.

Motherwell N. & B.F.C.—Mar. 26, Y.M. Institute, 8. Annual general meeting.—J. Maw.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 26, 83, High Street, 7. Last meeting for new members; "Spratt's Patent" samples.—W. Nisbet.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 22, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. Coulson (Ardwick) on Norwich; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business and names for social to be held Mar. 26.—F. Steeple.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8.—R. Heggie.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 24, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling, "Faults to Avoid"; visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Sale Open O.S.—Mar. 21, Technical School, 8. Extraordinary general; bal.-sheet, etc.—J. Irlam.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Headquarters, 8. Bal.-sheet and fixing date for F.F. show.—F. Washbourne.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Mar. 26, Old Ship, 7.—W. Melvin.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 26, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 7. Election of judges, classes, etc.—A. W. Watson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Wibsey Slackside School, 4.30. Annual tea and concert and prize distribution, tickets, meat tea and concert 9d. each, children 6d.; concert only 6d., children 3d.; all welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Mar. 21, Elephant and Castle, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

West Auckland C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Talbot Hotel, 7. Adjourned finance.—J. Gill.

Wombwell C.B.S.—Mar. 19, 18, Hough Lane, 7.30.—J. Hudson.

Wandsworth F.A.—Mar. 24, Red Lion, 8. Annual general meeting for presentation of bal.-sheet, and election of officials.—W. Lightfoot.

I was very pleased to see the sketch of my Levaillant's Barbet so splendidly depicted by Mr. Goodchild, in your Crystal Palace Show Number. I sincerely hope CAGE BIRDS will always retain its great reputation and popularity.—S. T. BEATY (Alderley Edge).

It was a pleasant surprise to me when I got my CAGE BIRDS recently, to see the picture of my yellow Scotch Fancy, 2nd at the Crystal Palace, on the front page. I am extremely obliged to you for it. I must give credit to your artist, Mr. Norman, for such a good sketch. I must say I am the only fancier in Barrow to keep this variety, but this year I am proud to say two more young fanciers have made a start with the bird of position, and my best wishes go with them for a prosperous season. I mean to give them all the encouragement I can.—ROBT. WILLISON (Barrow-in-Furness).

Questions and Answers.

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(5)—*The department to which the querics refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Eats and Pants.

W. Twyford.—Am afraid you will do no good with this hen. I suspect she has been completely ruined by exposure to draughts and chills. Keep her in a box cage, in a comfortable position, quite free from draughts, damp, or extremes of heat and cold, and not above or near burning lights in the evenings, nor yet against the ceiling. See that the cage is perfectly free from red mite, and regularly supplied with clean gritty sand. Do not give cold baths until better. Limit the diet to the staple mixture you are now giving, and half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give this latter every second day for a fortnight, and sprinkle it each time with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a spray of green food or two leaves of daadelion. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whisky, five each of paregoric and ipecacuanna wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, continuing the latter on alternate days for a fortnight.

Cold and Cages.

Novice.—Keep the bird in a comfortable position, quite free from cold draughts and unwholesome heated air. In addition to the usual seed diet, as frequently detailed here, give half a teaspoonful, not more, of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb daily for three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and if necessary every second day for another week after. If the sneezing disappears, and the bird is bright and healthy in other respects, there is no reason why you should not breed with him. As regards the travelling cages, I am not quite clear whether you mean cages for sending birds on a short journey, or cases for show cages. If the former, you cannot easily improve upon the ordinary travelling cage now in use by most dealers for all ordinary journeys, and for several birds the same type of cage of proportionately larger dimensions will do just as well. It would, however, be better to send not more than two birds in one cage, and to increase the number of cages, tying them together front to front for packing. If this is not what you require, write again, and give fuller particulars.

Two More.

P. J. K. (Dublin).—(1) You should have said how and where you have been keeping the bird since you purchased it. I suspect he has either been exposed to a chill or is now in a colder room than he has been accustomed to. See he is quite protected from draught and extremes of heat and cold, and do not allow his cage to hang above or near any lights. Keep him in a box cage, and in just a comfortable temperature. Give a mixture of 3 parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and every second day for a week a piece of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a small pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga and teazle, and two leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water give first a pinch of Epsom salts and 10 drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. (2) It is not essential to have a three-compartment cage to run one cock with two hens, though it is a convenience sometimes. In this case you would place the cock in the centre and a hen on each side, and allow him to run with each hen alternately until each had gone to nest, and then confine him in the middle space again until ready to repeat the process. Or you might keep the hens in separate single breeders, and run the cock with one until she had gone to nest; then with the other, ditto, and then cage him by himself until number one was again ready for him. If a young, vigorous cock, there is very little fear of the fertility being reduced by this process.

A Cock and a Hen.

H. B.—I consider it most likely there is some internal derangement or displacement affecting the former, and I do not think you will be able to make any material improvement in his condition. Indeed, I doubt whether he will survive until this can appear, but if he does it would really be the kindest thing to mercifully end his suffering. Still, if you wish to try to cure him, feed on a staple of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days for a fortnight about the same quantity, or its equivalent, of bread soaked in cold milk, drained off, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food or a morsel of banana three times a week. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn each day until it produces a quite free and easy action, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 6 of oxymel of squills, and 5 each of paregeric and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight. At the end of this time write again, and report progress, referring to this reply. Is the hen constantly gaping, or gasping, as it were, or only occasionally yawning? If the latter, she should be quite fit for breeding when in condition. Give her 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Three in Brief.

Lewis Pittam.—(1) This should have been on a separate sheet for our Mule expert. However, if the Linnet does not interfere with the sitting hen or pull the nest about, there is no necessity to remove him. If he is troublesome, remove him. (2) Provided you are sure of the sex and that the bird is perfectly healthy and active, it is not absolutely essential for a cock to be in full song before he can be successfully mated. It is, however, most advisable for him to be in good song. (3) You should have said how this hen was being fed. Try following treatment, and if not considerably better in a fortnight, write again and give full particulars. Feed on plain canary as staple. Every second day give a pinch of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana, and on

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Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

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the alternate days a piece of bread about the size of a hazel nut sopped in cold milk, drained and sprinkled with maw seed. Give no green food until better. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts for two days. After this give six drops of dandelion juice, ten of glycerine, and one of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. Smear a tiny piece of boracic ointment on the vent every second day until the caking ceases.

Brevities.

Building Aviary (Enquirer).—If you will send a rough sketch of the aviary I will do my best to suggest an efficient system of ventilation, but I cannot do this without knowing something of what you propose building, and its size and aspect, and whether shut in by other buildings or exposed.

A Substitute (Mab.).—The food of which you send a sample will certainly rear young Canaries successfully. As to whether it is quite equal to the ordinary egg-food I have nothing to add to what I said on the question last week in the article on "Some Interesting Canary Problems Considered," to which I beg to refer you.

A Sudden Seizure (Ould Brum).—The bird had undoubtedly ruptured a blood vessel, probably on, or near, the brain (apoplexy). It may possibly have been induced by a sudden fright, though this is not necessarily the case, as it might just as well have been caused by undue excitement through excessive singing. You could have done nothing to save it.

Swollen Feet (H. C. W.).—The treatment previously advised was best calculated to give the bird the winning chance, but judging from your last letter it will probably prove unavailing, and as there is also every probability of the toes sloughing off, your kindest and best course is to chloroform the bird at once out of its misery. Am still inclined to think the swellings are due to bacilliary infection. Perhaps it would be more satisfactory to you to have a post-mortem on the remains and settle the doubt.

Yorkshire off Song (W. T.).—You do not say whether the bird is apparently in good health or not. If it is, I should say it is beginning to feel the weight of its years, and is probably waiting for the weather to grow brighter and warmer before resuming its song. So it is not exposed to any draught or chill, and in addition to the diet you now provide give a piece of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle, and two young dandelion leaves. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or so.

Squealing Noise (Thos. Buckley).—First see the bird is not exposed to any draughts, nor to extremes of heat and cold, such as having the room very warm during the day, and correspondingly cold at night. Every second day for a week or so give a piece of bread sopped in milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure strewn over. On the alternate days give a few grains only of linseed, and a morsel of paste the size of a pea, made by mixing as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling in a teaspoonful of honey, and making the whole into a soft paste with yolk of hard boiled egg or finely crushed biscuit powder. In drinking water give six drops each oxymel of squills, and mucilage of gum arabic, and every second day for a week two drops of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together.

Breeding with Mule (E. Griffiths).—It is absolutely useless trying to breed off a Mule cock Canary, if by this you mean that the cock is a Mule bred from a Canary and some other species. Therefore, if you do not wish to lose the season, though it is too early to talk of that yet, you had better get another cock, say, a German, Border, or Norwich. In either case let it be a young and vigorous specimen. It is useless mating a cock Mule with anything, unless it is done simply as an experiment, with the full knowledge that the chances of the result being absolutely nil are exceedingly great.

A Doubtful Tonic (Listleover).—Your informant was, to say the least, a little off the mark. The chief properties of buckthorn for all practical purposes are as a purgative and a useful liver stimulant. It is useful to give as an aperient if the birds are in rather too high condition from too stimulating food, and also before the birds are mated, when they appear to need any relaxing medicine. From 6 to 12 drops in two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking purposes is a good dose. The larger dose if the birds are constipated. As a tonic, 6 drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid is as good as anything for all ordinary uses.

Stage Fright (M. H. O.).—It is simply fright that makes the bird act thus, and there is always a risk of such a bird dying instantly when so affected. You can do nothing beyond treating him as gently as possible and getting him to understand that you mean no harm. Do everything about his cage quietly and methodically without unnecessary fussing, and always have a choice tit-bit of green food or some similar dainty to leave behind. Do not take him out of the room to clean out his cage. Gently draw out sand tray on to a sheet of paper, and thereby avoid taking the bird into new surroundings. By the way, does it see a cat or dog when taken out of the room? If so, avoid his doing so in future.

Sleepy Heads (W. T. F.).—There is certainly something wrong. Perhaps they eat too much. You should have said how you feed them, and also what condition of body they are in. Feed on plain canary only for a fortnight, giving just a pinch of rape every second day and a fairly liberal supply of green food daily. See they are exposed to no cold draughts or extremes of heat and cold. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and every second day for a week as much Epsom salts in the water as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight. Write and report progress at end of that time, and give full particulars asked for above.

Laying Shell-less Eggs (Mab.).—It is not unlikely the hen is in an overfed condition. Reduce her to a plain diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape for a fortnight, and give a fairly liberal supply of green food. In addition to providing a regular supply of shell gravel, also give a piece of cuttlefish to peck at. If she does not appear to eat this, though I expect she will readily enough, crush a little to powder and mix it with a little egg food, and give her daily after mating her, and also add from now until mated, after the first three days have passed, 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water, two days in every three. During the first three days give instead as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice in the water. Do not give the egg so liberally as named above if the hen partakes of the cuttlefish freely, as this will provide all that is necessary for the proper shelling of the eggs.

Tired Hens (F. J. F.).—I cannot tell whether they are old or not without having seen them. If they have left youth far behind they will have coarse, thickened scales on the legs and toes, and probably much overgrown claws if they have not been clipped. Your feeding is none too good. Try the following. As a staple give a mixture of 3 parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and during the first week well mix in it 4 drops of sherry and 2 of cod liver oil emulsion each time. On the alternate days give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga and teazle, and two leaves of dandelion each. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid, and continue to give the latter on alternate days for a fortnight.

Three (I. O. W.).—(1) The adjective Norwich is quite unnecessary. Years ago, when Crests and Crest-breds were in a much less developed condition than now, it was commonly spoken of as a crested Norwich or Norwich Crest, but the term has been discarded long since. (2) If there was also a class for even or unevenly marked birds, the bird would have to go there, and would be ineligible in the class for ticked or variegated. (3) The term lightly variegated is discarded in Yorkshire show circles. To draw the line between a marked bird and any other variety you must simply take a two, four, or six-pointed bird with marks in corresponding positions, or even, without any other marking whatever, as a marked bird. A bird with two, three, or five technical marks, with or without other variegation about body, is an unevenly marked; whilst one with a single technical mark and other variegation on body is a ticked. If without a technical mark at all and variegated on body, it is still a ticked bird.

Is it Colds? (Mrs. Smith).—Your feeding is wholly in error and is probably the cause of the bird's condition, and not colds. Try following treatment: Let them remain in this room, but see they are quite free from cold draughts and impure air. Feed on a staple diet of plain canary only, and every second day give separately to each bird half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days for the next fortnight give a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give also a little green food or a morsel of banana every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards give 20 drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week.

Hens Unwell (Inquirer).—Your query seems to relate to a former reply, but I do not remember what it was about. You should have referred me to the reply or repeated all the former particulars. You ought not to have paired the hens until in good sound health. If they have not yet shown signs of nesting, separate them for a fortnight and feed on plain canary as a staple, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and a few grains of hemp given separately. Give no green food for the first week, but afterwards you may give a leaf of dandelion every second day. Limit food to the above and see all seeds are sweet and sound. When you mate the birds with the Finches again cut the linseed out of the seed mixture entirely. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron about half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Norwich Cock Soft (Scotia).—I do not think there is anything seriously wrong. You might see if your seeds—especially the rape—are above suspicion. Keep cage perfectly clean and free from red mite and strewn with clean gritty sand. Also give a small piece of cuttlefish stuck between the wires for him to peck. Give plain canary as a staple, and add separately half a teaspoonful of rape daily. Give a morsel of banana every second day instead of green food, and on the alternate days a small pinch of hemp, but see it is good and sound, and also for the next week half a teaspoonful of crushed biscuit without egg and sprinkled over with maw seed. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day only, and afterwards six drops each dandelion juice and tincture of gentian and four of mucilage of gum arabic every second day for a week. I see no reason why he should not be quite fit for mating at end of month.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

For a Crystal Palace Aviary.

"Aviary."—It will hold a dozen, and you could not do better than get the following, all of which are beautiful, have sweet little songs, are very vivacious and interesting, and once they have got over the hardships of importation, are not difficult to keep in condition. Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheek Waxbills, pairs of each, value, 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. a pair. Diet: Canary and white millet seed, millet sprays, green food (lettuce and seeding grain according to season). Blighty foliage is much appreciated, and a little ripe fruit; grit and water for drinking and bathing must also be supplied. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert.) very helpful. Hang up two or three cokernut shell nuts, push a little hay and moss in each, and the birds will use these as night shelters. You must keep your cage where the birds can get light and air, but not where a breeze can blow directly through it—draught will soon kill the hardiest of birds.

Breeding Virginian Nightingales.

"Zeewekie."—I do not suppose you will have any difficulty in breeding these birds if you let them have the aviary to themselves, and I should only keep one pair. You will have to keep up a supply of live food, as for the first week or ten days they feed the young practically on nothing else. Supply mealworms, gentles, cockroaches, live ant's eggs (put the insects in glazed vessels from which they cannot crawl). With only one pair there should be but little difficulty in keeping up a supply—they will take almost anything alive. You must also supply soft food, ripe fruit and seed. Nesting material—hay, bents, and long grass. Put up a box or two in the covered-in portion of the aviary, so that they can use these if preferred, also a small platform or two—lids of small fruit hampers answer well for the latter. As regards trees and bushes, any of the following will do: Privet, fruit trees, box, spruce, conifers in variety, and sow the ground with grain, oats, wheat, canary, millet, etc.; also as creepers, hops and the like, which are very subject to blight. Wish you luck.

Cactus Parrakeet.

W. W. W.—From what you say, I fear there is little hope for your Conure; wasting away is difficult to check at all times, and your query arrived too late for reply to appear in our last issue; had there been an address on query I should have sent you a postcard. I fear the bird will be dead when you see this reply. If it still survives stop giving all sops, table scraps, etc., and diet as follows:—Seed mixture, three parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each oats, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in the cage; also give any ripe fruit it will take, plain biscuit and nuts; crust of dry toast may also be given; accompanied with the other essentials: grit, cuttlefish, and water. It may crave for a little soft-food; if so, just moisten a piece of biscuit in chemical food water, this will really be helpful for a time. For one day give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and repeat the dose after a week's interval. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

"Novice." G. A.—(1) British species can be put in at once; Foreign species not till May, unless you see that you get them from some outdoor aviary. (2) It will accommodate 36 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, but if breeding results are required not more than half that number should be put in. (3) The following will all agree together:—Gold and Bullfinches, Siskins, Twites and Redpolls, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-crested Orange-cheek and St. Helena Waxbills. (4) For Foreigners you must supply Canary, white millet, and millet sprays, and to cover the needs of the British species, teazel, rape, hemp, sunflower, oats, and in small quantities maw and linseed; also you may give occasionally "wild packet mixture." Both kinds would require soft-food when feeding young, green-food, ripe fruit, cuttlefish, grit and water must be regularly supplied. Budgerigars are not safe with Finches, and if your Canaries are all hens I should advise only including cocks of the British species. "Foreign birds for Beginners" (see advert.) would help you greatly.

Breeding Roseate Cockatoos.

M. L.—Your aviary will answer well for the purpose, but I should not put two pairs of Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoos into the same aviary; the flight you describe would suffice for one pair each of Roseates, Quakers, and Ringnecks. Small barrels answer equally well as logs. An advert. in our columns would undoubtedly procure you the latter, or most nurserymen would supply you with a chunk of some tree (they are always grubbing up fruit trees, etc.), which you could easily get hollowed out large enough to enable the birds to get inside; they would soon fashion it to their liking. You will have to keep an eye on the corners of the woodwork of aviary, and if they attack it anywhere promptly cover such places with sheet zinc. I have mostly got my logs sent me by friends in the country, and have fashioned them myself, but you will find small barrels, hung up longitudinally, will be equally acceptable to the birds; a handful of pine sawdust may be thrown in each. I cannot in this column recommend any particular dealer, but here again I think an advert. in our columns would procure you the birds you require.

About Grey Parrots.

"C.B.Y.I."—King Grey is simply a dealers' name, given to those birds which have more or less pink feathers mingled with the grey of their plumage. As regards the sexes, tho bare skin round the eyes—at the back of the eye it is pointed or pear-shaped in the male and round in the female—tho head of the female is shorter, broader, and with the crown more arched than that of the male. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuits, and dry crusts of household bread, or crusts of dry toast—the latter may be moistened with water, but not saturated. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sop, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet to form half the bulk of the mixture, with hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seed in equal parts. Cuttlefish, grit and water must be regularly supplied. Diet for Grey Parrots appears almost weekly.

Budgerigars and Egg Binding.

Nameless.—In the first place, you would soon clear out tho mice by the use of two or three of the automatic well traps, which are always set. I think the error has been leaving the window open during the winter nights, laying hens being very susceptable to chill; by all means have it open during the day, but close it at night while frosts, sudden changes, etc., are likely to occur. The preventatives for egg binding are robust health and a continuous supply of old mortar, rubbish, crushed egg shells, and cuttlefish. I should also supply a little fruit (apple is usually readily eaten), and when convenient a leaf of fresh lettuce. I should certainly manage to hang the husks in such position that the mice cannot obtain access to them, or they would probably disturb the sitting hens and carry off some of the eggs. They will not attack the adult birds, but they are very objectionable from tho standpoint of fouling the food and water.

Amazon with Swelling.

G. W. Green.—The information you supply is too meagre for me to do more than suggest possible palliative remedies. I do not think it is all due to age. Keep its bowels moving freely (not loose) with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water); when not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Put a little honey and borax twice daily into its mouth, over the tongue, etc., with a camel hair brush. Bathe the eyes with a rosewater and zinc eye lotion—all the above can be obtained from any chemist. Confine its diet to boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day), seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If you have a local vet. it would be well to let him see the bird; he would at once know whether tho swelling is anything which should be removed with the knife. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Macaw Breaking Tail Feathers

E. B. Hawker.—First as to "proper side of the perch"; this bird evidently gets its tail feathers to the front of the perch to damage them to the extent of those sent. When such is the case, I should advise their being lifted over to the proper side, viz., the back of perch or stand. There is very little I can add to my previous query—it is more vice, I am afraid, than anything else, and nothing but patience can accomplish much in this direction. Most certainly, except in severe weather,

Foreign Bird Queriists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

I should spray the bird twice weekly. It does not matter much which you give—either Parrish's Chemical Food or Sulphate of Iron, it is quite immaterial. Be careful to what extent you give the oil—in some cases desperate remedies meet desperate cases; but I am very much afraid of the result if given for any length of time. As regards the application of oil to the quills, this can do no harm, but in the end, unless great care is exercised, the plumage will be in a sad greasy state. In such cases, as I said in my previous reply, you must give time for the remedies to act. The other items you ask my opinion about, viz., boiled maize, ripe fruit, and nuts in variety, were all advised in my earlier replies (I have replied to you more than once either in "C.B." or by post). Re flowers of sulphur, as you have been giving this for some weeks, it can be stopped with advantage for a time, but if in a few weeks the plumage is no better, then recommence giving same as before. There appears to me to be an improvement in the condition of the feathers to those previously sent.

Brevities.

What Bird, Value, etc.? (X.Y.Z.).—It is a Rosella Parrakeet; its value, according to condition, is from 15s. to 20s. Let it have as staple food canary and white millet seed in equal parts—with a few oats, little hemp and sunflower seeds as extras, also ripe fruit, and greenfood. Grit, cuttlefish, and water must be also supplied for practically all species of birds. It should have a good-sized Parrot cage, if it is so kept, but this species are usually kept in pairs, in outdoor aviaries, where they breed fairly freely

Value, etc., of Sprosser ("Clemo").—I can add but little to what Mr. Teschemaker told you in the article. I have heard his bird sing, and I can assure you his eulogy is not at all overdrawn. This bird is occasionally advertised by English dealers, but the continent is the principal source of supply. Its value would be from 30s. to 40s.; probably more for one in full song. It would require soft-food, live insects, and ripe fruit. Probably if you watch the adverts. you may procure a newly brought over specimen cheaply, or obtain one by inserting an advert. yourself in our columns. In appearance the Sprosser is merely a large Nightingale.

Taming Budgerigars (A Lover of Birds).—Personnlly I have never attempted teaching these charming birds to talk, though in my outdoor aviary they have learned to come about my person when I enter the aviary. The sex would be immaterial, and you would need to commence with young birds fresh from the nest. However, as you have bought for ordered) Budgerigars and Cockatiels, and there is a chapter therein on this matter, I will ask you first to peruse the book, and then if the modus operandi is not clear to you, to repeat your query, when I shall have much pleasure in assisting you.

Parrots and Pigeons (F. Bailey).—The pigeons would undoubtedly incubate the eggs, but I do not consider there is any prospect of their rearing the young. I am rightly not allowed to name any special dealer; you must consult out advert. columns. Period of incubation varies, somewhere between 14 and 21 days. The usual corn, fruit, green food, etc., forming the daily menu of Parrots, would be sufficient for them when feeding young. Hardy varieties of Canaries can be kept in an outdoor aviary; but you must submit this query to our Canary specialist Mr. Claude St. John.

What Parrot? (H.P.).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet; you will find diet and treatment given in reply to other correspondents in this issue. Most individuals of this species make good talkers. As soon as your bird is sufficiently settled down not to be scared at your moving about round it, keep it in your midst, where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by constant repetition such words and short phrases as you wish it to learn—there is no other way than kindness, patience, and perseverance—some individuals are more teachable than others; but sooner or later your bird will commence to talk and mimic various sounds which it continually hears.

Grey and Feather Plucking (Regular Reader).—Diet your bird as advised to "C.B.Y.I." in this issue. Give it several doses (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), of Dinneford's Magnesia, with a couple of days between each dose; at the same time the bowels must not be kept continuously loose, merely moving freely. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray him occasionally with quassia solution; this can be obtained ready prepared from our advertisers. You are quite right in giving him wood, etc., to cut up and play with. If it is sufficiently tame, it would be a help to let it out of the cage as convenient. Keep it where it will get plenty of company.

Silverbills ("Silver Billy.").—Most certainly these birds are not delicate, for they have lived in my outdoor aviary all the year round, and the average span of their lives has been eight years. But all these small African birds are imported under such crowded and insanitary conditions, that they arrive in a more or less debilitated condition, and losses are numerous among new purchases. Cage the bird separately, and keep its bowels well moving (not loose) with occasional doses (1 part magnesia, 3 parts water) of Dinneford's magnesia, and when not giving the latter, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Diet:—Canary, white millet, and millet sprays, green-food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. At this season a little of any kind of ripe fruit the bird will eat is very wholesome. The difficulty in getting a good pair lies solely in the insanitary conditions of importations, and also some dealers' shops.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Muling Greenfinch.

Greenie.—My own Greenfinches have come into "breeding condition" now that we have experienced a spell of sunny, spring-like weather. They are "singing" hard, and one is feeding a Bullfinch hen. The following is the stock mixture you should use: Canary and teazle three parts each, white sunflower or safflower one part each, summer rape, charlock and linseed half-part each, by measure. Also use the following: (1) Hemp two parts, niger and maw one part each, (2) a good wild seed mixture, to which has been added a dash of thistle and dandelion. Give a small teaspoonful of these on alternate days. A very important point is that you should look out for the young dandelion leaves, and gather a daily feed; also for seedling chickweed (obtainable practically all the year round in suitable sheltered spots), shepherd's purse, and groundsel. These spring "salads" are invaluable aids in bringing all the Finches into proper breeding trim—especially the flowering and seeding dandelion heads. The earlier you get the latter, the better your chances.

Breeding Mealworms.

Pilot.—Yes; the spring is a good time of the year to commence mealworm boxes. Get a biscuit tin from a confectioner (about 2lb. size). It should not be too high, but should have as much "floor space" as possible. Bore with a bradawl two rows of holes right round the sides at the top, within an inch or an inch and a-half of the lid. Cut three pieces of coarse sacking so that they will, when folded once over, drop flat into the tin, leaving about three-quarters of an inch space between each edge and the sides of the tin. Dry these thoroughly before the fire. Get a supply (pennyworth or so) of bran. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin, about an inch and a-half thick. Put a folded piece of sacking on this. Then put another layer of bran; then another piece of sacking—and so on, arranging to fill the tin not more than three-parts full, and to have a piece of sacking at the top. Then turn a pint of mealworms (or as many as you feel disposed to invest in) into the tin. Put in a handful of fresh bran, occasionally, under the top layer of sacking. It takes about twelve months to get into full breeding swing, i.e., for the mealworms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the folds of sacking, eggs to hatch, and young mealworms to mature. In the summer time it is often possible to buy a quantity of beetles from advertisers along with the worms, and one would save time by so doing. Many put beer-soaked rags (bung rags), dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, etc., in their mealworm boxes; but I never do so myself. Disturb the breeding box as little as possible, and always keep it in a fairly warm, dry place, such as a cupboard at the side of fireplace. The latter is the secret of success. In the winter change the contents into a new tin (when this becomes necessary), sifting the "dust" at the bottom of the old one and throwing it away.

Feeding A Blackbird

F. J. S. C.—Soaked chicken-meal (without grit) is excellent if a little of a good mixture specially designed for insectivorous birds is mixed in with it, and some suitable live foods given, also fruit and berries, according to season. But the best (though not the cheapest) method is to feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupae. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished. The cage should be 24 inches (30 if possible) long by about 16 high, and 12 wide (front to back). The larger it is the better for the bird

Muling with a Linnet.

H. H.—I have given a lot of hints about muling with Linnets and Goldfinches in the last few issues. Have you missed these? The stock mixture now should be: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plaintain and groundsel freely in the spring and the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. To bring them in condition quickly the great "secret" is to give them a daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well upon it. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plaintain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. This treatment will bring any bird into full song and breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

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Dead Linnets.

Puzzle.—I expect the bird died of inflammation of the bowels. Treatment of ailing birds should commence immediately they are observed to sit looking "puffy" (that is, loose in feather), and dull of eye. A complete change of diet (say, on to niger, maw, and wild seed mixture), with a dose or two of saline medicine (as much Epsom salts as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of water), or eight to ten drops of tincture of rhubarb, will then often serve to put them right. You appear to be putting fresh-caught Linnets direct on to dry, hard seed, a practice I am often warning fanciers against, as this often serves to set up internal trouble, with ensuing inflammation and diarrhœa. They should have a free supply of rape seedlings, seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, and plantain to commence with. Soaked seed can easily be prepared. Some of the stock mixture can be left in cold water through the night, in the morning being dabbed as dry as possible in a towel, and fed to the birds. It is troublesome, certainly, but need be kept up a few days only. Cracked seed (put through a mill) is also very useful. An occasional dose of saline medicine is an excellent thing.

A Pet Bullfinch.

Montrose.—Your Bullie will retain a great deal of his present fine colour if it is fed on rational lines. As a stock food at present you could hardly better canary and teazle three pints of each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each. In a finger drawer (or separate dish), however, the following would need to be given, in addition, to provide the necessary variety: A small dessert-spoonful of sunflower seed every day, except when giving hemp, of which the bird may have a teaspoonful once a week, say, for a Sunday treat. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. Or the special mixture advised an enquirer respecting a muling Linnet this week would answer admirably. For green foods give any of the following, according to season: Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape, or canary seedlings, etc. The seedling kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hard-heads, and many other wild seeding plants, these birds are also very fond of, likewise mealworms. Treated on the above lines, your pet should thrive splendidly and moult a good colour.

Brevities.

Thrush Weak on Legs (A.B.C.).—I hope you are feeding the bird properly and generously; see reply concerning a Blackbird this week. Without this, medicine can help but little Get from a chemist one ounce of syrup hypophosp. co. B.P., and stir a small teaspoonful into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water (use a pot or glass vessel only) fresh daily for 10 to 14 days. This, and good food, should pull the bird together again.

Blackbird's Bad Foot (Blackie).—Wash the foot in warm water twice daily (morning and evening), dry it, and then gently rub in a little of Calvert's carbolic ointment. Keep the cage bottom very clean; coarse sawdust will be the best covering. By-the-way, you are feeding the bird very badly indeed; bread and crushed hemp is wretched fare for a Blackbird.

Siskin Matters (W.F.).—1. I am very much afraid that you will not find the "bib" moult out more pronounced. Rather the contrary. 2. Many Siskins which have no bib at all win prizes at the shows. They are handicapped, of course, if they run up against good birds which possess this excellent exhibition point. 3. It is not necessary to colour-feed a Siskin "as hot as possible." A little pepper helps a bird nowadays; but it is quite another thing to make a bird a red object, showing little of its natural colouration.

An "Albino" Greenfinch (A. Wilson).—Your bird is not an "albino," properly speaking, this being an all white bird with pink eyes. Your Greenfinch is a "pied" bird only. As a rule, the light feather areas tend to extend at each succeeding moult. Probably yours is an old bird, which will explain its excessive wildness.

Colour-feeding (J. W. Hunt).—This query seems to have gone astray; will you kindly repeat it, and I shall have pleasure in answering.

A Delicate Question (G.K.).—On the whole I do not think that Siberian hen Bullies are more delicate than British hens, providing they do not become unhealthy during the journey to England. They are liable to contract pneumonia en route; and this, of course, is a deadly complaint.

Two Wings (S. Handy).—The wings you send are those of a Greenfinch; apparently it was a nice specimen. Is this what you desire to know? I do not find your meaning easy to grasp.

A Muling Matter (Spivinis).—The answer to your query depends upon what sort of condition your Linnet is in. If he is singing stoutly, and his beak has turned blue in colour, there is no need to separate the couple at all. Let the hen go to nest as soon as she pleases. If the Linnet interferes with neither nest nor eggs, he can be left with the hen whilst she is incubating. If you have to separate them, I advise you to put the wood slide between the two compartments. In short, the procedure to be followed can (and should) be regulated by the behaviour of one's birds. Some cock Linnets feed the young and help the hen Canary greatly.

In an Aviary (P.A.S.).—In an aviary of the size you mention (really only a large cage), I am afraid British Finches would suffer during any lengthened spell of severe weather. Some cover for the front would certainly be necessary; the suggested glass shutters would be most useful, without a doubt. Keen winds, especially if accompanied by frost, make British Finches look very miserable; are often "the beginning of the end."

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Goldfish Diseased.

Star and C.J.C.—It is rather difficult to see why your goldfish, kept in running water and fed on bread, ant's egg, and a little raw beef, should lose their tails and get fungus; but evidently the conditions are unsuitable to their health. Still water, if kept clear, suits these fish best, and they should have watercress constantly in it to feed on. Give also a few small worms, and avoid bread and meat if you stop the flow of water, as, of course, there is more danger of these going bad in still water.

Care of Doves.

Judex.—The treatment rather depends on what sort of dove you mean; but if, as I suppose, you mean the common tame collared dove, these will breed quite well either in a large cage (about 2ft. square) or an aviary; they are quite hardy outdoors. Give an open box for a nest, and some short straw or twigs for nesting material. Both parents sit and feed the young. Feed on small corn and bird-seed, and you can give some crumbled stale bread when they are feeding young, though they will rear them without any extra feeding. Give also a turf to pick at, and some crushed old mortar seasoned with salt, as well as grit. They should also have opportunities for bathing allowed them.

POST MORTEMS

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Camdenian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. M. G. Stocker.—Replied by post.
D. Woods.—Replied by post.
G. E. Weston.—Replied by post.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Rape Seed (F. A. Keevil).—It is not German summer rape, but winter (English) rape. The former is only half the size, and is bluish-red in colour.

A Photograph (A.H.C.L.).—Many thanks. We could not make a satisfactory reproduction of that particular photograph.

Reports in Shorthand (J. Buchanan).—It is good of you to make the offer, but we are afraid we could not undertake the deciphering of shorthand notes.

Illustrated Ideas.—(R. Peart).—Has been utilised before. (H. Beardnall).—Is not this the kind of drying cage generally used? (J. Bona).—We are under the impression that this kind of door is used on many cages seen in shops, etc. (James Toole).—We have given this previously. (J. Sims).—The same remark applies. (T. Dawes).—This idea is given in our "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

Cutting; and a Mate (A. M.).—Thanks for sending the newspaper cutting. As a mate for the cock Siskin, you could not beat a small to medium-sized, but stoutly-built, yellow hen (Norwich type).

A Hen's Failure (Unruly Hen).—Your query came too late for our Canary specialist to deal with this week. Separate the pair, give the hen a rest, and feed her generously. She will probably behave quite satisfactorily for the second round. You made a very early start; this may have induced the trouble.

An Address (E. Smith).—It is the only address we have. Will put in a "Twittering" for you.

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Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," as I was not able to answer them all.—A. E. Gardner (Potter's Bar).

The result of my advertisements in "Cage Birds" was that I sold the whole of my surplus stock of Borders. I consider "Cage Birds" a valuable advertising medium, and wish it long success. (Mrs.) Cargill (Keady).

Correspondence.

Hints Wanted on the Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—Will some good-natured catcher give me a hint on making bird-lime? I have tried many times but cannot succeed. I put half a pint of linseed oil into a saucepan and stand t over a stove for six or eight hours to boil; then I pour it into cold water, when it either goes into a hard lump or becomes very soft and of no use for anything; there is no stickiness in it. And I should like to know the best way for keeping it.

CHARLES FRANKS.

A New Cage Bird Society for Bromsgrove and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that a meeting was held on March 12th at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Bromsgrove, to form a Cage Bird Society, to be called the Bromsgrove and District Cage Bird Society. Also that our next meeting will be held on Monday next, March 21st, when all intended members are cordially invited to attend at the above address at 8 p.m.

E. EDWARDS, Hon. Sec.

Barnsley Road, Bromsgrove.

Is Early Breeding Disastrous?

SIR,—My intention in replying to Mr. Bennett on the above subject is not to argue for or against early breeding, but simply to give that gentleman some of the information required. I wrote to CAGE BIRDS a short time ago stating that one pair of my Norwich were busy, the hen sitting on three eggs. I am pleased to say two hatched. The young are doing great, and have been seen by Messrs. Quinton, Bedwell and Rackham. This pair of birds are in the same room as we live in; fire all day, which, of course, is let out at night. I might say that this hen was building a nest in the bird room before I brought her downstairs. In addition I have 24 pairs, all in cold room at the top of the house, six pairs of which are sitting (with one exception the hens are all 1909 bred). I have made no special effort to get my birds into forward condition, simply feeding them on good Spanish Canary seed, with a little hemp about twice a week; sometimes, giving each bird half a Thin Social biscuit to nibble at, which I find they do freely. The birds I have at present are good class, comprising Norwich Plainheads, Norwich Cinnamons, and one pair of Lancashires; so I do not see why good class birds should not breed as early as "commoners."

GEORGE F. FRANCIS.

A Successful Exhibitor's First Canary.

SIR,—I venture to recount the following experience, which I trust will prove interesting to your numerous readers. "Come in and hear them sing." Such was the invitation that was shouted out by a man at the door of a shop in our town on a Christmas Eve some years ago. I stopped and looked in, thinking that some minstrel troupe had paid us a visit, but instead the room was packed with cages, those small wicker ones, you know; and in the cages were Canaries. But, my eye! what beautiful singing! It captivated me, enchanted me, and with a few dollars "burning a hole" in my pocket, I accepted the invitation, and made up my mind that one of those feathered minstrels was to become my property. I wended by way to the front of the shop where stood a platform, and on the platform a lady, an auctioneer, and his assistant. Now, I had an hour to spare, and I made up my mind that I would wait and procure the bird that was doing this wonderful singing. Ah! there it is again. What beautiful changes! What rolls and sweet bubbling, now rising, then lowering! Then far away, as if the sweet songster were soaring heavonward! Here he is, says the auctioneer, and, asking his assistant to hand him the cage, he held it up. I touched my pocket; the coins I had were hot. Now, he says, this bird is only suitable for a public bar or music-hall, somewhere where there is a noise. You see the cage is marked with three XXX's. I thought to myself—what's good for a public-house is good for me in this transaction. How much?—2s. 6d. to start; 3s., 4s. (my bid), and eventually, to my delight, the wonder was knocked down to me, and home I went with my treasure to show to my beloved wife, and charm her with its song. I procured a nice new cage, and put the darling in the kitchen and waited for him to sing. I waited long and wondered often. He sang alright in that little wicker cage. Why would not he sing in a nice large cage? Ah, what was that he said, I asked—"Sweet?" He is beginning. But with a merry twinkle in her eye she said, "He is no singer." So we covered him up and went to bed. I awoke next morning and went down and uncovered the wonder, thinking that perhap's a night's rest might have inspired him to give us a ditty. He simply looked up at me and said "Sweet." My wife started to get the breakfast, and put the frying pan on with the usual bit of "stubborn"; it started to fizz, when all of once I became conscious of a low, sweet song as of angels in the distance. I looked up. Why, it was the wonder! Ah, now it was my turn. I said to my wife, "He is started now, and he will charm us; but alas! he didn't. He finished with the rasher of bacon, and long days and nights I waited for the song I had heard in the shop. Many a time I had bacon for breakfast on purpose to hear something for my money. And he did give me something. He looked into the pan one morning when it was on the fire, and, seeing the bacon, took pity on me and gave me an egg. My beloved said, "Do cocks lay eggs?" I said, "Perhaps Hartz cocks do; this one has." All this is years ago now, but how can you expect a novice to tell the difference between that beautiful singing machine I heard in the shop and the real thing? But one thing it did for me; it gave me the fever. And now as I look at the cups, medals, etc., that I have won on the show bench, my thoughts go back to that Christmas Eve, when I bought my first Canary. I have had a very pleasant time in the Fancy. I have met men of sterling qualities, fanciers whose sole interest is to elevate and instruct one another, and I trust that I may be spared long years yet to enjoy their company and read and enjoy our good old CAGE BIRDS.

JOHN HOCKING.

Swansea.

The Standard of Points for Dutch Frills.

SIR,—I see in "Brevities" of the Canary Queries of CAGE BIRDS' issue of March 5, that someone is enquiring for the standard of Dutch Frills. As this bird is not well-known in England, I made inquiries, and enclose the standard as judged in France. This translation has been submitted to, by myself, and approved of by the most prominent exhibitor in France. I hope it may prove useful to your enquirer. Any information re Dutch Frills I shall be pleased to give.

C. I. YOUNG.

The translation referred to above reads as follows:—

POINTS FOR JUDGING DUTCH FRILL CANARIES.

	Points.
SIZE.—As large as possible	10
ATTITUDE.—Elegant, slightly curved (above all, without a humpy appearance), firmly clamped and well elevated on legs ...	10
FEATHERS.—Long, fine, and silky.	
1st.—These should be parted down the back, falling symmetrically down the back, called *le manteau* (the mantle) ...	8
2nd.—Those on the chest, undulating (or wavylike), converging to the centre in the shape of a shell (called the 'craw'—*le jabot*)	10
3rd.—Those to the right and left, forming two very fine bunches of feathers in the region of the thighbone, well formed and frilled up. These are called fins or *nageoires* or oriflammes	12
If these last frills exist on one side only, or if the feathers are flowing down, and not, as it were, affording a support for the wings, the bird is not a show bird.	
TAIL.—The tail should be long, with a few fine feathers drooping each side of the rump, accompanying the large feathers of the tail; these are called cock-feathers (*plumes de coq*)	5
WINGS.—Only to cross slightly. Some clubs prefer them to meet like those of a Yorkshire Canary	5
HEAD.—Size in proportion to the body, without any crest, but if the back of head is slightly hooded, as in the case of a Jacobin pigeon, additional points are allowed, but this is not essential	10
LEGS.—Long and supple, without stiffness ...	5
COLOUR.—Usual Canary colours—yellow, buff, or variegated—with bright plumage; not patchy in colour	10
CONDITION.—Vigorous, showing nerve and action	10
CLEANLINESS	5
Total	100

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Two Recipes Wanted.

SIR,—Will some reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly let me know how to make a good spirit varnish; also a washable distemper?

F. CARRINGTON.

How to Cure "Soft" Fresh-caught Linnets.

SIR,—As a constant reader of your most helpful paper, CAGE BIRDS, and as a lover of the Linnet (which I have been for years), I should like to give your readers my method of curing a fresh-caught bird that has fallen soft. It is as follows: One part glycerine and one part honey—half a tea spoonful every second day. Keep the bird in a warm corner. My method of feeding is: Canary, rape and teazle; also once a week I give a few hemp seeds.

H. FOWLER.

Mice and Cats in the Bird-room.

SIR,—Seeing in this week's CAGE BIRDS a method of getting rid of mice in a bird-room, I may say I have proved Mr. Long's statement to be correct. I used to have mice by the score in my bird room. I used to put poison down, but that would not stop their game, so I asked a friend to give me a kitten. It was about seven weeks old then. I took it into my room, found it a small box, and fed it regularly. It will now follow me anywhere. I can put it in the aviary and leave it there as long as I like, and it will not touch a bird. Many a time I have been cleaning them out and have had one get out; the cat would jump, but as he saw it was a bird he would run away. Now he can catch mice as fast as they come. I can safely say that if all fanciers would have a kitten and train it as I have trained mine, it would save them a lot of trouble.

A. SENCH, JUN.

SIR,—Having read during this last week or so in our most useful and up-to-date paper, CAGE BIRDS, the letters appearing under the above heading, and more especially that in last week's issue signed by Mr. A. E. Long, I may say this fancier is a long way from being correct in his statement. I hope he wont be offended by this remark. I have done just as he has said The cat I had was also a tortoiseshell. My wife had her from a kitten. Wife, daughter and myself trained her from the first day we had her to follow us into the bird room. We rubbed her nose along the wires of the cage at first, and when she got as we could leave her in the room, she would lie down on the board which I have for catching any seed that may fall from the cages, and there she would wait for her prey, the mice. She was well fed and well cared for, and was brought up to what I exactly wanted her for—to shift the mice, for at that time I was overrun with them. But after 12 months' thorough training she fairly did me in. I had just bought a first-class Buff Yorkshire hen, paying Mr. Ambler, of Morecambe, £3 for her. I had cause to run over to Birmingham one afternoon, and on my return my wife informed me she heard a scuffle in the bird room shortly after I had gone out, naturally thinking the cat was running some mice; but I am very sorry to say that this cat which had been trusted in the bird room for months past had got the above-mentioned bird through the wires by the tail and had pulled the whole inside out. The reader must now "read between the lines," for I can assure you that cat will not touch another bird or anything else. I may say, in conclusion, *don't* trust the cats; they appear alright for a time, get the birds into their confidence, as you may call it, and then will watch their opportunity for a rattling tasty bit, which, in my case, was her last. Since then I have tinned all around the skirting board and filled all holes up. Success to CAGE BIRDS.

E. J. EVANS.

Proposed New Open Cage Bird Association for Glasgow.

SIR,—A general meeting of the Fancy was held on March 12th in the Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, to consider the above proposal. About 60 fanciers were present, including Messrs. J. McLay, R. B. Jarvie, A. MacFarlane, M. Craig, R. B. Gibb, A. Malcolmson, A. Sloan, G. Marlin, and J. Smeaton (Musselburgh). Several letters were received from prominent fanciers offering their support. The meeting elected Mr. J. L. Burnett to the chair. A good deal of discussion was entered into, after which Mr. E. Barron moved, and Mr. J. McLeod seconded, that we form an association to carry on the open show lately held by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Bird Club, annual subscription to be 2s. 6d. each person. As there was no amendment the Chairman decided to take a vote, and no vote being recorded against the motion, he declared the association duly formed. The meeting then decided to appoint Mr. E. Bowman secretary pro tem., and instructed him to call a meeting of all fanciers interested for Saturday, March 26th, in the Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, at 6 p.m. Business: Election of office bearers, fixing date of show, rules, etc. It is earnestly hoped the fanciers of Glasgow and district will band together and support the new association, which in no way will be detrimental to the City of Glasgow O.A. The City Show is recognised as the opening show of the season; therefore it is easily possible for Glasgow to have another show on a date that could be recognised as the closing show of the season. I am sure that should this be done, by altering the classification, and introducing selling stock classes the show would be a source of profit to champions and a great benefit to novice fanciers. I would thank all fanciers, unable to attend this meeting, who are willing to give their support, to let me know before that date, so that I may have a full list of prospective members to put before the meeting when electing office bearers. I would also ask those fanciers who have written offering their support to accept my thanks.

F. BOWMAN, Sec. pro. tem.

5, Parkview, Tollcross.

Why do Hens Refuse to Feed their Offspring?

SIR,—Of the many useful tips I have had from CAGE BIRDS in the past, I think H. Williams' answer to his own question will prove fit to rank among the best, and if he will be so kind as to give it, I for one will be very thankful.

J. M. M.

[Mr. Ernest E. R. Bryant (Seaford) also writes, asking Mr. Williams to be good enough to state the cure he mentions.—EDITOR.]

Concerning Mule Breeding.

SIR,—Mules can be bred from Canary hens if paired with Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches or Siskins, and in some cases foreign Finches have been known to breed also with good results. The great majority of these birds will breed with Bullfinch hens, but it is a very rare occurrence for a Bullfinch cock to breed with a hen of any other species; in fact, mostly all Bullfinch hybrids that have been bred have come from hen Bullies. There is a general impression amongst amateur bird fanciers that all mules that are bred from a yellow hen, no matter what the cock is, are yellow mules; but it is more frequently the other way about—either buff or very dark. It is a great deal easier to produce variegated mules from mealy hen Canaries than from yellows; and, of course, light or evenly-marked birds being very scarce, they are much more highly prized than dark ones, as nearly all mules produced are very dark in colour. Light or marked mules are somewhat of a mystery, as a hen Canary has been known to throw clear mules when paired to a Goldie or a Linnet; but when paired again to the same bird not one of the young has proved light. No doubt such cases as these are only too well known to most fanciers. Any hen that can breed a mule, even with variegated feathers, can easily be sold at a good price, but most hybrid breeders are very loth to part with them. Some fanciers are inclined to think that by pairing a Canary cock with a Goldfinch hen they will get light mules, but generally the result is, as usual, dark ones. The best and most useful cages are those fitted with sliding partitions, so that if the birds should be at all quarrelsome they can easily be separated. High perches should always be avoided, especially in the cases of Bullfinch hens, as the birds are very ready to drop their eggs on the bottom of the cage. Mules have been bred from Bullfinch hens paired with Goldfinches, Linnets, and Canaries, but those from the first-named are by far the most thought of, as they are scarce, and are the most beautiful. Nearly all house-moulted Goldfinches or Linnets will pair with Canary hens, but they are sometimes very quarrelsome, but, as I said before, the double breeding cage helps to remedy that, as they don't require to be constantly together. It is advisable in the case of Canary hens paired to any of these Finches to remove the male bird after the hen has laid her eggs, as most Canary hens can bring up their young themselves. Generally, young mules grow much quicker than Canaries. Even at sixteen days old they have been known to leave their nest and they are very quick looking out for feeding for themselves once they have left the nest. Finches are sometimes very slow at bringing up young ones, and it is considered much better to give the eggs to a Canary you can depend on. When selecting muling hens and Finches look out for as large ones as possible, as the big mules are of very much more value than small ones, no matter how beautiful their plumage and markings.

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Birds Barred by the Bradford Corporation.

Good News.

SIR,—Respecting the Bradford Corporation and "Bird Breeding Barred," I hear on good authority (per a City Councillor) that the objection is to be removed; therefore, breeders are all right in the houses affected by the notice.

S. DEAN.

SIR,—In my opinion, the Corporation of Bradford have been harsh in issuing the edict they did to their tenants, who have used the attics for keeping cage birds for the purpose of sweetening their lives. I understand that the plea is that neighbours have complained. Well, neighbours, as we all know, complain on the most flimsy pretext. Some folks would complain if their next-door neighbour happened to have an ordinary house fly on the premises. It is said that the birds bring pests to the property. Now, that, in a well-regulated room, is not the case, it being in the interests of the stock to have no vermin, as they make sad havoc among the birds. I have visited bird rooms for thirty years, and have no hesitation in saying that the fancier who has a delight in his feathered family takes exceptional care of the property in every way. The walls I have always found have been protected, and that has saved the cost of re-papering. Care is specially taken to keep out vermin, so that the only thing anyone might complain of is the sweet song of the birds in the early morning, which is much to be preferred to the noise of a harmonium or a piano late in the evening. Let us hope that those hard-working people who have had to remove for an innocent pastime will find more suitable accommodation elsewhere. Generally speaking, empty houses are plentiful. We have seen the day when factors and landlords sat at their ease and waited on tenants; now factors and landlords have to do everything to secure tenants, and are very glad to get those whose rent they can depend upon. The landlord, with all his favoured clauses, has his losses, and these are likely to increase as they become harsh, and unreasonable, as instance the outcome of the officious treatment of the Bradford Corporation.

A FANCIER.

SIR,—I think that I can call myself a novice as I gave up pigeon-keeping last year and started Canary breeding, but with poor results. I had one cock and two hens, but only had the luck to rear four. With three of these I am trying this season, and I have gone as far as my pocket will allow, having got four cocks and six hens, and I have good faith in having a better season. But it is not Canaries altogether that induced me to write; it's the blow they have got in Bradford. I think that it's coming to something when a working fellow is barred from an innocent hobby such as Canary breeding. I myself think it is time for us to ask permission if we can have a walk of a week-end, and to wait for a reply. It puts me in mind of a landlord I used to live under. It's true that he asked our neighbour to go with him to buy some young pigs at a farm. It so happened that the landlord bought four and there were two left, so he tried to persuade our neighbour to buy the other two. The latter remarked that he had nowhere to keep them, so the landlord says: "Put them in your spare room." The tenant replied: "If I do, you will be giving me notice." The landlord then remarked that he could have the privilege to keep anything whatever so long as he didn't keep the rent! If we could only get the same sort of landlords to live under, we could expect an aviary being built for us free of charge, with a pair of Canaries thrown in to make a start with. Before I conclude I must not forget to thank CAGE BIRDS, out of which I keep getting a little more knowledge week by week.

W. HINDLEY.

SIR,—It was May, and I was in the great city of Bradford, with its population of 279,800 people. What a strange place is Bradford! It is unlike other towns, even other towns in the county in which it is situated. What brought me into its midst? It was the breeding season, and hopes were beating high in the breasts of the bird fanciers. Even the little children had smiles on their faces. And why not? Was summer not near at hand, when they would be able to go into the parks and look at the pretty flowers and listen to the songs of birds? I gazed upon this hilly city, with its many stone houses. Why did men live in this place? Was it because they could not get away from it? They had to live, even if their labour enriched the pockets of those who, like red mite, lived upon the living. The latter live in big houses surrounded by beautiful gardens, where birds sing. What of those mortals less favoured by fortune, who live in blocks, and rows of streets of houses, always with the same bare walls to look out upon? And houses in Bradford are very much alike; they are not as you see them in Edinburgh, another city built of stone, but are much of a "muchness." I gazed upon beautiful birds in Bradford. The Canaries were lovely to look upon. In my mind's eye, I can see them now. And now the decree has gone forth that these yellow gems must not be bred in certain parts of Bradford. All I can say is that if the breeding of Canaries is prevented in one part of Bradford, it will only increase it in another part of the city, and I do not speak without knowing what Yorkshiremen are, for in some of their large towns I have been and lived and worked among them. I have lived and slept among birds for years, and have not yet seen anything unhealthy or that is any wise against it if the birds are kept well cleaned out and attended; and all true fanciers see to this. And you can guess that this side of the question will be seen to by a Yorkshireman's better half. Why should men who work hard, very hard, all day be prevented from enjoying such a delightful hobby as the breeding and keeping of cage birds? For are not birds, of all things, the most beautiful of creations? And I know that these men's wives would rather that their husbands followed a hobby like this that keeps them at home and makes them happy, for no one knows what pleasure birds give until they keep them. Many fanciers' wives help them, and do all possible to assist in this pleasant pastime of keeping birds; and this causes their husbands to love them all the more for it. Bradford is connected with another large town, which has twice the population of Bradford, and for miles and miles round very few birds are found except of very common kinds. Then why should these toilers not be allowed to enjoy these pretty feathered creations of Him who made the sun? Will not the song of a pet bird often have the effect of drawing a man nearer to his Maker than the preaching and prating of parsons and parsons' wives—of the latter beware. Don't for anything even take one of these mortals into your bird-room unless you first know that she is a fancier. Strange thoughts come to me as I walk about the streets of Bradford. Surely, man who was compelled to reside in this centre of industry needed something to elevate his mind. I was going to stay in Bradford, but I longed for the open country. I turned my face to the west, and going through Thornton I came to Oxenhope, but noticed not a single bird of importance until I was crossing Stanbury Moor, when I saw the most beautiful and magnificent yellow Wagtail I have yet ever seen. May the birds in Bradford, like its pretty girls, still increase in number, is the wish of

WILLIAM P. BELL.

Does the Roller Canary Need Smartening in Appearance?

SIR,—I have been very interested lately in the suggested new types of Canaries as depicted in CAGE BIRDS, and should like to make a suggestion myself, that is: Cannot the Roller Canary be improved in appearance without spoiling the song? Or will English fanciers always be content to let the Roller be called "washed out" looking in colour? Surely not. As the Border Fancy is given the credit of being the sweetest songster amongst English Canaries, it is the bird to use (to my way of thinking) to improve colour and smartness as well. Some yellow-green Border hens crossed with Roller cocks, and the young paired back to Rollers again, would possibly improve the appearance, and, personally, I don't think it would alter the song. I know the Roller is credited with possessing a different song apparatus to other birds, but I fail to see how any person can by any system of breeding, breed different internal organs into a bird, however he may select his stock birds. If any fancier has bred from a Roller and Border, and then trained the young either by Schoolmaster or organ, would he let us know the result in CAGE BIRDS? That is, did the youngsters equal a pure Roller in song? I should also like the opinion of Roller fanciers in general as to whether my suggestion might be successfully carried out.

F. J. ROOK.

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The Reconstruction of the Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S

SIR,—At a special meeting held at Mr. Cottier's, Town Gate, Great Harwood, on Monday, Feb. 8th, a good number of fanciers being present, it was decided to reconstruct the society which, somehow or other, during the last year had almost died away. Mr. J. Wilson presided. After a short discussion the following officers were elected:—President, Dr. J. Cran; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Noble, J. Bentley, D. Bentley; chairman, Mr. J. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. R. Melling; secretary, Mr. J. Fielding, 14, Church Street, Great Harwood; auditors, Messrs. R. E. Worthington and A. Bentley. The committee is to be composed of the members of the society. We are arranging a very attractive programme for the year, which will include lectures, table shows, washing demonstrations, etc. I should esteem it a pleasure to hear from fanciers wishing to become members, subscriptions 5s. per year.

J. FIELDING, Sec.

The Making of Egg-food.

SIR,—In reply to the query of Mr. P. Rafferty, my remarks referred to the hard-boiled egg. As regards Mr. T. Monger, he apparently feels slighted at the contents of my letter, and seems to think it unfair to criticise in the Press. Surely, if one cannot be present that is the only place to do so. As to posing as the champion egg food maker, I cannot very well do that, as the championship has already been won by Mr. T. Monger, who has my hearty congratulations. I cannot even claim to be the originator of this simple but effective method; that honour belonged, I believe, to that sterling fancier, the late Mr. George Barnesly, of Derby, which method appeared in a book of his over twenty years ago, and which I have used ever since. The egg and bread can be incorporated in remarkably quick time, without waste, and without unduly exposing the egg to the air, the only appliances to be kept clean being a fork and glazed pot. Those fanciers who are not too old to learn should try it, and they, too, like myself, would be amused at the so-called modern methods. I do not want to waste space in replying to Mr. Monger's funny remarks and sarcasms, but should Mr. M. be in Oxford at any time I shall be pleased to try and convince him that the simplest method is very often the best. I can forgive his little pleasantries; perhaps I deserve them. Wishing Mr. Monger, and all fanciers in fact, a successful breeding season.

W. J. CLARKE.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I quite agree with some of the remarks of your correspondent in last week's CAGE BIRDS re Mr. Adams' Crest-cum-Lancashire. I say it never should have been put in a show cage. He did not breed it, as he told me at Rochdale he bought it for a stock bird, and asked me to go and have a look at it. I told him what I thought about it. He said fanciers told him that Mr. House would put it down, but as he did not, he said he should show it again, for as it had been put up by that gentleman, it would be put up by others. Mr. Garner put it first at Manchester, and I told him it was a great mistake; what he was thinking about beats me, as he knows better. Mr. Compston was there, and kept smiling at me "ramping" about it. "Horse-shoe" says it should not count for points for the L.C. medals. What about others who have been showing for years, before Mr. Adams started to show? He was only doing what others had done for years. He has been very open about it, and he also stated at the last L. and L.A. meeting that he had two sorts of Lancashires to please both sorts of judges; and in one sense I don't blame him. I blame the L. and L.A. and L.C.A. for allowing it to go on for so long. Both societies have the same standard, worked out by Mr. Compston and passed at Oldham years ago by the L. and L.A., but they have not enforced it yet. I hope the L.C.A. will now keep moving. Re "Horse-shoe's" remarks as to my breeding Crests, allow me to tell him they are green, and I don't want any advice in breeding either Crests or Lancashires. If I wanted to put Crest into my Lancashires, I should buy a ready made stock bird or two that had been bred from Crests. There are plenty about. Oh, no, I should not start at the bottom of the ladder, I should start at the top. I must say Lancashires are on the improve, but they want a lot of fining down. Old fanciers used to say a good bird should not show a frill on its breast. I don't know what they would say if they saw some of the show birds of to-day. A Lancashire should be well "wrapped up," no feathers hanging about him as we see them to-day. Let us have the Coppy well packed, all in the front, not spreading straight out, and the body feather nice and soft and plenty of it, laying close to the body. Then we shall very soon have some of the best show birds ever seen. I have learned since writing my last letter that Mr. J. Robson put Mr. Adams down at London. I say, well done, Mr. R.; I give him credit for it. I wish I could say the same of Messrs. House and Garner. As to Mr. Whitehead's letter, I think it would be as well if all Lancashire breeders were to join the L.C.A. and make it the only Lancashire Society, and make the subscription 5s. a year. If they can work so well on 2s. 6d. per year as they have done in the past, with the extra 2s. 6d. per year they would be able to pay part or all of their own judges' fee. Any fanciers who can afford to buy Lancashires can afford to pay the extra 2s. 6d. We pay 5s. per year to the L. and L.F.A., and scarcely ever hear the Lancashires mentioned. It is all Lizards, and nice mess they make of it, for they give patronage to shows like Nottingham and London. At Notts they are officiated upon by a Norwich judge, and are judged any way. I don't say the judges are altogether to blame, but they don't understand Lizards. Take Mr. Dewsnap's birds; for this last few years at Notts Show all put out of the cards, where as at shows in Lancashire they almost always stand in a premier position. I see this year at Notts they are having a new Norwich judge, and I expect he will have to judge Lizards. But he will not judge mine. I shall pair up 12 pairs and shall not show under him. At London the classes are very bad, and do not fill. I see the north country fanciers want a Lizard Society; why don't the L. and L.F.A. give some of their patronage to them and give them a chance? Judging by the numbers of Lizards that have left Glossop, the last few years, there must be a lot of breeders about. I think there is a great future for the Lizard, as the French fanciers seem to be taking them up, as one of our fanciers has just sent a consignment out, and is getting ready to send another lot. All breeders tell me they have had enquiries from France, thanks to CAGE BIRDS. In conclusion, I don't think there is any encouragement to give patronage to London or Notts, for the L. and L.F.A. or L.C.A. Perhaps some breeders or exhibitors will have something to say as to how their patronage should be given to shows with committees that take no interest in the Lancashire and Lizard.

E. FULLER.

The Recent Lochcraig Show.

SIR,—Allow me to ask exhibitors at the late Lochcraig Show who won specials at same and have not yet received them to communicate with me, stating special and class number.

JOHN BROWN, Sec.
69, North Glencraig, Fife.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR,—As Mr. J. C. Barnes says he did not detect the mule was blind in one eye, I will say no more about the matter, as it is certainly a good mule, and we know mistakes are sometimes easily made. When visiting shows you will sometimes see the bird disqualified, and perhaps the next show you visit it may be standing 1st or 3rd, as the case may be. Judges' opinions must differ greatly. As for the noms de plume he detests, I shall perhaps meet him if he happens to be judging some of our Northern shows this coming season, and then he shall see and know who I am. He also says I am a disappointed or jealous exhibitor. I wish Mr. Barnes to know that I am neither a disappointed nor yet a jealous exhibitor. I may say that I have exhibited at all our leading shows this season, and can honestly say that I never grumble when the birds lose, although I am more pleased when they win, and I wish to see fair play.

READER.

SIR,—Mr. Barnes apparently has not read my letter in CAGE BIRDS of January 22 re Yarm Show. How could Mr. Houlton give his views to "Tyro" at Stockton Show, which was held two months previous to Yarm Show, when he awarded first prize to the Mule that is deficient in one eye, which was pointed out to him by the Yarm stewards before judging it? As regards Guisborough Show (which I attended), I thought it was a mistake, which is easy to make, as no one is infallible, and the bird is a bit smart keeping the blind optic well to the cage back when you move him. I wish to inform Mr. B. that there is no jealousy about his awards at Guisborough with me, nor am I a disappointed exhibitor, but I do like to see the best birds win, whoever owns them.

TYRO, DARLINGTON.

[Unless Mr. Barnes cares to reply to the above, we think this correspondence may now fairly close.—EDITOR.]

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Chesterfield & Dis.

SIR,—There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 26th, at 7.30 p.m., Queen's Head Hotel, Gluman Gate, Chesterfield, to consider the starting of a Cage Bird Fanciers' Society for Chesterfield and District. All cage bird fanciers in the district are heartily invited to attend. There is every facility for holding shows and meetings, etc., with the best possible accommodation, as the town has the most important railway connections direct. Let us have a good muster and give it a good start.

C. NAYLOR.
Central Street, Hasland Road, Chesterfield.

The New Society at Codnor Park.

SIR,—Having left Mr. Mitchell's answer over till now, I am very pleased to see someone else has taken it in hand. The two letters which are sent by Messrs. W. N. Booth and G. S. Leese are absolutely the truth, and the one signed "One Present" is wrong. "One Present" writes that I, "Nom de Plume," was not present. I can prove that I have never missed a meeting since the society has been formed, and that I, "Nom de Plume," read the letter that was sent by Mr. Mitchell before the meeting started on January 8th. I thank "One Present" for saying that "Nom de Plume" was not present, but I am pleased to say that I was at the meeting and heard all that was said, and was disgusted about it.

F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.,
Selston and Dis. F.S.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

How Should Eggs be Kept?

SIR,—In reply to the enquiry of "W. F." as to whether the first three eggs taken from hens should be placed on their small ends or sides, I may state that the plan which I have adopted for many years, and which has always proved successful, is to remove the eggs as laid and place them thin end down on some bran placed in a box that is partitioned into squares, each square being numbered to correspond with the numeral on the breeding cage. The eggs are turned each morning until the hen is set on the evening of the third day.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

SIR,—A fancier friend, I see, wants to know how best to keep the eggs when taken away from the hen. All my cages are numbered (1 to 15). My egg box has consequently 15 divisions, numbered the same. Fill the box with sawdust to within a half-inch from the top. When egg No. 1 is laid, place it on its side in the division corresponding with the cage number. When egg No. 2 is laid, place it alongside No. 1, but whilst doing so turn No. 1 over on the other side. Thus the eggs only lie a full day on one side. This I find keeps up a movement inside the egg, and does not allow its contents to settle. Once I was unfortunate enough to lose a hen after she had laid two eggs, and by moving them around every day I kept them 11 days before putting them under another hen, and they hatched out the same day as the fresh eggs. May I just add that I am very often in Newcastle, and if Mr. George will leave a message at Bart Hall, I shall at any time be most happy to help him.

EDWARD FLOYD.

The New Society for Choppington and District.

SIR,—When I announced a meeting to be held to form a new society for Choppington and district, I was taken to task for doing so by "Admirer," and my reply was to "Admirer." And I am willing to do so again, providing he discloses his identity. As to Mr. Atkinson's two questions, the proper place for a treasurer is to be at the meetings to collect members' contributions; then perhaps he would have been enlightened on the subject. Now, as to the books; who had the most right to them, when the club was abandoned—the eighteen members (whom I am representing) or the six who decided to form a new club at the old headquarters? I wish Mr. Atkinson to understand that I do not wish to have any more controversy through the Press. If he wants any more information, perhaps the party who has formed the club at the Railway Hotel will give it.

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THE CRISIS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Since the annual meeting of the Cage Bird Union I have been following very closely the arguments put forth in the many letters which have appeared in your valuable paper, some in its favour and some against. But I would like to point out that valuable time is quickly passing away, and so far as I can learn the C.B.U. is doing nothing, and at the year's end we may only expect a similar state of affairs as at present. Mr. Hadwin's letter in your issue of Feb. 26th, and "Reason's" letter in your issue of March 5th, are alright; but why is something not being done to bring about the state of things advocated before our show arrangements are made? I may say that the Wigan Society think that a Union of Lancashire Societies would work well, and the members would like to support such a scheme. But it would have to be a Union, as I agree that a Union like the C.B.U., whose districts never meet at all in the whole year, and which only requires its representatives to meet at its annual meeting, is no Union at all. W. RIDGE.
Hon. Sec. Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.

SIR,—As one who is keenly interested in the welfare of our hobby, which anyone can see has grown these last few years enormously, I say with every confidence that the very life of the Fancy depends upon a premier organisation controlling the whole of Great Britain. Many thought the Cage Bird Union was likely to be competent to do all this, but alas! for its accident and its present serious conditions. But don't kick it, lads, because it is bad and in bed. Let us first give it a good purgative, feel its pulse, then give it a good strong tonic. Then watch it carefully, and nurse it tenderly until it grows strong. Then you will find out, and be compelled to say that it was good that our organisation was sick unto death, and that we did not kick it out of existence, no, not even with velvet on the toes of our boots to prevent further bruising. We should put our shoulders and hearts in the struggle to keep it alive, and find out the cause of its sickness and banish it for ever. Its uncle, the Yorkshire Union, its other uncles, including the London Federation, and all its other kin, have done thus with an arrangement of wise rules governing the whole family from North to South and from East to West, and it has made us strong, I can tell you, to effect reforms, and it helps to stimulate and educate us. Go on, Mr. Hadwin; you are on the right tack. Branch shops for each county will do very well, but they must be controlled by a headquarters' staff, to prevent each branch being a law unto itself, and ignorant of the other branches' doings. Evil doers would go scot free and flourish like a green bay leaf, for when found out in one county and suspended, for the good of their health they would simply skip over into the next county for a change of air, and go on in the same old sweet way. So let us try our hand at re-construction, and if Manchester air is not food for the headquarters, then move them elsewhere. It is not the town that matters, but the men to manage. And go ahead, without fear or favour, dealing out simple justice and wisdom with success.

W. DOWNING.
Manchester.

SIR,—I was pleased when I opened CAGE BIRDS and found Mr. Hadwin taking Mr. Robinson and myself to task on our opinions of C.B.U. matters. Of course, it is only "difference of opinion," but Mr. Hadwin says his must prevail. He congratulated No. 7 district on its loyalty. But that is only one section; what of all those withdrawals which weaken the Union? Now, we cannot ignore the fact that there is a big split in the ranks which must be healed, or the C.B.U. will soon die a natural death. The position can only be ascertained by moving at meetings of societies the withdrawal from the Union. That was my reason for moving same at Stockport, but a vote was not taken; the feeling seemed to be, "waiting for a lead." I have not moved it at Manchester yet, as I was rather late, and did not wish to curtail an important lecture; however, shall test it at the next meeting, as we must know the position. I thought when I was elected delegate I was in for some work, as at that meeting I received an instruction to bring forward a matter which had been dealt with by the Union, and which should have been settled by them, but they wanted the member to tackle a wealthy railway company. However, after a meeting with the secretary the thing was settled. Then I heard no more of the Union till Pendleton and Salford Show, when I was asked to attend as delegate. I don't know whether there has been a district meeting or not. I have not been notified. Now I contend there is no life in the Cage Bird Union. Witness the delegates' meeting at the Palace. What of the delegates' time and money? Look at the robust, healthy Yorkshire Union. Could not Lancashire do likewise? I see at the great Yorkshire meeting an offer of assistance from the President. Shall we accept? If so, we could have an Executive Council as a court of appeal. I am aware the birth of the Union was Manchester, and know men who gave time and trouble to bring about its success. I wish they had more "fruit" as the result of their labour. I was in at the commencement, but did no actual work. Mr. Hadwin asks whether it would not be better to improve the bad points. Well, I should think it needs rebuilding. Then Mr. Hadwin says he is sure my energy would be better employed rearing the chicken already hatched. Well, it has always been very delicate, and has "gone light," to use a birdy term. However, I wish success to you, Mr. H., in your endeavour to put it on a sound basis; I wish you to understand I have no feeling against the C.B.U., or officers, and I respect Mr. Hadwin's opinion and honesty of purpose.

W. MCKAIL.

Cutting Out Round Cage Doors.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS of February 26th one of your readers, signing himself "Novice," enquires where he can obtain a cutter for doors of cages (show). If "Novice" will kindly send me 4s. 6d. (the Editor has my address) I can obtain him one to suit his requirements.

D. J. THOMAS.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—I see in your issue of February 26th "Amateur Catcher" asks one of your correspondents, signing himself "Netter," how much netting can be done in one hour by a netter of ordinary ability, ¾in. mesh? I see, too, in the issue of March 12th, two of your correspondents attempt to answer the above. One signing himself A.B., says 70 meshes ¾in. mesh. He can make 1 yard in 3 hours, which represents 3,360 knots, an average of 672 per hour, which is very good work. But your correspondent signing himself "Netter" says it depends at what rate you can tie the knot. Well, we should all know that, but "Netter" says he can tie 1,500 knots per hour. That makes your other correspondent appear very slow, but I think "Netter" will, when giving the matter a second thought, admit he has made a mistake, for if he is a netter he must know that it is impossible for anyone to tie 1,500 knots ¾in. mesh per hour by hand. Knowing that a bit of net at times is very useful in the bird-room or places of ventilation to prevent the escape of birds, if a little information be of any use, I would be pleased to give it for a fancier's own use, either square or diamond mesh.

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Proposed New Cage Bird Club for Horwich.

SIR,—A word in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS on behalf of a club for Horwich, as there are many people in that district of Bolton who take a great interest in the hobby, I feel sure would encourage them to aim at something further than simply feeding and breeding young birds, knowing nothing of either the quality or value of same. There are several who have joined the Bolton clubs, and these, I feel sure, would join hands to make it a success.

T. RAWLING.

A Twenty-three-year-old Parrot Lays Eggs.

SIR,—In regard to the above, it may interest Mr. Geo. Clark if I state that I knew a gamekeeper who had a Grey Parrot that was nearly 70 years old, I believe, when it laid an egg. I saw this bird some time before it died, when it was in splendid condition. I was sitting by its cage trying to get a few words from it, but my being a stranger she would not talk. A half-grown cat happened to be on the floor. This I picked up, when the Parrot shouted out, "Oh, that's only the old cat." The cat while making a fuss of me got too near the Parrot's cage, when in a tick the Parrot had fastened pussy in a very tender part by her bill, and those who, like myself, have handled a Parrot against its wish, know only too well what it can do with its beak.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

CLUB REPORTS.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following is the voting on the nomination papers for the post of president and secretary:—President: Messrs. S. Hadwin, 7 votes; W. A. Bladon, 6; R. Rhodes, 3; and seven others one each. Secretary: Messrs. J. Raynes, 13 votes; D. A. S. Longden, 6; and five others one each. Twenty-three papers were returned.—E. COMYNS-LEWER.

BARRINGTON, &c. (Soc. Club) C.B.S

A very large number of the members met at headquarters on Mar. 13, when we had Mr. Alfred Grey, of Morpeth, a successful exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, amongst us. He has kindly consented to be one of our vice-presidents, and also a member, and has also generously promised to give us a lecture on his favourite variety; date later. A general discussion followed, when all present expressed their views on the new society just formed.—The Fancy is booming at Choppington, as we have now upwards of sixty members, and they are still coming in. We have engaged Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) to judge our annual show on the 24th December, and this will be his fourth year in succession at Choppington, which speaks well of the confidence placed in him. We have engaged Mr. Wilson (Bedlington) to judge our next feather show on June 25th. Will anyone in the district wishing to join please communicate with me? Our next meeting will be on March 26th, at 7 p.m.—W. WOOLLETT, sec., Office Row, Barrington, Choppington.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A "smoker" was held at headquarters on March 8th, Mr. L. Hodgson in the chair. The following artistes kindly volunteered their services, and they gave us a capital entertainment: Mr. F. Wilson (lady impersonator), Mr. O. Atkinson (tenor), Mr. Haley (bass), and Mr. Siddle (tenor), while Mr. C. H. Haley proved a very capable accompanist. During the evening Mr. Hodgson called on Mr. Towers to present medals and specials to the successful exhibitors who had gained most points for 1909 and 1910. The successful members were:—Mr. A. Gledhill, 1st, medal (gold); Mr. L. Hodgson, 2nd; Mr. F. Worsman 3rd. Messrs. H. H Clarke, H. Shaw, O. Atkinson, and W. Walker won specials for runners up. Mr. L. Hodgson won Mr. Ramsden's cruet for best bird fed on his colour food. Mr. F. Worsman won special for most 4th prize birds, and Mr. J. E. Hudson silver medal for gaining most members. I was re-elected secretary for the third year in succession, and shall be pleased to hear from fanciers wishing to join. Subscription, 3s. per annum.—J. SMITH, sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.A.

Despite the inclement weather a very good number turned up at the Hanwell Public Library on Mar. 9th, to hear Mr. Allen Silver, a well-known naturalist and authority, lecture upon wild and cage birds. This was the 3rd of the series of lectures arranged to be given by experts during the commencement of this season, and the society have every reason to be gratified with the quality of the lectures given, each one seeming to outdo the other in interest and in the appreciation shown by members. From the manner in which the lecturer treated his subject, it was evident he was a lover of nature for its own sake, as well as a student of wild birds, and his vivid description of their habits and customs, their notes, their calls, their colour and markings, etc., would have been highly appreciated by nature lovers quite outside the ranks of the Fancy. The beautiful singing of birds had a beneficial effect on man, and the bird lover had the same and as much experience of pleasure in the possession of a good bird, as, say, the gardener in the possession of a beautiful plant. Referring to the keeping of birds as pets, and in cages, the chief thing, he said, was to pay proper attention to their food. Nowadays there was no excuse for ignorance in this respect, as there were plenty of books and publications from which to get information. The fads of feeding (which were very numerous) were the cause of more ailments and deaths than people were aware of. There was nothing like the proper natural food, and given plenty of room in the cage, proper feeding, with cleanliness, birds could be kept in cages for years with their plumage as good as ever. The lecturer described in detail the various kinds of British and Foreign birds, with their distinctive markings and characteristics. He was inclined to decry colour feeding, but said that no definite experiments had yet been carried out, in order to prove whether it had a detrimental effect upon the constitution of a bird. The chair was very ably filled by Mr. Robson, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.—J. F. KENDALL, hon. asst. sec. and treas.

DOUGLAS & ISLE-OF-MAN C.B.S

At a meeting held Mar. 7, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that notice be sent to the Fancy Press, CAGE BIRDS, stating that Mr. E. Gale, whose exhibit was disqualified at the recent Crystal Palace show, is not a member of this society.—J. TURNER, hon. sec.

BROXBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on March 10th, Mr. J. McNamee presiding. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Sharp took charge of the books. It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following judges for our show on December 17th:—Mr. Menzies (Edinburgh) for Scotch Fancies; Mr. Hamilton (Eskbank) for Borders; and Messrs. Bald (Bathgate) and Arrighi (Edinburgh) for British birds. It was agreed to leave over the election of a Norwich judge until next meeting on Mar. 24th.—T. SHARP.

ORMSKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Third annual meeting held March 7th at headquarters, Buck I'th' Vine Hotel, Mr. E. A. Walker presiding over a good muster of fanciers. Office-bearers for coming year were elected as follows:—President, the Hon. A. Stanley, M.P.; chairman, Mr. E. A. Walker; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Lewis; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Moss; hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Tilleu; hon. auditors, Messrs. P. Mawdsley and P. Wilkinson; General Committee, whole of the members. A balance of nearly £7 to the credit of the Society was considered very satisfactory. Saturdays, July 9th and November 26th, were decided upon for the first feather and old bird shows respectively, the Chairman kindly promising a silver medal for each show for competition amongst members who have not previously won two first prizes. The idea of providing cups (as championship prizes) for the Canary and British sections was deferred for further consideration. Rules were revised and slight alterations made governing competitions. Mr. R. Hunter was accorded a vote of thanks for his services as judge at the pair show. Nomination of judges and votes of thanks closed a rather prolonged meetiug.—T. H. TIPPEN, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

At a meeting held at the Workman's Hall, Romford Road Stratford, E., on March 10th, several alterations of show rules were made. The fixtures and lecture dates for 1910 were fixed. An evening show of cage birds and pigeons will be held on July 11th, entrance fee 3d., same to go towards expenses of show; no prize-money, but illuminated prize cards provided. Admission will be free from 8 to 10 p.m., and visitors are cordially invited; 23rd annual young stock show for all sections, October 29th; 23rd annual show, all sections, Dec. 10th, to be held in conjunction with the Ilford F. and F.S., as per agreement. Lectures are fixed for September 8th and December 8th, to which visitors are cordially invited. During the evening Mr. A. Sears kindly offered a rose bowl for competition at the annual show. The hon. secretary will be pleased to hear from any who would like to become members of this society, which was founded in 1888. The society owns its own pens and staging, eleven handsome challenge cups, and a die from which its points, etc., medals are struck. Membership is open to the United Kingdom, subscription 2s. 6d. per year, with 1s. entrance fee.—W. MAXEY and C. A. PEACOCK, Secs.

GRAVESEND AND DIS. F.S.

Annual meeting held at the Anglo-Saxon Hall on March 1st, Mr. A. H. Terry occupying the chair, supported by a large number of the members. A review of the past year's work was given by the secretary, and the society are hoping to make the forthcoming season a more successful one still. A report of the open show was given, and though this fixture did not prove quite so gratifying as an open show should do, still, when taking into consideration the number of shows being held and the keen competition in the Fancy, the Society are to be congratulated that the result was no worse. With the addition of a few more members, and the energy which is being shown, it is hoped the forthcoming season will prove somewhat more pleasing. The election of officers and committee took place, these being as follows:—Mr. Gates, chairman; Mr. Boorman, vice-chairman; Mr. Lambert, treasurer; Mr. Lewis, financial secretary; Mr. Fox, secretary; committee, Messrs. Holland, A. H. Terry, R. Terry, G. H. Penterick, Willis, Caine, Deare, Johnson, Ibbotson, Simmonds, and Houlton. Several new ideas for the society's benefit were discussed. With votes of thanks to the retiring offices the meeting closed.—E. R. Fox, hon. sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual dinner, social, and presentation of prizes, held on March 9th, at the Royal Court Hotel, Queen Square, Liverpool. The president, J. Walker, Esq., presided over a good gathering of nearly seventy fanciers, their friends and wives. After full justice had been done to a well served repast, and the tables cleared, a start was made with the business. The pianist, Miss Isabel Guilbert, opened with pianoforte solo, and afterwards took us to the sunny land of Italy with "Il Baccio." Mr. O'Brien anticipated the moulting season when he sang "The Harvest Moon is Shining," and Teddy Ashton set the pulses beating with "The Galloping Major." Messrs. Brown and Bennet told the "tale" very humourously of "Rachel from Brownlow Hill" and "The Lodger that paid the Rent." Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard were easily called to mind when Mr. Clark Davies sang "The Jolly Old Coaching Days." Mr. H. A. Nimmo was "all there" in sentiment and song when he reminded us of the "Happy Moments we were having." Mr. Jake Graham sang with good effect that pathetic song "I loved her ever since she was a baby," and Miss Guilbert seemed quite heartless when she scornfully sang the refrain that she would not marry him at any price. She did not seem to be the same girl who sang at a previous social "Love me and the world is mine." Mr. F. Sutton was extra good in "All 'Day and Martin's," and he could not accept even an invitation to Heaven on account of his "trousers." The toast list included the "King," by the President; "Green Canary Association," Mr. J. H. Isaac; "Kindred Societies," Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, reply Mr. W. Hales; the "Visitors," Mr. Geo. Green, reply Mr. H. McMurtry; "The President," Mr. V. H. Deacon. The secretary gave a brief sketch of the past season's working, and the prospects of the society for the coming year. During the evening the presentation of the season's specials were made. The President made a few neatly worded remarks to each winner, and Mrs. Walker graciously handed out the prizes, and by doing so very much enhanced their value. The prizes were won as follows:—Yorkshire Green champion cup, T. Rowlands; gold medal, P. Clayton; cash specials: T. Rowlands 15s., P. Clayton 12s. 6d., R. Atherton 8s. 6d., J. Gore 6s., T. Wardale 4s.; novices' cup: W. C. Robinson; gold medal, J. Abbot; cash specials: W. C. Robinson 15s., J. Abbot 12s. 6d., W. Simpson 8s. 6d., S. Dean 6s., G. Western 4s. Norwich Green champion cup, V. H. Deacon; gold medal, T. Harrison; cash specials: V. H. Deacon 15s., T. Harrison 12s. 6d., J. Walker 8s. 6d., F. J. Hawkes 5s., J. Lawson 4s.; novice cup, W. Murray; gold medal, Dr. Martin; cash specials: W. Murray 15s., Dr. Martin 12s. 6d., R. Brotherton 8s. 6d., A. McMillan 5s., J. Peake 4s. Novice showing at most shows, W. C. Robinson, 20s., who did not miss a show during the whole season. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Nimmo, Mr. and Mrs. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Amos, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry, Miss Harding, and Mrs. Mapplin, Messrs. Green, Metcalfe, J. Abbott, H. Abbot, Murray, R. Brotherton, Gore, Dixon, Douglas, Donaldson, Amster, Harrison (Altrincham), Hillmen, Hales, Atherton, J. H. Isaac, F. J. Isaac, R. Jenkins, J. Lawson, J. Lloyd, J. Thornton, the Masters Martin, H. Bleasdale, A. Thompson, Young, and a lot more whose names we did not obtain.—S. HADWIN, sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters March 9th, Mr. W. Ratcliffe presiding over a good attendance. It was decided to hold the First Feather Show in June, actual date to be fixed later. Mr. Parsons gave a few words on how he dealt with mice in his bird-room, which were thoroughly enjoyed and received with roars of laughter. Mr. Fred Lockton gave a paper on the "Preparation of Breeding Stock." His remarks contained many items of great interest. Great activity prevailed among members, many questions being asked and answered. An important suggestion will be brought forward at the next meeting, when it is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend. A hearty vote of thanks brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. —W. E. ALLEN, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY, ETC., SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on March 10th, Mr. J. P. Rooney in the chair. Present, Messrs. Sheridan, Callaghan, J. Lynch, Jas. Lynch, Birse, Stewart, Halley, Fry, and the hon. sec. Correspondence having been read, the election of chairman for the season 1910-11 took place, Mr. F. R. Fry being unanimously elected chairman; he thanked the Council in a pretty little speech for doing him the honour of electing him the second year. Mr. C. Halley was elected vice-chairman. The propositions of Messrs. Mulligan and Devins, held over from general meeting, were then gone into, and it was proposed and carried that "any club having society patronage to charge only 1s. 6d. per cage for Yorkshire classes." The second proposition then came forward for discussion, re full prize money on eight birds and over, same being carried with a slight amendment, viz., half prize money on four and upwards; less than four one prize, at the discretion of the judge. With reference to the third proposition, re nominating six birds per cup. After careful consideration of the matter, the Council agreed that the rule governing cups could not be altered. Fourteen new members' names were brought forward for election, and passed, viz., Messrs. P. Cahill, F. Harrop, J. Ill. Morris, N. Drury, English, Parsons, F. Stitzel, Palmer, M'Kenzie, Keeley, Nevin, Thomas, Patterson, and Kohler. It was decided to have a lecture the second Monday after Easter.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

On March 7th the annual meeting—adjourned from last month—was held at 6, The Broadway. The chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, presided over a very fine attendance, including a good proportion of the fair sex. After the usual routine business, two new members were elected and one nomination made. Report and balance-sheet were read. Referring to the membership, the report stated that owing to various reasons—in many cases to removal—the society had lost 14 members, but there had been 32 fresh members, making a net gain of 18 for the year. The report concluded with the hope that the membership of the society would shortly reach 100. The general account showed a balance of £12 16s. 1d. The balance-sheet showed a profit of £2 11s. 7d. on the three shows held during year. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the Chairman said they might search the London district round—and indeed the country—and hardly find another society in such a splendid position, both as regarded its finances and membership. The rules were revised. Such rules of the London Federation as were necessary were embodied, but very little other alteration was made. The election of officers was the next business, all the old officers and committee being re-elected, with the exception of Councillor C. How, who was elected a vice-president for the first time. President, Mr. F. Piper; vice-presidents, Councillor C. How, Dr. G. Walker, Messrs. E. J. Lamb and G. J. Warley; chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley; committee, Messrs. J. Carson, E. W. Dell, A. H. Dyke, F. P. Found, G. Griffiths, P. Rorke, and E. J. Whittome; secretary, Mr. H. Smith. In moving the re-election of the secretary, the Chairman said Mr. Smith seemed to devote himself so entirely to the interests of the society that he was at a loss to know how he managed to attend to his other business. Mr. Smith was re-elected by acclamation, as was also Mr. Piper, the president, and Mr. Stoakley, the chairman. A long discussion with reference to the Cage Bird Union took place, and several knotty points were debated. In the end it was decided that the matter be adjourned for the present. It was decided to hold the annual young bird show on July 4th, and that Messrs. Robson and Mason, if possible, be secured as judges for the annual general show, to be held in November. Arrangements were made to make forthcoming meetings as attractive as possible to the members by means of lectures and competitions. A discussion took place as to the provision of challenge trophies either in the shape of a cup or a shield, but the meeting rejected the proposals summarily. A vote of thanks to the chairman for his services during the past year closed the meeting.



BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Quadrant, March 10th, 18 members being present. Mr. G. Gerrey occupied the chair. The Hon. Secretary read from "Cage Birds" the report relating to the fund being raised to defend the British Bird Fancy, explaining that Mr. Crabb, the treasurer, was their president during the five years he held office as hon. sec. to the London and Provincial O.S., so that he could personally assure them that the amount collected would be utilised to the best advantage. He appealed to those present to voluntarily contribute their mites, with the result that 6s. was subscribed. The Chairman then asked the hon. sec. to introduce the subject for which they had met for discussion, viz., "British Birds." The Secretary had extracted some useful matter from "Cage Birds" on the Bullfinch, which started the ball rolling. Mr. Arnold next gave his experience of 25 years on the Goldfinch, some very useful facts being disclosed. Mr. Cook, who had brought a Greenfinch in a show cage, asked the members to give their opinion on the bird, which led to some very humorous exchanges. A very pleasant and profitable evening closed with a voto of thanks to the chairman.—W. O. BROOKE, Hon. Sec.

WOOD GREEN AND DIS. F. & F.A

First annual meeting held in the adult school hall, Brook Road, Wood Green, on March 8th. The muster of members present, and their keen interest in the affairs of the Association, were very gratifying. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Callegari) gave a very full report of the year's work, which showed good progress. The balance-sheet submitted with a credit balance of £6 4s. 5d., was adopted, with hearty applause. A few slight alterations of the rules, proposed by the committee, were adopted. It was agreed that as our headquarters had become too small for our meetings, same be transferred to the adult school hall, Brook Road. Officers for the coming year were elected, viz.:—Mr. C. T. Wilson, chairman; Mr. T. Hudson, vice-chairman; Mr. Wm. G. Bruce, hon. secretary; Mr. T. Benyon, assistant hon. secretary; and Messrs. Penney, Callegari, Hudson, Betts, Simmons, Heinze, Ayling, Gibson, Harris, Bygrave, Pledger, A. Wilson, Ward, Grimwood, Brodie, Plumb, Hurrill and Churchman as committee. Hearty votes of thanks to the retiring hon. secretary, chairman, and committee brought a very successful meeting to a close. The membership now numbers close on 80, and if any fanciers in this district would care to join, will they kindly communicate with the undersigned?—WM. BRUCE, Hon. Sec., 10, Waterville Road, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at King's Cafe on March 8th. Prior to the meeting the members had tea, and afterwards Mr. H. Milling, J.P., presided. Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from the Hon. E. Wood, M.P., the Mayor (Captain Boyd-Carpenter), and Mr. T. Ogden. Mr. G. H. Barnwell (hon. secretary) presented the report. The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. Barnwell, showed cash and stock in hand to the value of over £10. The reports were adopted. Mr. H. Milling, J.P., was re-elected president; the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Case; Mr. G. H. Barnwell was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the committee were also re-elected. Mr. D. Duncan and Mr. J. Lealman were elected auditors. Mr. Barnwell was heartily thanked for his services, on the motion of Mr. D. Duncan, seconded by Mr. C. Foster. The President promised a special prize for the next open show if their membership was increased to 50. The following special prizes were awarded by the club: Most points in Yorkshire Canary section during the season, 1, salad bowl, Mr. T. Head; 2, egg and toast rack, Mr. G. Gill; 3, butter cooler, Mr. G. Ireland; and novice Yorkshire section, biscuit-barrel, Mr. C. Foster; Norwich section, biscuit-barrel, Mr. G. H. Barnwell. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.S.

A lecture was delivered by Mr. J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream, on the Bullfinch, the Corn Bunting, and the Thrush, on March 5th, before a large attendance of members. Mr. Stenhouse (president) introduced the speaker. In opening his lecture, Mr. Bruce said this was his first attempt on this subject. He also referred to the prosperity of the society, and to the society's last open show. He congratulated the members upon having such a grand show, and also upon the way everything was conducted. The Bullfinch, said the lecturer, was a most difficult bird to put on seed when first caught. Also it was not easy to obtain a good specimen. A wild-caught Corn Bunting was not advisable to put on the bench. He was of the opinion it was best to hand-rear them if possible, but they very often got too steady. He then referred to the Thrush as being one of the easiest to keep, and also to study; but a good one was hard to get. His Thrush, he said, got four eggs a week and a dog cake to keep it in condition. A large number of good birds were neglected in the summer season, he said; this was a mistake, as birds should be kept the same as in the show season. A number of questions were asked of Mr. Bruce, which he answered to everyone's satisfaction. The meeting closed with songs from various members. Mr. Bruce, the Chairman, and Mr. J. Chamers responded, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—JOHN FORD, secretary.

DUNFERMLINE & W. OF FIFE O.S.

A few members, along with some friends, met in in a social capacity on March 12th. The supper, which was provided in the City Arms Hotel, was an excellent spread. Lord Bruce, of Broomhall, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. Templeman and Mr. J. Hutton. During the evening the following gentlemen kindly took part in the programme:—Lord Bruce, Messrs. E. Pryde, W. Brown, and A. Thomson (of Thomson and Dudgeon). A most interesting part of the programme was where Mr. John Templeman, who has for two years acted as hon. secretary to the society, was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock. The presentation was made by Lord Bruce. Mr. Templeman suitably replied. The following toasts were afterwards proposed:—"The King and Queen," by Lord Bruce; "Army and Navy and Reserve Forces," by Mr. W. Brown; "The Success of the Society," by Mr. J. Young. It is about 50 years since the society held their first show. At that time the prize-money was 10d., 5d., and a card; also when a judge came from a distance he was allowed 9d. for his breakfast, and two of the committee went to see he got no more. "The Health of the Patrons" (among whom the Carnegie Trust figures prominently) was proposed by Mr. J. Hutton. Lord Bruce, chairman of the society, is a member of the Carnegie Trust. "The Provost and Magistrates" was proposed by Mr. P. Dudgeon. Mr. Dickson kindly presided at the piano, and phonograph selections were rendered by Mr. Buchanan. A short speech by Lord Bruce and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very happy gathering to a close.—JOHN BUCHANAN.

LONGTON C.B.S.

During the holding of the show held on March 1st, a well-attended meeting of members was held, Mr. J. Davies presiding. Decided, to hold annual show, subject to sanction of the Cage Bird Union, on October 8th. Mr. Roe, it was stated, had consented to judge. Six new members were elected.—E. TAMS.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting held in Victoria Bar rooms on March 12th. The following judges were appointed to judge our annual show on Oct. 29th, viz.:—For Scotch Fancy, Mr. C. Berwick (St. Andrews); for Border Fancy, Mr. J. Thompson (Newton Grange); for Norwich and Crests, Mr. J. Ferguson (Glasgow); and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh). It was also decided to hold a First Feather show on 2nd July, confined to members.—JOHN S. HARRIS, hon. sec.

SHETTLESTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual meeting held on 12th March in Houston's Restaurant. The secretary read the balance sheet for 1909, which was passed. The office-bearers were elected:—Mr. A. Marr, president; Mr. R. Summer, vice-president; A. Berry, 36, Balgair Terrace, Shettleston, secretary and treasurer; committee, Messrs Devlyn, Hendrie, Mackay, Simple, Duncan, Lambert, Stewart, Rennie, and Page. It was agreed that we get three silver cups to be competed for at our next show, for the best young birds bred by members; gold and silver medals for the runners up. Our next meeting is to be held on April 9th. Fanciers in the district wishing to compete must join at an early date; full particulars can be had from me.—ANDREW BERRY, Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in the Lesser Town Hall, on 5th March, Mr. W. Hamilton, president, in the chair. The balance sheet, which showed a balance of over £4, was read and adopted unanimously. This was considered very satisfactory in face of the disastrous result of our open members' show last Christmas Day. The open show date was fixed for Nov. 12th, if the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club are not holding an open show on that date. On the recommendation of the committee it was agreed to hold four monthly table shows (First Feather) for members in May, June, July, and August. Mr. Cant's medals were allotted to these, and will be given as follows:—To the member gaining most points over the whole four shows, gold medal, second most points, silver medal with gold centre; third most points, silver medal; fourth most points, silver medal. It is hoped a few more specials will be obtained, in which case they will be allotted up to the seventh most points, and if in sufficient numbers to each individual show. If any party member, or otherwise, feels disposed to help the society along, the secretary will be very pleased to hear from him. The classification and rules for these shows were next drawn up, and the secretary intimated that he would furnish each of our fifty members with a copy of same. Any fanciers who desires one will be supplied on application, and it is hoped that as many as possible will apply, and also join the society; our membership is open to the United Kingdom. Mr. W. Shearer, sen., proposed and Mr. H. Forrest seconded, the tabling of a motion for next meeting as follows:—"Appoint two neutral judges from outside Hamilton to judge these young bird shows; judges' railway expenses to be paid from club funds." The President intimated that in future our monthly meetings would commence at 7.30 p.m. prompt, and hoped members would remember this and endeavour to be present in time.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

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LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Successful table show of British, held at White Swan, Market Place, Mar. 1st. Judge, Mr. T. Ride. This show was highly satisfactory, considering that of late years members have sadly neglected this section.

BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Orme; 2, Pole; vhc, hc, Whelband and Tomlinson; c, Kilsby. BRIT. HEN (9): 1, Gamble; 2, Sarson; 3, hc, Kilshy; vhc, Chambers and Son; c, Sherriff, junr.—J. E. WOOD, sec.

POPLAR C.B.S.

The annual pair show was held at the Club House on February 25th. The quality and entries both were in excess of last year. The Yorkshires and Norwich were exceedingly good, birds of good type and quality being shown in each, whilst the Muling pairs were very interesting. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR.: 1, Cowles; 2, vhc, Francis; 3, Barber. 2:1, Bristow; 2, Cowles; 3, Thomasson; vhc, hc, Francis. YORKS.: 1, Wyatt; 2, 3, hc, Plumb; vhc, Stockwell; c, Spink. 5: 1, Wyntt; 2, 3, Spink. MULING, GOLDIE-CANARY: 1, Braithwaite; 2, Heavens; 3, Thomasson; vhc, Pine; hc, Boyson. BULLIE-CAN.: 1, Barber. LINNET-CAN.: 1, Boyson. GREENIE-CAN.: 1, Barber.

BARTON C. AND B.B.A.

A very successful table show of pairs was held at headquarters' large club room, Red Lion Hotel, on March 2nd. Competition was keen in Yorkshires, several good pairs being staged, but slow in Norwich. Mr. G. T. Beach judged, and gave every satisfaction. Five new members were elected, some being successful at the table show. At next meeting, April 6th, there will be a table show of pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding. Mr. Hutchinson has kindly replaced the medal for most points gained by a member throughout the year (which was won last year by Mr. G. T. Beach). We have fixed our first feather show for June 11th, and we hope to have Mr. Calam (Hull) to judge.

NOR.: 1, Dunn, nice and evenly matched, easy win; 2, Small, fine birds. YORKS.: 1, hc, Cox, pair very fine, typical birds; 2, Dent, also very nice; 3, c, Small; vhc, Dunn.—E. C. DUNN, Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

Table show, held at last meeting at headquarters, and was a successful one. The class for Plainhead Norwich was very strong, some very good birds being exhibited. Mr. Corrall took 1st; Mr. Judd 2nd and c; Messrs. Butler and Waring 3; Mr. G. Lawrence vhc; and Mr. A. J. Lucas hc. The class for A.O.V. Canary was weak, there being only two entries, Mr. G. Peters taking 1st with a nice pair of Cinnamons. Mr. T. Gilhert officiated as judge to the entire satisfaction of the members. He afterwards explained how and why the points of the winners were obtained; which was greatly appreciated by all present. We have decided to have some attractive feature on each of our club nights during the season, besides the ordinary business. Next meeting March 16th: table show for pairs, for mule and hybrid breeding; Mr. Gilhert having kindly promised to again act as judge. On April 6th we hope to have an egg-food making competition.—J. SHADDOCK, hon. sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and show of British birds held in Clarendon Hall, St. George's Cross, on 11th March, Mr. A. Miller presiding over a good attendance. The following gentlemen were proposed for membership, viz.:—Messrs. G. Stewart, G. Dunlop, D. Graham, D. Taylor, P. Hughes, T. Sheridan, J. C. Andrews, R. Cormack, J. Bryans, and A. Pryde. The show of British birds is the first table show this new club has had since its formation, and office-bearers and members are to be congratulated on this their first turn-out. There was a total of 34 entries. All the birds were of grand quality, good specimens being staged. Mr. J. Muir judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

LINNET (8): 1, Jamieson; 2, spl, 7, Henderson; 3, Dunlop; 4, Hardie; 5, 6, Bibby. REDPOLL (2): 1, 3, Gibb; 2, J. Henderson. TWITE (5): 1, 5, Dunlop; 2, Taylor; 3, Seath; 4, Jamieson. BULLFINCH HEN (2): 1, Seath; 2, G. G. Henderson. A.O.V. HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, Taylor; 2, Adams; 5, Gibb; 6, Jamieson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Taylor; 2, 3, G. G. Henderson; 4, Dunlop; 5, Loan. FOR. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, 3, G. G. Henderson; 2, Dunlop. SISKIN (2): 1, Dunlop; 2, G. G. Henderson.—WM. PROUDFOOT, sec. and treasurer.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

At the annual spring show of British and Foreign birds, held March 12th, the City and Suburban Society had a very good entry of 137 exhibits—two under last year's total—and these were splendidly staged at headquarters (the "Church Institute," Marylebone, W.), under the supervision of Mr. V. Wynn, the hard-working and deservedly popular secretary, who received excellent assistance from Messrs. E. C. Offord, W. Shepherd, and R. Stevens, these good fanciers carrying out the duties of stewards, etc., in most workmanlike style. Mrs. Wyse and Miss R. Shephard had charge of the "refreshment tent," and scored a great success. Unfortunately the elements were unpropitious, and kept the attendance down, though a fair number of visitors defied the rain. For the "Marley" cup, most points (63) were scored by Mrs. G. E. Weston, while Mr. C. Botting headed the list for the cup given by Mrs. Weston. The special for best bird shown by a first-year member went to Mr. W. Clark; that for best foreign to Mr. W. Shepherd. The display of birds was really first-class, many outstanding specimens being benched by various members. The judge was Mr. C. Prior.

GOLDFINCH (10): 1, two spls, spl best lady's bird, Mrs. G. E. Weston; 2, F. Curry, fine type of bird, lovely quality, good blaze of nice colour, well tanned and marked, splendidly staged; 3, C. Botting, very large blaze, clean cut, not quite solid in colour at top, fine tan and buttons, very shapely and stylish; vhc, spl, W. Francis, good, smart Finch; hc, G. T. Pile; c, P. Taviner. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (5): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, a Siberian; 2, G. R. Elgar, really promising Finch, in forward condition, good colour and polish, nice blaze; 3, H. S. Grahame, loses a trifle in blaze, good bird at other points; vhc, spl, W. Vale; hc, W. W. Elgar. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Taviner, bonny house-moulted bird, very thick-set, grand head and chest, fine, even colour, wins, needs legs scaling; 2, Francis, also a grand h.m. bird, fine shape and style, lovely colour, lacks the weight of winner; 3, Mrs. Weston, field-moulted; vhc, hc, Thrower, two nice ones; c, Vale. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, Pile, two good ones, leader very sound, nutty colour, well laced all over, stands grandly, nice, big, showy bird; 2, Botting, another smart Linnet, close on winner's heels, good size and style, sound as a bell in colour, excellent pencilling; 3, Francis, good bodied, stylish bird, nice tone of colour, very well mkd.; hc, Wyse; c, Offord. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (13): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston; 2, Newley, nice sized, very shapely bird, grand head and chest, remarkably steady and showy, which, maybe, got it its place, we rather preferred, 3, Miss R. Shephard, grand big, cone-shaped Linnet, beautifully rich and sound in colour, carries a fine polish and plenty of pencilling, should moult a good one; vhc, Pile, another splendid Linnet; hc, Botting, very large, well mkd. and coloured; c, Grahame; a hot class. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston; 2, vhc, Botting leader a bird of tremendous size, lovely shape, nice, sound col., bit lacking in polish; 3, Pile, well-built, grand shaped Greenie, fine col. and bloom; hc, W. Elgar; c, Clark. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (6): 1, Grahame, beautiful tone of col., good size and style, will be a grand one if it fills up in neck; 2, Francis, trifle smaller, rare rich, sound col., very good shape; 3, c, Botting, bonny bird, very thick-set and bold, fine col., few feathers broken in tail, unfortunately; vhc, Pile; hc, Offord. SISKIN (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, field-plumage; 2, Grahame, also field-plumage, extra large and rich in col., fine bib, and cap, nicely laced, unsteady, should moult well; 3, Mrs. Clark, the winner at the annual show, very big, cobby bird, fed a nice col., grand bib, trifle out in feather; vhc, Botting; hc, Francis; c, W. Elgar. REDPOLL (6): 1, spl, Taviner, hot one, grand size and shape, wonderful bib and pencilling, lovely col., we heard changed owners at a good price; 2, Francis, cage-moulted, loses in intensity of col., good size, shape and polish; 3, Grahame, very good specimen, finely mkd., nice shape and style; vhc, Offord; hc, Curry; c, Mrs. Maher. TWITE (7): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, house-moulted; 2, Grahame, field-moulted, and surely a coming champion, enormous size, very thick-set, mass of pencilling all over, steady as a top, we liked much; 3, hc, Botting, leader the noted winner, great size, beautiful shape and style, rich col., full of work, heauty; vhc, Curry. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEFINCH (9): 1, spl, vhc, spl, Botting, leader a charming house-moulted Bramble, fine size and dense col., grandly spangled and mkd., vhc the biggest Bramble we ever saw (like a Snow Bunting), and good at all points, when house-moulted ought to take a world of beating; 2, Mrs. Weston, Chaffinch; 3, Page, Bramble, h.m., good size and markings, very shapely and stylish, grand col. and polish; hc, Francis; c, Curry. A.O.S. FINCH (3): 1, Francis; 2, Botting, two fine Hawfinches, the latter will turn the tables another year; 3, Mrs. Maher, House Sparrow, little beauty, grand col. and markings, clean as a new pin. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, Grahame, real fine bird, very steady, lovely shape and dense markings, bright, clear col., should moult a hard nut to crack; 2, Francis, nice, rich col. (fed), fine size and shape, very well mkd., condition A1; 3, vhc, hc, c, Wynn, rare team, all nice specimens. A.O.S. BUNTING (9): 1, spl, 3, Francis, the noted Lapland leading, lovely col., markings and condition, 3rd extra big and good, rich coloured Corn, a lazy beggar; 2, vhc, spl, hc, c, Wynn, grand Black-headed leading, in excellent trim, followed by a charming Reed. BULLIE HEN (4): 1, Mrs. Weston, Siberian; 2, vhc, Offord, sweet Britisher, good cap and chest, fine col. and polish; 3, Clark, another very pretty hen. A.O.S. HEN (13): 1, spl, 3, Wynn, lovely Yellowhammer leading, topping Reed 3rd, both in the pink of condition, and beautifully staged; 2, Mrs. Weston, Bramblefinch; vhc, spl, c, Mrs. Clark; hc, Francis. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Miss Shephard, Jenny Wren, gem, col., markings, and condition A1, been house-moulted three times, reflecting every credit on its owner; 2, Miss G. Shepherd, hen Bearded Tit, beautiful condition, very artistically staged, deserves a husband (the bird, we mean). LARGE: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, house-moulted Waxwing. FOR. WAXBILLS, ETC. (6): 1, Miss Shephard, charming Zchrafinch, very good specimen indeed; 2, 3, hc, c, Mrs. Maher, pair Cutthroats, two Weavers, and a Java Sparrow, pretty team, well staged; vhc, Turner, nice pair Javas. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (4): 1, Botting, Japanese Hawfinch, wonderful col. and bloom, the best we have seen; 2, Mrs. Maher, Atario, grand col. and markings; 3, vhc, Mrs. Page, Diamond Doves, beauties, uncommon exhibit, were claimed. BULBULS, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Maher, Scarlet Tanager, gem for col., shines like silk, latter very good Pekin Robins. A.O.S. INSECTIV. (3): 1, spl, W. Shepherd, really grand Hill Mynah, perfect feather, wonderful col. and sheen; 2, 3, Mrs. Maher, Tri-colour Tanager (hen), lovely hird for both condition and col., 3rd pretty Red-sided Tit.

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JARROW AND DIS. C.B.S.

Pair show held March 8th, when there was a good show of birds, considering, some nice pairs being staged. The Mule and Hybrid section was all that could be desired. Mr. R. Sanderson judged.

NOR. PAIR: 1, Hagan. YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, Butler; 2, vhc, Steele. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Blore; 4, vhc, Maughan. A.O.V. PAIR: 1, 2, Maughan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Swales; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Steele.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Table show, held at the Castle Inn, on March 1st, when nearly 40 birds were staged, mostly of excellent quality. Mr. J. H. Edwards judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Bowers. YORKS: 1, 2, Perrins; 3, Hawley. GOLDIE: 1, Hallam; 2, Davies; 3, Leadbeater. LINNET: 1, 3, E. Tams; 2, Leadbeater. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Goostry (Linnet and Bullfinch); 2, Goodfellows (Redpoll and Bullfinch); 3, Perrins (Greenfinch and Bullfinch). A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Davies (Bullie); 2, Leadbeater; 3, Lovatt (both Greenies).

HULL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The March meeting was given over to a members' show of British birds and Mules, the good entry of 64 being obtained in six classes. Some very fine exhibits were staged. Mr. F. Medley was the elected judge, but unfortunately he is at present under the doctor's care, so Mr. T. Perkins kindly officiated, his awards seeming to give every satisfaction. Four new members were elected.

GOLDFINCH, ETC. (19): 1, Precious; 2, Brumby; 3, Stamford; vhc, Clark; hc, Hogg; c, Bidley. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, hc, F. F. Potter; 2, Stamford; 3, c, Brumby; vhc, P. Potter. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, c, Brumby; 3, F. F. Potter; vhc, Parker; hc, P. Potter. A.O.V. HARDBILL (9): 1, Brumby; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Stamford; vhc, Riley; hc, Hogg; c, P. Potter. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, Brumby; 2, F. F. Potter. MULE OR HYB., ANY VARIETY (10): 1, 2, hc, Stamford; 3, vhc, Riley; c, Clark.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The British bird show was held at the Leyton Constitutional Club on March 5th. There was a very good entry, and some very fine birds were staged. The field-moulted classes were a new feature, and were well supported, and many of the exhibits in these classes are sure to make their mark later on. We had our usual good attendance, and Mr. J. S. Clarke seemed to have placed the cards to the satisfaction of all.

HOUSE-MOULTED GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Hale; 4, Mills; vhc, Dalton. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, 3, Hellens; 4, Hale; vhc, Basingthwaighte; hc, Dalton. LINNET (4): 1, Wood; 2, Cooper; 3, Burbidge; 4, Basingthwaighte. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Forse and Son; 2, Bartlett; 3, vhc, Hellens; 4, Forse and Son. A.O.V. (4): 1, Wood; 2, Forse and Son; 3, 4, Hellens. HENS (4): 1, Wood; 2, Forse and Son; 3, Cooper; 4, Hellens. FIELDMOULTED: BULLFINCH (3): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Forse and Son. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Burbidge; 2, 3, hc, Marley; 4, vhc, Hellens. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Hellens; 4, Wood. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 4, Marley; 3, Hellens.—FORSE and SON, Hon. Secs.

PARTICK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly muling pair show and meeting, held in the Trades Hall, Anderson Street, on 4th March, Mr. Anderson presiding over a large attendance. Mr. Whitelaw moved that we keep classification for our next monthly show of British same as last year, but omit the "A.V. Bunting," and "A.V. Finch not classed," which was agreed to. Mr. Maxwell moved that we have a lecture along with the show, which was agreed to. One new member was enrolled. The chairman then asked for specials for our muling pairs. The following members gave notice of same: Messrs. Maxwell, Whitelaw, Brown, and Priest, which were allocated as follows:—Best 1st classes 1 and 2, best 1st classes 3 and 5, best 1st classes 6 and 7, and best 1st classes 4 and 8. During the meeting Mr. S. Ward judged, and the members adjourned to the large hall to see the exhibits. They had an interesting discussion on the birds. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

FOR. GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Webster. BRIT. GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, spl, Webster; 2, Fairweather. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Fairweather. SISKIN AND CAN.: 1, Kidd. REDPOLL AND CAN.: 1, spl, Aitkenhead; 2, 6, Priest; 3, Kidd; 4, Webster; 5, Anderson; 7, Roy. TWITE AND CAN.: 1, Fairweather; 2, Roy. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, spl, Webster; 2, Aitkeohead; 3, Priest; 4, Anderson; 5, 7, Hendry; 6, Whitelaw. A.O.V. MULING PAIR: 1, spl, Whitelaw; 2, Fairweather. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ward for judging brought a most interesting show to a close.—WM. PRIEST, sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

First meeting and pairs show held at the new headquarters the Duke of York Hotel, on March 10th, and the members are to be congratulated on securing such a convenient house, being close to the station and very central, which should be a boon to outlying members. The business part of the evening was of a very successful character. Mr. Weaver's explanation regarding the meeting of delegates at Leicester in connection with the Cage Bird Union was interesting and highly satisfactory. It was also decided to raise the subscription for membership to 5s. per annum, as it was thought, by so doing, it would be the means of placing the society on a sound financial basis, as the benefits received quite outweigh the amount paid. The birds on view were of splendid quality, and invariably well matched, numbering about 30, divided into four classes, and if the members have a successful season, competition should be keen in the near future. Mr. Crundell judged the Canaries and Mr. Willoughby the Mules and Hybrids, judging them in a very efficient manner. Mr. J. Gibbons carried out his secretarial duties in his usual painstaking way.

NOR.: 1, sp, 4, Willoughby, grand large buff and yell. mkd. hen, useful pair, 4th yell. mkd. ck. and buff hen; 2, 3, Garfield, leader yell. ck., buff mkd. hen, 3rd cl. buff ck, and yellow hen; vhc, Gibbons; hc, c, Weaver. YORKS.: 1, sp, 2, Millercamp, these need no comment, grand yell, ck, and buff hen leading, followed by a buff mkd. cock and yell. hen; 3, Walton, another very nice pair, buff ck. and yell. hen; 4, Hall, very typical buff ck. and yell. hen. MULING PAIRS: 1, sp, 3, 4, Tonks, splendid team, leader grand Siberian Goldie, one of the best and large cl. yell. Nor. hen, 3rd his well-known Mealy Redpoll, beautiful yell. mkd. hen; 2, Price, another grand Siberian Goldie and yell. Nor. hen; vhc, Rowley; hc, Hunt; c, Hall. HYB. PAIRS: 1, sp, 2, Tonks, put down in his usual style, leaders well known winning Goldie and beautiful hen Bullie, followed by his noted Greenie, 3rd Palace, etc., and another nice hen Bullie; 3, Rowley, nice British Goldie and very tame hen Bullie; 4, Hunt, likely pair of the same persuasion.—J. A. TONKS (for J. Gibbons, Sec.).

STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S

One of the best members' shows ever held by the society took place on March 3rd at the Leeds Hotel, the judge being Mr. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees). Forty pairs were staged, and the birds were greatly admired.

NOR.: 1, 2, hc, Freeman; 3, vhc, Acheson; 4, Grigg c, Saunders. YORKS.: 1, 3, Chesworth; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Walker; c, Acheson. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Yeates; 2, 4, vhc, Summerhill; 3, Freeman. CAN. MULE: 1, Broadbent; 2, 4, c, Walker; 3, Saunders; vhc, Grigg; c, Freeman. HYB.: 1, Saunders; 2, Walker; 3, Tait; 4, Nicholson and Son; vhc, Freeman.—J. W. LOWES, hon. sec.

CALOW (Chesterfield).

The ninth annual show of the Calow (Chesterfield) F.A. was held on February 26, in the Market Hall, where the exhibits (a large number of them all told) were comfortably and nicely staged. The cage bird section contained some really excellent birds, type and quality being "all there" in several instances. The secretary, Mr. S. Rhodes, is to be complimented upon the success of this annual event; he is in every way suited to the position, and knows how to carry out a show to a nicety. He was ably backed up by a capable committee, and a willing number of workers. Mr. W. Vardy (Huthwaite) judged, and his placings appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (2): 1, vhc, hc, Levi; 2, 3, Smith. YORKS (6): 1, vhc, Levi; 2, Bennett; 3, Thorpe; hc, Stringer; c, Turner. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Bennett; 3, c, Levi; vhc, Stringer; hc, Thorpe. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (8): 1, 3, Naylor; 2, Smith; vhc, hc, Booker; c, Fenton. BRIT. (5): 1, Feuton; 2, spl, Naylor; 3, Goucher; hc, Turner.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Third monthly meeting, held at King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, on March 9th, when we had a large meeting, which augurs well for the new society. We held a table show, there being 12 birds staged; also a judging competition, which all members present engaged in with the utmost enthusiasm. The final judge was Mr. J. Roast, who gave general satisfaction in his placings. After this we elected eight new members, bringing our total up to 45. We shall be holding a First Feather Show in July, also an annual open show at the end of the year, when we hope to receive good support from brother fanciers. The number of points gained at the judging competition are: A. Goble, 36; W. H. Gibb, 19; J. E. Gravett, 16; G. B. Absalom, 16; F. Dandridge, 15; G. France, 15; H. James, 15; A. Flook, 10; C. Pearson, 10; and H. T. Gibb, 8. The judges awards were:—

CAN. A.V. (3): 1, Dandridge, Yorkie; 2, Gibb, Nor.; 3, Bicknell, Nor. BRIT. (7): 1, Absalom, Bullie; 2, Pearson, Goldie; 3, James, Goldie. MULES (2): 1, Sharpe; 2, Gibb.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Successful evening show, held in the Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, on 23rd of February, in aid of the Association's funds. 16 realised 13s. British birds were a grand class, Mr. L. A. Brett putting down an excellent team. Yorkshires showed up well, and were of remarkable quality all through. Mr. Abbott (Dover) judged, and his awards were favourably received. Crests, Borders and Lizards were conspicuous by their absence. A silver medal (presented by the chairman, Mr. Rayner) for most points in classes other than British, was won by Mr. Lockett with 29 points; silver medal (presented by Mr. Leaver) for most entries, Mr. Austen, with ten entries; and silver medal (presented by Mr. E. Heritage) for most points in British birds, to Mr. L. A. Brett, with 18 points. Members would materially assist the executive in carrying out their programme for the year by sending in their subscriptions at their earliest convenience, and Kentish societies desiring the patronage of the Association should make application before June 30th. Monthly general meetings are held on the second Wednesday in each month, in Barton Road Boys' School, at 7.30 p.m., at which fanciers intending to become members will be made welcome; annual subscription 2/6.

YORKS. (8): 1, Lockett; 2, 4, Austen; 3, Rayner. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Lockett; 2, Austen; 3, 4, Rayner. HENS (8): 1, Austen; 2, Lockett; 3, Eade; 4, Hendry. PAIRS (8): 1, 4, Hendry; 2, Lockett; 3, Austen. BRIT. (12): 1, 2, 3, L. A. Brett; 4, Austen. NOR. AND MULES: Two birds only in each class.—GEO. SANDERSON, hon. sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Table show held on March 10th. Fifty-one birds were staged, which, considering the time of year, proves that fanciers in this district are taking a greater interest than formerly. All birds were staged by seven o'clock, and judging commenced by 7.15. All prize labels were on the cages shortly after eight o'clock, when the show was visited by a fair number of visitors. Novice classes were provided, owing to the cup competition, which commenced with this show. Competition was keen throughout. The novice Yorkshire classes contained some good birds, and the novices are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they staged their exhibits. In the champion Norwich classes Mr. J. Emmett won with two very smart exhibits. The Norwich classes, although not so keen as the other sections, contained some nice birds. Mr. A. Longworth stnged both winners. In the British section were to be found birds that could hold their own in any competition. In the class provided for Softbills, Mr. T. Mort staged the best Thrush seen in this district for a long time. Points gained for the cups were as follows:—Champion Yorks.: C. Dukes 15, A. Langley 9, E. Johnson 6; Champion Norwich: J. Emmett 16, T. W. Walters 11, W. W. Morrison 6; British and Mule Section: E. Houghton 17, T. Mort 15, J. Leech 14, T. Moss 4; Novice Yorks.: E. Harper 17, J. Bretherton 9, T. Moss 4; Novice Norwich: J. Leech 10, W. Weston 8. Mr. W. R. Knowles judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Prize money will be paid at next meeting, March 31st, at which we are to have Mr. J. Leech's paper on the Linnet, which, owing to unforeseen circumstances, could not be given at the last meeting. Mr. W. R. Knowles will also give a paper on the rearing of young Canaries. The meeting will commence at 7.30 prompt. Members will assist the committee by turning up early.—C. DUKES, hon. sec.

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THE result of the ballot of the Yorkshire Union officials is as follows:—Vice Presidents, nine competitors, Messrs. H. H. Towers 105, F. Armstrong 81, W. Cruise 56, H. W. Walsh 46, E. W. Johnson 35, A. Livesey 18, W. Walker 16, O. Mitchell 14, W. T. Pickering 7. Mr. Towers is therefore returned with a majority of 24. Secretary, Mr. H. Hill, unopposed. Trustees, two required, Messrs W. H. Shackleton 285, O. Mitchell 273, J. Clark 120. Auditors, two required, Messrs. F. Armstrong 233, R. Halliday 151, S. Dean 109, W. Holroyd 99, H. H. Towers 96, H. Simonett 66. Messrs. Armstrong and Halliday elected. In the revision of rules the following are the most important: Representation on the Council of the Y.U., the old rule is easily carried by 219 to 148, no change. Next, the proposed alteration that the Union select the date of the "First Feather Show," gets in by a 90 majority. Novices will now have a larger classification, the proposed amendment that there be "eight Yorkshire and two Norwich novice classes" at each Y.U. show is carried by 33 votes; in regard to members' shows, by a majority of 57 votes the rule debarring a society from holding a members' show during the hours a Y.U. open show is running is abolished.

REPORTERS (and I am one of them) are henceforth and for ever not to be allowed admission to any Y.U. show until the show is declared open. How, at single-day shows, reporters are expected to be able to get through their work, when maybe the show will not be open to the public before 3 o'clock, is beyond comprehension. But I expect it will have to be done, and we shall still keep smiling.

ASSISTANT judges' names must now appear in schedules, and all judges must be nominated in September for the following year's shows.

SOCIETIES who possess a date for an open show and who do not wish to hold one, can now, by paying their quota of judges' fees, retain that date until such time as they wish to hold a show. New Rules. "That if a bird is claimed out of novice classes, it shall not compete in novice classes again the same year," is lost by 194 to 166. The rule enabling each society holding an open show to print its schedule in the Y.U. Year Book, is carried by a stupendous majority of 243, and that in the event of a tie for any Y.U. trophy, the highest in money awards to be declared the winner, gets in by 314 votes; 325 of a majority is awarded the one-man-one-vote rule.

NOVICES evidently do not wish the limit to be abolished. The proposal "no limit in novice classes," is lost by 151 votes, and it is quite evident the majority of fanciers are satisfied with the Yorkshire judges. The proposal for all outsiders is squashed by 239 votes against 124, but the rule "That no reporter is allowed to judge a Union show" just gets carried by 10 votes. Little do many fanciers know the number of real ablo fanciers this will remove. It takes away absolutely the top half-dozen in this year's selection. What are the Y.U. to do? Now we are to have six First Feather shows for all Union trophies, but the proposers have overlooked one thing; they should also have stated how they were to be got! Equalisation of delegates' travelling expenses is now voted in by 230 majority, this being a good thing for outside societies.

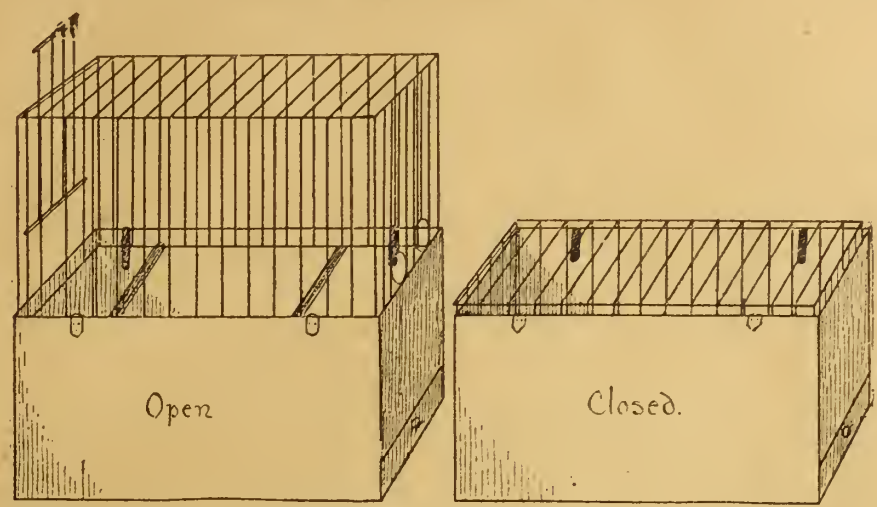
LAST, but not least, must he mentioned the miserable return of ballot papers; 33 per cent. is a very meagre number, and it is hardly worth the trouble and expense entailed.

KEIGHLEY Society have removed their headquarters to more central premises, The Black Horse Hotel, Market Place, where the officers will be pleased to see any fancier or intending member. They have a grand room upstairs for meetings, and a very large room where they can hold members' shows, or even an open show, it being quite large enough to hold 400 birds; and there is plenty of light and air. At the first meeting there on the 8th inst. they held a pair show and had Mr. Samuel Dean, of Gt. Horton, to place the cards and give a little lecture on the birds staged; a very good number of members turned up, and they accorded the lecturer a hearty vote of thanks for his lecture and the answers to questions asked.

THE Green Canary Association of Liverpool held their annual dinner and prize distribution on March 9 at the Royal Court Hotel, and I have been favoured with a copy of the programme by one of the officers, and a very amusing and well got up affair it is. Mr. J. Walker presented the prizes, etc., toasts being given by Messrs. J. Walker (President), J. H. Isaacs, J. W. Metcalfe, W. Hales, and Geo. Green. Perhaps our Red Rose friends will think I am infringing on their colour, but I do it on account of the prizes won by residents of the county of the White Rose, amongst whom I must mention Mr. P. Clayton, who was only one point behind in the big race, not to mention a few others who were among the "also ran"; you'll have to watch the colour of that red rose, or it'll be turning white—there are a few white petals in already.

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G. ATKINSON.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Another Suspension.

A meeting of the Council was held on March 12th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. R. Halliday, president, in the chair. The following business was duly transacted:—The minutes of previous meeting read and passed after an addition had been made to the minute in which H. Kaye was expelled from the Union; this addition debars any society in the Union from taking entries from an expelled member. The business transacted by the sub-committee on March 3rd was endorsed by the Council, and a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Mr. J. E. Brotherton, who held office as trustee for the Union. The Council expressed sincere regret at the sudden loss of so prominent a figure to the Fancy, and its high appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered at various times, and the monetary help he had always been willing to afford the hobby, in which he took so keen a delight. Another objection was laid before the Council, in which Mr. F. Firth accused Mr. A. Radley of borrowing and lending birds for exhibition purposes. A lengthy hearing was given to the case, and after several witnesses had given evidence, the Council decided to suspend Mr. A. Radley, of Skelmanthorpe sine die, and expel him from the Union, from this date. The secretary was instructed to refund the 5s. deposit to Mr. Firth, the objection being proved. Batley and Dis. F.O.S. were admitted as members of the Union from April 1st next, this now making 29 societies affiliated. The case dealing with the Bradford Health Committee's action in "noticing" bird-breeders from the Corporation houses was thoroughly thrashed out by the Council, and Messrs. F. Hammond and H. Hill were selected as a deputation to wait upon the Health Committee with a view to getting them to remove this drastic step, which means so much to the Fancy in general. The Council feel that the committee's action was uncalled for altogether. Several suggestions were brought before the Council, dealing with a Cinderella Club show, and the best method to adopt in order to make the affair successful financially. Opinions were expressed freely, and it seems that Mr. D. Sunderland's remarks anent running a show for this deserving fund, which were made at the annual prize distribution, had fallen on good ground. In fact, it was quite evident that much thought had been expended in devising some of the schemes brought forward, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to refer these suggestions back to the societies by the delegates, to be brought up at the next meeting.—H. HILL, secretary.

Result of Ballot.

Vice-president (1 required): Mr. H. H. Towers 105 votes, Mr. F. Armstrong 81, Mr. W. Cruise 56, Mr. H. W. Walsh 46, Mr. E. W. Johnson 35, Mr. A. Livesey 18, Mr. W. Walker 16, Mr. O. Mitchell 14, and Mr. W. T. Pickering 7. Trustees (2 required): Mr. W. H. Shackleton 285 votes, Mr. O. Mitchell 273, and Mr. J. Clark 120. Auditors (2 required): Mr. F. Armstrong 233 votes, Mr. R. Halliday 151, Mr. S. Dean 109, Mr. W. Holroyd 99, Mr. H. H. Towers 96, and Mr. H. Simonett 66. Secretary: Mr. H. Hill (unopposed), 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

Revision of Rules: The following proposed alterations are carried: Rule 11, "That the date of the first summer show, under the rules of the Union, shall be left to the discretion of the Council," 219 votes for and 129 against; Rule 41, "That all affiliated societies holding an open winter show, incorporate in their schedules not less than 10 novice classes (eight Yorkshire and two Norwich classes)," 194 for and 161 against; Rule 45, "That the rule relating to members' shows be abolished." 200 for and 143 against; Show Rule No. 12, "That the words 'reporter or otherwise' be inserted to read as follows. 'No person, reporter, or otherwise, will be admitted under any pretence whatever, etc.,'" 203 for and 155 against. Proposed addition to rules.—The following additions to present rules are carried: Rule 12, (1) "That the judges be nominated in September, and selected in November for the following year's shows," 164 votes for and 139 against; (2) "That all assistant judges' names be published in schedule along with the classes they will judge," 204 for and 139 against; Rule 16, "That any society in the Union not holding an open winter show, pay their proportion of judges' fee, or otherwise drop to the bottom the following year," 241 for and 112 against; Rule 43, relating to uniform perches and water tins, "That the words 'in all Canary classes' be added," 248 for and 105 against. Proposed new rules.—The following new rules have been carried: (2) "That the Yorkshire Union adopt Mr. H. J. Chittenden's scheme, so that each society holding an open show can print its schedule in the Yorkshire Union Handbook," 305 votes for and 62 against; (3) "In the event of a tie in points for any trophy, the highest in money awards shall be declared the winner," 344 for and 30 against; (4) "That each member of the Union shall only have one vote by ballot," 340 for and 25 against: (7) "That no reporter is allowed to judge a Union show," 181 for and 171 against; (8) "That no member shall use his office on his bill-heads as an advertisement," 186 for and 144 against; (9) "That there be six First Feather shows to run in conjunction with the winter shows, for all the Union trophies," 177 for and 153 against; (10) "That the Union shall pay all delegates' travelling expenses," 299 for and 69 against. All the rules included in this list are those that have been carried by the annual ballot. 387 papers being returned out of 1,165.—H. HILL, secretary.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest, held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on Mar. 13th, when 15 birds sang. 1st, Green; 2nd, Hutchinson; 3rd, Thirkell and Ward. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Renton.—THIRKELL, sec.

Usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, March 12th, when 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, W. Naylor, and P. Hoban:—1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, shared between Soloman and Sissons. Also on March 13th, when 25 birds sang:—1, Bland; 2, Butterfield; 3, Hardcastle; 4, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. Also on same evening, a grand Canary contest took place:—1, Hardcastle; 2, Wake; 3, Foley. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Hoban.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

BLACKBURN.

Usual singing contest, March 5th, at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when 16 birds contested against each other:—1, James; 2, Leeming; 3, Dobson. Judge, Rostron. Timekeeper, Cardwell. Week-end contest held on Mar. 12th, when 15 birds entered, prizes as follows:—1, Leeming; 2, Dobson. Judges, Messrs. James and Leeming. Referee, Mr. Topping. Timekeeper, Mr. Cardwell. On March 26th our All England Singing Contest for quality will take place, when valuable prizes will be contested for.—T. SLATER, sec.

BEDMINSTER.

Goldfinch Mule singing handicap held at Maltster's Arms, Philip Street, on March 13th, when some grand singing was heard. There was a grand meeting of fanciers. Joe Thomas was timekeeper. Mr. E. Cleanley scored first, and Messrs. Emery and Baker second. Another contest at same place, March 19th; birds start at 2.30. Everybody welcome.

OPENSHAW L. AND L.S.A.

First open contest for time singing was held at the Boilermaker's Arms, Abbey Hey, on March 12th, before a crowded house, 10 birds being entered from Gorton, Longsight, Ashton, and Droylsden. First prize, a handsome flower stand, was won by Wharton (Longsight). Timekeepers, Messrs. F. Washbourne, G. Bank and E. Parker (Wigan). After the contest a meeting was held, and it was decided to change the name from South Manchester L.A. to the above, and the following officers were elected.—Chairman, Mr. Inman; treasurer, Mr. J. G. Garbutt; committee, Messrs. E. Swain, F. Washbourne, and J. Knight. Meeting to be held on March 20th to arrange rules, etc. Fanciers cordially invited.—B. WHARTON, Sec. Openshaw and Dis. L. and L.S.A.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, March 5th, when 20 birds entered. Result: 1, Storey; 2, Laverick; 3, Moore; 4, Oldroyd; 5, Harrison. Judge, Mr. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. Limbert, senr. Usual contest, on March 12th, when 20 birds entered. Result: 1, Storey; 2, Maugham; 3, Abbey; 4, Oldroyd. Judge, Mr. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of twenty birds competed. Result: 1st, Bean; 2nd, Lee; 3rd, 4th, Smith. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard, with following result: 1st, Bean; 2nd, Wilson; 3rd, Smith; 4th, Stothard. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest held at Ship Inn, where 24 birds sang. 1st, 2nd, Machin; 3rd, Telford. Judge, Mr. B. Johnson; timekeeper, Mr. I. Bailey; bookkeeper, Mr. J. Cope. Another contest held March 5th at the Ryhope Grange, where 30 birds faced the judge, Mr. B. Johnson, who gave every satisfaction. 1st, Robinson; 2nd, Fuller; 3rd, McDonald. Timekeeper, Mr. R. Hall; bookkeeper, Mr. J. Gilbraith

CROOK.

First monthly Linnet contest held at "Royal Oak," Crook, on March 5th, when 28 birds sang for five prizes, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Luckhurst; 4th, Bailes; 5th, T. Winter. Mr. G. Reeds (Brandon) judged; timekeeper, Mr. J. Rutherford (West Roddymoor).—W. RUTHERFORD, Bookkeeper and Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing, held March 6th. Result, 3 minutes' duration: E. Bisley, 67, 1st; H. Berkenshaw, 56, 2nd; M. Machin, 51, 3rd.—E. BISLEY, sec.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook, on March 5th, when 26 birds entered. Result: 1, Mr. Tummy, 83; 2, Mr. J. Robinson; 3, Mr. Herbert. Also on March 6th, with twenty-four birds:—1, Tummy, 73; 2, Bisby, 51; 3, Herbert, 48. Also on March 12th, when fourteen birds entered:—Winner, Berkinshaw, 68; 2, Coles, 59; 3, Jim, 48. Also on March 13th, twenty-one birds:—Winner, Albert, 45; 2, Wilhamson, 43; 3, Wilson, 42. There will be a contest on March 19th, commence at three o'clock; also one on the 20th, first pair up one o'clock.—A. BROWN, sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet contest, at the Princess of Wales Hotel, Greenhough Street, when 36 birds from Leigh, Wigan, Westhoughton, Warrington, Standish, entered. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Mellingan. Timekeepers, Messrs. R. Holcroft, C. Swift, G. Mellingan. Winners for quality:—1, Jones; 2, Holcroft; 3, W. Mellingan; 4, Holcroft. For time:—1, Jones, 92; 2, Statham, 73; 3, Charman, 70; 4, Lowe, 68. We spent the evening with songs, and had another match in the gaslight:—1, Howard; 2, Highman.—A. PARKER, sec.

NEWSHAM.

Linnet singing contest held March 5th, at Miners' Arms, when thirty-two birds faced the judge. Results: 1st and 2nd, W. Archbold; 3rd, Bowman; judge, Mr. A. Herron; timekeeper, Mr. A. Lawton.—S. LAWS, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

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WANTED, Canaries; exchange Black and Tan terrier dog, double, two single breeding cages: Bingham, Long Sutton, Lincs.

WANTED Yorkshires, exchange turning lathe fret-saw combined, new, cost £2 19s.; hens preferred: 7, St. Cuthbert-st., Worksop.

WANTED, Canaries, for cash, or exchange jewellery, no rubbish offered or wanted: Edgley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange good Flemish giant rabbits (Stevens') or flying tipplers (Wilmots'): A. Guest, Cookley, Kidderminster.

WANTED, typical 1909 yellow Norwich cock, for new burning off lamp, cost 12/6; bird first: Jeffery, 7, Trelawny-rd., Tavistock.

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries, mules, and British birds; cash immediately. State you price to: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; please state lowest price; exchanges considered: Baldwin, Hingeston-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, Roller cock, exchange cage moulted Goldfinch; sell 10/-; approval, deposit: Stephenson, The Lodge, Temple Bank, Bradford.

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinches; exchange Muling cock Linuet and house-moulted cock Bramblefinch: Wearmouth, 4, Westcroft, Stanhope.

WANTED, offers in Norwich Canaries, for a black Lurcher dog, 13 months old; sell 25/-: George Johnson, 2, Box Mill-lane, Halstead, Essex.

WANTED, good yellow marked Norwich hen, also tame talking Parrot; exchange prize-bred Yorkshires to value: Kirk, Parade, Cowes.

CUSTOMER for six smart young Norwich cocks, guaranteed full song, healthy, 27/-; cash or deposit; approval: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, any quantity; state lowest price on approval: Carter, 45 and 47, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

BUY, sell or exchange live stock, prize pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, British and Foreign birds: Maynard, Naturalist, Bethnal Green.

WANTED, Roller hens, 1909, or aviary; exchange field glasses, case, new; sell 9/-; yours first; approval: Weekes, 20, Cross Guns-st., Dudley.

WANTED, all varieties, Canaries, cheap, for cash or good exchange suit lengths or lady's dress lengths: M'Kcand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, large Norwich, good price given for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

OLD English Game Bantam cock, 2nd Buckle; four prize Himalaya rabbits, 1 Belgian hare, exchange Britishers or others: 17, Regent-st., Fife-Keith, Banffshire.

WANTED, good yellow Norwich cock, unfighted; exchange cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, and ticked yellow hen, value 10/6: Holmes, Mansfield-ave., Quorn.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange new gent's walking boots, 14/6; nailed boots, 12/6; ladies' boots, 10/6, 12/6; shoes, 6/6 to 12/6: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, Yorkshire hens, greens, or clears, buffs; exchange two cock Bullies, Goldie, and Bullie hens, hand-reared; offers: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Edison gem phonograph, cost 42/-, and 26 records; sell 30/-; gent's bike, 25/-, running order: Andrews, Radnor-rd., Harrow.

WANTED Budgerigars; will give scales, brass weights, 1lb to ½oz., suitable tobacconist, confectioner, stamped, good order: Hopwood, Woodlands, Barnsley.

WANTED, good singing Canary, Roller, or Yorkshire preferred, in exchange for pair house-moulted Bullfinches, or two cock Greenfinches: H. Piggott, Wantage.

GOOD Norwich ticked Buff cock, '08 or '09 bird, valued 15/- or £1, will give good exchange in '09 pullets; appro., yours first: W. Green, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

WANTED to sell, or exchange for Canaries, anything, Irish dog, by champion Straight Tip (sold for £400); also wire and smooth Fox terriers: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

CANARIES wanted; exchange case 9 piece carvers, pair each fish, flesh, and fowl carvers, dogs and steel; cost 45/-; accept 25/-; exchange: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash; state lowest price; open to buy £100 worth: Hardy and Barron, 16, Club-row, Church-st., London.

ALL fanciers, breeders, and keepers of cage birds will hear of something to interest them on enclosing stamped envelope to Edgar Broadbent, The Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, any quantity, any variety, Canaries; good price given for good birds; will deposit cash; send particulars and stamp reply: H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, large yellow hens, Plainheads, Lancashires, Norwich, or ticked Yorkshires; exchange 1909 2 Goldfinch mules (cocks), or sell 15/-: H., 26, Water-st., Pen y-groes, Carnarvonshire.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, Germans, 1/6: Norwich, 1/9; Yorkshire, 2/-; buyer of any kind of birds, cocks or hens: Perkins, 25, Kingston-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, cock Canary; exchange house-moulted cock Linnet and hen Canary; wanted, cock Goldfinch; exchange pair flying Homers and pair Squeakers: George, 303, St. Ann's Well rd., Nottingham.

WANTED, gent.'s 23in. good bicycle; exchange a 30-key Lachenal concertina and house-moulted cock Goldfinch and Chaffinch and German hen; approval. Letters only. Anything; bike first: Warburton, Bull and Butcher, Cottage, Burnley.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

EGG collectors' guide and calendar, 1/-; egg drills, blow pipes, etc., 1/-. Illustrated catalogue naturalists' requisites, 2d.: Davis, Naturalist, Dartford.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

BLACKBIRD, in song, sell 7/6; or exchange 2 hen Canaries: Gowler, Hive Lane, Chatteris.

TWO double breeders, 36 and 30, 5/-; 2 pairs steady Bullfinches, 5/-; offers: Rose, Westerfield, Suffolk.

FINGER-tame Starling, and nice cage, 5/6; exchange field glass: Mrs. Watson, 1a, Castlehill, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE 4 cock Bullfinches, beauties, for good singing Canary: John Williams, Wood-st., Menai Bridge.

FRONT wheel of bike, good as new (no tyres), 26in., exchange British or anything: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

COCK Greenfinch hen Linnet, 4 cock Linnets; exchange cock Siskin, anything useful: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

FOUR hen Bullfinches, from aviary, sell; exchange large yellow Norwich hen: Sibley, 30, Connaught-st., Northampton.

COCK pied Blackbird, exchange large yellow Norwich hens, Goldfinches, or offers: Robertson, Baker, Bainsford, Falkirk.

STEADY house-moulted hen Bullie, 3/6; exchange cock Goldie, singing; Goldie first; stamp: Charles, 6, Basel-st., Leicester.

GOLDFINCH mule, full song; exchange good Yorkshire cock or 1909 pullets; sell 10/-: Wildman, Eastbury-lodge, Romford.

LARGE stout house-moulted cock Linnet, mated with Yorkshire hen, sure breeders, 5/6: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

LARGE dark Linnet Mule, winner, 10/-; Greenfinch Mule, winner, 7/-; two Siskin Mules, 5/- each; offers: Todd, Lock-st., Darlington.

GOLDFINCHES, 6 cocks, 5/- each, house-moulted; or exchange for 2 hen Canaries; approval, deposit: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

FIVE hen Bullies; exchauge Yorkshire or Norwich cock; approval both ways; Canary first: Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

COCK Linnet Mule, winner, 12/6; hand-reared cock Starling, full song, 7/6; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches: Burgess, Norton Malton.

HAND reared cock Chaffinch, ditto Bullfinch, both full song, finger tame, 6/-; exchange silver chain: Richards, 9, Egremont-rd., Exmouth.

HANDSOME hand-reared house-moulted piping cock Bullfinch, 3/6; exchange pigeons, anything useful: Rayner, 180, Coggeshall-rd., Braintree.

PAIR house-moulted Linnets, pair Redpolls, 5/- lot; exchange for exhibition Linnet or Bramblefinch: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

CLEARING out British, every kind of Finch, etc., guaranteed house-moulted. What offers in Canaries? Stamp for reply: Acomb, Bootham Aviaries, York.

HAWFINCHES, good cocks from 6/-, hens from 2/-; exchange 1 splendid cock for 2 large yellow Norwich hens: E. Beardow, Ashover, near Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE Siskin, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, all cocks, cage-moulted, for good exhibition British cock Goldfinch; yours first: Peacock, Queenborough, Braintree, Essex.

HOUSE moulted cock Linnet, winner, 10/6; house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 2/6; cock Goldfinch mule, 7/6; exchange good Yorkshire cock: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WHAT offers? Hand-reared 1909 muling cock Goldfinch, and good Norwich hen, and breeding cage, useful exchanges entertained, or sell 12/6. Particulars: H. Clemence, 19, Bristow-rd., Hounslow.

HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet, 4/-, exchange hen Bullfinch; cock Goldfinch and hen Linnet, both house-moulted, 10/-, or exchange for large muling hen: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

A bargain for someone; cocks, Bullfinch, 1st, spl., etc., 10/6; Goldfinch Mule, 8/6; selected muling Linnet, 4/6; ditto Greenfinch, 2/6; offers, exchange cobby yellow Norwich hens; 25, Harewood-st., Leicester.

COCK Siskins, 3/- each; or would exchange 5 pairs Siskins for a scarlet or superb Tanager cock, aviary or cage moulted; Tanager first on approval, both ways: Robert Irvine, 24, Perth-st., Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

CAGE moulted cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch, paired, exchange cage-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch; cage-moulted hen Goldfinch and cock Redpoll, exchange cage-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch or Sib. hen, pink eyes, no rubbish wanted, as these birds are genuine; yours first; cock Siskin, 4/-; hen Goldfinch mule, 1/-: R. Gulless, 67, Ridsdale-rd., Anerley, S.E.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOUR pair Yorkshires, 26/-; or exchange anything useful: Hartle, Peak Dale, Buxton.

ROLLER Canaries (singing) wanted; will exchange 3 Crest hens, or sell 10/- each: Moy, Bootmaker, Jarrow.

EXCHANGE 4 cock Bullfinches for healthy cock Canary for breeding; sell 5/- lot: Schalk, Fahrford, Glos.

TWO cock Bullfinches, 5/-; 2 hens, 3/-; exchange Norwich cock or Siskins: Scott, Aldhelm-villas, Dorchester.

BIG hen Canaries for muling, 5,6; also champion Borders; exchange. See Wanted: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

WILL give 2/- and yellow Yorkshire hen for cock Canary: Mr. Green, 33, Sixth-ave., Enfield, Middlesex.

FEW marked yellow and buff Border hens, 3/- each; exchange Norwich: Steels, Richard, Cooper-st., Goole.

1909 buff Norwich cock, 7/6; exchange double breeding cages, or offers: Bosworth, 24, Station-rd., Rushden, R.S.O.

EXCHANGE matched pair of Yorkshires for binoculers in case; approval: Ashton, 211, Seabank-rd., New Brighton.

TWO 1909 Yorkshire hens, 8/-; exchange songster, full song Roller preferred; appro.: Noah's Ark, Seal, Kent.

EXCHANGE large unflighted buff Norwich cock for yellow Yorkshire cock, 1909: Hook, 80, Montgomery-st., Hove.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires or Norwich, ready to nest, for 12 pigeons or 6 bantams.—Geo. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

TWO grand clear yellow Norwich cocks; exchange 1 for good buff hen, or anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

LIZARDS, one gold and five silver cocks, best offers; or exchange joiner's tools: Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

SALE, 1 pair of Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, or exchange tumbler pigeons: Gamekeeper, Bisbrook Hall, Uppingham, Rutland.

WANTED two good yellow Norwich hens, exchange good Yorkshire cock; approval: Jefferies, Lymlnton Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock for good Roller cock, or sell; approval both ways: Risdon, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

FIVE typical Border hens, 2 cocks, 1 Yorkshire hen, exchange for 3 Norwich hens or best offer: Poole, Frostons-rd., Workington.

TWICE house-moulted hen Bullfinch, exchange cock Canary; offers: Jack Watson, Rose-cottage, Wrightington, near Wigan.

NORWICH cocks and Goldfinch Mules, from 5,6; exchange anything useful: Gibson, 60, Vernon Avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

LARGE yellow house-moulted cock Greenfinch, also large Norwich hen, good breeders, 5/-: R. Simons, 202, High-st. North, Dunstable.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

THREE pairs Canaries, ready for nest; exchange ladies' gold watch, or gold guard; or sell: Tilley, 95a, Deacon-rd., Willesden Green.

PAIR sporting water-colours, by "Alking," gilt frames, gold mounts, £2 10/-; exchange Canaries: Clarkson, 1, Ilva-pl., Shoreditch, N.

HOUSE-moulted, large, stout cock Linnet, with large Norwich hen, certain breeders, 5/6, bargain: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

WANTED, good cycle in exchange for exhibition Canaries and British birds; approval: W. Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

GENTS' watch, splendid timekeeper, and silver chain, 11/6; exchange British or Canaries: Norman Haley, near Lower Hall, Liversedge.

EXCHANGE typical Yorkshires, 7 inches long, for Watson's wrappers, or sell 10/6; camera, 30/-, for ditto: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

FOUR pure bred buff Orpingtons, laying, and cockerel; exchange good Norwich; offers; approval: Apply, 21, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

TWO Norwich cocks, sell, or exchange H.M. Siberian cock Goldfinch. Finch first; or offers: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, yellow hen, variegated yellow cock, clear buff hen; long racy birds; 12/- per pair, £1 the lot: Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

ENGLISH concertina in case, 48 keys, splendid condition, Lacheral maker, exchange for good Norwich hens: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton.

CRESTED cock and hen, to match, 35/- pair; will exchange good pair of Norwich Plainheads; approval: Hesketh, 29, Kirkland-st., St. Helens.

WHAT offers, anything useful, no live stock, for 6 1909 and 1 1908 Yorkshire hens, also double breeding cage?: Wheatley, Burnt Mill, Harlow, Essex.

WILL give one clear yellow Yorkshire cock, standard length, for large yellow Norwich hens, Bullfinch type: E. Parker, The Weir, Hessle, near Hull.

TWO good young yellow Yorkshire hens, house-moulted, Greypate, full song, 12/6; exchange; offers: Denton, 40, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

GOOD singing cock Canary wanted, exchange handsome horn handle carvers and steel, silver mounted, in case, sell 10/6: Bond, House Furnisher, Eastleigh.

FIFTY Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/6, 10/6 each; 30/- six; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

EXCHANGE Green Crest-bred cock for Yorkshire Canaries, cock and 2 hens, to value £1 5/-; Yorkshires first: Barclay, 61, McLelland-drive, Kilmarnock.

EXCHANGE four Crest-bred cocks for a variegated Norwich crested cock; yours first; or sell £2: Mr. C. Wilkins, 178, Penrhiwceber-rd., Penrhiwceiber, S. Wales.

EXCHANGE 1 Yorkshire cock, 2 Yorkshire hens, 6 Linnets, 2 house-moulted Linnets, for black miniature top Pomeranian dog; offers: Address, F. Robertson, Kinsale.

1909 yellow Plainhead Lancashire cock, buff Coppy hen, 25/- pair; Goldfinch cock Mule, 6/-; exchange anything: Law, Joiner and Undertaker, Merefield, Rochdale.

COOPER'S 15-egg incubator, hatched 100 per cent., guaranteed perfect working order, for good Norwich cock, or sell 10/-; approval: Bowman, Dogley, Kirkburton.

EXCHANGE monster Crested cock and Crest-bred hen, bred from prize winners. Offers in anything; or sell 25/-, or nearest offer: Bennett, Fountain-terr., Bacup.

EXCHANGE 2 yellow Norwich Crested cocks, for buff Yorkshire cock, must be good; or offers in poultry; approval: Dean, Mill-st., Junction, Crosshills, Keighley.

SIEFERT Roller, champion songster, rattling Linnet, proved muler, exchange good pair Yorkshires, yours first; approval: Williams, 13, Dynevor-st., Fouhrim, via Cardiff.

GOOD yellow variegated Norwich cock for first-class Siskin or Goldfinch; champion field-moulted Linnet for large Norwich unflighted hen: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

CINNAMON-green Canary cock, foul green hen, 13/6; Cinnamon cock, buff, 15/-; ditto, ditto, 12/6; approval; exchange British: Davis, Square, Haveriggs, Millom, Cumberland.

MASSIVE variegated yellow Norwich cock, full song, 8/6; three buff Norwich hens, splendid for light muling, 4/- each; all 1909; approval: A. Holmes, Iuhams-rd., Whittlesea.

J. CALAM (winner Hull Cage Bird Society's champion cup, 1909), has few pairs Norwich, 15/-, and upwards, or exchange gentleman's and ladies' wearing apparel: 44, George-st., Hull.

HARDY outdoor aviary reared Canaries, Roller hens, 2/6 each; five, 10/-; Yorkshire cocks, 7/-: hens, 5/6; pairs, 10/-; all perfectly healthy; exchange: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somt.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, Norwich, Rollers, Border Fancies, muling pairs, for good gramophone or zonophone, with Gibson tone arm and exhibition sound box preferred: Whiteley, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

ONLY these left. Yorkshire cocks, two, 7/6 each; two, 10/6 each; two, 12/6 each; full song; two hens, 3/6 each, all 1909 bred; offers, cash or exchange: Boston, 15, Grand-parade, Harringay.

GRAND cock Goldfinch and big buff hen, 5/6; wing-marked dark Crested hen; exchange young Crest-bred hen, 2 good cock Linnets; exchange 2 young Roller hens; approval: Ainge, 16, Stanley-st., Melton Mowbray.

JUST about twelve fine, long, upright standing Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; and three at 15/-; cock birds worth double; cash or exchange; approval or deposit: F., 14, Bury-rd., Rawtenstall, Manchester.

ST. Andreasberg Roller, contest winner, with Nightingale, Titlark, bell and water bubble notes, full song, 25/-; clinking yellow Yorkshire cock, perfect in every way, 15/-, worth double; approval; exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

BORDER Fancies, best strains, pair, £1; cock and three hens, £1 10/-; bargain; exchange Scotch Fancy hen, poultry, etc.: 139, Gorgie-rd., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE phonograph and records, cost £20 (this winter), for four large yellow Norwich hens, or offers: A. Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR Black-faced Lovebirds, exchange light or dark Mules; offers; sell £3: Cowan, 8, Alexandra-ter., Troon.

EXCHANGE green parrot and brass bell top cage for good Yorkshire hen: R. Thorne, 19, Lower Keyford, Frome, Somerset.

ADULT pair green Budgerigars, splendid condition, 6/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; or exchange: Curtis, 306, Belvedere-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

ROCK Parrot, tame, commencing to mimic, make good talker, and cage, 30/-; or part exchange Canaries: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

FINE pairs, cock Goldfinches, hen Bullfinches, 5/-; cock Redpoll, hen Goldfinches, 2/-; exchange adult pair green Budgerigars: Smalley, Kibworth, Leicestershire.

TWO red-crested Cardinals, 1 black throated Cardinal, 6/- each; 1 white Java hen, 2/6; 1 pair Red-billed Weaver, 2/-; 4 French cock Larks, 9d. each; lot, £1; exchange Budgerigars, Cockatiels, anything: Radley Brothers, King-st. Aviaries, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

HARRY ALLEN

will exchange beautiful talking Parrot, with new cage, for Canaries, cocks and hens, to the value of £2 10s.; this is a bargain for some one: Harry Allen, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE Fox Terrier dog, 9 months, what offers: Ankerson, Blackwater, Hants.

EXCHANGE 22 parts Harmworth's Self Educator for Canaries: G., 15, Judd-rd., Tonbridge.

SCOTCH blankets, 25/-; exchange for Canaries: Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

SALE or offers; 116 hobbies, books, fretwork designs: Hedley Dawson, Woodhouse, Sheffield.

ANGORA doe, and 4 young, week's, exchange Goldfinches or Norwich: Shaw, Bank-st., Malvern.

BOARDS (planed), exchange Goldfinches or Canaries: Ridge, 25, Motley-st., Battersea, London.

GENT'S safety 22/6, exchange 10/- cash and pullets: Ainsworth, 16, Penzance-pl., Notting Hill.

QUARTER hand camera, as new, cost 12/6, sell 6/-; or exchange fretwork tools: Griffiths, Cowie.

WHAT offers in Canaries for new camera with twelve plates?: S. Edwards, 39, High-st., Aberdare.

DALMATIAN dog, 3 years, exchange good Norwich Canaries, or sell £3: 89, Bridge-rd. West, Battersea.

5/- and 6/- Novels, good authors, 1/- each; exchange live stock: Crowther, 27, Garden-rd., Brighouse.

WHAT offers Canaries for Samuel, £3 10/- silver lever watch, new?: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives and razor for one cock or hen Canaries.—H. Carnell, 44, Robert-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Lucca phonograph and melodeon, cost 28/-, for Yorkshires: J. Adams, 44, Preston-st., Govanhill.

PAIR Oxo pictures (The Connoisseurs) for good typical yellow green Norwich hen: Harris, 79, Laithe-st., Burnley.

WHAT offers, 30 "Cage Birds," 7 plates, and Cassell's English Dictionary: Clements, 6, Denmark-st., Plaistow.

AVIARY, double-breeding cage, eight homing pigeons; pullets preferred: Hurson, 329, Rotherhithe-New-rd., S.E.

WHAT offers in crest-bred hens for gent.'s 9ct. snake ring, ruby head?: C. Cubitt, 21, Prices-st., Blackfriars, London.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors in case for singing cock Canary; not rubbish: 19, Prince-st., Moor, Sheffield.

FOR sale, Airedale bitch, 15/-, or will exchange anything, poultry preferred: 73, Dovercourt-rd., Masboro', Rotherham.

FOUR large loose fronts, 46 x 16½, in good condition. What offers? No live stock: Woods, 34, Morris st., Oldham.

BARGAIN; exchange 180 Hobbies' designs, unused, for good cock Canary: R. Dibbens, 77, Dartmoor-st., Notting Hill Gate.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/- or 25/-; for mules, Canaries, or offers; approval: E., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

Pathe phonograph, cost £2 10/-, 40 records, all as new, sell £2; exchange Canaries or British: Jeal, Confectioner, Reigate.

HIMALAYAN Rabbit (doe), concertina, 6-bottle dinner cruet, 10/-; or useful exchange: Blenkhorn, Swindon-rd., Horsham.

EXCHANGE treadle fretsaw, for yellow Norwich cock, or anything useful: Lukey, Office-row, Hartford, Northumberland.

GRAMOPHONE, Silver King, 12 records, good going order, 25/-; exchange Foreign birds; approval: Morley, Foster-st., Boston.

EXCHANGE (three vols. Illustrated Travels, good condition; healthy Norwich Canaries, £1: 49, Claude-avenue, Twerton, Bath.

WHAT offers Canaries; exchange lady's dress length; patterns sent; sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

FOOTBALL, tennis ground marker, cost 18/6, perfect condition, exchange Canaries: offers: Hellier, 43, Sydenham-ter., Southsea.

NEW cash book, cost 7/6, sell 4/6, exchange yellow Norwich cock or hens (feeders), anything: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

EXCHANGE child's tricycle, good order, for Canaries: offers; sell, 12/6: Fenton, Avenue, Kirkby-rd., Sutton Ashfield, Notts.

KESTREL eggs, Cormorant, Shay, Gannet, Kittwake, Fulmar, 4d. each; will exchange; F. Peaples, 590, Tonge Moor-rd., Bolton.

NO. 1 Klito enlarger, new condition, sell 10/-, or part exchange singing cock Linnet; mutual approval: Guy, Marton Hall, Bridlington.

PAIR Witney blankets, new, 4ft. 6in., cost 25/-; exchange 4 cocks or 8 hen Canaries, or useful offers: Grocer, 79, Villa-st., Birmingham.

NEW violin in case, and tutor, cost 25/-, exchange Canaries in breeding condition: Williams, Tyben, Rhosgadfan, nr. Carnarvon, N.W.

WANTED birds, pigeons, guinea pigs, Parrots, dogs, etc., purchase or exchange livestock: Barlow's Aviaries, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

GOOD Muling cage, 2 slides, fine condition, pay half carriage; exchange songster: Sadler, 33, Prestonavenue, Higham's Park, Chingford.

EXCHANGE large brass lamp, round burner, very powerful light, for Muling Goldfinch or Linnet: G. Kirkbride, Heathwaite, Windermere.

EXCHANGE two good hollow ground razors for cock or two good hen Canaries; approval: Hinchliffe, 1, Ct. Gloucester-pl., Sheffield.

16 copies Harmsworth Encyclopaedia, 12 Estate magazines, copy Byron's works, what offers in Norwich hens: Shaw, Bank-st., Malvern.

GIVING up, stock of Borders, British and cages; sell £2 10/-; or exchange gent's free wheel bicycle: Jamieson, 26, Drumlanrig-sq., Hawick.

TWO pairs large Norwich Canaries, 2 single breeders, 2 Norwich show cages, for girl's cycle. Offers: Pettitt, Gadstone-st., Raunds.

PAIR all-wool blankets, value 18/6; coronation harp, new, 10/6; cost 42/-; or exchange anything: John Leaf, 23, Waterloo-rd., Hunslet.

EXCHANGE pair first-class carvers or 6 ivorine-handled knives for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair bicycle wheels, complete, wanted Canaries; offers; also smoke Persian Neuter cat, sell 15/-; offers: Holmside, Portpatrick.

WELL-bred even-marked toy Fox Terrier pup, 7 months, bitch, very handsome, sell 10/6, or exchange to value: W. Cooper, Carisbrooke, I.W.

HEATING gas stove, with asbestos cinders, exchange Norwich Canaries, or sell 10/- cash: Newman, 62, Cambus-rd., Canning Town, London.

VIOLIN, complete, and tutor, for sale, 20/-, or exchange dark-grey or black costume, short coat; also mandoline, 15/6: 21, Norwood-rd., Shipley.

BREEDING cages, flight cages, song cages, all appliances, sell, or exchange anything; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

TWENTY-seven disc records, ten inch, one double, exchange Roller schoolmaster, and best cash offer: Neil, 11, George-st., Burnbank, Hamilton.

BLACK curly-coated Retriever bitch, 3 months, sale 12/6, or exchange for Canaries or pigeons to value; worth treble: E. Hale, Rueardeane, Glos.

EXCHANGE 6 planes, 2 chisels, 1 mill, 1 edge for 1 cock, 2 hen Canaries, or whippet; yours first: John Robertson, 34, Woolmarket, Berwick.

EXCHANGE good phonograph, 6 records, for pair good Roller or Yorkshire Canaries, nesting; yours first: Barnett, 47, Rydal-aven., Blackpool.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Virtue's Household Physician, complete in 5 vols., value 25/-: G. R. Weller, 13, Commercial-rd., Red Hill, Surrey.

CONFECTIONERS and others, bullet machine, 50 pairs rollers, cost £50, take £10; exchange, offers: Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

AIR rifle, cost 2 guineas, very powerful; will exchange for good Siefert Roller cock Canary, full song: Gaywood, 11, Cliff Town-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

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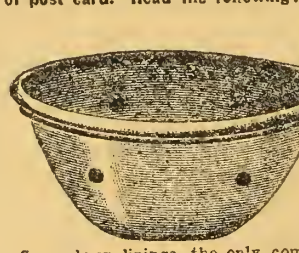
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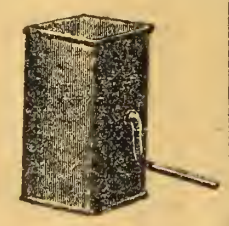
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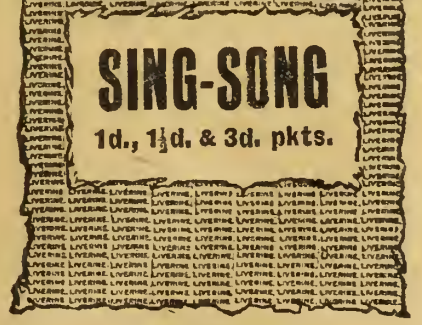


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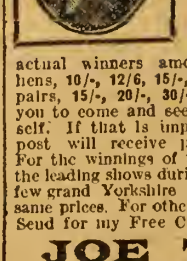
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of paying whilst the birds are actually in your possession, gives the best satisfaction. Matched pairs, ready to nest at once, Yorkshires, Norwich, or Border Fancies, 10/- per pair; deposit 5/-, balance 1/- per week; cocks, all varieties, 6/-, 7/6; deposit 3/-, balance 1/- per week; hens, buff, clear or marked, 2/6, 3/- cash; matched pairs of Crests, 12/6.

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Hundreds similar to above open for the inspection of all, also a large number of winning testimonials received this season. My birds have won in keen competition in every part of the kingdom.

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LANCASHIRES, COPPIES OR PLAINHEADS.—Cocks or hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each upwards; pairs at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- upwards.

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Cages and appliances of every description in stock. Single breeders, 3/- and 3/6; double breeders, 5/- and 5/6. **EASY PAYMENTS ARRANGED,** without extra charge.

Every bird can be put on rail same day as order is received. Every bird is sent at my risk and safe delivery is guaranteed to any distance. Travelling cages with proper food and nourishment for journey 3d. extra in all cases.

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Just two testimonials I give out of scores similar received this last few days. From—20, George Street, Whiteinch. March 19th, 1910. Dear Sir—I received the birds and am very well pleased with them. I think you have matched them beautifully. Am writing Cage Birds to forward you deposit and wishing you every success. H. McKerlie, to L. Dykes. Another from 31, Therapia Road, Honor Oak, London, March 18th, 1910. Bird received safely and gives every satisfaction. Shall know where to get more when wanting, also to recommend my friends. A.R. Whitley to L. Dykes.



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Champion long, slim, Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Buff cocks at 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, all on full song, and 7 inches long. Long, racy hens, either Yellow or Buff, and all in breeding condition and anxious to nest, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Pairs, unrelated, and matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; also few that can win in good competition, at reasonable prices. Clears, Ticked, Green Marked and Cinn. Marked. All guaranteed cold-rooms bred and kept, and feathered like wax. Travelling Cages 3d. extra. And **Remember** I send all orders off same day as received, either for cash, deposit with Editor, or on Easy Payments. All on a full week's approval at my risk, and I may also here state I have sent scores on deposit system, and never had one to return all season. Inspection invited at any time. Send for Price List, and hundreds of winning testimonials that I have received.

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My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads** at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; **Cinnamons,** 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.

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Pink-eyed and other Muling hens, as follows:—2/-, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6 each; Yellow hens, for light Mule breeding, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; hens for dark Mule breeding, 3/-, 3/6, and 5/- each. A grand lot of light and dark exhibition Mules from 15/- each; also Hybrids that have, and can win every time out, under good judges.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

L. ADAMS, Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone, Kent. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, etc.; life experience. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign; Specialist Hyb. and Brit. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

WM. SHAKESPEARE, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W., Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bedford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds; specialist Mules, British and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties British birds and Mules; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

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CAGE BIRDS, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

Mrs. Macgregor won the tea service for most points gained through the year by a lady member of the Metropolitan C.B.A. Also Mr. H. Norman has been secured to judge our first young bird show and first annual show, and Mr. George Gardner the second shows, young birds and annual respectively, writes Mr. G. Harwood, the hon. secretary.

We have received a copy of the report and balance-sheet for the year ended March, 1910, of the Green Canary Association. A gratifying feature of these is that a debit balance of 18s. 5d. brought into the accounts from the previous year is changed into a credit balance of 12s. 6d., upon which the secretary (Mr. S. Hadwin) and the other officials are to be congratulated.

I was very much surprised on purchasing my CAGE BIRDS last week to see the picture of my yellow cinnamon marked hen reproduced on the front page, for which I most heartily thank you. I may say that I have this season won over 200 prizes with Yorkshires. I take a very great interest in reading your reports of the various shows, and am pleased to say that your reporters give credit where credit is due. I wish your paper, which is the best without a doubt, a continued run of success.—W. RICHMOND (Harrogate).

A HOLIDAY REMINDER

Owing to the Easter Holidays, CAGE BIRDS has had to go to press one day earlier than usual this week; thus any notices, advertisements, etc., which reached us after Tuesday mid-day have had to be held over until our next number.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), and J. Bailey (Bradford) are elected, we hear, as judges for Leeds Show on October 15th.

We have appointed Mr. Roe to judge at our annual show on October 26th, writes Mr. C. Parnell, hon. secretary of the Torbay (Paignton) O.S.

Kindly allow me to thank Messrs. Waterman and Floyd for kindly answering my question re "How should eggs be kept?" writes Mr. W. Foxen (Bromley, Kent).

All fanciers having draw books, etc., will please return same not later than March 29th, writes Mr. Jas. R. Crossley, hon. secretary of the Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S.

May I draw the attention of our members, fanciers, and friends, to the fact that we are having a lecture on March 31st at our headquarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, by Mr. G. E. Weston on "Mule Breeding," writes Mr. C. W. Law, secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S.? A hearty welcome is given to all. Commence 8.30 p.m.

Mr. A. Sutcliffe, of Grimsby, has just returned from a three months' visit to the West Indies, in the course of which, we hear, he has been able to add to his collection of birds seven species of Tanagers (*Euphonia*), most of which are probably new to British aviculture. He has also brought over a black and yellow Tree-Creeper (*Certhiola flaviola*), which, it is said, is the first that has been imported alive into this country.

The 1910 annual balance-sheet of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society shows the very handsome sum of £79 17s. 10d. (cash) to the credit of this famous north-country institution, which must be accounted highly satisfactory, even though it represents a decrease on the figures of last year. The total income amounts to no less than £426 17s. 5d., which evidences the hard work the secretary, Mr. J. Winter, and his fellow officials have had to get through.

We have appointed the following gentlemen to act as judges at our show on December 21st, writes Mr. A. W. Douglas, secretary and treasurer of the Elgin C.B.A.:—Mr. G. Scaife (Fauldhouse) is to judge the Norwich, etc., sections, and Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff) the British and Foreign sections. We have been fortunate in being presented with a silver bowl by Mr. H. Christie (Elgin), and a silver flower stand by Mr. G. Mackie (Insch), for competition. Altogether our association is getting on splendidly for one so young.

TWO SUPERB STANDARD WORKS.

"Our Canaries."

"Cage Bird Hybrids."

READY ON OR ABOUT APRIL 9th.

I have for some considerable time past had under preparation on a scale of unprecedented beauty and completeness the two works named as above. Nothing to equal them can be or will be given to the public at the same price. To instance the thoroughness with which these books have been designed, there will be no less than 16 separate and distinct plates of Mules and Hybrids, and 36 separate and distinct plates of Canaries. No pains or expense will be spared to secure the maximum of result at the minimum of expense to the purchaser.

F. CARL,

154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

The committee of the Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S. have elected as judge for their open show on November 19th, Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite), and the society is looking forward to a record show this time, writes Mr. F. Brown, the hon. secretary.

Will fanciers please note that I have removed from 209, Crystal Palace Road, to 39, Frien Road, East Dulwich, S.E., where all communications in connection with the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. should be addressed, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary.

The Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S. intends holding a dinner, writes Mr. W. Hinchliffe, the secretary, at the Saville Hotel (headquarters); tickets 1s. 6d. each, dinner at 8 o'clock prompt. Will all members who intend being present give in their names to me not later than March 28th?

A list of Lincolnshire grown seed potatoes for the garden has been issued by Mr. A. Lighton, jun. (Kirton, Lincs.), and those of our readers who have not yet bought their seed should consult this list at once. Mr. Lighton is also a well-known grower of rock plants, roses, pansies, begonias, etc.

Will you please notify readers of CAGE BIRDS of my change of address from 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, to 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, writes Mr. Geo. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., CAGE BIRDS post-mortem examination expert. In future all birds intended for him must be sent to the new address.

Our show date is fixed for October 8th, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S., and two well-known fanciers in Messrs. A. Thomson (Edinburgh) and G. Brown (Leith) have consented to judge. Mr. Thomson will take the Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Mules, and British birds, and Mr. Brown the Border Fancies.

The newly-formed Codnor Park and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged to hold an open First Feather show on July 2nd, at which we hope to give a good classification for Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crests, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the hon. secretary.

The date of our 12th annual show is fixed for November 11th and 12th. Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, will judge the Canaries, and Mr. Geo. Wilson (Frizington) the Mules, British, and foreign birds.—W. J. DOUGLAS, secretary of the Whitehaven C.B. and H.S.

The current issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is prefaced by a beautiful coloured plate (from the brush of Mr. H. Goodchild), of Stella Lories, which is accompanied by some notes by Mr. Wesley T. Page, who also commences in this issue a series of articles on Foreign Birdkeeping. Mr. T. H. Newman writes on Hybrid Doves, and Dr. Maurice Amsler on "The Breeding of Green Cardinals and other Notes." Mr. J. Frostick contributes some particulars about the Dartford Warbler, and there are besides many other interesting notes.

The Blackburn Lark F.A. wish it to be known that they have moved their headquarters from the "Good Samaritan Inn," Grimshaw Park, to "The Maysons' Arms," Audley Lane, Blackburn, where there is a very genial and enthusiastic host, a splendid room, and every convenience for trams from station and outlying districts; it is altogether a much superior place for the accommodation of our association. I am glad to state that our society is in a very good and sound position, financially and otherwise, and I am surprised we are not joined by more fanciers in the outlying districts, for now is the time to join, and the subscriptions are very "easy" indeed.—ROBT. ATHEY, secretary.

THINGS THAT MAKE US SMILE.

In the columns of a contemporary there appeared last week, under the crushing headline, "TRIBUTES TO OUR SUPERIORITY," *two* testimonials, of which the following was one:

A Dozen Enquiries for One Bird.

MR. E. WILSON (Stratford, E.) writes:—

"I am glad to inform you that the White Linnet which I advertised in your valuable paper was sold by 7 o'clock Friday night, besides having a dozen enquiries about it. I wish your paper all the success it deserves."

So far so good. That was indeed smart work.

But we learn from Mr. Wilson that this particular White Linnet was advertised SOLELY in CAGE BIRDS (issue March 12), and that to CAGE BIRDS ALONE belongs the credit of the sale. Mr. Wilson writes that he could not understand it when he heard that his expression of satisfaction had been printed elsewhere, the contemporary in question being quite unknown to him.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

During the Easter Holidays the offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Friday to Monday next, inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, March 29th, certain.

That most enterprising bird specialist, of world-wide fame, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, sends us an original letter written by one of our most noted present-day breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, which shows that Mr. Rudd has just completed the purchase of his stock of birds. The whole of this superfine collection (it comprises many winners and every bird is related to winners), is now being offered for sale by Mr. Rudd at exceptionally favourable prices, and the opportunity is one readers should not miss.

We last week closed the correspondence which has been going on over the heading of the "New Society for Codnor Park." We have no intention of reopening the matter, but Mr. J. H. Mitchell informs us that owing to his son's severe illness he had no chance of writing in time for last week's issue, and that he desires to say: "I consider myself justified in stating that seven made members of the Selston Society did resign at the same time as myself. If the minutes of the meeting Mr. Maltby speaks of have not reached him, he must inquire from the post office authorities, as I posted them myself. My letter, with my resignation and list of members' names, was sent to your chairman with accounts, and I have receipt for same. I deny emphatically taking the Portland Arms for the Selston Society. Before making inquiries from the proprietor I called on six committeemen, asking their opinion of same after having the schoolroom (at Selston) refused to us."

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

Meeting of the Council at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, March 26th, at 5.30 o'clock prompt. Business: Annual general meeting; ballot for judges; other important business.—H. HILL, hon. secretary.

National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C.

The nomination of officers for 1910-11, and any suggested alteration of any rules or regulations, close on March 31st. Voting paper will be found in the centre of the handbook of the N.G.M.Y.C.C.—F. ARMSTRONG, hon. secretary.

H.M.S. "Implacable" and a Norwich Canary.

Margate, March 15th, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to inform you I received the Norwich Canary in the best of health. He has got quite used to all the noise of the ship, and when we fired 12-inch guns yesterday, he simply took no notice. I am quite satisfied with my purchase.—GEO. J. HALL to W. RUDD, the bird specialist, Norwich.—(ADVT.)

CAGE BIRDS 1910 ANNUAL.

Almost Out of Print.

The current (1910) edition of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL has met with such a flattering reception and so phenomenal a sale that even thus early in the season we are compelled to announce that it is on the verge of being "out of print," only some hundred copies at present remaining unsold out of the huge order we this year placed with our printers. This is highly gratifying to us; but we shall be sorry if any would-be readers delay ordering their copies longer, for they will meet the disappointing (to them) answer: "Sold out." Therefore we repeat that only about 100 "Annuals" now remain, and that immediate application must be made to ensure securing one. No further advertisement of the ANNUAL will appear in our columns, and there is, unfortunately, no possibility of any extra copies being printed.

Experiences Amongst My Canaries.

By W. SNELLING (Thirsk).

When I went in for Canaries the Yorkshire variety took my fancy. My cages are arranged in tiers, with movable wire fronts. These can be made very cheaply, and are so convenient that when I am cleaning them out I just have to run the bird into a show cage and remove the wire front, and then with a large paint brush whitewash the cage, or if enamelled, wash it out; and in a few minutes it is all ready for the bird to return to it. I always take care to go well into the corners with a feather dipped into paraffin oil; if this is done, say, once every two weeks, you will never be troubled with the red mite.

Feeding Often and Little.

In feeding, which is a very important item, as it is so easy to have a bird go wrong and die before you are aware that it ails anything, I have followed the lines on which I was so successful previously with poultry; that is, to feed often and little at a time. I have a two-compartment box standing within easy reach of my cages. One compartment I use for seeds, etc., the other for utensils, which are never put away without being washed out.

Their chief diet is Spanish Canary seed with a little linseed given fresh every morning. Every one who has kept birds should know about how much will serve for one day. This is very important and plays a very serious part in the keeping of birds in health. I have heard nine out of every ten say, "I like to give them plenty to go at." This no doubt is said and done out of kindness for our little friends. Just let me illustrate this. Supposing you were set down to a table with, say, three days' necessaries of life; then after you had had enough it was left for you to "go at" it as you thought fit; I am sure you would be pleased when the three days were up and you saw a fresh supply, or better still, a change of system. When you fill the seed trough the bird will literally "fill" itself, and then for the want of something better to do will turn the seed over, particularly if it is mixed seed, to see what tasty bits are to be found. And in their doing so you perhaps do not notice what seeds are turned out on to the cage bottom to be trampled amongst the dirt and then picked up sometime when the bird is hungry.

Egg Food.

About once a week I give a little egg-food, say, on the Wednesday; then one day a week, say, about Saturday, they get mixed seed just for the day. In the breeding season just before I put the birds together I give a little extra egg-food. I make my own egg-food, consisting of hard-boiled fresh eggs and bread, which I just pass through water, being careful to squeeze as much of the water as I can out again before mixing it with the egg. Then when the birds are fit, having previously made up my mind how I am going to mate them, I put them together and increase the egg-food. I also now put them a nest in and a little moss, thread ends, and small pieces of cotton wool.

When the hen lays her first egg I take it away and replace it by a china one. On the night of the third day I remove the old nest, giving them a fresh one lined with surgeon's lint, the edges being glued down, and I replace the eggs.

If the cock bird is a very quiet one, I let him remain, but if in any way mischievous, out he comes as soon as the hen has laid her first egg.

During Incubation.

The day before the eggs are due to hatch I change the nest again, and at intervals also until the young ones leave the nest for good. By having a spare nest or two this can be done so quickly as not to disturb the old bird or excite it in the least. After the hen commences to sit I withdraw the egg-food, only giving Canary seed, until the day before the eggs are due to hatch. Then I commence with the egg-food. Here I change my method of mixing the egg; for the first week I give pure hard-boiled egg—the white and yolk chopped up together without the bread, as I maintain that as the egg is the support of the young one during incubation, it follows the young will thrive on egg better than on any other food during the first few days of its existence in the nest. I begin mixing it with bread, gradually using more, until the food is about half bread and half egg. I never change this until the birds are ready to go into the moult; only they get less egg-food and more seed as they get older. I have never lost one bird at the moulting stage, as they seem so strong in constitution that they hardly notice the casting of the old feathers for the new.

Colour-feeding Youngsters.

By the time they are ready for the moult I have made up my mind which of them to colour-feed. Those I don't intend to colour-feed I put into a flight cage. I like to keep the birds singly that are to be colour-fed, as there is a tendency for them to fight over their food, and perhaps one is likely to get more seed than you want it to, and no colour-food. By having them separate you can observe how they are eating the food. I remove the seed trough until the colour-food is eaten, and replace it by just a few seeds. By doing this you can get a level colour, and it can be left to your discretion how deep you will colour.

I am quite certain there is no harm done to our little friends by colour feeding. I have birds that I can put on to egg-food both coloured and non-coloured, and they will go for the coloured first. But, my opponents will say, this does not prove that it is not harmful to them. Granted; but it proves they like it best. I have birds colour-fed and non-colour-fed; the coloured ones live as long, are as healthy, and breed as well, so why should they not have which food they like best?

As regards green-food, I like to give apples and dandelion leaves, with a piece of onion occasionally, giving the dandelion leaves during the summer and the apples in winter. I never allow green-food until the young are a week old, and in early spring when frosts are about, I always gather the dandelion leaves the day before I use them, standing them in a jar of water.

Assisting the Moult.

For getting birds quickly through the moult I have found marigolds of great assistance in helping the birds to cast their feathers. Not only does it assist Canaries to cast their feathers, but the flowers help to improve the colour of the plumage.

I give my birds fresh spring water every day, but do not let it remain with the young ones for more than about two hours at a time, as they sometimes drink more than is good for them.

My Method of Mating.

I will now show how I decide to mate my birds. I hold no strong opinion about one cock and one hen, or one cock and two hens, but just make the best of the circumstances. If I am short of male birds, well, I run them with two or more hens. I have found both ways suit very well. First of all, I arrange my birds—all the hens in separate cages, numbering them from one upwards. The first hen I examine for defects, having first set my eye on the stamp of bird I wish to breed. Having now noted the defects, I look over the cocks for one that does not fail in the same place as the hen, and having found him, I hold him and her up and compare them; then if they are suitable, he is numbered to go with No. 1 hen. Then I examine the second hen; it might follow that she fails in the same places as the first, so the consequence will be that if I have not another cock suitable, she will have to share with No. 1 hen. I then have two hens to one cock.

No. 3 hen may fail in some different places, and so will require a different mate. After going through them all in the same way, any surplus stock I have is either put away for another year or sold. I am an advocate for keeping a few old birds back for stock purposes in years to come, or in case of accidents.

In Favour of In-breeding.

As to inbreeding, I am very much in favour of it, if it is not carried too far, as it gives you a chance to breed a good bird if you follow the lines I have suggested. I have already shown you how I mate my birds, but I have a pedigree of every one; which plays a very important part when I hold the cock up in front of the hen for my final decision. Perhaps the hen will be too flat in head for my fancy; naturally in that case I shall have chosen a cock bird with a good round head. Then the question is: has he been bred of birds with good round heads? If not, the chances are I shall get more flat-headed birds than I require. If the hen is perfect in my eye, except a little short, I am careful not to choose a cock of short stature, but for such a hen I would require a male not only of good length but one bred off long birds.

Perhaps I have more than one fault to meet; say, the hen is slack in feather and too pale in colour. For such a hen, if a buff, I would choose a green bird, extra tight in feather. Although condition has a lot to do with tightness of feather, it is better to try and breed tight-feathered birds. You may not have a green bird suitable; then perhaps you will have one with green blood in its veins, or if not, you will choose your deepest coloured bird. If the hen is a yellow, of course you will want a buff cock bred from highly coloured birds. Here again is a secret of success, and this brings me to explain how far I believe in inbreeding. Always be on the look-out for a bird suitable for your best hen or cock; it does not matter which way you do it; but I will explain through the hen.

A Speculation.

We will suppose I have a hen that just needs a little improvement in shape; the body hardly tapers sufficient, say, to make the bird of good wedge shape, and the shoulders not quite round enough for my liking. I should be on the look-out for a cock to improve these points; of course, such a cock may have a failing or two in other ways. I trust to the hen to do her part here. Having found the cock, I mate him to the hen, and the following year I inbreed, putting the cock with the most suitable young hen, and the hen with the most suitable young cock. The next year I cross them with my other stock, if the speculation has proved to be a good one; if not, I keep them out of my strain, and am not always to be heard saying, "I have got a bird of so and so, and it has ruined my strain; I cannot breed it out." By getting a bird about every four years I can keep my strain pure and healthy, and not over-do inbreeding.

Someone may say, "Oh, but my birds are perfect; I can't get wrong in the mating." But don't be misled. You may have good birds, you may be winning, but you don't know what seed you are sowing that will grow when you least expect it; and you will have to bring new blood in sometime. You cannot go on for ever without a cross, so always be preparing. This neglect has sent more than one out of the Fancy. They have bred with some success for a year or two, after which they begin to fall off in their success at the shows. Some older exhibitor comes along and says you want a cross. So off some run and purchase the best bird they can find, with a record in the shows, it having won no end of prizes; and yet in every way unsuitable to pair with the stock that they have. It is not the bird that wins the most that always breeds the most winners.

Preparing Birds for Exhibition.

In preparing birds for the shows the first thing is to have them as tame as possible. It is impossible for a judge to note the good points of a bird that is flying all over the cage. If you commence to train them to run in and out of the show cages as soon as they leave the nest, half the battle is won. Always have a show cage or two hanging in front of your stock cages.

Whenever I am having half an hour's reading or writing I just run a bird or two into a show cage, place them in front of me, and now and again turn them round and speak to them. It is wonderful how they throw themselves into position. A judge likes, as soon as he goes to a cage, to see the bird throw its head up and stand as if all the show belonged to it; it catches his eye, which means a lot when he is awarding the cards.

(To be continued.)

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My Mules and How I Bred Them.

By G. STEVENS (Cheltenham).

If anything in bird breeding tests the patience of a true fancier more than anything else, it is the trying for Mules and Hybrids, especially the endeavour to breed something fit for the show bench. As it is the most popular Mule bred, I will deal first with the Goldfinch-Canary cross, giving my own experiences, etc.

In the First Instance.

In the first instance I like to get my Goldies in August or September as Greypates, and moult them out myself in flights with a few hen Canaries for companions, as I find they settle down to cage life quicker, and by being in a good sized flight with the perches far enough apart, it compels them to use their wings. It is also good for the hen Canaries. I allow them free access to the bath by keeping one hung on the front outside, up till, say, one o'clock, when I remove same. I find it a good plan to let the birds have the bath as soon as it is light, as they feed first and generally go straight and bathe. Never under any circumstances let the bath stop on after 1 o'clock, or very likely you will find the birds washing in the afternoon, when they have not time to dry themselves; the result is a chill, and they join the great majority, and it is generally the best that go.

In buying your Goldies pick out the largest and brightest looking birds, as you want plenty of size and colour in your Finches as well as your hen Canaries.

I prefer to breed my own hens. I do so by using the Lancashire cock (yellow preferred) and a nice short, thick-bodied Norwich hen buff, bred from clears; this should be as wide across the skull as possible. By pairing these you will get length and shape. Pick out the widest skulled youngsters with plenty of body, and as short and tight in feather as possible (yellows preferred). You will be more likely to breed something choice from this cross in the shape of a light Mule, and you will also get plenty of colour in the dark Mules. Do not get rid of any smaller hen Canaries from this strain, as they will come in well for putting up with Siskins and Redpolls.

The reason I advise the use of this class of hen Canary is that you get a better and wider front on your Mules, which tends to show the blazo up better, and gives the birds a much bolder and finished appearance; the more so if you colour-feed them as you can get moro colour on to them, and in a good one you can hardly tell where the blaze finishes. Also this is an excellent foundation to work on for a light muling strain.

Feeding the Birds.

We will now take it for granted that you have got your Finches and Canaries nicely through the moult, and the time is, say, January. Tho Finches ought to be coming into full song by then. We now come to the important item of feeding, etc. Wo will begin at the time of catching. I treat my birds as follows: I allow them to have free access to niger, teazle, hemp, and Spanish Canary seeds, by placing theso in separate tins hung on to the bottom rail of the front of flight. I hang water-tins ou the outside of flights, tins to be, say, 4 or 5 inches long. When you have got your Finches used to tho feeding you can remove the tins outside one at a time, and then gradually reduce the hemp, niger and teazle, till you get them on to the Canary seed; pay a little more for this seed, and insist on having the best Spanish Canary you can get; it will pay you. Let that be their staple food with, say, a half-teaspoonful of hemp to each Finch. Every other day make the same allowance of maw seed. Continue with this diet until January, and then commence the following treatment, still continning to use the Spanish as a staple food; half a pint each linseed, teazle, niger, hemp, and groats; mix these well together. Soak a piece of stale bread (the size of a tennis ball) in cold water for an hour; afterwards squeeze out the water, rub in a thimbleful of cod liver oil, and well mix. Boil one or two fresh eggs (according to the number of birds you are feeding) for about ten or fifteen minutes after coming to the boil. I prefer thin Social biscuits, at 4d. per pound, to mix with the egg. I use four biscuits to one egg. I crush tho biscuits and then chop up the eggs and well mix together.

The Weekly Fare.

Now we come to giving the foods, etc. Suppose we start on Sunday by giving the seed mixture. Allow a teaspoonful of this to each Finch; you will find the hen Canaries will eat the mixed seed, especially the niger; but this will not hurt them: it will keep them free from egg-binding later on. On Monday I give the bread and cod liver oil diet, allowing a piece the size of a small "crack" nut to each bird (Finches and Canaries). On Tuesday I give the seed diet again; on Wednesday the egg-food, mixing a little maw seed with it. I allow a teaspoonful to each bird. On Thursday I give the seed diet; Friday the cod liver oil diet; on Saturday the seed diet, and on Sunday the egg-food.

You may continue this treatment right on through the breeding season. Give young dandelion as soon as you can get it, but take care it is not frosted at all. I give the leaves, seeds, heads, roots and all; in fact, just as I pull it out of the ground. Let them have it fresh overy day. If you follow this treatment you will never havo any difficulty in getting your Finches to breed.

But there is one thing you must not overlook: do not put your Finches up too soon. You will find that the beginning of May is plenty soon enough. I run one nest of Canaries off before putting the Finch back with the hens. By following this plan, when the hens are ready to go to nest again directly you introduce the Finch they start calling, and the Finch being in such high condition it is very rarely he does not respond, and you get a full clutch of eggs. Do not leave the Finch in with the hen when she starts to lay, no matter how attentive ho may be, or you will afterwards regret it. Let the hen bring up the youngsters herself. I take the Finch away at night, remove the egg in the morning, and run the Finch back again. When the hen has laid her third egg I take him away altogether, and run him with another hen.

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I always work one Finch to two hens. It does not hurt him, as I can instance one case where, having a Finch too many, and also five hen Canaries more than I had room for, I turned them into an outside aviary, and he at once commenced to pair up with some of them. So I put some nest boxes in, and plenty of moss and cow hair, and the hens started building straight away. I had three rounds of eggs from them, and in only one case were there clear eggs, and the hen in question was a very spiteful one.

If you should happen to breed a light Mule you will have some of that particular hen's young (by adopting the plan of taking a nest of Canaries first) to fall back on. I should have mentioned that I part the hen Canaries and the Finches at the end of February.

The Linnet-Canary Cross.

We will now turn our attention to the Linnet-Canary cross. I advise following the same treatment from the time of catching as for the Goldies; the only difference I make is in the seed diet. I always give the following mixture, allowing Spanish Canary as a staple diet:—Half a pint of teazle, a quarter of pint each German rape and English rape, about half a pint of hemp, niger, linseed, and maw, mixed in equal parts; and I mix all together. Give as much shepherd's purse and chickweed, in addition, as they will eat.

You need not separate the Linnet and Canary at all, as they nest rather earlier than the Goldies, and the Linnets make the best of fathers, and will take their turn at feeding the youngsters. They will not as a rule interfere with the eggs, but in some cases they will turn on the youngsters when they are a day or so old, in which case I remove them till theso are about eight or nine days old, when the Linnets can be generally trusted with them.

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Other Crosses.

For the Siskin-Canary cross I advise exactly the same treatment as the one for the Goldie-Canary. The Mules bred from this cross are very small, but they are not in very great demand. There is one thing in their favour: they are very sweet songsters, if they are not very loud. They mostly take after the Siskin in plumage, but if you should happen to breed a light one, good in body and feather, hold tight to him, for you have a valuable show bird, especially if you give him a good moult, and do not colour-feed him too hot.

The Redpoll-Canary treat the same as the above-named cross, but remove the Redpoll in the same way as you would the Goldie; he is not to be trusted with the eggs or nest, being very mischievous. And he takes a great delight in pulling the nest to pieces. Give plenty of chickweed.

The Greenfinch-Canary is about the commonest cross. Follow the same diet as advised for the Goldie. Give for green-food as much groundsel seed heads as he will eat. You may also give him a mixture of the following seeds as well:—Equal parts of sunflower, wheat, dari, and oats; in fact, nothing seems to come amiss to him. The Mules are rather bulky in form, following much after the Greenfinch. They are not much in demand as show birds, but if you breed a good one, and don't colour-feed him too much, you will get in the money sometimes.

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Correspondence.

A White Bullfinch Caught at Kilgerran.

SIR,—I should be pleased to know through CAGE BIRDS if any fancier or catcher has heard of or caught a white Bullfinch. One was caught here at Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire, this past winter, but I am sorry to say it fell into inexperienced hands, and it killed itself by knocking against the wire of cage.

WM. JNO. SALMON.

An Early Nest of Happy Young Thrushes.

SIR,—As showing how exceptionally mild has been the weather since Christmas, I noticed on Wednesday, March 16th, in Horniman Gardens, Forest Hill, London, S.E., a nest of Thrushes. The youngsters are big and plump, and upon taking another peep at them on the following Friday, they appeared to be perfectly happy and contented, despite the fact that snow was falling heavily at the time. The nest, I may add, is in a hedge quite close to the public footway; but the Chief Ranger of the grounds is keeping a fatherly eye on the nestlings, lest they are interfered with. Needless to say, some of his "mates" do not envy him in his self-imposed task, especially as many schoolboys frequent the place.

J. B. WATERMAN.

Wake Up, Fanciers!

SIR,—I think it is time fanciers and the bird-keeping public generally, not forgetting the trade also, got together for the purpose of guarding their interests. The present bird laws are absolutely no good for anyone or even for the birds themselves. These laws are made, in the majority of cases, by the big landowners, and are not made to protect the birds, but solely in the interests of game preservation. The majority of our County Counells are governed by these gentlemen, who will tell you it is cruel to keep a bird, but that Pheasant slaughter and fox-hunting are sport. Now, fanciers, where are you going to get your British birds from, say, five or ten years hence? Oxfordshire is now added to the list of closed counties for the Goldfinch, our best bird. Wako up; join hands, and let us thrash the matter out before it is too late. At the present time you are in the hands of these upper-class people who are too selfish to allow a poor man even to breathe the word "sport." The only way fishing was preserved to the lower classes was by their joining hands. Come along; don't be caught napping. Let us have a few suggestions from some of you with the longest heads. You cannot get away from the fact that British bird-keeping is being slowly but surely stifled; but it is only by a few landowners and sentimentalists—a very small minority of the British nation, who have too much of this world's goods, which makes these people selfish. I see the ball is started rolling by the Preston and Flowers case; so keep it going. Are you going to have all your hobbies, amusements, and, in many cases, your daily bread taken away from you? What we want is protection for our immense hobby and industry, as well as sensible protection for our native birds. Now, fanciers, don't fall asleep again.

C. ELKERTON.

Some Spring Notes for Fanciers.

SIR,—Spring cleaning in the bird room should be proceeded with at once. Every nook and corner should be cleansed; the stock should be removed to another apartment and the bird room fumigated with brimstone burned in a shovel, taking care to have all the air holes previously stopped, so as to destroy the vermin and microbes which may be about. This having been done, the windows should be opened for an hour or two, and everything on the walls removed. The walls should be thoroughly overhauled, the shelves and other woodwork washed with soft soap. The wood will be improved by being given a coat of paint or varnish. In putting the birds back they should be put into clean cages after being allowed to take a bath in lukewarm water containing quassia chips to destroy red mites, etc. Every breeding cage should be well washed with Izal, or Jeyes, or carbolic fluid added to the water. Apply "elbow grease" to every part to ensure the removal of all insects and dirt. It is an excellent plan to have the cages, etc., rinsed with pure cold water to remove the soapy feeling, and to hasten the drying. Clear wires should be sandpapered to remove rust. The woodwork should get a coat of spirit varnish, and all the utensils be thoroughly cleansed. The perches should be firmly fixed to prevent birds wobbling backwards and forwards; avoid loose perches. Nest boards should be cleansed and varnished. Nests, if painted with disinfectant at the start of the season, will be free from red mites and lice for the breeding season. The first week in April is a suitable time to put Canaries of all varieties into the breeding cages, and the beginning or middle of May is soon enough for wild birds in confinement, such as Canary with Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, and other crosses, and British birds. The Bullfinch is a prolific layer when she starts, and it is difficult to keep pace with her. A large stock of common Canaries to act as foster parents should be kept in perfect condition if you are to be successful in hybrid-breeding. Winter the foster parents, and when compelled to buy get birds from a healthy room. An incomer should be kept away from the general stock for a time. An infected bird introduced into a room will affect the whole stock. Insert a piece of cuttlefish bone in the wires. Give egg mixture every second or third day, and when they are clear of frost dandelion roots. Supply material for building as soon as the birds are put into the breeding compartment, to obviate the plucking of the feathers. A pair which develop that habit usually attack the feathers of the young as soon as the young appear on the perch. Preferably, the birds should be trained to good habits. The winter weather has been severe, and naturally it will take one's stock a little longer than usual to get into condition Patience should be exercised; Nature will assert herself. The most successful pairs have been known not to commence laying till May. "False moult" is common at this period of the year, particularly with hens. A victim should be isolated and allowed to pass through the moult to be ready when finished moulting. Where possible it is wise to supply another mate for the period. In the aviary spring days are full of hope. If the golden opportunities presented in the start were taken advantage of success would be more general than it is. Avoid waste of every kind, and rear every bird that is hatched. I believe that many of the best that are hatched are lost to the Fancy owing to some oversight on the part of the owner. Early rising is necessary; an hour devoted to the birds in the morning is worth three hours in the afternoon.

THOMAS SMITH.

Is Early Breeding Disastrous?

SIR,—I see in your paper of March 19th that Mr. Francis has answered my letter re early breeding. I notice he mentions now that the young were bred in the living-room. Why did he not say this in his first letter, and save my writing? When novices see accounts of early breeding, of course they think they can do the same, and it proves disastrous nine cases out of ten. My experience is that good-class birds do not get into condition as soon as commoners.

H. BENNETT.

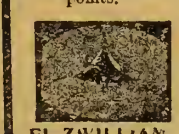
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SIR,—The following may be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. Lackey, of Bothal (Morpeth), caught a cock Chaffinch three years ago, and gave it to my brother. This spring he grew tired of it and decided to give it its liberty. In three days it was back to its old haunts at Bothal, and walked straight into a trap cage, which Mr. Lackey put outside for it. Now it seems quite satisfied in the aviary. Where it was set at liberty is a good two miles from Bothal. My brother and I have seen the bird, and are quite sure of its identity. Its white legs betray it, too, as a house-moulted specimen.

J. MILES.

How to Determine the Sex of Linnets.

SIR.—Can any of your many readers say how I can determine the sex of a Linnet? Just before Christmas my son brought one home caught only a few days before. It was very tame; in fact, it took so quietly to its new surroundings that I thought it must be an "old stager." As it was not the time for the singing of birds, and I was anxious to discover the sex, I turned to a certain work, where I found a page on British birds, with special reference to the Linnet. I was there told that the male bird was distinguishable from the hen by a red cap, and breast feathers yellow. Down came the cage bird, and there were the marks, red feathers on crown of head, the breast feathers yellow. Here I reeted, until a few days ago when talking with a friend on the subject. He said the marks—red cap and yellow breast—were the features of both cock and hen Linnet when free, and that both lost these points when they were house-moulted. Can any one say whether the book or the friend is correct? LINNET.

Should Blind Mules Win at Shows?

SIR,—In reply to "Reader," I am pleased to think that he admits the Mule which stood 3rd at Guisborough is a good one; and so it is without doubt. But he contends that the same is somewhat deficient in vision. May be, and may be not—a matter of opinion. Yes; I detest noms-de-plume; if a man is a man, let him not be ashamed of his name. Again I say, that my honest opinion is that "Reader" was a disappointed or jealous exhibitor at the time. As to "Tyro, Darlington," I have it on very good authority that the Yarm stewards did not point out a blind bird to Mr. Houlton previous to judging, and as far as I am concerned, I consider the suggestion a reflection on the stewards. As regards Guisborough Show (which I judged), I must thank "Tyro" for his information, as to there being no "jealousy" on his part as to my awards. Also (I have pleasure in saying) my friends at Guisborough wrote me some time ago re judging again for them on December 31st next, but unfortunately I could not entertain this, having already booked another engagement. Surely this is proof of satisfaction given on January 1st last, at the said show? To sum up, both "Reader" and "Tyro" are mischief makers; of that I am fully convinced; the former a disappointed exhibitor, the latter a would-be judge.

J. C. BARNES.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

The Breeding of Goldfinches in Cages.

SIR,—The question is very often asked, can Goldfinches and Bullfinches be bred in cages? I am able to affirm that Goldfinches can, and I have had a long experience of these birds (they were one of the first birds I ever kept when attending school, and for over 30 years now I have hardly ever been without one or many). I had two nests of eggs, which I placed under hen Canaries to hatch and bring up, but as the "Fatal Disease" took all my Canaries off, the eggs were not hatched, much to my great regret. The first time I tried to breed Goldfinches was by chance. I had a pair saved from a nest which I had reared the previous year. I made, boy-like, a box cage from an old biscuit box and put them together, or rather let them stay together, for I had not parted them since they were raised from the nest. I saw the hen carrying something about in her beak, so I got a nest of the Green Linnet and put in a little box in one corner of the cage, which she took to at once. She laid three eggs in it and sat most of the time, when the cock managed (I expect it was he) to peck all the eggs. I cleared out that nest and gave her another, when she laid four eggs, only two of these being good. These were left alone, and she seemed to sit much closer than she did the first time. She hatched out two young ones, which she with the help of the cock managed to bring up. This was my first success in bird breeding between British birds. I was then only a schoolboy, and was quite the envy of all my mates, whom I used to take to see them. The birds never had any egg food of any kind—nothing but black and white seeds as we used to call them in those days—Canary and cole seeds. They had plenty of groundsel, chickweed and plantain. After this success it was some years before I tried to breed them again in cages, as after this experience I began to use the birds in various ways for hybrid breeding, but principally to cross with the Canary, as that was supposed to be the most valuable mule then. My next venture would be some 15 years ago, again breeding five young ones in a cage from two nests—from birds which were hand-reared. The young were all very small indeed. It might have been because they were brother and sister, and did not get sufficient nourishing food when they were young. I have also heard of, and seen reported several times in years gone by, cases where the birds have been bred in cages and in rooms. I have never been able to try them in an outdoor aviary. No donbt they would breed freely there with other birds. If any one has any of these birds, I should advise them to give them a trial in a cage; they might prove successful, as both of these birds will breed freely with other species in cages. But they would prove more valuable if mated with other birds, so as to produce Hybrids. Still, every one is not so sweet on Hybrid breeding as I am.

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SIR,—We have sent out close on five hundred copies of our membership tickets for 1910 to Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders, and I would ask these latter gentlemen to look at Rule No. 2, in which there is unfortunately an error. After the word birds, delete the words, "maximum four in one class," and insert in place thereof the following: "Namely, one in each class one to ten, but not more than two in any of the classes one to eight; maximum four in each class nine and ten." We hope that fanciers will join and enable us to establish a record. With your permission, sir, we will publish a full list of members' names in your issue of June 18th.

J. R. MEIKLE, Secretary.

Two Recipes Wanted.

SIR,—I am enclosing recipes for a spirit varnish, and for a cheap distemper that will, if it is made right, stand almost if not quite as much washing as some of the washable distempers on the market. I use the distemper myself and find it can be washed several times with warm, soapy water, after which it looks almost as good as it did when first put on; and it is a job to get off after it is put on. To each pint or so of freshly burnt lime add a good heaping handful of salt, stir well together dry; then slack to a cream with boiling water. Let it stand one hour and apply one coat; then let the cages stand for an hour or so till the first coat has set a bit, and apply another. Avoid coarse brush marks. Always apply the wash the thickness of good cream. It can, of course, be tinted with colours if desired, and always use freshly-burnt lime, as lime that has become moist by keeping never gives such good results. Dozens of cages can be done for 2d. Recipe for spirit varnish 1: White shellac, 1½ozs.; methylated spirits, 5ozs.; if too thick, thin with the spirits. Spirit varnish 2: Gum benzoin, 1½ozs., methylated spirits, 1 pint; stand in a warm place till gum is dissolved, shake frequently and apply with a camel hair brush. I favour oil varnish myself, as it wears better.

A READER.

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LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S

A meeting of the Council of the London Federation was held on March 18th, at the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Mr. H. E. Tringham (chairman) presiding. There were sixteen gentlemen present. Arising out of the correspondence, it was decided to put the rule relating to defaulting members into force in respect of three members of the London and Counties O.S.; to ask the Leyton and Dist. C.B.A. to reconsider (at a full meeting of its members) its decision to resign membership of the Federation; and to uphold the recent disqualifications of the Yorkshire Union.

Election of Officers.

Messrs. Penton and Tomsett were appointed scrutineers of the voting papers for the election of officers. Mr. R. L. Crisp moved automatically from the vice-chairmanship to the chairmanship. Mr. R. P. Harper, who received the highest number of votes for the vice-chairmanship, declined (per letter and Mr. Penton) to accept office; and as Messrs. Boxall and Pawley tied next, it was decided to submit their names to the vote again. Messrs. Burn and Dewhurst were elected trustees, Messrs. Cook and Mugford auditors, and Mr. Adamthwaite secretary. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Adamthwaite for the services he had rendered as secretary during the past year, several of the delegates expressing their appreciation of his work.

A financial statement of accounts was submitted, but as it bore the signature of only one of the auditors, it was considered best to put the document in order by having the signatures of both, and it was referred back for that purpose.

The Council's Report.

The secretary read his report for the year, which was received with applause. It reads as follows:—

"In presenting the report for the year 1909, the Council would place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by its officers, and especially those of Mr. H. E. Tringham, for the able and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair.

"Attendance of Delegates: One of the most pleasing features of the sittings of Council and committee has been the splendid record of attendances put in by the delegates. During the year some eight council meetings were held. Four members of the council attended on every occasion; five attended seven meetings, six attended six meetings, and five attended five, and throughout the year, out of thirty-three officers and delegates there was an average of twenty-three present at each meeting. It is believed that these are record attendances at meetings of executive bodies.

"Insurance Matters: In reviewing the work of the year, there is every reason to believe that the Federation has filled a long-felt want, and that the various undertakings have met with the approval of the societies at present affiliated to it. The work, in some instances, has been of a protracted and onerous nature, but in most cases the objects attained have been satisfactory. It will be remembered that in February last the council had before it the case of Simpson v. London and North-Western Railway, relative to the loss of a bird in transit. Unfortunately, as the member had not complied with the rules of the railway in the matter of insurance, the council, after having, by the courtesy of a member, obtained the opinion of an eminent counsel, were reluctantly compelled to dismiss the case. Chief among the work of the past year has been the inauguration of the scheme of insurance. After many months of work, and a great deal of time and labour, a scheme was eventually successfully evolved, but the council regrets that the response from members of the Federation has not been all that could be desired, and confidently hopes that in the near future the scheme will be taken up more heartily. It is without doubt by far the most comprehensive scheme of insurance yet put before fanciers, and it behoves each member to participate in the benefits, and so help the council to make the venture the success it deserves.

"The Question of Defaulting Members: Another item of importance has been the working of Rules 6 and 7 of those relating to the conduct of societies. Lists of defaulting members were submitted to the council for consideration by the London and Counties O.A., the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and the Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S. In the case of the London and Counties O.A., the council, after hearing the evidence of both sides, determined that it had no jurisdiction in the matter, and had to dismiss the cases on the ground that the offences complained of were enacted prior to the idea of a Federation becoming an established fact. In the case of the defaulting members submitted by the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., these cases the council found were within the rules of the Federation. After collecting a great deal of evidence, the council reluctantly had to suspend from all privileges of membership some twenty-three members of that society, but it is satisfactory to know that in some half-dozen instances, on the recommendation of the council, the claims of the Dulwich and Peckham Society were met. The cases of the Lewisham and District C.B.S. are still under the consideration of the council.

"Railway Matters: It was hoped that last year the council would have been able to take up the question of the charges of railway companies in regard to the carriage of birds to and from shows, and passenger fares, but the more pressing work of the council made this impossible. It is pleasing to note, however, that this question is likely to come on almost immediately, and the council confidently looks forward to some concessions being made. In this connection, the affiliated societies will be glad to know that the council have obtained a promise of the whole-hearted support of the Cage Bird Union and the Yorkshire Union, also that those Unions have agreed to uphold any disqualifications made by the council of the Federation. It is a matter for congratulation that the three bodies are on friendly terms—which fact should greatly strengthen the work of each.

"Financial Statement: In presenting the financial statement for the past year, it is a matter of regret that the expenditure should have exceeded the income, but when the enormous amount of work consequent upon the first year's working and the inauguration of the Federation is taken into consideration, the results attained are in every way satisfactory, and it is a matter for congratulation that the balance on the wrong side for the year's working is only some 32 -. The heaviest items have been those of postages and printings, but now that the Federation has been successfully floated, the former item should greatly diminish in the coming year. Two of the chief causes of the expenditure have been the canvassing of non-affiliated societies, and the number of council and committee meetings it was necessary to hold in order that the work could be dealt with.

"In conclusion, the council appeals to all affiliated societies to continue to render the same unstinted support they have done in the past, and to help, if possible, in getting those societies in London at present outside the Federation to join. By this means not only will the hands of the council be strengthened, but the work will be carried on more effectually. It is to be hoped that in the not far distant future all societies will join hands, so that the benefits which the Federation is seeking on behalf of London fanciers will be enjoyed by one united body. Much good will result if all the societies in London will unite, always remembering that unity is strength. On the proposition of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, it was agreed to adopt the report as read.

The Railway Question.

Mr. Birch moved "That the council take an early opportunity of approaching the railway companies with a view to obtaining reductions in the charges of the conveyance of birds, etc." In doing so, he said his society (Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.) felt sure if they could come to some terms with the railway companies, it would have a beneficial effect on the Fancy in general, and on the open shows. Mr. A. W. Curtis seconded.

Mr. Tyson asked if it would be altogether advisable for the Federation to take up this matter alone; would it not be better to combine with the Yorkshire Union and the Cage Bird Union? If anything was to be done it could only be done by combination—(hear, hear)—and it would need not only the decision of these bodies but a petition of the whole of the Fancy.

Mr. Thorpe said he endorsed what had been said, and recommended the adoption of a whole-hearted policy. It was of no use, he said, their "going at" the railway companies half-heartedly, they would only be laughed at; they must be determined to see this thing through. Then, if the companies saw that they were in earnest, very probably something would be done. Mr. Curtis stated that at the meeting of the C.B.U. held at Manchester, it was pointed out that the Union secretary's letter to the companies on the question of concessions to fanciers had been practically ignored. He thought they should get as many signatures as possible to a petition.

Mr. Adamthwaite said that already the Cage Bird and the Yorkshire Unions had agreed to work in conjunction with the Federation in this respect.

It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to consider what action the Federation shall take, and Messrs. Tyson, Birch, Tomsett, and Thorpe were elected to form the committee.

Mr. Penton moved, on behalf of Mr. Harper, "That members of societies exhibiting in open competition should notify their respective secretaries of any wins." After some discussion the motion was lost, five voting for and seven against.

Mr. J. C. Birch was appointed assistant hon. secretary to the Federation, and Mr. Tringham was, on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Curtis, co-opted a member of the Executive Council in recognition of his services as the Federation's first chairman. Several of the delegates spoke in eulogistic terms of the capable and careful manner in which he had discharged his duties. A vote of thanks to him was also passed, on the motion of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Cook.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Curtis, that the meetings of the council of the Federation be held quarterly in future. The meeting then closed.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 8th at the Black Horse Hotel, when 30 members were present. We had a table show and lecture on the birds present, also a fine lecture on washing birds for exhibition, which was very ably given by Mr. S. Dean (Bradford). After the lecture questions were asked, which were satisfactorily answered by the lecturer. A vote of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close. Result of table show:—1, Miles; 2, Sawley; 3, C. Jeffery; 4, Sharp and Jeffery.—J. Binns, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

On March 16th, at the Bull's Head Hotel, the members held their annual supper, which was served in excellent style by Mr. F. Walker. Everyone having done ample justice to the festive board, a capital programme was gone through, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The following artistes contributed:—Messrs. T. Wilson, J. Carrington, McAndrews, E. Crossley, and H. Crossley, while Mr. J. E. Priestley proved an efficient accompanist. During the evening the Secretary (Mr. A. E. Morton) presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the monthly shows. The following were the winners:—Section 1; 1, challenge cup (to be held for the ensuing year) and lady's gold bangle for most points gained throughout the shows, also silver cruet for most entries throughout, Mr. F. Townsend; 2, money prize, Mr. Haigh; 3, set of table knives and carved oak case, Mr. J. Robertshaw; 4, set of carvers, Crossley Bros. Section 2: 1, for most points gained throughout, and gold medal, Mr. A. Sutcliffe; 2, lady's gold necklace, Mr. E. Stobart; 3, flower vase, Lumb and Horsfall; 4, tea sifter and silver spoon, Mr. P. Saunderland; extra prize, silver-plated cake knife, Mr. Wilby. During the evening the cup was filled by the winner, whose health, coupled with "The Society," was drunk. Prizes like these are worth winning, and we would like fanciers in the district to rally round and help us have a still more prosperous society and a more successful year. Mr. S. H. Jeffries kindly promised a rose bowl for competition next year, for which he was heartily thanked. Votes of thanks to the artistes, and to the host and hostess, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought to a close a pleasant and enjoyable evening.—A. E. Morton, Hon. Sec.

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GOLDEN DOG (Norwich) B.B.S.

Annual smoking concert held on March 14th. During the evening Mr. S. Roberts, the judge, was presented with a splendid clock as an appreciation of his services to the society. A good programme was indulged in. We were honoured by the presence of the secretary and chairman of the "All England"—Messrs. R. Roll and W. W. Freestone—and the secretary of the Norwich Amateurs C.B.A. Mr. R. Vines was chairman.—F. Burrows, Secretary. [Will Mr. Burrows kindly communicate his address to us?—Editor.]

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Special meeting held on March 19th in St. John's School, when, to a capital attendance of members and friends, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) gave his lecture on "Breeding." From a large and varied experience Mr. Hartley proved himself to have a thorough grasp of the subject, and he enlightened the audience on many points, particularly addressing some well-chosen remarks to the novices. If only the splendid advice were taken seriously in each individual case splendid achievements would result. Discussion followed, several members asking the lecturer questions, which were satisfactorily answered. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the chairman (Mr. Firth), seconded by Mr. A. Bottomley, and carried unanimously. Mr. Hartley suitably responded, expressing his delight at being present.—L. Booth, Secretary.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

A washing competition for novices was held on March 7th, when the following were the prize-winners: 1st, Mr. Wilson, pipe and case; 2nd, Mr. Knight, 2s. 6d.; 3rd, Mr. Berry, 1s. Messrs. Myers and Washbourne placed the awards. Meeting held at headquarters on February 28th, when the prizes won at the series of table shows were presented by Mr. A. G. Davis. After a few remarks he presented the gold medal to Mr. Lester, who gained 77 points; Mr. Myers won silver medal, 63 points; Mr. Fairhurst, pipe and case, 37 points. After a few acknowledgments a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davis was carried. The rest of the evening was taken up with a washing competition between Mr. Parker (Ardwick) and Mr. F. Washbourne (South Manchester) for a handsome set of glass shades presented by Mr. Garbutt. After a close contest Mr. Parker was declared the winner; Mr. Davis judged.—Fred. Washbourne.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 15th, at the Onward Hall, Ardwick, Manchester. Mr. Downing (C.-on-M.) gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Breeding and Management of the Yorkshire Canary." The lecturer had brought several pairs of birds for illustration, especially for the benefit of the novices—to show them how to match them for breeding, also showing them the Yorkshire's different points. He dealt with the introduction of Belgian blood, inbreeding, pedigree breeding, double buffing, double yellowing, etc. The lecture was interesting and much appreciated. At the close many questions were asked, and Mr. Downing proved equal to the task, answering some to the satisfaction of all. A hearty vote of thanks was given him, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. At next meeting, April 5th, we are to have a lecture by Mr. R. B. Fryer on British birds. A hearty welcome will be given to fanciers and friends.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members and friends listened to a lecture on March 16th by Mrs. C. M. Sunderland (Bradford), entitled, "How I Manage My Bird-room." The chairman on this interesting occasion was Mr. Sunderland. The lecturer commenced by giving a brief outline of the aspect of the room and cages, and said how essential it was to see that everything was scrupulously clean. Another virtue which the speaker made special mention of was patience, showing how necessary it was to cultivate this in order to achieve the best results. Mr. Sunderland then gave us a detailed account of her birds—how she paired them, and what she had proved, after years of experience, to be the best methods, whereby anyone might probably be successful in breeding one or two winners. A good discussion followed, and Mrs. Sunderland proved quite equal to the occasion, answering the different questions in a masterly manner. I am sure we ought to feel proud that we have connected with the Fancy ladies of the type of Mrs. Sunderland, who are capable of managing birds, and go out into the Fancy giving their experiences for the common good. There was a fine sprinkling of lady friends, and some of our Bradford friends put in an appearance. I am sure both these elements have a tendency to cultivate and develop a fraternity in the Fancy which will make us better and stronger in our principles. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Sunderland was carried. Mr. Sunderland responded on behalf of his wife, thus bringing to a close a profitably spent evening.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on March 9th; Mr. Thos. Robson presided. The Secretary read his report upon the previous year's workings, which proved that there had been a slight decrease in the membership, although the quality of the birds exhibited by members was superior to anything that had ever graced the show bench previously. Mr. Robson said the club was established for the purpose of encouraging the breeding of good Crests, which there was no doubt had been achieved. It was decided to withdraw the silver medals from the old bird classes at all shows receiving our patronage. But we intend giving both gold and silver medals to young bird class as heretofore. The balance-sheets were presented and passed. The following gentlemen were made members: Messrs. Dobson and Son (Blaydon-on-Tyne), E. Gray (Blackhill), and J. Hesketh (St. Helens). It was decided to reduce the subscription to 2s. 6d., with 1s. entrance fee. We hope the adoption of this popular subscription fee will induce more to join our ranks, with a view to trying to obtain a better entry in Crest classes than during the past season. If something is not done to stimulate the Crest Fancy I am afraid show authorities will tire of providing classes for Crests. It was agreed to hold our club show in conjunction with the annual show of one of the undermentioned societies, viz., Blaydon-on-Tyne, Nov. 4th and 5th; Sunderland, Nov. 18th and 19th; and Gateshead, Dec. 9th and 10th. As the allotting of our patronage has caused some unpleasantness in past years, it was decided to vote by ballot, so as to give all members the privilege of voting. I will be obliged if all members will forward to me before the end of this month the names of the society they are in favour of, so that the society chosen can be informed in time to provide the necessary classification. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sunderland on June 1st, when I hope to see a good attendance. By the way, I would like to remind members that subscriptions are due.—J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a well-attended meeting held on March 14th, a lecture was given on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. F. Barraclough, and a very warm discussion followed on the introduction of green blood. The lecture turned out to be very interesting, numerous questions being asked, especially by our young members, who seemed to be intent on knowing what they were to do before the breeding season commenced. At ten o'clock we had to adjourn one of the best discussions ever held by the society.—F. Barraclough, sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Special meeting held on March 17th, to consider our position as regards the Cage Bird Union, and whether we retain or resign our membership. Mr. Currah was in the chair. Mr. G. Taylor proposed and Mr. W. Scott seconded "That this society leave the C.B.U." Various members spoke on both sides, including Messrs. Storey, W. Curry, G. Taylor, J. MacDonald, C. G. Petterson, G. W. MacPartling, J. G. Hutchinson, T. Robson, J. Curry, W. Scott, and T. C. Crawhall. After a two hours' discussion, the chairman put the motion to the vote, when 28 voted for it and 9 against, and the secretary was instructed to forward the necessary notice to leave. The following new members were admitted:—Miss Kate Haggie (Benton), and Messrs. R. Howard, W. Innes, Jos. Blackburn, T. Usher (all of Newcastle), and A. Grey (Morpeth). The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 7th, when Mr. J. Shepherd will give us a cage-making demonstration. Members' subscriptions are now due, and those wishing to join the Society should do so at once, as the May meeting is the last at which members may join in order to obtain the benefits as members at the show.—T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third successful annual tea and concert, held at the Slackside School, on March 19th. About 160 fanciers and friends sat down to tea, which was provided by the lady fanciers of the society, who spared neither time, money, nor trouble, to see that everybody was satisfied. After three sittings down the tables were cleared, and everybody settled down to be entertained by songs, quartettes, and club swinging. Mr. R. Halliday (president of the Yorkshire Union) took the chair, and in the course of a few remarks, said he was always pleased to come to Wibsey, because they always had the best of feeds and entertainment. Songs were afterwards rendered by Miss Murgatroyd (soprano), Miss Priestley (contralto), and Messrs. Coglan, Watson, Knowles, and Bannan; the "Bradford Lyric Quartette Party," composed of Messrs. Knowles, Watson, Goglan, and Bannan, also sang several quartettes, two of which were humorous, entitled "A Catastrophe," and "Simple Simon." Miss L. Jagger gave a good display of club swinging, which was deservedly encored, and she gave a recitation as a reply, by way of a change, as it would have been taxing her strength too much to have asked her to "swing" again straight off. Mr. H. Lucksmith made a very efficient accompanist. During the interval Mr. Halliday presented the prizes for the season 1909 to the successful competitors, Mr. J. Swailes winning the first gold medal, value 25s.; Mr. G. W. Hudson being second for a gold medal value 20s. Mr. J. Lawson won Mr. Henderson's gold medal. Messrs. Taylor Bros. won gold centre medal presented by Messrs. J. Haigh and Sons. Mr. F. Hanson won Ramsden's medal for best fed bird at Boxing-day show. Mr. D. Thornton won the electro teapot presented for most points in selling classes, and Messrs. Lister and Woodhead the silver medal for most points in extra novice classes. Mr. Taylor (one of the residents in the Corporation property, over which the Health Committee of the Corporation have been objecting) said that all the other chaps had been tongue-tied, but there had been a lot of trouble in their Canary island at Bankfort. But he was glad to say that all was settled, and that they could go on breeding Canaries in the Corporation property. Mr. Johnson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, entertainers, and ladies, which was seconded by the president. Mr. D. Thornton. Mr. Halliday suitably responded, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by all present.—E. W. Johnson, hon. sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

A Lecture on Yorkshire Breeding.

An interesting lecture was given on Mar. 8th, upon the breeding, etc., of the Yorkshire, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods). He commenced by pointing out that the novice of to-day was in a much better position to get together a good breeding stock than was the case about twenty years ago, when the Fancy was in its infancy. He started about 25 years ago with a self-green Belgian cock, presented to him by his father, and a hen which he purchased from a friend for sixpence, and to obtain this meant a journey of six miles there and six miles back. He soon started to make headway, and was the lucky possessor of a few birds which won for him. At that day 30s. was, he said, considered a very good price indeed for a Yorkshire, but of course things were quite different to-day. His mode of commencing the breeding season is first to thoroughly overhaul all cages by scalding out, but he pointed out that he was no believer in either colour-washing or enamelling his cages, and recommended just the plain clean boards, contending that any wash, etc., tended to harbour red mite. He gave a recipe for painting all cages outside as follows:—Obtain 1lb. of tallow, two pennyworth of camphor, and melt into a jam jar, pouring into it parallin until full. Before pairing up he always looks to the claws of all the breeding stock, and trims them if necessary; many eggs get pierced in the nest through the birds having too sharp claws. As to egg-food, he finds nothing beats the old-fashioned method of mixing good home-made bread, and plenty of it, with hard-boiled egg, cannot be beaten; to this he also adds a little maw seed. Whilst the hens are feeding he supplies as much hemp and rape as they will eat. Three weeks old is the best possible time to wean the young. At about five weeks old he adds to their drinking water a pinch of alum. This he finds keeps down inflammation. The recipe was given to him by a very old game-keeper, who had used it with much success in the rearing of young pheasants. For the weaned young he makes the egg-food a little more moist by adding to it a little milk. He, however, pointed out that any fancier who had a system of his own, which had answered with good results, should keep to it, and on no account change. On the cock side he liked a good big bird, 7ins. long, or above if possible, with all other necessary good points; and as regards the hens, he prefers good quality medium sized birds. Big hens, according to his experience, are often somewhat lazy. He next went on to the subject of the breeding of marked birds, upon which a very interesting discussion followed between the lecturer and our friend Mr. Philip Mason. Mr. Chittenden also kindly gave us a brief outline of his scheme for the printing of all schedules in the Yorkshire Union hand-book, upon which also several questions were asked. A very pleasant evening came to a close with the usual thanks to the lecturer.—H. Martin, hon. sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stooeyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.B.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead).
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whittoo, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dk., J.Fm.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street).
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.
*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

I am very well satisfied with the result of my advertising in "Cage Birds."—MR. GAME (Wandsworth, S.W.).

Kindly thank all who replied to my small advertisement in "Cage Birds," re Yorkshire cocks. I had so many replies, and answered those who sent stamp. I am now suited with regard to same.—H. PRIEST (Henley-on-Thames).

In reply to my last advertisement in "Cage Birds" re songsters, I had more applications than I had birds, which speaks well for "C.B." I wish "Cage Birds," and its staff a long life, health and happiness.—H. HUBBARN (Loughborough).

Kindly thank the numerous applicants who wrote re my advertisement in "Cage Birds." I had 20 enquirers after the birds, which in itself proves that your paper must have a large circulation. I wish "C.B." every success.—ROBT. WILLIAMSON, Jun. (Anstruther).

You will be interested to know that I had thirty replies to my small advertisement (which cost 6d.) inserted in a recent issue of "Cage Birds." I have disposed of my birds, having sent them to a gentleman in Preston, Lancs. I could not answer all enquiries, not one containing a stamp for a reply. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—C. H. DENTON (Tunbridge Wells).

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Natural Protection.

Going through a quiet road I saw a newly-fledged Blackbird. It was unable to fly, so to put it out of harm's way, I picked it up, intending to put it through the hedge. In its fear the young bird made a terrible noise, which brought the old birds to the rescue. The hen at once took charge of her youngster which I had set free, and the cock bird guarded their retreat. He perched and showed fight within three feet of my head, and vowed vengeance if I advanced another step.—Sent by Dorothy Baker (age 14), 44, Bowthorpo Road, Norwich.

**Baby Fell A-thinking.

A baby watched a ford, whereto
A Wagtail came for drinking;
A blaring bull went wading through,
The Wagtail showed no shrinking.

A stallion splashed his way across,
The birdy nearly sinking;
He gave his plumes a switch and toss,
And held his own unblinking.

Next saw the baby round the spot
A mongrel slowly slinking:
The Wagtail gazed, but faltered not,
On dip, and sip, and prinking.

A perfect gentleman then neared;
The Wagtail in a winking,
With terror rose and disappeared;
The baby fell a-thinking.

Sent by Ethel Maud Pepper, 5, Greek Street, Hawthorne Avenue, Hull.

The Cheeky Greenfinch.

My grand-dad keeps a lot of birds in cages in his back yard, not very far from a park, and Greenfinches and Redpolls come picking the seeds off the floor and drinking out of the glasses. One day there was a sunflower seed in the bottom of a glass which contained water, and a Greenfinch kept knocking the water out with his beak till he could reach the seed.—Sent by Joseph Pollitt (age 8), 95, Halliwell Street, Salford.

*Bobbie and His Breakfast.

One morning as I was looking through the window I saw a beautiful Robin that was waiting for its breakfast. I soaked some bread and put it by the door. Robin picked up a piece and flew off to his young ones. He came back for the other pieces, but a Sparrow was there feeding, so he came up boldly and the Sparrow flew away. Robin comes every morning for his breakfast and waits for me to feed him.—Sent by Maud Stocle (age 12), 9, Tithe Barn Road, Stafford.

Wild Bird Life.

The Yellow Bunting.

At this season of the year there is no open-air pleasure to equal a ramble over one of the commons, which are fairly numerous in the South of England. The wide open expanse of country enables one to get a good view of both sky and upland. Wild birds are at all times fairly plentiful, so that the lover of feathered life will always find something to interest him. Pigeons, Rooks and other large birds can be watched with good glasses right across the downs, and many times I have seen the bold Sparrow Hawk, wheeling and darting round a flock of frightened Finches or Starlings. The land adjoining these open spaces is generally under cultivation, so that many Finches and Buntings are easily located. Of these the handsome Yellow Bunting is just now the most conspicuous. His rich yellow plumage contrasts vividly with the mellow brown earth.

All through the winter he has been in close company with different members of the Finch family. The Greenbird is perhaps the one he associates with mostly, for they both haunt the open fields, and seek food under the shelter of the hedgerows, where the weeds grow luxuriantly during the summer months, and the seed pods ripen in the sun. These are sown broadcast by the wind, and become food for the smaller birds during the hard winter, or, in turn, germinate and form flourishing plants to continue the supply. The Yellowhammer is a handsome bird, his gold and brown plumage making him a conspicuous object in all positions. In the open he appears somewhat sluggish and lazy, but as a singer is one of the most continuous. He sings in the early spring, his monotonous notes striking the ear, as we gather wild flowers by the hedgerow. All through the hot summer months he perches within hearing of his mate, and from daylight to sundown trills his little lay; and when the last sheaves of corn are being carted from the wheat field his song is still to be heard.

The nest of the Yellow Bunting is to be found among the brambles and coarse herbage, nettles, or low-growing shrubs. It is generally constructed of roots and grass stalks, nicely rounded and neatly lined with horsehair and finer roots. The eggs are streaked and spotted with purplish markings on a whitish ground colour.

An Early Sparrow.

A young fully-fledged Sparrow was seen in a Surrey village in the first week in March. He seemed happy and contented picking about among the poultry, and could fly well. He was quite alone and was possibly the sole survival of an early brood.

The Hated Crow.

The Rook is a common object of the fields, and is tolerated and even cherished by owners of Rookeries, but the Crow is persecuted and destroyed when possible. He is hated by all—gamekeepers and sportsmen, by farmers, and by everyone who has anything to do with country life. Cruel tyrant as he is to every creature smaller than himself, not a voice is raised in his favour. Yet Crows still exist in considerable numbers.

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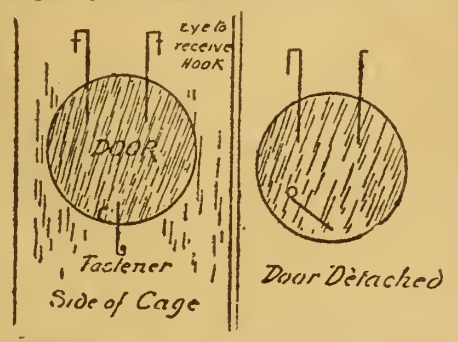
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No. 394.
To Fasten Circular Cage Doors.
Sent by Mr. F. A. Saxe, 16, Amelia Street, Silvertown, London, E.

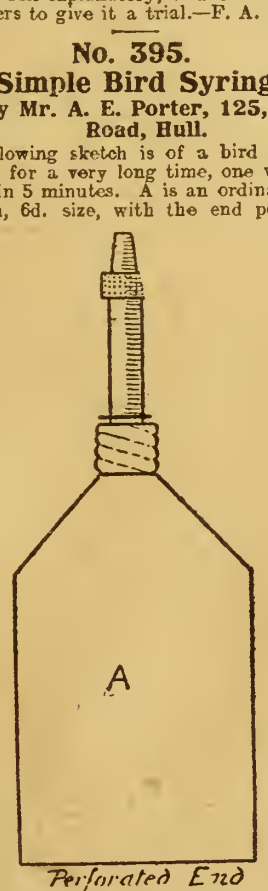
I send you sketch of an idea for fastening circular doors to the cage side, one which I have found very convenient. In the ordinary cages, where the door is attached with the usual wire arrangement, some difficulty will be found in getting the cage close up to another one



when transferring a particular bird, and I have had several escape in this way, especially small birds. The door shown in the sketch, however, does not allow of any such place, and therefore there is no risk. The idea is really so simple that it is self-explanatory, and I think it will pay fanciers to give it a trial.—F. A. SAXE.

No. 395.
A Simple Bird Syringe.
Sent by Mr. A. E. Porter, 125, Hedon Road, Hull.

The following sketch is of a bird syringe I have used for a very long time, one which can be made in 5 minutes. A is an ordinary metal polish tin, 6d. size, with the end perforated.



The cap at the end is unscrewed and a hole to fit an ordinary bicycle valve bored. The valve is then screwed down tight, and the syringe is complete. Attach bicycle pump to valve, and it will send out a fine spray, which will travel about 12 feet.—A. E. PORTER.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Fixing of date, judge, etc., for F.F. show; faociers invited.—G. Havver.

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Bird Inn, 7. Election of judge for nest feather show, etc.; new members invited.—M. Crosby.

Barrington and Choppington Social Club.—Mar 26, Headquarters, 7. Rules, classification, etc.—W. Woollett.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Raikes' Hall Hotel, 8.15. Special meeting in connection with draw.—J. R. Crossley.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Meeting postponed on account of Holidays from Mar. 29, to Apr. 5.—F. Gelder.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 29. Easter Holidays; no meeting.—F. Mitchell.

Choppington C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Railway Hotel.—G. H. Seely.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Apr. 9, Headquarters, 7. Arranging classes for F.F. show; also judge.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 26, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show, dates and judges.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—Apr. 6, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Egg food-making competition; friends invited.—J. Shaddock.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Half Moon, 8. Fixing date for F.F. show, etc.—H. Todd.

Ealing F.S.—Mar. 30, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Bull; friends and fanciers invited.—W. Bird.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—Apr. 2, Graoite Bar, 7. Classification for open show, and election of judges, samples of Spratt's food to be given out.—W. Grewar.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—April 6, Co-operative Halls P.G., 7.30. Table show, Brit. Goldfinch, Lionet, Siskin, etc., Mule and Hyb., pairs, entry 1d. per cage; judge, Mr. W. McDermaid.—J. Forrester.

Grangemouth O.S.—Apr. 1, Boiler Makers' Hall, 8. Enrolling new members, and Greenfinch judging competition.—G. Smith.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Mar. 26, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Monthly show of Goldfinch, Brit. Goldfinch, For. Linnet and Greenfinch.—T. Drysdale.

Green C.A.—Annual general meeting postponed till March 31, on account of holidays; Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8.—S. Hadwin.

Grimsby O.S.—Mar. 31, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Mr. A. Sutcliffe has promised to give us an account of his recent visit to Jamaica, etc.—Moore and Hardiog.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Mar. 26, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition for novices.—P. Hart.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Final decision of Union business.—A. Gledhill.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Apr. 7, Headquarters, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. H. Norman; Seasonable Notes on the Canary, report of communication re elected judges.—G. Harwood.

Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.—Apr. 1, Temperance Hotel, Bridge Street, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

Midland Roller C.C.—Mar. 31, Hole-in-Wall, Bilston, 8. Fixing show date, a few birds will be at meeting for judging; fanciers wishing to join, kindly give in names to any member, or send direct.—J. H. Willows.

National Brit. B. & M. C.—Mar. 31. Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Mar. 26, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—April 1, Trades Halls, Anderson Street, Partick, 8. Monthly show of Brit. and For. birds. Judge, Mr. M. Craig; also lecture. Faociers invited.—W. Priest.

Poplar C.B.S.—March 31, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 8. Finch show; birds to be staged by 7.45. Judge, Mr. Allen Silver.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—March 30, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting for suggested perusal of Y.U. Rules as regards L.U., and it is requested all officials attend.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 28, Club, 8.30. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Stirling O.S.—April 2, Douglas Hotel, 8. Election of secretary, nomination of judges.—G. Hislop.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 29, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Nomination of judge, date for F.F. show, etc.—W. Stafford.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Com. Hotel, 7. Election of judges for shows.—W. Elliott.

Warrington C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30. Distribution of prize-money; papers on the Linnet, by Mr. J. Leech, and the Rearing of Canaries, by Mr. W. R. Knowles.—C. Dukes.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Full arrangements for lecture.—Jennings and Viles.

In the Courts.

A Prejudiced Magistrate.

At Birmingham Police Court on March 16th, William Trigger (Saltley) was summoned for cruelty to a Lark by fastening it to a certain instrument so that it could be used as a decoy.

Police-constable Deakin said he found the defendant in a field adjoining St. Margaret's Road. He was using a net for the purpose of catching birds, and had a Lark which he used as a decoy. It was attached to an instrument which was worked by a string, causing the bird to jump in the air. The bird was in an exhausted condition, and there were marks of the string on the breast, whilst one of its legs appeared to be injured.

Defendant denied tying the Lark to the instrument; "another fellow did that." — The Chairman: You cannot shelter yourself behind that. Catching birds, apart from cruelty, is an abomination. You will be fined 20s. and costs, or go to prison for a month. I daresay you call it sport, but you had better leave it alone. You will be more seriously dealt with next time.

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds."** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Four Points.

Wolf.—(1) Yes, it is too early to mate up yet save in certain exceptional circumstances. The last week in March or first week in April is best. (2) It is always advisable to mate a yearling bird—a 1909 bred—with one over a year old, or not younger than 1908 bred, though not absolutely essential. Two 1909 birds mated together will breed quite successfully, so you need not trouble to separate the pair on that account. The fact of the cock not singing so much since being mated is of no material importance. A good many cocks act in this way. (3) The advantage of moving the first three eggs from the nest and returning them on the evening of the day the third egg is laid is that all the young hatch out simultaneously, or very nearly so, and thus all get an equal chance in life at the start. When one youngster is hatched two or three days before the youngest, the latter never gets a fair chance, and often goes under in the struggle for existence. (4) Certainly. You must not withhold the seed supply at any time. All egg-food and green-stuff given for rearing the young must be in addition to the usual seed supply, which is not withheld at all. Give egg-food in small quantities for the first day or two after hatching, and begin to give green after the third day.

What is it?

A Novice, W.P.—It is undoubtedly chronic bronchitis, and you will probably make no material improvement in it after going on so long. Has it been kept in a kitchen where there are extreme variations of temperature, or exposed to draughts. These are by far the commonest of all causes, so see that your bird is not so exposed. Keep it in a box cage, quite free from draughts, and well away from any fire or burning lights, so that the air breathed may be as pure and fresh as possible, and the temperature fairly equable. Feed on plain Canary as staple, and give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture separately every second day. On the alternating days give a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a spray of green-food three or four times a week. Only allow the bath occasionally on quite mild bright days until better. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after. Separate him from the hen if she shows no sign of immediately nesting whilst undergoing treatment. It is useless trying to breed with such a bird.

Unsatisfactory Hens.

Dalstonite.—Am inclined to think all your hens are out of condition, and those you have mated were not by any means ready for this ceremony. The third hen, which you say has not a feather for some space around the vent, as you discovered when you caught and examined her, is probably in quite a normal condition as regards feathering. Surely you must know the feathers do not grow evenly all over the skin (if we except a few genera of birds, of which Canaries are not one), and in a normal condition neither the space around the vent, nor all down the centre of the breast and belly has any feathers growing on. If the hens you have paired are still taking no notice of the cocks, separate them and treat all three hens as follows, for two or three weeks keeping them in separate cages, of course. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame. On the alternate days give the same quantity of a mixture of two parts hemp, one part each of inga and teazle, and a half part each of black rape and linseed. See all your seeds, especially the summer rape and hemp, are sound and good. Give a small flower-head of groundsel and a dandelion leaf each day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and the next week give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day. See birds are quite free from draughts, extremes of heat and cold, and not pestered with red mites.

Treatment for Breeding.

R. Messinger.—You omit to say how you feed the bird, or whether it is apparently in good health or otherwise. He has, I gather, not sung since his cage was knocked down. This might have caused a severe shock, but should not have prevented his beginning to sing again after a short interval of silence. Now you have put him in the same cage with two hens, which is a totally wrong procedure, even if he had been in full vigorous song. Remove him to a cage by himself at once, and hang it in such a position that he has one or both the hens in view. Feed him on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of a mixture of two parts hemp, one part each inga and teazle, and a half-part each linseed, sesame, black rape, and yellow mustard. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and three of aromatic sulphuric acid for three or four days. Continue this treatment, except the drugs in water, until you see the cock calling and singing to the hens; then write again and refer to this reply and I will tell you how to proceed further.

Premature Mating, etc.

H.M.H.—You have evidently read the article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Then why did not you take to heart the warning given in these words: "Let neither the weather nor the birds' desires tempt you to believe that summer has come before the ides of March," etc. Your hen was not ready for mating, and would have been better kept separate until the end of the month. If both the birds are in good high condition, and anxious to begin when put together the hen will in most cases be starting on incubation in a fortnight after mating. Still, it is not unlikely the hen has set to work in more earnest by now, and in that case you must leave

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matters to follow the natural course. If she is still dallying, about and making no sound beginning, separate the pair until the end of the month, by which time she will doubtless be in better trim. Give half a teaspoonful of egg-food every second day, and add a sprinkling of sesame seed to it, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of the seed mixture. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. As regards the query about egg-food, see reply to "Mab," under heading "A Substitute," in last issue, which applies to the same article. Glad to hear you find the paper so helpful.

Brevities.

Very Good (H.L.).—Thanks for report. Glad to hear the bird has improved so much. Do not be in any hurry to mate her. Wait until the end of this month.

Biscuits (R., Broughty Ferry). — The No. 2 sample Abernethy biscuit is the best of those sent, but even this contains rather more fat than I care about; a quite plain, unsweetened biscuit, with the least possible amount of fat, or grease in it I consider the best.

Result (J.A.C.).—The result of the mating you describe will depend upon whether the buff cock or its parents were pink-eyed. If it is pink-eyed itself and its male parent was pink-eyed, the result will be clears, and cinnamon-ticked, but if this cock and its parents were all black-eyed birds, the progeny will be clears and green-ticked. In both cases you will probably have a majority of clear birds.

Fruit for Seed Mixture (Pretty Bird).—None at all. That is what I consider the best kind of fruit to add to seed and minced egg in a dried condition for feeding Canaries. Give seed, whether mixed or separately, alone always. When egg-food is given, offer it quite separately in a different vessel, and always in a perfectly clean condition; and when you want to give fruit, give this also fresh and separately, and any kind of sweet ripe fruit that is in season will do. Apples and bananas are usually the most easily obtained.

The Best Songster (W.S.).—A trained Roller will give far the most satisfaction, and I think you will like a Seifert Roller best, on account of its having a greater variety in its repertoire than a more highly trained pure rolling bird. The names you mention were particular breeders' strains once upon a time, but nowadays they are trade terms more than anything else. You should get a nice singer for 15/-, but the ordinary prices for well-trained birds go up to about 40/-. You can also get them at 10/6, or even less, the price to a certain extent varying with the supply in the market, and the present is not the cheapest season to buy. Very sorry I cannot mention particular dealers here. Consult our advertisement columns and have bird on approval, depositing money with our Editor.

Breeding Troubles (Unruly Hen).—You mated them fully a month too early, and will be fortunate if you get no worse difficulty. Separate the Yorkshire pair for a fortnight. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with a small pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days a few grains only of inga and linseed. Give a small spray of chickweed, groundsel, or watercress, but no dandelion, every second day. Keep cage strewn with gritty shell sand, and have a piece of cuttlefish in it regularly. In the drinking water give 20-drop doses of chemical food two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until re-mated. Do not mate her again until the last week in March or first week in April. She will probably do better next time. Let the other hen go on sitting in the ordinary course.

Backward Cock (Inquirer).—You do not say how long the Sib. cock has been with the hen, but I gather it must have been a week at least. His complete silence is not very auspicious of good results; but still, although you have only seen him feeding, I would advise you to let the hen go on sitting on the bare chance of events happening in the early morning which have escaped your observations. Whilst the hen is sitting, separate the cock and feed him rather generously, and twice a week add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel to his drinking water. Give a mealworm each day for three weeks if he will eat them.

Not Wedded Bliss (Novice, Dublin).—The Border hen was probably not sufficiently forward for mating, and you would have done better to keep them apart until she, as well as the cock, showed some readiness for mating. Things may have righted themselves by the time this reply appears, but if they have not, and the pair are still "on fighting terms," separate them for a few days and hang them side by side, so that they can see each other, and let them remain in this position until you see the hen responding to the calls of the cock, and the latter feeding her through the wires if he can reach her, or trying to do so if he cannot reach.

Eating Enamel (G.Y.).—It is certainly a dangerous habit for the bird to be eating enamel to the extent you describe. If it has not yet produced any harmful result, it would probably do so in time if allowed to continue. Distemper would be far less objectionable, but must be free from white lead. Much better put nothing at all on the wires, but if you want to have something to cover them, use a good hard drying lacquer similar to Brunswick Black; put it on thinly and evenly, and see that the wires are well cleaned with strong soda and water before applying, in order to avoid blistering. Give a bit of cuttlefish to divert his attention.

China Canary (G.R.A.).—Am sorry, but I cannot tell you what breed the bird is without seeing it. It is most likely to be a German Roller, and, judging from your description, I should expect this is what it is. The best mate for it would depend upon what you want to breed. If you merely wish to perpetuate its singing abilities you cannot do better than mate it with a ticked yellow Roller hen, but if you want to retain as much as possible of the bird's song, and also get more size and a better-looking bird, mate it with a smart Yellow Yorkshire hen, lightly variegated in plumage, and bred from an even-marked strain. Let the hen in either case be an early 1909 bird. Glad to hear you have made so much improvement in the bird through reading these replies.

Backward Norwich Cock (J.H.C.).—You must, first of all, see that all your seeds are sweet and sound, and of good quality. Also see that the bird is in no draught, nor where the air is vitiated and impure, and that cage is quite free from red mites. Keep cage floor always strewn with clean gritty sand. Continue your present staple diet; give half a teaspoonful of egg-food with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two good-sized young dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. The sample of seed sent is totally unfit for feeding Canaries. If you value your birds, throw this present of seed in the dustbin.

Ailing Hen (The White Hen).—The hen is probably exposed to more extremes of heat and cold, if not to actual draughts, than you are aware of. See that the temperature is as equable as possible, and just comfortable—neither very warm nor cold. Do not hang cage high up where air is vitiated. Give a diet of plain Canary only as staple; every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, lightly sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana, or two small young dandelion leaves. Limit diet strictly to this for a fortnight. In drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days 20 drops of whiskey, 6 of oxymel of squills, and 1 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. In the second week give 6 drops tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water.

Two Hens (F.J.S.C.).—There is probably something wrong with your feeding, but you say nothing on the point, so I cannot say. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with 3 drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure. Twice each week also slightly dust it with a mixture of 2 parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give a spray of watercress on the alternate days. Keep cage and perches clean. Add a pinch of Epsom salts and 10 drops of lemon juice to the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of tincture of steel. Dust bare skin where moist with boracic acid 3 times a week. Feed second hen on the same staple, and every second day for a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed, and on the alternate days a spray of green-food. In the drinking water give 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for 3 days, and afterwards 6 drops tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Put one drop of warm olive oil in the vent once.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Is a Quarrel Essential?

J. Atchley.—You seem to think that unless mating couples have a fight when first paired, that no good can be expected to come of the alliance. But such is not by any means the case. It is true some British birds embark on the sea of matrimony by showing their affection after the manner of the proverbial coster—proceeding to maul their donah "abart a bit" (a game, too, in which the donah often takes a hand). As a rule, too, these breezes soon blow over, especially if both birds are "fit," and so anxious to start housekeeping. Goldfinches are very fond of asserting their authority. And I always like to see the male bird "boss the show," not because I am an "anti-suffragettist," but because I know that it is an unfavourable sign when one sees the reverse happening (the poor male being hen-pecked). Your bird is a Linnet, however, and many Linnets are gentle and amiable to a fault, and would no more think of trouncing their wives than I (also gentle and amiable) would think of trouncing mine. (N.B.—I have only one.) To be serious: I have myself paired two Linnets up just lately; they have not had a "scrap" so far, yet I'll wager they fill the eggs. Verb sap.

Goldfinch Muling.

Mrs. Underwood.—I have several times this season dealt at length with the breeding of Goldfinch Mules, and particularly with the feeding of the muling couples, while many articles on the subject have recently appeared in our pages from successful breeders, and there is another in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I think these give (or rather, have given) just the information you now seek. Have you by any possible chance overlooked them? I certainly do not like the cock Goldfinch to be "very much smaller" than the hen Canary. It is quite possible for the disparity in size to be responsible for clear eggs. They want to be somewhere about (within reason) the same size. This is where the Siberian Goldie comes in so useful when one has an exceptionally large hen. Still, one can allow a very fair margin without fear of failure. Three years is a nice age for a muling Goldie. It will be of no use to pair him up until he is in trim, viz., in full song, and swinging his tail from side to side as he sings, while his beak will also go quite clear (free from the black streak at the tip of the upper mandible), as he gets into real "high condition."

In an Aviary.

Crusader.—It will do no harm to have the extension with wired roof for the covered space is ample, in comparison. Personally I should prefer to have it partly covered (that part nearest the wall—the back part), and the rest open; say, half and half. Leave the wire plain (get it of good quality). I certainly advise you not to paint it with Brunswick black. 2.—I do not know that any of the shrubs and trees you mention are harmful to birds. The "Japanese hop" is a stranger to me; but if any relation to the English hop plant, then I should say that it is quite safe. Providing the birds with plenty of green-food is the best means of keeping them from stripping shrubs. Sow patches of rape, Canary, sunflower, millet, etc., seeds, and the young shoots will prove a feast for the inmates. 3.—There is grave risk of the eggs or young getting "flooded out" should a severe storm set in; the latter will often cause a hen to desert her home. Have never tried pansy seed; should say quite harmless.

Newly Imported Goldfinches.

G. B. T.—If the birds are a little upset and out of sorts, owing to the strange diet they have been put upon, treat them as advised "A. B." in this issue. You must cage them separately; not keep healthy and ailing together. Crack their hemp seed, give niger liberally, and, above all, give plenty of cracked sunflower seed. If the birds are beginning to ail owing to the seeds of pneumonia having been implanted during the journey to England, then no treatment is likely to avail them; this disease carries off many on their first arrival and shortly afterwards. Only the strongest birds survive the journey; any weaklings inevitably "go to the wall." A great deal depends upon the conditions of importation, which are not the same in every case, by any means, some lots coming under much better conditions than others. It used to be said that bird-fever was the scourge that stunned out ill-fated consignments; and I used to think so myself. But I now know it is that equally deadly, though not so fearsome, disease, pneumonia.

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Lark and Linnet.

Puzzled S. S.—If your Lark is a cock (are you sure of this?) he ought to be singing now. Its excessive wildness is a bad sign; these intractable birds are seldom a success. The food (No. 2) is good of its kind; personally I should get some of a first-class insectile mixture (about 1/6 per lb), and mix half-and-half. This would make a much more generous diet, and one more conducive to singing on the part of the bird. You should try as a change (or give as a "tit-bit") one of the foods mentioned by Lark-keepers in the letters which have recently appeared in the correspondence columns. No. 1 is a fairly suitable seed mixture for a Linnet. But why not try the mixtures I have been frequently advising of late for use with Linnets intended for Mule breeding? There will be no need then to try and improve upon the one you send. A chubby-built hen (Norwich type) would be the best mate for your cock Linnet—a variegated yellow for choice, though a good coloured buff is not by any means to be despised.

A Warning.

Ginger.—You say you had a pair of Bullfinches in an outdoor aviary all winter. They were in good condition. You then started giving a large quantity of dandelion, root and leaf. Both birds went very sick; the cock is dead, the hen recovering. You ask me if "eating a large quantity of dandelion would be likely to poison Bullfinches?" The answer is: No. It certainly would not poison them; at the same time it quite likely was the innocent cause of the trouble which has resulted so disastrously for Mr. Bullie. To put it bluntly: I think that you yourself are chiefly to blame. In the first place, a large (unlimited) quantity of green-food (no matter what the kind) should never be suddenly placed before birds—birds, that is, which previously have been having none at all, or only a very limited quantity. The result is a glorious "gorge" on the part of the birds, with oft-times attendant stomach troubles, followed by diarrhœa, and a period of sorrow for the owner. It is most unwise to more-or-less suddenly commence to give birds green-food ad libitum; get them on to it gradually. In the second place, at this time of the year, night frosts are the common thing, and the "green-food" gets into a frosted condition, and if given to the birds in this state it is a very deadly thing; at least, that is what experienced fanciers say; personally, I have always taken good care never to test that point. Green-food gathered during frosty weather should be kept in a warm room for some hours before being used, or be washed in warm water and afterwards dabbed dry in a towel.

Brevities.

A Linnet (A. M.).—There is a chance of this bird breeding if the cage is put in a quiet spot, say a room into which people rarely enter.

With a Mule (Wallace Wilcock).—I do not suppose it will be of any use to pair up the Linnet Mule to a hen Canary. Try the experiment if you like; but it is a hundred pounds to a halfpenny the eggs are not fertile.

A Goldfinch Trouble (G.C.).—Into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water stir six drops of tincture of benzoin (friar's balsam). Give fresh daily for four or five days, and see what effect it has. Write and let me know.

The Case of a Chaffinch (Blitey).—You chose a curious season of the year to turn the birds outdoors. I presume they were used to being in a cold room. Give a fair trial to the remedy advised "G.C." in this issue. It is no use (as no doubt you know) giving one dose and then leaving it off for a week; no medicine can be effective if used in this way.

One Bird Only (V.A.G.).—A Linnet-Canary Mule, if it sings the Linnet song (or a fair proportion) is one of the most delightful of songsters, and your friend will find it quite hardy and easy to keep in health and song. Next to this, in "pure" birds, so to speak, I should plump for the Linnet itself; then the Goldfinch. It happens, however, that some Linnets (and some Goldfinches, too) are poorer songsters than others; individuals vary.

Into Moult ("Kiss Me Dear").—I'm married; sorry can't oblige. The cause of the Chaffinch going into moult is probably the changeable weather. The latter has sent a Hawfinch of mine, and several Canaries, into moult. I know of many other cases, too, in other rooms. You can do nothing except keep the bird snug and out of draughts. You are feeding it very well. It is one of those accidents of circumstance which all birds and bird-keepers are ever liable to run up against.

Two Matters (Bermon).—(1). There should be room for 25 birds; but not if you want breeding results. I presume your measurement covers both flight and covered portion. The best plan would be to try three or four Bullfie and Greenie hens, with the rest Canary hens. You might include a hen Bramble and cock Chaffinch, or vice-versa. I prefer two "out-lets," at least. Give the Thrush the remedy advised "G. C." this week, not in any larger doses.

Linnet Ailing (A.B.).—Get the following mixture from a chemist: Six drachms tincture of rhubarb and two drachms tincture of gentian. Stir 6 to 10 drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, beginning with the smaller dose and increasing it if it seems necessary. This medicine may pull the Linnet together in five or six days' time (give it fresh daily). You really ought to have given some medicine before; it is no good waiting seven days (while the trouble gets a firm hold of the bird).

A Pied Hedge Sparrow (Lover of Birds).—We get very good and rare Albinos on the show-bench nowadays, as a rule, and it is not easy to estimate the chances of a pied (almost white) Hedge Sparrow, though your bird would be sure to command

Owing to the necessity of going to press one day earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be given until our next issue.—EDITOR.

"honourable mention," as it appears from your description to be a nice specimen. It would hardly be likely to win. The Hedge Accentor is really an insectivorous bird, and should have soft food daily (a good insectile mixture), with a little seed and some live food, according to the season and the supply. Have seen and heard of several similar birds.

In an Aviary (E.E.).—Unfortunately you omit the most important and helpful item of information, viz., the size of the aviary. The place reads like a suitable one for Hybrid breeding. The great point is not to overcrowd. Even then, results amongst a mixed lot of birds are uncertain, as you have found. I do not see how it would be practicable to remove the cocks when the hens commence to sit. They don't all commence at once. And the racket you would kick up would inevitably disturb those hens which had already gone to nest. Put in a Siskin and Redpoll in addition to the cock Bramble. Budgerigars are apt to be spiteful towards weaker companions.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Silverbills and Java Sparrows.

Nimrod.—You must only keep one pair in each cage for breeding purposes, and though they may use the half cokernut shells as a base for their nest, which is usually a spherical one, with an entrance on one side, I have found most of the Ornamental Finches appreciate a Hartz travelling cage as well as anything—hay and grass will be sufficient for nesting material. Supply spray millet and green food in addition to the other items of your birdy menu. Practically the same applies to the Java Sparrows, though they will accommodate themselves to the cokernut husk well enough. Diet: same as above, with the addition of a few oats and paddy rice. Both species will require a little soft food daily when they are feeding young. When they commence incubation I should only interfere with them for feeding and cleaning purposes. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert. in this column) would be of great assistance to you.

Breeding Cutthroats.

Novice.—You do not say whether you are attempting to breed them in a cage or aviary, but in either case the modus operandi is very simple. In a cage, let this be of the box type, and as roomy as your convenience will allow; put a nest-box at each end. The Hartz travelling cages answer excellently for many foreign species, merely taking out the fittings, pulling out one of the bars, to allow them free egress and ingress; supply them with long grass, hay, and a little moss, then leave them to themselves, and in due time you should have some young Cutthroats. When they are feeding young they will require some soft food—ants' eggs and crumbled sponge cake, make crumbly moist, would be sufficient, with plenty of green food and a little fruit as in season. They will also appreciate any small beetle, smooth caterpillar, or spider you can capture for them. Canary, white and spray millet should form the staple diet. You do not say whether the eggs are merely deformed or broken. I take it it is the former, but in either case the next clutch should prove all right.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

T C.—It would have made matters easier for me if you had told me how long it had been in your possession; but I am assuming that it is a new purchase, and that the primary cause of the trouble is the conditions of importation. You must continue the boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day). After draining away as much moisture as possible soak into about half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not leave water in the cage at present, but let it satisfy its thirst three or four times a day.—Every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, give the following as drinking water: One part Dinneford's Magnesia and three parts water. Well cleanse the nostrils twice daily with diluted glycodymoline. Diet: In addition to the maize, keep a tin of seed mixture—three parts each canary and white millet seed and one part each oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds, to be well mixed—in the cage; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You had better report progress about a fortnight hence.

Grey Parrot Sick.

E.W.B.—Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia with three days between each dose—one part magnesia, three parts water. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and probably a little of this has been allowed to become stale, and hence the trouble. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit ad lib., nuts in variety, plain biscuit with an occasional crust of dry toast or household bread if the bird cares for same; the biscuit and crusts may be moistened (not saturated) in the chemical food water if the bird prefers it so. The boiled maize may be well left off entirely if the bird is eating heartily of the seed mixture. The latter should consist of three parts each canary and white millet seed and one part each hemp, oats, dari, "paddy" rice, small maize, and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Cuttlefish, grit, etc., must always be supplied. Do not leave the water in the cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. The trouble should yield to the above treatment unless it is merely the precursor to something more serious. This it is impossible to tell at this stage (at any rate by correspondence), but if there should be further developments repeat query at once.

Brevities.

A Talking Budgerigar (Anxious to Know).—If it enunciates the phrases clearly, it should be worth three guineas, possibly you would get more; it all depends on your advert. catching the eye of the suitable person; the real value is what you can get. Why not insert an advert. in our columns inviting offers?

The American Thrush (C. Burrows). — The birds referred to in the cutting you send are American Robins, a number of which were set free in this country last year. The bird is smaller than the English Thrush, but is very similar, with the exception that the breast and upper abdomen are of a chestnut colour. The bird is handsome, hardy, and fearless, with the typical large, clear eye of a Robin. If they escape the gunner (I had almost said sportsman!) they will undoubtedly become naturalised in this country, and should form a welcome addition to our native avifauna.

A Crop-bound Parrot ("Steward").—If the bird is really crop-bound, I doubt if it is alive when you see this in print; if so, let a vet. see it at once, as with your bird the case will have been of a week's duration, and only cutting open the crop, removing the obstruction, and then stitching up again, will give relief. If the bird is still fairly vigorous when you see this, you might—try the effects of a dose of tasteless castor oil. We have a book dealing with Parrots and Parrakeets in the press, which you will find will give you all the information you require. When ready will be duly announced in our columns.

Canary-winged Parrakeet (W.W.W.).—I know from experience that there are very few species of Parrakeets that cannot talk, though the present species is numbered among the non-talkers, but from the demeanour of your bird I should say there is every probability of yours ultimately uttering a word or two. All the genus Protogenys make excellent pets, and become very tame and chummy. Canary and white millet seed should form the staple diet, with ripe fruit, green food, and plain biscuit. If it cares for them, as extras. I should only give hemp in small quantities, during the winter months.

Purchasing a Grey Parrot (E.T.B.).—I should say May or June would be about the best time to purchase a young Grey; they can mostly be procured at all seasons of the year. A young Grey needs much care for the first few months, and losses are rather numerous among newly-imported birds. Read these query columns, and you will get much help, as to treating it. Ascertain how it has been fed from the vendor.

Length of Period of Quarantine (Dad).—I should keep this bird separate till the head plumage is in fair condition again. As regards period of quarantine for acquisitions of newly-imported Waxbills, etc., this should not be less than three weeks. At the same time, if a bird was rather thick, even after that period, I should still isolate it, till such times as it was regularly alert and lively—the demeanour of a bird is the best test of its condition. A bird in good health does not mope and sit huddled up most of its time, but is alert, vivacious, continually trilling its little lay.

Waxbills for Crystal Palace Aviary (Carrie).—Put in pairs of the following as you are able to obtain them: Zebra, Orange-cheek, St. Helena, and Grey Waxbills; common and Green Avadavats. Hang up three or four cokernut shell nests, first pushing in a little hay, etc. They will use these as retiring places. Feed them on canary and white millet seed in equal parts—also keep up a continuous supply of millet sprays, a little of such kinds of ripe fruit as they fancy, and also green food—lettuce and seeding grass are about the best. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" of great assistance (see advt. in this column).

Amazon Parrot not Talking (A.B.C.).—The bird should certainly have added to its vocabulary by this, but Amazons are not so teachable as Greys, though most of them talk fairly well, whistle, and mimic various sounds, such as laughing, crying, etc., in a very realistic way. There is nothing you can do other than keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; talk to it, and fuss about with it generally, and as it already utters the universal Polly it will most certainly yet surprise you with other utterances. I should most certainly not give up hope of its turning out a good talker yet. Greys certainly make the best talkers, but they are very difficult to acclimatise, and even among these there are individuals which have not the "gift of the gab." I should advise giving the bird a few months' longer trial.

Treatment for Moustache Parrakeets (W.W.W.).—They are rather difficult to tame, and till such is accomplished they are dull, and also easily scared; though I have come across very handsome birds of this species, tame, and good talkers. Diet: Three parts each canary and white millet seeds, and 1 part each oats, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, with grit, cuttlefish, and water. I should give 3 or 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (1 part magnesia to 3 parts water), with three or more days between each dose, according to its action. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month or more. The birds will much improve in demeanour as they become thoroughly accustomed to you and their surroundings.

Aviary for Budgerigars (H. E. S.).—(1) Three breeding pairs at most—the aviary is suitable, but for such hardy birds as Budgerigars the partition C is not essential. (2) I would suggest two pairs Budgerigars (say one pair each Yellow and Green), and one pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds. (3) No, the protection should be ample, but birds are easily scared at night, so that if the pests are troublesome you could have a cover of some sort for night use only. Sand if you can get it, or peat moss litter would be the better floor covering for covered-in parts.

How Many Birds? (A Beginner).—About a score, or, at the most, twenty-five. I should suggest Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll. Choose Foreigners from Zebra Waxbills, Green Avadavats, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Java Sparrows (White and Grey), St. Helena Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Cape Canaries (Grey-necked Serins), Grey and Green Singing Finches, Rufous-tailed Greenfinches, and a pair each of the minute Diamond Dove and Chinese Painted Quails. Repeat query if kinds named are unsuitable, but you do not indicate what you require, hard or soft bills.

Keeping Avadavats (T. M.).—The Common Avadavat or Tiger Finch only retains its red colouring during the breeding season, and yours will don its brilliant nuptial garment again in due course. Try them with a little ripe apple. As soon as you can procure it free from frost, seeding grass (grass in flower) is the best green; they are very fond

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of picking over blighty foliage, and a spray from any non-poisonous tree or plant will tend to their general well-being. No, the cage is not large enough; it ought not to be smaller than an ordinary Canary breeding cage to give them proper exercise. Supply also millet sprays.

Sick Budgerigar (Thankful).—All you can do is to give it several doses of Dinneford's magnesia (1 part magnesia to 2 parts water), with three or more days between each dose, according to the action of the aperient. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also give it a few oats, a piece of ripe apple to nibble at, and as soon as you can procure it free from frost, unlimited seeding grass (grass in flower). The cage should allow room for exercise, or you will aggravate the trouble. Java Sparrows, like either a closed box with a round or oval hole for entrance, or they will use a cocoanut husk. Canary, millet, spray millet, few oats, green food, and when they have young to feed a little soft food daily. Java Sparrows can generally look after themselves in any company, and unless the aviary is very confined I don't think the Parakeets will interfere with them. Practically all the year round, but during the spring and summer months mostly.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Photograph (Jas. Thomas).—We shall be glad to have the promised photograph.

An Address (W. Moreland).—Write to Mr. D. J. Thomas, Plumber, Cardigan, Wales.

Tasteless Pepper (G. Gillett).—You will find your question answered in the booklet, which has been duly posted.

Insuring Birds Against Fire (S. F.).—We feel sure that your present company would include your birds in the fire risk if you were to approach them on the point. If they decline, write us again.

Goldfinches Mating (F. Morgan).—There is a possibility that a fresh-caught cock or hen Goldfinch would breed; but if you are housing them in a cage, then we are afraid the possibility is a slender one.

Scottish Metropolitan O.A. (J. R. Meikle).—We quite appreciate the circumstance that yours is a show confined to members. But whether your society's show (or the show of any other society) appears in our list of guaranteed fixtures, or whether it does not, will not affect in the slightest our readiness to publish your club reports and other items concerning the association. It would not make the least difference so far as this is concerned, even were your society's show an open event and not included in the guaranteed list. Our "free columns," as you term them, are always open to secretaries who have legitimate items of information they wish to bring before the notice of their members.

ASHINGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting, held at Mr. Rowley's, Station Road, on March 12th. There was a good muster of members. Show date was fixed for Nov. 12th. Judge, Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station). Four new members were accepted. Any fancier in the district wishing to join can do so by communicating with the secretary, when all information regarding this society will be gladly given.—J. MILES.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and show of British birds, held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on March 15th, the President, Mr. J. L. Burnett, in the chair. After the business, the show was proceeded with, the winners being Messrs. W. Gronbeck, R. Watson, J. Black, F. Taylor, and W. Rankin. Mr. H. Jamieson judged, to the satisfaction of all. Mr. J. Dobbin was elected a member. A vote of thanks to judge and chairman concluded the meeting.—ROBT. WATSON, Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting, held March 12th, at headquarters, Mr. Hy. Wilson in the chair. It was decided not to have any open show this year owing to the heavy loss sustained on the last two. Also we elected Mr. J. Stanger to judge our first feather show on July 9th; 10 classes for same, to be made at next meeting. After business we had a nice pair show of Norwich, for breeding purposes. There were not so many entries as we anticipated, but what was short in numbers was amply made up for in quality. Mr. A. J. Notley was elected to judge, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Result: 1, Mr. Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Allen; vhc, Lawson. The members afterwards went over the birds, and Mr. R. Allen judged the nearest, having the right numbers, with just two out of place. There was a fair attendance of visitors. Next meeting April 9th, when we shall be glad to welcome any fancier wishing to join.—A. J. NOTLEY, Sec.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Executive Council Meets.

A meeting of the Executive Council of the C.B.U. was held at Nottingham on March 19th, Mr. Bladon in the chair. The minutes of the previous delegates' meeting were read and passed, after which a communication from the scrutineer was read, giving the nominations for offices of president and secretary, as decided at the Palace meeting. It was agreed the secretary should write the gentlemen nominated to ascertain their willingness to stand, and then send out voting papers for the election, same to be returned to secretary. Several of the Council present nominated for the position of president withdrew their names. All the members present urged Mr. Bladon to again allow his name to be put up for re-election as president, to which he agreed. The secretary was instructed to write the railway company respecting the claim by a member of the Union for birds sent to a show, one bird arriving dead, and the case and cages broken. The secretary was asked to write the secretary of each district committee requesting him to call an early meeting of all delegates in his district, for the appointment of chairman and secretary, and of delegates to attend the various shows, to fix up show dates, and for the transaction of any other business, including recommendations to the Executive Council to be discussed at a special general meeting of delegates which it was suggested might be held later. A case was brought forward of a society which had not paid its prize money, and it was decided affiliation or license should be refused them if applied for. On account of the resignation of the auditors, two others were appointed. All delegates and members are urged to promptly report to the representatives on the Executive Council of his district, any offences of which they may hear, by societies or of individual members of the Union infringing the rules, with a view to such offences being promptly dealt with strictly in accordance with the Union rules.—J. RAYNES, secretary.

Under the White Rose.

THE BINGLEY and District O.S. had the pleasure of listening to a lady fancier at their meeting on the 15th inst., i.e., Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, who gave a most interesting and instructive paper on "How I Manage my Bird-room," and right well did the members turn up, all except about half a dozen being present, many of them accompanied by their wives or lady friends. Mr. Sunderland occupied the chair by special invitation, and Messrs. Hammond and Simonett also were present from Bradford. The audience were delighted with the paper, many valuable hints being given, and as I have several times visited this lady's rooms, I can vouch she would know what she was talking about. For cleanliness and sanitation her room is hard to beat.

BANKFOOT C.B.S. on the 15th inst. had Mr. Samuel Dean to give a lecture on "The Effect of Condition on the Progeny of a Pair," interspersed with a little talk on inbreeding and the keeping of a stud register. A fair number of fanciers attended, and many questions were asked and answered, various subjects being thoroughly discussed. A vote of thanks to the lecturer brought the meeting to a close at 10 p.m. This is the district where the trouble exists with the Corporation of Bradford, and the subject was well talked over before the commencement of the meeting. A good number of the members of this society live in the Corporation houses, and much unrest has prevailed, the nearness of the breeding season making things much worse. However, things are likely to be amicably settled, and breeding operations will be proceeding apace ere these lines appear.

BRADFORD WEST and Wibsey Societies each were having their annual socials, tea-fights, and prize distributions on Saturday last. The Westers held theirs at headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends, when a large number of fanciers with their wives and friends sat down to tea, after which a very successful and sociable evening was spent. Plenty of good talent was forthcoming, the comical side being specially well catered for. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the president, presented the prizes to the successful exhibitors, and caused much merriment by his "Yorkshire tawk," and by calling upon the better halves to say a few words.

WIBSEY held their tea and entertainment in the Wesleyan Schools, Slaekside, the chair being occupied by Mr. R. Halliday, president of the Yorkshire Union, and a very large array of talent had been specially engaged. The tea, well! they do know how to make teas at Wibsey. I was only sorry I could not attend. I know I should have been "all reight there."

DURING my week-end walks I notice that the outside birds seem to be fully two to three weeks later than usual in the breeding operations. Nests are few and far between. Eggs, as yet, I have seen none; many birds, though, are now building, and during this week-end's holiday I hope to get a few hours in the country amongst the bird life, and perchance may come across something good.

MANY breeders have paired up their stock; some have a few sittings, but the majority are afraid the nights are yet too cold. The thermometer goes down with a thump every night yet in the Yorkshire attics.

"STRAIGHT UN."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Hints Wanted on the Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—The easiest and cheapest way to make birdlime is to get 4ozs. of boiled linseed oil (cost 1d), from any oil shop, and 1lb. of resin; put the oil in an iron saucepan, add the resin and let it stand on the stove until the resin commences to dissolve. Stir occasionally. By this means you have enough to catch 2,000 birds. If stood on the fire, great care must be exercised, for if it boils over you may lose the lot. Also, your chimney won't want sweeping for another six months; the catastrophe takes all before it. This lime will hold any British bird; when once the wing touches the twig your bird is there waiting for you to take him home and feed him. Water (rain) does not stop it from catching your birds. Keep same in covered tins. It keeps good this way for years.

GEORGE TURNEY.

An Inexpensive Lark Food.

SIR,—I was delighted to find such sound and good advice as that given lately by so many Lark fanciers. I can assure you that for one, I have learnt a lot, as well as receiving benefit for my bird, the Lark. I am quite a young fancier. On November 20th last a fancier wrote in CAGE BIRDS stating that his bird was seven years old, and that he only used pea meal, oat meal, and dripping. On December 4th his recipe appeared—"How to make the food." He tells us the truth. If this food does not make a Skylark sing, the Lark has not got much song in him. I advise anyone in difficulty to look up those two issues of CAGE BIRDS, and test for yourself. Having tested the food, and being highly satisfied it is good, I would like to ask the correspondent, who signs himself "Redpoll," if he will state how he obtains his maggots from old fat, as I have tried all ways—with fat, cooked and raw—but have not got any satisfactory results. Being a young fancier, there is another thing I want to know; he states he gives his birds a bath every week. I am unable to get my Lark to take a bath. But I have sprayed him lightly every week since I read this statement. Also, I do not understand the meaning of "occasional dew bath for an hour or so on summer evenings." Being young, I am anxious to learn from those who are willing to open out the little secrets to help the rising fancier. Again, our friend "Redpoll" states that his Lark cage is an ingenious one, designed and made by himself. It was with pleasure he gave the recipe for food when asked; now, I, for one, would be pleased if he would tell us the dimensions of his Lark cage. If he will, I will follow out his advice.

WILFRED.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

The Recent Y.U. Suspensions.

SIR,—I hope when I leave this part of the globe for a glorious and everlasting home, I shall have more justice meted out to me than the Yorkshire Union Council will give, for I firmly believe that the Council would rather people would lend and borrow and say nothing. If not, why did they not condemn all the six persons who lent Mr. Fred Firth birds to show, instead of choosing two out of the lot, who admitted the truth? Then after a lot more trouble and expense, they choose another; and still there are three left to tell the tale. Now if these three would only admit their folly, we who are suffering for their sins, and our own, would be very pleased with them. I know for a fact that other persons have lent Mr. Fred Firth birds to show. I should just like to take them in rotation. Mr. A lent Mr. Fred Firth a bird to show at the City of Bradford Show, October 16th, 1909. Then comes Mr. B, who lent Mr. Firth one bird to show at Laisterdyke, October 30th 1909. Then the third, Mr. C lent Mr. Firth one bird to show at Manningham, November 20th, 1909. Now, I should like to ask Mr. B if he would be good enough to do as he offered when the trouble first commenced. Did he not offer to take all the responsibility upon his own shoulders and shield the society? Now he is trying to clear himself. Very nice man indeed. Did he not even write a letter stating that he had lent Mr. F. Firth a bird, and was he not going to post it the following day to Mr. H. Hill, the secretary? But the letter never got posted, and so Mr. Hill never received it. If a man who hides a crime is worse than a criminal, woe unto Skelmanthorpe C.B.S., for they are hiding a multitude, and we who wish to speak the truth and go in peace are called "liars." Why were Messrs. D and E afraid of having to appear again before the Council if they were innocent? What did they say in the backyard, which was overheard by one of the Council? ("Oh, we shall not have to come again, now"). It seems that there was some hidden mystery. I know for a fact that both of them have lent birds for show purposes this last season. I could give instances where nearly all who were brought into the case have shown non-bona-fide property; and what instances I cannot give, some other person in the society could. Sir, I do not make these assertions without some proof, and if the Council will give us another hearing and bring the accused all up again, we will fight the case and win. I do not think that it is a right and proper thing for Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. to send men to sit upon the Council whilst this case is going on—even men who are included in the case. I think it most absurd, and I am rather surprised with the Council for allowing such a thing.

HENRY KAYE.

To Prevent Red-mite.

SIR,—I have been surprised to see the frequency with which the subject of red mite crops up in our paper, and also the necessity which your experts find in constantly warning fanciers against this evil. It would appear that this is one of the greatest difficulties fanciers have to contend with. My own experience, however, has been entirely different, for I find that with proper care and attention it is an easy matter to keep free from these unwelcome lodgers. My belief is that the two causes of red mite are—improperly made cages and neglect in keeping them clean. Large numbers of cages, both for breeding and stock purposes, are simply nailed together without any attempt to cement the joints, the result being that every joint is a cosy home for red mite, and it is practically impossible to clear them. A fancier told me that he dipped a postcard in paraffin oil and pushed it through the joints of his cage to keep it clean. My opinion is that the sooner such a cage is burnt the better, for as long as fanciers will continue to use cages that are full of cracks and crevices it is useless their trying to keep them free from mite. With reference to cleaning, there are numbers of fanciers who seem to think that the only thing necessary is to remove sand tray, scrape it, and provide fresh sand; and beyond this no attempt is made to clean the cage right through the season. I think that every fancier should keep spare cages, and as often as possible the birds should be transferred, and the cage thoroughly washed. I do not think that any breeder should allow his birds to rear two nests in the same cage, unless it is thoroughly cleaned and washed first. If fanciers were to give more attention to these points they would find red mite no trouble.

S. STEPHENS.

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"That Pernicious Seed Inga."

SIR.—I should be pleased if any of the many readers of CAGE BIRDS could throw a little light on the above-named subject. I am an amateur—beginning in 1909 to keep Canaries for breeding. For information re seed for feeding I turned to the pages of CAGE BIRDS, and read that breeders and others gave their birds inga seed. I purchased some, and gave the birds a limited quantity of it with other seeds—gold of pleasure, rape, millet, maw, and linseed—every two or three days. The chief diet has been Canary seed. This method of feeding has continued, through the moult and through the winter, till about two weeks ago, when I saw somewhere the following advice: "Avoid mixtures, as these nearly all contain more or less of that most pernicious seed, inga, which upsets the liver and gives rise to various ailments in consequence." I have not seen any "upsetting." What is the experience of others?

NIGER.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—As one who has for many years taken a keen interest in the Lancashire Canary, and who also considers that it should be judged for type above all else, I have been interested in the discussion on the subject in recent issues of CAGE BIRDS. This is not the first nor the second time Mr. Fuller has raised the question. On all other occasions he has upheld my decisions; on this occasion he is attacking the same. Mr. Fuller mentions that this bird shown by Mr. Adams won at Rochdale under myself and under Mr. John Garner at Manchester. Of my own capability as a judge I will say nothing beyond the fact that the L.L.F.A. and L.C.A. have both done me the honour of repeatedly electing me as one of their judges, and that the Rochdale O.C. have invited me to judge the Lancashires at Rochdale more often than any other judge. Mr. Fuller will admit that our Rochdale friends know what constitutes a Lancashire, and I take it they would not elect any judge year after year if he did not judge according to the standard. Mr. Garner is one of the oldest, most experienced, and most skilful of Lancashire breeders. Few men have bred and shown so many winning Lancashires as the Hazel Grove enthusiast. His opinion of a Lancashire would, I am convinced, be considered of far more value than that of Mr. Fuller, and if, instead of every now and then raising this question of "bad judging" of the Lancashire bird, Mr. Fuller would show us a few good winners his opinion on other men's decisions would be entitled to greater respect. What Mr. Garner does not know about Lancashires, their breeding and judging, I feel sure Mr. Fuller cannot teach him; rather would I say that did Mr. Fuller sit at the feet of Mr. Garner for twelve months he might learn something which would enable him to do as Mr. Garner has done—breed high-class exhibition Lancashires for something like three decades. It reminds me of the saying about "teaching one's grandmother to suck eggs." Mr. Fuller teaching Mr. Garner how to judge Lancashires is somewhat analogous. From what I can gather, Mr. Fuller is writing about this bird which won at Rochdale and Manchester, not from what it really is as an exhibition specimen, but from what he has been told as to its breeding. I would not like to suggest that it is a case of sour grapes with Mr. Fuller, or that the green-eyed monster has taken possession of his breast, but I would remind him that when a judge is casting his eye over a class he has not to consider any question of ownership or breeding, but to select and place at the top of the list the birds which, in his opinion, come nearest to the acknowledged standard of the breed. This is what I did at Rochdale, and from my notes made whilst I was judging it is evident to me that Mr. Adams's bird came nearer to the standard than any other. I know not what caused Mr Garner to place it first at Manchester, but surmise that he, like myself, considered it the best all-round bird in the class. Mr. Fuller speaks of Mr. Robson putting the bird down at a London show. Did he put it down because it was not a Lancashire, or because he considered it was not the best bird in the class? If the latter it proves nothing. If he did throw it out as not answering to the standard of the L.L.F.A. and L.C.A., then it does nothing more than prove that in his (Mr. Robson's) opinion it is not a Lancashire; and opposed to that we have the opinions of Mr. Garner, myself, and the judge of the third show, whose name is not mentioned. Three judges out of four in favour of the bird Mr. Fuller so scathingly denounces. Mr. Fuller knows, as well as I know, that I have repeatedly passed birds as "wrong class," and so marked my judging slips, because they, in my opinion, gave signs of having knocked hard against the Norwich door. Has Mr. Fuller forgotten these facts? Has he forgotten that one of Lancashire's oldest and most respected breeders refused to enter under myself at Rochdale for some years because I on one occasion marked two of his exhibits "wrong class"? When Mr. Fuller has produced and exhibited a few birds capable of holding their own at Rochdale, Manchester, and Oldham, then his opinions of other men's judgment will carry more weight than they do to-day. At present his frequent incursions into the columns of CAGE BIRDS only cause the men who can and do breed Lancashires to smile and say, "Teddy on the warpath again." Mr. Fuller speaks of the framing of the standard of the L.L.F.A. I would remind him that Mr. Compston is not wholly responsible for that; the two men who judged so badly at Rochdale and Manchester each had a say in the same, as did others. From then till now I have always striven to judge to that standard, and shall continue to do so. The breeding season of 1910 is not over yet; there is still time left to Mr. Fuller to breed two or three birds of the standard type. Should he succeed in doing so, and, further, succeed in putting them down in fit condition to win in the Young Bird classes at Rochdale, I shall be the first to congratulate him. I would, however, remind him that the task is not an easy one. It is rather more difficult than pulling to pieces the awards of men who have for years succeeded where he has failed.

C. A. HOUSE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in regard to Mr. Fuller's letter. Our friend, Teddy, has made one or two inaccurate statements in his vigorous remarks. He states that both the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. and Lancashire C.A. have the same standard worked out by Mr. S. Compston, and passed at Oldham, some years ago. I cannot say whether Mr. Compston was solely responsible for that standard, but he certainly had nothing to do with the standard now in use, as this standard was altered to its present state, on April 21st, 1906, at the White Lion Hotel, Manchester, the committee present being Messrs. J. Garner, J. Vickers, and B. Buckley. He also tells us that at our meetings the Lancashire is scarcely ever mentioned. This certainly does not apply to the meetings where Teddy is present, there is no room for anything else but Lancashires. Mr. Robson ought to be proud to know that he has earned Mr. Fuller's approbation in passing Mr. Adams's bird, especially as well-known Lancashire experts and breeders have put the same bird well up. I hold no brief for anyone, but when such men, as Messrs. Garner, Barrass, and Hardy fail to give satisfaction as judges, what are we to do? Here we have our oldest and best authorities on the Lancashire failing to give satisfaction. Where is the remedy to come from? In regard to Mr. Robson, I have heard more than one Lancashire breeder say he is as good as any judge we have, and as far as the Lizard is concerned, I would as soon he judged mine as any judge I have shown under; and I have not always been successful under him. Mr. Fuller goes on to say that there is no encouragement to give patronage to London or Notts. For goodness' sake, why? Certainly it would be better if we could get specialist judges at these shows, but it is only by sending our birds out to such shows as these that we get them known. I quite agree with Teddy that it would be well to give the Northern Shows our patronage; but they only cater for the Lizard, they never entertain the Lancashire at all; whilst both Notts and L.C.B.A. have given us classes for each section. I trust the question will be given proper consideration, and hope to hear a remedy from friend Teddy.

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Bird Breeders Barred by the Bradford Corporation.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the correspondence ro the above, but there is ono thing that I take exception to, and that is the misleading statement concerning parsons and their wives in the letter written by Mr. William P. Bell. He has spoilt what I consider to be a splendid letter by the inclusion of these few sentences. I have no doubt ho has met with an isolated case such as he mentions, but he must not make that general, and it is in defence of our "brethren of the cloth" that I object to that part of his letter. I could tell him of great lights in the Fancy that are ministers of the gospel, and I take off my hat when I hear tho name of our friend, the Rev. C. D. Farrar, of Leeds. His words have been worth a very great deal to fanciers seeking information in CAGE BIRDS, and I expect he has a wife as good a fancier as himself. And what woman is not a fancier? It is in the very nature of the weaker sex to love and cherish the dumb creation, and I could tell of scores that do so. When I read the splendid article last week by our friend, the Rev. Bernard Wilton, an article whose purport was to stop others making the same mistakes as he did, I felt bound to admire the spirit of it which is in entire keeping with his profession as a minister of the gospel, to help others; and I owe my little success in the Fancy to the advice and exhortation of a true fancier who, I am glad to say, is a lay preacher, and has a wife that is as good a fancier as himself. I trust our friend Mr. Bell will not be so hasty in his judgment the next time he writes; his letter throws a slur on our parsons and their wives, which they don't by any means deserve.

JOHN HOCKING.

SIR,—You will be pleased to hear that Mr. F. Hammond and myself have been granted an interview with the Bradford Health Committee, for Wednesday afternoon next, at 3.15, when we hope to "clear the air" with regard to the fanciers who are living in the Corporation property and keeping birds for breeding purposes, who, as you are aware, received notices from the agent to quit.

H. HILL.

The Douglas C.B.S. and Mr. Gale

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS of March 19th that the Douglas Cage Bird Society's secretary, Mr. Turner has written you stating that Mr. E. Gale, whose exhibit was disqualified at the Palace Show, is not a member of his society. What a lot of tommy rot. I have never said I was, nor do I want to be. I could have been a member if I had wanted to be. No thanks. The whole matter is one of "disappointed exhibitor." This kind of thing has been going on for many years. I am the only one who has ever bred a Bullfinch Mule in the island in my time. I have heard others say that they have bred the Bullfinch cross, but no one has seen tho birds but themselves. That's where tho boot pinches. Then they call themselves "fanciers." I am sorry for Mr. Turner, the secretary, that he does not understand their little game of "mud throwing." Some of the society's members are very decent chaps, and good fanciers, and some of them I am sorry to say are not fanciers. I call them "pot hunters," and to them I say, kindly mind your own business in future, and when you live in very tender glasshouses, stop throwing stones. Instead, learn how to keep, breed, and show birds as they should be. If a few of us non-members went out of the Fancy, what a "ball" they would have—all first prizes and no blanks in the open-shows!

E. GALE.

Why do Hens Refuse to Feed their Offspring?

SIR,—I should like to know why hens refuse to feed? In my 20 years' experience I have invariably found that if you breed with a variegated hen, either buff or yellow, and the cock is a clear, and the offspring, say, some clear or ticked, and others green marked, the hen will bring up the clears or ticked or lightly marked youngsters, but refuse to feed if the youngsters are dark. Why it is I do not know, but last season I had a nest of fine youngsters, and the hen refused to feed the dark ones. What did I do? I put a variegated cock in a cage hanging to the breeding cage, and all at once she started feeding right and left—in fact, the birds came on fine—and brought the nest of youngsters up till fully fledged. I took the variegated cock away when the youngsters were ready to put in a flight and I gave the hen a rest and tried her again, but met with the same result. I could not put the variegated cock there again, as he was paired up, and I lost the young birds. I am going to try another dodge this year, and will let readers know the result. You can feed the hen which way you like, but it all comes to the same thing. I have a friend, Dr. Rogerson, of Dundee, very clever both in doctoring birds and bringing youngsters up. If I can only get him to give his view, I am sure fanciers will appreciate his skill. I remember once that I sent a bird to him with a broken leg, and after two months he sent it back cured and in full song. It is fanciers like the doctor we want to "open" and give the secrets away. I hope to hear of other fanciers' views.

GEO. WILSON.

The Making of Egg-food.

SIR,—I am rather amused at the letters of Mr. Clarke and Mr. Monger on the making of egg food. I have travelled all over the country and the best method I ever saw, and the quickest (30 seconds), is to put the whole egg (shell also), and half a round of bread in a mincing machine, and there you have the egg food incorporated in the time given. I saw the above made by one of the best Scottish exhibitors, who has won no end of cups, etc. I use the above method myself and find that it is far better than by the sievo method. Lastly, I am open to compete for the least time against any who uses the sieve method (with my mincing machine).

GEO. WILSON.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Clarke's letter of last week, I can assure him that I was not in any way slighted by his remarks. In fact, I think it is quite the reverse. I cannot accept his congratulations re the "championship," as our competition was only a minor event, and I hope when such an honour is at stake, I shall have the pleasure of reading that it was won by a much older fancier than myself, using a less "contaminating appliance." I am pleased to say I am not one of those fanciers who are too old to learn (as I am quite young in the Fancy), for I gladly accept any advice from an old or young fancier, but do not like it given with too much self-opinionation. There are splendid opportunities of giving one's methods in the Press without waiting to condemn the methods of other fanciers. Perhaps Mr. C. will excuse my sarcasm, but I had to choose between a sarcastic and a personal reply, and I chose the former. It gives me great pleasure to return Mr. C.'s compliment in a friendly spirit, and wish him and all other fanciers, whatever method they may adopt, a successful breeding season.

G. MONGER.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In your issue of March 19th Mr. W. Connell disputes my statement, viz., that it is impossible to tie 1,500 knots per hour. Well, had I not done so I should not have made the statement. Perhaps it will interest Mr. Connell to know that my brother can tie 1,600 per hour, and has been timed by an old netter and bird-catcher. This was done round the bottom of a cast net. There are 800 meshes round it, and he can go round in half-hour. I have done 1,500 on the same net in an hour; it is ½in. mesh. The net is still in our possession. So before you dispute a statement, Mr. C., you must not judge others by your own work. I have answered the correspondents and have given them advice, which I know they will find practical. Also I have started and finished 3 rabbit nets in an hour, 2in. mesh, 22in by 20in. Perhaps Mr. Connell will give an account of some of his net work.

NETTER.

Cats and Mice in the Bird-room

SIR,—While the subject of cats and mice in bird-rooms is before your readers, I should like to give a little of my own experience which covers over 46 years. When I was 14 my father kept several Skylarks. The bottom of the frame in which they were was about 4ft. from the floor, and having occasionally to wash them, he put them on the hearth in their cage until dry, never considering anything about the cat (which was a tabby barred one). The bird has been left there for two and three hours together in safety, and anyone coming in would find the cat asleep within a foot of the birds. Since then I have kept a lot of birds (fresh-caught British and others), but I never lost one through the cat getting at it, although I was absent for as long as three or four hours. I always get the medium Tabby barred cats, and my way was to keep a small pot of fresh mustard, and when I saw the cat looking at any bird I just put my finger in the mustard and in the pretence of going to stroke the cat, I popped a little on its nose. Of course, when keeping birds I always had kittens to bring up, but I could never depend upon any with black, yellow or white about them. I have just lost a handsome young Roller cock through a black cat getting in the house. But after all my experience I would say never trust a cat, as however tame or domesticated it may be, it will betray you some time.

VERAX.

The Shows.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting held in Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, March 15th. We had a good number of members and friends, and it was proposed that we have a collection for the Defence of The British Bird Fancy. Mr. Cave went round with the bat and got 4s. British bird show:—

GOLDFINCH: 1, Moss; 2, Hawkes; 3, Howlett; vhc, Morris. LINNET: 1, Nichols; 2, Gardner; 3, Hawkes. Mr. Mallinson judged and gave satisfaction.—A. E. LLOYD, Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

At our last meeting, March 16th, we had a members' table show. Classes were provided for pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding. The judge was Mr. T. Gilbert. There was a large attendance, and an enjoyable meeting was spent. Next meeting, April 6th, egg-food-making competition.

PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, Lawrence, ck. Can. and hen Bullfinch; 2, Lucas, ck. Greenfinch and hen Can.; 3, Shaddock, ck. Crossbill and hen Can. FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Peters, Goldfinch and Bullfinch; 2, Lucas, Siskin and Goldfinch; 3, Lawrence, Bramblefinch and Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Shaddock, Goldfinch and Bullfinch and Redpoll and Siskin. —J. SHADDOCK, Hon. Sec.

CROOK (Original) C.B.F. AND F.S.

Annual pair show, held at headquarters, large club room, Crown Hotel, on March 19th. Competition was very keen in Norwich, and especially in Yorkshires. The Muling pairs were very interesting. Mr. W. Rutherford judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Brown won special for best pair in show, with Yorkshires; Mr. F. Brown gained most points, 81, Messrs. Siddle and Dawson ran next with 54 points, Mr. M. Nattrass received 34 points; Mr. J. Handley, a new member and a novice, gained 29 points; W. Brown, 24 points, and J. Cuthbertson 8 points.

NOR. (9): 1, 3, Handley; 2, res, hc, F. Brown; 4, c, Nattrass; vhc, W. Brown. YORKS. (15): 1, spl, 3, c, W. Brown; 2, 4, bc, Nattrass; res, vbc, Siddle and Dawson. CREST AND C.B. (3): 1, 2 ,3, Siddle and Dawson. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, res, Siddle and Dawsou; 2, 4, F. Brown; 3, W. Brown. NOVICE A.V. (6): 1, 2, Handley; 3, 4, res, Nattrass. SINGLE BIRD A.V. (5): 1, 2, F. Brown; 3, 3, Siddle and Dawson. SELL. 7/6 (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Brown. 10/- (4): 1, 2, F. Brown; 3, Siddle and Dawson. GIFT: 1, Cuthbertson.

YORK C.B.S.

At headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, North-street, a members' show was held recently. Twenty classes were provided, and amongst the 125 birds staged some exceptionally good Norwich and Yorkshires were on view. British birds were the most numerous, including some very fine Hawfinches, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Twites, Bramblefinches, etc. The Foreign birds included some belonging to Messrs. Sissons and Zimmerman, who staged some fine Cardinals, Nonpareils, Budgerigars, etc., which proved a great attraction. The novices took several of the prizes. The judging was ably carried out by Mr. Axe (Doncaster).

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, bc, Shorney; 3, Humphries; c, Zimmerman. BUFF: 1, 3, Humphries; 2, Wright; vhc, hc, Pickering; c, Zimmerman. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Wright; 2, Pickering; 3, Humphries; c, Shorney. NOR. PAIRS: 1, c, Pickering; 2, hc, Wright; 3, vhc, Humphries. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Simeson; 3, vhc, Campling; c, O'Reilly. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Campling; 3, hc, c, Simeson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Simeson. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Simeson; 2, Campling; c, O'Reilly. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Sissons; 2, Zimmerman. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Hunter. LINNET: 1, 2, hc, Boyle; 3, vhc, Bell; c, Pickering. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Simeson; 2, 3, c, Hunter; vhc, Bell; hc, Boyle. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Boyle; 2, Chittenden; 3, Shorney; vhc, Wright; hc, Hunter; c, Sissons. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Chittenden; 2, hc, Sissons; 3, Zimmerman. BRIT. HEN, HARDBILL: 1, Hunter; 2, Shorney; 3, G. E. Pink; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Zimmerman; c, Sissons. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Sissons. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, c, Boyle; vhc, Bell; hc, Outhwaite. FOR SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Sissons; 2, c, Zimmerman.—A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, March 19th, when 30 birds entered for three prizes. After some hard contesting a division was made between Puller and Brady. Judge, Mr. J. Stout (Brandon). Also at Grey Horse Inn, Hollow, nr. Crook. 22 birds sang. Result, 1, 2, 3, Lockhurst. Next contest at Bob Winter's, Royal Oak, Crook, on March 26th. Judge, Mr. G. Reed, Brandon. Contest (open) on April 2nd; fee, 2s.; £5 prizes.—G. REED.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

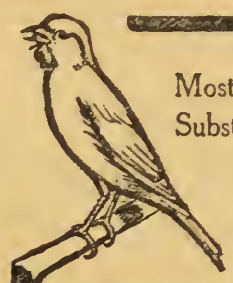
Usual Linnet contest held at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on March 13th, when we had 10 entries. 1, S. Scott, 25secs.; 2, J. Higgins, 19sec.; 3, J. Higgins, 19sec. Also on March 20th, when J. Wainwright was 1st, 67secs.; W. Dobson 2nd, 18sec.; S. Scott 3rd, 17sec. 12 entries. On March 28th we have a members' contest for silver cup and 4 other prizes. —R. TAYLOR, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Week-end contest, held as usual, when 10 birds competed. Singing was only of a moderate stamp; owing to our Easter contest coming off this week-end our members did not come up as in former times. Result:—1, R. Leeming. Judge, Mr. E. Christopherson. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Cardwell.—T. SLATER, Sec. National Quality Linnet S.A.

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YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, when upwards of twenty birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result:—1, Smith; 2, Bean; 3, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, J. Smith.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest, held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Leeds, 20th March, when 15 birds sang:—1, Hutchinson 2, Green 3 Thirkill. Judges, Messrs. Reed and Renton.—W. THIRKILL, Sec.

Usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., March 19th, when 13 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Johnson, Hoban, and Towers. 1 Soloman; 2, Butterfield; 3, Hardcastle. Also on March 20th, 19 birds sang, judged to perfection by Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. 1, Bland; 2, Sissons; 3, Rowe. Grand Canary contest to be held at above house March 27th, open to all; commence at 8 o'clock.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet contest for quality singing only held on March 20th, at Prince Albert Hotel, when 17 birds sang. Result: Mr. Soloman again secured 1st and 2nd, and Mr. Sellers 3rd. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and A. Lorriman. Timekeeper, Mr. Geo. Towers. Don't forget our championship match on Easter Tuesday; first bird lung at 2 p.m.—A. TURNER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Carbrook, held their usual Linnet singing contest on March 19th, when 19 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Coles, 104; 2, Bisby, 76; 3, Herbert, 52. Also a contest was held March 20th, when 13 birds entered. 1, Jimmy, 46; 2, Jimmy, 35; 3, Booker, 29. Also at Crown Inn, Carbrook, when 15 birds entered. Winner, G. Williamson, 40; 2, A. Brown; 3, Albert, 20. There will be a contest on March 27th, at Crown Inn, open to all England.—A. BROWN.

STANDISH.

Open Linnet contest at Dog and Partridge, when 27 birds sang for some good prizes. Birds came from Wigan, Leigh, Westhoughton, and Standish. Judges for quality, Messrs. Barnes and Brockson; timekeepers, Messrs. S. Parker, J. Mawsdley, and G. Melligan. Winners: 1, Statham; 2, Barnes; 3, Jones; for time. 1, Macfarlane, 115; 2, Macfarlane, 109; 3, Mawdsley, 96. After the match a most enjoyable evening was spent in songs, when an old Linnet fancier (Mr. H. O'Neil) gave his song.—A. PARKER, Sec.

BEDMINSTER.

Goldfinch Mule singing contest, held at Malster's Arms, Philip Street, where some grand singing was heard. A fine meeting of fanciers attended, including some old fanciers, who have not heard a singing contest in this district for the last ten years. Mr. Thomas was timekeeper; referees, T. Cleanley and T. Marsh. Winner, Mr. Marsh; 2, Mr. Kiggs; 3, Mr. Bryant. A handsome silk handkerchief was presented to the winner. Another contest, at same place, April 9th, start 2.30; everybody welcome. Last week's account of contest was stated to have been held on March 13th, which was a Sunday; this is wrong, and should have been March 6th.—G. BAKER, sec.

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SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Revised list of medal winners is as follows:—Glasgow: Dr. Galloway (2), Messrs. Watson, Thomson, Bishop, Hoyle, Aitken, Bald (2), Henderson; Avonbridge: Messrs. Douglas, Jamieson, Bald (2), Gentleman, Kirkwood; Dundee: Messrs. Jamieson, Taylor and Thomson tied, Bishop and Bald tied (Bishop won on toss), Bishop, Brown; Broxburn: Messrs. L. J. Arrighi (3) Thomson and Hoyle tied, Bald Hoyle, Hoyle and Taylor tied, Kirkwood, Gardiner; Scottish National: Dr. Galloway (2), Messrs. Arrighi, Douglas, Ovenstone, Thomson, Allau and Erskine tied (Mr. Erskine kindly gave up his claim), Ward, Cullen and Brown tied, Bishop, Law, Kirkwood, Henderson, R. Wntson, Turner; Bathgate: Messrs. Douglas, Arrighi, Thomson, Hoyle (2), Allan (2), Aitken, Kirkwood, Henderson and Brown tied, Brown. Mr. Arrighi very kindly handed up his medals to the club again. Seeing Messrs. Taylor and Thomson tied at Dundee, Mr. Taylor was granted medal by committee appointed; also Messrs. Hoyle and Thomson tied at Broxburn, Mr. Thomson getting medal; Messrs. Hoyle and Taylor tied at same show, Mr. Hoyle getting medal. Other ties to be arranged by winners concerned; otherwise, if not agreeing, medal goes to society.—A. W. WATSON, late sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

General meeting, held at Manchester on March 5th, a fair number of members attending. Owing to the death of the landlady at the Old Boar's Head, we had to hunt about for a new place, which necessitated starting the meeting after the usual time. A fair amount of business was done. A discussion on the purchase of the cups, etc., was entered into, and it was finally decided that the Secretary summon a special meeting for April 9th, all members to be invited to attend. It was decided to leave the balance sheet over till next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and secretary for their services during the past season. Mr. Fuller was once again in his element, the air being thick with Lancashire chat, nobody else being able to get a word in edgeways. Mr. Thompson (Glossop) was made a member, and Messrs. E. T. Turner (Rochdale), C. Bosworth (Rushden), and J. Laycock (Colne) were nominated for membership. It was unanimously passed that the secretary send a vote of condolence to the landlord, on the loss of his wife, expressing our sympathy. We have still room for new members, and I shall be glad to propose anyone on hearing from same.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

The annual general meeting, held in rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on 5th March; Mr. A. C. Dandie (president), in the chair, before a pretty fair muster of members. The sec. read the minutes of last general meeting, also the minutes of all the various committee meetings, and same were passed as correct, excepting a slight alteration in one or two instances. One was Mr. Livingstone having been at a committee meeting and seconded a motion, he not being a member of the society, some of the members then present having thought he was on the provincial committee, hence permission. Balance sheet was then gone over, and after very severe "heckling" by most present, was accepted. Votes of thanks to the various willing helpers at late show were unanimously accorded, also to all the retiring office-bearers. The president, Mr. A. C. Dandie, intimated that owing to ill-health he could not continue as president, although severely pressed to do so; his resignation was accepted with great regret. Election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—Hon. vice-presidents were left over until next meeting. It was agreed to have a show manager, Mr. R. Craig being unanimously appointed same. President, Mr. Winter; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and L. J. Arrighi; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. W. Watson, 68, Colinton Road, Edinburgh. Mr. Watson agreed to do without assistant secretary, a small remuneration extra being allowed for help during show time; also assistance from other members in regard to show business. Motion to restrict committee to twenty was defeated on a vote, the number being left open as necessity arises. Committee: Messrs. Buglass, Rodger, Gourlay, Easter, Finnie, May, Todd, Sykes, Hoyle, Morris, Jack, Mackie, Spence, Cockrane, and Bowie. Provincial committee: Messrs. Bald (Bathgate), Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen), T. Auchterlonie (St. Andrews), Cormack (Duns), Jamieson (Hawick), Young (Rutherglen), Perret (Kelso), Law (Dundee), G. Hyslop (Stirling), T. Erskine (Glasgow), and G. Alston (Darvel). Auditors: Messrs. Brotherston and Green. No more time being available, meeting adjourned until Saturday, 26th March, same rooms, at 7 p.m. A full muster is requested. —A. W. WATSON, sec.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTHERN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Members and friends met in the Bank Restaurant, Queen-street, on March 18th, when the gathering took the form of a "Smoker and Presentation." Mr. P. McLellan (president) occupied the chair. He was supported by Vice-president Renwick, Secretary Fleming, Messrs. W. McClure, A. Porteous, Thomson, J. Knox, A. Jardine, D. Black, J. Fulton, J. Muir, A. Clark, J. Semple, W. Gray, McLachlan, L. McDonald, Turnbull, A. McDonald secretary of G.C.O.A, ex-Parish Councillor Fleming, and many others whose names we could not obtain. The proceedings were opened by the chairman giving the first toast, "The King," which was duly honoured. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by the following artistes, their efforts meeting with loud applause, and frequent encores: Messrs. J. Fleming, Milligan, Dingwall, Austin George, Sandon, Furness, and our old friend, Mr. J. Knox. Mr. Dale rendered some violin solos, which met with much acceptance. This part of the programme was well sustained, and highly appreciated. The chairman, at this stage, remarked that they had now come to an interesting part of the programme, namely, the presentation to Mr. James Fleming, their worthy secretary, who had been their secretary for many years; the members being desirous of showing their esteem and appreciation of his services in some tangible way, the duty of handing over the gift had devolved upon him. He was glad to have this opportunity of stating how pleased he was to see such a large and representative meeting of fanciers. He was also pleased to say that he had been closely connected with their worthy secretary, Mr. Fleming, for many years, and the high position which the Association had now attained was largely due to his untiring efforts. The Association was well-known in club circles as the premier club of Scotland, and for that honour much was due to their secretary, Mr. Fleming. He had now much pleasure in handing over to Mr. Fleming this gold albert and appendage, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to J. Fleming, by the members of the G.C.S.O.A., 1910." In making the presentation, he said, "the members wish you long life, and much happiness, and may you be long spared to go in and out amongst us." Mr. Fleming, in accepting it, said he was deeply grateful for this very handsome gift. He felt how little he was worthy of all the kind words the chairman had said of him. He could assure his many friends it was a labour of love, and was deeply sensible of the fact that he owed much to the members of the Association for their kindness and assistance in many ways during the fourteen years he had been secretary of the club. Many members had passed away during that period, but their memory was still green in their hearts. In conclusion he said that as in the past, so in the future, as their secretary, it would be his constant effort and aim to make the club even greater than in the past. Mr. D. Black (President G.C.O.A.) proposed the toast "Kindred Societies," coupled with the name of Mr. A. McDonald, secretary of the G.C.O.A., whose brief but racy remarks were well received. Mr. H. Porteous also spoke of the many qualifications possessed by Mr. Fleming, and how the G.C.S.O.A. was in the happy position of being the nursery of all that was possible to obtain of the ideal in a Scotch Fancy. Mr. R. G. Jolliffe (representing CAGE BIRDS) proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, and to the promoters, President McLellan, and Mr. Turnbull, and their committee for the evening's entertainment, which had proved a huge success, and for the splendid programme that had been submitted. He hoped the society would have many more evenings of a similar nature. A vote of thanks being accorded the chairman (which met with loud applause) the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," the meeting then dispersing.—SCOTS FANCY.

SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.

Annual general meeting, held in Good Templars Hall, Glasgow, on March 12th, Mr. R. B. Jarvie (vice-president) presiding over a large meeting. The balance sheet for 1909, which showed the club to be in a sound condition, was considered and unanimously passed. President's and novice prizes and medals won during the year were then handed over to the winners, who are as follows:—President's prize, J. Smeaton, 228 points; novice prizes: James Hutchison 42 points, William Simpson 37 points, David Johnstone 7 points; gold medals for best unflighted cock and best unflighted hen at club show: G. Mitchell and R. Martin; silver medals at eight shows: A. Watson, R. Martin, A. Sloan, W. Bishop, J. Smeaton, J. Hutchison (Kilmarnock), J. Hutchison (Inverness), G. Davidson, W. Dunn, W. Grewar, L. Mill, G. Mitchell, A. G. Cameron, W. Simpson, J. A. Ferguson. Result of voting for office-bearers for 1910:—Committee: J. Smeaton 44, J. Winter 43, W. Aitchison 42, A. G. Cameron 40, J. McLay 39, J. A. Ferguson 37, J. Hector 35, A Chalmers 35, J. Young 33, G. Scaife 32, G. Mitchell 31, W. Clubb 29, A. Sloan 27, W. Grewar 26, R. B. Jarvie 25, A. G. Forrest 25, G. Davidson 24, J. F. Dewar 20. Judges: A. G. Cameron 39, J. A. Ferguson 34, J. McLay 29, A. Chalmers 28, J. Smeaton 26, W. Watson 21. Auditors: D. S. Gowans 33, J. Peters 28. Scrutineers: C. Campbell 12, G. G. Henderson 6. Secretary and treasurer: J. Brown 65. Mr. Nisbet moved and Mr. Maxwell seconded that the club's patronage be granted to club shows with not less than a ten miles radius, provided eight members are members of the Plainhead Club, that not less than five classes are provided for Plainheads, and that a club member be selected as judge, and this became the finding of the meeting. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership:—A. Fleming (Musselburgh), T. Taylor (Prestonpans), T. Godber and F. Paling (Paisley), G. Gentles and J. Hardy (Glasgow), and J. Powell (Busby).—J. BROWN, sec., 97, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

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Details of Mr. Ley's Scheme.

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(a) The support of the C.C.C. will be given to one selected show whereat 14 classes are given as per C.C.C. specification. This show will be known as the "Crested Canary Club Show," and in addition to other specials the silver challenge bowls will be offered for competition. (b) The support of the C.C.C. will also be given to 8 selected shows where at 8 or more classes are given in the Crest and Crest-bred section as per the C.C.C. specification. Conditions of support.—1: The C.C.C. will guarantee payment of prize money in full (except in the two novice classes) and indemnify the society holding the show against loss on entries, providing such societies that may be selected for C.C.C. support pay to the Hon. Treasurer of the C.C.C. an insurance fee at the rate of 2s. 6d. per class on all classes in the Crest and Crest-bred section. These conditions do not apply to novice or selling classes. Any society that wishes to take their own risk may do so, and in that case need not pay the 2s. 6d. per class to the C.C.C.; but it must be distinctly understood that all other conditions must be adhered to, and they must guarantee full payment of prize money at time of making application for support. 2: All societies receiving C.C.C. support shall provide at their own risk not less than 2 classes for novices, viz., 1, A.V. Crest; 2, A.V. Crest-bred. In the event of short entry, prize money may be given on the sliding scale, or on the general conditions laid down by the society holding the show, and in conformity with the conditions applying to the other varieties at such show. 3: Prize money to be not less than 20s. per class for an entry fee of 1s. 6d., and not less than 30s. for an entry fee of 2s. 4: The classification must be according to the schedule drawn up by the C.C.C. 5: C.C.C. specials are to be competed for by members of the C.C.C. only.

In classes marked thus * I have given alternative classification as there is a slight diversity of opinion existing between members of the Sub-Committee. It must be understood that this is simply Mr. Ley's scheme as drafted by the Sub-Committee and needs submitting to the General Committee for approval and adoption. Most important to members of the C.C.C. is the fact that Messrs. Rhodes and Ley are generously guaranteeing the club against loss on the scheme for season 1910 and 1911, ending with Palace show. In addition to the usual array of cash, 21s., specials, and various silver cups, challenge bowls, etc., there will be on offer to be won outright in one season a handsome solid silver bowl, value £8 8s., for most points secured at the 9 shows by birds outside the prize money, this as the result of the enthusiasm and generosity of five or six well-known fanciers. Societies are requested to apply at once stating clearly which classification they are prepared to give.—J. S. CLARKE, Sec., Sunnyside, Prospect-rd., Woodford, Essex.

MATCHED PAIRS AND THEIR PROGENY.

A Lecture given by Mr. S. Dean before the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S. on March 15

When your secretary wrote me some time ago for a lecture, I was practically at a loss as to what to take for a subject seeing I have given so many lately, and I thought a change of subject necessary, as no doubt some of you will have heard me before. It is 17 years ago since I first started in the Fancy. I have books at home in which I can trace the breeding of any bird back to 13 years ago. In this book I enter all the good and bad points of my birds, so that should a bird turn up with a bad fault that I did not expect, I can soon see where the fault came from.

I will give you an example of how I make out my books. I draw a line across the centre of each page and place the numbers of all my cock birds on the top, and those of all the hens on the bottom, in such a way that all the cocks have odd number and all the hens even numbers. Then on the same page I give the numbers of the parents for three or four years back, from which each bird was bred. By this method you will see how simple it is to trace back any bird right up to the time you first started. Last year I bred from a cock for the ninth year in succession, and during the whole of this time he was never down in condition. This will give you an idea what it is worth to keep your birds in condition.

By experience I have proved that the progeny resemble the parent that at the time of mating was in the best condition. (Here Mr. Dean gave several examples of matings which fully bore out his statement.) I have also found that where a bird is inbred and paired up to one that is not inbred, but in high condition (mind you, I mean both birds to be in good condition), the majority of the progeny have resembled the inbred bird. I believe in inbreeding from birds that possess really good points. It does not trouble me how near they are related, so long as they are in sound condition. I should strongly advise you not to breed from birds that have during the moult caught a chill and you have been unable to cure until after the moult.

Mr. J. Nicholl: Does Mr. Dean think inbreeding reduces size?—If you breed from sound, healthy stock your birds will not deteriorate in size. I have seen bigger birds among the progeny than among parents. Mr. H. Taylor: How near would Mr. Dean advise inbreeding?—As I have said before, I do not care how near I go so long as they are of a healthy and sound condition. Inbreeding from sound stock will inbreed health. Mr. C. Hardaker: Could you give us a recipe for nest diarrhœa?—Feed on dry food or anything binding. Also give egg-food dry.

Mr. H. Taylor: How would you cure a sweating hen?—This is not always the fault of the hen, as the young may have a little looseness of the bowels, and the hen sitting on them gives you the impression that she is sweating. Hang on the bath in which has been placed a few drops of vinegar.

As it was now past time, Mr. J. Nicholl proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his kindness in giving us such an interesting lecture. Mr. W. North seconded, and Mr. Dean suitably responded, at the same time giving all a hearty invitation to inspect his rooms at any time.—F. GELDER, secretary.

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WANTED exhibition Yellow Norwich cock; will exchange pair of field-glasses in case, cost £2: Waters, 4, Argyle-square, Fulneetytown, Wick.

WANTED, exchange for anything useful, Norwich cock, 3 hens, 2 double breeding cages, 2 singing cages: Whitford, 2, Heath-crescent, Pontypridd.

WANTED, long, slim York. hen, exchange first-class pair Blue Balds, conference rung, York, first, or sell, 10/-: Sheppard, 30, New Buildings, Frome.

WANTED Norwich Canaries, or cycle, exchange that well-known whippet, "Galloping Girl," winner many handicaps: John Adam, 18, Charles, Aberdeen.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange new gent's walking boots, 14/6; nailed boots, 12/6; ladies' boots, 10/6, 12/6; shoes, 6/6 to 12/6: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED good typical Norwich Plainhead hen; will exchange two cock Goldfinches; sell 10/-; approval both ways: G. Lock, 7, New-buildings, Frome, Somerset.

WANTED, yellow hen Budgerigars, aviary bred; exchange winning Bramblefinch cock, colour fed, and cock Bullfinch: Mrs. Sayward, 58, Mount Pleasant, Halstead, Essex.

WANTED, Cinnamon Yorkshire cock; exchange brown Leghorn eggs to value, selling 2/6 sitting, fine laying strain; yours first: Station Master, Holton-le-Moor, Lincoln.

WANTED, good Buff Yorkshire cock; exchange cock Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, cock Linnet, 2 hen Canaries, sell 18/-; approval: Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Edison phonograph and 72 records, also 37 numbers Harmsworth Encyclopædia; unsoiled; offers: Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, Canaries, Goldfinches, Foreign Finches, for outdoor aviary; exchange 4-plate Belbow camera and accessories, or sell 30/-; approval: Jones, 7, Walter-st., Chester.

WANTED clear Yellow or variegated Norwich hen; exchange large Greenfinch Mule, winner, sell 10/6; approval.—Livingston, 4, Hunter's-lane, West Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

WANTED typical Yellow Yorkshire cock; will exchange acetylene cycle lamp, cost 12/6; and Swan fountain pen, cost 15/6: Ford Villa, Culverden-avenue, Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED, offers in yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 1909; exchange exhibition Mules, also some good songsters; approval: Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED two young Norwich hens for muling, Yellow and Buff, clears; on approval; exchange new 12-ft. fishing rod; little cash given for good birds: T. Dack, Worlingham, Beccles.

GOOD Crested hen and Crest-bred hen wanted; also buff Cinnamon hen; exchange high-class Norwich or Yorks.: mutual approval; yours first: Gostling, Chemist, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

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WANTED unlighted Yellow Yorkshire and Norwich hens, large typical birds, no rubbish, in exchange for 2 Buff Yorkshire cocks, 15/-; 3 Norwich feeding hens, 9/-; gent's silver watch, 10/-; Brownie camera and outfit, 6/-; hens first: 17, Russell-st., Loughborough.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British

To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for cock Canary: Emerton, 54, Alexandra-rd., St. Albans.

FOR sale, champion dark Goldie Mule, took 2nd and special at Portsmouth, 15/-: Miss English, Uplands, Alton, Hants.

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FOUR cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; exchange boots or anything useful; approval: A. Clements, Jeyescrow, Tewkesbury.

THREE Greenfinches, 4 Linnets, cocks; exchange for good Goldie cock: McAdam, 139a, Land-st., Keith, Banffshire.

TWO selected cock Goldfinches, grand blaze, button and bars, 5/- each; exchange Canaries: Pirforce, Baker, City-rd., Cardiff.

SIX pair Bullfinches, 3/- pair; caught September; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cock, 6/-; approval: Curzon, Thorpebywater, Uppingham.

WINNING cock Greenfinch Mule, 10/-; exchange large Parrot cage, hardbills; offers: Morrisen, Johnstone North Station, Renfrewshire.

EXCHANGE exhibition cock Bullfinch and house-moulted hen Bullfinch for a good gent's umbrella, sell, 7/6: Stanger, Burnley-rd., Bacup.

WHAT offers in Norwich, Yorkshires, or Budgerigars for pair beautiful Owls, twice house-moulted; approval: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

HOUSE-moulted cock Missel Thrush and cock Bramblefinch, 5/- each; or exchange 2 large Buff Norwich hens: Lynch, 6, Boley-hill, Rochester.

THREE steady hen Bullfinches, hen Goldfinch, variegated hen Mule; exchange pigeons, anything: Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

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WANTED, British Hardbills, field or cage-moulted, for exhibition; give Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in pairs: J. Fisher, 40, Parker-st., Bradford, Manchester.

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TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 8/-; another very large house-moulted Finch, sure muler, 8/-; beauties; also three very large muling hen Canaries, 5/- each; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshires, 1909, for breeding; approval: Hampson, Priory, Wrexham.

Mainly Canaries.
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SALE or exchange, 2 Norwich hens and 2 yellow cocks, value 30/-: Mollison, Abbey-st., Arbroath.

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GOOD 1909 Rollers, one cock, three hens, 12/- lot, or exchange roller skates: Brindley, care of Lunt, 21, Hope-st. West, Macclesfield.

TWO first-class unflighted large buff Norwich cocks, 6/6 each, worth 10/-; exchange large yellow hens: Ellis, 1, Mill Road, Kettering.

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Mainly Foreign.
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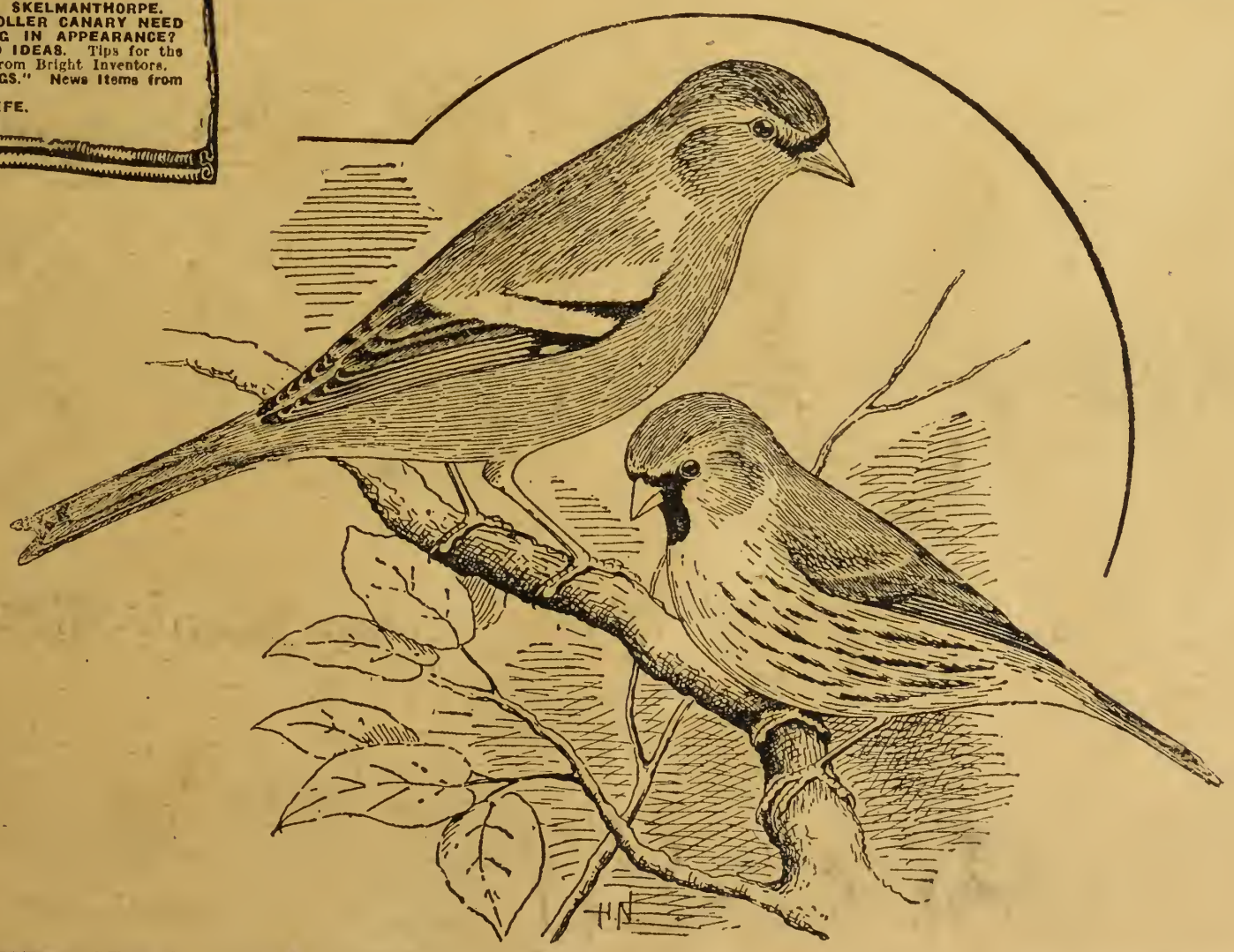
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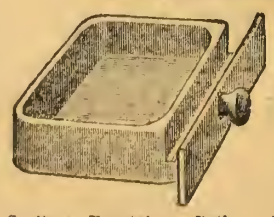
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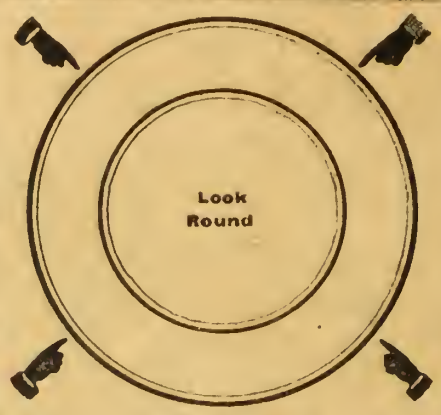
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HANDSOME tame piping cock Bullfinches, 2/- and 3/- each; selected yellow cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, hens 3d., 3 pairs 1/6, 6 pairs 2/6; champion singing cock Goldfinch Mule, wild notes, 8/6: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

TWITE, winner 4 1sts, 3 2nds, 15/-; Snowbunting, winner 1st, 2 2nds, 8/-; Linnet, 3/6, house-moulted Twite, house-moulted, 3/-; Greenie cock, ben Bullfinch, Hybrid breeding, 5/-; must clear: Wilson Bros., Alba Place, Bannockburn.

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LINNETS, Linnets, warranted cock brown Linnets, full song, finger-tame, been carried out catching, 1/6 each; one giant cock Goldfinch, and hen Canary, bred Mules, cock been carried out, finger-tame, 5/6 pair: Henry Higton, 43, Henry-st., Nottingbam.

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Belgians.

YELLOW cock Buff hen, also Buff and Yellow cocks, 1909; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, grand large prize-bred Yellow cocks, Buff hens; reasonable approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

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6, Ashcroft Terrace, Hallwhistle, 27/3/10.—The Yorkshires arrived quite safe, in grand condition. I think they are a splendid pair for the money. A. Makepeace to L. Dykes. 21, Hope Street, Lincoln, 28/3/10.—Mr. Dykes, I received the bird all right; am very pleased with it. Satisfactory in every way. I have refused a good offer for the pair, but have referred them to you. I remain, yours, etc., C. Priestley. Avon Court, Southborne Road, Bournemouth. March 27th, 1910. Dear Sir.—Received birds safely, I am delighted with them. Shall always come to you in future. Thanking you for sending birds so promptly. H. Bousfield to L. Dykes. 99, Dock Road, Tilbury Dock, Essex. 28/3/10.—Received bird safe on Friday morning, none the worse for journey. He is a very nice bird indeed. You will hear from me again next week. H. J. Smith to L. Dykes.



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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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COCK Goldfinch, songster and mnler, with two healthy muling hen Canaries, 7/6; Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

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WANTED, cock Canaries, Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinches, hen Goldfinches: Aviaries, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

BARGAIN, house-moulted Siberian Goldie, like paint, 11/6; approval, cash or deposit: Knaggs, 63B, Westgate, Guisbro'.

HYBRID breeders, 3 hen Greenfinches, caged September, 1 cock Bullfinch, beauty, sell, 5/-; exchange: Edmonds, 79, Singlewell-rd., Gravesend.

GOLDIE Greenfinch cock (large), Linnet-Canary cock, extra large, 2 yellow Greenfinch cocks, 27/6 lot: Porteous, 67, Withisdale-rd., Glasgow.

MULE breeders, few grand yellow and buff light muling hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: Heal, Hill-view, Downside, Shepton Mallet.

GOOD dark cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, 7/6; 4 grand cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each, caged months: E. Cramp, School House, Cottesmore, Oakham.

LOVELY, hand-reared cock Greenfinch, nice, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 5/-; 3 hen Linnet Mules, 2/-; hen Goldfinch, 1/-: Leventon, Thorpe, Melton Mowbray.

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YELLOW cock Goldfinch, father of Hybrid, splendid condition, 10/6; large, yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, 10/6; approval: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Higham's Park, Chingford.

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Something Like Business.

My advertisement in "Cage Birds" brought me a pile of replies from all parts.—G. P. MORGAN (Llandovery).

I have had more results from your paper in one week than I have had from 50 other papers.—F. UNDERWOOD (Manchester).

I am pleased to be able to tell you that I have sold all the birds I advertised, with one exception.—GERALD RATTIGAN (London, S.W.).

I am pleased to say my advertisement in "Cage Birds," was a great success. I sold all the birds I had to sell.—G. FRANCIS (Lowestoft).

From my last advertisement in "Cage Birds," which cost me only a few coppers, I sold £7 10s. worth of birds.—JOHN LEES (Rochdale).

I have had about 60 letters in answer to my application for cock Goldfinch, and so cannot answer all.—(Rev.) BERNARD WILTON (Middlesbrough).

Kindly thank the many applicants for my stock advertised in last week's "Cage Birds." I have done good trade.—MRS. A. MARTIN (Lancaster).

I have had so many replies to my advertisements in your paper, that I cannot possibly answer them all.—(Rev.) BERNARD WILTON (Middlesbrough).

I must discontinue my Norwich advertisement in "Cage Birds," as I cannot keep pace answering all enquiries in reply to it.—H. SNOWDEN (Morecambe).

I was unable to answer all who wrote me re my advertisement in "Cage Birds" of February 18th, as I have had about 30 offers.—J. HOLKER (Westhoughton).

I had very good results from my last advertisement in "Cage Birds." Of all the birds I sent out I did not have one returned.—CLEMENT HILLMEN (Liverpool).

Please stop my Cinnamon advertisement in "Cage Birds." I have cleared out over forty birds through two "ads." in "Cage Birds."—J. R. INGRAM (St. Ives, Hunts).

I am grumbling because I get too many replies to my advertisements in "Cage Birds," and they are still coming in from my advertisement of three weeks ago.—W. NICHOLLS (Twickenham).

I had 23 answers to my last advertisement a fortnight ago in "Cage Birds," from all parts—the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight, Southport, and even Ireland.—HENRY SLATER (London, S.W.).

I would like to thank you for the sale of all my birds I advertised in "Cage Birds." Only one returned. They are gone to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.—DANIEL CORY (Birkenhead).

We are pleased to inform you that we have sold out all our Siberian Goldfinches, 263 in all, so must leave out our advertisement concerning them.—GEO. AND A. BROWN (Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, E.).

Mule Breeding Procedure.

Ginger.—"Ginger for pluck," they say; so you ought to succeed. You tell me you have a double breeding cage. Well, run the wired slide down the centre, leaving the Goldfinch on one side, and the breeding hen Canary on the other. If the Goldie is in breeding condition and vigorous song, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the first signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material (moss) out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can hang in the nest pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Goldie run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly to the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for an hour or two each morning and for a short time in the evening, too, being shut off during the day, and entirely (with the solid partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. This procedure applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies. If birds are in breeding condition they do not necessarily want egg food until the evening of the thirteenth day of incubation—when young are expected.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Birds for Aviary.

Surrey Novice.—In an aviary of this size I should advise you to confine it solely for Budgerigars. If you were to introduce Finches, etc., it would not be long before the Budgerigars maimed or killed them off, and in such restricted space I fear other small Parrakeets would only interfere with each other in the building season. In point of fact you have only accommodation for two pairs of Budgerigars, say, one pair each of Green and Yellow, and you will have to make some arrangements for disposing of the young as soon as they can look after themselves, for a brood from each pair would make you very much overcrowded. Again, in so small an aviary I should advise the ends to be either wood or wood and glass. Note.—All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside and I also advise some kind of a shutter or blind to be fastened over the front each night—your aviary is but narrow, and without some such protection, if you are troubled with cats, the birds would be badly scared during the night, though they would probably take no notice of the cats during daylight.

Sick Green Parrot.

A. T. K.—It would have simplified matters much if you had stated how you were feeding; as it is, I can do little more than guess at the cause of trouble. In the first place, the proper diet is as follows: A seed mixture of Canary, white millet, hemp, maize, oats, and sunflower seeds—three parts each Canary and millet, and one part each of the other kinds—well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage.

Foreign Bird Queries will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and the tray well covered with gritty sand. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. If the bird has been used to soft food of any kind, then you must supply a little boiled maize for a time, till it has become accustomed to the above diet. Give it several doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one part magnesia to two parts water), regulating the doses according to the action of the aperient on the bird—give no other drinking water save the magnesia water on the days you supply same; when not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Report progress in a fortnight, but in the case of any sudden change for the worse, repeat query at once with fullest particulars.

Breeding Cutthroats.

Market Cross.—As they have taken no harm so far from being turned out so early, by all means leave them out, but it is somewhat risky turning newly imported birds out for another month yet. Some pairs are very precocious, and will breed within about a month of being put in the aviary. It appears to me from your sketch that you have the entrance hole at the bottom of box; hang the box up so that the hole forms one of the top corners. In addition, I should hang up a Hartz travelling cage, cutting away a couple of the bars to allow the birds ingress and egress; half fill it with hay, and leave more hay lying about, and the birds will do the rest. You want breeding, and I should not advise more than four pairs in all; these will soon multiply if you have luck, and your accommodation taxed to the full. I should suggest a pair of Zebra Finches, Silverbills, and White Java Sparrows. There is not room for Whydahs, and neither these nor Weavers can be accounted breeders, save under practically natural conditions, and but few succeed with them even under the most favourable conditions. In a small aviary odd cock Weavers often prove very quarrelsome during the breeding season.

Brevities.

Parrot Scratching Itself (H. L. H.).—It has got into a heated condition, and I should keep the bowels moving quite freely with a cooling aperient, say Dinneford's magnesia (one part magnesia, two parts water), given every other day so long as the voidings are not watery; when this occurs you must lengthen the interval between the doses; continue this for a fortnight or three weeks. I should for a time spray it every other day with quassia solution, and if the skin is at all hard, moisten it occasionally with clean vaseline, but do not put on sufficient to run among the plumage and make it greasy. Diet:—A seed mixture of three parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts in variety. If there should be any further passing of blood, dissolve three drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup and see that the bird takes the whole. After the irritation has passed put the bird on a course of Parrish's chemical food.

What Bird?—(G. C. H.).—It is a Banded or Moustache Parrakeet, an Indian species, somewhat similar in habits, etc., to the Common Ring-necked Parrakeet. Two males of this species have been in my outdoor aviary all through the winter, and are now in exhibition trim, but are of very shy and retiring demeanour.

Rose-Crested Cockatoo (Anxious One).—Do not be misled into giving it a bit of everything that you take yourself. It can have greens and boiled potato without gravy; also nuts, ripe fruit, and plain biscuit. Seed mixture:—Two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, paddy rice, maize, and sunflower seeds. Every third day for a month (providing its voidings are not watery) its drinking water should consist of one part Dinneford's magnesia and two parts water; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Well spray the plumage twice a week with quassia solution.

Amazon Parrot with Growth on Tongue (C. D.).—All you can do, is to keep the bird's bowels moving freely with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia (see other replies in this issue), and continue to use the honey and borax, but you ought to let a vet. see it; it is difficult to advise in such cases without knowing the actual character of the growth. Again, if this growth appeared only a few days after purchase, I should approach the dealer on the matter, and insist on an exchange, though if the growth is of such a nature that lends itself to being cut away, there would probably be no further trouble with the bird: only a vet. can decide this.

Cutthroats Ill (G. E. S.).—Supply milk sop, made with boiled milk, and dissolve one drop of laudanum in a teaspoonful of water, and into the ordinary supply of drinking water (say, one ounce) put three drops of brandy. Use only glass or china drinker. Get a few mealworms and give the bird a couple daily while it is weak. You will have no difficulty in procuring another male if you lose this; the most likely bird to mate with it would be a Red-headed Finch. Supply also spray millet and a few crushed oats, and a little hemp while they are thin and weak.

What Other Birds? (Nemo).—I would much prefer you to repeat query after reading this, to giving you a list at present. The fact is you have little more than comfortable accommodation for the Budgerigars once they start breeding. If you wish to vary the birds at all, why not include a pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds, which are really beautiful and would thrive on the same diet as the Budgies. I will with pleasure give you a list of Finch-like birds likely to be safe with the Budgies; at the same time I will not take the responsibility of advising you to keep them together—the risk must be your own.

Mannikins for C.P. Aviary (Kit).—I am afraid you would find all Mannikins rather dull in a cage, and I should advise the following (any number up to a dozen):—Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-creasted Waxbills, Silverbills, Bengalese, Spice Birds, and a Grey Singing Finch. The above would give you a nice selection of really handsome birds, easy to keep so long as you keep them free from draughts. Three or four cokernut shell nests hung about top of cage, with a little hay in each, would make snug retreats for the birds. You would get vivacity and a little soft song from the above series. Diet:—Canary and white millet in equal parts, millet sprays, a few kibbled oats occasionally, green-food (such as seeding grass, lettuce, and any non-poisonous garden or hedgerow weeds), cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Dove Stuck in the Moult.

R. S.—Although the British wild turtle-dove is not so easy to get as the tame collared one, I personally should not think that your hen, which has failed to moult when the cock did, is worth keeping. But if you want to try, I should advise you to bring her indoors and keep her in a large cage, and when the body feathers begin to grow, pull out her tail feathers, to give the moult a start at that end. Give also some more delicate food, as well as corn; I should recommend crushed dog-biscuit mixed with minced green-food, with Canary seed sprinkled over it.

Weakly Cygnets.

W. Vere.—I never heard before of cygnets living for three weeks and then dying off like yours, and I cannot very well say where your feeding is lacking, as you do not say whether they have access to natural food, such as grass and water-weeds. Corn or bread is enough for old swans; for young ones soaked dog-biscuit would be more nourishing, and they would appreciate lettuce. Try and give these things, and I think you will find the cygnets do better. If you are breeding from a related pair, change one of them; in-breeding accounts for a lot of delicacy, otherwise inexplicable, in young stock.

Hooded Siskin.

Querist.—1. The Hooded Siskin does not come from Brazil, but from Venezuela; it is also found in Trinidad, Cuba, and Porto Rica. 2. I cannot say price, but believe it is high, even in Venezuela. 3. I do not know the local name, but imported birds of the species are called "Cardinal" in Madeira, so this is probably it. 4. Describe them to your friend as Finches, much smaller than a Sparrow, the cock bright red and black, the hen grey, with some red on wings and breast. 5. Transport in box cages, with perches placed on same level, and not crossing, food and water inside; feed on mixed seed. 6. In this country they have, as a rule, proved delicate; feed on mixed seed, and offer all wild green seeds liked by British Finches. Keep indoors in a large cage, but try an outdoor aviary if summer comes this year!

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Curious.—Your nom-de-plume is quite applicable to your case, for although you have not informed me, yet I suspect you have experienced prior losses, and are somewhat in fear of a contagious element. Am I correct in my surmise? Should be very pleased if at your leisure you would give me a few more particulars. It would be considered a great favour, and would furnish me with valuable information in the elucidation of this disease, whose pathology is yet not clearly understood. I refer to the dreaded "septic fever" to which your bird succumbed. The disease was not of very long standing, but sufficiently long enough to show its presence in the spleen, which was rather badly affected, the liver showing only a few lesions. Doubtless this bird would have lived a few months longer but for the fact that the journey, in combination with the recent cold weather, both helped to bring about its early demise. You will doubtless possess many more birds, and I am afraid you have more trouble to follow. Commence at once a system of isolation, and direct your attention to a thorough mode of disinfection to eradicate the disease from your establishment. Probably you have already bought "Cage Birds Annual" for 1910; if not, procure a copy at once, wherein you will find an article dealing with this disinfection.

Bessie.—Pneumonia was the cause of your bird's death, due, undoubtedly, as you remark, to the recent changeable weather experienced. The respiratory system of these small birds is very delicate, and easily susceptible to morbid conditions during such sudden variations of temperature. Although I made a most careful examination I could detect no evidence of other disease, all the organs appearing quite healthy. What you mistake for existing weakness, manifested by apparent lack of tone and energy, is really only a matter of temperament. Birds, and other animals, like human beings, vary very much in the nature of their temperament. There exists what is known as the nervous temperament; no doubt, like myself, you have encountered such. Again, there is the lymphatic or lethargic temperament; this applies particularly to your birds, being, as you describe, "eternally tired," a sort of "Weary Willie" character. These characteristics are not always observable in our feathered friends unless they are well marked, or the owner a naturalist, and a keen observer. Amongst the canine tribe it is a very interesting psychological study. Your menu was correct in every detail, but why all fanciers emphasise the fact of allowing but a microscopical diet of egg food I cannot imagine. It is spoken of in a kind of stage whisper, as though it were to be given only surreptitiously, and in inimical homeopathic proportions. The only precaution necessary in the feeding of egg food is to ensure its perfect freshness, when it will in no way cause harm. Please do not take this in a critical sense, for I only desire to disillusion the fancier as to the imaginary harmful effects of a really good food. Contagious diseases do not arise sporadically, there is always an element of contagion, and if egg food were responsible for contagious avian disease, then, considering the extent to which it is used, and the birds so infected becoming similarly infective to others, then the cage bird would be an unknown quantity, and the bird Fancy would cease to exist.

C. H. Thompson.—I cannot help but think that the cock Canary must have been ailing a short time before you ran it into the breeding cage (but perhaps not so much as to be perceptible), for the lungs were both badly congested, with hoemorrhage from same. No doubt the transit was responsible for the hoemorrhage, readily influenced by the congested state of its blood vessels. I am afraid that in any case you won'd have experienced some trouble with it, and the fact of this occurrence was only a coincidence.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Rotherham C.B.S. (G. Oakes).—Your club notice came too late for our last issue, owing to the holiday arrangements.

The Essay Competition (T. Oliphant).—We hope to have all the sections adjudicated upon in time to announce the result in our next issue, or, at latest, the issue following.

A Visit to Germany (A. Percival).—We are much obliged to you for sending us your interesting notes.

Carrying Cage, Etc. (Novice, Second Year).—Possibly our artist has your sketch; we have so many illustrated ideas sent in that those accepted have to take their turn. The giving of colour-food to a Goldfinch certainly has the effect of deepening the "tanning." Thanks for your kind wishes.

A Booklet (Brid).—Ready in a week or two's time.

The Douglas C.B.S. and Mr. Gale (A Member).—Your letter is of too personal a nature for us to publish over a nom-de-plume.

Correspondence.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—On opening my CAGE BIRDS last week I really expected to see your correspondent signing himself "Netter" admitting he had made a mistake, but instead of that he introduces "a netter" that can beat him by 100 knots per hour. As a rule we look to CAGE BIRDS for information, and I am pleased to say I have found it very useful; but "Netter's" letter and the one I am writing can hardly be called information. It is argument; but as "Netter" has asked me one or two questions I hope I may be allowed to uphold my first statement, that it is impossible for any netter to tie 1,500 knots per hour 2in. mesh. "Netter" says I must not judge others by my own work. I wish "Netter" to understand I am not doing so; I am judging from the ability of hundreds of practical netters, and also from forty years' experience myself, in which time I have had thousands of tons of netting through my hands. I am only giving "Netter" and your readers this information to prevent his making any more blunders like the one he finishes his letter with, for he attempts to uphold his statement by saying that he can also start and finish three rabbit nets, 2in. mesh, 22in. by 20in., in one hour. Surely "Netter" has not taken the trouble to count the knots in the three nets, as they only represent at the most "432" knots, which I think is nearer the mark than the above statement. I consider five rabbit nets of the above measurements a fair hour's work. "Netter" says, "perhaps Mr. Connell will give an account of some of his net work." I would rather not, as I have not learned to fly. I should only look very poor in the eyes of CAGE BIRDS readers, but I will do what I think is the next best thing. I have forwarded to CAGE BIRDS, as a present to "Netter," a small net, which he will find very useful, on conditions that he makes a net similar, or, failing that, give his honest opinion of how long it would take him to make it. I may say that the net contains about 1,261 knots, and I am sure our netters here will be much interested in "Netter's" reply. Wishing fanciers a prosperous breeding season, also success to CAGE BIRDS and its readers.

WALTER CONNELL.

(We have received the net referred to above and shall have pleasure in forwarding same to "Netter" if he will make application for it.—EDITOR.)

The Breeding of Bullfinches in Cages.

SIR,—As one who has kept Bullfinches and Goldfinches now for over 30 years, I think it would no doubt interest many of your young fanciers if I were to give you my experience of these birds as regards trying to breed them in cages. It has always been my great ambition to get Bullfinches to build and breed indoors in a suitable breeding cage. Over 20 years ago now I started with a pair which had been caught in trap cages in the autumn, and were fairly tame. I used a large box cage, home-made, and had a nest-box made from a cocoanut shell, which I lined with felt (glued inside), and fastened on to the back of the cage with a screw. Round the nest I placed small branches of yew. I put in plenty of nesting materials of various kinds, and the hen carried pieces of sticks and roots about, but made no attempt to build in the nest, so I placed a small flower pot inside the case and lined it with moss and sticks. She took to this, and I found her on several occasions sitting on the nest. But in the end she laid her three eggs on the cage bottom, which was, however, well lined with moss, so the eggs did not get broken. I placed the eggs in the flower pot nest, and she took to them, and sat upon them for the full time. But the eggs proved clears. She laid four more eggs—in the flower pot this time—and sat on them. These turned out clears, too, so the fault was the cock's. Another year I again tried them in the same cage, and under similar conditions. The two lots of eggs she had, as before, turned out clear; nothing could be got from the cock, but clear eggs. They had plenty of berries (privet, etc.), with plenty of young shoots of the plum, gooseberry, and other shoots, besides plenty of hemp, canary, and cole seeds (not the summer rape). They had, in addition, the kernel of plum stones from jams; these I cracked. I also gave small nuts, which they were very fond of, besides chickweed and groundsel and dandelion flowers; they are very fond of these, also of the ripe seed of the dandelion. I tried a hand-reared cock with the hen the next year, but the eggs from them were clear, as before. I did not like to be "done," or to give them up, as they have always been one of my greatest favourites. I hand-reared two nests after these failures, and tried them in cages indoors like the first one. I could get plenty of eggs from the hens; in fact, they have generally with me proved good layers in cages, but none could I get "filled" by the cock Bullie, no matter what it was fed upon, or whether fresh-caught or hand-reared. Still, I hope the remarks I have penned will not prevent anyone from trying them in cages or using the cock Bullie in any way as the parent of hybridising. I heard some years ago of a case where they were bred freely for several years in a large out-door aviary with other birds. I should advise anyone who has an aviary outside to give these birds a trial, for a pair of these birds always set off an aviary to the best advantage. It is surprising what can be taught these birds if you wish to make them pets. I had one which used to be let loose daily, and many a game has it had with the cat. It would go up to it and peck his nose, and hop on to his back and round about it. I used to get the cat up on the table and let them play together. The cat never once attempted to hurt it. I had the cat as a kitten, and he was used to all my birds. I could relate many an amusing tale of this cat and my birds. He once saved a bird of mine which a neighbour's cat was trying to get at in a cage. My cat flew at the strange one, and had quite a battle before I could get to them. Another amusing instance of this cat was with a cock Bullie, which I was doctoring for a lady. I had it out on the table showing it to some friends, when the cat came from somewhere unknown to me, and brought a mouse and began to make a noise like calling to a kitten. He jumped up on the table, and laid the mouse down in front of the Bullie. No doubt he thought it ought to eat it, after bringing it such a tempting feed. I hope there will not be so many of these beautiful birds shot this year as last season.

HYBRID.

Suggested Show for Mid-Rhondda.

SIR,—Will you allow me, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to bring before the notice of the cage bird fanciers of the Mid-Rhondda district that there could be a very good show held here, making Tonypandy our centre. I am sure there are a lot of cage bird men in the neighbourhood; then, why not a show for Mid-Rhondda and district? I hope some other fanciers will take this matter up.

INTERESTED.

The Crisis in the Affairs of the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—I note in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS that the C.B.U. is waking up at last, and not before it was time to. However, I hope the secretary will report fully every month through the Fancy Press, what is being done for the benefit of fanciers at large. We cannot expect societies to pay their subscriptions and see nothing for it from year to year. Now is the time to show the societies that are resigning that the C.B.U. is still worth sticking to. I sincerely trust the two large London societies will not regret resigning. Probably they will be glad of a few of the C.B.U. members' entries; that will be the time to remember past favours. Maybe these societies have withdrawn to give their whole help to the London Federation, the report of which I have read. The Federation is a great credit to the London societies and is trying to further the fanciers' interests. Delegates, I see, are to be called together in each C.B.U. district, and their recommendations are to be brought before the Executive Council. Now is the time, fellow-delegates, to put forward anything that is for the betterment of the C.B.U., and let the Council know we are not asleep. Trusting each delegate will do his utmost to attend the meeting when called,

J. W. METCALFE.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Rules.

SIR,—I was rather interested in reading the report of the meeting of the Executive Council of the C.B.U. at Nottingham, signed by J. Raynes, secretary, more so the latter part, where he states members of the Union are urged to report promptly any offence of which they may hear (societies or individual members of the Union infringing the rules), with a view to such offences being promptly dealt with strictly in accordance with the Union rules. Now I would like to ask Mr. Raynes or the Executive Council if they have just framed a stronger rule which will enable them to deal with the offence? I dare say your readers will remember the correspondence in your columns re the Bristol Fanciers' Society holding their show in spite of the Union and accepting the entries of members of the Union, also posing as a Cage Bird Union fixture, and at the same time spoiling (by clashing) what promised to be a good show at Gloucester. Now it was only by getting a promise that this offence should be dealt with by the executive of C.B.U. that I closed the correspondence. I should be glad if the secretary can tell me what decision the Executive Council came to? I read the advertised agenda, also report of the meeting at the Palace Show, but failed to see or hear that the offence had ever been considered. Now if this is how the C.B.U. is going to act in future, I would like to ask what use it will be to report such cases? In fact, such a case ought not to want reporting. I might say with truth that I am voicing the whole of the Gloucester Cage Bird Society, which has been affiliated ever since the formation of the Union.

A. E. WASLEY.

Belgian Classes and the Judges' Awards.

SIR,—Of the many varieties we have in the Canary world, the Belgian Canary ranks first for size and classical contour, and the parent of the Scotch Fancy variety. The original, as a distinct variety, must remain to me at least an object of ancient history, and I know little of it other than that it is largely bred in Belgium, and was introduced into this country about 50 years ago. In its earlier days it was a large bird, measuring from the point of the bill to the tip of the tail from 6½ to 7½ inches. But few are now to be found measuring more than 6½ or 7 inches, the former being about the present-day standard. A great change in the Belgian Canary of recent years has taken place, one of the causes being the vast amount of crossing, pure blood becoming more rare every year. And what are now left are not to be purchased at any price, their owners being unwilling to part with them. Size is now a great factor, but contour is much more so. Much depends on the season of the year, also on health and condition, for the Belgian Canary to show to advantage, and amongst Scotch fanciers the Belgian is still greatly sought after for crossing purposes; good specimens still command high prices. The breeding of the Belgian, in Scotland at least, has not advanced much of late years, which is partly due to the fact that good specimens are scarce, and what are to be had are only to be had at high prices. Still, there are several breeders of this variety in Scotland and across the border, such as Mr. Fairly (Coatbridge), who still retains some pure blood, Captain Philps (Edinburgh), Mr. Grieg (Aberdeen), and others represented at the principal shows, where there are classes for the Belgian variety. To many of your readers the classes for so-called Belgians must have appeared somewhat misleading, and in appealing to that section of your readers who know the points of the Belgian variety I shall be glad to know what their opinion has been in looking over the awards in this particular section. For my part I make bold to say that if judges of Belgians would exercise their judgment without fear or favour, there would be less speculation as to their awards, as has been really the case in the show season just passed. If classes are arranged for and termed (as we read in our show catalogues) "Belgians, etc., etc.," well, then let it be so; and should the judge or judges find, as is often the case, that first crosses have been classed in error or otherwise, the duty of the judge is perfectly clear—viz., to non-class such, and leave them out of the competition. But they have not done so in the past. And for what reason? The case calls for an explanation, either from the judges of this class or from anyone of your readers who is in a position to explain. But I would prefer an answer from some of our qualified judges of the Belgian variety, and if such is not forthcoming, then I say let the management of our open shows who have classes for Belgians effect some very necessary alterations by making the classes read, "Belgians and First-crosses," for the future, and not "Belgians" only, as in the past. First-crosses have been staged under this heading, and in some cases have been well forward in the tickets, to the exclusion of the real article. I hope to hear more about this subject in the near future. What have Belgian fanciers got to say?

SCOTCH FANCY.

The Making of Egg Food.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the letter of Mr. George Wilson re the making of egg-food in a mincing machine as the quickest of all methods. Will he kindly give a sketch through your paper of his mincing machine or tell mo through the correspondence columns of your valuable paper if I can get one in England? I shall be very much obliged to him

E. GODRY.

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Does the Roller Canary Need Smartening in Appearance?

SIR,—This is a subject which has frequently occupied my mind; the query therefore by F. J. Rook is personally interesting. In my opinion the experiment would always have a pernicious effect on pure stock of good quality. I have bred Rollers for the past eighteen or twenty years periodically, and having now taken up this variety again, I should also like to produce something good, both with regard to size and colour, and if possible to do so without any detriment to song. Visitors, oblivious to the fact that these smart little birds are simply "bred for song" frequently test the sensitiveness of their owners with such remarks as, "There's now't on 'em," or "The're now't to look at." I am thinking of trying to train a few Lancashire Coppies to please the eye of those unsophisticated individuals. My experience in crossing with other varieties has been to produce progeny with "harsh notes;" and irretrievable deterioration in that soft tone so essential in a good Roller has been the result. If, however, F. J. Rook thinks the defect might be obliterated or reduced to a minimum, and is bent on experimenting, Roller fanciers in general will no doubt be pleased to hear the results. Why not try with Norwich and thus also produce larger offspring? Personally I think the result would be equally if not more satisfactory from a vocal point of view, if this type were used in lieu of the Border Fancy. In view of the increasing popularity of the Roller Canary, it is astonishing how little anent this variety is sent to the Fancy Press for one's edification. No doubt the Editor would be pleased to see the columns of CAGE BIRDS opened more on this subject.

FRANK AYSCOUGH.

Wake Up, Fanciers!

SIR,—Just a line in support of Mr. Elkerton's letter in last week's issue. As Mr. Elkerton says, pheasant slaughter and fox hunting are sport. With regard to the former, in my opinion, considering the way in which pheasants are reared nowadays, one might just as well go into a farmyard with his gun and start having a day's shooting at the farmer's poultry. With regard to the latter, I think it more cruel than keeping a British bird in a cage to run down a poor animal and have him worried by a pack consisting of about forty-two dogs. I, like Mr. Elkerton, say that the working man dare not breathe the word "sport." He is "trespassing." And I go one more and say, "Fanciers, rally and charge the obstruction." I propose our two specialist British Bird and Mule Clubs take it up. Also I propose that societies and other fanciers single handed unite, as unionism and protection mean fair play for every Briton. I say let us all join hands and sweep those who are prejudiced against our favourite pastime into the sea. I hope to see more about this, and wish Messrs. Preston and Flowers the best of luck.

ALEXANDER BRYDEN.

SIR,—In my opinion, to pretend that the British bird Fancy is in danger of extinction merely because a petulant official secures a conviction against two bird-dealers having in their possession freshly-taken birds that were protected in the neighbourhood in which the dealers resided, savours of such chicken-hearted pessimism as hardly to be worth comment, especially in the light of the fact that birds have been kept in cages for centuries. But the letter of Mr. C. Elkerton, which appears in your current issue, is so grotesque in its many inaccuracies that I wonder at its receiving publication. Your correspondent ignores the fact that birds are kept by rich and poor alike and assumes that the right to do so should be the absolute monopoly of the "poor man." As a matter of fact, I am strongly of opinion that the whole matter has been engineered for journalistic purposes. After the case is decided in favour of the appellants—as it probably will be—you evidently want it to be said of you that when the iron heel of the hated and bloated aristocrat was raised and threatened to descend with extinguishing force upon the British bird Fancy, yours was the gallant little journal which—at its readers' expense of course—took up the cudgels on behalf of the poor, downtrodden, hardworking man, and saved the Fancy from ruin and disaster. And, as a matter of course, some of your readers, like Mr. E., have seized upon the opportunity so offered, to "Limehouse" in your columns their socialistic nonsense, and their sickly platitudes about "Pheasant slaughter and fox-hunting," which have no connection, direct or remote, with the question raised with reference to the Fancy. I think it would have been far better to have left Messrs. Preston and Flowers to pay their fines and be done with it. The case was absolutely solitary and isolated, and would soon have blown over and been forgotten. Besides, it is a surprising thing to me to see fanciers encouraging the forwardment by rail of birds only just caught. In conclusion, let me say that if danger threatens the Fancy, it can be best looked for from people who have a passion for demogogic language like Mr. E., who, in spite of their professed love of freedom, are ever ready with their Bills to restrict this, Bills to compel that, and Bills to prevent the other, and Bills generally to act in nosey interference with the rights and privileges of grown men and women.

A. R. COE.

[The writer of this letter refers to "nosey interference with the rights and privileges of grown men and women." We have no wish ourselves to put any restraint upon Mr. Coe (or his language), but we seriously suggest to his friends the advisability of considering what had best be done with him.—Editor.]

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—Can any fancier inform me (a would-be Yorkshire Canary fancier) if the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club is still in existence? If so, they are very quiet. I watched their reports up to their final show, which was held in Birmingham either in January or February last. I also saw the report of same in the most reliable paper on birdy matters, CAGE BIRDS. I was told by a member of that club that they thought they could not last long on account of not having enough members, and also on account of not having sufficient money to carry the club on with. This member has set me up with birds to start with, and I was living in hopes of becoming a member of this club; but if they have done as I have heard, I will try and join another one, for I am now anxious. I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and up to the present have seen all other club reports on their past year's work except the M.C.Y.C.C., and also reports of how they stand financially. I would like to see same published in CAGE BIRDS. I live a few miles from this member, but in striking distance for a fancier; but he cannot inform me how his club stands or what the committee is doing. I am more than surprised at this. Buck up Y.C. Club of the Midlands; let us all know what you are doing.

A. MANSELL.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—It is quite evident there is a great art in exhibiting the Lancashire. It seems to me, and no doubt it is correct, that if you want to be in the prizes you must be able to know your judge thoroughly. Mr. C. A. House states that he has been elected to judge the Lancashires at the Rochdale Show oftener than any other judge. That may be, but where are they going to get a judge who can handle Lizards, British, Mules and foreign and other species as Mr. House can? I am sure if he were only capable of adjudicating on the Lancs. only, the Rochdale Society would look nearer home for a Lancashire judge. How is it that we do not see Mr. House judging the Lancashires at the Crystal Palace, Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, Oldham, Middleton, Nottingham, and other shows where the patronage of the Lancashire specialist clubs are given? Probably it may be that the fanciers want a change after the first show of the season; but be that as it may, although it would be interesting to know. I am pleased Mr. House has asked the question whether Mr. Robson put Mr. Adams's bird down for showing Crest properties, or was it not capable of being in the prizes? I for one would like Mr. Robson's opinion on same. Mr. House goes further and states that one of the oldest fanciers refused to enter and exhibit under him because he (Mr. House) wrong-classed two of his exhibits. Why? Had they been knocking up against the Crests? Anyway they evidently found favour with other judges at later shows. I am positive that the exhibitor of these two birds knew what a Lancashire was. Mr. House cannot contradict me on this point, for he knows that what the late respected breeder did not know with regard to Lancashires was of no use to any one, and I am sure there would be no one more grieved to see his exhibits wrong-classed than the exhibitor himself, for the simple reason be only exhibited for the love of same, and not for any profitable purpose. In fact, I cannot help but say that the statement Mr. House makes in his letters (something about sucking eggs) applies in more instances than Mr. Fuller's.

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The Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—I have made three different kinds of birdlime given in CAGE BIRDS, including that mentioned in last week's issue, but when it goes cold it goes hard and is not sticky. I would be very pleased if some one would tell me how the bird catchers make it.

H. LAWTON.

How to Determine the Sex of Linnets.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to reply to "Linnet." I might say that his friend was near the mark. The male Linnet in his wild state (when adult) has a red breast, which distinguishes him at once from the female, whose breast is a brownish-grey, with a tendency to buff and yellowish-white. The male loses his colour in the house, but can be readily distinguished by the chestnut-brown of his back and wing coverts; the female is much greyer.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW.

An Inexpensive Lark Food.

SIR,—As a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I noticed a letter by one of my fellow-fanciers over the name of "Wilfred," recommending some Lark food, giving a recipe that he saw in CAGE BIRDS on December 4th. I also noticed the recipe of pea-meal, oatmeal and dripping. I should like to ask that gentleman if he will be so kind as to repeat again how this valuable food is made and mixed up, as I am very fond of Skylarks and have got one at present singing, but is very low. I am quite satisfied that it is a cock bird, and not a hen, and am thinking of buying a Roller Canary to teach him to reach the higher notes. But I should like to feed him with the best of food. What I feed him on now is packet Lark mixture, and a fresh turf every other morning. The reason I have not in my possession the copy of December 4th, is that I give my copies to my friends about here.

D. EVANS.

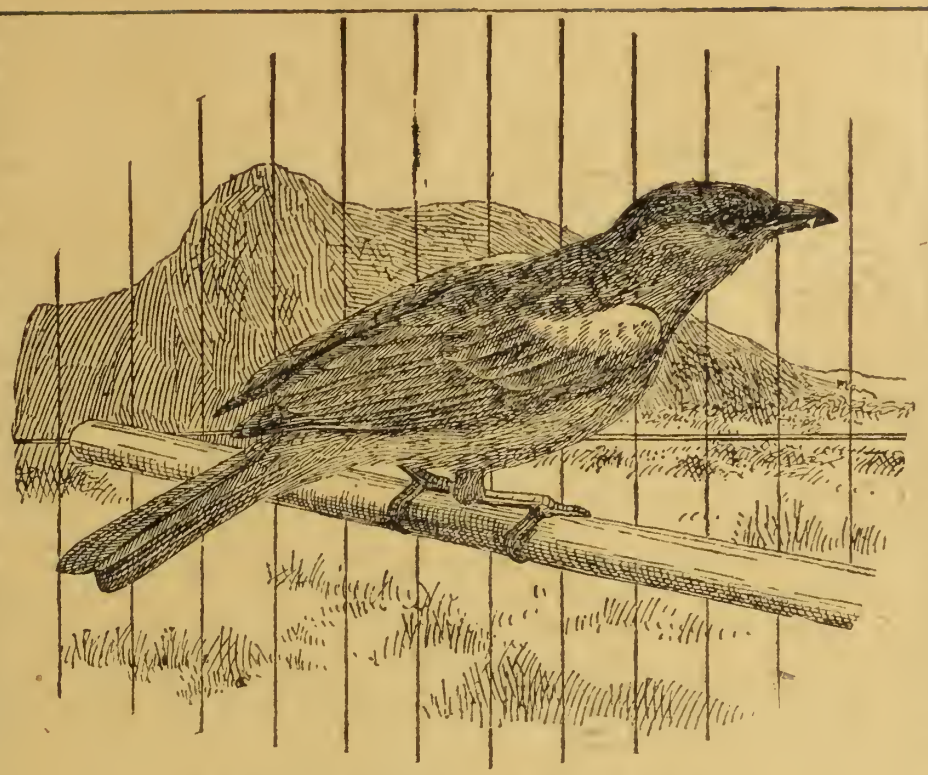
How to Increase Show Entr'es.

SIR,—This is a matter of no small importance to show committees and to all of the Fancy who have the interests of our shows at heart, and principally the City of Glasgow Show. No doubt it has become quite patent to many fanciers and breeders that the latter hesitate in bringing forward young birds for competition, simply because they are under the impression that their chances of success are remote in competition against older birds. Now I am much impressed with the thought along with others, whose opinions I value, that a remedy is needed to increase our show numbers and also awaken renewed interest amongst the Fancy in general. In the first place, my suggestion is that young and old birds should be in separate classes, and arranged as follows: 1st, Clear Yellows and Foul Yellows; 2nd, Clear Buff and Foul Buff; 3rd, Buff Pied and Buff Green; 4th, Yellow Pied and Yellow Green; the classes to be arranged as above—for 1st old cocks, 2nd young cocks, 3rd old hens, 4th young hens; which would make 16 classes, as holds good at present. Now, an arrangement such as this would, in my opinion, largely increase our show entries. I would be glad to have an expression of opinion on this subject from some of your readers.

SCOTCH FANCY.

"That Pernicious Seed, Inga."

SIR,—I should not call inga a "pernicious seed" by any means, but for all that I think it is possible to give too much of it. My experience may be interesting to your enquiring correspondents and others. When I was breeding largely, I gave all hens as much inga as they cared to take, from January 1 till they were put together, when it was stopped. At the same time they had, of course, a plentiful supply of Canary and rape. I never found any bad effect; on the contrary, inga was supposed to have a lubricating effect, and I never had any hens which suffered from egg-binding. I am not breeding now, but I keep a few birds, and I bought a mule at a show rather more than 12 months ago. Not knowing what it had been fed on, I tried it with Canary, rape, linseed, inga, teazle, and I found the little beggar would eat nothing of any of these but inga. So after a time I gave him nothing but inga, thinking that perhaps he knew as much as I did. However, about the middle of last year, after having only inga for some months, he began to droop, and I believe the inga was having a bad effect. A friend kept him for some time, and to him is due the merit of getting him off the inga. He gave him a mixture of four seeds, one of which is inga, sold by Messrs. Trower and Co., which I believe they call moulting mixture; but of this he only gave ½ to ¾ of a teaspoonful each day, and with that he gave as much Canary as the bird could take. After a tussle he was got round to this diet, and has been on it for months, and is now



ARCHBISHOP TANAGER.

One of the team of lovely Foreign birds exhibited at the Scottish National Show by Miss Peddie Waddell (Edinburgh).

in splendid form. The only alteration I have made is that instead of linseed, which is one of the seeds in the mixture, and which the Mule, still having a mind of his own, would not eat, I give teazle, and this he eats when his inga is restricted. Maw is one of the seeds in the mixture, and I think this seed can be used much more freely as a diet than I at one time imagined. It used to be considered almost a medicine, and given in pinches from time to time. The mixture is given about 7 in the morning and is finished by 10 or 11 in the forenoon, and the Mule then has Canary for the rest of the day. I find the small long upright graduated glasses used for medicines that have to be taken by so many drops at a time, and obtainable at the chemists for a few pence, very suitable for measuring small quantities of seed accurately. They are narrow at the mouth, but that can easily be got over by the way you hold the glass in the hand.

OLD HAND.

Early Birds in Ayrshire.

SIR,—The following may prove interesting to readers of CAGE BIRDS. I have been told I am the first in Ayrshire to have young birds. I have a nest of four Border Fancy Canaries (out on Wednesday, March 23rd). The mother of these took 3rd prize at Ayr Show last season, and was reported "teeming with quality." I would like to know if I am the first in the Shire. I have also two other nests which should be out next week. I am following the advice of Mr. Cornelius Hoyle in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which I must say is a big sixpennyworth, and should be in the hands of every fancier.

S. B. MCLACHLAN.

A White Bullfinch.

SIR,—In answer to the letter of Mr. W. J. Salmon, there have been several white Bullfinches exhibited at the Crystal Palace Shows. The first one that I saw was at the show of 1899, where it stood third in the class. The next white Bullfinch was seen at the Palace Show held in 1907, which was a cock, and stood first in its class. It might interest Mr. W. J. S. and other readers to know that the following white British birds have been staged at the Crystal Palace Shows in that most interesting class for Pied, Albino, or rare-feathered specimens, viz., White Linnets, White Blackbird, White Thrushes, White Starlings, White Sparrows, also Black Bullfinches. In the show held 1900 there was a real Bullfinch curiosity, a bird half-cock and half-hen. This stood first in its class; it was a most difficult job to get a glance at it for visitors.

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A New Cage Bird Society for Halstead and District.

SIR,—At a meeting held on March 21st, it was decided to form a cage bird society for Halstead and district. Membership is open to a radius of 12 miles. Subscription, 2s. per annum. Mr. W. F. Monk was elected secretary, and Mr. S. J. Coles was asked to act in the capacity of treasurer.

W. F. MONK.

93, Owen Terrace, Halstead, Essex.

Foreign Bird Recruits for Dulwich and Peckham.

SIR,—It is very pleasing to note that some of the members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. are taking up the fascinating hobby of foreign bird keeping. I had occasion to pass through Bethnal Green Road the other day, and while stopping to admire some Gouldian Finches in the window of the well-known dealers, Messrs. De Von and Co., I was surprised to see inside the shop three prominent members of our society busily engaged in selecting an assortment of foreign Finches. These gentlemen have hitherto confined themselves to the breeding of Canaries. I am sure we wish them every success in their new departure, and shall look for some interesting competition in the foreign bird classes at our next annual show.

W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.,
D. and P. C.B.S.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

The Recent Y.U. Suspensions.

SIR,—Mr. Kaye may know that it says in the good old Book there is no peace for the wicked, and according to his own acknowledgment, wrung from him when before the Y.U. Council, he must have been desperately wicked. The justice demanded for his offence, which was leniently administered on that occasion, would have been amply sufficient for any ordinary man, without its being emphasised again and again, so that all might dwell upon it in future when he is passing through a similar crisis, as another part of his inconsistent conduct, though we hope next time it will not be for borrowing and lending birds for exhibition. Mr. Kaye is guilty of an offence even worse than this. He has several times deliberately shown cock birds in hen classes, and some of these have won prizes. Will he give us his reason for this? Now, Mr. Kaye knows such disgraceful practices we have never stooped to indulge in, and if it be that he has suffered martyrdom, he may find consolation in the fact that even good men with high ideals and noble characters have done this in the past; it might also alleviate the burden of sin he is now bearing for our society (mentioned in his last week's correspondence). Again, if Mr. Kaye thinks it is persistent wrong-doing, either this or any other society delights in shielding, he has not the right conception of things. If he wishes to win the esteem of his fellow-fanciers, and is conscious of the sentence passed on him, it ought to be a revelation to him that this cannot be accomplished by continually acting contrary to the rules and regulations thought out by intelligent men to protect the interests of everyone of a society's members, nor will such conduct enhance his prospects of inheriting the glories hereafter of which he makes mention. Mr. Kaye was always suspected by our society, otherwise we might have considered his generous offer of 10s. to be entrusted as both secretary and treasurer. These are glaring facts which always add colour to a man's character who desires to gain the confidence of his associates, and whatever should issue forth never comes as a surprise. Would he also kindly give us his motive for this offer? Mr. Kaye seems to ignore altogether the fact that our delegates form part of the Y.U. Council. Why does he wish them to be precluded from hearing his evidence, when he emphatically declared before the Council he would rather have his head chopped off than tell a lie? These are the exact words he used. If he is prepared to tell the whole truth, it cannot be gainsaid, and will always stand the test. But acrobatic statements, that are interchanging constantly during one hearing, always end in confusion, and, to sum up, such evidence is an utter impossibility. Surely Mr. Kaye does not think that when the secretary of the Y.U. notifies our delegates to attend the Council, they go purposely to hear what he has got to say, because our society is not so flush with money as to spend it so foolishly. It is because we are interested in the affairs of the Fancy, therefore take it as a duty and a privilege to be always represented when the funds will allow travelling expenses. As regards borrowing and lending, which Mr. Kaye seems to be so bitterly wailing over, this is but one of his illusions. He has had every opportunity of proving these men guilty before the Council, and when their cases were tried separately, instead of going to Bradford to substantiate his evidence (as notified by the secretary of the Y.U.), he sent up a letter conveying the idea that the men whom he had accused were too dangerous to travel with! We suppose he wished them to go in peace. But such cowardly acts as these merit punishment much more severe than our union has power to administer. It has cost them a great deal more than all Mr. Kaye's peace-making can atone for in years to come.

SAM MORLEY,
Secretary, Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.

Is Early Breeding Disastrous?

SIR,—In answer to Messrs. Bennett and Francis, I should be glad if you would allow me to say a few words, being a fairly old hand for a youngster (if I may be Irish). I would like to say I have tried both early and late breeding, and have come to the conclusion it is folly to pair too early good class birds, that is to say, varieties where size counts, such as the Norwich Plainhead. My chief reason is not so much the atmospherical conditions, as I find our climate so variable—in fact, often worse in May than April. For instance, a fancier I am well acquainted with has paired his birds a fortnight later than I once or twice, and just struck a very cold time when his hens had just gone to nest (which means a lot of clear eggs or dead in shell). I must say I like to see promising weather, but as a rule it soon changes at this time of year. My chief reason for not pairing up early is that you cannot get sufficient daylight for the hen to rear good strong, robust youngsters. The last two seasons I have chosen what most people term "All fools day" for the wedding march, and must say I have been fairly successful. I know some fanciers do pair earlier, and are fortunate, but should the novice be tempted, I would say, don't on any account start before the third week in March. I quite agree with all Mr. Bennett says as regard the misleading statements in some of the letters one reads, and which no doubt unintentionally do a lot of harm; the writers forget there are a lot of novices about full of fire, and only waiting one of these epistles. As regards birds coming into condition, I never have any trouble; they are generally ready before I am. If healthy and well cared for during winter months, they will come into good, hard, sound condition; if neglected till the last month or so of winter and then forced into condition, you will find the mistake—they will go back just as quick. I have known fanciers who would not start breeding operations till a fortnight or even three weeks later than I advocate. These I do not agree with. For one reason I like to get the breeding season over as early as possible so as to give the old birds a rest before moult; also I have never yet bred a "flier" in a late nest, as they usually drag in moult.

A. E. WASLEY.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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A Bird Washing Exhibition at Stockport.

At a meeting of the Stockport B.F.A. on March 15 at "The Boar's Head Hotel," Messrs. G. H. Massey and F. W. Nelson gave an exhibition of bird washing. Mr. J. Garner presided, and called upon Mr. Massey to show his method. water. In the first bowl he used soap and lather, and brushed all over the bird, excepting round the bird's eyes, where he applied the soap with a sponge, as he thought there was less danger of hurting the eyes. After using the brush in a downward direction he got as much soap as possible out in the first water. He then immersed the bird up to the neck in the second water, spreading its wings with finger and thumb. He then rinsed the head and neck with a sponge, and transferred the bird to the third bowl for a final rinse. He served it the same way here as in the previous water. After this he stroked the bird downwards with a clean damp sponge to absorb some of the water. The bird was then wrapped in a warm cloth and placed in front of the fire for about ten minutes to allow it a rest. It was afterwards placed in a drying cage, where it was allowed to almost dry. As Mr. Massey placed one bird in a cloth he commenced to wash another, giving many hints. He washed four birds in all. The chairman then called upon Mr. Nelson to show his way.

Mr. Nelson washed four birds on similar lines to Mr. Massey, excepting that he only used a brush whilst soaping the bird and no sponge. He also spread the lather on the palm of his hand before he applied it to the feathers. He rinsed out the soap in the first water and went over the bird a second time with soap and brush to make sure that it was perfectly clean. He afterwards treated them similarly to Mr. Massey's method, using two rinsing waters, and finished off by drawing the bird's tail between his lips to dry and straighten it. After his bird had been wrapped in a cloth for a few minutes he took it out and wrapped it in another dry one, as he thought it gave the bird a better chance to dry. He laid it on its breast with its tail towards the fire. They were afterwards put in the drying cage. He reminded the company that they should catch the birds with a dry hand or they might otherwise pull a few feathers out.

Both fanciers recommended using plenty of soap, and also plenty of rinsing water to get the soap out, or one might spoil a bird. Also be sure to rinse soap off your hands in the first water, before you go in the second water. After taking the birds out of the drying cage they were each placed in a Yorkshire show cage and slightly sprayed to encourage the birds to preen themselves, and when dry they looked ready for the show bench.

Mr. Nelson showed how to hold a bird whilst it was being washed, and advised fanciers never to grab at a bird that was getting out of the hand or one might do some damage; better to let it go and catch it in a proper manner.

Various questions were put to the two gentlemen—viz., Did they believe in a tooth-brush to wash a bird's nostrils?—Answer. No, as they thought a tooth-brush too hard for the purpose. Badger-hair brushes were the best, as these were softer, and they were not so large as ordinary lather brushes. Mr. Massey thought that a spray was sufficient to take the curl out of feathers if the curling were caused by drying, but if caused by leaving soap in, then the bird would have to be washed again before it could be made right. After an interesting discussion on birdy matters a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Massey and Nelson for their instructive lesson and carried unanimously.—W. STAFFORD.

The Young Naturalist.

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*Destructive Jackdaws.

A large number of Jackdaws have for some time past made their home in the tower of Pulborough Church (Sussex), and by pecking at the mortar they have so seriously damaged the roof of the church, that it is estimated that £500 will be required to repair it.—Sent by Winnie Sleep (age 12), 4, Willoughby Terrace, Plymouth.

*An Unfortunate Blackbird.

One day when the snow was on the ground a Blackbird flew in our neighbour's door from the cold. The poor thing had only one foot. The lady of the house was afraid, so I took it gently in my hand and put it in a cage and fed it until the spring came, and then I let the bird fly away.—Albert Terry (age 12), 19, Gladstone Street, Desborough, Northants.

**A Morning Walk.

I went a long walk on the cliffs with my sister one fine clear morning. Numerous Jackdaws were flying together in pairs going inland, and crowds of seagulls were hovering about in companies. As we got further on we could see Stonechats on the furze bushes, and numerous other little birds. We were anxious to see the Ravens. At last we were rewarded, for there, right on a precipitous ledge on a high cliff sat an old solitary-looking Raven. He looked at us curiously, and then finally went over the cliff and vanished altogether. Looking further we saw two Sparrow-hawks fly out from a ledge.—J. Craven (13½), Maer Down, Bude, Cornwall.

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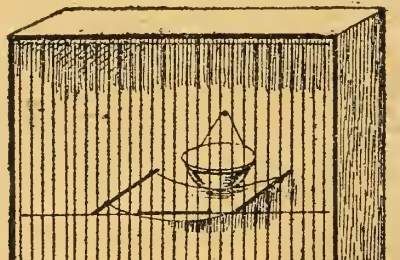
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No. 396.
To Keep Eggs and Young off the Cage Floor.

Sent by Mr. T. Burns, 30, Hammond Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I am sending a sketch of what I think a simple but good idea, one which I have used this season myself with great success. It is a device for saving eggs, and likewise young birds. Last year I lost several eggs, and also young birds, through their being dragged out of the nest with the old ones. This sling is made with calico, 10ins. by 7ins., with a little tape sewed

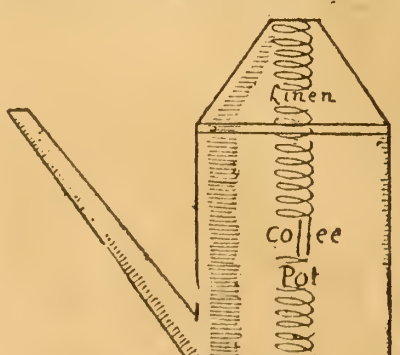


on each corner to wrap once over the perch. Then put a small tack underneath through the tape into the perch to keep the sling in position, as per sketch. This sling is only used from the time of the hen commencing to sit till the young ones are about from nine to twelve days' old. Then they are taken out, and two fresh perches put in their place, as by that time the young ones put their droppings over. I think other bird fanciers will find this a great advantage during the breeding season, as I have not lost one this season.—T. BURNS.

No. 397.
An Easily-made Duster.

Sent by Mr. F. Jackson, 5, Free Trade Place, Fazeley, near Tamworth, Staffs.

I am sending you a sketch of a useful tin for dusting birds, cages, or aviaries. It can be made out of a small coffee tin. The hole in



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Experiences Amongst My Canaries.

By A. SNELLING.

(Continued from page 301.)

In washing a bird you can easily spoil its chances of success if not careful in rinsing all the soap out of the feathers. I only use two lots of water. The first is made into a good lather by a suitable soap. I prefer a nice glycerine. I have seen it stated that any kind of soap will do; this I don't agree with, as many soaps contain chemicals which play havoc among the bird's plumage. I would also strongly advise everyone to keep off soda. I just pass my hand through the basin containing the soap, to take off the "askiness." Then with a shaving brush I give the bird a good wash, laying the wings and tail on the bowl side, and with a soft toothbrush I wash round the head and beak, this part being very difficult to get clean. You must be careful and not lay too much weight on the tail, or you will find it will leave the bird in a deplorable condition.

After the Wash.

When I think I have got the bird clean, into the other basin it goes, and I just keep its head above water. Then with a sponge I nicely rinse it over, and then with a soft towel gently pat it. If it is a quiet bird, and has a few baths, into the cage it goes in front of a clear fire. If it is rather wild I roll it up in a piece of bath towel and lay it in front of a fire for a few minutes; then I unroll it and put it into the cage in front of the fire. I like to give them a bath as soon after as they will take it. I always have a bath hanging in front of the cages, moving it about until all the birds have a go. I never put a bath inside the cage, as they splash so, and wet the sand which clings to their feet, tails and wings, and I have seen them look worse after a bath than before.

The best time to wash a bird is two days before the show as this gives it time to trim its feathers down, etc. Some birds will not trim until they have had a bath. Be sure and see that the wires are perfectly clean.

Birdie Playthings.

I don't like swings for birds that are for show, as it makes them very wild and causes them to stoop. I like, however, to see birds enjoying themselves in an aviary swinging, and where birds are not intended for show purposes by all means let them have a swing. A very good thing for making birds stretch themselves is to tie a few thread ends just so they can reach them by stretching themselves a little. They like something to play with. Or when giving anything for them to pick at just place it so that they can just nicely reach it—not too high, or they will cling on to the wires.

An excellent way to get birds steady is to put them into a show cage, and then into the packing case, and take them for a walk, say, to see a friend; and if he has birds, so much the better. By doing this the birds become used to being "away from home," so that when they are sent away for one or two days they are not so nervous, and are not so liable to pine and die.

Useful Hints.

All cages and show cages should be washed (after being returned from a show) with water containing a little Izal or Condy's fluid. The birds should have a bath with a few drops of the Izal in it. If they do not care to bathe they should be sprayed. This will kill any germs of disease they may have contracted whilst away at the exhibitions.

If the bird shows any sign of having caught cold, say, by sneezing, any of the under-mentioned will soon be found to put it right:—Six drops of chlorodyne, or about half a teaspoonful of glycerine in the drinking water, or a teaspoonful of linseed to a half gill of boiling water, when it is cold strain off and give to the bird to drink. This simple remedy will be found of great benefit to a bird which has lost its voice, or which is troubled with regard to its eggs.

If by chance you catch your bird eating feathers, it is because its blood is heated. In such cases add about as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence to half a gill of boiling water, and give to the bird to drink, when the preparation is cold. Give a liberal supply of green food, but keep away anything that is likely to cause its blood to become heated, such as hemp seeds. In cases of feather-plucking, the bald places on the bird should be rubbed with white ointment or pork lard.

If by chance any disease arises, wash the cages with carbolic acid, not forgetting the Condy's fluid. Use soft wood for perches. Dust the nest with Keeting's powder, and burn all old nests. Make cleanliness your motto, and you will not be troubled with diseases in or among your stock.

Notes from Erin.

NOW that the show season has ended, and on the whole it was a really good year financially for the clubs, as all shows were well supported, our attention and time must be given to the stock, in preparing and selecting them for pairing up. It is pleasing to note that so many new members joined our clubs, and I am sure we will all welcome them to our ranks as fanciers and assist them in their new hobby. The new novice members I would wish to warn against one of the greatest temptations a novice has to contend with, and that is pairing up the birds too early. In cold rooms if the stock are ready about the first week in April, that is early enough to pair up.

THE City of Belfast O.S. held their annual meeting some little time ago, and the following are the office bearers for 1910:—President, Mr. R. Trimble; Vice-President, Mr. A. Russell; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Ronaldson; Committee, Messrs. J. Neill, W. Trimble, R. Tidford, J. McAuley, H. McConnell. Their annual show has been fixed for the first Saturday in November. For a great many years this club held a members' show annually for Belgians and Scotch Fancies, and it is pleasing to find that next season there will be five classes given to chubby Norwich. I hope to see the Yorkshire provided for in their schedule, and trust that the new committee will consider this matter.

YORKSHIRE C.C. of I.—Mr. J. P. Rooney (hon. treas. of Y.C.B.S.) was appointed one of the auditors. It is hoped that this society will be successful with their next show, which is fixed for the 24th and 25th of November next. I trust to see all fanciers rallying around the courteous and energetic secretary (Mr. Hyland) and the band of new office bearers and help to put the old club on a good foundation, and thus encourage its hard-working officials in their arduous duties

ULSTER O.A.—At the annual general meeting the following office bearers were appointed:—President, Mr. Bawford; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. Trimble; Committee, Messrs. Neill, Ronaldson, Carson, Coates, Teasey, Gray, Barclay, Connell, Stewart, Cumming, Fleming, and Lavery; Trustees, Messrs. Cummings and Connell; Auditors, Messrs. Coates and Barclay. It was proposed, and unanimously carried, that a specialist judge be appointed for the British bird and Mule classes. The annual show will be held, as usual, in December. A "Raffle" was proposed to be held in order to increase the club's banking account, but the matter is held over for a committee to consider.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. of I.—This society is progressing by leaps and bounds. For their first year, after defraying all expenses and purchasing several silver cups, they have a nice little balance in hand of close on £12. The following are the office bearers for the season:—Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Huggard and W. Hawkins; Chairman, Mr. F. R. Fry; Committee, Messrs Sheridan, Holley, McDonnell, Birse, Stewart, Lynch, Callaghan, Wall, Lee, Tighe, Mulligan, Devins, Keating, and Coyne; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Rooney; Hon. Secy., Mr. D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton-st., S.C.Rd., Dublin. Members intending to compete next season for the Closed Ring Cup and the other valuable Specials confined to birds bearing club's ring should apply early to the Secretary for rings and thus avoid disappointment by giving Mr. Carroll ample time to place his order with suppliers. Intending members should communicate with the Hon. Secy. The annual subscription is only 2s. 6d., and for this small fee members are entitled to privileges too numerous to mention. A lecture will be given very soon. This is another step in the right direction.

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Club Reports.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held on March 26th. Mr. H. Seely presided over a good attendance. Thirteen new members were enrolled. We will accept members till the May meeting. All intending members kindly note.—G. H. SEELY, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

General meeting, held March 21st, Mr. Bladon in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Bertie expressing regret at being unable, through sickness, to give us a paper on the Norwich. The chief business was a proposition by Mr. McKail that we leave the Cage Bird Union. He found nobody to second same, but to test the feelings of the members present it was put, and decided unanimously that we still remain members of the Union. Two members were elected, and we also elected Mr. Fryer as show manager for our annual show at Belle Vue on October 28th and 29th.—H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell-road, E.C., on March 21st. The president, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, was in the chair. A letter from Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morrison (from Port Said) showed what a nice journey they were having. The chairman called on Mr. Allen Silver to give his lecture on British Birds. The lecturer dealt with all the species, from the largest to the smallest, and the friends and members were entertained for an hour and a half. Several questions were asked, which Mr. Silver ably replied to. A good discussion followed on the Goldfinch between Britishers and Foreigners. The chairman thanked the lecturer, and also the visitors. He was supported by Messrs. O. Heine and H. J. Pearce. Mr. R. J. Pretty proposed, and Mr. Tatter seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. GILBERT, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual tea and concert, in connection with the distribution of prizes took place at the club rooms' (Red Lion Hotel), on March 19th, when a good number of members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided by our host and hostess. The tables were tastefully decorated with flowers and all present did full justice to the fare provided. The chairman was our worthy president (Mr. W. A. Cowgill), and his opening remarks were much appreciated. He had a few chosen words to say to each recipient of prizes. He commented upon the great enthusiasm shown by the members, and complimented them on the excellent good feeling which prevailed. During the evening a capital programme was gone through, and some of the very best talent was procured. Every one of the artistes received well-merited rounds of applause, especially "The Evening Star," with his song, "Wiggle Waggle," and also Mr. Fairclough, with his Irish ditties. The following contributed: Miss Morrell (contralto), Messrs. A. Star and W. Hilton (comics), W. Moore and A. Fisher (tenors), Wilkinson and Robinson (elocutionists), and Wellock (baritone). The prizes were presented to the successful winners during the interval, and the positions were as follows: Champion Section: 1st, T. Wood; 2nd, W. Crabtree; 3rd, F. Wallbank; 4th, C. Ross. Novice Section: 1st, A. Bennett; 2nd, H. Graham; 3rd, W. Helliwell; 4th, F. Western. Then we made things "hum," and the accompanist (Mr. Moore) had hardly time to take breath. Mr. G. Wellock proposed a vote of thanks to our chairman, which was seconded by Mr. W. Crabtree, and carried unanimously. Mr. T. Clegg proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. J. Clark, to our host and hostess, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill proposed a similar vote to the artistes, which was seconded by Mr. T. Wood. Mr. Farquhar responded, and said they were pleased they had been a success. This was one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the club.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Annual general meeting, held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-st., Newcastle. New members were taken, and it was proposed by Mr. McKeuzie, and seconded by Mr. G. Graham, that Mrs. Bax become a member, which was unanimously carried. Proposed by Mr. Maddison, seconded by Mr. Storey, that the secretary write Blaydon C.B.S. that Mr. J. C. Barnes is to judge our section, and state classification. It was agreed that our vice-president, Mr. Currah present cups to the successful members present. Mr. Currah, in presenting Mr. Maddison with the British Bird and Mule Cups (he being the winner of both), said it gave him great pleasure to have the honour of presenting one of our most successful, upright, and straightforward exhibitors in the North with the club's two handsome cups, and hope Mr. Maddison would be long amongst us to continue to give the members assistance in promoting the Fancy. He had had a long and wide experience in the keeping and selecting of our beautiful British birds, also in the breeding of Mules. Mr. Maddison, in reply, said he was very proud to have won both these cups. He hoped that in the near future he would have the pleasure of seeing some of the younger fanciers in possession of these cups, as some had been making great progress. Mr. Currah proposed that Mr. J. Harris, his colleague, present the successful members with the club's medals, and this was seconded by Mr. Storey. Mr. Harris, in responding, said it was the first time he had been amongst the members of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., and hoped it would not be the last. In presenting Messrs. J. McKenzie, G. Graham, J. Maddison, E. Atkinson, and A. Storey with the medals, he hoped they would be equally successful next season. It was proposed by Mr. Storey, and seconded by Mr. McKenzie, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Currah and Mr. J. Harris. The report and balance-sheet were then read. The auditors spoke as to the position of our club. Mr. G. Taylor said the club was on a very sound footing. They had had a deficit to wipe off from last season, to provide medals, and have three cups for competition. Great credit was due to the members for the way they had worked. Mr. W. Curry, in endorsing all Mr. Taylor had said, thought the club was making very good progress. He hoped they would advance a step in carrying a much larger balance forward next year. Mr. Noble proposed the adoption of balance-sheet as read; this was seconded by Mr. Pettersen. Election of officers for season 1910 to 1911 resulted as follows: President, Mr. W. J. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Davidson, J. T. Porteous, T. C. Crawhall, J. Currah, J. Harris, T. Robson, W. Nicholson, and Dr. O'Neal; chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Curry; auditors, Messrs. G. Taylor and W. Curry. Proposed by Mr. McKenzie that we re-elect our present secretary, who had done his work well in the past, and had given every satisfaction. This was seconded by Mr. Pettersen, and supported by Mr. Storey, and unanimously carried. Committee: Messrs. J. Maddison, H. Weddell, A. Storey, G. Allinson, M. C. Potts, G. Graham, A. Hamilton, A. Noble, E. Atkinson, J. McKenzie, J. Irving, C. G. Pettersen, and Mr. Vanner. Table show resulted as follows:

LINNET: 1, Allison; 2, Bertram and Storey; 3, Taylor. GREENFINCH: 1 and 2, Taylor; 3, Graham. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Taylor; 2, Weddell; 3, Maddison. Mr. J. Irving judged, giving every satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks to him brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—J. BERTRAM, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first social was held on March 26th, in the large room at headquarters, Shaw-road, when about 70 members and friends enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Sharples. Songs were rendered in an efficient manner by Messrs. Hitchen and Highton, also Mrs. Miller and Miss Dalzell. Miss E. Dickenson created amusement with some Lancashire dialect sketches. Mr. Steeple gave selections on the concertina. Mr. Hargreaves (Shaw) was the pianist, and Mr. Yates the M.C. for dancing. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.—F. STEEPLE, Sec.

UDDINGSTON O.S.

Meeting held in Reading Room, on 24th March, Mr. J. Kilpatrick, vice-president, in the chair. The following office-bearers were elected:—Mr. T. Prentice, president; Messrs. J. Kilpatrick and G. Munro, vice-presidents; James Dunlop, London Bank, Uddingston, secretary and treasurer; committee, Messrs. Sheppard, Nesbit, Morton, Taylor, and Junor; auditors, Messrs. Donnan and Park. The open show date was fixed for 26th November, provided suitable hall can be arranged for. Judges for Norwich and British were nominated. Our membership is open to the United Kingdom. Next meeting in Reading Room on April 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Fanciers wishing to compete for members' specials must join at an early date; full particulars can be had from me.—JAMES DUNLOP, secretary.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Adjourned general meeting, held on 26th March, at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, the president, Mr. Winter, in the chair. The secretary read minutes of committee meeting re testimonial to the late president, Mr. A. C. Dandie, which was unanimously agreed to. The society started the subscription list with a donation of £5. Committee appointed for same:—Messrs. Craig, Cochrane, Rodger, Gourlay, Dewar, J. Brown, secretary and president. Any fanciers willing to subscribe please send same to the secretary, A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, who will also send subscription sheets to those willing to collect. After various business the classification for coming show was thoroughly gone into, and resulted as follows:—Norwich to remain the same; Crested and Crest-bred one class less, namely: young Crest-bred hens to compete in young cock class; two selling classes, Crested cock or hen and Crest-bred cock or hen, limit £2 10s., instead of two classes £3 3s. and £2 2s. respectively, other class, namely 20s., to remain; Scotch Fancy and Belgians to remain as previously; Borders same, but two extra selling classes added, namely: one class limit 15s. for pairs, also class for hens limit 8s., Messrs. Cochrane and Mackie guaranteeing the latter; Cinnamons to remain the same. [We fancy some "copy" is missing here, though Mr. Watson's sheets are numbered consecutively and follow in due order. —Editor.] Entry fee, 6d. per cage; no prize money, Mr. Jno. Brown kindly granting prize cards. Gift class to be discontinued. Specials to be competed for as formerly. Prize money is to be the same as formerly, after a few motions to the contrary had been fully discussed. Time being up, the meeting adjourned until 9th April, same time, same place. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.—A. W. WATSON, sec.

The Shows.

MENAI BRIDGE.

This Isle of Anglesey show, open to North Wales only, was held on Easter Monday, and was a most successful little affair. Entries came up well, and the quality was splendid for the time of year. Norwich were only few, but a good string of Yorkshires put in an appearance, and some very typical birds were to be seen. The Borders were a small but good lot. Mules were fairly good, the darks being the best. The two Goldfinch classes were splendid, and the competition very keen indeed. The judging books used did not give the cage numbers, as is usual, and the judge made a most unfortunate blunder, the result of which was that the worst bird secured the second card. Bullies were a very fine lot, and Mr. Nolan staged one of the best hens we have ever seen, and the same gentleman won in the variety hardbills with a lovely Bramble. In this class were some most excellent Greenies. The birds were nicely staged, and their wants well attended to by the committee, who are a most earnest, enthusiastic lot of fanciers, and in Messrs. Bacon and Roberts the society has two splendid secretaries, who did their utmost to make things go with ease and dispatch. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, J. Williams, nice cubby clear, neat head, deep chest, good feather, 3rd variegs., capital col. and shape, bit rough on head; 2, W. H. Williams, grand-headed variegs., beautiful col. and quality, bit long in tail; No. 5, Sheldon, absent. BUFF (3): 1, E. E. Griffith, very neat bodied, close feathered, wing mkd.; 2, Nolan, wing and cap mkd., nice col. and quality, not so stout; No. 3, Sheldon, absent. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Nolan, two slim, stylish birds, nicely drawn, capital quality, 2nd loses trifle in tail; 3, Pike, splendid quality, and style, little stouter in build; vhc, Owen; he, O. Owens; c, Walford. BUFF (9): 1, O. Owens, very smart, stylish, neat feather, shows well; 2, J. Thomas, more col., lovely quality and style, not so close in front; 3, R. W. Roberts, very neat body, nice style, wider in tail; vhc, c, Pike; he, Pritchard. A.O.V. (11): 1, he, R. W. Roberts, very slim, wing mkd. cinn. tkd., lovely col. and quality, very showy; 2, Walford, smart, shapely wing mkd. buff, rare style and quality; 3, A. E. Griffith, very slim, eye tkd. yell., lovely quality, handles well; vhc, J. Williams; c, W. H. Williams. BORDER (6): 1, 3, he, E. R. Roberts, wing and eye buff, rare shape and style, full of quality, and grand action, 3rd neat, stylish, clear buff; 2, vhc, c, D. Roberts, wing and eye mkd. yell., splendid quality, neat head, grand wings and tail. A.O.V. (2): 1, sp best in show, W. H. Williams, very nicely balanced even mkd. crest, neat centre and well drooped; 2, J. O. Williams, stylish buff Scot. MULE, LIGHT (4): 1, Jackson, shapely variegs. Linnet, capital feather, nice shape and shows well; 2, T. Owen (Carn), grand shaped, well-feathered variegs. buff, splendid stylo and nice size; 3, J. Williams, nice quality variegs. yell., small; vhc, Averill. DARK (10): 1, Nolan, very smart Greenie Can., wonderful col. and quality, well shown; 2, Parry, large, shapely Gold Can., capital quality, needs col.; 3, Jackson, fine, big, shapely, well mkd. Linnet Can., needs col.; vhc, E. R. Roberts; he, W. H. Williams; c, J. Williams. BRIT. GOLD. (16): 1, D. E. Williams, beauty, grand blaze, colour, and cheeks, nice back and bars; 2, O. Roberts, one of the worst birds in the class; Mr. House made a mistake in marking his judging book, putting down the award instead of the bird's number, owing to the judging book used being differently compiled to those generally used, a mistake he readily admitted and expressed regret for; No. 11, W. R. Roberts, was the bird for which the award was intended, a grand Finch, and one which pressed the winner very closely in all points; 3, L. Owen, fine, shapely Finch, good deep blaze, triflo dark in col.; vhc, A. E. Griffith; he, J. L. Roberts; c, Parry. GREYPATE (13): 1, J. Williams, grand shape and col. right through, deep, well cut, rich coloured blaze, rare bars and buttons; 2, c, O. Owens, splendid shape, size, and face, hardly so rich in body col.; 3, Hughes, wonderful colour and quality, hardly so large in blaze; vhc, R. E. Griffith; he, D. E. Williams. BULLIE (9): 1, W. H. Williams, large, full-breasted, of lovely col., well cut cap, nice back and bars; 2, 3, Noan, a charming hen, grandly mkd., rare col. and feather, splendid shape and well shown, 3rd another splendid bird, not quite so rich in breast as winner; vhc, D. E. Williams; he, J. O. Williams; c, No. 9 (no name). HARDBILL (10): 1, 3, vhc, Nolan, charming Bramble, wonderful col., feather, and spangling, 3rd rich coloured, well mkd. yell. Bunting, needs steadying; 2, Hughes, grandly feathered buff Greenie, wonderful wings and tail, rare shape; he, W. H. Williams; c, T. Owen. A.O.V. (3): 1, Averill, very pretty little Siskin, well mkd., nice col.; 2, E. E. Griffith, pied Blackbird; No. 2, Jones, absent. FOR. (6): 1, Mrs. Thomas, very handsome blue-fronted Amazon, gorgeous col., lovely condition; 2, R. T. Williams, large, well mkd. golden naped Amazon, capital col.; 3, E. Jones, well mkd., good coloured Goldie; vhc, Miss Thomas; he, R. Jones; c, Owen Owens. SELL (12s. 6d.) (10): 1, J. Williams; 2, J. C. Williams; 3, W. H. Williams; vhc, Thomas; he, Averill; c, Pritchard. HYDE'S (6): 1, he, Owen Owens; 2, J. Thomas; 3, A. E. Griffith; vhc, T. Owen; c, J. O. Williams.

STONEHOUSE C.B. AND F.H.S.

Table show of field-moulted Britishers was held in the Royal Oak Tavern, March 12th. Judge, Mr. W. Johnstone. Competition was very keen, with the exception of the Linnet class, which did not turn out as we expected.

GREENFINCH: 1, sp, McAlpine; 2, he, Whitelaw; 3, 4, Gray; vhc, c, Smith. LINNET: 1st, sp, 2, McAlpine. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, sp, Gray; 3, 4, Whitelaw; vhc, he, McAlpine.—W. MELVIN, Assist. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Successful table show (last of the season) held at White Swan, March 15th. The entry, which averaged eight per class, will no doubt encourage the officers in their endeavours to make the British bird section more popular. Mr. T. Ride judged, and gave every satisfaction.

GREENFINCH (10): 1, Hawthorn; 2, 3, Orme; vhc, Sherriff, jun.; he, c, Chambers and Son. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Hawthorn; 2, Mothersole; 3, Whiteband and Tomlinson; vhc, Gibbous; he, Allen; c, Orme. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Orme; 2, Mothersole.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES B.C

Usual monthly meeting held at 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on 26th, Mr. Thomson presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Malcolmson offered a silver medal with gold centre for a judging competition on one class for next meeting. Mr. Pettigrew agreed to get a gentlemen to give a lecture on breeding next month. The next business being our monthly show, three specials were handed in, and Mr. Reid was appointed to judge. When the birds were staged it was seen that there were over fifty birds in four classes, and some of them well-known winners. The Goldfinch, Foreign, and Linnet classes were grand ones; many open shows would have been proud of them—15 in each.

GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Munro; 2, Fulton; 3, Liddell; 4, 5, Small; 6, Connelly; 7, Renfrew. FOR. DITTO: 1, Renfrew; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Liddell; 4, Knox; 5, Roulstone; 6, Drysdale; 7, Brown. LINNET; 1, Malcolmson; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Small; 4, 5, McInnes; 6, Renfrew; 7, Fulton. GREENFINCHES: 1, 3, Small; 2, Malcolmson; 4, Roulstone; 5, Renfrew; 6, Thomson; 7, Knox. Judging competition on Goldfinch Foreign Class: 1, Connelly; 2, Small; 3, Munro.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

Adjourned meeting held, at which the following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. A. Muir; vice-president, Mr. J. Moulden; hon. sec., A. McCallum; committee, Messrs. Christie, Ross, Algie, McMillan, Wynn, Moffat, McLaren, and Graham. Linnet show held March 17th, at Mr. Muir's, Salt Market, under the club's auspices. The prizes were generously provided by members, and consisted of: 1st, two gigots of mutton, by Mr. Graham; 2nd, two 5s. specials, by Mr. R. B. Jarvie; 3rd, two pairs shirts, by Mr. A. McFarlane. In all 37 birds were staged, and the quality would have done credit to any open show. Many birds were sold, there being keen competition for some out of the tickets. The judges were Mr. H. Jamieson, for field-moulted; and Mr. M. Craig, for house-moulted, and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

HOUSE-MOULTED (12): 1, 2s. 6d. special for best Linnet, 6, Malcolmson; 2, Jamieson; 3, McFarlane; 4, Paterson; 5, McConnell. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, McCallum; 2, 6, Dunlop; 3, Todd; 4, Cochrane; 5, Summerhill. Show of Goldfinches held March 24th, when two classes were provided. Prizes, six in number, given by the club, and 2s. 6d. special for best Linnet, by Mr. R. B. Jarvie. The judging was most satisfactorily performed by Mr. D. Graham. FOR.: 1, Hutcheson; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Webster; 4, Dunlop; 5, Todd; 6, Thomson. Usual weekly singing contest held on March 26th, when three money prizes were sung for. The singing shows a marked improvement each Saturday. Results: 1, Paterson; 2, Ross; 3, Algie; 4, Cuthill. Next show, April 7th. Linnets, Bullfinch hens, and A.O.V. British Hen Hardbill.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Usual week-end time-singing contest held at Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, North Street, March 27 when some 23 birds faced the timekeepers, Messrs. J Hargreaves and T. Summers. Some remarkable times were heard. 1, Rennie, 213secs.; 2, Clark, 209secs.; 3, Hargreaves, 136secs. A match will be heard between J. Clark and J. Rennie one o'clock April 3rd. Usual fortnightly Roller-Canary contest will be held at above house April 3rd, commence 7.30 p.m.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, March 25th, when 12 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: Wood, 1st; Sellars, 2nd; 3rd shared between Madden and Atkinson. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and H. Hayes. Usual weekly contest at above house on March 27th, when 19 birds sang before a crowded house. Result: 1, Butler; 2, Farrar; 3, shared between D. Madden and Soloman. Messrs. Hayes and Smith officiated as judges; timekeeper, Mr. A. Binns.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, on March 26th, when 22 birds entered for competition. Result:—1, Abbey; 2, Mangham; 3, Kendra; 4, Storey; 5, Moore. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, senr. The 33rd annual Easter Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, on Easter Monday, when upwards of 30 birds entered for competition. Result:—1, Laverick; 2, Harrison; 3, Storey; 4, Kendra; 5, Moore. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, on March 19th, when 22 birds entered. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Storey; 3rd, Roaney; 4th, Watson; 5th, Kendra. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews; timekeeper, Mr. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington L.A. first club contest was held at the club house, Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, when 10 members competed for some good prizes. Result:—1 Stanway 119, 2 Smith 84, 3 Mather 80, 4 Hughes 76, 5 Davidson 70, 6 Clare 62, 7 Holden 52, 8 Rodgers 44. Judges, Messrs. W. Peet and T. Crawford. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Molyneaux. Meeting to be held at Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, on April 3rd, 8 o'clock; all intending members are invited. Open contest on April 9th, to commence 3 o'clock; 1s. entrance fee.—C. CORBETT, sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, held at Mr. J. Hallamore's Royd's Inn, Attercliffe-road, on March 27th, when 16 birds competed. First, Williamson, 61; 2nd, Herbert, 48; 3rd, Herbert and Albert, 39 seconds each. These sang off for 3rd prize, and Herbert won. Monday contest, when 10 birds sang. Herbert, 1, 44 seconds; Herbert, 2, 34 seconds; Herbert, 3, 30 seconds.—H. WOODCOCK, Sec.

We have received a "Linnet challenge" from Sheffield, but the sender must supply his name and address before this can be published.—EDITOR.

DURHAM.

Second monthly Linnet singing contest, held March 29th, at Royal Oak, Crook, where 20 birds sang. Result:—1 and 3, McQuirk; 2, Luckhurst. Judge, Mr. O. Reed (Brandon). Timekeeper, Mr. J. Rutherford (West Roddymoor). Next contest, April 2nd, Grey Horse Inn, Hollow, near Crook, £5 prizes; entrance fee, 2s.—W. RUTHERFORD, Bookkeeper and Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, March 25th, when 23 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Summers, W. Naylor, and G. Towers. 1st and 2nd shared between Bland and Hardcastle; 3rd, Bland; 4th, Soloman. Also on March 26th, when 19 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Also March 27th, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Wigfield. March 28th, Easter holiday contest; judged to perfection by Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Melia. Some good singing was heard. 1st, Rowe; 2nd and 3rd, Hardcastle. Also grand Canary contest on March 27th. Result: 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Wake. Judges, Messrs. Hoban and Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn and Dis. Lark F.A. first contest of the season took place at headquarters, the Mason's Arms, Audley Lane, on March 26th. Some really excellent singing was listened to. Mr. S. Harrison's bird, "Cross Wings," gave a most delightful performance; besides singing the whole time, the quality was of the very best. There were 18 entries, the following being prize-winners, with times: S. Harrison, 10mins.; M. Brierley, 9mins. 57secs.; J. Halliday, 9mins. 36secs.; P. Pollard, 9mins. 30secs.; R. Sheffield, 9mins. 3secs.; J. Williams and J. Sheffield (tie), 8mins. 32secs.—ROBERT AIREY, Sec.

We had another sing last week-end; 40 birds were entered from Wigan, Warrington, Preston, Great Harwood. We had some very good singing, mostly from Wigan. Result: 1, 5, J. W. Jones; 2, W. Barnes; 3, W. B. Bentley; 4, D. Bentley; 6, 7, T. Slaham. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones (Wigan) and Joe Dobson (Blackburn); timekeeper, Mr. C. McGreevey (Blackburn). Usual contest; 15 birds were entered. 1, H. Toppins; 2, Fender; 3, Rositron. Judge, Mr. G. Dobson; timekeeper, Mr. J. Cardwell. —T. SLATER, Sec.

Blackburn and Dis. Lark F.A. open contest will take place at Mr. R. Cottams, Royal Oak Inn, Furthergate, Blackburn, April 9th. First bird to be hung at 2.30.—ROBT. AIREY, Sec (ADVT.).

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The City of Birmingham C.B.S.'s annual balance-sheet shows a balance of £6 11s. 5d., notwithstanding a loss on the last open show of £14 16s. 4½d., which is highly creditable to the Sec., Mr. J. H. de Maillet, and the other officials.

Having seen in CAGE BIRDS an account of a Thrush being found sitting on eggs, I am pleased to tell you I also found one sitting on four eggs on March 20th, in a bush close to our garden edge. The bird was sitting very close.—H. R. HIGGINS (Aylesbury).

Fanciers residing within ten miles of Leyton are cordially invited to join the Leyton and District Cage Bird Association (self-governing and affiliated to nothing), write the secretaries, Messrs. Forte and Son, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E. This, we claim, is undoubtedly the most progressive association in suburban London. The membership now exceeds 100. Our rules are strictly adhered to, and this, combined with the fact that the management is conducted by a most capable committee, has no doubt found due appreciation. There are challenge cups and points' specials for each section, and other specials galore, to be competed for at the first feather, young stock, and annual shows, and for judging we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., with a nomination fee of 1s.—ADVT.

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Twitterings.

Our show date is fixed for December 9th and 10, 1910, writes Mr. J. Netherwood, Sec., Wakefield and Dist. Roller C.C.

Twelve new members were elected at our meeting held on March 22nd, writes Mr. W. Hodson, Hon. Sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Kindly note, writes Mr. W. Stevens, sec. of the Derby C.B.C., that I have removed to 58, Olivier Street, Derby, to which address all communications should in future be sent.

I am willing to do anything for CAGE BIRDS, for it is a good paper, and I feel I would be lost without it, writes Mr. A. W. Bessey (Sunnyvale, California, U.S.A.).

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) for the second year in succession has been elected to judge the cage bird section at the Consett and Blackhill annual show, to be held on November 12th, 1910.

At a meeting of the members of the Darvel O.S., held on March 26th, it was agreed to hold our open show on November 12th, instead of the previous Saturday, as formerly.—J. ROBERTSON, JUNR., Sec.

Will Mr. G. Atkinson, whose letter respecting a useful call or singing cage was published and illustrated in our issue of March 19th, kindly communicate his address to us, as we have a letter which needs forwarding to him?

Fanciers of British birds should attend our meeting on April 5th next, at the Reindeer Hotel, Ryo Lane, Peckham, when Mr. A. Silver will lecture on the protection of British bird keepers, writes Mr. W. Hodson, Hon. Sec., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

One of our most helpful members, Mr. Rostron, is leaving us to go to America, writes Mr. T. Slater, Sec. of the National Quality Linnet S.A. We wish him every success in his new undertaking. We shall miss him, as he was a great help to our society.

A silver medal with gold centre will be given for most points by Mr. W. Thompson, and a British show cage for second most points by Mr. W. Howden, at the table show at our next meeting on April 6th, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, Sec., South Shields C.B.S.

The London and Counties O.S. are holding their Finch show on April 2nd, with Mr. C. Prior as judge, at the Session's House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. sec. Trains, trams, and 'buses pass the door, and the show will open at 2 p.m.

The following gentlemen have kindly agreed to judge at our next annual show on November 5th, writes Mr. W. Melvin, assistant-sec. of the Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B. and F.I.S.:—Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), for Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Mules, and Hybrids; and Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) for Borders and British birds.

The 1909 balance sheet of the Border Fancy Canary Club shows cash in bank and in hand of £12 16s. 10½d., and this notwithstanding over £30 was devoted to "special prizes" out of the year's accounts. The credit of this healthy state of affairs rests very largely with the sec., Mr. Jamieson, and his fellow-officials.

In the advertisement pages of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, the address of that well-known metropolitan expert in the washing and preparation of birds for exhibition, Mr. W. Shakespeare, is (owing to an error in the copy) given as 23, instead of 233, Kentish Town Road, London, N.W. Will those interested kindly make a note of this?

Owing to a mistake which occurred in the entries at our table show on March 19th, the points for medals had to be counted over again, and they run as follows, writes Mr. F. Brown, Sec. of the Crook Original C.B.F.F.S.: F. Brown, 81 points; Siddle and Dawson, 54 points; W. Brown, M. Nattrass, and J. Handley, 29 points each; J. Cuthbertson, 8 points.

The full list of judges elected for the show of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S., to be held on Oct. 8th, writes Mr. Robt. Whitton, is as follows:—For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Fotheringham and J. Dalgleish; for Norwich and Crests, Mr. J. Young; for Borders, Mr. Gollan Hislop; and for British birds, etc., Mr. P. Pettigrew.

We are holding two first feather shows this season—on June 4th and July 3rd. A silver medal will be given to the novice gaining most points at the former show, of which Mr. A. G. Davis will be the judge, and some good money specials are already promised.—FRED WASHBOURNE, Sec., South Manchester C.B.S.

We have been fortunate in securing Mr. J. Wilcock (Bradford) to judge the Canaries, and Mr. Hy. Tams (Longton) the British, Hybrid, and Foreign birds, at our open show on October 29th next. At our next feather show on July 9th Mr. Anthony Brown (Gateshead) will place the cards.—E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec., Hartlepools C.B.S.

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I have removed from No. 100, Haydons Park Road, to 83, Haydons Park Road, Wimbledon, and should be glad if all secretaries would kindly note for reference, writes Mr. A. W. Reade.

We have a letter intended for Mr. William E. Priestley, who wrote us recently on the subject of "Can Canaries be taught the Nightingale's Song?" If he will communicate his address to us, we shall be glad to forward this letter to him.

I was pleased to see on the front page of CAGE BIRDS issue of March 19th the reproduction of the picture of my Hill Mynah. The difficulties in keeping Mynahs in good condition in this country are so great that it is a pleasure to see that CAGE BIRDS appreciates the exhibit which got me the first and special prizes at the City and Suburban A.C.B. show. My best thanks are due to the artist also, who has done the bird full justice. I wish your paper every success.—W. SHEPHERD (London, W.).

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The annual general meeting will be held at the Ship and Bell Hotel, Merthyr, on April 9th at 3.15 p.m., when the presence of all members will be esteemed. Any proposals kindly forward to me at your earliest convenience. Nominations for officers, etc., will be received, and cups, medals, etc., will be presented. Make every effort to be present, for in unity there is strength.—G. T. JONES, Hon. Sec.

Cage Birds 1910 Annual.

The supply of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1910 is now quite exhausted; our publisher has not a single copy left in stock. The demand has been simply phenomenal, the present issue having received such a warm welcome from birdkeepers that we are under the necessity of putting up the O.P. (out of print) notice many months in advance of the usual time. We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to readers. We have already under consideration several new features for future ANNUALS, which will, we hope, even add to the great popularity they now enjoy.

Fanciers, Beware!

We have received from Mr. A. E. Barcham (Sible Hedingham, Essex), a "poem" of eight verses, which, under the title "Fanciers, Beware," deals with many things, ranging from birds on ladies' hats to the interference of the rich with the sports of the poor. Owing to the rooted aversion of our printer to having more than four lines of "poetry" fired at him in any one week, we are able only to voice the admirable sentiment conveyed in the following stanza:—

But with all these things, and their vast £ s. d.,
I tell you there's not one as happy as we,
With our birds all a-singing, so gaily and free,
In a cage, just as well as when out on the tree.

On Monday next, April 4th, at 6, The Broadway, Wimbledon, Mr. R. L. Crisp has kindly promised to attend our monthly meeting, writes Mr. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Wimbledon C.B.S., and give a few remarks on the Yorkshire. As this is the first occasion Mr. Crisp has visited us, I feel sure members and fanciers in this district will embrace the opportunity of coming to hear him, and turn up in good numbers. There will also be a judging competition, with Mr. Crisp as final judge.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. ABBOTT (Jarrow).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. R. Blore, Sec. Jarrow and Dist. C.B.S., that I have to report the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. Jas. Abbott. Mr. Abbott was a British bird fancier, but lately had taken up Canary breeding, winning the novice medal for Yorkshires at our last show. He was buried at Hebburn Cemetery on March 29th, and was followed by the members of the society, who sent a beautiful wreath. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Abbott and family.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for many years, and find it very valuable, especially in regard to the queries, as there is always something popping up which is the very thing you want for the good of your birds. I wish it every success.—T. PARKER.

I must congratulate you on bringing out the useful "Nutshell" series of booklets at the low price of 2d., writes Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn). They contain a great deal of valuable information, and they must be a treat and very instructive to the new beginners in the cage bird Fancy.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

At a committee meeting it was decided to have the club show this year at Liverpool, and to have two of the cup competitions at Wellingborough and Nottingham. As there are still two more shows to be selected for cup patronage, I shall be glad if secretaries of societies who desire such patronage would communicate with me, informing me of date (which must be either the third week in October or after Nov. 12th), when I will send full particulars.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

A Scottish Fancier Honoured.

We hear from the secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S., Mr. A. W. Watson (58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh), that a subscription list is being opened with a view to presenting the retiring President, Mr. A. C. Dandie, with a testimonial in recognition of his great services to the society (which has headed the list with £5), and the Fancy generally. A special committee has been appointed to deal with the matter, and Mr. Watson will be glad to forward subscription lists to those willing to collect.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. *Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

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Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street).
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrane). J.H.R., W.E.C., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Rochdale "Good Intent."**—(W. Adams, 85, Bedford Street). J.H.R., and W.H.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R. and C.H.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, Tideswell). W.M.
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Lndlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W Foster, College Street).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). W.M., J.W., J.McN., T.S.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.
*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

I advertised a Canary-winged Parrakeet in "Cage Birds" a couple of weeks ago. The bird was claimed by 12.30 on the Friday (publishing date) by one of the largest London naturalists, long before I ever saw the paper, and gave every satisfaction.—HARRY SMITH (Connah's Quay).

We have had splendid results from the last two advertisements in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," which shows what a wide circulation it has. We had replies from all parts, and still coming in, the applicants wanting yellow hens and cocks, which we regret we cannot supply. Kindly thank those who enquired for birds, as we have answered all who sent stamps for reply.—LOVEGROVE AND LOVEGROVE (Henley-on-Thames).

THE FUND TO DEFEND THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY

The eleventh list of subscriptions received by Mr. Crabb up to Wednesday evening last is as follows: The Birkenhead C.F.A., 4s.; the Hyde and District C.B.S., 2s. 9d.; the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., 2s. 6d., making a total of 9s. 3d. The amount credited in March 19 issue to the Partick C.B.C. was wrongly given as 1s. 6d.; the sum collected and duly forwarded was 6s. 7d. This, and the amount acknowledged above, bring the total subscriptions received to date up to £61 13s. 11d.

Sympathisers should send their contributions at once, addressed to Mr. George Crabb, c.o. the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in their letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." Mr. Crabb is the well-known gentleman who for so many years was chairman of the London and Provincial O.S., and has very kindly consented to act as treasurer.

It was with great pleasure that I took up CAGE BIRDS of March 19th, and saw my little Zebra Finch depicted on the front page. And so like him, too. I did not think for one moment when I saw your artist, Mr. Goodchild, drawing him that it was for such a place of honour, and I am sure it will give Mrs. Morrison (our late member) great pleasure when she receives CAGE BIRDS, as I was able to catch the mail for Queensland that evening. The little Finch was her parting gift to me before she sailed for their new home. So the pleasure will be all the greater when they land, and find her little bird there before them. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—ROSE SHEPHARD (London, W.).

An Excellent Record.

Allow me to thank you very much, writes Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) for putting the picture of my winning foul yellow green Norwich on the cover of CAGE BIRDS of March 26th. It is a wonderfully good drawing, and my surprise was very great when I was informed on Thursday evening by a friend of its appearance. I consider it is a great honour for any fancier's birds to grace the cover page of your magnificent journal. I may say I have been a subscriber from the first number, and intend still taking it. It perhaps would not be out of place to mention here that the bird won the championship diploma at the 1910 Crystal Palace show for best Norwich green, and amongst its other winnings are: 1st Scottish National, 1909-10; 1st Horticultural Hall show, 1909; 1st Green C.A. show (Liverpool), and 1sts and 2nds at a great many more shows, both in 1908 and 1909. It is the same bird you were kind enough to make a coloured plate of in February, 1909. It was bred by me, and was the offspring of my celebrated winning buff, also bred by myself, and her winnings are about 34 1sts, two 2nds, and other prizes and specials. Truly an excellent record.

An Opinion Upon Egg Food.

In giving a reply to a querist in the post-mortem section of our "Questions and Answers" pages, we note that Mr. Geo. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., the gentleman who has this feature under his control, commits himself to the following noteworthy opinion concerning the use of egg-food: "Why all fanciers emphasise the fact of allowing but a microscopical diet off egg-food I cannot imagine. It is spoken of in a kind of stage whisper, as though it were to be given only surreptitiously and in inimical hœmeopathic proportions. Tho only precaution necessary in the feeding of egg food is to ensure its perfect freshness, when it will in no way cause harm. Please do not take this in a critical sense, for I only desire to disillusion the fancier as to the imaginary harmful effects of a really good food. Contagious diseases do not arise sporadically; there is always an element of contagion, and if egg-food were responsible for contagious avian diseases, then, considering the extent to which it is used, and that the birds so infected would become similarly infective to others, the cage bird would be an unknown quantity, and the bird Fancy would cease to exist."

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Ardwick C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. R. B. Fryer (C.-on-M.). Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Ayr C.B.C. — Apr. 4, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. McComb. Subscriptions for 1910 now due. Intending members welcomed.—C. C. Irvine.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Apr. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Table show of Brit., 2 classes, Hardbills and Softbills. Judge, Mr. Mellor.—H. Foden.

Barton C. and B.B.C.—Apr. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. To make final arrangements for F.F. show; don't forget table show. Apr. 6.—E. C. Dunn.

Bradford East O.S.—Apr. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Election of delegates for Y.U., etc.—H. Hill.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Apr. 6, headquarters, 8.15. Review of schedule for open show, Oct. 26th and 27th. Correspondence, etc. Apr. 7, annual dinner, at 7.30.—A. C. Bell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. — Apr. 5, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Draw business.—Elliott and Wood.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Baker's Room, King Street, 8.—R. Whitton.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—Apr. 6, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8. Distribution of prize money; other important business.—F. Easterling.

Batley O.F.S.—Apr. 2, Talbot Hotel, 7.30. Election of delegate to Yorks. Union, new members, and other business.—G. G. Stafford.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Question night, and arrangement of annual trip.—F. Gelder.

Bolton O.S.—Apr. 4, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Questions by ballot.—H. Parkinson.

Bramley O.S.—Apr. 2, New Inn, 7. Printing for syllabus, etc.—W. Maltby.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Table show, A.V. Bunting.—W. H. Bray.

Crewe O.S.—Apr. 5, Earl of Chester's Hotel, 7.45. Open and young stock shows. Paper on Borders will be read by Mr. Greenwood. Fanciers invited.—T. L. Hancock.

Clapham C.B.A.—Apr. 4, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. General show business; classification, etc.—A. C. Askew.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Apr. 4, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

Colne C.B.S.—Apr. 7, Angel Inn, 8. Classification, first feather show.—A. Wilkinson.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Smoking concert. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester C.B.F.A. — Apr. 5, Nag's Head, Cocoa House, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), "Pairing and General Management." Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Swindley.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Apr. 6, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Nomination of new members, report of pair show, business, re open show, and fixing date for first feather show.—Brown and Horner.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. General business, and to arrange "special cup" competition.—J. H. de Maillet.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Apr. 2, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. F.F. shows.—Parker and Parkes.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Savile Hotel, 7.—W. Hinchliffe.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture on the Protection of British Bird Keepers, by Mr. Allen Silver. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—W. Hodson.

Deans C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Dean's Institute, 7. To fix date of show and pick judges for same.—W. Easton.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Church Hall, Hamsterley, 6.30. Election of secretary, F.F. show, etc.—M. Armstrong.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Apr. 6, George Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Field-moulted Brit., Bramble-finch-Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin-Twite, Redpoll, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Softbill. Judge, Mr. T. Clemiuson.—R. S. Black.

East Ham F.S.—Apr. 11, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, E. Ham, 8. Disposal of breeding cages and lecture by Mr. R. Kirk.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Apr. 7, Riego Street Hall, 8. Election of judges. Booking of hens. Last meeting for new members.—R. Liles.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Apr. 7, 142, High Street, 8. Booking of hens.—Election of judges for annual show.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Apr. 4, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Booking hens, Important business. Members intending joining please note, last meeting for that purpose.—G. R. Smith.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Apr. 2, Fountain Inn, 8. Arrangement of members' shows, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Exeter C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Paper by Mr. T. Evins (Evins Bros.), "Crest and Crestbreds." Selection of judge for annual show, etc.—R. H. Folley.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Apr. 8, Clarendon Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and table show of Brit. and For. birds, 11 classes; 2 classes added: Bullfinch, cock, and Greenfinch, cock. Judge, Mr. R. V. Raine.—W. Proudfoot.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Howard Arms Hotel, 8.—H. S. Waters

Hanley C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Bours Hotel, 8.30. To elect officers, etc.—B. Peake.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Table show, A.V., British Hardbills. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chick.—W. Cottingham.

Hartlepools C.B.S. — Apr. 6, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8 Show business, and formation of a Roller section. All members please attend.—E. Woodhead.

Halifax O.S.—Apr. 2, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. E. J. Cundall (Halifax) will give a lecture on Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing Canaries. All welcome.—J. F. Thackray.

Hull C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' show. Pairs for Mule and Hyb. breeding. Judge, Mr. G. Harland.—E. R. Ridley.

Huddersfield O.S.—Apr. 4, Methodist Schoolroom, 8. Arrangement of Members' F.F. Show. All guarantees to be in by Monday night, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Lockhart's Cafe. Monthly table show: 1, Nor., Cl., etc., Yell.; 2, Yorks, do, do; 3, Border Fcy. do; 4, A.O.V. Yell.; 5, Linnet, etc.—R. Blore.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Annual general, and election of officers, etc.—D. John.

Leeds C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Breeding and Rearing Canaries, by Mr. C. E. Hall; fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Longton C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Castle Inn, 8. Paper by Mr. S. Wooton, on the Norwich Plainhead.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Apr. 2, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Notes on the Roller Canary, etc.; fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Leith O.S.—Apr. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Election of judges, booking of hens, last meeting for enrolling new members.—G. Brown.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Date of F.F. show, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Apr. 5, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. Walton; fanciers heartily invited.—J. E. Wood.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Apr. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Business, to arrange dates and time for old feather members' shows, and other very important business.—J. E. Hudson.

Leyton C.B.A.—Apr. 4, Constitutional Club, High Road, Leyton, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. Allen Silver; fanciers heartily welcomed.—Forse and Son.

Manchester N.C.O.S.—Apr. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Experiments with Cinnamon blood, by Mr. W. A. Bladon.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—Apr. 2, Malbray Arms, 8. Judges and dates for members' show. H. Grange.

Nelsen C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Bull Hotel, 8. Classification for F.F. show, etc.—J. England.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Apr. 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Washing exhibition and competition.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Apr. 7, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Cage-making demonstration, by Mr. Shepherd; other club business, subscriptions due, new members elected.—T. C. Crawhall.

Newsham L.C.—Apr. 2, Miner's Arms, 7. Linnet contest; 10,- will be added to all entrance, 1,- per bird.—S. Laws.

Oldham C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Alteration of F.F. show date, and selection of judge for same.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Headquarters, 8. "Reminiseences of Different Varieties of Cage Birds," by Mr. R. Hunter, and appointing show judge.—T. H. Tiffen.

Preston O.S.—Apr. 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. General meeting.—R. Taylor.

Pudsey and Stanningley O.S.—Apr. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Business, Important; please note change of day.—J. Butler.

Portobello C.B.S.—Apr. 5, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. General business, and paper by Mr. A. Matthew.—Buchan and Hogg.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Temperance Club, 8. Quarterly meeting, committee's decision as regards L.U., show business, etc.—W. Adams.

Reading C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Washing display; all members bring birds, open to all fanciers.—W. H. Pyke.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Apr. 9, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7. Nomination of judges, etc.—A. W. Watson.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Apr. 6, The Clarence Hotel, Jeffrey's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. Cage bird, etc. show, annual dinner on April 13. members and friends are asked to notify hon. secretary at their earliest convenience the number of tickets required.—J. A. Roberts.

Shirebrook C.B.A.—Apr. 2, Institute, 7.30. To arrange for show, and other business.—J. Pickering.

Sale Open O.S.—Apr. 4, Technical School, 8. Confirmation of officers and rules and balance-sheet, final.—J. Irlam.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Apr. 2, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting, auditors' report, and election of officers.—W. Reid.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Arrangements for prize distribution and supper.—J. Lewis.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Headquarters, 8. Members requested to attend, as important business will be brought forward.—F. Washbourne.

Shields C.B.S.—Apr. 6, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business and table show of Brit., 1 Linnet, etc., 2 Goldfinch, etc., 3 A.O.S. Brit.—J. Barrass.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Apr. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Members' Brit. and For. bird show, judge F. Marwood.—J. W. Jones.

Shipley O.S.—Apr. 5, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Members' shows, balance-sheet, etc.—H. Martin.

Uddingston O.S.—Apr. 7, Reading Room, 7.30. New Rules, new members heartily invited.—J. Dunlop.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Apr. 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Remarks on the Yorkshire, by Mr. R. L. Crisp, judging competition (Yorks.).—H. Smith.

West of Scotland.—Apr. 2, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Election of judges, new members still being enrolled.—G. Smart.

Walkden C.B.S.—Apr. 5, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30. Impromptu debate.—H. Howard.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arranging syllabus of shows, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

West London F.A.—Apr. 7, Bush Hotel, 8. Annual show judges, and a lecture.—J. Dewhurst.

Windsor C.B.A.—Apr. 7, Headquarters, 8.15.—E. A. Stickland.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Apr. 9, Hough Lane, 7.30. Fix date for Nest Feather show, etc., invitation to all fanciers.—J. Hudson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Apr. 2, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Apr. 7, Headquarters, 8. Election of judges for young and old show, and prepare schedule for young show.—W. Mallinson.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Apr. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Delegates report of last Union meeting, classification for F.F. show, arrangements for winter show.—Garnett and Cook.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Apr. 5, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. F.F. show, Spratts' samples.—F. Bowman.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Silent Wooer.

Market Cross.—The cock is probably one of the quiet wooers, who will not sing when in the company of his "fame," and I think it quite likely that matters were showing a favourable development when you put them together, and if you had left them together instead of separating them again, they would doubtless soon have settled down to business. However, feed them both as follows, and put one each side the wire slide again; and remove the slide a day or two after you see the cock begin to feed the hen; or, if weather keeps mild, try them in a week. In addition to your present staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with a pinch of a mixture of sesame and gold of pleasure in equal parts every second day, instead of giving egg-food daily. On the alternate days give the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed. Give two leaves of dandelion to each bird daily. I should not say the hen was no good, but she may not have been in very good condition when you tried her; or, again, she may be very young. The next trial should show a better result.

After Egg-binding.

W. E. Shaw.—If you had given me some particulars of your present treatment, and when the egg-binding occurred—that is, whether it was with the first egg of a clutch, or a subsequent one, or more than one, or whether the hen laid only that one—I should have been in a better position to help you. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and for the rest feed as advised to "Market Cross," save that you omit the hemp from the mixture of seeds given alternately with the egg-food, and instead of giving dandelion for green-food, give chickweed, watercress, or groundsel, giving preference to these in the order named, and eschew dandelion altogether. You may also add twenty drops of chemical food to the water daily for a week. See that the has plenty of space for exercise until ready to mate up again, which you may do as soon as she is ready. Keep the cage floor well strewn with gritty shell sand, and also a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires or hung in the cage, and you might also smash up a few chips of old mortar to a coarse powder and strew over the cage floor.

Moulting and Moving Yorkshires

Green Horne.—I cannot trace the previous reply in the issue you mention. When referring to a former reply it is always best to cut out the reply and enclose it, or repeat all the particulars. To stop the moulting you must see that the birds are not exposed to any draughts or extremes of heat and cold. Keep them just comfortable. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and the next week omit this, and give instead twenty drops of chemical food. Repeat this in the same order in the third and fourth weeks. Give two leaves of dandelion each daily. Remove the birds to the fresh quarters any time now, but take advantage of a spell of nice mild weather for the change, and wrap cages up cosily during the actual transit.

Whew!

Ernie.—By mine halidom, thou art a greedy one (no offence meant) to hope to do better this year than you did last year, when you say you succeeded in rearing 12 cocks and 4 hens from a single pair of birds. You must consider yourself very fortunate if you do as well and no better, and, if you take my advice, you will be content with less. This record means an average of four young each from four nests, which is too much for one hen to do repeatedly. (1) If both these birds are clear, you will get a majority of clear Yellows and Buffs from them, and a few ticked ones. But much depends upon what their parents were. The song also will depend very largely upon what kind of tutor the young birds have. If they hear nothing but the Roller's song, and he is a good singing bird, they will make songsters for ordinary singing purposes very little inferior to the Roller. (2) The vital principle must of necessity exist in the germ even before the eggs are laid, and it is a matter of hours rather than days before this is roused to activity once incubation has commenced, though the earliest stages of development are not readily observable in small birds' eggs. (3) This should have been on a separate sheet. Feed the same as you would for young Canaries, but add a little soaked rape to the dietary from the beginning as well as giving egg-food, and give groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, etc., of a seedy character freely as green-food.

Crest-bred with Fits.

J. Whitelaw.—You can do nothing for this bird, I fear, beyond treating it quietly and methodically, so that it may in course of time come to understand that you meant it no harm. The "fits" you describe are merely the result of fright, or nervous shock. Move its cage about as little as possible; see that it is not alarmed by the presence of cats or dogs at any time. Feed and tend it regularly, and without any fuss or flurry about its cage, and always leave a choice bit of green-food, or something else, behind you, so that it will get to associate your presence with the proffered dainty. Do not allow it to become constipated any time. Add a small pinch of sulphate of soda to the water occasionally, if necessary, to prevent this. For food give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, teazle, and maw seed, and twice a week for the next month, and once each week afterwards, give a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, lightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure added on top. Give green-food daily. If, as I suspect, you only offer the bath occasionally, gradually increase its frequency until you give it every day, so as to get the bird accustomed to it. For a time place a tempting spray of green-stuff in it to help to win the bird's confidence. I would not advise you to mate him—the excitement of the nesting season would probably be too much for him.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Ailing Cinnamon.

G.H.T.—The hen is probably in an overfed condition. Keep her in a comfortable part of the room, quite free from draughts and chills, and do not offer the bath until she gets more active except on quite mild bright days. At same time, do not keep her decidedly warm, as you only want to prevent the chance of any sudden chill, which is to be strictly avoided in this condition. Feed her on a staple mixture of plain canary seed. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Remove each night all that has not been consumed of these extras. Give also on the days the sponge cake is given a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, and sesame. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, except the drugs in the water, which may be stopped at the end of a week.

Various.

S.O.—As you are in the habit of washing the sand trays and perches every week, your birds should be well accustomed to the process, and I see no reason whatever why you should not continue the practice right through the breeding season. I am assuming that you remove the perches as well as the sand trays from the cage to do the washing. If not, you must do so, and take them out quietly one at a time and wash, dry, and return, before removing the next. It would simplify matters if you had a double set of perches, as you could then remove the soiled ones and replace them with the surplus clean set in a moment or two without the least possible disturbance. I would not advise you to mate the hen whilst she has a cold. See that she is kept perfectly free from draughts, and add 20 drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, to the drinking water for a day or two. The sample of seed sent is gold of pleasure, also called golden pleasure. It is never quite so small as maw seed. Yours is a good sample, and of good size.

Is it Singing Too Much?

S. Stephens.—I once heard a Black Country man declare that his pet Lark had "sung all the feathers off 'is yed," but I have yet to come across the bird of any kind whose incessant singing was responsible for bad plumage all over the body. No, you can dispense with this idea at once. Although you say you have searched the cage for red mites, I should advise you to have another thorough good inspection all over, raking out any cracks or open joints, and taking particular note whether you find any of those white dust-like spotted areas which are the hall-mark of red mite infestation. If you discover anything of the kind, see that the pest is annihilated. Do not keep him anywhere near a fire, but choose a place where there is least amount of fluctuation between night and day, and perfectly free from draughts. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut scalded with milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, teazle, linseed, and gold of pleasure in equal parts. Give a spray of green-food daily, but vary the watercress, with chickweed, groundsel, and dandelion leaves. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after this give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a month, and then report progress.

No Results.

Hoofy.—You put up the birds nearly two months too early, and, in all probability, whilst they were totally out of condition. This, as is frequently pointed out here, is an utterly useless and futile proceeding, and "no results" is quite the "usual result" of this course. If they still show no signs of beginning, separate them at once, and keep in separate cages, where they can see each other. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, or egg-food, sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two leaves of dandelion to each daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a day or two. Continue the above feeding until the birds have gone to nest, but do not put them together again until you see the cock singing and calling vigorously to the hen, and the hen responding promptly to his calls. When an egg-cake is used, it is, of course, as a substitute for the ordinary egg-food, and not in addition thereto. The usual seed diet, however, must be retained in addition to the egg-cake or ordinary egg-food, whichever may be used.

An Experimental Turn, etc.

J.B.C.L.—(1) The cock requires a little more time to develop, I expect. If things are not running more smoothly by the time this appears, put the cock in a separate cage and hang beside the hen, so that he can both see her and feed her through the wires. Feed him as advised to "J. C. Siddons," and do not put him with the hen again until you see her responding promptly to his call, and allowing him to feed her through the wires. Then she will probably accept his offerings in a better spirit. See that they are quite free from draughts and fluctuations of heat and cold, and give twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water for a few days until the colds have disappeared. (2) Your treatment of the egg-bound hen was correct, all but giving her castor oil, which was useless. Only time can tell whether she is to be trusted to rear the young or not. It is quite probable she will. If she shirks the task, transfer them to another hen with young of the same age, or rear them by hand. (3) Of course, you may experiment with the foods you mention—there is nothing to prevent you doing so if you wish. But do it as an experiment, and expect nothing but what turns up, by the way. Personally, I would not try to rear young on sponge cake alone. It is very useful, and a valuable adjunct to the larder; but this I should regard as abusing, rather than using, it.

Brevities.

The Difference (Novice).—The difference between a Norwich Cinnamon and a Norwich Plainhead is the same as the difference between a Norwich variegated and a Norwich Plainhead; in other words, there is no difference at all except in the colour, which is the cinnamon colour grafted on the Norwich stock. You might describe it most truly, if not so tersely, as a Norwich Plainhead of a cinnamon colour. See British Bird replies for answer re Greenfinch.

Canary Rings (A.H.L.).—Cannot mention any particular dealer here. If you keep an eye upon our advertisement columns under Appliances, you will find plenty of rings offered at the proper time. You might also have found some advertised last week.

Owing to the Easter Holidays many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until our next issue.—EDITOR.

Bare Around Eye (A. and B.).—Feed the bird now on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Continue to give the bread and milk as before twice each week for another month, and on two other days each week give a small pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, black rape, gold of pleasure and teazle in equal parts. Give a little green-food—groundsel or chickweed preferably—each day, and add twenty drops of chemical food to the drinking water every second day for a month. Continue to supply the bath as frequently as required, and occasionally dissolve a crystal or two of permanganate of potash in the water—just enough to give the water a light pink tinge. If there appears any moisture on the bare skin, dust it every few days with boracic acid.

Egg Eating Hen (Anxious).—I think the only practical cure for this is "capital punishment." A specially prepared egg made by blowing an ordinary Canary's egg and filling with a delicate compound of mustard, salt, and cayenne, made into a thick cream, then stopping the hole, and placing it in the nest for the culprit to investigate, is believed to have a good deterrent effect, so is the rule of placing a china nest egg in the nest for them to work off their energy upon. Personally, I have small faith in these remedies. But try them. If it is a valuable hen, you might save the eggs by making a hole in the bottom of the pan just large enough to allow the eggs to drop through as soon as laid, into a small box attached underneath. Then you could give them to a foster hen to hatch and rear the young.

Rapidly Overgrowing Beak (J.H.J.).—You must keep the mandible cut back as often as it requires it. As it grows so rapidly, in spite of keeping a piece of sugar and cuttlefish in cage, try substituting for the latter a small piece of roughly-broken pumice stone saturated in a very strong solution of common salt, and stuck firmly in the wires. The salt may induce the bird to peck away at the stone for some weeks. You may also bind a strip of sandpaper, about half an inch wide, around the end of perch, next wires, at which it will peck away with good effect. The bird may be an old one. Thanks for remarks anent the helpfulness of these replies.

Cinnamon and Green (Another Anxious).—No, I do not think Cinnamon blood in Greens is beneficial, as whatever you may gain in quality of feather is lost in the purity of the green, which should be the prime consideration in a green always. The result of the mating you suggest, assuming there is no trace of Cinnamon blood in the cock, will be Greens and Green variegated.

Disappearance of Eggs (A. Emery).—You should not take it for granted that the hen ate the eggs simply because they disappeared. They might have been dragged out of the nest, and come to grief on the cage floor, or if there is still any building material about the cage, she may have been adding more to the nest and hidden the eggs. You should keep a sharp eye on the pair and discover whether the birds are really addicted to this habit or not. If they are, see reply to "Anxious," on the subject. Your diet will bear improving. Look up a few replies on this point.

Procrastination (J. C. Siddons).—The hen is only putting off until to-morrow (or later) what you expected her to do to-day. As a matter of fact, she was not quite ready for mating. Leave them alone now, and exercise the estimable virtue of patience, and things will probably develop on the correct lines before long—perhaps by the time this reply appears. If they have not so developed, give a small teaspoonful of egg food, sprinkled with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed, every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp and inga. Give two leaves of dandelion daily to each. Continue this treatment until the hen has gone to nest. Your other treatment seems to be correct, so in a short time you will probably see things going as you desire.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

With Bullfinch Hens.

Curio.—Bullfinch hens vary as much in taste, so far as nesting sites, nesting materials, etc., are concerned, as do Canary hens. I have one Canary hen now which has built her nest entirely of cow-hair, with a little white deerhair as lining, ignoring the moss contained in the nest-bag. Her next-door neighbour, however, has used practically all moss. I never interfere; it is best to let the fair sex have their own way. Your cage 2ft. 9ins. long by 2ft. high and 18ins. wide should make a fine one to try to breed either British birds or Hybrids in, the good width affording seclusion. Give the hens an ordinary nest-bag and a supply of charpie, or white "deerhair," for nesting materials. If you get out into the country at all, you can supplement these with dried grasses, bents, and an old Blackbird's or Greenfinch's nest pulled to pieces. My own hen

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Britishers are often very fond of charpie, and one or two have built a fine, clean-looking, cosy nest practically entirely of it. Some use an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. Some like an old Blackbird's nest to re-line, and some will lay their eggs in simply a hole made in dried grasses strewn on the cage floor. They are peculiarly variable. They will rear the young (or attempt to do so, I should say, for few succeed, the usual plan being to put the eggs under foster parents) on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relished soft foods, and egg food, and live ants' eggs.

The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Miss Stevens.—The Goldfinch-Bullfinch is, of all Hybrids, my favourite. You can hardly try for any more fascinating cross, though, of course, there are rarer ones. Both Goldfinches and Bullfinches come into breeding condition in due course if correctly fed. Follow the lines laid down in my recent answers, and you ought not to go wrong. Both species should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse, and chickweed. Give feeds of wild seeds, niger and maw seeds, to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldie of hemp nor the Bullie of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day if she shows any liking for it. Most fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries; some prefer to give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I have never found any too reliable. In small aviaries they may behave all right. Should you get young offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides), if you can get them, likewise live ants' eggs in season.

Putting the Claws in Order.

K.P.—You certainly ought to attend to the bird's claws. It is absolutely dangerous to leave them so very much overgrown. Catch the bird and place it on its back in the palm of the left hand, holding it gently but firmly, taking care not to squeeze it. Let the thumb fall over its throat, and the third and little fingers (or middle and third, as most convenient) each side of its legs, the latter projecting between them. It will then be easy to get at the bird's feet and claws. The latter should not be cut too close to the toe, or they will bleed, and likewise hurt the bird. Roughly speaking, a tiny blood vessel runs into the nail from the toe for about a quarter of an inch (in a small bird), and one needs to always cut outside this. If a bird has white nails (like most Canaries) this blood vessel can be plainly discerned on holding the foot to a good light. Use a pair of sharp scissors, cut quickly and firmly, and this necessary operation is easily performed. It is not at all difficult, in fact, and quite painless, when properly done. Any dealer, or experienced fancier, would attend to the matter for you if you doubt your own ability to carry it through; take the bird to them.

"Feeding an Aviary."

Hopeful.—You mean the birds in the aviary, eh? I have had a fair amount of experience of keeping both British and Foreign birds in aviaries, and I have certainly found that it is wasteful, and consequently expensive, to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower (or, preferably, a mixture of half-sunflower and half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and put a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. This menu, of course, is for British seedeaters; if you put any foreigners in, then millet seed must be added. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult.

Mule and Hybrid Breeding and How to Go About It.

By J. S. COOPER (Matlock).

I will commence with the aviary intended for Mule or Hybrid Breeding. It should be 12ft. long by 9ft. from back to front, and 11ft. high at back by 8ft. at the eves. The position for this is as near south as can be got. The aviary should be built, if convenient, against a brick wall, or if against an ordinary rough wall the wall must be plastered with good cement, or a composition of two of cement and one of sand mixed well together before adding water. The latter will be a little cheaper and will make a better job, as the sand will make it set harder and tougher. This will keep all the vermin out which are fond of visiting our feathered pets.

The Ends and Front of Aviary.

Now we have made the back safe from vermin, damp and frost, the ends should be either good "seconds" bricks, or if boards, of ¾in. thickness, or 1in. thickness if the pocket will allow, same to be grooved and tongued and planed inside if not outside; you will realise the benefit of the extra cost when you apply your distemper or whitewash. The outside of the woodwork should be dressed with pitch and tar well boiled together and put on while warm, as it fastens to the wood better than if applied when cold. This should be done at least eighteen inches up from the ground. If in a cold position the aviary ends may be covered with felt, or you can have two thicknesses of boards, say, ¾in. grooved and tongued, leaving two inches between to fill in with saw-dust, about eight or nine inches on the bottom being filled in with broken glass or broken stone and cement, which answers for concrete amongst builders.

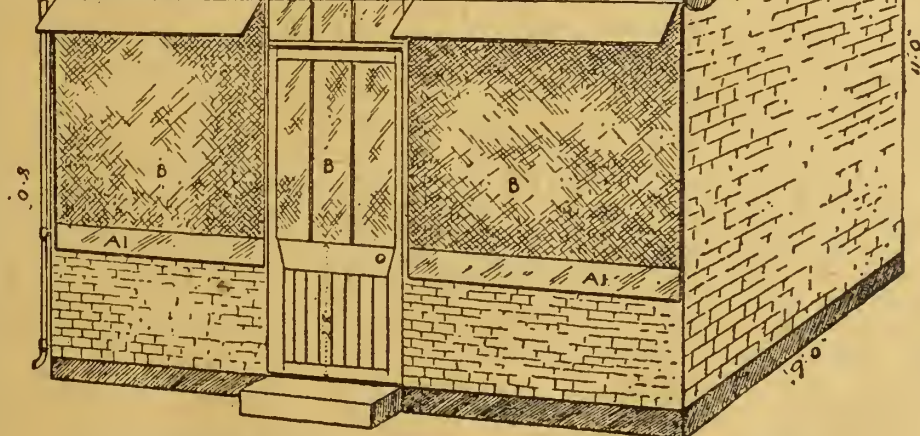
Now we come to the front, which should be done on the same lines, except the door, of course, which should be wood for 2ft. 8ins. from the ground, and the remainder ⅝in. mesh wire netting. The front wall should be 2ft. high, with 8in. deep of strong obscure glass, which is for the purpose of preventing mice from climbing up and getting through the netting on the front of the aviary which goes up to the eves. Wooden shutters are made to hang from the eves or top edge; these are fixed so that they can be turned up to prevent the sun shining directly upon the inmates.

The roof should be made of grooved and tongued boards, one inch thick, planed inside and covered with felt; they should be well dressed with pitch and tar, prepared and put on warm; then scatter fine sand over it, which will cause it to set sooner. I prefer obscure glass about one third up the roof next to the eves, as it gives good light all over the aviary, and prevents cats from disturbing the birds. All glass must be covered with ½in. netting either inside or out, and if made on frames the netting can be taken down when one is spring cleaning. And this will also prevent the birds escaping in case of accident to the glass. The floor of the aviary on front should be concreted about 2ft. 6ins. from the front wall, and should slope from each end to the hanging side of door to take away any wet that comes in through the netting. I believe in keeping the floor as dry as possible.

A false door or lobby should be arranged, made of ½in. netting and framing. This can be placed inside or outside the aviary. It is to prevent the birds escaping when you are opening the main door. If the door is in a position where rats are inclined to visit, dig a trench about eighteen inches deep and insert ½in. mesh wire-netting, well dressed with pitch and tar, and then fill ground in again, well ramming to make it solid.

The Aviary Decorations.

Now we come to the decoration of the inside. Provide one spruce tree, five or six feet high, one box tree, about four feet high, planted in suitable pots or tubs painted a nice holly green. But let them be free from any smell of paint before putting the birds in the aviary, as it might upset them. You can get some ivy and plant it in long, deep, narrow boxes, and train it to grow up sticks or ladders made for the purpose. Fix these against the back wall. Then fix a branch or two in quiet corners, with plenty of fibre on them, for roosting purposes, etc. I don't like to use any shrubs or bushes with prickles on them; they are very dangerous, especially when eggs are in the nest, as they are very liable to offend you when getting the eggs, and the prickles may drop in amongst the eggs and damage them. You can also get a few wooden nest boxes, and by driving a few small wire staples in you can decorate them with various branches, and put an old Missel Thrush nest in, or a Blackbird's. Or a good dry turf sod is very attractive; if hollowed out in the middle it makes a fine foundation. For perches I prefer a dead Scotch fir or two or three with the smallest twigs trimmed off. I fix these perches where the birds have to use their



Mr. Cooper's Idea of an Outdoor Place for Hybrid Breeding.

A: Obscured glass over one-third of the roof. A1: Obscured glass to prevent mice, etc., climbing in through the wire netting. B: Wire-netting, half-inch mesh. C: Two wooden shutters to shield the birds from the sun when necessary; made to lift up. D: Roof made of tongued and grooved boards.

wings to get from one to the other. You can have too many perches as well as too few. Fix a willow stick in a bush, or a slender stick that will sway about when the birds alight on it now and again; but I don't believe in having too many acrobatic perches where birds are pairing.

Keep all the seed hoppers and water vessels from under perches. Have plenty of hoppers, so that you don't have to mix above two kinds of seeds together; this will prevent waste. You will need two covered-in earthenware drinkers, and two washing bowls or dishes, about 1½ins. deep, and large enough for two or three birds to wash in at once. Don't forget to have a row of the common gauze bushes close to the front wall outside the aviary, to prevent cats climbing up and disturbing the birds.

The Birds and Their Fare.

We now turn our stock in as follows: one real Jonque cock Siberian Goldie, one that has been tested with eggs, and one British cock Goldie (but it is wise to keep your eye on them); two good large mealy Redpolls, and two good unflighted cock Canaries (one yellow and one heavily marked, off clear birds—these must be vigorous birds); one large well-coloured cock Greenie; one hand-reared hen Chaffinch; one cock Siskin; two Siberian hen Bullies, and six British hen Bullies. The drinkers are filled every morning, baths are given every other day (except when the weather is very severe), and as the season gets warmer they have it more liberal, and in hot weather they have as much as they like. Baths are well washed every day, and chemical food is given once a week in the drinking water, making the latter about the same colour as port wine. The seed, etc., should consist of a liberal supply of freshly-cracked white sunflower seed, hemp, Canary, and brown summer rape, with a mixture of the following every other day: teazle, maw, inga, gold of pleasure, charlock, black rape. Supply the following (which should be gathered and stored away for the purpose) in jars or stands: thistle seed, hardheads, docks, kedlock, nettles, and wild sage. Don't forget to give a few mealworms every other day, and the birds appreciate the following berries, when in season: billberries, clusterberries, dewberries, elderberries, ash keys, alder balls. These harbour insects as well as containing seed. Small spiders and insects of various kinds can be thrown in; what suits them the birds will eat, and the others are at liberty to come out; but don't destroy them until you know whether the birds accept them. Privet berries are relished by the Bullies and sweet apple with the pips in, and a little boiled carrot now and again. Always have a supply of rape seedlings when the green foods are scarce, and as soon as other green foods come give a liberal supply of the following: dandelion leaves (but capture the flowering heads as soon as they appear), shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, grass seeds, rat's tail, or plantain seed, and water cress. Give a liberal supply of cuttlefish bone and bird grit. Old mortar is an excellent thing to give for the shelling of eggs. In wet weather I gather the green foods overnight, and put them in jars with water, and give to the birds as soon as I rise the next morning. I watch that all frost is off it before giving to them.

I also like to feed my stock as soon after daybreak as possible, as they are the first in my thoughts. I am out in the country, so I have advantages as regards gathering green foods.

The Birds First.

When all my stock is watered and fed, and the doors and ventilators are alright, I have a litle food myself, and then I take a stroll in some likely place to see if I cannot gain a little more knowledge as regards the habits and feeding of the various pets I am interested in, and also to gather a few sprays or branches of plum trees and hawthorn, wild rose or any loose bark from old trees. I search for insects, carrying a little tin can to put them in, with a few small holes in the lid; and I do not forget to look out for all kinds of small fibrous trees and turf roots for the bird's nesting purposes. These I throw in when the pairs show signs of breeding, together with a litle moss and cow hair, old cocoa-nut matting, horse hair, and sheep's wool. I don't like sheep's wool much though, as it is liable to get entangled with the eggs and the bird's claws, and thus often causes accidents.

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Where My Birds Live.

My cages are stacked under a west kitchen window, and face a south one; so that the birds get plenty of both light and sun. The cages are twenty inches high, twenty inches broad, and sixty inches long. Each can be divided into three cages by a wooden movable partition (which contains a small wire door) during the breeding season. In spite of assurance from other breeders, I find my birds do very well in such large cages, and are certainly healthier and happier. Of course I have several smaller cages put by for emergencies.

There is a lot for and a lot against keeping birds in the kitchen. For: Well, they are tamer; we can see at once if any are ailing; we learn to know the robustness of their constitutions quicker, and so can avoid many an illness; we can keep the fire in at night (half a shovelful of fine slack will make it last until morning) during the winter; and, last, but not least, you have more enjoyment out of them. Against keeping them in the kitchen: the chief thing is the varying temperature—and the noise!

One of the first things I learnt through keeping them in the kitchen was self-control! No one knows what a hard fight one has with one's self when an insistent little madame will persist in calling "tweet, tweet," every teatime, under the deluded notion that if you are having cake and biscuits she has a perfect right to a share too! Or if you are eating an apple, by the fire, one of the cock birds "sidles" up to the corner of his cage, and putting on his "pity-me-Pete" air, plaintively twitters the fact that he has no apple! Not that I consider apple or biscuit bad for my birds, but, like everything else, they ought to be given in moderation.

Concerning Dainties.

That reminds me of a valuable fact I have learnt from CAGE BIRDS. I sent up to ask the Canary specialist's help for a sick hen of mine, and received the answer that the complaint was more indigestion than asthma, and the advice: not to give them so many dainties. So now, during the winter months, in addition to summer rape and Canary seed, they get one dainty per day—apple, maw, boiled carrot, fresh sand, grape, boiled rape, spray millet, varied with an occasional bit of biscuit, or sponge cake. Hemp I have a horror of, except during the breeding season; and I really do not think birds in a warm room require either it or egg-food.

When I give any dainty I try and coax the birds to take it out of my fingers, for I find this an easy way to tame them. I never bother a timid bird to do this; but with the boldor ones a few minutes' patience will often bring the desired result.

Little Tricksters.

It is wonderful how quickly Canaries learn tricks! A favourite game of our birds is for us to hide a hemp seed between our finger and thumb, and then call one of them to come and "seek" it, which it immediately does; they worry their little beaks into our fingers in exactly the same way a dog will work his nose into your hand for a hidden biscuit. If we call out "Romeo, where's your Juliet?" one of the cocks puts his heads through an unoccupied food-box hole, and looks up to the cages containing the hens. In fact, I consider Canaries as clever as the average baby.

As I said before, having them in the kitchen enables me to see in a moment if anything goes wrong. And I have learnt the valuable lessons that if I give maw at the first signs of diarrhœa there is no need to give the more drastic arrowroot; that a dose of linseed tea at the first sign of cold, cough, or hoarseness, prevents my flying to the aid of some well-known mixture or other; that if I give green-food at the first sign of constipation there is no need to supply Epsom salts; that maw given over-night will often prevent egg-binding in the morning; that cleanliness prevents all insect pests, and much sickness; that riddling the sand every morning, and providing clean twice a week, is a safe-guard against the death of young birds; and, lastly, that sometimes the unexpected cures!

Valuable Lessons.

I have a hen which was greatly troubled with indigestion. I tried every known remedy—known to me, at least. At the end of the breeding season I put her with another hen in one of my long cages who immediately "made for her;" so I hastily ran in one of the partitions. Then they fought hourly through the little wire door, and the exercise made a visible improvement on her ladyship!

I believe in letting the old birds, if possible, spend the winter apart from the young. They moult better by themselves. Being run down by the breeding season they have no peace with the young ones, who hustle them about and snatch all the dainties. Especially do I think this is so in the case of the hens if they are to be healthy enough to start breeding early in the next season. The young hens are better paired later—early breeding with young birds I consider a fruitful cause of egg-binding.

I always cover the birds up at night. For one thing it keeps them snug and warm; for another, it allows them to go to sleep in spite of the lamp-light. So well do our birds appreciate this that if we fail to cover them up when they are tired, a pitiful "tweet, tweet" will remind us of a neglected duty. The bath I leave on all the year round, and if a bird chooses an unsuitable day for its toilet, we keep a sharp eye on it. If it mopes instead of drying itself, we insist on its doing a little exercise to keep up the circulation. It is surprising how the others will go on eating, and playing, taking no notice of us, and just the wet one to whom we keep saying, "dry yourself, sweetheart," will fly from end to end of the cage.

Another thing I have learnt through experience is not to boast! I informed a friend once that we had never lost a single bird. The next week one of our nestlings died. After boasting that I did not know what egg-binding was amongst my birds, I immediately had that dreadful experience. Now I never boast! Sounds superstitious? Well, I have learnt superstition through experience! Can anyone tell me why all my birds that I have ill-luck with are "capped" birds, to which we have given the name of "Punch?" And that the only Punch which we have ever kept—to use an Irishism—is one we gave away! And, lastly, I have learnt in any difficulty to write up at once to CAGE BIRDS for advice; for one always gets a prompt, courteous and valuable reply.

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A HOLIDAY AMONGST THE ROLLER FANCIERS OF GERMANY.

By ANDREW PERCIVAL.

Accepting a friend's invitation to go over to Germany with him, I send you a few of the impressions the trip left on my memory. The weather appeared to favour us, for we had only one hour's rain in the whole of the thirteen days we were away from home. When we left Grimsby for Hamburg (at 9.30 p.m.), the North Sea was considered very calm, but evidently I am no sailor, for I had to miss two meals the following day.

I cannot say much about the scenery of the country, for what travelling we did was got through during the night, but the cities we visited impressed me very much indeed. Berlin, Hamburg and Leipzig with their tall handsome buildings and broad streets with their miles of beautiful shops (containing magnificent goods), their broad open spaces, some planted with trees and others forming miniature parks, are most beautiful and interesting towns.

Our principal object was to visit some of the Roller Fanciers. Unfortunately for us, many of them had commenced breeding operations, and we did not hear quite as many birds as we should have done had the conditions been otherwise. Breeders have different systems. One will run one cock with one hen; another will have one cock to two, three, or four hens, changing the cock about as required. Again, another breeder will turn three or four hens and one cock into a cage and allow them to do just as they like. The cock, in this case, would pair with one of the hens, and as soon as he had got her to nest, he would pay his attention to another hen, and so on.

One breeder we called upon happened to be away from home, but his wife seemed very pleased to show us the birds. Breeding operations had not commenced in this room. We heard about forty cocks, splendid songsters, in full song, with scarcely a discordant sound among them. This strain has won dozens of medals (gold and silver), diplomas (which were hung on the walls and filled an album as well), and numerous other special prizes of different kinds.

I told this good lady that I thought they ought to retire and give others a chance! The only part of her answer that I could understand was, "Nay, nay, nay!" with a very surprised look that I should suggest such a thing. She told my friend that they were only just beginning! She was more than surprised when she was told that some of their best birds had failed to take prizes in England.

Another breeder we visited had reserved about forty cocks and sixty hens. Breeding operations were in full swing here. Many of the hens had young ones, and nearly all of the remainder were sitting. We had the pleasure of listening to fourteen cocks; these had been in breeding cages and were waiting their turn for the next round. Fancy fourteen full-toned birds, with deep hollow tours and, to use the breeder's own words, "including Koller-like Tour" (but which he called "Gluck"), and, further, free from anything objectionable in their song. These birds had gained 84 points and upwards. To my mind they are the best I ever heard. Five pounds did not tempt their owner to part with any one of them.

We visited several other breeders, whose views are more for quantity than quality. One man's expectations for this season are three thousand young birds! We also called upon dealers in Rollers, but their birds had nothing striking about them, and the prices asked were higher than in England for birds of the same quality.

In every instance we were received most graciously, and of the public generally I can only say that I found them smart, orderly and very polite.

Song in the Breeding Season.

In all birds there is a considerable difference in their notes during the breeding season, even in those that do not sing. As an instance the Curlew has a melancholy whistle during the whole of the year, but in the spring he commences with a low note, which gradually rises, and then slowly falls away in a long drawn-out note of great beauty and sadness. This is quite a lengthy performance compared to his usual wild cry.

Protective Colouration of Eggs.

The eggs of birds which nest upon the ground are most difficult to find in consequence of their protective colouration. The eggs of the Grouse and Ptarmigan resemble in markings the heather and ling among which they are concealed. The eggs of the Ring Plover, Little Tern, and Oyster-catcher are stone colour, to resemble the shingle and pebbles on the beach among which they are laid. Those of the Lapwing resemble ploughed soil or the colour of dried bents in a scrubby pasture field. The same protective resemblance is found also in the young newly-hatched chicks of such birds.

Wild Bird Life.

The First Spring Migrant.

As usual at this time of the year we are having a spell of cold east wind. But this does not appear to influence the forward movement in bird life, for the sun generally shines strongly at midday, and when this is the case birds soon forget and recover from the chill of the early morning. In sheltered shrubberies the mud-lined nests of both the Blackbird and Thrush may be found, for, although the first-named bird does not gladden us with his mellow piping quite so early as the Thrush, he somehow is very little behind him in selecting a partner and commencing to nest. One has built and already lined the structure in a niche in the old park wall, a cosy spot well sheltered from wind and rain. It is just possible that this is the same pair of birds which appropriated this site last spring, although they did not succeed in rearing a brood, for a pair of Jackdaws (which nested in a hole in a tree near by) took a fancy to the mottled eggs, and so the Blackbirds had to seek a safer site for their second effort. Yet, in spite of this, I am inclined to think it is the same pair of birds. In many cases wild birds have short memories, or they would never continue to nest in the same position as they often do after repeated robberies. Allowing, or resenting, interference with a nest and its contents cannot be judged by any given rule, for some birds may be constantly disturbed with impunity, while others will forsake the spot upon the very first occasion.

In the old park adjoining my garden we have seen the first spring migrant. The little Chiff Chaff is once again with us. Although insect life can hardly be more abundant now than it was a month or two back, still this graceful little Warbler has made the perilous journey from the far south to visit once again his English home. In structure, in mode of living, in beauty of plumage, he closely resembles his congeners, the Willow and Wood Warblers; and yet it will possibly be some weeks before either of these dainty birds put in an appearance. By then the slender little Chiff-Chaff will many times have told his name to all who care to listen. He is one of the most interesting of the birds which nest here in the summer, full of energy, and bubbling over with music, and the joy of living.

When Migrating.

It is supposed that birds fly at a great height when migrating and descend only for food and rest.

Unbroken Eggs in Old Nests.

Unfertile eggs may even now be found in old nests. It is quite a marvel how these have escaped destruction, seeing that in many cases a whole brood of young ones has been scrambling over them for a couple of weeks before leaving the nest.

Grouse in Winter.

Some of the Grouse on the Northern moors and hills have a hard life of it during the winter months. At the best they are but timid birds, and only a few shrivelled berries and frozen haws remained and such seeds as were to be gathered from the stalks of the taller weeds. It is a wonder that any survived, for although living in higher latitudes, they are not so abundantly clad as many more Southern species.

Birds' Feet.

The feet of birds are quite a study of themselves—a study in the make-up of feathered creatures often neglected. The Hawks and Owls have strong, powerful claws, adapted to hold their prey. The Ducks have the toes united by a web or skin the whole length of the foot, while the Stone Curlew has the web to the second joint. The Grebes have lobes at the toes. The Coots and Moorhens also have lobes, but of rather a different shape. The Swifts have short claws like toes, with short hairs down the leg to the foot. The Cuckoo and Woodpeckers possess four toes, two short ones and two larger ones. All these peculiarities in the formation of birds' feet are designed by nature to enable the birds to exist in their various habitats. The foot of the perching bird would be useless to a wader, or the strong claws of the Hawk to a Thrush or Blackbird.



The Barring of Bird Breeding in Bradford.

Full report of the Speech made before the Health Committee by the deputation from the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. The Notices to Quit suspended while the Committee further consider the matter.

Readers will doubtless remember that some few weeks ago we published an account describing the attitude of the Health Committee of the Bradford Corporation, which had caused notices to quit to be served upon certain tenants of the Corporation known to breed Canaries as a hobby, notices which would come into operation unless the birds were at once got rid of. The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. immediately took the matter up, and appointed a deputation consisting of the President, Mr. Fred. Hammond, and the Secretary, Mr. Horatio Hill, to wait upon the Health Committee and lay before it their views upon the matter. We have pleasure this week in publishing the most thorough and able speech which, we understand, was prepared and read by Mr. Hammond, and which brought about the suspension of the "notices to quit" pending further consideration of the case. Bird-breeders the world over will join us in hoping the issue will be a happy one for the fanciers concerned.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Mr. Hill and myself have been deputed by the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies to wait upon this committee with regard to a matter of supreme importance to a very large section of the rate-paying community of Bradford. The Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies is an institution which has for its object the encouragement of the breeding of Canaries and other cage birds, and the advancement and protection of the interests of its members in exhibiting the same. The City of Bradford has been its headquarters ever since its foundation, and its membership is open to any accepted cage bird society in Yorkshire. At the present moment there are twenty-nine societies affiliated to the Union, representing, in addition to Bradford, the following places, viz., Halifax, Huddersfield, Brighouse, Bingley, Keighley, Dewsbury, Wakefield, Guiseley and Yeadon, Hoyland, Windhill, Pudsey, Queensbury, Shipley, Skelmanthorpe, Batley, and the Spen Valley, and possessing a membership of 1,200. Of this number over 600 belong to the Bradford societies, and to arrive at a proper estimate of the number of bird breeders in this city I suppose I should be well within bounds if I added 400 non-union fanciers, making, at least, 1,000 persons engaged in this pursuit in our own city, which, by the way, is almost universally acknowledged as the Canary centre of the world. This fact will, to some extent, explain our concern with anything of importance, either beneficial or prejudicial, to Canary and to other cage bird breeders and exhibitors.

We sincerely trust that the action of the Yorkshire Union in appointing this deputation to seek an interview with the City Health Committee may not be misconstrued as an attempt to interfere between the Corporation and its tenants, or to dictate in any way whatever as to what agreements should or should not be entered into between the parties concerned. Our sole duty consists in laying such facts before this committee as are likely to commend themselves to such an extent as to convince the committee that a certain bye-law, which we are given to understand is in existence, and which, we are informed, it is proposed to bring into force, would, so far as the breeding of Canaries is concerned, be more honoured in the breach than the observance. The bye-law referred to prohibits the breeding of live stock in any of the houses belonging to the Corporation.

That Essential, Cleanliness.

In regard to certain species of live stock which are, in some places, allowed to be bred in some part of the house, this deputation is in entire sympathy with and acknowledges the necessity for the bye-law referred to, but Canary breeding is a hobby carried on almost exclusively in the attics of houses, and a well-ordered bird room is so far removed from all that pertains to the unhealthy, unsightly, or nauseous as to preclude any possibility of disease or nuisance arising therefrom. No one would take up the culture of birds without intending to make it successful, and it is the A. B. C. of bird breeding, in order to arrive at such a desideratum, that every attention must be given to the most scrupulous cleanliness and the highest form of ventilation that conditions will permit. Neglect of these two vital points is simply courting disaster, and is surely a speedy method of ridding the Fancy of any individual who may fail to comply with these primary essentials. It would be foolishness on our part to insist that such a person can never be found, but the same can be truly said of persons in every walk of life, of which fact no body of men is more cognizant than the members of this committee, whose experience, we feel sure, will contradict any possible suggestion that these undesirable and isolated cases are any proof of the general state of affairs.

It would almost seem unnecessary to ask you, gentlemen, to believe that Canary breeders in general are persons of like passions to yourselves. They are not entirely ignorant of or blind to those things which make for comfort and happiness and add real joy to life. The sanctity of and veneration for their own homes, the love of their dear ones in such homes, and, in fact, the making of home everything that is implied by the word in its highest and most sacred sense, are matters which appeal to Canary breeders in as marked a degree as to any other section of the community, and it would be nothing short of injustice and insult to charge these men and women as a body with subordinating these higher things to the pursuit of their own particular pleasures and desires, irrespective of any detrimental effect such course of action might have on the health, comfort, and happiness of others. We love the better things first, and bring their influence to bear as much as possible in making our hobby at once practicable, profitable, and pleasant.

Some Merits of the Fancy.

To enlarge on the merits of the Fancy from physical, virtuous, and moral standpoints would occupy more of your time than we feel at liberty to monopolise, but the evidence of eminent physicians as to the impossibility of connecting a well-regulated bird-room with any outbreak of disease can readily be placed at your disposal, and the testimony of ministers of the gospel of all shades of religious opinions can be obtained to witness as to the elevating and uplifting influence on thousands of lives which were previously being wasted in various ways. From the virtuous point of view, it can well be claimed that the man who wishes to be a successful bird breeder has absolutely no time, and very often no money, to waste in drunken revels or other forms of riotous living, and if patience and perseverance have a right to be classed amongst the virtues, then, of all men, Canary breeders have unlimited scope and unusual and continuous demand for the exercise of these, without which their attempts are foredoomed to failure.

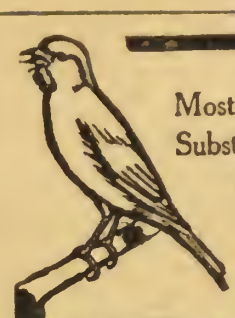
You will pardon us, I am sure, if we refer as little as possible to the philanthropic side of our hobby, as it would savour too much of blowing our own trumpet, but it would require very little investigation indeed to prove that we bird breeders are ever ready to assist not only the unfortunate amongst our fellow-fanciers, but various deserving agencies outside our own sphere, and the committee from our ranks who held the last show on behalf of the Cinderella Club had the joy of handing over the sum of £15 to the funds of that deserving charity.

I think I have now said enough to prove our contention that, so far as Canary breeding is concerned, the Health Committee would be justified in modifying on our behalf the bye-law under which several of our fellow members are suffering under notice to quit their houses or their birds, or, at any rate, to give instructions that so long as the bird breeding is carried on under conditions which cannot be considered a menace to health or a nuisance in any way, the said bye-law shall not be enforced. I would not minimise in the least the degree of hardship which the enforcement of the bye-law would inflict upon the tenants at any time of the year, but the present is certainly the most inopportune of them all. The birds, if not already paired together for the breeding season, are certainly in readiness for that event, and only awaiting the necessary weather conditions, and to undergo the turmoil and upset of removal to entirely new quarters would undoubtedly spell disaster, with a consequent heavy loss to their owners.

Astounding Figures.

But probably above all the most serious aspect of the whole matter is the effect which the Health Committee's enforcement of this bye-law would have on bird breeding as a hobby in Bradford and possibly throughout the entire country. Should the edict go forth and be publicly proclaimed that the Bradford Health Committee had definitely forbidden the breeding of cage birds in their property, there is no reason to doubt that many well-meaning but mistaken landlords would consider it prudent to do the same, with the possible result that Canary breeding as a hobby would be gradually but none the less effectually destroyed. What the loss to Bradford trade alone would be in that event is not easy of estimation, but a few salient facts can be ascertained by easy calculation. We will suppose each breeder to have on an average all the year round no more than fifty birds. This means that the 1,000 breeders in Bradford will expend no less a sum than £2,500 per annum on white canary seed alone. A considerable sum in addition is spent on such seeds as rape, hemp, maw, linseed, etc. During the breeding and moulting season each breeder will be consuming from six to ten new laid eggs per week, at an estimated cost to the Bradford fanciers of from £500 to £800. For the same period no less than 24,000 loaves of bread would add something like £250 to the total. At the annual prize distribution more than £100 worth of goods purchased from Bradford tradesmen are distributed to the winners thereof, whilst at least another £100 per annum will be paid to the Bradford printers of handbooks, schedules, catalogues, etc., by the various societies. Many hundreds of pounds will be spent annually in Bradford for cages, nest pots, nest linings, and the various other requirements which go to furnish an up-to-date bird breeder's room.

These are the simple but truthful facts, gentlemen, upon which we base our contention that very serious thought should be given the matter before any harassing or unnecessary regulations are brought into force, the ultimate result of which cannot be foreseen, except so far as to make it tolerably certain that no good would be done, but great harm, injustice and loss all round might reasonably be expected to result.



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Annual General Meeting.

A Council meeting of the Yorkshire Union was held on March 26th, Mr. R. Halliday (President) in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Mr. F. Hammond, who with the secretary, was appointed to approach the Health Committee with regard to the notices that had been served on fanciers residing in Corporation houses, gave a report of the way the deputation had fared, and in doing so read a special report which he himself had prepared to read before the Health Committee, in order that they should the better understand the nature of the case. I feel sure I can safely say that all fanciers, and the Yorkshire Union as a body, are deeply grateful to Mr. Hammond for the pains he took in preparing this splendid report to place before them, and it is to be hoped the effort will meet with success. As yet the Health Committee have come to no definite conclusion in the matter, although the notices have been removed for the present; but I sincerely trust the efforts that the deputation put forward will have satisfactory results.

The Shows and Judges.

The judges were balloted for the Union shows, with the following results:—

October 1st.—City of Bradford O.S., Mr. J. Rohson.

October 8th.—Shipley O.S., Mr. W. Cruise.

October 15th.—Laisterdyke B.F.A., Mr. A. Hirst.

October 22.—Bradford West C.B.A., Mr. J. N. Harrison.

October 29th.—Huddersfield O.S., Mr. H. W. Walsh

November 5th.—Manningham C.B.A., Mr. J. Broadley.

November 12th.—Eccleshill C.B.A., Mr. J. Wilcock.

November 19th.—Great Horton O.S., Mr. H. W. Battye.

November 26th.—Windhill, Shipley, Mr. P. Mason.

December 3rd.—Brighouse C.B.S., Mr. J. Hartley.

December 10th.—Halifax O.S., Mr. T. Bennett.

December 17th.—Bradford East O.S., Mr. F. Armstrong.

December 31st.—Great Horton "Good Intent," Mr. W. A. Cowgill.

January 7th.—Queensbury C.B.S., Mr. H. Sutcliffe.

January 14th.—Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A., Mr. J. C. Barnes.

January 21st.—Skelmanthorpe C.B.A., Mr. C. A. House.

These selections, of course, are subject to the judges appointed accepting the engagements.

The balance-sheet for the past year was submitted, and showed a substantial balance on the year's working. The same was accepted with satisfaction. Messrs. F. Armstrong and W. Holroyd, the auditors, gave their report, as to finding the books in excellent condition, and complimented the officials on the progress made during the past year.

The Secretary gave his report on the business that had been transacted during the year, and alluded to the working agreement that had been arranged between the Yorkshire Union, the Cage Bird Union, and the London Federation, hoping that the step which the Y.U. had taken was one in the right direction and one which would eventually lead the three bodies concerned to recognise each other's efforts, as an essential factor, for the well-being of the Fancy in general.

The membership of the Union is now larger than at any previous time in its existence, and this will no doubt give every satisfaction to its officials, who have had a very trying year's work indeed. I desire to place on record my sincere thanks to these officials for the courtesy and help they have extended to me during my term of office, thereby making the work much lighter, and enabling me to deal with the business of the Union in a satisfactory manner. Mr. H. H. Towers was again re-elected treasurer by the Council, and Messrs. F. Hammond and W. Blakey as scrutineers for the next annual ballot. The Council also decided to make a grant of £10 to the secretary for his work during the past year. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. A. Livesey, and seconded by Mr. G. R. Rushworth, to which the retiring president, Mr. R. Halliday, and the auditor, Mr. W. Holroyd, ably responded.

The following business was left over to the next meeting of the new Council:—Election of sub-committee; members' subscriptions for the next year; and correspondence relating to the holding of Cinderella Club's show. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to railway grievances, and it was finally decided that the secretary should write to the Cage Bird Union and London Federation stating that now was considered a favourable opportunity for a combined effort to be made in this respect. This brought the meeting to a close, the President thanking the delegates for their attendance.—H. HILL, Sec.

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WANTED Canaries, Britishers, anything for smooth Fox Terrier bitch, 11 months, 10/6: Mellor, 30, Station-rd., Barnsley.

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WANTED, 2 large variegated yellow Norwich hens, 1909 (or nearest offers); exchange exhibition, coloured Mule, Finch song, sell 10/6, beauty: Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

WANTED, Blackbird, constant pure songster (wild caught useless), nr Jay; exchange cages, exhibition Goldfinch, roller shutter, used once: Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

WANTED, exhibition cock Hawfinch, Goldfinch, hen painted Finch, cock Rufous tail, or Mealy Redpoll; exchange exhibition Linnets, hand-reared Lark or prize Cavies: MacDonald, 29, St. Mary-st., Arbroath.

WANTED, 2 hen Parrot Finches, and 1 pair Crimson Finches for disposal; 2 late bred hen blackcheek Lovebirds, price, 12/6 each: Mathias, Lucerne, Stubbington, Hants.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, Germans, 1/6; Norwich, 1/9; Yorkshire, 2/-; buyer of any kind of birds, cocks or hens: Perkins, 25, Kingstown-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, customers for 2 buff Norwich cocks, winners, 8/- each; 4 Yorkshire cocks, 3 yellows, 1 buff, winners, 8/- each; 5 Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; 2 buff Norwich Muling hens, 3/- each; 2 cock Goldfinch Mulers, 6/- each; or nearest cash offer for lot: John Mitchell, West End, Marazion, Cornwall.

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BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands: latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE good Goldfinch for Yorkshire hen; yours first: Winterbone, Wisbech St. Mary, Cambs.

WILL give 1/6 and cock Linnet, proved Muler, for 2 hen Canaries: Mr. Green, 19, John-st., Enfield, Middlesex.

LOVELY exhibition cock Goldfinch, in full song; exchange gent's walking stick, sell 6/6: Stanger, Burnley-rd., Bacup.

EXCHANGE Greenfinch, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch, all prize winners, for pair Yorkshires: Mitchell, Page-rd., Clacton-on-Sea.

GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 15/-; exchange large Yellow Norwich cock: Clarke, Lyndcroft, Lexden, Colchester.

SALE or exchange, 1 fine cock Bullfinch and 2 hens, for Yorkshire or Norwich cocks: Horace Simmons, St. Mary's-st., Wallingford.

TWO cock Skylarks, full song, with cages, 5/- each, or exchange for pair of good Norwich: Linggood, 28, Milton-rd., Westcliff.

TWO cock Siskin Canary Mules, 1 cock Redpoll Mule; sell or exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich: A. McCallien, Tarbert, Lochfyne.

HAND-reared Skylark, in full song, 3/-; cock Brown Linnet, finger tame, 4/-; exchange: Mrs. R. Fillingham, Common Side, Crowle, Lincs.

HOUSE-moulted cock Redpoll, cock Siskin, Muler, exchange for large yellow cinnamon Norwich hen, sell 7/6: F. Mascall, Stanstead, Essex.

WHITE-legged Goldfinch, father of young last season, exchange for 2 yellow hens, Norwich: Smith, 12, Saville-rd., Acton Green, Chiswick, London.

HAND-reared cock Lark, full song, accept 2/6; exhibition cock Yellowhammer, 2/6; Linnet, full song, 2/6; exchange offers, anything: Mrs. Frith, South End, Crowle, Lincs.

EXHIBITION variegated Siskin Mule, 12/6; ditto Bullfinch, 3/6; ditto Goldie-Siskin Hybrid, 25/-; exchange good Norwich, British, or single breeders to match: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WANTED Canaries; exchange high-class pedigree Collie bitch, or sell 30/-: 11, Firs-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE 2 1909 Norwich hens, for 1909 Hartz cock, full song, or sell, 7/6: Dodd, Noble-st., Welu.

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PAIR good Yorkshires, exchange for pair Norwich, ¼ camera, or Zehrafinches: 14, Compton-st., Hanley, Staffs.

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EXCHANGE 2 Buff Norwich hens for good yellow-marked Border cock: Robinson, Sedgletch, Fencehouses, Durham.

TYPICAL unflighted Yorkshire cock, full song, minus of toe, sell 4/-, exchange: 11, Lynn-st., Hyderd., Manchester.

NORWICH cocks, 6/- each; Goldfinch Mule, 8/6; exchange German hens; cash or deposit: Wilton, Jeweller, Newent.

1909 Norwich hen, even marked, eyes, wings, buff, 4/6, exchange good yellow Border: Young, 210, Commercial-rd., E.

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ONE cock, 2 hens, Yorkshires, sell 12/6, exchange anything useful: Holland, Cockshead-Hey-rd., Bollington, Macclesfield.

TWO good Yorkshires, one Norwich hen, two cocks, full song, 18/- lot; exchange: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley.

LARGE chubby buff Norwich hen, 1909, 7/6, exchange long slim buff Yorkshire hen, or offers: Darwin, Kirkhams, Manchester.

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EXCHANGE monster Yellow Norwich Plainhead cock for Buff Yorkshire cock, no rubbish, sell 15/-: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

PLAINHEAD Norwich hen, Yellows and Buffs, best blood, sell cheap; approval, stamp: Donnelly, 78, Cheetham-rd., Swinton, Manchester.

FOR sale or exchange a cinnamon cock Yorkshire Canary, singing nicely, for a Norwich hen to value, 4/6: Vickers, Tetford, Horncastle.

EXCHANGE lovely pair of monster Crests, feathered to end of beak, for gent's suit; sell 35/-: Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

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FOUR good young Scotch Fancies, all cocks, bulls and yellows, for sale, or exchange for anything useful: J. Dykes, 64, Jamieson-ter., Newmilns, Ayrshire.

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EXCHANGE 3 Nor. hens, 2 var. unflighted and clear yellow, good birds for large, clear yellow unflighted Nor. cock; approval, yours first; or sell 25/-: H. Bennett, Cashes Green, near Stroud, Glos.

GRAND Yorkshires, bred from most noted strains; cocks from 15/- each; pairs from 21/-; or good exchange; no cards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE pair Crests for 3 Yorkshire hens, sell 15/-; also liver and white Spaniel bitch; exchange for pullets or chicks, Black Minorcas, or sell 17 a bargain; yours first: R. Goodman, Boat-yard, Yiewsley.

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Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

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EXCHANGE all-wire breeding cage, or others, for Canaries, or sell cheap: R. Morrison, 14, Doncaster-st., Glasgow.

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WANTED, pure-bred dog or puppies, give in exchange high-class pair Norwich Canaries: Bly, Albert-st., Tring.

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LINNETS for Mule breeders or contest singing, beautiful, removing cause sale; exchange anything; stamp: 13, Clifford-st., Burley, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives, or pair first-class carvers, for 1 cock or 2 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

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STILL left, five pairs Norwich, 15/- pair; 6 German feeders, cock Linnet, cock Goldfinch; exchange lot for good free-wheel 24in. cycle: Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

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FIVE 1909 hens, small, 10/-; 1 yellow 1908 cock, 6/-: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N.
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SIX Norwich hens, mad to nest, 3/6 each to clear; cock, in full song, 6/6: Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.
CLEAR ticked buff hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; cocks, 6/-, 7/- each; stamp: Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.
NOTICE, good pair Norwich Canaries, nesting, 9/- bargain: Bunting, Derbycastle, Leabridge, Matlock.
TWO hens, clear yellow, and buff unflighted, mad for nesting, 5/-: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.
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THREE breeding hens, two clear Buffs, one Orange Yellow, 2/6 each; 7/- lot: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris, Cambs.
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Read following testimonials.—St. Peter's, Sydney, Australia (received here April, 1910).—Yorkshires arrived quite safe, and give me every satisfaction. They will take some beating here on the show bench, and are marvellous value for the money. My future orders are yours.—Sid Conway to J. Taylor. Another from 11, Church Street, Toronto, Canada (received here April 2nd, 1910).—Pair of exhibition Yorkshires to hand, in grand condition, and are a couple of gems. I will recommend you to all I know that require high-class birds.—N. S. Gardiner to J. Taylor. Grand prize-bred yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches long. Clears, ticked, variegated, cinnamon-marked, and clear pink-eyed; pairs carefully matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Yellow and buff hens, full of quality, and ready to nest, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Colour-fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold-room bred and healthy. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval at my risk.



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Owing to the commencement of the breeding season, I must now clear out my remaining stock. I have about 16 pairs which I will sell cheap, all guaranteed in good health and feather, and ready for nesting. I will let them go in one lot for the best offer, or will sell them separately, or in pairs; cocks 7/-, hens from 6/- each, or pairs from 12/6 per pair. This is a splendid opportunity for anyone desiring good, reliable stock who does not wish to pay a high price. My wins at the recent Crystal Palace show included Championship, Diploma, and Palace Medal, two 1sts and three 2nds, and the results of my exhibiting at all the other principal shows prove the excellency of my strain. Stamp for reply: Address, 8, Colne-rd., Glushurn, nr. Keighley.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

Intending being away from home part of present breeding season, for health reasons, have only put a few pairs for own home breeding. This arrangement necessitates my offering from 30 to 40 pairs, eminently suitable for breeding high-class clears, marked, cinnamon-marked Yorkshire varieties, also 20 surplus hens fit for immediate use, guaranteed untried and in breeding condition. To induce and effect a quick and immediate sale, to breeders desiring up-to-date style and quality, have decided to reduce prices fully one-third below season's list rather than offer in one lot to wholesale buyers for resale. Pairs previously offered at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, to 40/-, reduced to 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to 25/- respectively; surplus hens from 4/-, 5/-, 6/- 7/6, to 10/-; few young promising young cocks, suitable for next season's shows, 20/-, 25/-, to 30/-; my past 30 years' experience in breeding and keeping Yorkshire varieties only is sufficient proof of inherent quality, without further comment. All cold-room bred, reared and kept; all approval, cash or deposit; price list post-free; Jonas Knight, Copy St., Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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It is good to know you have so many friends, and you know I have thousands, and still keep making more every day. All my customers are friends, and you will be as soon as you see the high quality of birds I supply. There is nothing better, few just as good, and none so cheap. All my customers bear testimony to the high quality of my birds. The following samples will convince you: 19, Edward-st., Burton-on-Trent, 1/4/'10.—Norwich hen arrived in good condition. I only wish I had sent to you at first. For quality and price, prompt dispatch, etc., you take the lead. I shall certainly send you more orders.—J. Emery. 52, Ellen's-view. --Received Norwich in perfect health and pink of condition. I wish I had dealt with you sooner, I should have saved money, and had more fairness than Mr. ——— gave me. The bird you sent is worth double price you charged. Your honesty and fair dealing is reliable.—J. Cawsen, Sherfield, English, Romser, 1/4/'10.—Bird arrived in good condition. I am pleased, for it is just the one I wanted. Thanks for such prompt attention.—G. Weller. I have thousands of similar letters of praise open for your inspection, and guarantee to give you the same satisfaction if entrusted with your orders. Note the following prices for sound, healthy, typical birds: Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; upstanding breeding hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; matched breeding pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12,6, 15/-, 20/-. Norwich cocks of the correct type, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; breeding hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; matched breeding pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; absolutely the best quality obtainable at the prices; neat travelling cages, 3d. each. All Canaries carriage paid to your door on 7 days' approval.

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WANTED, cock Canaries, Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinches, hen Goldfinches: Aviaries, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

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SPLENDID cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, had fertile eggs last season, 12/6; house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 2/6; muling cock Goldfinch, 7/6; large cock Goldfinch, make winner, 0/6; 1909 Goldfinch, 4/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

GOLDFINCH Mules, guaranteed cocks, in full song, dark Mules 6/-, variegated 7/6, light Mule 10/-, hen Mules 1/-, Sib-bred hens for light Mule breeding, clear yellows 3/-, 4/- each, clear buff, 2/6, 3/6 each; approval willingly: Fred Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

THROUGH want of room, the following for sale: Grand muling Greenfinch with large yellow hen Canary, other two large muling hens are housemoulted, Bramblefinch and one Yellowhammer, both sure winners, to clear, the lot for 12/6: James McNeillie, 13, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries, Scotland.

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WANTED, Canaries, British, exchange fishing outfit, comprising four rods, lancewood split-cane, sea winches, leather case, basket, hooks, lines, Scotch tweed Norfolk suit, 50/-, overcoat 50/-, new box cloth, leather lined leggings 8/-, brown boots, sevens, 9/-; Harrison Weir's Our Poultry, 2 volumes, cost 42/-, real Panama hat, 6½, 10/6, cream flannel trousers 7/6, 2 white shirts 4/6, rolled gold pencil 7/6: Percy, Norfolk house, Mickleburgh, Herne Bay.

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EGG collector's guide and calendar, 1/-; egg drills, blowpipe, etc., 1/-: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS and animals preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; birds' eggs, drills, blowpipes, etc.; guide to birds' eggs, by G. J. Popplewell, post free, 7d.: Popplewell, Taxidermist, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. z

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE wanted for Canary-hatched hen Greenfinch, very tame, fine plumage: H. Armesley, Arklow.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 each, or exchange for good Norwich yellow cock: Rushbridge, 27, North-st., Redhill.

GRAND singing cock Linnet, in new contest cage, with supply seed, only 2/- lot: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

CANARY-reared Linnets, two cocks, 3/- each; 2 hens, 1/- each; exchange cock Goldfinches: Belletti, Falmouth.

THREE Goldfinch Mules, in full song, for pair good Yorkshires, or sell 15/-: Lacey, Grey-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

EXCHANGE grand cock Hawfinch for 2 house-moulted hen Bullies, or sell 8/6: Brown, 22, Almard., Weymouth.

THREE cock Bullfinches, and 2 hen Bullfinches, exchange good muling hen Canaries: H., 3, Highburygrove, London, N.

SIX single breeding cages, newly painted, exchange exhibition Hardbill, Goldfinch, or Norwich: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

SPLENDID cock Siskin, in large new singing cage, and packet special seed, lot only 4/6: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

BULLFINCH hen, large, fine colour, fit breeding, exchange singing Linnet: F. Mackriell, c/o Pickfords, Carriers, Fulham.

HAND-reared Larks (pair); exchange Canaries, Portmanteau, 12/6, for two hens: Strachan, 77, Rosemond Viaduct, Aberdeen.

FOUR cock Bullfinches and 3 hens, good plumage, 12/-, or good exchange; no live stock: J. Hardy, Gamekeeper, Longport, Aye, Kent.

SEVEN two-year-old Linnets, clean moulted, full song, in call cages, what offers Mule and cock Goldfinch: Hatton, George-st., Brighton.

BEAUTIFUL tame cock Bullfinch, price 2/-; also cock Bramblefinch, price 3/-; or useful exchange: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield, Herts.

SELECTED cocks for show. Wheatears, 2/6; Yellow Wagtails, 2/6; Whinchats, 2/-; exchange: T. Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

THE Human Linnet will exchange high-class British, also Siberian Bullfinches, for cock and hen Canaries: Fred. Allen, Porter-st., Hull.

SIX genuine red-breasted cock Linnets, full song, guaranteed, 2/6 each; exchange; offers; week's approval: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

HAND-reared Starling, champion whistler, 10/; concertina by Lathenal, 12/6; exchange for Roller Canaries: Tomard, Victoria-bridge, Leeds.

LARGE yellow cock Greenfinch, breeder, 2/6; 1909 hand-reared hen Greenfinch, 1/6; exchange hen Canaries: Crawford, Cragie Park-terr., Perth.

HANDSOME pet, grey Owl, finger tame, magnificent plumage, sell, 10/-, approval; exchange Canaries, anything useful: Palmer, Joiner, Chard.

THREE grand house-moulted Bullie hens, Greenfinch cock, Goldfinch cock, hybrid breeders, 15/- lot, or offers: Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

FOUR cock Bullfinches, like paint, cage all winter; exchange good singing Canary; mutual approval; Canary first: John Williams, Wood-st., Minal Bridge.

THREE even-marked cock Goldie Mules, 1909, 8/6 each; exchange 10/6 Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; genuine offers; stamp: Perkins, Boot Shop, Bromyard.

EXCHANGE good Linnet and yellow Norwich hen, nesting, for yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock, good birds given and wanted: E. Holmes, 18, Clement-st., York.

TWO steady hen Bullfinches, house-moulted cock Linnet, cock Goldfinch Mule, full song; sell or exchange: Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

HOUSE moulted cock Linnet, hen Canary, 6/6; exchange moulted singing cock Lark and cage, or Linnet Mule; offers: Tutty, 11, Francho Court-rd., Tooting.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, good blaze, and Canary hen, paired for muling, 10/-; exchange Canaries or anything useful: Holcombe, North-st., Bridgwater, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT house moulted cock Grey Linnet, beautifully pencilled, bred Mules, 4/-; exchange large Norwich hen for muling: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

HANDSOME 1909 singing cock Blackbird, sell 5/-; exchange Hardbills; pure bred Houdans' eggs, 3/6 per sitting 13: Frank Whysall, Crossbill, Codnor, Derbyshire.

HAND-reared Thrush, house-moulted brown Linnet, both full song, 3/- each; German Roller cock, 4/6; exchange: William Silcock, 99, Holden st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

BULLFINCHES, four hens, one cock, 1/6 each; caught September; two Goldfinch-Canary cock Mules, 6/- each; approval: Curzon, Thorpe-by-Water, Uppingham.

TWO genuine singing cock Skylarks and cages, 4/- each; 3 good cock Linnets, singing, sure mulers, 2/6 each; exchange Canaries; offers, stamp: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch, 2nd Lock, 1st Tunstall (see show reports) for good big yellow Norwich cock; must be good. Approval both ways, or sell 25/-: Evans, 90, Waterloo-st., Hanley, Staffs.

GIVING up British.—3 cock Linnets, one in full song; 3 cock Greenies, one hen; one hen Bullfinch; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire buff cock, in strong song; yours first: A. E. C., No. 1, Portland Cottages, Roke Avenue, Kenley, Surrey.

SIX good cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; two house-moulted cock Linnets, 8/- each; four others, 5/6 each; two house-moulted cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; one light hen Goldfinch mule, 2/6; two large buff Norwich hens, Bullfinch type, 4/6 each; one buff Yorkshire hen, Ambler's strain, 10/-; exchange for cock Goldfinch mules in full song with Goldfinch notes; mutual approval: S. R. Shearman, 12, Southgate-rd., Winchester, Hants.

TWICE house moulted cock Redpoll and Canary-reared hen Greenfinch, exchange good buff Yorkshire or Crestbred hen, or Roller cock (full song): Mann, 41, Summer-st., Atherton, nr. Manchester.

EXCHANGE two Bullfinches, one Yellowhammer, one Green Linnet, all cocks, in pink of condition, for fishing rod and tackle, or fretwork tools: J. Arlow, Rathfriland-st., Banbridge, Ireland.

HYBRID breeders. Goldfinch, Linnet, two Greenfinches, one fit for any show, all house-moulted and guaranteed breeders; exchange Canaries or offers: Wedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE grand cock Goldfinch Mule, full song; also lovely cock Greenfinch and clear Buff Norwich hen, paired, and exhibition cock Bullfinch, 17/6 lot; offers: Johnson, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

EXHIBITION Linnet, winner each, time shown (muler), 15/-; Goldfinch Mule, large bird, Finch note, 7/6; house-moulted Goldfinch (muler), 7/6; self green buff Border cock, 4th Liverpool, 10/-; clears and ticks, bred from winners (Hopper's strain), 10/- pair; exchange any of above for good yellow Norwich cocks; approval each way: J. Leech, 8, Pike-st., Stockton Heath, Warrington.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO varicgated Norwich hens, 1909; exchange pullets: A., 39, Bellefields-rd., Brixton.

WINNING yellow Yorkshire cock, 20s.; exchange 2 yellow Norwich hens: Mead, St. Anne's.

EXCHANGE pair Rollers for pair Yorkshires or Norwich: Monk, Gt. Wilbraham, Cambs.

EXCHANGE Crestbred hen, Pinnihead hen, for Crest cock: Dempster, 36, Thread-st., Paisley.

TWO Norwich shinw cages and case, new; exchange pair Canaries, or offers: 42, King-st., Ardwick.

EXCHANGE variegated Crest hen for Yellow Norwich hen: Markwell, 7, Underclifte-rd., Eccleshill.

EXCHANGE grand pair Yorkshires for good Rollers: J. Johnson, 69, Church-st., Bilston, Staffs.

PAIR prize-bred Norwich, double breeder, 17/6; exchange pullets: Smith, 73, Brandon-st., Leicester.

LARGE variegated Norwich cock, sell 5/6, or exchange anything: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE 1909 Yorkshire cock for two Yorkshire or Seifert hens: Plant, 74, Ray-st., Heanor, Notts.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire hen for Norwich cock; yours first: J. Jeffery, Silverton Crossing, Dumbarton.

SALE 1908 buff Norwich, cock, 10/-; 3 Norwich hens, 7/-, or 15/- lot: Marsden, Copster Farm, Guide, Blackburn.

TWO Crest-bred cocks, £1 each; exchange one for Toy Yorkshire or white Pom: Campany, 55, Odord., Dover.

TWO 1909 Roller hens, 2/6 each, 4/6 both; breeding condition; offers: Bracey, Bridle-rd., Wollaston, Stourbridge.

WILL exchange 3 Norwich hens for house-moulted Goldfinch, or sell 8/-: Cosier, Earlsbrook-rd., Redhill.

SIX Norwich show cages, 4 Border hens; offers Yorkshire Canaries or show cages: Ayre, Duke-st., Whitehaven.

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshire and breeding cage, 15/-; or exchange good watch; offers: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

PAIR good Norwich, Sandiford's, 15/-; pair good Borders, 12/-; exchango sole leather: Cannon, Bootmaker, Kendal.

YORKSHIRE cock, 3 Hartz hens, 3 hen Mules, 10/6; approval, deposit: Armitage, Union-rd., Thorne, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE three Border hens and cock, also Rudd double breeder, or sell 15/-: Buchanan, Charleston, Glamis, Forfarshire.

SCOTCH Fancies, 3 second cross cocks, 1909, 10/- each; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: McNair, 10, New-st., Paisley.

CHAMPION dark Crested hen, exchange for songsters or coppy cock, sell 12/6: Dymond, Wyndham Arcade, Cardiff.

VARIEGATED Norwich cock, 3 Yorkshire hens; exchange anything useful; offers first: Dunning, 2, Chapel-terrace, Chester.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, anxious to nest; exchange offers; gent's boots preferred, 15/-: Jones, Ivy Cottage, Harlech.

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch and hen Canary for a good Crested hen Canary: A. Beard, 129, Goldsmith-row, Hackney Road.

FOUR good hen Canaries, house-moulted cock Linnet, and large double breeding cage, 12/6 to clear: Warner, 8, Single-st., Bow, E.

TEN well-bred Yorkshire hens; what offers? Exchange anything useful: S. G. Humphries, Langley Nurseries, Chippenham, Wilts.

BARGAIN; two Goldfinch Mules; approval, deposit; father same, 6/6 each; Cinnamon cock, 3 hens, £1: George Sawer, Alfreton.

SALE or exchange, 9 good Border hens, nesting, 2/- each, or 2 Yorkshire cocks: R. Smiles, 3, New Thomas-st., Ryhope, nr. Sunderland.

PLAINHEAD Norwich hen, Yellows and Buffs, best blood, sell cheap; approval, stamp: Donnelly, 70, Cheetham-rd., Swinton, Manchester.

CHAMPION Norwich, same strain as my winners all leading shows; will exchange for laying pullets, any breed: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

MULING cock Goldfinch, in full song, Buff Roller hen, exchange slim Yorkshire hen or sell 8/6; yours first: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE pair Seifert Rollers, together with pair first-class Yorkshires for suit to measure, or sell 30/-: Maden, 1, South-st., Bacup.

THREE pairs typical Yorkshires, 12/6 pair, or exchange clock, dress lengths; offers; approval: Green, Beaconsfield-ter., Street, Somerset.

SPLENDID yellow Yorkshire cock, sell £1; exchange 2 buff Yorkshire hens; approval: Turner, Rose-cottage, Ashingdon, Rochford, Essex.

PAIR of Rollers, ready to nest, 7/6; also good cock Bullfinch, 2/6; will exchange for cock Goldfinches: J. Gillett, Clive House, Clive, nr. Middlewich.

TALKING rose-breasted Parrot and cage, 25/-, approval, two glazier's diamonds; exchange good Yorks hens: Pickett, jun., Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

EXCHANGE for Bantams or anything useful, few pairs Canaries, cocks full song, sell 12/- pair: Potter, 159, Upper Lloyd-st., Moss-side, Manchester.

GRAND Crestbred cock, can win, Crested hen, pair 30/-; cocks, 15/-, winning blood; exchange suits to measure: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

PAIR of high-class Seifert 1909 Rollers, nesting, and large hen, has bred Mules; what offers cash or exchange: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; 2 Norwich hens, 1 green Crested hen, 3/- each, or exchange fowls: Hume, 103, Eldon-rd., Wood Green.

½-PLATE pocket camera, in first-class condition, Lancaster make, cost £1 17s.; exchange for Canaries and cages; must be good: 57, Lynwood-avenue, Darwen.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, grand strain, sell cheap or exchange for anything useful (toy dogs, puppies or poultry preferred): 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

FOUR good young Scotch Fancies, all cocks, buffs and yellows, for sale, or exchange for anything useful: J. Dykes, 64, Jamieson ter., Newmilns, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE a good pair of Yorkshires for a pair or hand-sewn boots, size 8, value £1 1/-, or household goods: T. Brown, Foxhouse-rd., Whitehaven.

HENS, house-moulted Linnet, ditto Bramblefinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Siskins, Chaffinch, Thrush, Bullfinch; exchange hen Canaries: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

BLUE dragon cock, 30/-; pair Oriental Frills, 10/-; Jacobins, red and black, from 2/6, exchange Yorkshire Canaries: F. Bailey, 5, Hanger's-row, Stoneferry, Hull.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish; also 1 Norwich cock and 2 yellow hens; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

YORKSHIRES for sale, Cowgill and Ambler's strain, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-, or exchange for boots, or anything useful: Tombling, California, Easton, S.O., Yorks.

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshires, hen 1st Newington, double breeder show cage, 2 box cages, and all accessories, 30/- lot; or exchange poultry: Sellers, 7, Chatsworth-rd., Clapton.

MASSIVE White Orpington cock, winner second prize; what offers Border Fancies or hen Canaries, or would sell cheap: Saunders, Sunnybank, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

LARGE Norwich cocks, colour fed, full song also Yorkshires, standard length, full song, 6/6, 10/6 each; six, 36/-; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

EXTRA large buff Norwich cock, champion stock bird; exchange for yellow Norwich cock to equal; or sell 15/-; week's approval; yellow first: T. H. Davies, 6, Caer Elms, Llanelly.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 3, 4; Belgian cinnamon-marked yellow cock, two twice cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, full song, 25/-; exchange Seifert schoolmaster: Butler, Station-rd., Hitchin.

TWO Norwich cocks, three Norwich hens, 1 pair of Yorkshires, two hen mules, 1 cock Canary in breeding condition, sell cheap, lot; or exchange; no live stock: Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

EXCHANGE pair Rollers, 6/6; Yorkshire Terrier bitch, 5 months, 10/-; Toy Spaniel bitch, 5 months, 7/6; exchange for Budgerigars or Yorkshire Greens or Crests: Ted Durnford, Midsomer Norton.

COCK Goldfinch, very large bird, matched Yellow Norwich hen, 10/- pair; large Norwich, 10/-; 6 large muling cock Linnets and cages, 2/- each; exchango fowls: Randall, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

FOR sale, 10 clear or Green variegated Yorkshire Canaries, 1909, cold-room; cocks from 8/6; hens, 3/6; guaranteed or exchange gent's cloth underwear, boots: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhey-rd., Leeds.

CINNAMONS, Norwich, yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen, 6/-; 1909 buff cock, 10/-; 1909 buff hen, 4/-; exchange any for yellow or yellow variegated Norwich cock or Norwich show cages: Alex. Clark, 79, King-st., Peterhead.

TWO pair classical Yorkshires, 15/- pair; 1 pair grand Norwich, 1 Seifert, full song, 1 cock Goldfinch, full song, and Norwich hen; exchange foreigners, Skylarks, full song, or offers: Ames, 119, Seven Sisters-rd., London.

NORWICH buff cocks, same as last Palace winners, 9/6 upwards; buff hens, 7/6 upwards; two pairs winning Yorkshires, 35/- pair; or exchange bolts, paint, varnish, etc.; approval, no rubbish: Handley, Coach Builder, Walsoken, Wisbech.

FIVE cock Canaries, Greenfinch cock Mule, all in full song; 4 hen Canaries, £2, or nearest offer; approval, deposit; exchange field glasses, gramophone, or pathephone and records; yours first: Nicholson, 10, Cross Cemetery-st., Woodhouse-la., Leeds.

MUST clear; seven clear yellow cocks, four bulls, few good hens, all winners, and bred from winners, also two Greenfinch mules, both winners, also extra good ticked yellow hen, winner every time shown, part exchange for Yorkshire Terrier brood bitch; good pedigree: Penfold, 30, Gayhurst-rd., Dalston.

A grand house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 2 years old, father of 9 Mules last year, and now ready, with beak clear, and full song, price 6/-: also 2 house-moulted Greypates, grand, large birds, and in full song, price 5/- each; or exchange Roller cocks to value: Raby, 10, Chequers-gro., Bellbarn-rd., Birmingham.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

HANDSOME Parrot, grey colour, make good talker, 17/6, strong cage 6/6; exchange entertained: Barlow, Greenwich.

GENUINE talking Quaker Parrot, and 30/- cage, accept best cash offer; exchange road racer: Henson, Whyke, Chichester.

PAIR adult green Budgerigars, aviary bred, healthy, 6/-; exchange common hen Canaries: Saunders, Sunnybank, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE large green Parrot and cage, new, 30/-, or exchange Pom. or Yorkshire bitch puppy, small parents: G. Pigott, Delph, Brierley Hill.

ROCK Parrot, tame, commencing to mimic, make good talker, and cage, 30/-; or part exchange Canaries: Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, best talker, living words sent, £6 10/-; yellow cock Budgerigars, winner 2 1sts, spec., 12/-; Orange Bishop, winner, 10/-; grand condition; 2 Palace aviaries, £3; deposit; or exchange: Smith, Baker, Finedon.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

STAMP camera, slides, etc., cost 13/-; Canaries, offers: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

EXCHANGE 9 pigeons for a pair of Norwich, or 2 yellow hens: Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

EXCHANGE piano harp, value 30/-. What offer in Canaries?: W. Bill, 5, Riches-st., Wolverhampton.

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for 5 prize-bred Magpie pigeons: Gilmore, South-st., Spennymoor.

BANJO, case, tutor, 25/-; exchange Canaries, anything: S. Norris, 6, Redan-st., West Kensington.

EXCHANGE lady's gold, ruby ring, new, for cock Canary: Snow, 35, Harrowby-st., Docks, Cardiff.

ROLLERS, 1 cock 3 hens, 10/6 lot; French poodle dog pup (black), 12/6: Stud, 54, Brandbg-st., Hunslet.

BRASS cob harness; exchange Foreign birds, or sell 35/-: Clark, Rook's Rest, Grange Park, Ealing, W.

EXCHANGE pen winning Bantams for Yorkshire cocks, or sell £1: Radbone, 10, Baker's-lane, Ealing, W.

EXCHANGE piccolo, nearly new, for two Yorkshire hens, or offer: James, 546, Katherine-rd., Forest Gate.

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Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meetiug held April 2nd there was a large turn-out of members. The members decided that the first feather show be held in July, and that J. Hands, Esq., be the judge. Five new members were proposed, so that everything tends to a record year for our society. We are also getting up-to-date staging ready for our annual show.—GEO. HAYVER, Sec.

WOODSIDE O.S.

The society held their quarterly meeting in the Northern Hotel, Aberdeen, on March 16th, when it was decided to hold their annual show on December 4th, 1910. Several specialist judges were nominated for the different classes, but have not been definitely settled on yet.—ALEX. THOMPSON, Sec.—(We note that Dec. 4th is a Sunday; possibly Dec. 3rd is meant.—ED.)

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).

Grand Linuet singing contest will be held at Wear's Cafe, on April 9th. First bird will be hung at 3 p.m. prompt. Entrauce fee 1s., to be sent on or before date of contest. First prize 8s., second 4s. Judge, Mr. Deekon (Skinningrove). Grand Linnet contest was held at Wear's Cafe, April 2nd. Winning bird belonged to Mr. Blenkey (Lingdale), which gained 445 points. J. Lowe's bird was second with 249 points.—R. MAYS, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. Barkas was in the chair, and there was a moderate attendance of members. Decided, to hold our first feather show on July 2nd and our annual open show on October 29th. Three new members were enrolled. Will secretaries please note that I have now taken over the duties of secretary, and all communications should be addressed to me at Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.?—J. LINDSAY, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

On April 2nd members and friends had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting and instructive lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary," given by Mr. Cundall (Halifax). I believe this was his first attempt at lecturing, and I hope we may have the pleasure of listening to many more from the same gentleman. Several questions were asked, and Mr. Cundall ably replied to them. Mr. Walsh proposed, and Mr. Lee seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the lecturer, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Cundall suitably replied. Four new members were made, which brought a very pleasant and instructive evening to a close.—H. WHITAKER, Asst. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held March 22nd, Mr. Clarke (President) in the chair. Mr. Coulson (Ardwick) gave a lecture on the Norwich Canary. The lecturer gave his method of selection, feeding, and preparation for the show bench, after which Messrs. Norris, Clarke, Jackson, Jones, Firth, and Vint asked questions which the lecturer answered in his usual clear style. Mr. Clarke proposed and Mr. Jackson seconded that the best thanks of the society be given to Mr. Coulson for his very able lecture. Mr. Coulson, in replying, said that if anyone had learned anything from his paper he was amply repaid for his trouble. Mr. Murphy was proposed as a new member.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

A Lecture on Breeding Pairs.

The lecture on breeding pairs which Mr. A. Malcolmson gave us on April 1st was a treat, and was listened to with the keenest interest by a large turnout of members and fanciers. Mr. Malcolmson said, in his opening remarks, that he was at a loss what to say, as this was his first attempt at lecturing, but he would give those present the benefit of his experience during the time he had been in the Fancy. Explaining the method of pairing up, he had brought two pairs and a young one with him, to give them an idea of what was wanted. He explained the good and bad points. He always liked to know the progeny of each bird, as he thought it always helped to give one a better chance to pair up well, as it was not always the best birds that threw the best youngsters. As to his method of feeding, he was a great believer in egg and sponge biscuits, the very best canary seed, plenty of clean water, dandelion heads, or a small piece of lettuce. He did not believe in dandelion leaves, as he thought it scoured the birds too much. Asked if he believed in giving young ones water when taken away from parents, he said yes; but he always put a piece of bread soaked in cold water between the wires, as the young could get plenty of moisture out of it, and it did not sour the same as milk. Asked what was the cause of so many young ones dying, he thought it was through the egg food getting scattered about the bottom of the cage and getting stale. The best plan, he said, is to clean out the bottom of the cage before putting in fresh food. Asked further what caused hens to sweat, he said he thought it was through fanciers giving too many tit-bits throughout the winter, and having hens too fat when the breeding season came on. Asked how he made up his egg food, he said he took three sponge biscuits to one egg, as with this method one did not need sugar, as there was plenty in the biscuits. This brought a most interesting lecture to a close. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, to Mr. Malcolmson.—WM. PRIEST, Sec.

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PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held on March 26th, at the Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, Mr. T. Routledge chairman. A good number of members were in attendance, and two new members were elected. After the ordinary business a lengthy discussion took place respecting our next show. Eventually it was decided (subject to the hall being at liberty for our dates) that it be held at the Textile Hall, Bury, January 13th and 14th, 1911. Mr. Massey kindly promised to give a lecture (on the Roller Canary), at our next meeting. Will members and friends please attend? — ANDREW PERCIVAL, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held March 31st, 25 members being present. It was decided to hold our open contest the same date as last year, viz., Nov. 3rd and 4th, which I shall be glad if secretaries and exhibitors will kindly note. Messrs. Bird and Harper brought a few birds for educating members on the various tours; this proved very interesting. After the business, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, several members contributing songs and duets. Our next meeting will be held at headquarters April 82th, when Mr. Harper has promised to give us a paper on his method of breeding Rollers. —J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel-st., Westminster, March 21st. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, C. Cooper, C. T. Maxwell, T. R. Trower, G. Crabb, G. Thurling, A. C. Askew, F. Wyse, and Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Letters were read from Messrs. Curry, Mortlock, Arrighi, Morgen, Longden, Page, and Hodgson. It was unanimously decided that the club's annual outing take place on Saturday, 28th May, and that we go in the neighbourhood of Effingham, Surrey. The morning party is to leave Waterloo by the 9.20 train, and the afternoon party by the 1.37 train to Effingham, each member to take his own ticket. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of London societies. Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Swansea) was elected a member of the club. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 2nd, at headquarters, Mr. P. Whiteley in the chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the advertised lecturer (Mr. C. E. Hall), the Chairman called upon Mr. H. J. Mennard to give us an impromptu address on breeding and rearing. This proved very instructive, and caused much discussion, which was joined in by many members, including our old friend Mr. King, who also gave us a bit of his experience on the subject. The following four fanciers were elected members: Messrs. Whitehouse, Hartley, Middleton, and Marshall. The Secretary called the members' attention to the subject of our next meeting, viz., "Selecting, Moulting, and Exhibiting British Birds," by the well-known British expert, Mr. C. Hunt; and as the papers were in the hands of secretary he could promise them some really interesting and instructive matter, as in all Mr. Hunt's thirty years' experience this was the first paper he had written, and he deserved a good attendance of fanciers and friends for the amount of trouble such a paper must have taken him to prepare.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual meeting held March 17th. Mr. Jones presided over an exceptionally good attendance. Five new members were enrolled, viz., Mrs. L. Chester and Messrs. Perrin, Moss, Rutter and Merritt. The auditors, Messrs. Smith and Tonkin, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a loss of £10 on open show and £2 on the general account. This amount was subscribed for by the members present in order that the year might be commenced with a clean sheet. The whole of the old officers refused to again accept office in order that some of the other members might be induced to take a keener interest in the society. Mr. A. Shellam was appointed Chairman, Mr. S. F. Whetton vice-chairman, Mr. S. E. Tonkin treasurer, and Mr. J. W. Dummett secretary and show manager. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. W. Sampson, E. Thorne, H. C. Smith, F. D. Jones, E. J. Banks, W. Wilson, F. P. Dymond, E. Thomas, H. J. Ford, S. F. Howard, and A. Maggs. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, and Mr. Jones responded. Messrs. Thorne and Sampson, on behalf of the new committee, expressed their thanks to the members and assured them of their determination to maintain the position of the society. It was resolved to hold the open show on November 30th and December 1st, and to appoint as judges Messrs. Payne and Battye. The date of the first feather show was fixed for July 6th, with Messrs. Jones, Banks and D. G. Lewis as judges. A discussion took place on the Cage Bird Union, and it was unanimously agreed that we withdraw from it, in conjunction with the other societies that have intimated their dissatisfaction with it. All correspondence intended for the society should now be addressed to Mr. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road, Cardiff. —W. SAMPSON (late Secretary).

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Sixth annual general meeting, held at the "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on March 23rd, Mr. R. L. Crisp presiding over a very good attendance. The minutes of the last annual meeting were signed, and the balance sheet approved. The president presented the various specials to the respective winners present. Messrs. J. W. Ramsden and F. Easterling also presented the specials so generously given by them to the winners, and received a very hearty vote of thanks. Mr. J. W. Ramsden has very kindly offered similar specials for competition this coming season; Mr. J. Barton, 10s. 6d. to the runner-up of the cup; and Mr. G. J. Warley a guinea cup. Votes of thanks were accorded the president, vice-presidents, committee, auditors, scrutineer, and the secretary, for their services during the year. The result of ballot for officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President, Mr. R. L. Crisp; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. G. Elsmore, J. Robson, A. E. Pattrick, and F. Easterling; committee (London), Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, C. W. Mabey, H. Peverall, H. E. Tringham, J. Tyson, G. J. Warley; (Provincial), Messrs. H. Knight, H. Smith, Capt. Fellows, H. E. Parrott, F. J. Gibbs, R. A. Hudspeth; auditors, Messrs. Males and Tringham; treasurer, Mr. R. L. Crisp; secretary, J. W. Rennie. Sixty-two voting papers were returned. Mr. J. Robson very kindly consented to give a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. This he gave with his usual ability and adeptness, explaining the various bad faults, and also the points which go to make up a good bird. He invited questions, and several members availed themselves of this opportunity. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robson, and with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Crisp for presiding, the meeting terminated.—J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 31st, Mr. F. W. Walters presiding. Prize money and specials for table show were distributed, everyone expressing his gratification at the quality of the specials given by the donors. Mr. J. Leech gave his paper on the Linnet, which proved very interesting. The lecturer explained his methods of selection of the fresh-caught specimen; how to meat them off and moult them out to make show birds. We were sorry so many of the British bird fanciers were absent. Mr. W. R. Knowles was called upon to give his paper on the rearing of Canaries. This subject was very opportune, and was listened to with marked interest. Mr. Knowles has experimented more than the average fancier with the different foods, etc., and has a wealth of knowledge to impart. The paper was rounded off by a good discussion, which lasted till close on eleven o'clock. After recording a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Leech and Knowles, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—C. DUKES, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting held at Douglas Hotel on 30th March, Mr. T. R. Fry in the chair. Present: Messrs. Rooney, Lynch, Sheridan, Furley, Birse, Gillin, Callaghan, Stewart, Holley, and the Hon. Sec. The election of judge for the forthcoming show, November 3rd and 4th took place. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) was duly elected. A proposition was brought forward by the Council and passed, viz., "That any person applying for close rings must be a member (or intending member) of the society"; passed. It was also decided that runner-up medals be given in connection with the senior and junior cups. Mr. Sheridan was elected to judge the Yorkshires at young bird show the first week of July, and Mr. Fry the Norwich and other classes. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Gaskin, Keating, McEnteggart (Dundalk), and P. Cullen (Dublin). A vote of condolence to Messrs. Devins and Mulligan on the recent death of Mr. Devins's mother, was passed in silence, all present standing. A lecture will be held on 11th April, in the Grande Hotel, Sackville-st.; all interested in the hobby are invited.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual general meeting held on March 31st at Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The minutes of the February meeting having been duly confirmed, the balance-sheet for 1909 was presented, and after a few explanations, was passed unanimously. Messrs. Aston and Atherton were elected members, and Messrs. H. Amos and W. G. Smith nominated. Notices of motion: Nos. 1 and 4 lost; 2 and 3 carried. It was decided to promote a draw to provide cash specials for the ensuing season. Patronage. Classification same as last year, i.e., selfs and fouls alternately with cocks and hens. All applications must be in the secretary's hands not later than July 16th. Patronage will not be granted to any society offering less than four money prizes, nor to mixed shows. The following propositions were carried:—"That no member winning either cup or medal in future shall take any other season's specials"; "That all points scored by novices shall count for all novice specials, according to the number of prizes offered at the different shows." The following officers were elected:—Patrons, Right Hon. Col. Seely, M.P., W. W. Rutherford, Esq., M.P., J. S. Harmood Banner, Esq., M.P., W. Muirhead, Esq., J.P., C.C., John Henrickson, Esq., G. R. Johnson, Esq.; president, John Walker, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Brennan, Bazley, Critchley, Creber, Clayton-Dean, Denton, Francis, Freestone, Helliwell, Harrison, Hickson, Jones, Dr. Martin, T. Pilling, J. Pilling, Pickup, Pyke, Richmond, Simpson, Vernon, Wright, W. Walker; chairman, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Thompson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Isaacs; assistant-secretary, Mr. G. Western; auditors, Messrs. Ed. Lawson and J. Walker; committee, Messrs. J. Abbott, R. Atherton, Deacon, Hales, Nimmo, Rowlands, and Wardale; secretary, Geo. Green, 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool. Members are requested to pay their annual subscriptions as early as possible. There are 120 members at present, but we should welcome nominations from all parts of the country. Subscriptions are invited towards providing the championship cups, four of which we are hoping to again offer for competition this year, all the cups having been won outright last season. Will secretaries and members kindly note change of secretaryship?—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Annual general meeting held in Glasgow on March 20, with a fair attendance of members. The president, Mr. Adamson, took the opportunity of expressing sympathy with the bereaved widow and family of our late member, Mr. Geo. McPhail, and his sorrow for the loss the club had sustained. The minutes of previous meeting were read, and a hot discussion took place on the way the medals had been allocated, which was considered a breach of the rules. Mr. Young moved, and Mr. C. Campbell seconded the adoption of the minutes if that part be deleted, which reads "one member one medal"; which was carried. Mr. Kirkwood objected to the medals being awarded to winners as stated in the balance-sheet, seeing it was against the rules. Mr. Noble moved that the medals be awarded to winners as arranged; this was seconded by Mr. McLay, and carried. The silver medals competed for at the various shows were presented to winners by Mr. Campbell: City of Glasgow, J. Cram; Perth, J. Noble; G. and W. of Scotland, J. McLay; Kilmarnock, G. F. Adamson; Dundee, Wm. Cairns and Geo. Mackie; Scottish National, A. C. Macdonald; Paisley, Wm. Paul. Gold medals for best young Crest: G. F. Adamson, Crest-bred; Robt. Whitton; ditto, for most points for season 1909, John Noble. The balance-sheet was gone over, which shows a deficit of 2s. 4d., which was vouched for by the auditors. Mr. Paul drew the attention of the meeting to the omission of a special given by Mr. T. Sharp (Uphall), appearing on the special list, which was admitted an oversight on the part of secretary. Mr. Buchanan moved the acceptance of the balance-sheet, seconded by Mr. Young, and its acceptance was unanimous. A medal was offered by Mr. Young to the member who gets most new members for ensuing year; which was accepted. Also a gold medal for best Crest belonging to a novice was offered by Mr. Campbell, and a similar offer for best Crest-bred by Mr. McLay; both were accepted. A motion to revise the rules by Mr. Young was carried. The disqualification of a Crest hen for alleged faking at the Scottish National Show belonging to Mr. McLay was brought up, and he was asked to give an explanation. He said he was dressing the bird's crest with a silk "hankie" when he accidently broke a quill in the crest which started to bleed; he tried to stop it by rubbing it with a lead pencil. It turned out to be a copying-ink pencil, and the blood not being stopped carried the colour on to the other feathers after the bird had been staged; which caused the disqualification. Some of the members were inclined to sympathise with Mr. McLay, as she was a good bird. But Mr. Young moved that a vote of censure be passed on Mr. McLay for his folly, seconded by Mr. Campbell, and carried. Mr. D. Anthony (Uphall) was admitted to membership. A voluntary subscription was collected to carry on the club's business, and the secretary was instructed to issue the voting papers at the earliest moment. Some applications for club's patronage were forward, but were held over for the committee to deal with. This being all the business, a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—ALLAN CHALMERS, Hon. Sec., 27, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at 6, The Broadway, on April 4th. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there was a good attendance of some 40 members. One new member was elected and there were three nominations. Messrs. Robson and Mason agreed to judge at the young bird and annual shows. The auditors, Messrs. Dixon and Wright, reported they had duly audited the accounts, and had found everything in admirable order. They congratulated the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Smith, on the excellent manner in which he had kept the accounts. Some little discussion took place as to whether the Society should continue its membership of the Cage Bird Union, and in the end it was decided to adjourn the matter to the May meeting. A judging competition of Yorkshire Canaries was then held, Mr. Peveral kindly acting as final judge. The points gained were as follows:—G. Griffiths 15, T. Brown and J. Carson 12 each, A. J. Shipton, E. W. Dell, and G. Beeney 10 each, A. Hare 8, G. W. Baker and A. H. Dyke 7 each, F. W. Owen, H. Dixon, L. Owen and Mrs. Whittome 6 each, F. J. Randall 5, P. Rorke 4, Mrs. M. E. Gill 2, Mrs. Owen and G. J. Warley 1 each, F. Whiting, E. J. Whittome, F. P. Found, and another member nil.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual meeting held on March 22nd, the President (Mr. A. Burrows) in the chair. Messrs. A. A. Bretenfield and J. Fisher, the two auditors, presented the balance-sheet for the past year, which showed the society to be in a most satisfactory condition, also leaving a good balance on the right side after all accounts had been paid. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mr. W. E. Allen, president; Mr. J. Fisher, vice-president; Mr. J. Nason, treasurer; Mr. A. W. Law, secretary; Mr. W. E. Allen, collector; committee, Messrs. W. Munday, W. Stockwin, H. Baron, W. Jeyes, W. Tabor. The headquarters for a number of years past has been Mr. J. Nason's "The Forester's Arms," and with all due respect to our "old friend," it was thought advisable by the majority of the members that we should give another member a turn for the ensuing year. And upon the vote being taken it was decided to remove the society to Mr. A. E. Dunkley's "The Old House at Home," Wellingboro' Road, Northampton. A hearty vote of thanks was given all the officers for the past year for the manner in which they had carried out the work of the society. Mr. Summers, of Earl's Barton, was duly elected a member, this bringing a most interesting meeting to a close.—A. W. LAW, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual general meting held on April 2nd in the Fawcett-street Cafe. There was a moderate attendance, about one-third of the total membership being present, Mr. J. Farrar occupying the chair. A good deal of correspondence was placed before the members. This having been satisfactorily dealt with, the auditors gave their report, Mr. W. F. Swan stating that everything had been found quite correct, and in first-class order. The two auditors having been thanked for their services, the Secretary gave his report, giving in detail the working of the society, both financially and otherwise, during the past season. The report was unanimously adopted, and Mr. W. F. Swan proposed and Mr. R. Haswell seconded, that the best thanks be accorded the Secretary for his report; which was carried unanimously. The next business was in respect to the Cage Bird Union, and Mr. W. Reid proposed that we withdraw from it, at the same time stating his reasons. This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker, who also supported Mr. Reid in his views. Mr. W. F. Swan moved an amendment that the matter be still left in abeyance, also giving his reasons, and Mr. C. Waters seconded. A somewhat protracted discussion took place, and upon its being put to the meeting the amendment was carried by a majority of one, one of the members refraining from voting, stating that the matter had no interest for him one way or the other. Mr. Reid then moved that the matter be definitely settled at our next meeting, and stated that the matter had been shelved long enough and that it was time a definite decision was arrived at. Mr. J. Machin seconded the proposition. Mr. W. F. Swan moved an amendment that the matter be left in abeyance for an indefinite period, stating that we had nothing to lose by doing so. Mr. Allison Elliott seconded, and on its being put the whole of the members present voted and the proposition was carried by a majority of two, so that whether we remain affiliated to the Union or not will be definitely decided upon at our next meeting on April 16th. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. E. Thompson, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, W. Hall, Esq., C. Grimshaw, Esq., G. Bell, Esq., J. Cobb, Esq., and J. Keenlyside, Esq; Chairman, Mr. J. Farrar; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan; Trustees, Messrs. J. Farrar and R. Armstrong; Committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliot, J. Riseborough, C. Waters, G. Davidson, J. Copeland, A. Walker, J. Machin, and R. Haswell; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Copeland; Hon. Secretary, W. Reid. The position of Treasurer was left open until next meeting. I would be very pleased if any fancier wishing to join us would communicate with me at 14, Plantation-road, Pallion, Sunderland.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

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The committee of the Willington and Dis. C.B.F. and F.S. intend holding the 1st annual show of cage birds, etc., in the Parish Hall, on December 10th, writes Mr. George Carter, secretary, 21, Park View, Willington, Durham. All particulars can be had on application to me.

Our annual open show, writes Mr. R. Roll, secretary of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A., will be held in the Corn Hall, Norwich, on October 7th and 8th, with Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, and J. Stark as judges. Our classification will be a very liberal one, and we hope to have the support of the Fancy.

We would draw our readers' attention to Mr. Harry Barker's advertisement of floral bargains on another page, and remind them that the season for planting is now in full swing. Not only is he a nurseryman in a very large way, but he also does an expensive seed business, and supplies everything required for the garden. Mr. Barker's general catalogue is well worth applying for to 12, Whittlesford Nurseries, near Cambridge, mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing to him.

The following gentlemen have kindly agreed to judge at our next annual show on December 17th, writes Mr. McLaren, secretary of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.: Mr. R. Menzies (Edinburgh), for Scotch Fancy; Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank), for Border Fancy; Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), for Norwich; Messrs. R. Bald (Bathgate) and L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh), for Mules, Hybrids, and British.

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The Tonbridge and Dis. F.A. 4th open show takes place on November 29th and 30th, writes Mr. P. Stonestreet, the secretary.

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My address, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, is now 70, Cheetham Road, Swinton, near Manchester, which I shall be glad if fanciers and secretaries will kindly note.

It may interest you to know that on Good Friday last a nest of fully fledged Starlings was found here under a thatched roof, writes Mr. T. Dodd (Newmarket).

I hear at the time of receiving an order for cages that a gentleman at Grimsby has already 36 young birds in flights, writes Mr. E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard). I thought perhaps readers would like to know of this good start.

Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) has been elected as judge for our open show on December 31st, writes Mr. R. Mays, hon. secretary of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.

We have engaged Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill) to judge all varieties at our next members' show, to be held in the Town Hall on Boxing Day, December 26th, writes Mr. Wm. Vart, hon. secretary, Kendal and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly notify that my present address is Longford Cottage, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton, where all correspondence for the Codnor Park Society should be sent, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the hon. secretary.

Kindly note the change of secretary of the Morley and Dis. Cage Bird Society. In future all communications should be sent to me at 101, Glenfield, Bridge Street, Morley, near Leeds, writes Mr. A. Gledhill, the hon. secretary.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), we hear, has been appointed judge at the following shows: Northampton, October 19th; Sheffield (Members'), October 22nd; Ilkeston, November 26th; Sandy Lane (Bradford), January 14th, 1911.

The Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S. draw is postponed until May 3rd, writes Mr. Jas. R. Crossley, the hon. secretary. Also we have engaged Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) as judge for our First Feather show, to be held on June 25th.

We have been successful in securing the services of Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Chas. Houlton (St. Helens) to judge at our open cage bird show to be held on November 26th and 28th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, hon. secretary, Ilkeston and Dis. O.S.

Could you assist me through CAGE BIRDS to find the name and address of a man who sent me a Goldfinch from the G.W.R. Bridgwater Station on March 22nd last? writes Mr. Thomas Walker (Queen's Hotel, Tirril, Penrith). I have written the police, also the stationmaster, who says the person who signed for bird put R. J. Matthews, but no address. I lost the name and address of sender. He has sent two postcards, but no name or address, and I want to send the cash.

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The balance-sheet of the recent pair show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. (sent us by the secretary, Mr. V. Wynn), reveals as the satisfactory result a profit of nine and threepence.

We hear that the polling for two guardians for the parish of Wapping has resulted in the election of Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, the well-known London naturalist and dealer. The poll was:—Alderman Barker 78, Mr. J. D. Hamlyn 78, both elected, Mr. Grundy 32.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. MACMASTER (Fort William).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Simpson, hon. secretary, Fort William O.S., that I have to report the death of one of our oldest members in Mr. Wm. Macmaster. He was a keen Scotch fancier, and was never so happy as when he had one of his favourites to show his friends. He was laid to rest in Killmallie Churchyard on April 1st. The members of the society sent a beautiful floral tribute, and much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Macmaster and family.

Mr. W. BAGSHAW (Tideswell).

It is with regret, writes Mr. A. Flint, secretary Tideswell C.B. Improvement Society, that I have to record the death of Mr. W. Bagshaw, who for many years has been secretary, and of late years joint secretary with me, for the Tideswell C.B.S. He passed away on March 23rd, and was interred on March 26th, leaving a wife and three little children. He was always greatly respected by our members for the honest straightforward way in which he carried out the business connected with the society. Most of the members attended at the funeral, carrying a beautiful wreath which was placed upon the grave. All who knew him will join in sympathy with Mrs. Bagshaw and family.

A Robin Attends Church.

Nature sent a chorister of her own into St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning, March 27th, says the "Bedford and County Record." During the Choral Celebration a Robin flew into the Church and perched on the cross of the chancel screen. From his elevated post he sang his sweet carol as a kind of obligato to the organ and the choir. He could be heard quite clearly by the whole congregation, though few knew where he was perched till a flutter of wings betrayed him. As the choir ceased he stopped too, only to break out again with renewed vigour, and this time with no hesitation as to his full right to take his share in the musical service. For the greater part of the service he held his own, sometimes flitting off to one of the south windows, and then returning to the Cross; but at last he flew out by an open window and left the church the poorer for his going. In the evening, Dr. Harding returned the compliment by playing "Hush, ye pretty warbling choir" from "Acis and Galatea."

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for over two years, and have received many benefits from the information it contains concerning bird life. I wish it very success.—H. CALLUM (Birtley).

The committee of the Southend and S.C.O.S. have, in addition to purchasing the silver challenge cup, competed for and won by Mr. L. Parish, at their late show, purchased another cup to be competed for by novices at their next annual show. The cups will be known as the "Champion Challenge Cup" and the "Novice Challenge Cup." Both are solid silver, and are worth respectively £6 6s. and £3 3s. The radius for membership is open, and I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join.—W. FRANKS, hon. secretary, Eric Cottage, Tintern Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea.

The S.N.P.C. Patronage.

Will show managers wishing for the patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club apply to the secretary, sending with application last show's schedule? We shall want seven classes in champion and six classes in novice; these classes must not include natural colour class, and must be in the open section of the club's show. The clubs need not belong to the Cage Bird Union, but the show managers will have to abide by the rules of the S.N.P.C. —F. S. MATTHES, hon secretary.

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One of the attractions just now in that London beauty spot Kensington Gardens is a Magpie of very handsome plumage and great friendliness of manner, who is usually to be found about the Kensington end of the Broad Walk. He is a most amiable fellow, and feeds freely from the hands of such as offer him luncheon. Specially favoured persons he will permit to stroke him; but there are not many such. Presumably he has escaped from captivity from somewhere close by.

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Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Meilors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
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*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
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Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square).
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, College Street).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 84, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

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I am pleased to inform you that I have had a very large number of orders for my Wild Seed Mixture advertised in your paper, "Cage Birds," of last week. Yours is a grand paper to advertise in.—WM. ALLISON (Aberdeen).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds," as I had over 30 applicants too many to reply to personally. This speaks volumes for "Cage Birds" as an advertising medium.—J. ROGERS (Waltham Abbey).

Owing to having such a large number of answers to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," I find it impossible to thank the applicants individually, so may I ask you to thank them for me?—HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN (Barton-on-Humber).

Kindly thank all applicants re cycle advertised in "Cage Birds.," I cannot answer them all. I could have sold it three times over. I can always find a sale for my birds, or anything else in our valuable C.B.—J. EGGINTON (Sheffield).

From my small advertisement in "Cage Birds," I have had a fine sale for my champion mixed seeds. I have had repeat orders from Ireland, and am very well satisfied with the result of my small outlay.—F. EASTERLING (Battersea, London, S.W.).

Allow me to thank all who have written me re my advertisement in "Cage Birds." They are too numerous for me to answer individually. I sold out by the first post Saturday morning, but still letters keep arriving.—H. THOMPSON (London, W.).

Kindly thank all who wrote me re my birds for exchange, in the columns of "Cage Birds." If I answered them all, it would have been cheaper for me to have given the birds away. Letters came by scores to me.—R. WHITMORE (London, S.W.).

I must speak in praise of "Cage Birds" as a grand advertising medium. I have had several advertisements in your paper, and have always received satisfaction, and have always had fair bargains. I wish "C.B." much success.—R. BOOTH (Ardwick).

Kindly thank the many readers who have answered my advertisement in last week's paper; they have been so numerous that it would be impossible to answer them without incurring considerable expense. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—H .A. COLLYER (Slough).

The last time I advertised in "Cage Birds," I had 43 answers re my ten Bullfinches. "Cage Birds" is the best paper for any man. I call it "The Poor Man's Friend." I have had it weekly now for four years, and it gets better every week.—A. STEVENSON (Edithweston).

Kindly mention that I sold all the hen Canaries on the Saturday after the Friday's issue of "Cage Birds," in which my advertisement appeared. I cannot possibly answer all the replies. C.B. is splendid for advertisements, and other matters too.—HENRY SMITH (Wallington).

The British birds I advertised in "Cage Birds" were all sold. I had over 60 applicants for the same, and could not reply to all. Therefore I could not send them as entered to the Crystal Palace Show. This speaks well for "Cage Birds."—JAMES NICHOLS (Blackburn).

For lightning results from advertisements, "Cage Birds" is the paper. The Woodlark I advertised the 2nd April was gone by 12 o'clock. I had a telegram for the bird, but he was sold. 'Cage Birds" is the proper paper for the fancier.—G. TURNEY (East Ham).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement re Goldfinch Mules for Norwich Canaries, I cannot reply to all, there being so many. It is the first time I have advertised in "Cage Birds," but not the last I am sure. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—B. MOORES (Manchester).

I had 47 letters in reply to my last advertisement in "Cage Birds." I may say, too, I had orders from all parts of the country, and I had so many applications, in fact, that it was quite impossible for me to answer all of them. "Cage Birds" is the best paper for the disposal or purchase of birds, and should be in the hands of all bird breeders.—T. J. REYNOLDS (near Helston).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement for cycle in "Cage Birds." I am unable to reply to all. I have made a satisfactory exchange. I have never failed to have replies to anything I have advertised in "Cage Birds." Wishing the good old paper every success.—J. B. THOMPSON (Windermere).

Thanks for the splendid results of my advertisement in "Cage Birds" of 19th February. I have sold out everything except one bird, which I shall keep. Mr. H. S. Davies (Llandilo) was the buyer of the "King" Parrakeet, a big winner. I shall still continue to take "Cage Birds." I think the answer to correspondents very good.—W. A. BENNETT (Coventry).

Kindly thank all enquirers about the yellow Norwich cocks which I advertised in "Cage Birds." All letters containing stamp have been answered, and it is impossible for me to answer so many. They came from all over England, Scotland, and Wales, so it speaks well for the great circulation of your paper.—E. WEEDALL (Winsford).

Please stop all my advertisements in "Cage Birds. I have about cleared out. I may say I have had good sales, having sent birds to all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and have also had enquiries from the States; but I have refused orders from the latter place on account of my not having time to attend them.—SAMUEL DEAN (Gt. Horton).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds" re pom. puppy. I had so many replies for him, I was unable to answer any except those who sent a stamp for reply. I may say that I have disposed of him. I wish your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," every success.—ALF. COOPER (Carisbrooke).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds" re my prize Borders, for a yellow Norwich hen, or sale. I sold them to a man in Birmingham, and he was well pleased with them. I had about fourteen letters and post cards for same, and I could not answer all. I have been a reader of "Cage Birds" since the first issue. I will always advertise in "Cage Birds" when I have birds for sale.—S. WILLIAMS.

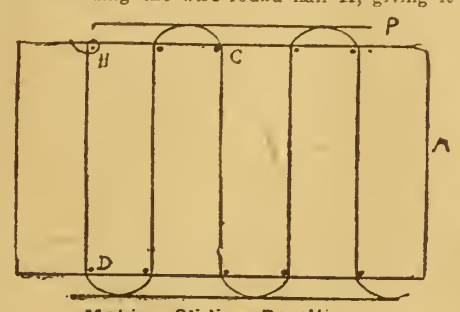
I thank the advertisement columns of "Cage Birds." It is now quite two years since I last had any need to advertise Lizards in your valuable paper, and that has enabled me to send out consignments (during the last few weeks) to France. It shows the value of "Cage Birds" as an advertising medium, when my name and address were taken out of an old copy in France two years after its publication. Therefore, if fanciere have surplus stock, I recommend them to advertise in "Cage Birds. It is well worth the little fee charged. I wish "Cage Birds" every success in the future.—C. E. FISHER (Glossop).

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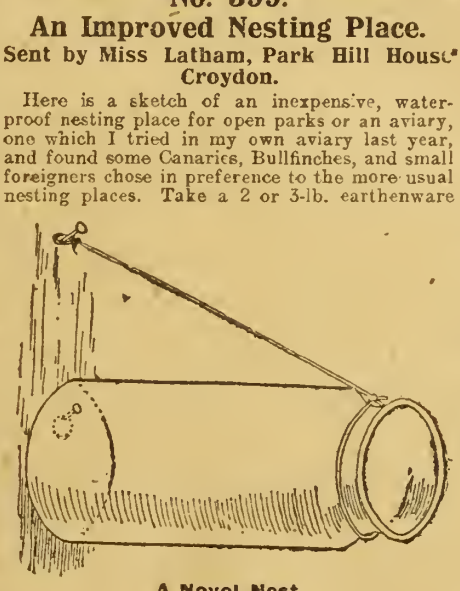


Making Sliding Partitions.

one turn, then pass same to nail D, and so on until the length of the partition you require is obtained. Then take it off the wooden frame and solder on two lengths of wire P and T, and your partition is then ready.—J. MINALL.

No. 399.
An Improved Nesting Place.
Sent by Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croydon.

Here is a sketch of an inexpensive, waterproof nesting place for open parks or an aviary, one which I tried in my own aviary last year, and found some Canaries, Bullfinches, and small foreigners chose in preference to the more usual nesting places. Take a 2 or 3-lb. earthenware


A Novel Nest.

jam jar, and knock a small hole in it at one side of the bottom, and by means of this hole hang the jar on a nail; twist a piece of cage wire round the neck of the jar, leaving one end (with a loop on it) 2ins. longer than the jar, and put this loop over another nail hammered in 5ins. above the first.—MISS LATHAM.

CLUB NOTICES; Continued.

Rochdale O.C.—Apr. 11, Club, 8.30. Quarterly meeting; also Town Hall balance sheet.—J. Butterworth.

Sunderland C.B.S.—Apr. 16, Fawcett-st. Cafe, 7.30 C.B.U. and other important business. Members please attend and record their votes.—W. Reid.

Southall C.B.S.—Apr. 11, St. John's Schools, 8. Discussion on breeding.—T. G. Jeffery.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Apr. 12, Headquarters, "Amethyst Club," Church Street, 8. Fanciers welcomed.—H. A. Cooper-Bagley.

Swansea C.B.S. — Apr. 12, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show: Linnet (2), Goldfinch (2), Bullfinch (2), and hen classes, A.V. (2). Judge, Mr. W. T. Kirby. Also lecture.—S. H. George.

Selston F.S.—Apr. 23, 7.—F. Maltby.

South London Col. and F.A.—Apr. 14, Royal George Tanners Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. Smoking concert at close of business. Mr. A. Seyer to preside. All members are asked to assist in making this a social evening. G. A. Jefferys.

Walkley C.B.S.—Apr. 14, St. Philip's Mission Room, 8.—W. E. Clarke.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton), "Seasonable Topics."—Jennings and Viles.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Apr. 14, Duke of York Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. J. Weaver, on the season's topics; anything open for discussion.—J. Gibbons.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Apr. 13, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Schednles for nest feather and annual shows. Levy of 2/6 per member is now due.—J. R. Evans.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Apr. 12, Headquarters, 8. Table show and lecture on Britishers. Annual subscriptions now due.—W. G. Bruce.

Wandsworth F.A.—Apr. 14. Red Lion, 8. Election of officers; consideration of programme for 1910.—W. Lightfoot.

York C.B.S.—Apr. 11, All Saints' School-room, 6.30. Table show of Brit. only. Classes as last show; all members kindly attend; lots of business to go through.—A. Waud.

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Aberdeen O.S.—Apr. 15, Trades Hall, 8. Rules and classification.—J. Bryson.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Apr. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of Brit.—W. Richardson.

Accrington C.B.S.—Apr. 14, Headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Barrow C.B.A.—Apr. 13, Club-room, Gardner and Richards, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Summons meeting; business of most importance to all members; kindly note date of meeting. Entries close for nest feather show Apr. 27.—G. Large.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Apr. 12, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 7.30. Show date, etc.—W. Massey.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Apr. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Delegates report; intending members please attend to get their names inserted in Union book.—F. Western.

Bury C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Textile Hall, 8. Judges for autumn show.—H. Jameson.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—Apr. 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Paper will be read on "The Experiences of an Old Roller Fancier." Roller fanciers invited.—J. W. Norris.

Brighton C.B.A.—Apr. 13, King and Queen Hotel, 8.15. Committee meeting; arrange date, classes, etc., for young stock show, and fix date for annual show.—A. T. Riddles.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Apr. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Judges for members' shows, etc.—M. Skirrow.

Bingley O.S.—Apr. 12, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Classification for members' shows, etc.—A. Livesey.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Apr. 11, Chequer's Hotel, 8.30. Table show of Chaffinches; will all members bring birds?—W. H. Bray.

City of Bradford O.S.—Apr. 9, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Apr. 11th, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. "Merits and Demerits of Colour-feeding," opened by Mr. C. Prior. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Apr. 14, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Selection of judge for young and old bird shows, etc.—J. Southworth.

Dipton C.B.S. — Apr. 9, Council Schools, 7.30. Annual meeting.—M. Mason.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—Apr. 13, 114, High-st., 8. Booking of hens; election of judges; show date; etc. New members enrolled till May.—S. Hewit.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C. — Apr. 16, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Members' annual subscription, etc.—A. Dickson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Apr. 13, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Election of judges, etc.—Geo. Buck.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Apr. 12, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Monthly meeting and show; classes; Brit., Goldfinch, For., Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin; judge, Mr. M. Craig.—R. Watson.

Great Horton O.S.—Apr. 9, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hamilton (C.O.) O.S.—Apr. 9, Lesser Town Hall, 7.30. Table show; judges; etc.—A. Cant.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Apr. 14, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Appointment of new secretary.—W. Parratt.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—April 14, Wadsworth View, 8. Show business; intending members invited.—P. S. Mathers.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. — Apr. 9, Crown Inn, 7. Classification for F.F. show.—A. J. Notley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Apr. 11, St. George's Schools, 8. Debate on rearing of young birds.—F. Barraclough.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Apr. 12, Headquarters, White Horse Hotel, Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. Naisb; all welcome.—W. H. Drew.

Kent County C.B.A.—Apr. 13, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.30. General business.—G. Sanderson.

Keighley C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. To select specials and judges for old bird shows.—J. Binns.

Leicester C.B.S.—Apr. 13, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, pairs for hyb. breeding, Brit. or For. and Can., ditto between two Brit. and For., any variety field-moulted Brit. Judges: Messrs. Heighton and Hurst. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh C.B.S.—Apr. 13, Headquarters, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Reading out of new rules.—P. Hart.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Apr. 9, Manchester, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Withy Grove, 630. General; important business re cup, etc.—J. Rukin.

Littleborough C.B.S. — April 14. Central Coffee Tavern, 8. First feather show, also distribution of Spratt's samples.—H. Smith.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Electing judges for young and old shows.—F. E. Hawkes.

Leek C.B.S.—Apr. 11, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; election of new secretary and other officials.—R. Hall.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Apr. 9, Co-op. Guild-room, 7.30.—A. E. Wigginton.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Apr. 16, Crown Hotel, 8. Date of trip.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Apr. 9, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—A. Gledhill.

Macclesfield C.B.S. — Apr. 14, Daybrook School, 7.30. General business and selection of judges for this year's shows, also paper on breeding, by Mr. S. R. Compston. Members please unite to support him.—H. Wallworth.

Middleton C.B.S.—Apr. 11, Old Boar's Head, 8. Young bird show.—J. Oldham.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Apr. 13, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Lecture, "Our Ideal," by T. C. Crawhall; arrangements for table shows; fanciers invited.—T. C. Crawhall.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Apr. 12, St. Stephen's Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) on "Seeds and other Foods." Members and friends cordially invited.—J. Davey.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Apr. 11, Chapel-st. Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. Bancroft (Sale) on Norwich Plainheads.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Apr. 14, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Dewhurst. Subject: "British Birds." Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Radford O.S.—Apr. 12, Pheasant Inn, 8. Judge for F.F. show, etc. Any fancier wishing to become a member please attend, or send name and address to secretary.—F. Walters.

Southend and Southern C.B.S.—April 13, Alexandra Hotel, 8. F.F. schedule, etc.—W. Franks.

Sandy Lane C.B.S.—Apr. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' shows.—S. Edmondson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Apr. 9, Club Room, 7.30. Classes for F.F. show. All members must guarantee two birds this meeting, or they cannot exhibit.—S. Morley.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 12, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Mopy, but Eats Well.

K. Coxall.—The bird would undoubtedly do better in a room where no fire is kept, though it must be quite free from draughts and damp, and should not be exceptionally cold. Choose a spell of nice, mild weather, and remove it to such a room. Hang it in a nice bright place, but not near a window. Keep cage floor strewn with clean coarse gritty sand, and see the perches are of proper size, so that the bird may grip them comfortably. If the claws are overgrown, wash the feet clean so that you are able to see the blood vein down centre of claw, and snip off the overgrowth just short of the end of the vein. Feed on two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and for the next fortnight give a scrap of bread soaked in milk, slightly dusted with soft sugar, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, three times a week. Give a free supply of green food—dandelion and chickweed—daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. If the wheezy noise has not considerably improved by that time, give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in the water every second day in the following week.

Shell-less Eggs.

Miss K. Lovegrove.—I could wish you had mentioned what green stuff you have been giving this hen. If, by chance, you have been giving dandelion, or gave some for the first time on the Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, you should strictly avoid it for the remainder of the season—for this hen, at least—and give chickweed, groundsel, or watercress instead. If you have other birds commencing to sit, give the perfect egg laid by this hen to one of the others, and separate this hen for two or three weeks. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and every second day for the first week give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Limit the diet to this, and a spray of green stuff daily, for a week. For the next fortnight afterwards give a small teaspoonful of egg food every third day; a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure, inga, sesame, and linseed every third day; and omit all extras save green stuff on the remaining days. Give green food daily. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage regularly. In the drinking water for the first week give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day, and twenty drops on the alternate days. After that give twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day for another fortnight.

A Double.

F. J. S. C.—(1) Am a trifle sceptical as to whether there is anything seriously wrong with the hen. Is she apparently paying attention to the cock when making the noise, and does she appear healthy at other times? If this is the case, I would not worry about her. You certainly ought not to have mated her unless she does seem healthy and vigorous. Your staple diet contains too much rape; reduce the proportion to one in four. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food with a third of a teaspoonful of gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in it every second day (this, of course, is for the pair, as you need not separate them), and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you name. Stop the sponge cake, and instead of the watercress give three or four leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards you may give twenty drops of whisky, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a week. (2) It is impossible to say whether the hen which ate all her eggs last year when she was not mated would repeat the performance this year when she had a mate until she has been tried. But a hen with such a bad history is scarcely worthy of trust. If a good specimen, and you are anxious to get young off her, use a nest with a false bottom, as illustrated several times in our pages, and thus save the eggs from her beak, and set them under a reliable pair of feeders.

Roller With Cold.

Henry Crowder.—Before attempting any treatment whatever, you should have endeavoured to remove the causes of the cold. Do this at once. See that the bird is in a nice equable place, perfectly free from draughts and foul air, and which is bright and well-ventilated. Next, reduce your dietary to the following: As staple diet give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and maw, and every second day for a week give a small piece of bread soaked with milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed strewn on top. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and tincture of lobelia, every second day of a week, or until cold has disappeared.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Dying after Leaving Parents.

G. E. F.—I cannot tell the cause without knowing how you fed and treated them. However, do not this season take the young away until you see they feed freely on the egg food, and are also able to get out the kernel of cracked hemp, by which time they can also with some effort manage rape seed and a little canary. Continue the supply of egg food for the first week after removal; give also a supply of cracked hemp, broken canary, and summer rape, whole. Withhold green food for the first week or two, except such things as the green seed stalks of plantain and shepherd's purse. After the first week gradually reduce the proportion of egg in the soft food, and as you see the youngsters cracking canary and rape more freely, reduce the quantity of egg food given, and also add whole canary seed, which should be made the staple, and gradually withdraw the crushed seed and add a small quantity of bread and milk twice each week. Keep cage floor and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean, and keep a regular supply of gritty sand on the floor. With this treatment the bird should not "go light," but if you find them falter, at once begin to give a little bread scalded in milk, and with three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on, every second day for a week or so. If you think the birds consume too much water you might add a little solution of iron and quinine as you suggest to deter them, but if properly treated generally there is no necessity whatever for any such restrictions; neither is it a wise policy to commence dosing with drugs at such a tender age.

More Early Deaths.

Troubled.—The trouble is that there is something radically wrong with your management when you cannot get a youngster to survive two weeks. Your feeding does not seem very good, and in this case at least you mated the birds too early. You make no mention of canary seed as a portion of the diet. Surely you do not withhold it. This must be the mainstay of the diet. Give an unlimited supply of this, with a pinch of summer rape every second day and one of hemp whenever it turns exceptionally chilly, and a scrap of egg food once each week. Limit the diet to this whilst hens are sitting. When young are due to batch, give a small allowance of egg food, and continue giving this in small quantities two or three times a day for the first three days. Then begin to increase the quantity as the demands of the young increase, and add a little green food. Continue giving this from this time in small quantities, freshly gathered, if possible, twice a day. Give groundsel, chickweed, or watercress, but avoid dandelion for your birds. When the young are ten or twelve days old begin to give a supply of cracked hemp daily, in small quantity at first, and increase if necessary gradually. A supply of soaked rape may also be added after the first fortnight, especially if there is a large and voracious brood. Continue on these lines until the young are ready to be taken away, and for treatment from this stage see reply to "G. E. F."

Three Points.

A. M. J. (Cricklewood).—As you do not say how much egg food you have been giving the birds, I cannot venture to say whether they may have had too much. The first cock was certainly in a bad way, and I scarcely expect it has survived until now. It was probably a slight apoplectic seizure, and the gentian would have little or nothing to do with its origin, although no drug at all should be given without some real need. If he is still alive, feed him on plain canary seed, with a pinch of summer rape every second day, and a scrap of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed twice a week. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week, and a spray of chickweed daily. Do not try to breed with him again until quite well. Give the hen that has nested but not laid, in addition to a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, linseed, maw, and teazle in equal parts every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful (not more) of egg food sprinkled with gold of pleasure. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea daily for three days. The Norwich cock must have had the tail feathers broken off and the stumps left in. Wait until the hen has commenced to sit, and then catch him and examine. If you find my surmise correct, carefully withdraw the stumps at three "sittings," with an interval of a day between each. Take out four at each "sitting."

Not Singing, and Moulting.

H.H., Burnley.—You should first of all remove the bird to a box cage, and hang in a bright, comfortable position, quite free from any draught, and not necessarily in a very warm place, but where the temperature varies but little between day and night. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. Continue this treatment for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. During the next week give 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of tincture of steel every second day, and after this give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Give a little dandelion or chickweed daily. The bird will not sing until the moulting stops. If it does not begin in a reasonable time after the feathers cease dropping, write again and refer to this reply.

Brevities.

Deserting Eggs (S.T.).—This hen's behaviour now, coupled with her history last year, would be quite sufficient for me. It is very doubtful indeed whether she will ever act differently, and the best thing you can do is to discard her altogether, and replace her with a healthy and lusty young hen. The only way in which you could hope to get young of this ne'er-do-well would be to take away the eggs and give them to foster parents to hatch and rear, and as she is a cross-bred bird she can scarcely be worth that trouble.

Ventilating Aviary (Inquirer).—Sorry, but your present letter leaves me in the same position as the last. To know just the size of the room does not give one any idea as to how it can best be ventilated. Cannot you manage a rough sketch—it does not matter how crude it is, just to give me some idea of the shape and style of the structure, and showing the position of any existing windows, doors, and fireplace, and mark which side faces the sun at midday. Also say whether building is of bricks or wood.

Out of Song (Gwalia, Barry Dock).—Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, and teazle in equal parts, and every second day for the next fortnight a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure strewn over it. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second in the next week. Give a leaf of dandelion daily.

Wheezes Badly (Scotty).—Am afraid you will never do any good with the bird. Feed as advised to "Gwalia, Barry Dock," for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week; the next week give the whisky, etc., mixture you have been giving two days in every three. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the same treatment in the same order. Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily very high, but let it be as free as possible from extreme fluctuations.

Hens Not Laying, etc. (Royal Dragoon).—You can only exercise the virtue of patience, and hope for the eggs to appear in due course. This may occur any time. If, however, the hen sits closely you might examine the nest to see whether she has already laid, and got the eggs hidden with nesting material. I have known hens do this. If the eggs are not there give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, and sprinkle with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed. On the alternate days give a half-teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. As regards the young dying, see reply to "G.E.F."

Large Abdomen (Ab. Ova.).—The cause, granting the appearance is of a pronounced and abnormal type, is due to imperfect development of the embryo, which may be owing to weak germs, or to too great cold during incubation. You can do nothing to cure it, but if the abnormality is only slight, there is just a chance Nature may remedy it before the youngster leaves the nest. As this was the first nest, and all the other eggs were clear, it is most likely that this was the result of a weak germ. It may not be repeated in the second nests. There is also the possibility of nothing abnormal being present. With only one youngster in a nest one sees its helplessness rather exaggerated for the first few days. Do not handle or interfere with newly-hatched young.

Abnormal Egg (I.G.M.).—Throw away the small egg and let the birds gradually come in condition again naturally and start afresh. The probability is they were not ready for mating when you put them together. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary and one part summer rape as staple. Every third day give a teaspoonful of egg, and on the intervening days give, alternately, a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga, and sesame, gold of pleasure, and maw. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Continue this diet until the hen goes to nest again. For the next three days add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water. It is not true that Roller hens are good for only one season—their period of usefulness is as extensive as any breed we have.

Lancashire Moulting (B. Hill).—I doubt whether you will do much good in breeding with her this year. See the cage is quite free from red mites, and the bird not troubled with grey lice. Keep her quite free from draughts and constant fluctuations of heat and cold, and keep her in a fairly comfortable position. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and half a teaspoonful of hemp on the alternate days. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give 20 drops of chemical food, continuing the latter on alternate days until the feathers have ceased dropping. Allow the bird to bathe two or three times a week on mild days.

Dropping Feathers (Puzzled A.E.).—This phenomenon, in your case anyway, is not the result of a disease, but the outcome of injudicious management. The position of the birds in the window, exposed to extremes of heat and cold, and probably draughts, is without doubt the sole cause. Move them further into the room, not too near the fire or ceiling, but in a bright, well ventilated position free from draughts and as equable as possible. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day for the next fortnight give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with 4 drops of sherry and 2 of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a small pinch of maw scattered over it. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days and after that 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and 20 drops of chemical food every second day for another three weeks.

Diarrhœa (Anxious).—See reply to "J.R." for "Norwich with Diarrhœa," and treat your bird on the same lines.

Norwich Moulting (J. R.).—Keep the bird in as equable a temperature as possible, though not necessarily a high one. See that it is quite free from red mites, and feed and treat it the same as advised "H. H. Burnley."

Not Laying (F. F., Bindoff).—See reply to "Royal Dragoon," and feed and treat the birds as there advised. Let the birds remain together, do not interfere with their arrangements, and have patience for a while.

Is it Injurious? (Mignonette.)—No, there is not the slightest risk of harming the birds by having mignonette in the room where they are kept. In fact, there is no danger in giving the birds sprays of the plant when in bloom to pick over, when, as frequently happens, it is covered with aphides. The birds enjoy eating off the insects, and if they also eat portions of the plant it does not harm them.

Cause of Death (Lawrence).—It would be impossible to say with any degree of certainty what the bird died of without a postmortem. But I have scarcely a doubt at all about its being due to an attack of pneumonia, and suspect the attack coincided with one of the bitterly cold nights about that time. You should have given the eggs at once to another pair, or divided them between two other hens with small clutches.

Hustling (S. G.N.).—It was certainly a smart bit of work of your hen to build, and lay the first egg on the sixth day after being mated. She was in fine condition when mated, and if the cock was in as good condition there is nothing whatever to fear respecting the fertility of the eggs. The chances are greatly in favour of a good result, so I trust by the time this appears you will be the happy possessor of a fine clutch of thriving youngsters.

Removing Eggs (Wally).—If you cannot arrange for some steady, reliable hand to remove the eggs each morning before midday, so that they have to remain in the nest until night, I would certainly advise you not to remove them at all. There are many cases where certain hens, and also certain eggs, would not be adversely affected by remaining in the nest until night, but you cannot tell whether your hens and eggs are going to be of that type or not. Therefore, be on the safe side, and leave the eggs alone from the first.

Thin and Thick ("Novice").—See the position is not exposed to any serious fluctuations. If near a window move her to another position where it will be more equal and comfortable. Give plain Canary only as staple; every second day separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. On the alternate days give about the same quantity of egg food, with 4 drops of sherry and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts sesame and gold of pleasure seed mixed in it. Give two dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid.

Nibbling Feathers (Kit).—Satisfy yourself the bird is not troubled with grey lice. Give it a bath every three or four days, and add a few drops of quassia extract to it on alternate occasions. Give it a mealworm every second day for a week or two. Do this by crushing the head of the worm and pinning it on end of a perch. Omit the millet from the staple diet, and twice a week give a pinch of the mixed seed. A scrap of bread and milk lightly sprinkled with soft sugar once a week, with the daily supply of green food, will suffice to complete the dietary. You may add a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice to its water for two days.

Feet Bitten Off ("Hairdresser").—These cases do sometimes happen, either through accident or vice on the part of the parent or parents. If the former, it may not occur again, and I would certainly advise you to try the hen again. Interfere as little as possible when she is about hatching next time; give a little green food from the first day, and if you notice her interfering with the young other than feeding and cleaning them, add also a mealworm now and again for a day or two. Offer it by crushing its head and pinning the worm on the end of a perch. Also next time when only one or two young are hatched leave one of the eggs, or place a dummy egg in the nest for the first week or so.

Not Laying (Chorlton).—I suspect you mated the birds before they were in proper condition for it. There is still a fair chance of things coming right in the end. Leave them together. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a teaspoonful of egg food with a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed in it. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of hemp and inga mixed in equal parts. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily. Keep them on this diet for a month if necessary, or until the hen has laid a clutch of eggs. If there are no more signs of her doing this a month hence than now, replace her with another one which is ready to go to nest. Do not imagine this is the usual experience. Your friend must have been singularly unfortunate in his choice of birds.

Backward Norwich (Ffurdoow).—Your best plan is to get a young active cock to mate with the hen, as the one you have now will be useless for breeding for some weeks yet to come, even if he is of any use at all this year. Keep him in a good sized cage in a bright, well-ventilated position, but not draughty, and do not keep him too warm. Limit his seed supply to a small teaspoonful each day for a fortnight, but be careful not to overlook him for a day. Let the seed consist of equal parts canary and rape four days a week, and canary only on the other days. Give a liberal supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then begin again and repeat the two weeks' treatment in same order.

Concerning a Shed (G. Dear).—I think you would be best advised to give up the idea of utilising this shed. Are the insects really earwigs or wood lice? I suspect the latter, and their presence in numbers would indicate a bad condition of the structure of the shed, and that the woodwork was decayed; and the dampness will not improve matters. If you use the shed, in addition to the alterations you propose, dust the floor liberally with carbolic disinfecting powder, put a good-sized ventilator—say, six or seven inches high and at least a foot in length—in the east and west ends, cover with perforated zinc, and lay down a second floor inside the shed raised eight or nine inches above the original floor. This will place the inner floor higher than the new ventilator, and allow a good current of air to circulate between the two floors, which should counteract the damp. You only give me the height of the place, so I cannot tell how many birds it would accommodate. Fair sized, straggling branches would be quite efficient perches.

In the Window (Green).—See reply to "Puzzled A.E." and act accordingly, as you are in the same boat and have made the same error. Feed and treat your bird the same, but as a first step remove it from the window, or no amount of treatment will avail. During the first week, when giving the gentian and steel, give also on the alternate days 20 drops of whisky and 5 each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine.

Breathes Fast (Short Winded).—It is probably nervousness that makes the hen breathe as you describe when you go near her. If she is bright and active generally, I see no reason why she should not be good for breeding this year. You may treat her for a week as advised to "H. S. B." as a precautionary measure. More than that I hardly think will be needed.

Removing Cock (C. Collins, Sheffield).—No, as you have not removed the cock before now, do not remove him now the young are hatched, unless the hen should cease feeding the young when a few days old, in which case you might try the effect of removing him. But if they feed all right let things go as they are. If you want to remove him next time, do it as soon as the hen has well settled down to sitting.

Breeding in a Cupboard (F. J. C.).—How are you going to manage the ventilation? I hope you have not overlooked this important necessity for the health and well-being of the birds, as it will need very careful attention in such a small place, and if not properly attended to you will find that although you bred successfully in it last year, things will not go so smoothly when a number of birds are confined in the same space. It will be best to keep the birds on one side only. The cages would be so close together if hung on two sides facing each other, that it would cause a good deal of uneasiness and neglect of duty among birds of a particular temperament.

Norwich with Diarrhœa (J. R.).—Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean; stick a piece of cuttlefish in wires for him to peck at. See that all your seeds, especially the rape, are sound and good. Feed on plain canary as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days a pinch of hemp and about half a teaspoonful of crushed dry biscuit. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for three days and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and five of tincture of opium for a day or two until looseness is stopped. Give no green food for a week, but a morsel of banana may be given every second day as a substitute.

Substance on Beak (A. Sears, Stoke Newington).—Hope I have interpreted signature correctly. The substance was doubtless a small abscess, and should now be quite healed. If not, wash it clean with a little fairly warm water, in which you have dissolved a little boracic acid. Dry gently, and anoint the place sparingly every second day with boracic ointment. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and add a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice to the water for two days. Give a spray of green food daily, a pinch of a mixture of black rape, inga, teazle, gold of pleasure, maw, and hemp, in equal quantities, twice a week, and a scrap of bread and milk twice a week for the next fortnight. There can be no objection to mating as soon as the place is quite well, if he is ready.

What Class? (Constant Reader of CAGE BIRDS).—Am afraid I do not understand you very clearly. If the bird is self-cinnamon, whether of the pure cinnamon of Norwich type, it cannot be termed a marked bird. As regards the class, it naturally depends upon the classification. If it is a Norwich Plainhead with cinnamon colour, it would go in the "any variety Norwich," or if no such class is provided, in the "any other variety." If the bird is of the pure cinnamon type, and there was only that one in the show, it would still probably go to the "any other variety" class, as a separate cinnamon class would, in all probability, be cancelled in such circumstances. If this is not what you require, write again, and describe the bird more explicitly, and also give the suggested classification.

Mopy Norwich (H. S. B.).—See that she is not exposed to draught at all. Keep in an equable and fairly comfortable place. See that cage is quite free from red mites. Feed on plain canary seed only as staple, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days for the next fortnight give a piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure on top. Give a spray of chickweed or a little dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two consecutive days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue giving the latter on alternate days for a fortnight.

Two on Singing (C.C.C.).—1. The great point is to keep the bird in bright and healthy surroundings, and quite free from cold draughts. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple; twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, linseed, and teazle, and every second day for the next fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with 4 drops of sherry, and a pinch of equal parts of gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed in it. Give two leaves of dandelion, or a spray of chickweed daily. 2. Certainly, Canaries have a natural song, which is louder, harsher, and less varied than that of the trained Roller. They will usually sing this freely enough without any tuition. For ordinary purposes a good free singing bird is the best tutor; but when required to train birds properly for pure singing purposes, a bird-organ is the most useful ally. Bird warblers, such as you describe, are amusing to play with (until the performance becomes exasperating), but are of very little practical value.

Slow Starter ("Anxious.")—I expect the birds are only waiting for a rather stronger breath of Spring before beginning in earnest. The answers to your questions are:—1. The hen was probably not quite so forward as you thought she was. Leave matters alone now, and exercise patience. Things will come right in the end. 2. The event you refer to will recur more frequently when the hen gets forward in real earnest. It is quite possible for one such occurrence to fertilise several eggs, but usually it is the exception and not the rule. 3. I do not care about your method of feeding. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of egg foods sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily. Cannot tell when you may look for eggs. It depends upon the condition of the hen; it may be only a week, or it may be two, three, or four weeks hence.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Singing Linnet.

Roller.—You say that you have ordered the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Linnet, and this will give you all the information you can want. It is not advisable to suddenly change the seed mixture which has been given a bird for a lengthy period, and on which it thrives. The mixture you mention is a good one, except that for the dandelion teazle seed should be substituted; the former is very expensive, and should be given as an occasional "titbit." No "soft food" needed. Chickweed and shepherd's purse are both preferable to groundsel and dandelion in my own opinion, for regular use, especially when in a seeding state. Still, a little dandelion is good to be regularly given in the spring, and the flowering tops of groundsel are also very much relished. Don't stick to just one greenstuff; vary them. Strictly speaking, a living room is not a good place in which to keep British birds; an unheated room is best. Many Linnets thrive quite well in living rooms, however.

Many Matters.

M.L.—To answer all your questions fully would, I am afraid take quite a column. The open end of the aviary should face south, or south-west, and the shade of trees would, no doubt, be grateful to the inmates in the height of summer. Your place is a fair-sized one, and the two hen Bullies may get along well in it; but they can behave very badly to each other in the breeding season. I know I dare not now keep two hen Bullies together in any of my flights. The strongest simply bundles into the others and pulls the clothes off their backs in big beakfuls. The hens are almost sure to nest, and they might possibly rear their young if you supply plenty of seeding greenstuff (chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and the like). A little insectivorous food can be offered, but the quantity you will need is so small that it will not be worth your while to mix it; buy one pound (or less) through our advertisement columns, and try it first. Seed mixture for the aviary: Canary and teazle three parts each, charlock and summer rape one part each, linseed half-a-part, by measure. In a separate dish give some hemp seed one day, sunflower seed the next; give both regularly should the hens have young to feed. Also give wild-seed mixture and a little of the other seeds in general use (maw, niger, etc.) now and again. The above seed mixture will suit a Siskin admirably; and a little hemp, maw, niger, cracked sunflower and wild seed mixture (varied) will soon bring him into breeding condition. Some Siskins are very meddlesome with the nest, and will interfere with eggs; best to shut them off while hen is laying, until, that is, you have had opportunity of testing their behaviour.

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A Young Puzzle.

A. Fox.—I had to smile at the two guesses at the identity of the youngster you have picked up in the main street at Woking. It is too early for Butcher Birds—they have not reached England yet, and they are not likely to lose their children in the streets of Woking when they do. The Bramblefinch does not breed in England. So both guesses are put out of court. I expect you found, in reality, some naughty young Starling which had lost its mamma. This would be coloured and marked in the manner you describe; and there are some about now, I know. You will rear it alright on the food you mention, though the addition of some minced hard-boiled egg is advisable; and this Lark food will do for the staple diet when it can feed itself. It would be better, however, to use a portion of a good dog meal (such as "Melox" or Spratt's), softened with hot water, and to stir into this an equal portion of the Lark food, the two combined making the bird's food for the day. Starlings are also very fond of ripe fruit and berries of all kinds, live food (mealworms, beetles, etc.), and table scraps.

Concerning the Nightingale.

J.V.—1. A Nightingale will certainly live in captivity as far north as Midlothian. It must, of course, be kept warm during the cold winter weather. 2. They certainly sing in the daytime; practically wholly so when in a cage. It is impossible to say for how many months in a year individuals vary so in freedom of song, but over a far longer period than when in a state of nature. They will, in captivity, sing both during autumn and winter. 3. Nightingales also are sometimes offered for sale at a few shillings each, but they are not well on food (i.e., are newly caught). A known songster will fetch from 20s. to 30s.; more if moulted in captivity, and an extra good specimen. 4. Get a special scithill cage for Nightingales and similar small insectivorous birds from one of the large cage-makers advertising in our columns. All up-to-date makers will supply a suitable design. The stock food should be that which I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, two parts, dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold mashed potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.), one can obtain, as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or, more generally, part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and occasionally a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Ripe fruit should enter largely into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes.

Feeding Thrushes Cheaply.

R. U. Wagner.—You ask for the cheapest staple food for a number of Song and Missel Thrushes, Starlings, Fieldfares, Blackbirds, and the like, one that is easily made. The cheapest satisfactory way which I have discovered is to get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, soften this with hot water, then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily), and find it very cheap. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some live insects, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. If necessary, crush the "Melox," or whatever brand you use.

Linnets for Song.

T.P. and George.—Let the Linnets' stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's-purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the spring and the summer. To bring them in condition for song and breeding the great "secret" is to give them a daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well upon it. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. The "Nutshell" booklet upon the Linnet would be very helpful to you, and tell you about the moulting, etc.

Keeping a Hawfinch.

Leytonian.—All my own Hawfinches have an unlimited supply of water, both for drinking and bathing purposes. It is no use giving colour food except during the moult; no doubt many exhibition specimens get a little of it. Berries (haw, black, privet, etc.) should be given as well. I have frequently given particulars of the feeding, etc., of Hawfinches. The principal food is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Give this, and a mealworm or two every day or so; the bird asks for little more (though the sunflower should not be given alone). The mealworms should be given direct from the fingers; they are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They love tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

Brevities.

Three Larks (Victoria Street).—A little down in condition, I should say; maybe owing to the changeable weather. Get an ounce or so of saccharated carbonate of iron from a chemist, and mix 5 grains (the chemist will show you, if you ask him, exactly how much of it this quantity represents) into the soft food of each bird daily for a week or ten days. The soft food should be moist. This will "pull them together." Have never used syrup of violets. I presume you keep the birds under good conditions.

Chaffinch in Poor Feather (Boots).—I expect it is the heat of the room (and the gas), which you admit gets "rather warm," that is responsible for the bad state of plumage of your Chaffinch. Canaries are very different to British birds, so far as standing heat is concerned, and some Britishers will stand it far better than others. I expect you will now have to wait until next moulting time before the bird shows any improvement in its plumage. Of course, if you choose to change him into a cold room that may drop him into moult right away. There is some risk, of course, attached to doing this.

A Muling Matter (F. K. Underwood).—By all means let the hen Canary mate with the cock Canary for the first nest. She will lay clear eggs if you don't, for if her condition is so forward the eggs will come, mate or no mate. And the Goldie is useless until you see he is properly "up" in breeding trim. Pity the Finch is such a "poor little thing"; a good big Goldie is always worth having.

Wanted, Mules for Song and Colour (H. W. Haley).—The Mules bred between a cock Goldfinch and a hen Canary are certainly the best, so far as colour goes, their jackets more nearly resembling Jacob's than does that of any other Mule. But, so far as beauty of song goes, in my opinion a Linnet Mule scores an easy first. I am presuming, of course, that the birds sing their papa's natural notes, or some of them, at least. The Linnet, too, is the easiest bird to mule with. Further, a Jonque Linnet mule is quite a pretty colour. Therefore, probably a Linnet is the bird which will suit you best as a mate for your hen Canary, to produce a good-looking mule with a fine voice.

A Mating Trouble (W. H. P.).—Possibly the Linnet "sulks" and pecks at the hen because he is not up in breeding condition. You must not take any notice of a little "pecking," however, so long as it does not involve serious fighting and feather pulling. Most birdie marriages begin with a squabble, you know. I should separate the two, but keeping them within sight of each other, until the hen Canary shows signs of being seriously bent upon nest-building; if the Linnet is then "rank" (as fanciers say), I think you will have little further trouble.

Linnet and Canary (Marcus).—You need not trouble one little bit over the point you raise. When a hen Canary is paired up for breeding (in reasonably forward condition) the richer diet of a Linnet or a Goldfinch will in no wise harm her; it is "worked off" by the exertions inseparable from the building of a home, and the rearing of a family.

The Best Songster (W. J. W.).—In my own opinion, a good Linnet can beat a good Goldfinch easily so far as beauty of song is concerned. The Linnet scores alike for volume, variety, and sweetness; the Goldfinch's is the more cheery, "merry" ditty of the two. Individuals, however, differ greatly in merit as vocalists. Some utter a more or less wooden, chattering kind of song; others have a mellow quality of tone which is quite flute-like and altogether delightful. I have one such Linnet now, whose "rounded periods" are a never-failing source of pleasure to me. He puts my Goldfinches quite into the shade.

Shall I, or Shall I not? (Brown Dickie.)—I am surprised to learn that the sun in the afternoon shines into the room which "faces north." But we'll let that pass. I see no reason whatever why you should not invest in a breeding cage with a fair chance of producing in it some Linnet-Canary Mules. You will find this more interesting, I think, than merely keeping a few birds for song. One of my bird-rooms faced almost due north (a little to westward), and I had considerable success in it, both breeding and otherwise. It was well lighted, though.

Sex of the Chaffinch (C. C. C.).—It is very simple indeed. The cock Chaffinch has always a red breast; the hen never. The male is brilliantly coloured, from top to toe, in fact; while the hen is a soberly garbed, greyish brown little creature, brightened only by the white wing bars and white edging to the tail feathers.

Larks not Singing (R. H.).—Are you sure that you have cock birds? You should get one pound of a good-class insectile mixture from one of the makers of such foods (about 1s. 6d. per lb.), using our advertisement columns. Add one part of this to one part of the mixture you mention in your letter, moisten it (if necessary) with a little grated raw carrot, and on this the Larks should soon come into song and high condition. I presume, of course, you are housing and keeping them properly. Read the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Skylark.

A Greenie Bullie Couple (J. O. Rowlands).—This is the stock seed mixture to give: Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower one part each. In addition, give in a separate dish (vary them) wild seeds, hemp, and niger. Plenty of early young dandelion (leaves, seedy heads, and flowers) is essential; other good and easily obtainable greenfoods are seedy groundsel, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. A little soft food (egg food or an insectile mixture) is often relished. Keep the couple together now for good or ill; nothing gained by parting them.

Floor of Thrush's Cage (New Year).—It is certainly possible to get peat moss litter in London (I use it myself, anyway), and this is a first-class and very cheap covering for the floor of Thrush, etc., cages. Coarse-cut pine sawdust is excellent if thickly laid down, and there is no chance of its flying into and choking up the water and food vessels. Cocoanut fibre is very good, but not cheap (comparatively). You don't need to have any guarantee; the Wild Bird Act won't touch you. The bird can be out of doors until the winter approaches (has it yet left us?), if the cage is watertight and the spot a sheltered one.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Birds for Aviary.

Alnwick.—I should certainly advise you to keep to Parrakeets, as mixing Parrakeets and Finches means sooner or later the mutilation or slaughter of the latter. The only birds I dare advise you to keep with Parrakeets are Cardinals, Cowbirds, and Troupials, and even with these mishaps occur. You could, however, have a very nice series of Parrakeets and Lovebirds in your aviary, but as you want breeding results, do not overcrowd. Pairs each of Rosella Parrakeets, Cockatiels, Redrump Parrakeets, Green Budgerigars, Black-checked Lovebirds and Yellow Budgerigars. As I do not think the Cardinals would breed in such company, you could put in odd males of Crested, Pope, and Virginian Cardinals, which would make a pleasing variety of form and colour. As you are in the far north, I consider an arrangement of hinged glazed sashes in front of your wire netting would be an improvement for winter use, you could then in bad weather only open these according to the position of the wind. It would be essential for you to have at least double the number of small barrels, logs and husks that you have pairs of birds. While the centre of the aviary should be left fairly open for flight exercise, there should be an abundance of branches about, varying from the fine twiggy type to those 2ins. in diameter. The bath should be large and shallow, a clear one inch depth of water in a cemented cavity, would be ample, and no risk of the smaller birds being drowned.

Foreign Bird Queriists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Teaching Budgerigars to Talk.

E.E.—I am afraid you will find your patience sadly tried, for it is not every taught Budgerigar that talks, it is simply a few out of a crowd; this may be in large measure because but few tackle the task. I cannot add a great deal to what is stated in your book; if you take them in hand before they can feed themselves (the younger the better) you must carry out the directions given for hand-rearing, or if this is too much trouble, take them in hand as soon as you see them shelling seed for themselves. You must just make pets of them, talk to them and fuss about with them generally. The first thing to do will be to train them to come on your finger and get their full confidence, and then patience and kindness must do the rest. With this species I should advise you to train males, though, as a rule with most species, both sexes talk equally well. They should be caged singly, and had better be so placed that they cannot see each other. If I have not made it clear, repeat query for what is lacking.

Procuring An African Grey.

J.L.H.—I cannot criticise advertisements, but a really good talking Grey Parrot, in good health and feather, is worth from £10 to £15, though it is not always easy to find purchasers at this price; but, personally, if I had such I wished to part with, I would sell at a low figure. You may get a good healthy bird, just beginning to articulate a word or two, for 35/- to 50/-, but at the lower figure I fear the element of chance enters in. Most low-priced birds offered have been over in this country for only a short time, though they may have begun to mimic a few sounds and say a word or two—with such birds there is always the risk of latent infection, contracted during importation, developing in a few weeks, or soon after you have purchased it. The most satisfactory way with Greys is to get a really acclimatised bird. See it before purchasing and judge of its ability and condition before you part with your money. Such a bird would, I expect, cost you £5.

Birds for Aviary.

Nemo.—I am quite aware that Finches and Budgerigars are kept together, and sometimes quite a year or two will elapse before mishaps occur. I so kept them myself for some time, but in spite of close observation, mishaps began to occur, and I had to consign them to an enclosure reserved for large birds. Your birds should breed. Have you a true pair? The male has a blue cere, that of the female is brown. Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Grey and White Java Sparrows, Long and Rufous-tailed Grenfinches, Bronze and Magpie Munnikins, Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-Crested, St. Helena and Grey Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Cockatiels are quite amiable, and I have never known them to interfere with the smallest Waxbill, but the same cannot be said for Budgerigars, but with them it is more mischief than malice. Supply canary, white and spray millet seeds as staple diet, and oats, rice in the husk, hemp, and sunflower seed in small quantities; grit, green-food, cuttlefish, and also ripe fruit. Supply soft-food when they are feeding young.

Brevities.

Breeding Budgerigars (C.C.C.).—1.—For Budgerigars cokernut husks are much better than shells and such, ready wired for hanging up, can be purchased for a few pence each from advertisers in our columns. 2.—When the hen Budgerigar is in breeding condition, her cere is a rich brown, when out of breeding condition it becomes dull bluish. 3.—There is not much the matter here; at least, I incline to the opinion that what you refer to is merely its warbling in an undertone. 4.—Immaterial; all my husks are hung so that they sway a little, but they cannot swing violently, either by the birds or strong wind. 5.—Equal parts. 6.—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts. For use, take one part mixture to three parts water, and supply no other drinking water till the birds have taken freely of it. 7.—I cannot pretend to settle this problem, but you will notice that if they get disturbed at night, they and most other birds dash wildly about to their own hurt.

Soft Food, Etc. (C.C.B.).—Equal parts of chicken meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake; all the above will keep indefinitely in the canisters or bottles, if stored in any dry place. Take the required portion and make it crumbly moist with boiling water. Ripe fruit and one or two mealworms or other insects should also be given daily. Zebra Doves will breed in an outdoor aviary, and either a shallow box or wicker platform (say, the lid of a small fruit hamper), fixed in the branches or against the wall, rather high up, will meet their requirements—they will merely twine a few fine sticks and bents together thereon and will usually rear two or three broods each season.

Blue Grosbeak (Thank You).—Put this bird on to a course of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water); give it every other day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; when this occurs you must cease giving it for say a week. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I would only give at most two mealworms per diem for a time. Repeat query next week and let me know how the bird is progressing, also examine it and ascertain if it is over-fat. Also state if it is in an in- or out-door aviary. Give me the above information, and I will try to give you more definite help in our next issue.

Aviary for Lovebirds (T.J.T.).—The aviary will answer its purpose well enough, and as it is will accommodate, say, one pair each of Green and Yellow Budgerigars and Black-cheek Lovebirds. I note you say: "shut in by buildings, not much sun at any time." Your aviary would be greatly improved for the comfort and well-being of the birds if you could make a small all-wire annexe, in the position that it will get all the sun possible. With a little thought and observation you should be able to arrange this. Light, sun, and air, are agents that tell for health and vigour, and consequently are sound precautions against disease.

Will They Agree? (C.G.).—I presume the additions you name are odd birds; they certainly would agree when breeding if they are pairs. Pennants and Rosellas sometimes are pugnaciously disposed towards each other, and the Lories are not, as a rule, amiably disposed towards other species of Parrakeets; but, personally, I should risk it. Keep them under close observation until their respective demeanours were fully ascertained. As a general rule the larger Parrots and Parrakeets treat Budgerigars and Lovebirds as "beneath notice."

Choice of Birds ("Lough Derg.").—Your aviary is well conceived, though it would have been much more useful if it had been of a minimum height of 8ft. Of the birds you name I consider the following as the more likely to succeed:—Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra Finches, Zebra and Grey Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finhes, Cutthroats, Bengalese Spice Birds, Canaries, also Long- and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, and White Java Sparrows. You ought not to keep more than a score of birds, the size of a Norwich Canary, in such an aviary, and I should advise covering up the wire netting during cold weather, and even in the summer if you are troubled with cats, as though the birds may ignore them during the day, a cat drives them wild with fear during the night.

The Breeding of Indian Green Parrakeets (J.H.F.).—I can help you better if you will kindly tell me what kind of nesting receptacles you have, and the conditions, size, etc., of your aviary. Are you troubled with mice? Are the birds in perfect feather and full of vigour? How do you feed? Three to five form the clutch. These birds have been bred in this country on more than one occasion; both sexes share the duties of incubation. If you care to send me your address through the Editor, I will send you a paper containing the account of the successful nesting of these birds. Will give you full details if you will repeat query and answer above questions.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

A Goldfish Problem.

C.C.C.—With one small goldfish in a bowl 4½ inches deep and 13 across, once a week will be quite enough to change the water; you could add another fish if you liked—a silver one would make a pretty contrast. For these small vessels the best weed is common water-cress; select some pieces with plenty of rootlets, and these will live for some time and afford food for the fish. Remove when the cress begins to turn yellow. This and ants' eggs are all the food that the fish need, though a very little bread or a small worm or two may be added at times. But leave nothing in that may go bad.

Treatment of Grass Snakes.

Anxious.—These do not need to be kept in damp moss; fill the floor of the aquarium in which you propose keeping them with shingle or turf, and sink in this a pan of water large enough for them to get into entirely. Feed on frogs and minnows; I doubt if full-sized ones would eat mealworms.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E.I.L.—Replied by post.
Miss K. Westley.—Replied by post.
H. R. Ralfe.—Replied by post.
Miss Cann.—Replied by post.
F. H. Wright.—Replied by post.
K. Middleton.—Replied by post.
Miss M. A. Clarke.—Replied by post.

Ida H. Allen.—I could trace nothing of an infectious character on conducting post-mortem examination of cock Canary, which I found was extensively affected, the liver being the principal seat. This was in a condition of fatty degeneration denoted by an alteration in its consistency and colour, being much paler than normal, a yellowish white. Secondary to this there existed an inflammation of the bowels brought about by the absence of bile, which is Nature's intestinal antiseptic. Fatty degeneration considerably upsets the normal function of the liver; there is interference with bile secretion, and consequently the intestines suffer. Blood in the excrement would arise from this cause. Fatty degeneration of the liver arises from many causes, both bacterial and chemical; too long continuation of certain drugs will bring about the disease.

W.E.G.—Autopsy of Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrid presented some remarkable and unusual lesions implicating both lungs, but more markedly the right. I have encountered similar post-mortem appearances in the large domestic animals, but never before have I met with this condition in birds. Pneumonic affections of birds as a rule prove rapidly fatal, but here the disease had been existing for many months. On the upper surface of the right lung, and extending half way into its depth was a necrotic or dead patch of lung tissue, completely put out of action and devoid of all functional activity; consequently the bird would have, as it were, little more than half of the right lung in working condition, which would account for symptoms of gaping owing to distress or partial asphyxia. The left lung was affected to a slight degree, but sufficiently so to interfere with its breathing powers. Necrotic or apparently necrotic areas of lung tissue are commonly encountered in sheep due to the presence of filaria, thread-like parasites; also they used to be seen in lungs of cattle suffering from contagious bovine pleura-pneumonia. I am giving you these simply as examples, and shall carry out microscopic examination of sections of this dead tissue to arrive, if possible, at the cause. Why this affection should have come under your notice as of common occurrence in Bullfinch and Bullfinch hybrids it is difficult to say, for I cannot see that these birds possess any greater susceptibility than others. You had a very difficult case to treat; no amount of scientific skill would have been of any avail; yet the tincture of benzoin would give relief for a time. I will acquaint you later as to the result of my further examination; it takes some few days or so to prepare mounted specimens.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Cutting (H. Gentle).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

A Photograph (J. Thomas).—Sorry to hear of the failure; better luck next time.

Illness and Birds (Novice).—We have sent your letter to an expert, and will give you his opinion upon the matter in our next issue.

Two Ideas (A. Nickelson).—If accepted, the ideas appear in due course; owing to the number received, many have to wait some time. We seem to remember having given swing ladder perches before.

An Opinion (Inquirer).—If the birds were received by you dead, we cannot understand why you had the money paid over to the sender, as you do not now seem to approve of them reaching you in that state. We never heard of Goldfinches "partly eating each other." Your only remedy (if any) is against the railway company for loss in transit.

Correspondence.

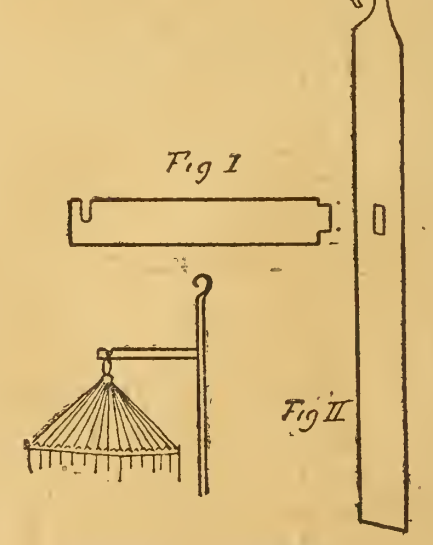
A Good Friday in Pearson's Park, Hull.

SIR,—These words were once spoken to me: "I will not allow you to keep more than two birds; I have told George as well." George was my mate. We lived together and we kept birds—British Hardbills. We were spoken to thus by our employer. I added Softbills to our collection and increased our stock. It is not always wise to go against an employer's wish, but I often do unwise things. My employer gave me notice. I had cremated his cat, so would have to part from the lovely birds I had lived amongst. Having to move did not trouble me. I loved a nomadic life; it brought me in touch with Nature when I got among the birds. I had lived in caravans, I had lived in tents, I had existed on the road. I would again take to the open road. I kept one bird out of our collection, a lovely Redwing. I went north—I was making for Hull. The Seagulls were skimming over the water when I was crossing the Humber. I wandered through the streets and at last stood in George Street, and gazed at the foreign birds in the shop of a well-known dealer. They looked glorious in the colours in which the great Creator had arrayed them. Surely in this immense town—this town that spoke of liberty—I would be allowed to keep birds. I looked up at the noble column erected to William Wilberforce; it spoke of freedom. Yes, and I kept birds in Hull. Those who are responsible for the management of this great city's public affairs are a credit to this mighty seaport. They set a pattern that other towns might well follow, for they provide birds for the public to look at. In the spring, when the sun was shining, I stood in Pearson's Park, the most beautiful of the three parks in Hull. Why? I stood among crowds of people looking at the birds in the aviary. I saw no sad faces. Ladies with exquisite dresses came in, and men with careworn faces which told of the indoor life many have to follow in the great seaport of Hull. They all looked pleased. Men, out with their wives and families, held up their little ones to see these feathered creations. Lovers came in and tried to explain to each other the different kinds of birds. All seemed happy; it was good to be among them. Many sorts of birds were there—Siskins, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Snow Buntings (most lovely), Corn Buntings, Greenfinches, Tree Sparrow, a pied Jackdaw, a Magpie and Parrot, and many others. These were in the inside aviary. Then there was the outdoor aviary, where Blackbirds, Starlings, and larger birds were kept, and people gathered round them. It was Good Friday, and the weather was splendid. On the grass children, young men and maidens, and old folk as well, played. This beautiful park bore the name of the gentleman who gave it to the public. It would have done his heart good could he have seen the pleasure it was creating. Many lovers were there. They seemed to find it difficult to find a quiet spot, so many people were about, and no man cares to let others hear him telling his girl the same old story. Breeders of birds know that even many male birds are shy in this respect. When you are in the birdroom they hardly seem to know each other, but close the door and spy through the keyhole! The birds in this park were well attended to by a well-known British bird exhibitor, Mr. T. Medley. Night came on and many mortals went towards the slums and narrow streets. Yet sometimes even in these slums the thought of that day would surely return. To say hard things about these submerged bird fanciers is to speak without knowledge of them. Circumstance often forces man where he little thought of ever landing. I was at work shovelling slack into a furnace, and over this tremendous town hung a smoke from many works, and no matter from what quarter the wind blew it brought with it evil smells. But thoughts came to me of my birds, and they diverted my mind from things depressing. Near me as I finish these few notes is a beautiful Goldfinch. This was one of my birds when in Hull. He has travelled many miles since (like his owner), but gold will never part us; love holds us together.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

A Handy and Easily-made Cage-hanging Device.

SIR,—The accompanying is a sketch of a cage-hanger, which I have used for this last seven years, and I think you will see its advantage over the one described and illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, of March 5, as it will hold on any ordinary nail in the house, and



A Novel Cage Hanger.

does not need a special bracket which has to be fastened on to the wall. It is very easily made with two pieces of iron about ⅝in. wide, and from 1-16in. to ¼in. thick. Or fig. 1 may be made from round wire about ¼in. thick. All you have to do is to pass the reduced end of fig. 1 through the slot in fig. 2, and rivet the end over, and you have a very useful and convenient hanger that will hang anywhere.

S. BOOTH.

A Lady Fancier's Canary Breeding Experiences.

SIR,—An account of how a lady amateur has kept Canaries may be of some use to readers of CAGE BIRDS; at all events, I will try to put into writing my experiences. I thought at first I could make a little money for the many charities I like to contribute to, and for some years I was successful, but then came a time of disappointment. The young died when about ten days' old. Older birds seemed to fall into decline and die, and some died off quite suddenly from heart disease. It was during this time I learnt a great deal through the kindness of friends. Now, I consider myself most fortunate. Last season 27 eggs hatched, and I reared 25 fine, strong birds, without a defect. My birds are not true breeds, but mixtures of Yorkshires, Germans, and Lizards. By the way, crosses between Yorkshires and Lizards make fine songsters. I suppose never was heard such a solo and chorus as I have at present, the hens doing their best to add to the strain. To return to my story. I have a few Crested birds. These I mate with Plainheads, say, a bright yellow Crested cock with an evenly-marked Plainheaded hen, which will have good results. I have, to my cost, learnt the upshot of mating two Crested birds. So, novices, don't do this. When I pair my birds I give them a little egg food and a small stalk of groundsel as an extra to their usual diet. In about three days the hen will most probably be seen flying frantically about, with a bit of rubbish in her mouth. Now you may give her a nest. I make mine out of half a cocoanut, lined with flannel, with three or four holes pierced in it by a red hot skewer, in order to tie in the nest. You ought to give them part of a nest bag or some prepared hair. These you can buy at a small cost, but do not give them sheep's wool, as it twines round their feet and drives them silly. The building of the nest takes days, as the cock sometimes thinks he is a better architect than the hen; and very likely he is, but this means delay. The hen lays from three to six eggs, and will lay four sets in the year. I leave the eggs as laid in the nest, though some remove them when laid and replace them by nest eggs, in order that all the chicks may come out at the same time, setting them when the third egg is laid. The hen sits for fourteen days from the day she starts. So you ought to be prepared with a fresh piece of groundsel and a little vessel of boiled German rape seed, strained. The evening before the first egg is expected to hatch, you might put these for the birds to find early the next morning. Be careful not to give linseed or flax seed during the breeding season, as it does not agree with the young birds. In about three weeks the young birds will be thinking of shifting for themselves, so see that the mother hen has some material to build her second nest with, else she will pluck her youngsters, and leave them quite naked. I have seen the cock creep up under the nest and pull out all the wee tail feathers from his sons and daughters. The second clutch will come very soon after the first. The eggs often get damaged by the first family dancing on them, so one will have to watch carefully for an opportunity when all are off the nest to insert a clean nest. The old nest can be scalded and made ready for another time. The cock bird will finish off the rearing of the young, but sometimes I have known him beat off, and refuse to feed the poor little birds when they have naturally gone to him for their portion. If this should happen, one can very well feed them with egg food, made moist, and given through the wires on the point of a stick or quill. At first they timid, but very soon they come and take it. When the young are separated from the parents continue the soft food, and bruise the hemp seed for them, as they are not quite up to cracking it for themselves. The second batch will go on in the same way, but do not expect as many birds in the third and fourth nests as in the first and second; and it is as well not to let the hen rear too many birds, as it weakens her too much. A hollow perch, such as a cane, is very useful, especially at this season, as mites are now very troublesome; they have to hide themselves in a hollow perch during the day, so when you are cleaning your cage, remove the perch, and give it a sharp tap on a piece of white paper, and you will be surprised. I keep my birds in an unheated room, facing south and east. I hang the cages on straight brass hooks, screwed into the window frame. I give a cold bath to them all the year round, and the only artificial heat is given when I light a small paraffin stove on a particularly cold night. I sometimes give my birds a slice of boiled carrot; at first they cannot make out what it is, but very soon they get to like it immensely. If I see one of them looking sickly I give it bread sopped in milk. You boil just as much fresh new milk as will be absorbed by a piece of soft white bread, but do not have it sloppy. A little maw seed sprinkled on top makes it most attractive. I am very fond of large cages. One flight I have is 3ft. long, 2ft. wide, and 2ft. 6ins. high. In this I have about sixteen birds. Of course, they sometimes have a difference of opinion, but Canaries are never long out of temper. It is pitiable to see, as you do sometimes, a beautiful, large Canary hanging in a window in a tiny cage, with scarcely room to stretch itself.

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An Inexpensive Lark Food.

SIR,—I have pleasure in answering your correspondent's questions re my letter which appeared last November on tho Skylark. Wilfrid wishes to know where I obtain my maggots. I go to a shed where tallow is made, and from the old fat which is stored there I pick up as many maggots in half-an-hour as will last mo for several months, both for Lark-food and fishing bait purposes. I give my Lark a bath in this manner: First, have a sixpenny Lark runner-cage, which I put him in and place in the yard; then I put water in about an inch deep. He then dives in and splashes the water about as though in a fit. Occasionally I take him into a field in his runner-cage, which has a tight string net top, and turn the cage wrong end up and let him remain among the wet grass for an hour or so. My Lark cage is 3ft. long and 1ft. 3in. wide and 3in. deep, wired at front sides and top half domed. This cage allows the Lark his much-needed exercise, and only requires cleaning out once a month. When buying a Skylark, go to the catcher from whom they are to be got cheapest; select the bird which runs from one end of the cage to the other, or crouches down in a sitting position. If no such bird is present, don't have one at all, for the Lark which bangs itself against the sides and top of the cage on being approached will never be worth its salt as a singer. Buy a hand-reared one or rear a nest of them for yourself. Take the birds when they are about 8 days old, and feed them on oat-cake steeped in milk and worms lightly dipped in sand. Take care that no sops get into the bird's nostrils, or it will cause their death. When they are six or eight weeks old, take the cocks in to the fields to learn the song of their wild brethren. Many fanciers neglect this, and that is why we hear so little music from hand-reared Thrushes and Larks. I adviso Mr. Evans to give up his packet mixture and feed his bird on this: To two lbs. of pea-meal and two lbs. of oat-meal, mixed well with the dripping got from 4lbs. of beef suet; the result will soon be known to him.

REDPOLL.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

The Recent Y.U. Suspensions.

SIR,—I am very pleased indeed to see a reply, or, at least, a letter, asking me some questions, and making a lot of bold assertions which are all "make up," with no real truth at the bottom, making a joke into a real thing, and making half truths into real live truths. Just have patience, Mr. Morley, and I'll answer every question you ask, but I'm very sorry to say that you have not answered one single question out of either of my letters. You seem to evade them altogether. It reminds me of a dog that was very bold and full of swagger, trying to worry a hedghog, and every time the dog had a bite he got pricked, and at last he had to retreat and leave the poor hedgehog alone. Mr. Morley does not even deny anything that I have stated in my last two letters respecting the certain parties implicated in the charges of fraudulent practices. I never said that Mr. Morley had ever borrowed any birds. Mr. Morley speaks of my own acknowledgment, "wrung from me when before the council." But I did not appear (as he himself states later on in his letter!) so what could they wring from me? Then I don't understand his speech a little farther on (don't think he does himself). The next item is, he goes on to say that I have several times shown cocks in hen classes. I never heard tell of them singing at the show (perhaps I had them trained up to such an extent). Well, I will be candid with you. I did show a young unflighted buff cock about four years since, all through the show season as a hen, and when breeding time came round I put him up for a hen, but he objected. Then I knew that he was a "real gentleman." I also had a green marked bird about two years ago that I sent out along with the ladies. I could have sold this bird to a well-known judge for a hen. So if a judge is taken in with a young bird, what about a novice, for I was in the novices then? This is my first year out among the champions; looks as though they were afraid of me. Mr. Morley goes on to say such disgraceful practices *they* have never stooped to indulge in. Then he takes my part and says that if it be that I have suffered martyrdom for the society, even good men (like myself), with high ideals and noble characters, have done this in the past. You seem to be dreaming, John; though men of the past have suffered martyrdom for their cause, I don't think they were Canary keepers. He tries to make out that I am working contrary to the rules and regulations of the society. No, my friend, it is just the reverse. I and my friends, Mr. Jenkinson and Mr. Firth, have admitted our folly, and the Council have rewarded us accordingly, and given us an extra stroke for the others! Then he goes on to say that I was always suspected by the society (which he knows is a lie), or they might have accepted my generous offer of 10s. to be entrusted as both secretary and treasurer. I should just like to explain this matter very plainly indeed. Now I was one of the first men to start our Cage Bird Society at Skelmanthorpe, and I don't think anybody will contradict me when I say that I was the best worker in the movement and did more work all the year round than any man in the society. After about two years' nice running, things seemed to clog a little, for reasons well known locally. It was because of the conditions prevailing that I then said by way of a joke and sarcasm that I would give 10s. to be the secretary under those conditions, which I thought wanted altering, and which, of course, got altered. Mr. Morley goes on to say that our delegates form part of the Council. Yes, I know that they form part of the Council, and I also know that they were both going to do all they could to crush all our statements. I don't know much about "acrobatic statements" (which Mr. Morley mentions); I am dealing with good solid facts. Then my friend goes on to say that they send men to the Council meeting not to hear what I have to say, but because they are interested in the Fancy. Why do they send two delegates when the case is going on, and never above one at an ordinary meeting, and then they don't attend one meeting in twelve at the most? Mr. Morley says that I had every opportunity of proving these men guilty. That is not true, for I could not possibly go on any condition whatever that day. Then, if I could, I hardly dare, for, as I have said before, these men were, I believe, dangerous. I know for a fact that one of them came home with a broken leg. I think that ought to be ample evidence enough to show that they were dangerous. Then, again, Mr. Hill, the Y.U. secretary, overlooked three persons in the matter, and two out of the three would have assisted me against these inconsistent people. I should like to know if speaking the truth is cowardly? In conclusion, for the third time of asking, will you all be men and speak the truth and go in peace and sin no more? There is just one other little matter, and that is, will a certain red-haired man when he is speaking to me, not do so with oaths and cursing, and ask his wife not to do likewise? I hope all are well satisfied with these plain, simple explanations.

HENRY KAYE.

SIR,—A regular reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last six years, I have read with interest the correspondence under the heading of "Scandal at Skelmanthorpe." I feel that in justice to readers I must say a little on behalf of the men who have been suspended, but, in particular, Mr. Henry Kaye. I may add that I have known all the parties concerned from youth upwards. It appears, from reading the correspondence, that there has been a regular practice of changing birds for show purposes. According to Mr. Kaye's letter, he has absolute proof of what he writes about, and I fail to see why the council cannot give him another hearing and allow him to bring his proofs forward. I see the secretary at Skelmanthorpe says that Mr. Kaye was "always suspected" by the society, and wishes to know his motive for offering to perform the duties of secretary and treasurer for a small salary. As one who knows Mr. Kaye, and his love of the Fancy, I say his motive was purely for the good of the society, as he is always willing to sacrifice his time for the benefit of the Fancy, and as a true lover of the birds. I may say that I have had dealings with Mr. Kaye, and have always found him upright in his transactions. As regards showing a cock for a hen, surely this is not a crime. I have known a judge make the same mistake, in fact the bird was awarded a prize at a well-known show by another very capable judge, but unfortunately the hen commenced to sing and was disqualified. It appears that the Skelmanthorpe delegates sat on the council while the case was being tried. Surely this is not British justice. In conclusion, I must say I very much regret that such practices should have occurred, knowing that the very best of birds have been, and are at the present time, bred at Skelmanthorpe, as several of the most successful exhibitors can testify.

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Suggested Society and Show for Mid-Rhondda.

SIR,—I was pleased on opening CAGE BIRDS to see "Interested's" letter re a suggested show for Mid-Rhondda. I am sure if cage bird fanciers would only meet together a very good society could be formed. Would "Interested" call a meeting, say, at Tonypandy, or where most suitable?

ANOTHER INTERESTED ONE.

SIR,—In reply to "Interested" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I should like to see a Cage Bird Society for the Rhondda Valley, as it is a grand centre in which to hold a show, with plenty of fanciers around. I hope to see the Tonypandy fanciers taking it up and calling a meeting.

GILFACH.

Wake up, Fanciers!

SIR,—There is an old saying, and a very true one, that there is always a fool in a crowd. But I think "A. R. Coe" will not have done CAGE BIRDS any harm; I think also he would be a lot better if he would mind his own business. CAGE BIRDS does not need to seek cheap advertisements, and I think the Preston and Flowers Defence Fund is for a very deserving case. We know very well if the prosecution (the R.S.P.C.A.) get the thin edge of the wedge in they will drive it home.

MANSFIELD.

SIR,—I cannot read the letter of your correspondent "A. R. Coe" without having a few words to say. A.R.C. seems to think the whole matter *re* Preston and Flowers is nothing but sickly nonsense, and hardly worth a comment. Would he tell us why he has lent himself to such an unworthy object? I should say only to advertise his petulant nature, of which he gives your readers full measure. He says that his opinion is that it has only been got up for journalistic purposes. A more dastardly accusation it would be impossible to make against a paper that has been so faithful to the class it caters for. We all know the advance the Fancy has made since the inception of CAGE BIRDS, which has been brought about by the information and advice it gives and the correspondence and co-operation of its readers. I am surprised such incoherent rambling as Mr. Coe's should have been put before readers, without it is the wish that they should see the class of people there are in the world. I am sure if such rambling statements were made in a court of justice the judge would have no option but to adjourn for an examination of the mental state of the mind of the man making them. I hope his friends have taken the advice given. If your correspondent A.R.C. only had the power to back his will, we might all get our "marching orders." He seems to have a great amount of love for the poor working man! We can understand he would do something desperate if only he had the power. I hope other readers will have a word to say. I am pleased to say I got the "Annual" last week, and I consider it a marvel.

WALTER CONNELL.

SIR,—Mr. A. R. Coe's letter would be a disgrace to any respectable person, because of the vile and false insinuations, couched in most objectionable language, which he makes against CAGE BIRDS. He says birds are kept by rich and poor alike; that is an incontrovertible fact, but it will be admitted by most people that the poorer classes are more vitally interested in the hobby, and are its chief supporters. How he can bring the charge of writing "Socialistic nonsense" against Mr. Elkerton for merely stating that fanciers were oppressed by the present bird laws, and that richer folk were allowed to pursue their really cruel sports of fox-hunting and pheasant-slaughter unmolested, is more than I can understand. Surely no one can deny that Mr. E.'s statements are true, and that the British Bird Fancy, which offers harmless recreation to countless numbers of working men, is threatened with the possibility of unreasonable interference from any prejudiced magistrate who cares to fine and punish bird-keepers, none of whom will be really safe if that power is not removed. I hope (with Mr. E. and Mr. Bryden, in the April 2nd issue) that fanciers will make a stand against this tyranny, and, as can be seen by their liberal contributions to the fund, they are doing so with a right good will. I wish CAGE BIRDS (which I have taken since I was thirteen) the best of luck and the ever-increasing circulation it deserves.

CONSTANCE D. FITZMAURICE.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all Insects, harmless to everything else.

What is a Dark Mule?

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper, as a novice exhibitor in Mules. Being at Menai Bridge Easter Show, I noticed the winner in the dark Mule class with a white mark on the back of the neck, and the second prize winner with a white spot under its beak. Are these the birds to win in a dark Mule class? On drawing the judge's attention to it, he said it was no harm. I was at Manchester Show last October, and I noticed birds in the dark Mule class with white spots on them were left without a card.

R. JACKSON.

What is the Youngster's Name?

SIR,—Perhaps it would be interesting to CAGE BIRD readers to learn that I caught here at Woking, Surrey, on March 30th, a fully-fledged young bird. I am unable to identify its species. It is very tame, and I am hand-feeding it. It is puzzling, as I caught it in one of the main streets here, and heard it chirping. It is a large brown bird, with a speckled breast, of the size and stamp of a Greenfinch, with a similar beak, but larger. This is very early for young birds, is it not?

FOX.

Woking.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent A. Mansell, I have pleasure in informing him that the above club is still in existence, and will, I hope, continue the good work done during the past season. Unfortunately, as I have been away from home a great deal lately, matters are not quite so forward as otherwise they would have been, but if your correspondent continues the same diligent student of your columns as hitherto, he will doubtless discover in the course of two or three weeks the information he is so anxious to possess.

A. PADDOCK,
Hon. Sec., pro tem., M.C.Y.C.C.

A New Cage Bird Society for Chesterfield and District.

SIR,—There was a good number of cage bird fanciers present on March 26 at the Queen's Head, Chesterfield, where we decided to form a Cage Bird Society. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 23rd, at 7.30. The agenda is: Election of officers and committee and other important business, radins, etc. We should like all the novices and beginners, as well as older fanciers to come and take part. If any fancier in the district would like to join and cannot get to the meeting, he can have all particulars if he will write to me. We had just a score of fanciers present, and we look like having a very strong society. It was unanimously felt that after a little discussion we had better elect officers, etc., at the next meeting. Now, we should welcome fresh faces, so don't be shy. The club room is separate from the house. Don't forget, Queen's Head, Gluman Gate, April 23.

C H. NAYLOR, Sec. pro tem.

30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.

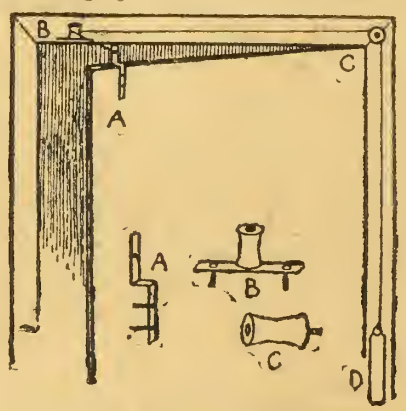
Does the Roller Canary Need Smartening in Appearance?

SIR,—As one who has bred and kept Roller Canaries for a good many years, I was interested in the letters of Messrs. Rook and Ayscough, discussing the question whether the appearance of that sweetest singer of the Canary family can be improved without any marked deterioration in vocal powers. A year or two ago, when lecturing before the Inverness O.A. on the Roller Canary, I detailed the results of some experiments tried in the direction indicated. From Seifert hens of high class, personally imported from Germany, and cocks of a good Trute strain, I commenced the experiment by selecting the largest and most presentable-looking cocks, none of which, however, were at all striking in form or colour, though as singers, excellent. The best of the hens I mated with Norwich cocks, as yellow as I could get them, and the cocks were paired up with yellow Yorkshire hens, good slim ones. So far as appearance went, the progeny of the Roller-Yorkshire cross were not greatly distinguishable from ordinary Yorkshires, except that they were smaller than good specimens should be. The progeny of the Norwich cross lacked distinction in appearance, and the increase in size was less than one would have expected. In regard to singing qualities, the birds bred from the Yorkies were decidedly superior to those with Norwich blood, in fact greatly superior. Some of those of the Norwich stock were loud and free singers, but few of them had the sustained roll of the genuine German bird, and a number developed notes of a harsh and chopping character. By crossing the German-Norwich with the German-Yorkshire, a fairly big bird was got, but there was a lack of form, most of the youngsters being a bit bunchy-looking. Mating the Roller-Yorkshires with pure Seifert stock brought smaller birds, of course, but on the whole shapely and good in colour, with practically as high vocal powers as the average Roller Canary. Under a "schoolmaster" many of the cocks beame really good singers, so that, so far as my experience goes, the introduction of Yorkshire blood proved a decided success. It seems impossible to get the German breeeers to pay any attention to the appearance of the Roller Canary, though it is obvious that with the smallest amount of selection the present type could be much improved, even without the use of any but Seifert or Trute birds of the true pedigree. It would undoubtedly give an impetus to the Roller fancy, because a showy-looking singing Canary would be more popular than a singing Canary with the unattractive appearance of the little, shapeless, colourless Rollers which now reach us from Germany. Once the German breeder realises that there is money to be made by the modification in type, no doubt it will become an accomplished fact, and certainly it will give a new lease of popularity to the delightful little singer, whose outward charms fall so far short of his wonderful range of song.

GEO. MACKENZIE.

A Self-shutting Door Device.

SIR,—Seeing the self-closing door device in "Illustrated Ideas" in CAGE BIRDS of February 19, I send this one, which I think is an improvement; and it would look much neater. It will be seen from the sketch that the weight is out of the way, and would not be caught by anyone passing the door; and it would not be knocking against the door when the door



To Make a Door Self-Closing.

is opened or shut, and thus destroy the paint on the door. It is a cheap device, and if desired, pulleys could he used instead of bobbins. The weight D could be made of an old sash weight or a piece of old lead water piping. A is the bracket for screwing to door, showing cord threaded through hole at top. B is plan and elevation of bracket with bobbin attached for screwing to framework of door. C is the bobbin with screw for screwing to framework of door, and D is the weight referred to above.

C. EMBURY.

A Word to Sellers of Canaries.

SIR,—I should like to express my thoughts to fanciers, especially those who breed a large number of Canaries each year, and make use of CAGE BIRDS for selling their surplus stock. I make my remarks to those adopting flattering advertisements to draw the novice: "Clear Yellow Norwich cock, winner of first and special, 10s." A friend of mine sent for a bird advertised in this way and sent deposit to the Editor, which the seller was quite willing for him to do. When the bird arrived it was a Buff, and not as advertised. Now after corresponding and waiting, this means that the would-be purchaser has no bird, because this is not the bird he wants, and he sends it back; and at the least it has cost him 1s. 4d. to look at the bird. There is still another point, where a man advertises matched pairs for 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., fit for keen competition. Now a novice who has been keeping birds, say, one year or three years, may have sold out at the rate of cock, 5s., hens 2s. 6d. He sends for a pair for 12s. 6d. (such as I was asked to have a look at) supposed to be yellow cock and buff hen; both birds were buffs. This novice, in disgust, declares he will never send for any more birds. We must encourage the novice, or the Fancy will die down. I would urge sellers, when sending birds, to send them as advertised (colour and sex). If not, the time is coming when this kind of thing will have a very bad effect on the sales.

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Why do Hens Refuse to Feed their Offspring?

SIR,—You must not feed your hens into high condition too quickly, but do it gradually; you must not over-do it. If a bird is in too high condition it will lay a clutch of eggs and sit for 14 days; by that time eggs are forming again, and that is the reason the hens do not feed their young. Now let that hen set for 10 or 12 days, then transfer the eggs, if good, to another hen, and let No. 1 hen go nest again. Feed her on nothing but plain Spanish Canary seed, until the young are due to hatch, and then a little egg food in the morning may be given, and bread soaked in milk in the afternoon. Then it is 10 to 1 that hen will feed all right. That is my experience, and I have proved it right. I have not lost a young one through hens not feeding for several years, and generally have six pairs up.

H. WILLIAMS.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—Mr. C. still disputes my statement, viz., that it is impossible for any netter to tie 1,500 knots per hour. Well, as I have stated before, I have done it, and my brother has tied 1,600 round the same net in an hour—half-mesh. Also I have done three rabbit nets, 22 by 20, in an hour. I said nothing about 22in.-20in. What use would a rabbit-net of that size be when stretched over a pole? Mr. C. ought to know better having had thousands of tons through his hands. Also 22 knots by 20 means 1,320 in the three nets. As you say you have had 40 years' experience, why did not you reply to "Amateur's" correspondence and give him the information he asked, and not wait until someone else did, and then find fault with him and dispute the statements? Perhaps you will give CAGE BIRDS readers this information, which will be useful for those who are making their own nets—how much netting they will have to do to have the bird nets 12 yards long when armed to take 5, 6 or 7ft. staves, also a better way to arm them than my information gives. Seeing that you have made thousands of tons of netting (query, machine made), we might be able to get something worth knowing. Seeing that you can buy 1 yard long and 7 feet deep for 3d., making nets by hand is not a very highly paid job.

NETTER.

The Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—Mr. H. Lawton wants to warm the birdlime up again, and add a little more linseed oil. When it is too stiff add more oil; if too soft, add more resin. It takes a little gauging to get it just right to catch birds, but when properly made it will hold any British bird, if it touches the twig, and it keeps for years.

G. TURNEY.

SIR,—I see a fancier wishes to know the way to make birdlime. My method is as follows: First get a copper pot, then put in one-third the quantity of linseed oil that the pot will hold to allow for boiling, then put on a bright fire (no flames), stirring all the while until a dense yellow smoke issues—perhaps for one hour and a half or two hours. Have a jug of water at hand, dropping a little off your stick into the jug. Test the drop between your finger and thumb until you get it the required stiffness. When ready pour the lime into a bucket of water, stretching it with your hands until it is like elastic. If it is good lime it will float on the top of the water; if not boiled long enough it will spread all over the water, sticking to the sides of the bucket. To darken the lime you can add two tablespoonfuls of archangel tar (in the oil, of course), as on bright days the birds fight shy if the lime is too light-coloured. I have tried the resin, but I think it tends to take the stickiness out of the oil. Put the lime in lever lid syrup tins, where it will keep for months. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

BIRD CATCHER.

The Making of Egg Food.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. E. Godry respecting my mincing machine, they are to be had at any ironmonger's, etc. The price ranges from 3s. 6d., according to size, and they are supplied with interchangeable circular plates, with different sized punched holes. I had an extra plate made (like my friend up north), viz., a sieve. I use the middle size plate for cracking hemp for youngsters. It is easy to use it and place any plate in position; it is a most simple machine. The egg food comes out like Canary seed, and is far better than by using the sieve (put through with a knive, etc.). The birds eat it greedily. You can take the machine to pieces to be cleaned. It is very strongly made. The largest size plate is very handy for the wife for domestic use. It is not necessary to send to England, for you can procure the machines in Paris, as I saw them in the shops there while over last year. But I forget at the present moment the exact place. I am very glad indeed to hear of a foreign fancier taking an interest in the making of egg food. I also assure readers that if they only give the above method a trial, the food will amply repay them in rearing larger birds and stronger in every way. Any child can work the machine. Just simply put the egg and bread on top, then turn the handle like a barrel organ, and lo! out comes the egg food. My children always gather round when I am making any and generally make a grab for some, for they say it is like eating sponge cake. I conclude this epistle by hoping fanciers in general will have a most successful season and give three cheers for the outcome of a champion egg food, made under pure condition. Just another word, it is not a patent, and I hope to hear of other fanciers using same to their satisfaction.

GEO. WILSON.

(The mincing machines mentioned by Mr. Wilson are sold at the majority of ironmongery stores for the purposes of cutting up fruits for mince-meat and meat for hashes, sausages, etc. They are used by a great number of bird-keepers for grinding up biscuits, eggs, seed, etc.—EDITOR.)

The Thrush which Bred in a Cage.

SIR,—You may be interested to hear that my cock Thrush that bred in a cage has gone over to the great majority, the outcome of an accident that happened several years ago to one of his legs. A tumour afterwards grew on the leg. This I removed each year, but each season it grew, and now it has taken the bird off. He was singing the day before he died. We had him as a nestling in 1905. We still have the hen, but she appears a bit down in the mouth—I mean beak—since "cocky" went his way. We also have the hen Blackbird in fine trim, and two wild-caught Thrushes, in good condition and steady, but they do not sing yet. Nearly all the experts declare they are cocks. Am just a wee bit doubtful myself, but I hope for the best, and am keeping a few pairs of Yorkshires to console myself. Many fanciers say that Thrushes cast their so-called shank bone every three years, but after close observation extending over several years I more than doubt that statement. They do something that the casual observer might easily mistake for the removal of the shank bone, but it would take me too long to explain this. So allow me to conclude by wishing CAGE BIRDS yet further success.

W. DOWNING.

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The Lizard Canary in the North.

SIR,—I fully expected that some abler pen than mine would have replied to Mr. Fuller's and Mr. Rukin's letters *re* the Lizard Canary in the north. Mr. Fuller says: "The northern fanciers want a Lizard Club." Well, I think it is the only way to protect the interests of the Lizard up here, as evidently the L. and L.F.A. do not intend to give us a chance, although they have been asked to give their patronage to my society's show (Sunderland) on several occasions, and (as Mr. Rukin says about Notts and London), it is only by sending out birds to these shows that they get known. What about the north? Do we not want as much encouragement as other districts? Even if we do put classes on for Lizards, the members of the L. and L.F.A. do not send any birds. Mr. Rukin says that we do not cater for Lancashires. Has a man with a love for Lizards to keep the other variety as well? Are clubs who offer classes for Lizards also bound to give them for Lancashires? I think the Lizard Club to foster the variety ought to give their support to any club that gives classes for Lizards, as they are, as a rule, found in the A.O.V., and it should be a specialist club's duty to remedy this. I am pleased to say that the Lizard Fancy is booming here, several fanciers having taken up the variety, including myself, and I consider the prospects good. I hope these few remarks will be taken in the friendly spirit in which they are written, and if any good accrues to the Lizard Canary through this controversy I for one shall be very glad. In conclusion, I wish Mr. Fuller and Mr. Rukin a prosperous breeding season, and hope that they will see their way to send a good few entries up north in the future.

GEORGE DAVIDSON.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—It would have given me greater pleasure to have replied to "Horseshoo" had he not used a "nom-de-plume." I thank him for the compliment he pays me as a judge of birds other than Lancashires, and will say unhesitatingly that could I judge Lancashires only I do not think the Rochdale Committee would year by year engage my services as they have done, for the simple reason it would be absurd to incur the expense of bringing a judge from a distance of over 200 miles to judge twelve classes of Lancashires. This, apart from any question of capability, would doubtless settle the question. Beyond this I declino to enter into a discussion with "Horseshoo" or any other man as to my capability, but prefer to leave my reputation as an All-England judge of over twenty-two years' standing to speak for itself. I put down the two birds shown by Mr. Collinge because, in my opinion, they exhibited undoubted signs of the Norwich Crest cross, and Mr. Collinge admitted I was right, but he resented my action in putting his birds out of competition, and never submitted his Lancashires to my judgment again, although he did his Norwich Crests and Crestbreds. I agree with "Horseshoe" that Mr. Collinge most certainly did know a Lancashire. But "Horseshoe's" letter will not further the question of "the type of the Lancashire Canary"; it is too intensely personal. Let us leave persons and stick to the birds. My contention is that birds which show the finish of the Norwich Crest are not Lancashires. One has to remember, however, that when a bird is very heavy and long in its coppy it must of necessity droop somewhat. The short feathered ones seldom droop, but these are not the sort we want. Length and width of feather are valuable properties, and providing the headgear breaks properly behing the eye, and has the correct finish of back skull, with the body properties up to standard, that bird should in my opinion be given its place in the prize-list. When the headgear droops all round it loses its coppy character and becomes a crest, and birds so adorned should be passed as "wrong class." It is on this principle I have always endeavoured to act, and I believe my actions have met with the approval of those most concerned. If not, I can hardly believe that both the L.L.F.A. and the L.C.A. would have put me on their list of judges.

C. A. HOUSE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. House in your issue of the 26th, he says I have upheld his decisions. Now, I don't think so. Has he forgotten the fight we had in "Fur and Feather"? He also says Rochdale friends know what constitutes a Lancashire. Who says they do not? But I say they have done more harm to the Lancashire bird than all the other breeds in the country. No breeders have used as many crested bred birds as our Rochdale friends, and you know it, Mr. H. Now, as to my old friend, John Garner, has any one seen him breed or show a Coppy with a crest all round its head? Has any one seen one in his bird-room? I don't think they have. As for me or any one else teaching Mr. Garner how to breed Lancashires, it is simply rot. I think Mr. Garner as a breeder is second to none. I was very much amused last week, being in a well-known breeder and exhibitor's room, one of the best we have, to hear him say he had been getting some birds from Mr. Garner to improve his stock. Now I know where his other stock came from in the beginning, and he has done a lot of winning under Mr. House and Mr. Garner. I asked him what he was after, and he said he wanted to improve them, and it would take him two years to do it, as the old ones did not suit him. Well, I smiled to myself and thought of Mr. House. Here is an exhibitor who is at the top of the tree and keeps on winning year after year, and yet is not satisfied with his show birds. So something must be wrong with the Lancashire or the judges. I may say there are no sour grapes or a green-eyed monster in me. Let us have the right birds in the right place, and I would like to know if the standard says the Coppy must go round the head like on the bird shown by Mr. Adams. Does that come nearest to the acknowledged standard of the breed? Mr. House goes on to say, "have I forgotten." I forget nothing where the Lancashire is concerned. I may tell him I have no ambition to show at Rochdale or anywhere else, as I don't breed or keep birds for what I can get out of them. I told Mr. House years ago I would not show until I had confidence in the judges, and I think I have kept my word. I may tell him that Mr. Compston was wholly responsible for the standard, and Mr. Compston showed it me before any one else saw it, and let me tell him that if it had not been for me he would not have got it out at the time. Yes, Mr. House, you were there, also Mr. Garner, and you were in favour of it. There were also other breeders there, and some did not like it, as you know. I must tell Mr. House that if he was only half as keen after the Crested blood in the Lancashire as he is after the paint in the Lizard, it would be a lot better, as there is not a quarter of the painting done that there used to be. I say again, that if a judge is appointed to judge, he should judge to the standard, or what is the use of making a standard? I say the specialist clubs should see to it; or what is the use of being a club? Remember it costs a lot of money to attend meeting after meeting, not but what I enjoy going to meet old friends year after year, but nothing is done to advance the Lancashire. As a friend of mine said to me last week, the exhibitors are the men that pay the piper, and he thought they had a right to call the tune, and not let the judges undo everything we do at the club meetings. So, Mr. House, help a lot of good lads to stamp the Norwich out of the Lancashire classes. In reply to Mr. Rukin, will he kindly publish the old standard produced by Mr. Compston and the so-called new one got out by Messrs. Garner, Vickers and Buckley?

E. FULLER.

[We must ask our correspondents to be good enough to leave the personal element out of their letters. We think there should be plenty of scope for discussion on the Lancashire Canary without any "hammering" of fanciers themselves, who doubtless all have the good of the variety at heart.—EDITOR.]

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Result of young bird competition, champion section: 1, F. J. Randall, 60 points; 2, A. Foulds, 41; 3, Massey and Ridings, 35; 4, J. H. Willows, 26; 5, A. Percival, 17; 6, F. E. Fisher and T. Wilsdon with 15, divided. Novice section: 1, A. Harper, 66 points; 2, T. J. Smith, 36; 3, A. G. Pattison, 30; 4, G. Cole, 19; 5, J. A. Ives, 12; 6, W. Holland and N. Sagar with 10, divided. In the champion section Messrs. Cole and Pattisou scored 21 points each; as there had been a misunderstanding as regards the working of the definition of novice, both these gentlemen very generously decided to forego their points so as to avoid dissatisfaction as they had won two prizes and they did not want to take any advantage through the misunderstanding. The competition was a big success as regards filling the classes at the different shows, with the exception of the Palace. A lot of members had not followed the points scored, with the result they missed winning prizes, and others no doubt could have improved their position. It is to be hoped that in the next competition the points will be followed more keenly.—J. W. NORRIS.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Spencer Hall, on March 31st. In the absence of Mr. Gardner, Mr. Johnson presided. Several new members were elected, namely, Messrs. Gambrill, Finch and Kent, and the following were nominated for membership: Messrs. Staines, Spencer, and Haste. This makes eleven new members since January. The secretary read the report of pair show, showing a profit of £1 11s. 6d. After this the members listened to a lecture on "Mule Breeding," by Mr. G. E. Weston. It was a most useful and interesting one to all, and no doubt will be the means of some members obtaining better results this season. They learnt several new tips in regard to this branch of the Fancy. The lecture was greatly appreciated by all, including several visitors, though not strangers. It is getting quite a common thing lately, by the way, to see some well-known fanciers amongst us. We are always ready to welcome new members, if there should be any fanciers desirous of joining. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weston brought this most enjoyable evening to a close. Will members kindly remember that their annual subscriptions were due on January 1st.—CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Members' show held in the schoolroom on March 26, and was a success. The cage birds were not so numerous as was expected.

CAN. STOCK PAIRS: 1, spl., 2, 3, Bacon; 4, Maltby. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Ball; 3, Maltby; 4, Bacon. The society is open to a radius of 7 miles; entry fee 1/-; annual subscription 2/6. All wishing to become members please apply to me.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec., Old Westwood, Jacksdale, Notts.

CITY OF GLASGOW S.C.

Show held March 31st, Mr. D. Todd judging.

LINNET (16): 1, 3, Dunlop Bros., good col. and pencilling; 2, 6, Graham, larger, fails only in steadiness, well marked; 4, Raine; 5, McFarlane. SISKIN (8): 1, 2, McGavin, two beauties, 1st well-known winner; 3, McCallum, big one, grand cap; 4, Dunlop Bros.; 5, Elliott; 6, White. GREENFINCH: 1, Campbell, grand one, first time shown; 2, Malcolmson, noted winner; 3, Watson, grand col., shown to perfection; 4, Graham; 5, 6, Jamieson, 5th grand size and col., feather like wax. Classes for show on April 13th: Field-moulted Linnets and Mealy Redpoll and Twite.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

The most successful show of pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding ever held by the society took place on April 4th, when 31 pairs were staged in two classes. Mr. Geo. Harland, who officiated as judge, had a very hard task, some grand pairs being on view, which, with a bit of luck during the coming breeding season, should do their fortunate owners some good, by producing a few first prize winners. The awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

PAIRS FOR CAN., MULE BREEDING: 1, hc, Calam; 2, 3, F. F. Potter; vhc, Brumby; c, Oliver. FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, 3, Calam; 2, c, Brumby; vhc, hc, Stamford.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Monthly British bird show and meeting held in the Trades' Hall, Anderson Street, Partick, on April 1st, Mr. Anderson presiding over a large turn-out of members. It was agreed to hold our first feather show on July 9th; classification to be same as last year, including two extra classes for Yorkshires. The following members gave notice of specials: Messrs. Graham, Hamilton, Anderson, Webster, Aitkenhead, which were allocated as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, best birds in hall. During the meeting Mr. Matthew Craig had got through his judging, and the members adjourned to the large hall to see the exhibits. After having a good look round members thought that Mr. Craig had done his duty very well indeed.

FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Webster; 2, Henderson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Webster; 2, Arthur; 3, Fairweather. LINNET (11): 1, spl, 4, Graham; 2, 3, Cochrane; 5, Arthur; 6, Fairweather; 7, Kidd. SISKIN: 1, spl, Graham; 2, Kidd. REDPOLL (13): 1, Fairweather; 2, Henderson; 3, Arthur; 4, Cochrane; 5, Kidd; 6, Priest; 7, Webster. TWITE: 1, Graham; 2, Cochrane; 3, Fairweather; 4, Roy. GREENFINCH (11): 1, spl, best in hall, Bergman; 2, Webster; 3, Grahnm; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, 6, Anderson; 7, Roy. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Priest. A.O.V. BUNTING: 1, Priest; 2, Fairweather; 3, Webster. DK. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Fairweather; 2, Webster. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Craig for judging brought a most interesting show to a close.—WM. PRIEST, Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First table show of British birds and pairs held in the Station Temperance Hotel, on March 29th, when some good birds faced the judge, Mr. R. Luke (Chevington Drift), whose awards gave every satisfaction. We did not hear a single grumble either in the room or outside. This being "Bob Luke's" first "judging job," we must say he did his work well. The Canary pairs especially took some sorting out.

GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, R. and J. Forster (Goldie and Bullie); 3, Rogerson (Goldie); vhc, Staig (Bullie); hc, Elliott (Goldie); c, Tate (Bullie). LINNET (3): 1, R. and J. Forster; 2, Straughan; 3, Rogerson. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl. best Brit., 2, Staig (Bramblefinch, in splendid condition, Greenfinch); 3, R. and J. Forster (Greenfinch). REDPOLL (3) all Redpolls: 1, Straughan (last year's winner in grand trim); 2, 3, Tate. A.O.S. BRIT CK (3): 1, 2, R. and J. Forster (two Yellow Buntings); 3, Staig (Reed Bunting). BRIT. HEN (2): 1, 2, R. and J. Forster (Greenie and Bullie). MATCHED PAIR (to breed Mules, etc.) (3): 1, 2, 3, R. and J. Forster (all British). PAIR OF CAN, (10): 1, spl. best Can., 3, Miller, splendid cl. yell. Nor. ck. with sweet buff, 3rd pair of Nor.; 2, Staig, variegated Crest ck. and capmarked hen; vhc, Rogerson, pair Borders in grand kettle; hc, Rogers, pair Yorks; c, Staig, pair Nor. Some good Borders out of tickets. Special committee meeting will be held shortly to settle show date, judges, etc.—W. A. BROADLEY.

Singing Contests.

NEWSHAM.

Result of contest held April 2, at Miners' Arms, judges, Messrs. Todd and Lawton: 1, Wake; 2, Blake; 3, Hodgson. Thirty-four birds sang.—S. LAWS.

CARBROOK (Sheffield).

Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st. Linnet Club held usual Linnet contest for time singing on March 20, when 13 birds entered for 3 prizes. 1, 2, Bird Jim, 46 and 35; 3, Booker, 29. Contest held at the above hotel on March 27th, when 19 birds entered for 3 prizes. Winner, Williamson, 71; 2, Cole, 44; 3, Langley, 44. Also on March 28th, Easter Monday, when 22 birds entered for special prizes. Winner, Pulfreman, 127; 2, Cole, 98; 3, Brown, 82; 4, Albert, 68. Also on April 2nd, 17 birds entered for 3 prizes. Winner, W. Bisby, 98; 2, F. Watson, 87; 3, Cole, 79. Also on April 3rd, 9 birds entered for 3 prizes. Winner, Cole, 69; 2, Watsou, 55; 3, Wilson, 43.—A. BROWN, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

We had no contest last week-end, owing to our members having a ramble in the country. Our next contest takes place for members only on April 16th.—T. SLATER, Sec.

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Owing to the great success of our last dinner at The Swan, Caledonian Road, London, N., we are having another one on April 18th. All bird fanciers and friends are cordially invited. The dinner is 1s per head. We have had during the holiday week several handicaps for Chaffinches and Linnets. Timekeeper, Morrison.—F. WESTMORE.



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CITY OF GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow S.C. singing contest held on Spring Holiday; 16 birds sang. The winners were: 1st, Moulden; 2, Henderson; 3, Algie.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard, with following result:—1st, Lee; 2nd, Morriss Smith; 3rd, J. Smith. Judge, Mr. Perry; time-keeper, J. Smith.

WIGAN.

Match among some of the members of the Wigan Linnet Club held at Weaver's Arms, when some good singing was heard. Winners for quality: 1, W. Millingan; 2, W. Howard; for time, J. Macfarlane. 111; 2, T. Mawdsley. Judge, Mr. A. Parker; timers, Messrs. E. Parker and J. Mawdsley. There will be a match at Weaver's Arms on April 16th; some good prizes for time and quality.—A. PARKER, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. [illegible] quality singing contest held at King's Head Summer-st., April 2nd, when some very good singing was heard. Judged to perfection by Messrs. Melia and Naylor. 1, Hardeastle; 2, Soloman; 3, Sellers. Also on April 3rd, when 15 birds sang: 1, 3, Hardeastle; 2, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walter and Wilson Naylor. Also on March 29th, when 15 birds sang: 1, Varley; 2, Rowe; 3, Robinson. Judges, Messrs. Wigfield, Clegg, and Whittaker.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Royds Inn Linnet S.S. held contest at Dallamore's, Attercliffe-rd., April 2nd, when 12 birds competed. Herbert, 67sec.; Willinmson, 63; Williamson, 59; Herbert 58; Thompson, 57; Herbert, 54; Tants, 52. Contest on April 3rd, when 20 birds competed. Worrall, 81sec.; Herbert, 77; Worrall, 52; Herbert, 48; Williamson, 46; Herbert 25; Albert, 25; Albert, 21; Worrall, 20. The landlord will give a good extra special prize to be sung for on April 10th. Contests every week-end, also a variety show on April 10th, stage at 8 o'clock.—J. DALLAMORE.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Championship match held at Prince Albert Hotel on Easter Tuesday for quality singing only, when 16 birds faced the judges for 3 grand prizes. Result: 1, Soloman; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood. Judges, Messrs. A. Lorriman and T. Smith. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers. We had a select company of fanciers and friends from Lancashire, etc., and spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Messrs. Turner, Johnson, Smith, and Wood sang some very good songs. Quality Linnet singing contest held at above house on March 28th, when 18 birds sang. Result: 1, Soloman; 2, 3, shared between Butler and Sellars. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and Towers; timekeeper, J. Clarke. Also usual week-end contest held April 3rd, when 15 birds were hung. Result: 1, Madden; 2, Sellars; 3 shared between Butler and Madden. Judges, Messrs. Hayes and Towers; timekeeper, W. Dean.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

We held our first Linnet sing on April 2nd, at Britannia Inn, Lock-lane, when 18 birds sang for two good prizes. 1st and 2nd were won by J. Caddy.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

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Mule and Hybrid Breeding and How to Go About It.

By J. S. COOPER (Matlock).

(Concluded from page 329).

Don't forget a little egg-food once a day when you catch any of the birds on good terms as regards pairing, but don't force them too much, rather let Nature have its course. Prepare egg-food as follows: one egg (three days old) boiled for from fifteen to twenty minutes—no more. When it is cold, get a double quantity of home-made bread, two days old, without the crust, and don't bother if you have to eat that yourself; then hold it under a running water-tap till just soaked through, after which squeeze all you can out of it, when it is quite spongy. Then you can chop the egg, or put it through a mill altogether. Mix in a little maw seed and then it is ready for use. Always use either glass or earthenware vessels for same. You can easily make them a dainty morsel by adding a little blight off rose trees, or grubs off vegetables, and if you come across any decayed leaves on the fruit trees (especially the plum tree), give those too. You will find that common dock is troubled with these little grubs; take them as they are, leaf or leaves altogether; either Mr. Goldie or Mrs. Bullie will soon find them, if their friends don't.

Now, you must have a room apart from aviary, either inside or adjoining the house. You can have about half-a-dozen good, large Sib-Canaries of the Norwich type for foster-mothers, in case you have some fertilised eggs, but these birds should be kept out of hearing of those in the aviary. You can either run a Goldfinch with them or, as I prefer, two good large cock Bullies. These should be run into large flight cages all together; then pair up in double-breeders or the proper Hybrid breeding cage about the middle of April. Put two Canaries with one cock Bullie. By putting in the wire slide you will keep the hens from pulling at one another, and at the same time he will show you his favourite mate. Then you can draw one wire slide, and put a wood or zinc slide in, shutting the hen off which Mr. Bullie does not fancy. Then introduce a good large earthenware nest-pan, ready lined, and nesting material, dusting the pan with fresh insect powder.

Concerning the Goldie.

The other hens you can run the Goldie with, to try for a clear Mule, or you can try any of the Finches out of the aviary, and work on the same lines as above-mentioned. Don't forget Mr. Goldie, if he is your favourite. It is wise to shut him off at night when the hen is about to lay, till you have got the egg. You take the egg out and put a china dummy egg in its place, and so for every one you take, placing the real eggs carefully in a box containing bran. Be careful not to knock them at all. They must be turned over every day till the third egg is laid. Then you can shut the Finch off and return the eggs for incubation, and if you choose you can introduce him to other hens, if they are not engaged sitting on eggs from the aviary.

While the incubating is going on, feed with good sound Spanish Canary seed as a staple food, but let the Finches have an unlimited supply of the various sorts that I have mentioned, and do not forget the bath as well as fresh water every morning. By working in this way you will stand a good chance of a Bullie Canary or a light Mule. But don't neglect your odd hens by letting them sit too long on unfertile eggs, but always try and have one or the other on a nest. You will be able to tell if eggs are fertile by holding them up between thumb and finger, where there is a good light, or when you are standing facing the sun, when they have been incubated for six or seven days. An experienced person can tell when the egg is lying in the nest, but when he gets the egg to the light if it is unfertile it is quite clear, and if fertile dull, and by about the tenth day it will be much darker. When you have any of these fertile eggs return them to the nest and give another dust of insect powder. Don't disturb them afterwards.

Egg-food, etc.

Supply a little egg-food on the thirteenth day and a little hemp, as British birds hatch mostly under the fourteen days of incubation. In case the foster mother does not take to feeding the young, chop up a little green-food and mix it with the egg-food; but don't give too much, as the young are better without it till they are six or seven days old. Then you can give a liberal supply of the various seeds and green foods that I have mentioned. Now will be the time for those dandelion heads just before they blow. Chickweed is also seeding, and this will give them an appetite and make them thrive. When the young are about three or four days old introduce the bath, but don't leave it on too long for the first time or two. When they get to be ten or twelve days old, let the hen have a free use of it. At this stage give another dust with insect powder, and have perches close to nest in case one of the birds should over-balance when exercising its wings, as if they once get on to the bottom of the cage they very seldom get in again, and then they don't get brooding enough to keep them warm at night, and so sometimes die. It very often happens, too, to the strongest bird, and as a rule the cock bird, the first out of nest.

As soon as the young begin to pick about for themselves mix fresh crushed hemp in with egg-food, and put in a shallow pot on cage bottom. Stop all green-food when they can properly feed themselves, and gradually wean them off the egg-food and get them on to Spratt's Cod Liver Oil food with plenty of crushed seeds of various kinds and colour-food. This last you can mix in with the Spratt's Cod Liver Oil food. Give a liberal supply of it right through the moult. Then you will have made the best of your luck. Do not forget a liberal supply of the bath after they are about five or six weeks old; this will be a great help towards getting their plumage close, bright and neat.

On the Show Bench.

If you have one or two that you would like to try on the show bench, get them into a large flight cage in pairs if they will agree, when they are about seven or eight weeks old, and let them have the Cod Liver Oil food (one teaspoonful each) made a nice salmon colour with colour-food. When through moult stop colour-feeding so strongly, and give only every other day. You can run them into show cages now and again, and let them have plenty of the wild seed and blight, etc., mentioned above. The Norwich pattern show cage painted inside a nice rich holly green with a good gloss on, and black outside, is very suitable for Hybrids.

The aviary illustrated on page 329 is alright if you happen to be your own landlord. If not, I prefer the wood structure, in case I wish to remove it any time. The aviary depicted is built on the same lines as that mentioned at the commencement as regards the roof, floor, and back wall, if not of brick. When building them you can save a little expense by putting between every three or four courses a piece of galvanised hoop iron bedded in mortar; these should run from end to end of the wall. By doing this you can have a single brick wall instead of double. The space showing under the netting at the front is obscure glass, the same as in the door and above. The glass on the roof can be whitewashed in the spring to make the heat of the sun less severe in the mid-day. Or blinds can be arranged to slide on cords close to the roof. This can be done by putting rings in each side about twelve inches apart for the cord to work through. There is a blind at each side of the door, fixed behind a weather board which will keep it dry when it is not in use; these can be dropped down when the weather is very severe, or when you are feeding your stock. Or it serves when catching any birds; for this purpose I like a net on a light stick, something like an ordinary fisherman's landing net.

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(Mention Paper.)

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HINTS TO NOVICE BREEDERS OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD

A Lecture given by Mr. A. W. Curtis before the Wimbledon C.B.S. on April 4.

At the conclusion of the judging competition held by the society on April 4th, Mr. A. W. Curtis gave a lecture on "Hints to Novice Breeders of Plainhead Norwich," thus filling a gap caused by the absence through indisposition of Mr. R. L. Crisp, who should have made a few remarks on the Yorkshire Canary.

Gaining Knowledge.

Addressing his remarks chiefly to novices, Mr. Curtis said he advised those just starting in the Fancy to visit a few rooms belonging to prominent breeders with the object of gaining knowledge as to the most suitable cages to buy or make. In this matter, he said, observation should be of great assistance, but he gave many valuable and practical hints as to details tending to the comfort and health of the birds, such as the advantage of removable fronts and perches, sand trays, etc. He advised the novice wherever possible to use good roomy breeding cages, mentioning that he himself used the two compartment or double breeder, 2ft. 9ins. in length, 1ft. 3ins. in height, and 11ins. in depth, with two sliding divisions for the centre, one being dark and the other half wood and half wire—the latter for use when pairing up, so that cock and hen could see and feed each other through the wires, and also so that when the young were first shut off the old ones could feed them. One advantage of these cages is that no nursery cages are required, and the young brood can be allowed half the breeding cage till old enough to be put into the flight cage.

The flight cage he recommended to be about twice the length of the breeding cage, his own being about 5ft. 8ins. in length, and 1ft. 6ins. in height. This would be found very handy to fly hens during the winter months.

Breeding Cage Matters.

Coming to some important items in connection with the breeding cages, he dwelt upon the size of the perches, which should be large enough for a hen to be able to steady herself up and not so large that she could not get a good grip of it. He had always found one from ⅛in. to ⅝in. width by ⅝in. to ⅛in. in thickness to answer very well. The top should be slightly rounded off and the sharp edges just planed off at the bottom. The perches should be fixed an inch clear of the nest pans on each side, that is to say, should the pan be 5 inches in diameter, the perches should be fixed 7 inches apart.

In fixing a perch, care should be taken that there is about a quarter of an inch clear between the end of the perch and the back of the cage to prevent lodgment of red-mite. The pin can project at the end far enough to hold it in position.

With regard to the position of the nest pan, it should be hung so that the top edge is about an inch above the top of the perches. The wire bracket which carries the nest pan should be hung to the back of the cage on a small brass cup hook, which was far better and neater than screws or nails.

It was most important to thoroughly cleanse and overhaul the cages before commencing breeding operations; every hole and crevice should be properly stopped, and the whole painted out with good lead and oils. Where cages were hung on walls the backs should not touch the walls, a screw turned in to the bottom of the cage to within half an inch of the head would prevent this, if the nails on which the cages were hung were far enough out to allow of the cage hanging half an inch clear of the wall. This would allow a passage of air at the back of the cage, and prevent the lodgment of red-mite.

The lecturer dealt amusingly with the difficulties of the raw recruit who rushes too hastily into bird breeding, and he advised the thoughtful novice with limited means to first join a society and by this means learn as much as possible how he should prepare to receive birds before he buys them. The making of his own cages he will find a very interesting pastime, while visits to shows and observation of the winning birds will give him an idea of the type of bird required and guide him when selecting his breeding pairs. To become a successful breeder and exhibitor took much longer than many imagined, and the novice need not be disappointed if at the end of his first season he had not succeeded in breeding a first-prize winner.

Pairing Birds.

Mr. Curtis gave hints as to the pairing of birds, and mentioned errors into which inexperienced novices could easily fall in the matter of double-buffing and double-yellowing. These things should not be attempted until more experience had been gained.

The birds a novice should select for stock purposes should have good bold heads and necks, two very essential points which should never be lost sight of; a Norwich Plainhead with a good, bold and well-shaped head and a well filled-in neck was almost sure to attract the judge's eye. Another quality necessary to the making of a good Norwich was that cobby body so often described but so difficult to maintain.

With regard to flights and tail, the lecturer said he liked to select a hen with them fairly short, for he found that a long-tailed hen seldom bred short-tailed youngsters. A hen with drooping wings should also be avoided. For stock pairs they should have good big birds, both cock and hen. He preferred birds as evenly balanced as possible, in possession of as many show points as possible, and the larger the better. He did not wish to be misunderstood to mean that size was his first consideration, for type and quality must never be lost sight of, nor was either of these of much use without the other. Type could only be maintained by the judicious pairing of two typical birds. If a novice at any time found he was losing in quality of feathers, then was the time to introduce double-yellow blood. The same remark applied to falling off in colour, or the introduction of a little green blood would occasionally assist in the maintenance of quality and colour of feather.

The novice likely to make the most successful fancier was the one blessed with the most patience and perseverance, said the lecturer, and he gave very interesting episodes from his own experience showing the necessity for this. Forethought and judgment were also required to make a successful exhibitor. Commenting on the indifference often displayed in staging matters, he urged the importance of showing birds in clean cages, of seeing that the perches in show cages were such as to enable the bird to balance itself properly, and of seeing that both perches and cages were as clean and neat as possible.

In the Courts.

CATCHING BIRDS IN THE CLOSE SEASON

At Yarmouth Police-court on March 31st, Geo. Thompson was summoned for having in his possession three recently caught wild birds.

Inspector Quigley, R.S.P.C.A., said that on Sunday, March 27th, he was on the North Denes with Detective Marshall near the Rifle Butts, and saw defendant with his son bird catching. Witness watched them for twenty minutes, during which time they caught one bird, placed it in a bag, and set their nets again. On seeing witness and the detective approaching defendant ran to a decoy bird which was secured to a stick with "braces," cut the string and the braces, and released the bird, which then flew away, but dropped, and witness saw it in the stubble. Witness then took possession of the bag, and found it contained three hen Linnets. Defendant was also using four decoy birds (Linnets) in cages. Witness told him he should report him for catching wild birds in the close season. Witness produced the whole of defendant's kit, and showed the magistrates the nets, decoy cage, and bag with stocking mouth in which the captured birds were placed. Defendant admitted he knew the close season began on March 1st, but he was endeavouring to get an honest living. With defendant's consent he released the captured Linnets, and told him to bring the four decoy birds in cages to the Court. These were not produced, and defendant said he had to sell them.

The Chairman said that catching birds was a lazy way of getting a living, and he was strong enough to gain a living properly. Defendant was ordered to pay 7s. 6d. costs, which he at once paid.

Inspector Quigley said it was left to the magistrates' discretion whether the nets were confiscated. He did not think defendant would repeat the offence during the close season.—The magistrates allowed defendant to carry them away with him, but warned him against using these nets.—"Eastern Evening News."

Bird Migration: One of Nature's Miracles.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

Year by year, as the month of March comes round, the first of our migratory birds reach our shores, and one of Nature's greatest miracles is brought prominently before our notice. Already (March 27th) the Wryneck and the Wheatear have been reported from our S.E. counties, and I am expecting every day to see the Chiffchaff. The sight of the first migrant makes us involuntarily ask ourselves the question the philosopher asked so long ago—"*Unde venis? quo vadis?*" (Whence comest thou? whither goest thou?). This is a question to which ornithology has not as yet succeeded in giving a complete answer, and the subject is far too complex to be adequately treated in the short space at our disposal; nevertheless, it may be interesting to discuss a few of the conditions which probably influence migration.

Let us first distinguish between (1) spring migration and (2) autumn migration. We will take the latter first, because, coming first as it does in the life of a young bird, it is much the more interesting. We see the beginning of migration in the driving away of the young of almost all species of birds by the parents. Let us note that scarcity of food is apparently the root cause, though not the immediate cause, of autumn migration. The old birds have second broods to rear, and for that purpose they require the entire food supply of their immediate district: hence they drive the young away. The young now find themselves face to face with the first problem in their young lives, namely, where to find food. They cannot stay where they were bred, and if they go further afield they intrude upon the landed property of other adult pairs, so they begin to wander about the country and frequently gather together in small or large parties. Thus we can understand how it comes about that as early as the middle of July young Whitethroats, Garden Warblers, and Flycatchers begin to gather in large numbers along the whole of our S.E. and S. coasts. Here they often wait for a considerable time before making up their minds to launch themselves on their first crossing of the English Channel, and here we will leave them for the moment whilst we try to clear away a few preliminary difficulties.

Migrants and Non-migrants.

The first of these is, why should some species find it necessary to migrate, and others—apparently closely related to them—manage to exist without migration? For instance, the Whinchat migrates, and the Stonechat—a bird of apparently identical habits and similar constitution—remains with us throughout the winter.

The answer to this is probably that these two species are outwardly alike, but their requirements are not alike. Three men meet at a club: one, we will say, is a doctor, another is a journalist, and the third is a stockbroker. They are all dressed alike, nor could you tell by looking at them which belonged to which profession. Nevertheless, if the doctor tried to make a living by journalism he would probably starve, and vice versa, so would the journalist if he took on the doctor's job. In the same way we may be pretty sure that the Stonechat has methods of foraging for insects under gorse, etc., which are unknown to the Whinchat.

The Young Before the Old.

The autumnal migration of adult birds presents no great difficulties, because they know the way, but the well-attested fact that the young lead the way is one of the most remarkable problems connected with this subject, because the latter have had no previous experience of the route. There are three possible explanations of this matter. Amongst the migratory flights of young birds there are generally a few adults—probably birds which have not nested or which have lost their nests—and these may show the young the way. Or we may suppose that the young birds, after leaving the vicinity of their nest, fly in a haphazard way north, south, east or west, and find their way by experiment. It is just on this point that the recently adopted system of marking young birds in the nest with rings is likely to throw much further light in the immediate future. Already the experiments on this basis at Rossitten have yielded valuable results with regard to the migration of Hooded Crows and Storks, and the rings issued in this country by Mr. H. F. Witherby (Editor of the monthly magazine "British Birds") have afforded useful data as to the Black-headed Gull. It has been proved that at all events some young Woodcocks and Black-headed Gulls fly north after leaving their nesting haunts.

Further corroboration of this view may be found in the fact that there are undoubtedly a large number of stragglers from the main migration routes, and it has been suggested that these stragglers perish and never return in the spring. Thus every autumn some Yellow-browed Warblers are seen at Heligoland, a long way west of their usual line of migration, but they are not seen again in the spring flight. We must not forget, however, that the distribution of species is undergoing continual changes, as an instance of which we may take the recent extension of the range of the Starling northward and westward. The Starling now breeds in parts of Iceland and Russian Lapland, where it had never before been seen within the memory of man. The Blackstart, too, now breeds in parts of Germany where it was unknown a quarter of a century ago, and has become a regular winter visitor to our own coasts. It is evident that the extension of the range of any species can only be due to successful divergence from the ordinary migration routes.

Lastly, we may suppose that the young birds have inherited from countless generations of migrants not only a general sense of direction, but some vague knowledge of the route. Whether we accept this hypothesis or not, we must at all events admit that migratory birds have an actual and undoubted sense of direction. Last summer an interesting (though somewhat cruel) experiment was carried out with some Swallows which were captured on their nests in Cheshire and released in the Isle of Man. They all found their way home, and, by a comparison of the times of departure and arrival, it was ascertained that they must have flown at the rate of 40 miles an hour. As it is hardly likely that these particular Swallows had ever been over the route before, it is evident that they were able, without any hesitation or delay to ascertain the direction in which their homes lay, and the distance precludes the possibility that they could have done this by sight.



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The Inherited Instinct.

We will now return to our young migrants which we left on the seacoast, making ready for their adventurous flight across the Channel, and we ask ourselves what is the impulse which induces an immature bird, which has never before seen the sea, to face the unknown perils of the passage. Some years since I was spending the last fortnight of September with some friends on the seacoast, and, as I had nothing to do except a little shooting and fishing, I amused myself by trying to disprove the oft-repeated statement that no man has ever seen any migrants actually leave our coasts. In this I was not successful, but still I was rewarded by some interesting data. All the Swallows that had been bred in the immediate neighbourhood had left except just four. The weather was fine: the north wind blew fresh and strong, and flights of Swallows passed south daily, but these four Swallows lingered, and the reason was obvious; they were two old birds, and a late brood of two young, which the parents could sometimes be seen feeding on the wing. I used to keep close watch on them by day, and every night I used to go out with a lantern to the old barn where they roosted and note if they were all there. How do you suppose that those four Swallows started on their migratory flight? *Each left on a different day.*

The reader who has grasped the significance of this observation understands more about the underlying causes of migration than some who have written books on the subject. He will realise that what we call the migratory instinct affects each individual separately; that it is partly a certain condition of bodily fitness and partly a state of mental emotion—and how strong the latter must be we can guess from the fact that in the above instance it induced a united family to break up into separate units. He will understand why the young birds and the unmated adults leave first (which has been a puzzle to many), namely, because, not being exhausted by the labours of rearing young, they are the first to attain to this condition of physical fitness. He will infer that the migrant does not wait for a favourable wind but that, when once the psychological moment has arrived, it stands not upon the order of its going: it goes!

Crossing the Sea.

We will now suppose that our young migrants are just starting to cross the Channel, and the interesting question arises—at what hour do they start? When migrating across *terra firma* it is well established that they fly by day and rest by night, but when crossing the seas there is some evidence that they fly by night, although I think this evidence should be received with some caution. A writer of some recent excellent articles on bird migration in the Mediterranean district says:—"They are normally over the central part of the sea during the nighttime," but I have myself seen the smaller migrants landing on the southern coast of France and Italy at all hours of the day. My observations during the past twelve years on the S. coast of Devon lead me to think that the migrants generally cross the English Channel in the very early hours of the morning. I generally hear the first Cuckoo about 8 a.m. Nevertheless, when there is a big rush of migrants, they may be seen landing on our S. Devon coast throughout the morning and early afternoon.

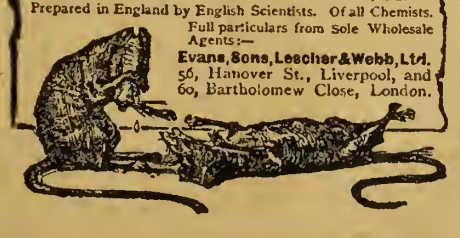
On one point there seems little doubt, namely, that when the migrants reach the sea they pause for a longer or shorter period, partly no doubt to feed and recuperate and partly perhaps to secure favourable climatic conditions. Swallows, for instance, which reach our S. Devon coast towards the evening are generally gone again by the following morning. Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers may stay 2 or 3 days, and Wagtails sometimes a week or more. I have frequently seen the migrants there arrest their flight at sight of the sea. For instance, in the month of August, 1908, Mr. W. T. Page, who was staying with me for a few days, and whose name is well known to our readers, was reclining on a couch in my garden when a Corncrake dropped almost perpendicularly from the sky and took shelter underneath the couch. By the time Mr. Page had adjusted his eyeglass to have a look at it, it had taken wing again (possibly it had grave doubts as to whether the couch was strong enough to sustain Mr. Page's weight), and went off not with the usual slow laboured flight of a Rail, but with the strong and rapid wing-beats of a Hawk, thus showing how very much faster birds fly on migration.

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Medicines for Cage Birds: Their Application and Doses.

By GEO. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

Much has been written in contemporaries recently respecting therapeutical treatment, selection, and modes of administration of medicines employed in the bird Fancy, and realizing that bird-lovers, like all animal lovers, have a natural inclination for the "experimental doctoring" of their pets, I would like to remark upon the precautions to be observed in the selection and application of such medicinal agents, and to give a description of those drugs in general use, together with a few formulæ which I hope may be found useful to those desirous of attempting home treatment.

Sifting the Wheat from the Chaff.

The number of drugs in general use is very great, and it is found that comparatively few of these are really useful. So in order to separate the valuable ones from those that are worthless, selections of the former have been published from time to time by the medical authorities of different countries, and of the preparations made from them, which have thus become official. It becomes, however, a necessary provision that preparations so employed should be thoroughly reliable, as it is a well-known failing for chemists, in the prescribing of medicines for animals, to imagine that "anything will do"; this is a practice to be deprecated, and to insist on the best quality and standardisation of drugs should be a point observed by fanciers.

In many instances more than one drug has to be given at the same time; but the simpler the medicine employed the better, particularly when the amateur purchases the ingredients and compounds it himself. Successful combination, remember, is at once the most important and most difficult part of prescribing. The mere appearance, taste, and flavour of a mixture are important points for consideration, whilst the chemical reactions which may occur between the constituents must be constantly kept in mind. Many drugs when mixed together undergo what is known as a chemical decomposition of one or more of them, with the result that an *entirely new substance* is formed, which may be harmful to the subject to be treated. Drugs which so act are said to be chemically incompatible: this term conveying the production of inelegant, useless, and *often dangerous* compounds.

A Journey Skywards.

In respect to the latter, I noted a prescription recommended in a contemporary a while since, consisting of potassium chlorate and sulphur; this constitutes one of the "dangerous incompatibles." Although when prescribed in small quantities (as it was) little risk is entailed, yet on the other hand, were one to mix it with an idea of administering it to any number of birds, or for purposes of stock, the probability is that the amateur dispenser would cease to dispense any more, the two ingredients forming a dangerous explosive compound, the preparation of which has caused the death of many who in ignorance or error have attempted its admixture.

Again, I frequently note the recommending of certain drugs to be administered in drinking water, which are themselves often insoluble, or not readily miscible with water; consequently, there exists refusal to partake of such medicines, or their administration in a too saturated or dangerous condition.

In other cases, however, the chief consideration will be the physiological effect of the combination. Each of the ingredients may be intended to produce a different result from the others; or one or more may be used to modify the action of the other, or to correct some unpleasant, dangerous, or otherwise undesirable influence which it might exercise in addition to the action we wish to produce.

The Prescription Explained.

In what may be taken as a "classical prescription," it is the custom to arrange the constituents under four headings, viz., the *basis* or drug proper; the *adjuvant* or substance to assist; and particularly to hasten the action of the basis; the *corrective*, to limit or modify the same; and the *excipient* or vehicle to collect the whole into a convenient and pleasant form for administration. Take for instance the following:—

Citrate of Iron and Ammonia	(this the basis).
Liquid Ammonia	(adjuvant).
Spirit of Nutmeg	(corrective).
Infusion of Calumba	(vehicle, or excipient).

So we see that although several drugs may be included in a formula, the specific action of only one may be intended, whilst the others are simply used to modify its action, or in many cases to aid its solubility. Numerous drugs are insoluble in water. A notable instance is that of quinine, which is largely used in febrile and specific diseases of birds, requiring, as it does, to be combined with a small proportion of sulphuric acid to bring about this effect. It may be readily seen, therefore, that the art of treating disease lies not in the fact of possessing a large *mental* stock of remedies, but in the knowledge of admixing and prescribing such remedies so as to not alter their composition and to simplify administration.

The duration, or period, for which a drug may be administered, depends on a variety of circumstances, e.g., when a drug is allowed to enter the bird's system for any lengthy period, in many cases more rapidly than it can be excreted, a time will arrive when it will have accumulated to such an extent in the tissues as to produce marked effects; on the other hand, certain drugs lose their effect when administered for any length of time, this is known as "toleration."

Some Useful Remedies.

I shall now proceed to enumerate a few of the more useful drugs, together with prescriptions containing same, in so simple a manner as to be readily understood by all.

The salts of sodium place some very useful and cheap preparations at our disposal, two only of which I shall here mention, viz., sodium chloride, or common salt, and sulphate of soda, common known as glauber salts.

Common Salt occasionally administered in the drinking water acts as a stomachic, and facilitates digestion. In too large doses it acts as an emetic. As an agent for expelling worms which so commonly infest our birds it is exceedingly useful; also it is a general alterative, improving the condition and tone of the bird's system.

Dose: 5 to 10 grains to an ounce of water, freshly administered night and morning; continue for a week, and again repeat after an interval of a few days.

Sulphate of Soda acts as a useful saline aperient, and may be used in lieu of the more expensive proprietary preparations, a small quantity dissolved in the drinking water (just sufficient to make it taste) and administered fresh night and morning until the evacuations become watery, is useful in birds of a gross (fat) tendency, as in addition to its purgative action, it has a direct action on the liver.

Carbonate of Ammonia, as one of the salts of ammonium, is a convenient form for the administration to birds, being readily soluble in water, and valuable in affections of the respiratory tract. In common colds, catarrh, bronchitis, and pneumonia, it acts as a general stimulant, raising the tone of the heart's action, which in these complaints is considerably depressed. The bronchial secretion is markedly increased, and rendered more liquid and easily raised. Three grains in every tablespoonful of water, repeated three times daily, until the bronchial exudate is removed, and followed by a vegetable tonic, such as compound infusion of gentian (of which I shall speak later) will be found a great acquisition to fanciers troubled with these complaints amongst their birds.

Of the salts and preparations of iron perhaps the most popular is the Sulphate of Iron met with in green prisms, soluble 1 part in 1½ parts of cold water. Dose: 2 grains to each tablespoonful of water, night and morning. It is a useful tonic and astringent, and is valuable as a vermicide, but if too freely given is apt to upset digestion and cause unthriftiness. This is obviated by using the Saccharated Carbonate of Iron, which does not possess this failing, and is readily taken by birds, being pleasant and sweet. It is, however, insoluble in water, and is best given with a little milk sop, or sponge cake. It is very safe, and 5 grains may be used, prepared as above.

Iron and Ammonium Citrate and Iron and Quinine Citrate, both readily soluble in water, both act as tonics, having a specific action on the blood, and they also act as preventives in outbreaks of specific disease in an aviary, by fortifying the system of the birds to resist contagion. Given occasionally to healthy subjects, they improve the general appearance and health. Either preparation, in 3-grain doses to every tablespoonful of water, may be administered to advantage night and morning for a week.

Iron Wine affords an excellent tonic in recuperation from debilitating disease. It is prepared from iron wire digested in sherry. Dose: ½ teaspoonful in 2 fluid ounces of water, night and morning.

(To be continued.)



Under the White Rose.

Secretaries of the various specialist clubs are now busily engaged in the preparation of next season's work, and this is where the "spade work" comes in. No sooner do they get one year's work cleared off than they have to start on another's. They obtain no respite, and it is sheer love of the work and of the Fancy that keeps them up. During the next few weeks each will be having its own special meeting (I wonder if anything will come of the proposed amalgamation of several?), when officers will be chosen, rules, new and old, gone through and debated upon, and competitions revised, renewed, or amended. Little do the rank and file know what work and time the respective secretaries and officials put in to prepare for the following season; and the least they can do is to try and obtain new members (Oh! how it gladdens a secretary's heart to get a few!) and assist by attending all meetings possible to give what little help they can during the busy season.

I THINK the only variety of Canary that is kept to any extent in Yorkshire, and has not some organisation in Yorkshire to look after its interests, is the Yorkshire Green. True, several of its upholders are members of the Green Canary Association of Liverpool, but they do not get together to talk things over, and in regard to shows providing classes, it is only now and again that a society can be persuaded to provide classes for them and ask for the patronage of the G.C.A., which is readily given. The Green Fancy is always well upheld by the G.C.A. members. Could not something be done to further the interests of the Green—not in the way of a separate club, but by the getting of fanciers together to try and devise some scheme whereby the Greens and the G.C.A. patronage could be brought to Yorkshire for, say, three or four shows?

DURING the holidays I had perforce to make a few journeys into the country. Good Friday found me wending my way over Shipley Glen, by Dick Hudson's, and over the moors to Ilkley. But all the way there was little bird-life to be seen. Probably the number of people about had caused the birds to vanish. Arriving at Ilkley, dinner was the first item. After about an hour's rest we went onwards again to Ben Rhydding, past the "Cow and Calf" rocks, over Burley Wood head, across the moors again to Hawksworth, where we were rather more fortunate, several Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, and one Missel Thrush being observed with nests practically ready for eggs, and a few of the smaller birds love-making in the hedges. At Hawksworth tea was obtained; then a ramble of a few miles in the twilight brought us to the cars at Baildon Bridge, en route for home.

MONDAY found us on our way to Halifax to pay a visit to the Zoo, which has just been reopened. This is situated just outside the town, a penny ride on the car bringing us to the bottom of the hill on the top of which the Zoo is situated. My word! and what a hill! Halifax is all hills and hoils. But when we arrived at the top we were well repaid. Up there the air is grand and bracing, nearly Blackpool air, and the beasts and birds should be all right. Unfortunately for us we found it hard work to get near the cages and dens, there were so many people there; but we have promised ourselves another visit when times are quieter. First we saw the wolves, bears, etc.: then came the birds. The Budgerigars are a nice lot, and have a spacious aviary all to themselves, and are supplied with cocoanut husks for breeding. Then we inspected the Parrots, several varieties being represented; also Cockatoos. The Lemon-crested bird is a nice specimen, although I have seen larger. Rose-crested Cockatoos and the Blue and Yellow Macaws are a lively lot, and provided much amusement by their antics. Three Owls were on view, blinking at the daylight in their usual wise and stately style, these finding a home in the corner of the aviary dedicated to the Eagles, Ravens, etc. The Raven is a lovely specimen, and seemed on quite friendly terms with the other inmates. Probably he can take care of himself. Pheasants of various colours, brilliant, gorgeous, and stately, ran the Peacock close for brilliance, although one of the latter would be hard to beat at present, he is in such lovely plumage. Then pigeons were here in galore, and on the ornamental waters were Gulls, Swans, both white or mute, and the black variety, ducks in all colours, geese, etc. Unfortunately we could not get near the small birds, so we must leave these for another time.

BY the way, how would it be for the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. to form a party for a half-day at the Zoo? It would be hard to find a better place than Chevinedge for interest to all concerned.

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*A Pet Nightingale.

One summer my father had some young Nightingales, and one he gave to me for a pet. It became very tame, and every morning I used to go and feed it on egg, ants' eggs, and biscuit. I would open the cage door and hold a mealworm to it, and it would fly to me and take the worm. Then it would fly back into the cage. The bird was very fond of flies and spiders, and I would catch them for it.—Sent by Reggie Sandy (age 9½), 133, Laitwood Road, Balham.

*The Homer Canary.

My father keeps a lot of birds, principally Canaries. One day as I was coming home, I saw a crowd round our house. Wondering what the matter was, I made haste home. Then I found that one of my father's best Canaries had escaped, and flown on to a neighbour's roof. People were throwing orango peel at it. They at last frightened it away. We all thought it was lost. Even my father gave it up, and went back to finish feeding his birds. A minute or two later, he happened to look out in the garden. There he saw the Canary hopping towards the birds' place. Father then put his net over it and caught it.—Sent by Walter Schofield (age 13), 87, Bramford Road, Ipswich.

**The Hedge Sparrow.

Last year a pair of Hedge Sparrows built their nest in a little shrub about two feet from the ground, and about three feet from our house. They were not afraid of us when we went past. They lined their little nest with moss and hair, and laid four blue eggs, which hatched out successfully. When the young wer old enough to leave the nest, the parents hopped from branch to branch, the young ones following till they reached the ground. The parents then fed them. There are still one or two about the garden, and they are very tame as they come close up to our doorstep and hop around our dog's kennel and his feet. He does not attempt to hurt them. They have a cheerful little song, which often greets me when I awake in the morning.—Sent by Willie Bennett (age 11), Rose Acre, Bearsted, near Maidstone, Kent.



What is to be the Future of the Cage Bird Union?

A Serious Outlook.

Having the welfare of the Cage Bird Fancy at heart, we view the present position of the Cage Bird Union with considerable misgiving. Its well-wishers cannot but regard the outlook as decidedly ominous. What are the facts? Since the Crystal Palace 1910 Show the following societies have seceded from the Union:—

The London and Provincial O.S.
The London Cage Bird Association.
Hull C.B.S.
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Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.
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Redruth F.A.
Morpeth C.B.S.
Newcastle C.B.S.
Cardiff C.B.S.

Add to this list Gateshead C.B.S. and Bournemouth C.B.A., whose secessions were announced before the Palace show, and we have a total of twelve important clubs whose members are apparently agreed that the Cage Bird Union as an organisation is no longer of service to them or the Fancy.

A number of indictments have been brought against the executive to account for this state of things, and it will be as well in the public interest to review briefly some of the more important accusations. It is averred by critics of the Union that amongst other things—

(1): The rules are not adhered to by the members nor by the executive.

(2): That the methods of the Union are arbitrary and coercive.

(3): That its proceedings receive insufficient publicity.

There can be no gainsaying that a strong, properly organised, rightly managed ruling body would be a great power for good in the cage bird world, and it is in the hope of awakening the leading lights of the Union to a greater sense of their responsibilities and the possibilities of their institution that we pen these few lines. In our opinion the only thing required in the Union is a stronger, more aggressive system of control—a little more of the iron hand in the velvet glove. And the sooner the members of the Union realise that they cannot buy a man of brains and energy as secretary for such a sum as fifteen pounds a year, the sooner will the affairs of their Union stand a chance of rectifying themselves.

It will be said by some that the business of the Union should not be conducted by the secretary, but by the Executive Council and the various committees. We agree up to a point, but without a strong guiding hand, without the controlling influence of a man of purpose and unusual intelligence and firmness, either as secretary or president (or, preferably, both), the affairs of any club, whether it be a large or small body of men, are bound to be more or less disorganised.

Now we have the greatest personal liking for the present secretary and president of the Cage Bird Union. They are both models of integrity and amiability. Further, they are the best of fanciers, with a long record of good services in the cause of the Fancy standing to their credit. It is only with the deepest regret, therefore, and from a strong sense of public duty, we feel compelled to say that, in our judgment, and in that of many prominent men we have consulted on the matter, the present holders of the positions in question are not precisely suited for the posts they officially occupy. We say this only after the gravest consideration and at the risk of rousing animosities which we would, if we possibly could, avert. But there is no use in blinking the truth in the face of a crisis.

The general meetings of the Union have been notorious fiascos. Why? One reason, because the chairman has not strongly asserted himself, but has tried to be too pleasant and patient with delegates, and instead of confining discussion to a simple and straightforward issue, has allowed it to ramble into generalities and personalities of the dreariest and most useless kind.

With regard to the present secretary, his methods seem to be those of *laissez faire*. It is reported of him that he is in favour of allowing breaches of the rules to "slide" rather than face possible discomforting hostility. His reports are certainly few and far between, and tell us little or nothing of what has transpired at Union meetings, sparse though the latter be. Take his account of the executive council meeting held at Nottingham on March 19th last. A glorious obscurity is thrown over the whole proceedings. Even the names of those present are withheld. Why? The names of the gentlemen nominated for president and secretary are not stated. A member of the Union makes a claim against a railway company; his name is not given. A case is brought forward of a society which has not paid its prize money. The name of this society is not stated. Why? On account of the resignation of the auditors, two others were appointed. This report does not state who they are!

Why, in the name of common-sense, are these most important particulars kept back from those who keep the Union alive by their subscriptions? This hole-in-the-corner, kiss-in-the-dark, manner of carrying on a great public body can have no other end but Disaster. The fullest possible publicity should be given to these meetings. The secretary of the C.B.U. should take a lesson from the secretary of the Poultry Club, who every month reports at great length all the transactions of his society—and very interesting these proceedings prove, and of the greatest interest to the public is their publication.

CAGE BIRDS has before now offered to run the legal risk of publishing an account of the club's disqualifications and votes of censure. With what result? Its offer has been ignored. What is the present policy of the Union?—Like "Brer Rabbit," to lie low and say nothing. Like the Ostrich of the fable, it thinks if it buries its head deep enough in the sand, its enemies will not see it because it cannot see them! The Cage Bird Union has a number of men in its ranks fully qualified to see that its rules are carried out (as Mr. Hadwin expresses it), in a firm but not arbitrary manner. The same gentleman voiced all our sentiments when he appealed for publicity for the Union's workings. If the executive will only put their house in order, we believe it is not too late yet for better counsels to prevail in the ranks of those who have seceded; but failing reformation in the more important respects, who shall blame them, and indeed, other societies, if they prefer to remain outside the Union?

These are strong words—but the situation calls for them, and it is at great personal sacrifice we take this duty on ourselves of attempting to rouse those responsible for the Cage Bird Union into a state of activity. There are men in our midst who are fully capable of bearing the task obviously set in front of such a Union, and to them we appeal for a more vigorous policy, and a more assertive manner of enforcing it. Let us see the weaknesses and the strength of the Union in the clear light of day, so that its failings may be eradicated and its strength vindicated. Then we shall have a body that shall prove a power for good in the land.

Before the next show season starts we think some effort should be made to overcome the ill-effect produced by the last general meeting. Is it not possible to summon an extraordinary meeting of representatives of every important club in the country—the Yorkshire Societies included—with the object of removing all existing causes of dissatisfaction with the Union and reforming it wherever past experience has shown such reformation desirable? The difficulty and expense in gathering these delegates together are considerable, but we believe all the obstacles could be overcome by the exercise of a little ingenuity. What has the Fancy to say to the suggestion?

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Wild Bird Life.

Early Nests.

Round the shrubberies, among the ivy of old walls, and the sheltered sides of the woods, nests of Blackbirds and Thrushes are fairly plentiful. By the wild bank or round the homestead the perky Robin is to be seen daily carrying dainty morsels to his sitting mate; the Hedge-Sparrow has built a well-lined home in the evergreens, and another among the gorse at the edge of the common. These three species are among the earliest of our commoner birds, they are known to everybody, and just now their nests are exposed to the gaze of the most superficial seeker. At present we have no thickly-grown hedge or rampant woodbines to assist the birds. These early ventures (unless upon quite private property) generally come to grief; the village urchin cannot resist the temptation to annex his first find, or to show his fellows the skyblue treasures; and as one after the other takes a daily peep, the poor bird is annoyed beyond endurance, and finally deserts a home which has cost it so much trouble and care to construct.

Up in the elms overlooking the village the Rooks have no such troubles, they are left to build and incubate in security, except that they are exposed to the elements. Hardy rascals they are. All day long there are a few of them constantly on guard, sitting quietly upon the topmost branches close to the nest, facing the cold piercing wind, which apparently has no effect upon them, or they would have sense enough to obtain some slight shelter from the huge collection of sticks and turf used in the building. During the last four or five years there has only been a slight increase in the Rook population in the immediate neighbourhood. Some apparently suitable sites have been well-nigh deserted, while others have had small additions, but although some half a hundred nests may be counted around the village, there are no signs of the making of a big community. So different this from the huge Rookery away up at Woodmansterne (one of the most picturesque spots in Surrey). There the steep roadway is cut in the side of the hill, and the grand old trees growing upon either side are crowded with nests. To walk beneath and listen to the Rook talk going on above amid the rustle of the wind in the branches, and to watch the home-coming of the busy birds, while one rests in the sunshine, sheltered from the cold wind, well repays one for the long tramp to this charming spot. Down below in the wooded valley, where later we shall seek the dainty Warblers, we can hear snatches of Lark music, borne to us on the breeze, forming a welcome contrast to the harsh cawing of the Rooks.

A Useful Tit.

The Long-tailed Tit is the only one of the family building in the open. It feeds entirely upon insects, and for this reason should be encouraged.

Alien Bird Life.

Each autumn brings a host of wild birds across the wild North Sea to our Eastern shores. During favourable seasons this influx is beyond all calculation. Starlings have been known to be so numerous that farmers have had to put off the sowing of their wheat, for it is well known that this is one of the few times in which this bird is so destructive. A flock of them feeding steadily for a few days will soon clear a field of sprouting corn.

In Favour of the Gulls.

The County Council of Cumberland has for some years protected the Black-headed Gulls, but in consequence of some complaints the Council determined to make elaborate investigations, which proved entirely satisfactory. Nearly half of the birds examined had been feeding upon wire-worms and other destructive larvae; a few had been eating oats, and the others fed upon fish. Undoubtedly these birds are extremely useful when feeding upon farm lands.

An Ingenious Nest.

A short note from a reader informed a journal in the Midlands recently of a peculiarly constructed Martin's nest. The birds had previously been ejected from their home by aggressive Sparrows, and at length built a nest with an entrance at the bottom with a tunnel running up the side to the usual opening. This was only just large enough for the old birds to squeeze through, and effectually kept out the intruders.

Increasing Gulls.

The Black-headed Gulls are increasing rapidly, and are so plentiful in some districts that they will soon be pushing the Rooks away as followers of the plough. There is a popular notion that if Gulls are seen inland there is rough weather at sea, but now these birds may be seen much more frequently inland than in former years. As they increase they spread, which is natural of all birds.

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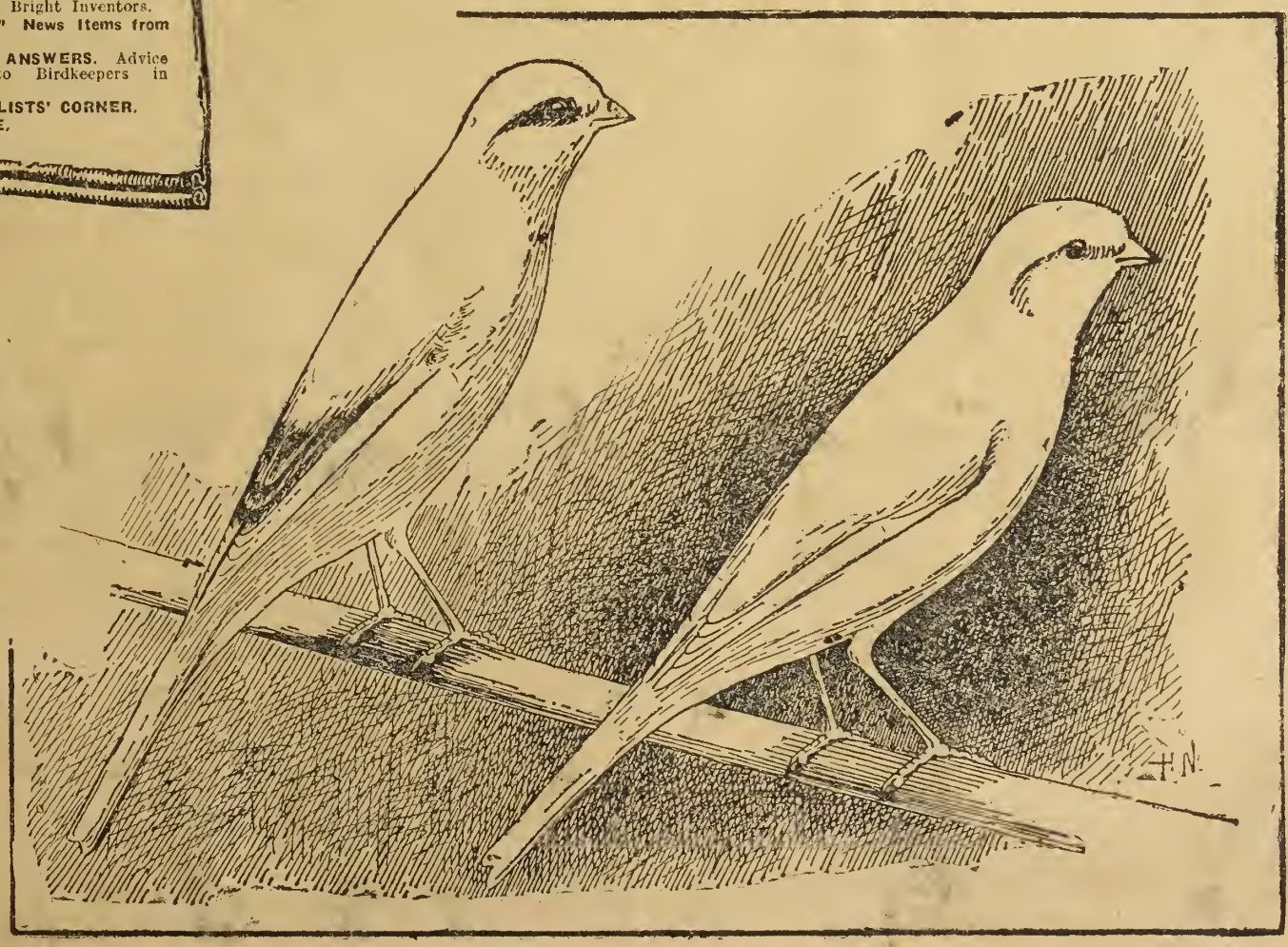
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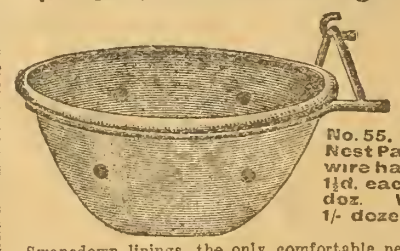
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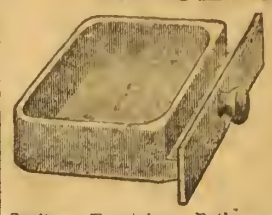
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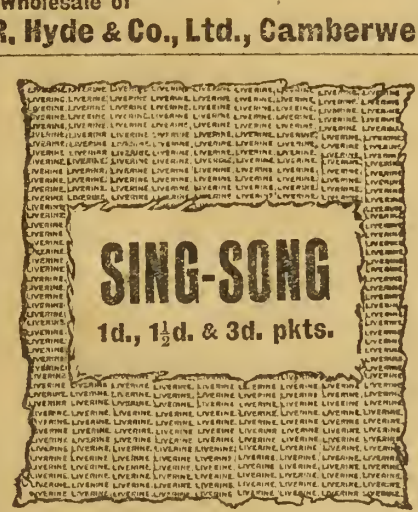


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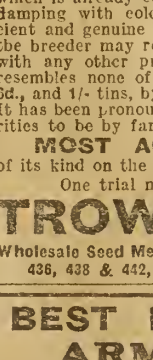
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EVERYTHING that it is necessary to know how to keep Skylarks for show or pets is contained in our novel and useful "Nutshell" handbook, "The Skylark," 2½d., post free, from the Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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Handsome tame bird, in full wild song, morning till dusk, bargain, 2/6; also cock Thrush, good songster, 3/-: Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

Miscellaneous.

MAGNIFICENT cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, show condition, singing, 3/6; Skylark, full song, 1/6: Hipwell, Naturalist, Wisbech.

ROOM wanted, cock Nightingales, 8/6, 10/6; cock Bramblefinch, 1/6; cock Chaffinch, 2/6: Mrs. Kemp, 34, Tovey-pl., Kentish Town.

GUARANTEED cocks, singing, Linnet 1/-, Chaffinch 1/-, Goldfinch 5/-, Bullfinch 3/-, Lark 2/6, Blackbird 2/6, Thrush 2/6, Linnet and Canary, paired, 5/-, cock Canary, 5/-, or exchange poultry: Chick, 1, The Parade, Childs Hill, Cricklewood.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, Fieldfares, selected for song, 1/- each, 12 mixed aviary birds 1/-, Linnets, Greenfinches, Yellow Buntiugs, Redpolls, Tree Sparrow, Robins, Blue Tits, 1/- pair: George Fenn, The Aviaries, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

WANTED Borders: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London, W.

PRIZE-bred clear yellow and buff marked hens, 3/- each: J. Logie, City-rd., Brechin.

BORDER fancy, 3 yellow, variegated hens, 2/6 each: F. J. D. Mann, 12, Ann-terrace, Brechin.

BORDERS, yellow cock, buff hen, odd buff cocks, buff hens, reasonable, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin

VARIEGATED two Yellow hens, two cocks, Yellow and Buff, lot 20/-: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

BUFF cock, marked one wing, 5/-; Buff hen, 2/-; cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 5/-: Gillies Fullarton-st., Irvine.

YELLOW greens, self, high-class stock cocks from 7/6; hens, 4/-; also variegateds: Mrs. Reid, Ashfield, Lochwinnoch.

BORDERS: Buff hens, 2/-; Yellows, 2/6; ready for breeding: Linnet Mule, full song, 4/6; deposit: Craik, Hawick, N.B.

PRIZE-bred pair Borders, ready to nest, 7/-; two cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; approval: Rose, Westerfield, Ipswich, Suffolk.

GIVING up Fancy, Border cocks 7/6 each, hens 3/6, ready for nesting; or exchange: Ball, 107, Greengate-st., Oldham.

SPLENDID Borders for sale; cocks, Yellow, from 6/6; hens, Buff and Yellow, from 3/-: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

YELLOW cock, Buff hen, feathered like silk; Buff cock, Yellow cinnamon-marked hen, grand stock birds, 15/- lot; one worth money; deposit; must sell: Wood, Stow, Midlothian.

GRAND even-marked Border Fancy, Buff cock, warranted just as bred, £2, or nearest offer; willing to send on approval: deposit with Editor: Mr. Thomas Bell, 67, Barkerhouse-rd., Nelson.

HIGH-CLASS Borders; pairs, 10/6; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6 upwards; or useful exchange: Mills, Llangorse, Kings-avenue, New Malden.

GRAND Borders, stock or exhibition, including Greens, no yellow hens, our own breed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

Cinnamons.

BUFF cock, 15/-; ditto, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; approval: George James, St. Ives, Hunts.

LARGE buff Cinnamon hen, Norwich type, 6/-, '09 bred; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

CINNAMONS, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards per pair; also odd cocks: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BUFF Cinnamon cock, 6/6; Jonque, 7/6; Jonque hen, 5/6; all in breeding condition: Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

SEVERAL good hens 7/6 each, extra fine large Norwich type hens 20/-, 25/- each, quite ready for nesting; one extra large, stout body, big headed, cross Crestbred cock, invaluable for producing size, 15/-; every bird worth double; must clear to make room for breeding; approval: Bertie, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

Crests and Crestbreds.

LARGE dark Crest cock, '09 bred, 30/; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

LARGE Crest-bred cock and Crested hen, 12/6 pair; approval: J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

TWO grand pairs, 40/-, 50/-; Crestbred cocks, 10/6, 15/6, 30/-: Wm. Campbell, 45, Park-st., Alva.

NESTING, a few pairs left, own breeding, from 15/6 pair: Read, Chellowdene, York-rd., Guildford.

TWO cocks, 3 hens, Crests, and Crest-breds, the lot 23/-; splendid birds: R. Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

CRESTED hen and Crest-bred cock, matched pair for breeding, 15/6: Fairclough, 165, Bolton-rd., Blackburn.

PAIR Crested and cocks to sell cheap, best blood; approval, deposit: Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

SURPLUS stock; Crests, Crest-breds, and Plainheads, from winners, cheap to clear: Potter, 35, Oxley-st., Norwich.

LARGE wing-marked dark Crest hen, anxious to nest, no cock for her or would not be sold, 40/-: H. Howkins, Oak st., Burton-on-Trent.

CASH offers for 10 large Crest and Crest bred cocks, Barnett's strain, worth £6, take £3 10s., or nearest offer: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

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GREEN Crest-bred cock, grand bird, 25/-; another variegated, 20/-; also a good Crest hen, 25/-: Apply A. Fiddament, Postman, Trinity-st., Norwich.

TWO large variegated dark Crest cocks, '09 bred, Barnett's and Joyce, in grand condition, price 15/- each: J. Hands, 41, Ada-st., Westoe, South Shields.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, large matched pairs of his champions are simply given away at 20/6, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6, 60/6; single birds from 12/6; approval.

PLEASE note, I have only a few of my best Crest and Crest-breds for disposal; also a gramophone and records; what offers; anything useful: J. Hilton, 47, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder, not a dealer, exhibitor, 1909, Norwich, four prizes (C.C.C. guinea special) Lowestoft, five prizes (bred 1909 cup); Iron 10/- each; approval.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers 15 pairs grand stock Crests, 40/6, 50/6, 60/6 upwards pair; also several topping yellow buff Crest-bred cocks; hens to match, genuine untried birds; approval.

T. Billington, late of Nottingham, has a few high-class Crests, Crestbreds for sale, 30 years' breeder; best blood in the world; this strain known all over the country; approval: Wyre-villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

DARK Crested cock, clear body, 20/-; clear Crested cocks, clear body, 10/6; dark Crested cocks, evenly marked, 12/6; fine birds, 1909, good songsters, Mackley's strain; no exchange: Miss R. "Leura," 30, Thorn rd., Worthing.

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THREE coppy hens, one coppy cock, all buffs, 50/- lot: Jameson, 45, David-st., Elton, Bury, Lancashire.

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PAIR of well-matched Lizards, gold cock and silver hen, 10/-, a bargain: Cooper, 928, Rochdale-rd., Harpurhey, Manchester.

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Norwich.

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J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc.; a few typical birds left at low prices.

H. SNOWDEN, 65, Westminster-road, Morecambe, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; see winnings at all principal shows.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

GOOD Norwich songsters, 5/- each; hens, 2/6: Miss Fox, Benford-st., Leicester.

DEALERS supplied with healthy Norwich hens: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH cock, full song, 5/6; good feeding hens, 3/6 each: M. Cave, Benford-st., Leicester.

1909 Norwich hens, 2/6 each; cheap: Atkinson, Church-st., James Deeping, Peterborough.

YELLOW hens, anxious to nest, 2/9, to clear, few left: Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knightsbridge.

FEW good type hardy hens, from 3/-; outdoor aviary all winter: Hills, Thornton-rd., Potters Bar.

CLEAR ticked buff hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; cocks, 6/-, 7/- each; stamp: Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

ONE good buff, 1 yellow green cock, 5/- each, own breeding; approval: Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., Sheen.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks, 5/0, 6/6, 7/6, hens, 3/-, 4/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6; approval: Waters, Queens-st., March.

HENS, eager to nest, splendid condition, 3/- each, pairs 10/6; particulars: Arthur Green, Tunnard-st., Boston.

UNFLIGHTED Buff cock, medium size, good type and quality, 10/-; approval: Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

GRAND 1909 Norwich variegated cocks, 5/6 each; hens, 2/6; only a few left: Wilson, 13, Chase-st., Wisbech.

A few good Buff Norwich cocks good stock birds, at 7/6 each; approval: T. Bussey, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

FOUR real good unflighted Buff cocks from 12/6; inspection invited: Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

PRIZE strain stock Norwich hens, 4/- upwards, grand size; also lovely Crest-bred cock, 18/-: Witton, Brimscombe.

UNTRIED Buff hens, from champion feeders, 3/- each; cocks, 6/6: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-buildings, Bromley, Kent.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 7/6; grand value, bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

LOVELY yellow Norwich cock and very fine large buff hen, 12/-, worth double; overstocked: Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

NORWICH, few cocks for sale, first-class strain, winners and off winners; J. Crawford, 251, St. Vincent-st., Glasgow.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, 8/6, cold room; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: A. Spencer, Belper Lane, Belper.

GREAT bargains in Canaries and Mules; lady must dispose of nearly 100; inspection invited: Sayer, New-st., Margate.

HENS, healthy, untried, 2/6 each to clear; exchange three for Norwich cock: Morgan, 76, Barry-rd., Dulwich, S.E.

EIGHT pairs Norwich Canaries, prepared for breeding, 7/- per pair, 50/- lot; cash or deposit: Cooke, Grocer, Kenilworth.

GOOD Norwich healthy unflighted hens, 3/- upwards; cocks, 7/6 upwards; Buffs: Graham, 237, George-st., Glasgow.

NORWICH Plainhead, seven for sale, Cooper Bros.' strain; apply: Wm. Shipp, 72, Wenman-st., Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

MUST clear, sacrifice, 13 hens, 6 cocks, Norwich, Plainheads and Crests, ready for breeding: Parsons, 66, Sprules-rd., Brockley.

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; matched pairs, 8/6, 9/6; approval, cash or deposit: J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

FOUR Norwich cocks, 1909, full song, 7/6 each, cash or deposit: Wheatley, Nightingale-rd., East Molesey, Hampton Court.

TWO good typical buff-green Norwich cocks, splendid condition, 7/6 each; approval: Hadley, Masonic Hall, Holyhead, N. Wales.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, can win, 15/- per pair; approval; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle Douglas.

GRAND unflighted wing-marked Yellow Norwich hen, extra colour and quality, 7/6; approval: Birchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton, Beds.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith.—Norwich left, over stocked, £1 pairs; single, 12/6; three Mules, 12/-, or 6/- each.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

PRIZE-bred buff Norwich hens, 3/6 to 7/6, unflighted, no yellows, must clear to make room; approval: Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

HIGH-class Norwich clear yellow cock, 7/6; buff cock, 6/6; good heads and wing carriage; rung birds: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

YELLOW Green cock, 2 Buff Green hens, good strain, 17/6; approval, stamp: A. McMillan, 13, Whitefield-terrace, Everton, Liverpool.

TWO good Norwich hens, Green, Yellow, 5/6, cheap 8/-; one Roller, one Norwich-Roller hens, ticked, 3/6: Carter, Speechhouse-rd., Coleford.

BARGAINS, typical matched pair prize-bred Plainheads, 9/- pair; Cinnamons, 9/-; Goldfinch, Sibbred hen, 7/6; deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

LARGE Yellow Norwich cock, 12/6; Buff, 10/-; Yellow Crested, 12/6; also pair Yorkhires, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-: F. Brown, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne.

WILLIAM Judd, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester.—Pair Norwich Canaries, properly mated, with new suitable breeding cage, fitted up all complete, 10/6.

GRAND pair, ready to nest, 7/6; one clear Yellow cock, 5/6; one Buff, 5/6; grand Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; Finch note; approval: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

TYPICAL 1909 buff Norwich cock of exceptional type and merit, taken 3 honours, 12/6; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 300, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; muling hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6; travelling cage 3d. extra; trade supplied: Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

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CINNAMONS, grand prize strain hens, 10/6 each; Greens, prize strain, father cost £6 6s.; 20/-, 15/-, or nearest offer; double breeder, 6/-, cost about 13/-: Y., 84, Shaftesbury-rd., Crouch Hill, W.

GIVING up Norwich; will sell nine pairs, matched, I intended breeding from, 10/- pair; nine odd cocks, 6/- each; 15 hens, 2/6; cash offer for lot; stamp reply: Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

GOOD strong healthy Norwich cocks, 5/- and 5/6 each to clear; these are not little wasters; good cock Linnet Mule, in full song, 7/-; approval, deposit: A. Manning, 49, Clipston-st., Leicester.

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SPECIAL lot Nor. Plainheads, 9/6 pair, best value I ever offered; prime condition for breeding, bouncing cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval, cash or deposit; packed free: Savage, Westfield Aviaries, Goole.

EXCEPTIONAL offer, 1909 colour-fed buff Norwich cock, winner of several prizes, including the Palace recently, cost £3, must sacrifice through business pressure, accept 20/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

YELLOW variegated cock, medal, best in show, Bermondsey, 20/-; clear buff, 1st, class 15, do., 25/-; clear yellow, 15/-; yellow hen, 7/6; all unflighted; twice house-moulted Lark, full song, 8/-; approval: Ashwood, 125, Chatteris-sq., New Kent-rd., London.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/0, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no ruhbish; ten days' approval at my risk; Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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OPPORTUNITY seldom met with; must sacrifice the remainder of my colour-fed Norwich this month; have few exceptional clean typical yellow and buff cocks, at 7/6, 10/-, also hens 7/6 and 10/- each; better blood or value impossible to obtain; any sent on 7 days' approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

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12 cocks and hens, fed to perfection, pairs 9/- to 15/-, lot £4 16/-; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

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Having decided to put up 20 pairs instead of 40, which I have reserved, I can offer a few well-matched pairs ready for immediate nesting, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; cocks, clear or ticked Yellows and Buffs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-; approval with pleasure: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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I have only 9 birds left, and will clear these out very cheaply; large, clear buff cock, an ideal stock bird, 30/-; marked ditto, 20/-; marked yellow, unflighted cock, 10/-; splendid thigh ticked buff hen, 2nd at Mansfield, 20/-; clear unflighted buff hen, 15/-; ditto, 7/0; marked ditto, 15/-; ticked ditto, 7/6 and 5/-; will take £5 for the lot; all these birds are guaranteed in perfect health, and wanting to nest, or money returned in full; approval, cash or deposit; Fred Brailsford, Postman, Radford-st., Mansfield, Notts.

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GRAND pair Yorkshires, 8/6; exhibition cock, Chaffinch, 3/6; Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, 1/6 each, steady birds; also muling pairs; particulars, stamp: Chadderton, Hawthorn-rd., New Moston, Failsworth.

GRAND long, slim yellow marked Yorkshire cock, 10/-; grand clear buff Yorkshire cock, 6/6; lovely clear buff Yorkshire hen, 7/6; half-price to clear; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING paired my breeding stock, I have 12 Yorkshire cocks to spare, yellows and buffs, no better strain, all 7/0 each, to clear them off, well worth double; approval, deposit: W. Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe.

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CINNAMON ticked buff, pink-eyed cock, with good yellow cinnamon marked hen, feathered like glass, paired, with up-to-date breeding cage, £1; 7in. buff cock, with good yellow hen; paired, with up-to-date breeding cage, 15/6; approval: Hadley, Masonic Hall, N. Wales.

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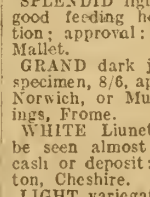
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LARGE Lark cage, in good condition, 3/-; or exchange for Roller hen Canary: Child, Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk.

ONE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, sell 5/-; or exchange Norwich cock: W. Morris, Tower-hill, Cefnybedd, Builth, Wells.

TWO Goldfinches, mulers, breeding condition, with Greenfinch hens, 7/6 each; one Siberian, 7/6: Elrick, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

WOULD exchange British or Canaries for overcoat or mackintosh, 36ins. chest; stamp: Winterburn, Chestnut Grove, Boston Spa.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bullfinch, 2/-; pair of Greenies, breeders, 3/-; good singing cock Linnets, 1/- each: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

LARGE house-moulted cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, been together 3 months, 5/-; approval; offers: A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

FIVE Bullies, 2 Yellowhammers, 2 Greenfinches, 1 Chaffinch, all cocks, 1 hen Mule; exchange anything: J. Allow, Rathfreland-st., Banbridge, Ireland.

EXCHANGE 2 cock Greenfinches, cock Crosshill, caught September, for good cock Goldfinch; yours first: Kiff, 15, Lower Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, pale Finch notes, for 2 1909 yellow Norwich hens, or sell 7/6; approval: W. Longmore, Trench-rd., Wellington, Salop.

HEN Bullfinch, hen Thrush, both hand-reared, 4 large back cages, 1 Thrush cage; change pair Canaries: Imeson, Band Middlesex Regt., Aldershot.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, splendid bird, 7/6; exchange Norwich cock; approval both: 37, Hemmons-rd., Longsight, Manchester.

GOLDFINCH (house-moulted, singing) and hen Canary, ready to nest, cock Linnet and Greenfinch; offers or exchange: 43, Bristol-rd., Earlsdon, Coventry.

BULLFINCHES, 1 cock, 2 hens, caged September, 8/6; Greenie-Bullie, paired since November, 4/6; or exchange lot for buff Yorkshire: Holmes, Ammanford.

LARGE 1908 cock Goldfinch, with Norwich hen, proved Mulers, 12/6; ditto cock Linnet and hen Canary, 7/6; exchange songster: Palmer, Joiner, Chard.

HOUSE-moulted hen Siskins, large hen Canary, pair August-caught Bullfinches, 2 cages, 10/-; exchange laying pullets: Redfern, 71, Orchard-st., Newball, Burton-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE singing cock Skylark and cage, house-moulted, for pair of cycle covers, must be good, size 28 by 1½: T. Beedom, 17, Wighill-st., Holme Bridge, Sutton, Keighley.

WHITE-legged hen Goldie, laid eggs in cage last season, cock Redpoll, been together all winter; also hen Bullie (house-moulted), exchange anything: A. Still, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

SELECTED Brown Linnet, Chaffinch, Lesser Redpoll, Greenfinch, Skylark, Yellow Bunting, guaranteed cocks, sell 2/- each; exchange; week's approval: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

MOULTED cock Goldfinch, ditto Linnet and hen Bullfinch, all proved nulers; one pair Budgerigars; sell, or exchange Canaries; offers: Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

TWO Bull variegated cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, grand wing markings, fit to win local shows, sale, or exchange cycle fittings to value 25/-: W. Giles, 5, William-st., West Thurnock, Grays.

EXCHANGE fine Linnet-Greenfinch hybrid cock, 1909, and 1 small Russian hen Bullfinch, paired with Greenfinch, winner, for 2 typical Norwich hens for stock; 2 hand-reared hen Bullfinches for bed linen; approval both ways; offers considered: R. Wade, 76, Ivy-rd., Luton.

COCK Goldfinch, safe with eggs, 8/6; cock Linnet, contest winner, 8/6; cock Greenfinch, 5/6; hen Greenfinch, 3/-; hen Bullfinch, 3/-; all 2 and 3 years old, and Mule and Hybrid breeders; light cock Mule, winner, 25/-; light muling hens, will breed light Mules, 5/6 each; exchange cock Canaries: Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.

Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for 2 yellow hens, or sell £1: R. Mudd, Bedale.

BORDERS, 4 pairs, 7/6 and 10/-; 5 hens, 2/6 each, or part exchange: Ayre, Duke-st., Whitehaven.

PAIRS Crests or Plainheads, or singles; exchange for anything useful: Potter, 35, Onley-st., Norwich.

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, for 2 green hen Budgerigars: C. Knowles, Aviaries, Penryn, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE pair of Rollers for 2 yellow Norwich hens for muling: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE Buff Yorkshire hen and 2/- for Buff Yorkshire cock; yours first: Luy, 88, Ellingham-rd., Lee, S.E.

THREE healthy Norwich hens, 7/- lot; wanted old china: Harding, 7, Clarence-terrace, Barton-st., Gloucester.

SELL or exchange 4 Norwich Canaries, 12/-; 1909 hens, cycle, or pullets: Turnwell, 92, Wolsey-avenue, East Ham.

TICKED Buff Norwich hen, with show cage, 7/6; exchange Yellow Norwich hen: Tom Lewis, Church-st., Narberth.

CAMERA wanted; exchange 1909 nearly evenmarked Roller cock; grand songster: Muller, New Milton, Hants.

FOR sale, 4 variegated hen Canaries, 7/-; or useful exchange; yours first: Toovey, Spring Bank, New Mills, Derbyshire.

TYPICAL young Borders, 8/-, 10/- pair, or exchange phonograph; offers: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

TWO clear Norwich cocks, 1908 birds, bred last year, 5/- each; exchange fowls: 5, Davey-rd., Perry Barr, Birmingham.

PAIR Norwich Canaries and double breeder; exchange Parrots or Yorkshire terrier (not toy): 6, Tancred-rd., Liscard.

YORKSHIRE cock, Norwich hen, double breeder, 14/-; exchange Parrot: Smith, 16, Sandringham-rd., Forest Gate, London.

PAIR Seifert Rollers, 12/6, ready nest; exchange 2 songsters; fishing rod, exchange cock Canary: Criddeford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE large buff Yorkshire cock, 1909, for 2 young buff Norwich hens, or sell 15/-: Naylor, Police-st., Brighouse.

TWO clear yellow Yorkshire hens, well bred, exchange long clear yellow Yorkshire cock: Thorn, Rosquaine, Horsham.

WANTED offers White Leghorn chickens for good Lizard Gold cock, from winner, sell 10/-: Marsh, 1, Nicholson-st., Rochdale.

PAIR 1909 Seifert Rollers, nesting, 12/6; 1 Linnet Mule, 1909, winner if fed, 9/6; exchange: Turner, Hairdresser, Brierley Hill.

GRAND 4-pointed stock Yorkshire cock; exchange silver chain, cloth, tea, anything useful: Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

TWO cock Linnets, good singers, 2/6 each; cages complete; exchange 2 hen Canaries, Yorkshire: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshire Canaries for toy Pons, or lady's bike; approval both ways: Scott, 78, Friendly-st., St. John's, S.E.

SEVERAL splendid pairs stock Yorkshires, breeding condition, exchange Rollers: Thomas Clift, Union-st., Chasetown, nr. Walsall.

GOLDEN Hamburghs, 15 - pair; eggs, 5/- sitting; exchange Canaries, Foreign, British birds: Harris, Cherry-grove, Rowbarton, Taunton.

WANTED Roller, good songster; exchange nice clear Yellow Norwich cock, value 10/6, or men's boots: 10, Devonshire-rd., Chiswick.

EXCHANGE Seifert Roller cocks for exhibition British house-moulted or field-moulted; approval; offers: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

GRAND Buff Yorkshire cock, songster, 7/6; or exchange Buff-marked Yorkshire hen: Chas. Crowder, Institute, Matlock Green, Derbyshire.

WILL give good exchange in Yorkshires and cash for good screw-cutting lathe, or motor: Davies, Alma Cottage, Maesgwyn-rd., Wrexham.

TWO four-compartment breeding cages, loose fronts, sliding partitions, one new, 6/6 each: one double breeder, 3/-: Lloyd, 84, Sydney-rd., Crewe.

NOT breeding; two large Norwich, one Yorkshire hens, 7/6 three; or exchange anything useful: Marshall, 20, Bushey-close, Harlington, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE prize-bred buff Yorkshire cock, fed, singing, for 2 clear Norwich hens: E. Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Moston Lane, Blackley, Manchester.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock and 2 hens, for long yellow Yorkshire cock and yellow Yorkshire hen; yours first: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

SEVEN Norwich hens, 1909 birds, 2/6 each; or exchange for 10 or 12-inch double-sided records: H. Sewell, 2, Eastbrook-rd., Waltham Abbey, Essex.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, value £1 pair, what offers in small Toy dog, about 12 months old, or anything useful: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

FOR sale, a good Buff Yorkshire cock, 8/-; or would exchange for good Buff Norwich hen: mutual approval: A. Hitchen, 13, Orrell-rd., Pemberton, Wigan.

EXCHANGE 3 good '09 Yorkshire Buff hens, from winners, for large Norwich pair; offers entertained; approval each way: Drew, 18, Piccadilly, Manchester.

GENUINE offer; Siberian cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, house-moulted; sell, or exchange unflighted stock Norwich, good: 103, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

SPECIAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, few extra good pairs left; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley.

WANTED, to exchange good Norwich cock and house-moulted Goldie (cock) for cock Mule and Yorkshire hen, must be good: T. Richards, Borth, R.S.O., Cardiganshire.

PAIR Yorkshires, Roller hen, aviary stove, single breeder, two wire cages, 33/-; exchange pullets, African Grey Parrot; offers: Latham, Wharfe, Swinton, Rotherham.

WANTED, boots, gent.'s 7's, ladies' 5's, Derby box-calf, in exchange for birds; mutual approval, boots first; see Yorkshire and Mule headings: Richardson, York.

SELL or exchange 60 high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; wanted good breechloader Winchester, anything useful; offers: Hill, 18, Coach-terrace, Longsight, Manchester.

FIVE Canaries, 1 Goldfinch Mule hens, 2 Greenfinch Mules, cocks, full song, 3 breeding cages, 18/-, or separate; exchange anything useful: Cullingford, Blacksmith, Tattingstone, Ipswich.

BARGAIN; monstrous Norwich Crested cock, colour fed, monstrous Buff Norwich cock, perfect condition, 14/-; exchange 2 Roller cocks, loud songsters; yours first; in perfect condition: T. Rimmer, 121, Bispham-rd., Southport.

SELL 3 pairs of high-class Yorkshires, parents winners, £1 per pair; 2 cocks, 12/6 each; exchange old violin, up-to-date organette, anything useful; letters only: R. Turner, 40, Priestman-ter., Manningham, Yorkshire.

HIGH-class Yorkshire Terrier bitch, 9 months, correct weight, 6 lbs., straight blue coat, rich golden tan, price 35/-; or exchange overmantle, curtains, or blankets, anything useful for house: James Ballingham, Broad-st., Stirling.

CHAMPION house-moulted muling Linnets, singing hard, 6/-, 8/- each; twice moulted hen Goldfinch, paired to grand cock Redpoll, 5/-; what offers Canaries, anything; cash or deposit; stamp: W. Houghton, Micklebring, Yorkshire.

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare 3 grand pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 7 in., buff cocks, typical yellow hens, related to my winners, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair, bred 1909; 3 grand yellow hens, 6/- each; exchange stair carpet, anything useful for house: Relieving Officer, Driffield.

A. Brown, 7, Norman Avenue West, Wood Green, can spare yellow Yorkshire cock, 7 in., 15/-; buff cock, 10/6, Bailey's strain; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; cameo enlarger, ½-plate to any size, 15/-; ½-plate camera, 6/6; exchange men's, ladies', children's boots; household goods.

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Club Reports.

DUNFERMLINE & W. OF FIFE O.S.

Second annual general meeting, held in the Co-operative Hall, on April 9th, when it was arranged to hold our show on January 3rd and 4th, 1911, seeing that the New Year comes in on the Sunday. This will give fanciers from a distance a better chance to have their exhibits sent away on the Monday.—JOHN TEMPLEMAN, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Usual fortnightly meeting held at White Swan on April 5th, Mr. W. A. Gibbins (president) in the chair. After the usual business, Mr. C. Walton gave a lecture entitled "The Management of the Canary." This proved very instructive and interesting, but the small number of members present was anything but encouraging to the lecturer. Mr. Walton will conclude his lecture at our next meeting, on April 19th, when I hope members will turn up in good numbers. Mr. A. Hubbard was elected a member.—J. E. WOOD, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Slatter's Rooms, on Mar. 31st, Mr. A. Towl presiding. Numerous questions were put relative to the Fancy, causing some interesting discussion thereon. The subject of again joining the Cage Bird Union was brought up for discussion, but it was decided to leave the same over until our next meeting for a final decision. It was suggested that we have an open show, but nothing definite was done, this also being left over until our next meeting, when the matter should be finally settled. We enrolled a new member.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

CAGE BIRD UNION: DIST. No. 5.

Delegate meeting, held April 9th, at 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe was appointed chairman, and Mr. S. Hadwin secretary. It was decided that the councilman for the district appoint the delegates to attend the various shows in his district. It was also decided that the general secretary send a monthly report to the Fancy Press of all business transacted during the month. Alteration of Rule 12, add after secretary, treasurer, and the funds of the Union be banked in the names of the secretary and treasurer, "That the general secretary publish a list of affiliated and licensed shows at least a fortnight before the end of each month, for the month following." A long discussion took place on the dilatoriness of the officials in connection with the working of the Union, and it was decided "That this meeting is of opinion that the Executive Council have been to blame for not seeing the work more properly and satisfactorily carried out." The members present pledged themselves to report any offences against the rules which might come under their notice, and see they were dealt with promptly, and hoped all delegates in the district who were not present would do the same, and so make for a more vigorous policy in the future.—S. HADWIN, Sec., 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

CAGE BIRD UNION: DIST. No. 10.

Meeting of delegates of societies in the Cage Bird Union, District No. 10, was held on April 9th, at the Albert Restaurant, Swansea. Present, Mr. P. Jenkins (Swansea C.B.S.), Mr. D. Jeremy (Morriston C.B.S.), Mr. W. Jenkins (Maestag C.B.S.), Mr. J. D. Davies (Felinfoel C.B.S.), r. W. Sampson (Cardiff C.B.S.), and D. A. S. Longden (district secretary). Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. It was proposed that Mr. W. Sampson be chairman for ensuing year, which was carried, and Mr. D. A. S. Longden was elected secretary for the year. Letters were read from Mr. D. R. Jones (Llanelly C.B.S.) and Mr. W. H. Aptin (Treharris Society), expressing regret at not being able to attend. The next business was to consider the position of the Cage Bird Union. A long discussion took place, and the feeling of this committee was in favour of still adhering to the C.B.U. It was proposed by Mr. Sampson, and seconded by Mr. W. Jenkins, that in view of the effort being made by the executive council to revive and strengthen the Union, this committee do its best and give all assistance they can to carry same through.—Carried. Regret was expressed on hearing that the Cardiff C.B.S. intended withdrawing from the Union. But the committee hopes Mr. Sampson will use his influence to get the Cardiff Society to reconsider their decision, which he has promised to do. The arrangement of show dates was next considered, but as a few of the societies had not yet fixed up three dates, same was left over for a future meeting. The arrangement of delegates to attend shows for next season was left in district secretary's hands to arrange later. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close after two hours' sitting.—D. A. S. LONGDEN, District Secretary.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held April 7th, at Reading Room, Mr. T. Prentice (president) in the chair, with a splendid attendance of members. New rules were drawn up. Open show date fixed for November 26th. Six new members proposed. Our next meeting will be held at Reading Room on May 5th, to fix date of First Feather Show. Intending members can have full particulars on application to me.—JAMES DUNLOP, Sec.

CROOK (Original) C.B.F. & F.S.

At our usual monthly meeting, held at headquarters on April 6th, there was a very fair turnout. The members decided to hold their First Feather Show on July 2nd, and elected Mr. R. Slack to judge. We are having 30 classes at this table show, and giving medals for each section to members who gain most points. Two or three new members were proposed, so that everything tends to a record year. We shall be pleased to accept any genuine fancier as a member.—BROWN AND HORNER, Secs.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting, on April 6th, the whole of the nest feather and open show business was completed, it being decided to hold both shows in the Church Square Schools. The proposition to again visit Wynyard Park (the seat of Lord Londonderry) was enthusiastically carried, and it was decided to invite our Stockton friends to accompany us. This will make our fifth visit to Wynyard, and each year it is looked forward to with increased delight. The formation of a Roller section was accomplished, and Messrs. Fairey, Lamb, and Steel were elected a subcommittee to further its interest. Our society is now an open one, and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join.—E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Cups and medal winners for 1909 to 1910.—British birds and Mule cups: Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle): Foreign bird cup: Mr. J. T. Porteous (Hexham); medal winners: Messrs J. Maddison, J. T. Porteous, J. Shepherd and Son, G. Graham, C. Waters, Todd and Son, and J. McKenzie, 2 each; Thos. Holmes, G. Davidson, J. C. Bell, Bertram and Storey, J. Forster, and E. Atkinson, 1 each. Societies requiring the above club's patronage must state classification and judge when making applications, which are kindly invited (radius, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland). Anyone desirous of becoming a member (subscription 2/6) please communicate with me.—J. BERTRAM, 95, Gainsboro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

This recently organised society held a meeting on April 2, and the attendance of members was satisfactory. The advisability of becoming affiliated to the Yorkshire Union had been fully discussed lately, and it was resolved to join this body—a step undoubtedly in the right direction, and one which should tend to elevate the society to the front ranks. Mr. W. Kershaw was elected as a representative and delegate to the union, and the interests of the society will be thus safeguarded. There was an addition of five fanciers to the membership roll at the meeting, and considerable discussion took place respecting the delivery of a series of addresses, and the holding of washing competitions, first feather shows, etc., and final arrangements will be made at the next meeting. "Rex" in the "Dewsbury Reporter."

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

The members met at headquarters, the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, on April 5th, in order to acknowledge the close of a successful showing season. The occasion was honoured by two special items—a sumptuous dinner ably laid by the landlord, and the distribution of prizes to the respective winners. The prizes were presented as follows:—1st, Mr. F. Allen, silver cup and gold medal; 2nd, Mr. W. Fielding, silver rose bowl and gold centre medal; 3rd, Mr. H. E. Hadwin, gold medal. The position of chairman was creditably fulfilled by Mr. J. W. Wharton, an old veteran in the bird-breeding and showing world. Songs were contributed in fine style at intervals by Messrs. F. Sykes, H. Jessop, and J. W. Wharton, the accompanist being Mr. R. Clough, who filled that position in a remarkable style. The host and hostess received a vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. F. Allen, seconded by Mr. S. Graysou, and endorsed in eloquent style by Mr. J. Wharton, jun.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held on April 5th in Dinean's Restaurant, 71, London-street, Glasgow. The president (Mr. R. B. Gibb) occupied the chair. It was decided to have the following four classes at First Feather Show, to be held on July 9th: 1 clear or tick, Yellow, 2 ditto Buff, 3 var. or cinn. mark Yellow, 4 ditto Buff; entry fee, 4d. per bird. The following specials were allocated for same: 1, miniature rose bowl for best bird in classes 1 and 2; 2, miniature rose bowl for best bird in classes 2 and 3; silver medal presented by Mr. W. B. Cobb for best bird shown by a novice; 2s. 6d. presented by Mr. Heudry for most points (champions); 2s. 6d., presented by Mr. Bowman, most points (novice); leather matchbox engraved, presented by Mr. Sinclair, for fourth most points. Will members, wishing to give other specials, kindly let me know before next meeting? It was decided to have our annual picnic on June 11th, Loch Winnock again being the destination. It is intended to spend the afternoon birds' nesting. Mr. S. F. Wood kindly offered his services as guide. The president again offered the club a special for open competition. Mr. Crerar (Portobello) was admitted a member. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—FRED. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

DEWSBURY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Probably throughout the career of this society the function on April 1 was the most pleasurable one. The tables at their headquarters, the Savile Hotel, were laden with good things, admirably served by Mrs. Dyson, the hostess. A most representative gathering of the fraternity sat down and enjoyed the repast, and the utmost cordiality prevailed throughout the proceedings. After the tables were cleared the evening was spent in chatting over matters appertaining to the culture of the Fancy, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Woffenden and Thompson, whilst Mr. E. Clegg acted as accompanist. Mr. Pickering, the society's delegate to the Yorkshire Union, reported upon his work in that office. The most enjoyable part of the proceedings was the short address on the "Yorkshire Canary," given by Mr. Jim Overend, of Ravensthorpe, a "father" of the Fancy, in his usual humorous Yorkshire style. His qualifications for speaking on this subject are unassailable, and what he does not know about the Yorkshire Canary is not worth knowing. A life-long experience through many vicissitudes assisted "Jim" a great deal to "expand" himself on this occasion, and his hearers were highly delighted and amused, besides being instructed. High compliment was paid to him. Mr. It. Blamires presided over the proceedings.—"Rex" in the "Dewsbury Reporter."

WREXHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, "Royal Oak," High-street, April 8th, Mr. F. Bennett presiding. It was resolved to hold a nest-feather show on June 25th, and to extend the radius for membership to twenty miles. This society, which was only formed twelve months ago, is making great headway, and now has a membership of over thirty. Four new members were made at the close of the meeting. Mr. T. Hampson kindly consented to give a washing exhibition at our next meeting, which is to be held on the first Friday in the month; all fanciers and friends are invited. For particulars as regards membership apply to—B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec., Hampden road, Wrexham.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on April 6th at the Boro' Hotel. There was a good attendance, Mr. J. C. Robinson occupying the chair. A good deal of correspondence was placed before members. This having been satisfactorily dealt with, the next business was in respect to the Cage Bird Union, and it was left for the members to consider whether we remain affiliated or not. It will be definitely decided at our next meeting, April 20th. Two new members were made in Mr. W. Llewellyn and Mr. S. Brough. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, J. C. Robinson, Esq.; treasurer, G. Lawton; secretary, B. Peake; committee, W. Evans, S. Wild, J. Williamson, T. W. Lowndes, W. Llewellyn, G. H. Mason, S. Brough; auditors, J. Topless and J. C. Robinson.—B. PEAKE, sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Special committee meeting, held at Temperance Hotel, on April 11th, Mr. Wm. Sanders in the chair, to consider whether we remain members of the Cage Bird Union, and also to fix the date and judges for our open show. Mr. H. P. Staig, in the absence of our secretary, Mr. W. A. Broadley (who was unable to attend) read a letter from Mr. T. C. Crawhall, secretary of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., re the C.B.U., and a discussion ensued on the matter, when Mr. J. Rogerson moved and Mr. R. Forster seconded, "that we withdraw from the C.B.U.," which was carried unanimously. The date of our open show was next discussed, and after consulting the "Dates Fixed" column in CAGE BIRDS, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. T. E. Wake, seconded by Mr. Wm. Millar, that our open show be held on November 19th. It was then moved by Mr. R. Forster, and seconded by Mr. E. Beswick, that we have the same judges as last year. A new member being proposed and elected, concluded the business.—W. A. BROADLEY, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on April 6th, at Palmer Hall. Mr. R. J. Locke was elected a member. After a brief discussion it was decided to alter our members' show date to November 16th, and Mr. J. Robson was elected as judge. A washing display was then given by Mr. J. Brooker, the chairman (in the absence through indisposition of Mr. Yates), who very kindly volunteered at very short notice to show the members how to "put 'em through it." Anyone could see that these were not the first birds he had handled, and during the display he pointed out to the novices where damage was likely to result if care was not exercised. We were all very interested, and Mr. Brooker was heartily thanked for his kindness and for the instruction provided. It was agreed that at the next meeting on May 4th the schedule be decided for the first feather show in July, and the annual show in November. May I appeal to any fancier in our district who wishes to join us to either attend that meeting or send his name to me as soon as possible so as to make our show as representative as we can?—W. H. PYKE, Secretary, 25, The Grove.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Second annual dinner held at Headquarters on April 7th, when about twenty sat down to the excellent repast provided by our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Chaplow. The toasts of the evening, "The King and Royal Family," and "Success to the B.C. (C.) O.S.," were proposed by Messrs. O'Neill and Holmes respectively. After full justice had been done to the dinner the tables were cleared, and Mr. Holmes took the chair. After a few remarks re the work of the Society, he called upon Mr. R. Thomlinson to set the concert going with a delightful song, which was well received. Selections on the gramaphone belonging to our host were given occasionally. Mr. Dixon sang, and was followed by "Uncle George" with a pleasing recitation. Mr. Doughty, undoubtedly the star of the evening, entertained us with some good, old-fashioned song and stories. Mr. A. O'Neill in a couple of songs amused the company, introducing in one the name of the chairman effectively. Mr. W. Chaplow recited, or tried to, in his own funny way, while our host gave us "Tom Bowling," as only one who has been a sea captain can. Time passed only too quickly. The chairman made a few remarks before calling upon Mr. Doughty for the last song, after which our host and hostess were heartily thanked for their kindly efforts, and the company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne."—JOHN C. BELL, sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 7th, Mr. Currah in the chair. The secretary announced that our judges, Messrs. Roe, Greeves, Patterson, Bailey, and Dewar, had all replied, accepting the positions. Letters were read from Mr. Pope, secretary Plymouth C.B.S., Mr. Broadley, secretary Alnwick C.B.S. and others. The date of the First Feather show was fixed for July 9th, Messrs. Currah and Robson to judge Canaries, Messrs. Shepherd and G. Taylor the British, Mule, and Foreign birds. Mr. Shepherd then gave us an admirable demonstration on "Cage-making." He began by stating that of all the woods used in cage making he preferred a good yellow pine; it was cheap and stood with the least shrinkage and warping. Then he described how to buy the wood in the cheapest way, so that instead of paying 1½d. to 2d. per foot, it could be bought to come out at a little over 1d.; this was done by buying a deal and having it cut afterwards. He showed the use of the shooting board and plane, and the way to glue two pieces of wood so that the joint would not break; and many other interesting and helpful tips were gathered. He also showed us an instrument which he had invented to use with the brace to cut the round doors in show cages; this was most interesting, as being Mr. Shepherd's own idea entirely. Many questions were asked and answered, and everyone voted that we had spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. The following new members were admitted:—Messrs. Lomas, Byker, Coomber, Jesmond, Cockburn (Wallsend), Robinson, Benton, Eastop (Gateshead), and Stonehouse (Newcastle). All who wish to join and take part in our members' show and members' classes at open show, must do so by next meeting, as per rule. We shall be very pleased to welcome as many as care to do so; the entrance fee is 1/-, and annual subscription 2/6. Our next meeting will be held on May 5th, when we hope to have an egg-food making competition. Members will please bring their own material, and a gold-centre silver medal will be given to first and a silver medal to second, as prizes. —T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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We have been permitted to inspect two oil paintings, the work of Mr. P. Jowett (Bradford), which, we are informed, were not finished in time for presentation at the recent great gathering of Yorkshire fanciers. It is a pleasure to us to note the rapid strides made by Mr. Jowett in the art of portraying birds, the Yorkshire Canaries on the paintings under notice being very skilfully and artistically delineated. We are sure they will be much appreciated by the fanciers fortunate enough to win these excellent examples of Mr. Jowett's skill with the brush.

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Twitterings.

It has been agreed to reduce our entrance fee to 3s. per member, writes Mr. W. Easton, secretary, Deans and Dis. Cage Bird Society.

A printer's error occurred in Mr. William Gore's advertisement in our last week's issue. Line 29 reads: "Hartz hens 2s. each, twelve 2s." This should have read "twelve 21s."

The Manchester District Committee (No. 4) of the Cage Bird Union are holding a meeting on Saturday at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.

Twelve tons Ramsden's Pure Peppers arrived. Colour and quality never before equalled. Usual prices and guarantee. Guarantee does not cover pepper sold loose by traders.—(ADVT.)

Will secretaries of societies and fanciers kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. F. Wardleworth, late of Newton Heath, to Rose Neath, Will's Road, Adswood, Stockport.

The Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) to judge at their back-end show on November 26th.—H. FODEN, hon. secretary.

I have removed from Hepthorne Lane, near Clay Cross, and my address in future will be Bank View, Tideswell, near Buxton, where all correspondence should be addressed.—THOS. FOX.

We have engaged Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) to judge the Norwich Canary section at our open show, on November 4th and 5th, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, secretaries of the Liverpool O.S.

I have removed from Cammell Road to 81, Bellhouse Road, Shiregreen, Sheffield, writes Mr. T. Hemming. The articles on bird medicines will be most welcome to bird fanciers. CAGE BIRDS is the best paper for cage bird keepers.

Mr. Wellings, of Prescot, will, we understand, judge at Blackpool on June 25th, Ormskirk on July 9th, Dublin on November 3rd, Whitehaven on November 11th, North Manchester on November 12th, Ormskirk on November 26th, and Belfast on December 2nd.

CAGE BIRDS evidently has a very wide distribution for I received a letter from Connecticut, U.S.A., for advice on the treatment of parasitic disease from a gentlemen who had perused my article on "Worms in Birds," writes Mr. Geo. Yates, M.R.C.V.S.

The Uddingston and Dis. Society have secured the services of the following judges: Mr. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow) for Norwich, and Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh) for British, etc., classes for their open show to be held on November 26th, writes Mr. James Dunlop, the secretary.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen as judges for our open show at Nottingham on November 12th next, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, hon. secretary, Nottingham and Notts O.S., viz., Messrs. T. Heath (London), Jas. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), and J. C. Barnes (Sheffield).

Have "booked" Manchester show again, writes Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield). I shall not be a "Union" judge this season, as I am booked for the Belfast Norwich, Crest, and Yorkshire Club show on November 19th, this being the fifth time of going over there out of the last seven shows.

The seventh annual show of the Avonbridge O.S. will be held on November 19th, writes Mr. Peter Gentleman, the secretary, and the following gentlemen have been elected to judge: for Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); and for Mules and British birds, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate).

The cage bird show of the Frome F.A., writes Mr. C. I. Young, the secretary, is fixed for October 13th, Mr. J. Robson judge. The cage bird committee is composed of Messrs. E. Austen, W. Dodge, P. Edwards, H. Pickford, J. Yeo, W. Singer, E. Robins, secretary, A. J. King, and chairman, C. I. Young.

Our First Feather show will be held on June 18th. We have, I may say, a nice little balance in hand of 19s. 1d., after losing very heavily on our open show. Thanks are due to the gentlemen who sold tickets for the draw, also for prizes and donations for same in aid of show funds.—JAMES IRLAM, hon. secretary, Sale Open O.S.

In the "Daily Mail" for April 8th appeared an article written in a humorous vein, describing a "Search for a new Pet." This interesting contributor discussed pets from leopards down to toads, not forgetting chameleons, racoons, dingos, and other weird and wonderful creatures. But when the toad is introduced, the writer remarks: This was the last straw, and I said, almost rudely, "Take me where I can buy a clean, healthy Canary!" Our readers will agree as to the good taste this remark evidences.

The numerous friends of Mr. D. R. Jones, the chairman of the Llanelly and Dis. Cage Bird Society, will be glad to hear of his splendid success at the Llanelly Council election on April 4th, when he was successful in heading the poll by a substantial majority. The following is the result:—Mr. D. R. Jones, 1,007; Mr. E. W. Jones, 870; Mr. G. H. Stacy, 776.

Our assistant secretary, Mr. H. W. Tomsett, has kindly undertaken to arrange a grand Bohemian concert for Tuesday night, May 10th. He informs me that already a large number of well-known artistes have promised to appear. Will our members and friends make a note of this and keep the date open?—W. HOBSON, hon. secretary, Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Our First Feather show has been fixed for July 9th, when Mr. John A. Ferguson (Glasgow) will judge, and our annual members' show will be held on November 19th, when Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) will judge the Canaries and Mr. John Muir (Glasgow) the Mules, British and foreign birds, writes Mr. Wm. Proudfoot, secretary and treasurer, Glasgow West End C.B.C.

The London and Provincial O.S. are holding a members' table show (9 classes, for British and foreign birds and Hybrids), on April 21st, at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. Admission is free to all, the show opens at 7.30 p.m., and it is confidently expected not only that there will be a very good show of birds, but that the attendance will as usual be a large one.

We are to have a lecture by Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) at our meeting on April 20th, at the Sydney Arms Hotel, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S. The subject will be "Some Kinds of Canaries." The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, and we shall be very pleased to see any gentlemen who are interested in the Fancy.

Mr. C. W. Mead, the well-known breeder and exhibitor, will deliver a lecture at our next meeting on April 21st, on "Bird-cage Making," with demonstration, writes Mr. A. V. Lane, hon. secretary of the Walthamstow F.A. Friends and members of other societies are cordially invited to attend. In aid of the funds of the society a charge of threepence each for admission is being made on this occasion.

"British Birds" (one shilling net, Witherby and Co.) for April contains an article on the Lanceolated Warbler in Lincolnshire, by Mr. G. H. Caton Haigh, another on the Marsh Sandpiper by Mr. M. J. Nicoll, M.B.O.U., and others. There are also a large number of notes and a letter by Mr. J. G. Millais on "The Natural History of British Game Birds," all of which afford interesting reading.

Our next annual open show is fixed for December 14th and 15th, and Mr. G. Gardner will judge the cage birds, writes Mr. W. Driver, late secretary of the Cambs. O.S. I also announce with great regret my retirement from the secretaryship of this society owing to pressure of business. My successors will probably be Messrs. Unwin and Howlett, both old members of our committee.

We have received a copy of the 1909 annual report of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club. The secretary's (Mr. Jno. Hopkins') report is a very satisfactory one, and views the future as well as the past twelve months hopefully. The balance on the year's working remains at practically the same figure at which it stood in the previous accounts, namely, £2 7s.; but it should be noted that £3 3s. has been set aside out of the year's income as a reserve for cup fund. This is a state of affairs which is highly creditable to Mr. Hopkins and his fellow officers, and redounds much to the reputation of the Club. The report-handbook contains also the names and addresses of the members besides the "scale of points." Information respecting the club may be had of the secretary, at 126, Bury New Road, Bolton.

An interesting account appears in "Printers' Ink" of April 6th of the immense influence upon advertising exercised by Spratt's Patent, Ltd., and telling how this wonderful organisation tracks pet owners everywhere. The following are excerpts:—"Our Press appropriation," says Mr. Lethbridge (the director in charge of the advertising department), "covers dailies, sporting papers, ladies' papers, 'doggy' papers, poultry and cage bird journals, and the illustrated weeklies. Seeing how varied is the demand we have to supply, our advertising goes on all the year round, although, in point of fact, we have two principal seasons for sale—spring and autumn. We also boast that 'where there's a dog there's a Spratts' plate'—in every town and village in the United Kingdom without exception. We believe in keeping advertisement posters and plates bright and attractive looking, and we have a system of alternate colours; thus a white plate is followed by a red one, a red by a green, a green by a blue, etc. We have a great hoarding advertisement at Liverpool which measures 154ft. by 60ft., and we have a similar one at New York. We attend all important dog, poultry, and agricultural shows, amounting to about 1,100 every year."

Rooks as Egg-stealers.

The other day the noise that usually follows the laying of an egg was succeeded by a loud cackling among the hens, writes a correspondent in a contemporary. A Rook was seen coming out of the fowlhouse with the newly laid egg in his beak. He flew with difficulty for about fifteen yards and then had to put the egg down. Being pursued, he left the egg on the ground and flew to the nearest tree cawing angrily. He returned two days later and again alighted in the run, but this time was shot. The Carrion Crow is, of course, a well-known egg-stealer, but it is unusual that a Rook should be such a practised thief. The rookery is three-quarters of a mile away. Some Rooks become confirmed egg-stealers.

In submitting to us a copy of the Poplar and Dis. Cage Bird Society's balance-sheet for the year ended December, 1909, which shows a balance of £6 12s. 6d. (£2 3s. 2d. more than was brought into the accounts from the previous year), Mr. H. W. Cook, the hon. secretary, states that the values placed against the cups, staging, etc, are under-estimated, the cups alone being worth and actually costing 50s. Altogether the balance-sheet is a very satisfactory one, and shows the society to be in a flourishing state, upon which fact they are to be congratulated.

I was very pleased to see my Broken Cap Silver Lizard, first and diploma at the Crystal Palace show, depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS on April 9th. It is a life-like picture of him. He has done well on the show bench, being second at Rochdale O.C., second Manchester, second Rochdale "Good Intent," first L.C.B.A., second Salford, second Scottish National, and first Crystal Palace, 1910. I may say I have him paired up to the clear Cap Gold hen which was first at the Crystal Palace at the same time, and I am thinking I shall have something from them. I thank you very much for this and the other pictures you have credited me with from time to time.—JOHN DEWSNAP (Glossop).

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. R. ACKROYD (Manningham).

It is with the deepest of regret, writes Mr. H. Grange, secretary of the Manningham C.B.A., that I have to report the death of Mr. J. R. Ackroyd after a week of pneumonia. He was a man highly respected by all fanciers he came in contact with, and our heartfelt sympathy will go out to his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

I am extremely sorry to inform the many friends of that sterling fancier, Mr. W. H. Cooling, of Mountain Ash, that he is suffering from a very severe attack of pneumonia, writes Mr. T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash). I am sure his cage bird friends, especially in Wales, will be sorry to hear such a sad account of him. Although he has not held as prominent a position on the show bench as he did three or four seasons ago, he has in no way relinquished his connection with the Fancy or his love for his birds; and if all goes well we may expect to see him again in a season or two budding out again with his old love, the Norwich Plainhead. His stock at present is only lying idle for the purpose of betterment. I feel sure all who know him will wish him a most speedy recovery and good luck in his future career.

We deeply regret to learn of quite a chapter of misfortune which has fallen to the lot of that well-known and highly esteemed fancier of Yorkshires, Mr. John Broadley, of Windbill. Miss Broadley writes: "My father, I am sorry to say, is very ill, and has been so for nearly a week with influenza, while my mother is the same; in fact, we have a very unfortunate house at present, as one of my brothers got very nearly killed through a big heavy lid (weighing about 60 lbs.) dropping on his head. He was quite unconscious for four days. The accident happened nine weeks ago, and we have had to stay up with him for six weeks night and day. Father and mother got a bad shock, and having to sit up with him so long they have got quite knocked up. I am sorry to say my brother is making very slow progress." Mr. Broadley's many friends, and the Fancy generally, will join us in wishing the family a speedy return to brighter days.

The Open Norwich P.C.

The Open Norwich Plainhead Club invite applications from societies desiring the club's patronage, and to kindly note "resolution" passed at general meeting: "That societies desirous of the club's patronage will be required to provide not less than six open Norwich classes, and prize money to be not less than 22s. per class."—O. MITCHELL, hon. secretary.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Any member desiring to bring any business before the general meeting of the Yorkshire C.C. should at once give notice in writing to the secretary. There will be a committee meeting at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on April 16th, at 6 p.m. Voting papers will be sent out to all members this week, and are returnable not later than Monday, April 25th, to the scrutineers, Messrs. F. Hammond and T. Ogden, 70, St. Margaret's Road, Great Horton, Bradford. Date of the annual general meeting, April 30th, 1910.—JOHN GREAVES, secretary.

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Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. 1. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street).
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme).
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Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 4. & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B., R.T. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
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*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W Foster, College Street).
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.)
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

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Altrincham C.B.S.—Apr. 19, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on Cage Bird Union and old show business.—B. Read.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Apr. 19, Onward Hall, 8. Debate night, opened by Mr. J. Thornely; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Bolton O.S.—Apr. 20, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Lecture on "Sex Inheritance," by Mr. F. Proctor; friends welcome.—H. Parkinson.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Apr. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8, fixing date for Nest Feather Show, etc.; intending members invited.—E. Edwards.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Apr. 19, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Schedule for young show; judges and date for nest feather, discussion on rearing young birds, by Mr. G. Morton; members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Lloyd.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Apr. 21, Maskell's, Queen Street, 8.—J. W. Dummett.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—Apr. 16, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7.30 (to follow Y.C.C. meeting). Arrangements for annual meeting.—Garnett and Towers.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Apr. 18, Cheqners Hotel, 8.30. Table show, class for Redpolls; will all members bring birds?—W. H. Bray.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Apr. 16, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Apr. 20, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Payne (Gloucester), "Some Kinds of Canaries."—A. S. Treasure.

Coventry O.S.—Apr. 20, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Papers by members on how to get young birds on seed; final choosing of judge for annual show.—J. Shaddock.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Apr. 21, Maskell's, Queen Street, 8. Settlement of prize money and cards for match pair show, etc.; after, if time, a paper on the Yorksbire, by Mr. H. C. Smith; please support him by good attendance.—J. W. Dummett.

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Denton C.B.S.—Apr. 18, Denton Brotherhood Institute, 8. Lecture on Mule breeding, by Mr. B. Moore; fanciers invited.—W. Hopwood.

Hanley C.B.S.—Apr. 20, Boro' Hotel, 8.—B. Peake.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Apr. 18, Cottier's, Town Gate, 7.45.—J. Fielding.

Garston B.B.A.—Apr. 20, Baptist School Rooms, Earp Street, 8. Mr. J. Brotherton (Liverpool) will give his "Experiences of the Rearing and Feeding of Young Birds"; hearty invitation to all birdy friends.—A. Wilkinson.

London and Counties O.A.—Apr. 18, Sessions-house Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, 8.30. Canary Breeding, by Mr. J. Robson; friends and fanciers welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Lancashire C.A.—Apr. 16, Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, 7. Patronage new members, intending members invited, subs. now due.—C. Whitehead.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Apr. 23, Miners' Hall, 7. Replies from judges and classification for annual show; annual subscriptions now due.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Apr. 16, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important, also to square up accounts of last show, as there is a loss.—D. John.

Liverpool O.S.—Apr. 19, Headquarters, 64, Shaw Street, 8. That well-known author, Mr. T. Rowlands, will speak on the "Yorkshire Green."—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Apr. 19, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. Walton; hearty invitation to fanciers.—J. E. Wood.

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Sale Open O.S.—Apr. 18, Technical School, 8. F.F. show business, and an impromptu question night.—J. Irlam.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Apr. 18, Commercial Hotel, 8. Arranging of schedules, 1910.—J. Lewis.

South Metro. F.A.—Apr. 20, Clarence Hotel, Jeffreys Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. Final discussion re annual show; members are asked to make a special effort to be present, and decide whether it is to be an open, members' or grand united show; shall be pleased to receive, by post, the opinions of members.—J. A. Roberts.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Apr. 18, Elephant and Castle, 7.30.—J. Netherwood.

Walkden C.B.S.—Apr. 19, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30.—H. Howard.

West Stanley F. & F.S.—Apr. 16, Commercial Hotel, 7.30.—J. Cousins.

Walthamstow F.A.—Apr. 21, St. James' Parish Hall, 8. Lecture by C. W. Mead, Esq., "Bird Cage Making," with demonstrations, in aid of the funds; tickets, 3d. each, of any of the committee, or of me at 9, College Road; friends cordially welcomed; the cages will be disposed of after meeting.—A. V. Lane.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Sitting at Night.

Mrs. M. A. Daw.—If what you describe has been going on until this reply can appear, I greatly fear the clutch will be quite spoilt, unless, as is possible, the hen began to sit more steadily in a day or so after laying the fourth. If you had not removed the cock you should have tried the effect of removing him, and vice versa. For future guidance I can only say that beyond modelling the nest in a nice comfortable and proper shape and size if the hen has failed to construct one herself on the evening of the day the third egg is laid, and dusting it with fresh pyrethrum powder, you should interfere with the nest as little as possible. Leave her to herself as much as possible. Try to arrange for another hen or two to go to nest at the same time as this one, and then if the above method of working the cock with the hen is ineffectual, and you are satisfied she is not worried by insect pests, here is one more plan you may try as a last resource, which I have known to work well when it is quite near roosting time, or the time when the hen leaves the nest, remove every perch out of the cage, so that she must perforce, either stay on the nest or sit on the floor. Remove them quietly so as not to disturb the hen, and be up betimes next morning to return them. Should she prove a passive resister, and elect to sit on the floor at night rather than the nest distribute her eggs among other hens which have been sitting about the same length of time and try to believe matters might have been worse.

Wedded Strife.

John Machin.—The unseemly bickerings, and also the cock going out of song when mated are all in the order of things, because, although not in variable with every pair, it is quite a common occurrence. Your dietary may be a little more generous. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed in it, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each hemp and inga, and a half part of maw, linseed, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily. Stop giving apple now. Continue the above diet till the birds have gone to nest. In the drinking water you may give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food for a day or two, but do not go on with this indefinitely. See they have a supply of cuttlefish. When the hen begins to sit reduce the diet to plain canary seed as staple, with a pinch of rape every second day, until the eggs are due to hatch.

Laying One Egg.

Student.—You should have given fuller information concerning these hens; their age, whether they commenced to sit after laying the eggs, how long they had been mated, and so forth. It is not unlikely that their condition received a check by one of the recent snaps of cold, and if they had not commenced to sit your best plan would have been to separate the pairs for a week or ten days, and feed them during this time the same as advised to "John Machin." You should also have given the buckthorn as an aperient for two days, and after that, instead of the chemical food, you should have given six drops of tincture of gentian and three of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. At the end of this time the hens should have shown signs of coming naturally into condition again, and should have been re-mated in the usual way. Of course, it may be too late to do all this now, as the hens may already be starting to nest again, and, in that case, you had best let things follow their own course, but you may still follow the above instructions as to diet until the hens have laid their complement of eggs. The eggs that were laid, assuming the birds had been mated some days before laying, you might have distributed among other hens just commencing to sit, on the offchance of their being fertile.

Not Nesting.

F. W. H.—Your hen was not in a sufficiently forward condition when mated, which is the reason why further developments have not occurred. There is a chance of her having started to nest by the time this reply appears, in which case leave them alone. But in case the hen still shows no more signs of beginning to nest, as the cock is apparently in high condition, you may certainly separate them, and try the cock with another hen, especially if you have a hen which is very anxious to begin nesting, as shown by restless activity, and now and again plucking at the feathers on her breast or sides,

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and hopping about holding them in her beak. With such a hen you might mate the cock, and have her sitting on eggs by the time the other is really ready to be mated. Add to the diet of the hen in question, whether you separate her from the cock or not, in addition to the egg food on alternate days, in which mix a pinch of gold of pleasure seed each time, every second day, on the days you are not giving egg food, a small teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each hemp and inga and a half part each teazle and linseed. Add also a fourth part of summer rape to the Spanish canary as staple diet. For green food give three or four leaves of dandelion daily.

Laying and Egg Testing.

E. D. G.—(1) If this hen is past her youth, as I rather suspect may be the case, I should not consider her worth a deal of trouble for future work in the breeding cage. It will be quite useless allowing her to sit out her time on the two eggs, both of which seem to be abnormal ones, as even if they were fertile, the chances of their producing only freaks is considerable. If the hen was a good reliable feeder last year, and you should happen to have trouble with any other hen, or any deserted eggs, you might throw away the abnormal eggs and give the hen a clutch of normal ones to hatch and rear, and thus make her a useful servant after all. Otherwise, separate her from the cock, remove the nest, give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, feed on plain canary, with a scrap of bread and milk every second day, and green food daily for a week. Then feed up again, and mate her again in a fortnight. (2) About the eleventh or twelve day, I should say, is as early as you can tell if eggs are fertile by putting them in water. This method depends upon the movement of the chick within the shell. Both kinds of eggs, fertile and unfertile, will float, but the latter will remain quite still, whilst those containing living chicks will bob about with the movements of the chick. Of course, they must only be put into quite warm water. You could tell fertile from unfertile easily enough by the sixth or seventh day by the method shown and explained in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager.

Pants Heavily.

Good Health.—I think the cock being as well as the hen since you put them together is simply due to the fact that he is placed under the same conditions as the hen, which conditions are probably wholly unsuitable and the cause of the trouble. You had better separate the pair if they still show no signs of making further progress. Place them in box cages side by side, or one in each side of a double breeding cage; see that they are in a position quite free from draughts, damp, or extremes of heat and cold, and at the same time are not exposed to impure or vitiated air. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttlefish in the hen's cage. As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of egg food, with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed mixed in it, and on the alternate days a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each hemp and inga, and a half part each linseed, teazle, and black rape. Give two leaves of dandelion to each daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a week. The following week give twenty drops of chemical food daily. If they are then in good condition, and free from panting, you may try them again. But do not put them together until both birds, and especially the hen, are in the proper condition for mating.

Young Birds Dying.

Rule.—I think there must have been something wrong with some part of your dietary, or the method of preparing it, to cause so many deaths at three or four days old, if, as you say, the hens fed well as long as the young would take food. But as you say also that the young were continually gasping as if for breath, is it possible what they were really doing was gasping for food, and the hen had in fact ceased to feed them? Had the young full crops at any time when you found them "gasping," or had they food in the crop when they died; or, again, were the bowels blocked with waste matter? How did you prepare your egg food, and am I right in thinking you gave a liberal supply of hemp from the time the young were hatched? The answers to these questions might elucidate your difficulties. To prevent similar losses this year follow the instructions as to feeding and management given in reply to "Troubled" in last issue, and if the same trouble occurs again in any of your early nests write again, and I will do my best to help you. Do not keep windows open all night until weather is more mild and settled, if, as I gather from your letter, this is what you did last season when unfavourable conditions prevailed. Plenty of fresh pure air is invaluable, but do not abuse the method of supplying it.

Breeding in Outdoor Shed.

A. Thomas.—I see no reason why you should not breed quite successfully in the shed. The wire gauge panels will provide quite efficient ventilation, and if you want to have the birds flying loose you may turn in two cocks and five or six hens, and as soon as the first round of nests have fully fledged you may give access to the wire flight, which will thereby ease your accommodation considerably, and the weather will also be more suitable for the larger open air space. Hang up at least a dozen nesting sites, such as German wicker travelling cages with the short bars removed from the one end, square nest boxes of good size, cigar boxes without lids, etc. They will be best appreciated well up towards the ceiling, but do not hang two or three temptingly higher than all the rest, or trouble will occur. Give canary and summer rape separately in unlimited quantity; and hemp, crushed biscuit, a variety of green food and various seeds when young are about. Crushed and scalded dog biscuit, and bread and milk, may largely take the place of egg food in these circumstances.

Always Eating.

Hibernia.—Unless I must assume that the bird is also always sleeping when not eating, which no healthy bird should do, you give me no idea at all as to whether anything is really wrong with the bird. I am inclined to think there is nothing more serious the matter than the lethargy due to overfeeding. Keep him in a fair-sized cage, in a comfortable, but not heated, place, free from draughts and impure air. Keep floor of cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Stick a small cube of hard common salt between the wires for him to peck at. Supply the bath freely now in mild weather. As regards the diet, restrict it to the following menu for a month, and if a considerable improvement has not taken place in that time write again and repeat particulars, referring also to this reply. Give a teaspoonful only of plain canary seed as staple each day. Every third day reduce this quantity by one-half, and give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts summer rape to one part each black rape, hemp, inga, and teazle, to make up the bulk, or rather more than the usual quantity. Give a liberal supply of green food daily—chickweed for preference, or groundsel, and a leaf of dandelion daily. Twice each week, on days when you are not giving the mixed seed, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, not more, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Limit the diet solely to this for the time named, but be careful and not forget the daily supply, lest a catastrophe occur. In the drinking water during the first week give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid on alternate days.

Brevities.

Missing Question.—(W. E. Shaw).—Your letter contains no question on any subject, so I do not know what you wish me to reply to. If you overlooked the real point in writing, better write again and give your question first place. Your feeding whilst the hen is sitting is correct. If you have any trouble with the young look up replies to "troubled" and "G.E.F." in our last issue.

Bare of Feathers (J.E.S.).—You ought to have said how you feed the bird, where you keep it, and I should like to have known its probable age. Keep it in a good sized box cage, in a place where the temperature varies as little as possible, but not necessarily in a very warm place, and in a well ventilated position, but free from draught and impure air. Let her bathe freely in mild weather. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, maw, gold of pleasure, teazle, and linseed, and on three other days, each week for the next month give a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled lastly with soft sugar. Give a fairly liberal allowance of green food, chickweed preferably, daily; in the drinking water 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn daily, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a month. Slightly smear bare places with carbolised vaseline twice a week. You will probably find little improvement until next moult, but the above will help things to come right.

Taking It Calmly (A. R.)—Certainly it may be worth while trying this hen again. It is much too early to talk about giving up hopes. The hen may be a late-hatched one, and, consequently, very young, but, in any case, she only wants a little more time to develop, so have patience for a while. Keep her in a cage where she can see the cock, and take tit-bits from him when so disposed. Give her six drops of syrup of buckthorn in her water daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Give two leaves of dandelion daily; every second day half a teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seeds mixed in it; and on the alternate days the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga.

Sits Moping (Corner-bird).—Sorry, but I cannot give you any really definite advice without knowing more of the symptoms the bird shows. Better write again, and give a few more particulars, especially as to whether it has any difficulty in breathing, whether in plump condition, or otherwise, and if its bowels seem in good order. Also say its probable age, and how you have been feeding it. Meantime feed on plain canary only as staple, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days a scrap of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice, daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. A pound of colour feed would suffice for about eight birds. The exact quantity, however, will be affected by the rapidity or otherwise of the moulting process.

Altering Green Food (A. G. D.).—I would not advise you to make any drastic change in the green food supplied when the young have reached a fortnight old. If watercress is still readily obtainable stick to it until the young have left the nest, or if it is necessary you should make the change, bring it about gradually by giving only a small quantity one day, and slightly reducing the usual amount of watercress, and after that gradually increasing the lettuce, and proportionately reducing the watercress day by day until one has nearly replaced the other.

Quick Laying (Spider).—The probability is you kept this pair apart too long after the hen had reached that condition of "freshness" when mating was actually necessary, and, consequently, when you put them together they had barely time to come to an understanding before the eggs were forward for deposition. If the cock was in very fresh condition when put in with the hen, so that mating took place quickly, or, say, by the next day, I should advise you to set the eggs under another hen if possible, as they are probably fertilised all right. Then you may remove the nesting material for a week, continue to feed as you are now doing; give a little dandelion daily as green food, and let them come on naturally again for a second nest. At the end of a week give just a tuft of moss or hair for the hen to play with, and when you see her trying in earnest to make a nest with it, and calling for the cock from time to time, give her a fresh supply of material, when she will probably get along better.

Sunshine or Shadow (A.H.T.).—No, it is not really essential for the sun to shine into your room in order for you to breed Canaries or Mules successfully. Providing you have a bright and well-lit room, nice and airy, but free from draughts, you may dispense with actual sunshine, though it is, of course, always advisable to have a room which gets a fair amount of sun whenever this is possible.

Trouble About Eggs (F.L.H.).—(1) Reject her altogether. That is the only really practical way of dealing with an egg-eating hen. You may try blowing the contents out of a couple of eggs and refilling the shells with a creamy compound of mustard, salt and cayenne, stopping the hole, and placing these in the nest for her to investigate; or give her two or three china eggs to peck at until she is tired. If a really valuable specimen, prepare a nest for her, as shown several times in our columns, in which the egg rolls out of sight as soon as laid, and set them under a reliable pair of foster parents. (2) If this hen is in too plump condition reduce her somewhat by a plain and limited seed diet, plenty of green-food, and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week. When next mating her, add a pinch of powdered cuttlefish to the egg-food each time, and give 20 drops of chemical food in the drinking water about five days a week. Also smash up a little old limey mortar to coarse powder, and mix with the sand for the floor of the cage.

Ventilating Bird-room (W. Pugh.—It is very unfortunate you have not the window in the south end of your room. The best and most efficient means of ventilation was to stop about one-half the length of the roof about four inches short of the top, and superimpose a second covering sufficiently wide to prevent rain driving underneath and entering. Short of this now you should have the middle panel of the window in the west end made as a sash to open or close at will. Near the floor in the centre of this side also cut out an opening twelve inches wide by six inches high, cover inside and outside with sheets of perforated zinc, so placed that the perforations are not opposite each other, and in the north and south ends cut out similar openings six inches by five inches near the eaves, and cover them in the same way. You might add wooden sliding shutters over each on the inside, which will enable you to regulate the ventilation to suit any prevailing conditions of weather.

How to Treat Yorkshire (A.H., Waterford).—You ought to have given me some idea what you wanted the treatment for. At present I am quite in the dark, whether the bird is well or ill, or whether you are keeping it for singing only, or want to breed with it. If you are keeping it as a songster, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, linseed, and millet. Once a week give a few crumbs of sponge cake, or a small piece of bread scalded with milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a spray of chickweed, groundsel, watercress, or bit of lettuce, or dandelion, daily in summer, four times a week at other times. Give a bath daily also in summer; two or three times a week when weather is mild in winter. If this is not what you wish to know, please write again.

Young Birds Dying (J. S. T.).—Look up reply to "Troubled" in last issue. It is also possible your bread may not be quite suitable. It should not be too fresh, but of such an age that it will crumb up into small crumbs when rubbed between the hands without any suspicion of clotting or stickiness, and yet not so dry but that there is a slight feeling of dampness in the crumbs. It should also be quite free from alum or other chemicals, which are sometimes added in the manufacture. If you are satisfied these things are faultless, then, as you succeeded better when you used biscuit in making your egg food, by all means go back to biscuits again, as, apart from being cheaper, bread has very little advantage over good plain biscuits. Another point: You should not begin to give hemp liberally as soon as the young are hatched. The reply to which I have referred you will tell you about this.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Outdoor Flight.

Beginner.—I think your erection is very awkwardly shaped to allow of the proposed division into three parts—the height is much too great in proportion to the frontage. It is floor space that is so important, not height. If you want to indulge in attempts to breed, I think the best plan will be to divide the place at the centre, horizontally, then making six compartments 2ft. 6ins. long by 2ft. 6in. high by 3ft. 6in. front to back, each of which would hold one pair of birds. If you mix a number of pairs the chances of breeding results are much more uncertain, especially with British birds. To ascertain the possibilities as regards Foreign birds, you must address a query to the Foreign bird department (Mr. W. T. Page). A few pairs of Budgerigars (by themselves) would answer satisfactorily. Six suitable British couples would be Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, and Siskins; all likely breeders, especially if kept apart.

The Problem of Death.

Goldfinch.—It would doubtless be "stomach trouble" of some kind which carried off your newly-caged Goldfinches and Linnets. An internal upset is the all too frequent result after a week or two's confinement, and a diet of hard, dry seed. The liver, or some other internal organ, gradually gets upset by the change of diet incidental to their (the birds) changed state (i.e., from the field to the cage). I am (by all accounts) fairly fortunate myself with fresh-caught birds, and much of my success in keeping them alive I attribute to the frequent mild doses of saline medicine which I give them. I always keep handy a bottle containing a saturated solution of sulphate of soda, and of this I now and again add sufficient to the drinking water to give it a decided saline taste. This keeps the bowels working properly, and prevents that bad state of constipation into which so many newly-caught birds more or less quickly get when put on to dry seeds—constipation which is often the fore-runner of death. If the human system gets "clogged" we all know that there is trouble, and speedily, too, unless the impurities are removed from the body and the digestive and other organs "cleared for action," so that they may carry out their intended functions. Take the "tip" with the next fresh-caught birds you obtain.

An Outside Flight.

A. Thomas.—It seems a very decent sort of place indeed that you have erected, and your birds ought to do well in it. Whether you will get many youngsters hatched and reared therein is a "horse of another colour," as the saying goes; I am afraid you won't if you restrict the occupants to British bird couples. The reasons for this I have often stated in these columns. A very extensive aviary (well shrubbed, if possible) is needed if one desires to keep a number of pairs of the different species

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with the prospect of them breeding successfully. A mixture of a few hen Canaries with a hen Siskin, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, and Bullfinch would suit the cock Bramhle, Greenfinch, Linnet, and Redpoll. You might try two hen Bullies, though they will probably fight. Two or three cock Linnets could go in; and if you leave out the hen Goldie you could put in two or three cocks of this species. About one dozen birds in all will be the limit; if you want to breed anything, that is.

Keeping a Chaffinch.

Pinkie.—It is quite correct to describe the Chaffinch as a hardy bird, which usually adapts itself readily to existence in a cage. Its feeding presents little difficulty. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition, give a feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished, also, and should be given occasionally as a special treat. A small feed of hemp can be given once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, gruhs, earwigs, and occasional spiders, aphides, wasp gruhs, live ants' eggs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds will peck over a sprig of shepherd's-purse, chickweed, groundsel, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings are usually eagerly devoured, too, when just sprouting, which they soon do when the seed is soaked in cold water. Keep the bird in a box cage, hanging about breast high in a room wherein people are constantly moving about. Let him bathe freely.

Managing a Goldfinch.

W.M.—Let the stock food be good, sound teazle and old hemp, three parts of each, Canary two parts, and linseed one part. In a separate dish give a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed occasionally, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. A little wild seed mixture is also excellent. The bird should have (when obtainable) a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk thistle, seediug chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's-purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, when in season, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. When a bird is not thoroughly on seed, run his stock mixture through a hemp mill before offering it to him. This will lightly crack it. Failing a mill, run the domestic rolling-pin (or a jam jar) over it. I think your bird ought to be singing now. The hen has a very small blaze, which seldom extends past the centre of the eye (towards the back of the head). The proximity of other birds would not affect its song. If you suspect mites, dust Keating's insect powder well down amongst the plumage on two or three successive days.

Brevities.

A Feeding Problem (Marcus).—Evidently you have overlooked the answer I gave you in last week's issue (fourth reply from bottom of column 3, page 347). To put it briefly, I then stated that the richer diet of the Linnet would not harm the hen Canary whilst breeding operations were in progress. My own hens with my muling Linnets and Goldies get the same diet precisely as the Finches.

A Breeding Matter (Blondin).—I have cock Canaries in the same room as my own muling couples. When a hen Canary is in "rank" breeding condition she will usually call to any male bird, British Finch or Canary; it then rests with the Finch to do his duty. The probability is that your birds are not yet keen on nestiug. Do the hens show any desire to build? It is a fact that one often gets fertile eggs from a muling couple although the Finch has never been seen in the act of paying amorous attention to his mate. You must, of course, wait patiently until your hen Canaries start to build their nests; the Fiuches can do nothing till then.

Canary-Bullfinch Couple (R.W.S.T.).—As the couple are feeding through the partition wires, by all means draw out the latter and let them run together. Your feeding methods are good; let the two birds when together have the diet which the hen Bullie has been used to. You want to add chickweed and shepherd's purse, likewise tender young dandelion leaves, to the list of greenfoods.

In an Aviary (E. E.)—The seed diet (canary, white millet, and turnip seeds) is an extraordinary one for a Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, etc. I presume they have been thriviug on the generous allowance of green foods. You should add to it, at least, teazle, hemp, and summer rape, with a little sunflower. With these, and the greenstuffs, there is a chance of young being reared. Seeing that you enquire as to a suitable mate for the hen Canary, I presume the Greenfinch is a cock and the Bullie a hen, in which case a Siskin cock might be the best addition to the aviary. A cock Bramblefinch would be purely speculative, inasmuch as a Bramblefinch-Canary Mule has never yet been bred, I believe.

A Tail and Song Problem (New Starter).—(1) I have never before heard tell of a bird's tail which "wasted away." If the bird has smashed the feathers and the stumps remain in, it will be necessary to extract the latter before new feathers can grow; and to pull out the stumps is the only remedy. Of course, at the next moult the tail will come right, for the old "stumps" will then be shed in the natural way; (2) Prepare a mixture of hemp and niger, half-pint of each, and maw seed a quarter pint, and give the Linnet a teaspoonful daily (in addition to its usual mixture). This should serve to put him on song in a short time. Perhaps the change of quarters has silenced him for the time being. Is the bird tame (steady)?

What Went Wrong? (Springburn).—You should read the reply given "Goldfinch" this week, and act upon the advice therein. But the saline medicine should not be resorted to only when the birds show signs of being decidedly ill; its administration should be looked upon as a preventive measure. Is your kitchen a very warm place? (most kitchens are). If so, it is not quite an ideal spot in which to keep British Fiuches.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Budgerigars, Java Sparrows, etc.

Briton.—(1) I should not put in more than 6 pairs, your numbers will soon increase. (2) If any interference occurred at all, it would be the Budgerigars annoying the Lovebirds; you could put a pair each of Black-cheeked and Blue-winged Lovebirds with them. (3) The plumage of both sexes of Java Sparrows is alike, but the hen Java has a narrower and more pointed beak than the male; this is most noticeable when viewed in profile. (4) Yes, providing you supply at least half-a-dozen nesting receptacles, and plenty of nesting material. (5) It is either a Goffin's or Bare-eyed Cockatoo; I cannot tell which from the scanty details given. I should keep a tin of canary and white millet seed in its cage; it will occasionally visit the small seed, and the change will be very beneficial. From many sources I have gathered the moult has been very irregular this past season; if the feathers appear long in coming try anointing the bare parts with Spratt's "Pennacura."

Ring-neck with Swelling.

A. T. C.—Your letter reads much as if your bird had been getting a bit of everything, and birds so fed usually get into a bad way. Confine your diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuit, stale crust of household bread, or dry toast. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), with two or three days between each dose. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Bathe the eye with a rose-water and zinc eye solution, and

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keep the nostrils well cleansed with diluted glycothymoline. A few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) two or three times daily will act as a useful stimulant. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, yet where it will also get light and air. If no improvement in about a fortnight, repeat query, please, and give full details as to previous dietary, and nature of swelling under the eye. In the case of any aggravation of the present symptoms, write again at once with fuller possible details. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet seed 2 parts each, and 1 part each hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and always keep a tin of this mixture in the cage, also a piece of clean cuttlefish.

Virginian Nightingales and Their Breeding.

Sparrow.—The difficulty of breeding these and similar species is keeping up a sufficient supply of insect food, as some pairs for the first week or ten days will only supply live food to their young, though they will satisfy their own hunger on artificial foods. Your having them in a cage, if they will attempt nesting under these conditions, should make the keeping up a supply of live food a simpler matter than if they were in an aviary with other birds. However, if your cage is of the Crystal Palace type (all wire), I fear there is little chance of their attempting to nest, nevertheless it is worth a trial; put in a nest box, screen it with twiggy branches, and also tack some felt or something similar over wire (side and top) of this part of cage, so as to make it private. At the present time to bring them on, give each bird two or three mealworms daily, and if they are steady let them have a fly round the room when convenient; also supply in addition to the usual seeds ripe fruit and a little of some good soft food mixture (see advert. columns). When young are hatched out supply live insects ad lib., such as cockroaches, mealworms, beetles, smooth caterpillars, live ants' cocoons, and any other garden pests you can capture. If your cage is all wire it would perhaps be better to attach a box, say, 12 inches square, to one end of the cage, and fix the nestbox in this; it would be sufficiently lighted from the open side against wire.

Brevities.

An Ailing Ring-necked Parrakeet (A. F. C.).—Get the following mixture from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glyceriue in equal parts; for the next seven days supply one part of the mixture to three parts of water as the bird's sole drinking fluid. If the voidings are at all hard, give one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, as already advised, and in all other respects treat as per our previous reply. The bird should be kept in as even a temperature as possible, and while draughts must be avoided, the cage should be kept where the bird will get plenty of fresh air. Report progress a week hence.

Hand-rearing Budgerigars (E. E.).—Pour boiling water over one day's supply of seed overnight, and it will be ready for use next morning. The young bird should be fed every hour; it should have its last meal quite late, and feeding should begin at daybreak. A little soaked stale household bread may also be given, and just a drop or two or chilled water at each feeding; a quill dipped in the water, and allow two drops to trickle into the bird's mouth will be ample. Half a cokernut husk would be the best receptacle for it to rest in. Hope your trouble will meet with its due reward.

Black-cheeked Lovebirds, etc. (H.B.).—(1) Yes, in most aviaries they breed freely, but in some few cases results have been poor. (2) They are about the most handsome of the Lovebirds; briefly, the upper parts are greenish, with chocolate-brown, yellow and orange-yellow bead, and facial markings and varied underparts. (4) They are not noisy. They hail from Rhodesia. Sometimes Budgerigars interfere with the breeding arrangements of other small Parrakeets, but nothing worse usually happens. You could keep the Passerine Parrakeet (Blue-wing Lovebird) with the above.

What Birds? ("Ray and Bee").—They are Red-headed Lovebirds, and usually arrive in this country in a debilitated condition, though in fairly good plumage. Your diet is satisfactory, as far as it goes, but it is not varied enough. I should also give them a millet spray occasionally, a little ripe fruit, and a piece of cuttlefish to nibble at. Get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia, and put a teaspoonful into the drinking water every third day for a fortnight, and as soon as you can procure it, supply daily grass in flower (seeding grass), and a small piece of lettuce. The difficulty is to get these birds to take sufficient exercise to keep them fit and well; if they are tame and fearless, letting them out of their cage daily for an hour or more, according to convenience, would be very beneficial.

Pair of Birds for Cage (C. M.).—As you require them for your young son as pets I should advise you to get a pair of Zebra Finches, 4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. a pair. They are easy to cater for; he will soon learn to look after them himself; hardy, pretty, and decidedly foreign in appearance. Get a full-sized canary breeding cage, take out the nest boxes, and hang up at one end, near the top, one of the small Hartz travelling cages (any bird dealer will sell you one for a few pence), cut away one of the bars, to allow the birds to get in, take out the fittings, stuff in a little hay, leave more hay loose about the cage, and the birds will do the rest. Supply canary and white millet in equal parts, also keep a millet spray hanging in the cage; supply water for drinking and bathing, and keep cage tray well covered with gritty sand. Procure at once, and they will settle down and breed during the summer.

Budgerigars with British Birds (H. I. G.).—The only risk of keeping Budgerigars with Finch-like birds is that the former are apt, in sheer mischief, to break the legs or wings of the latter. However, if you keep to one pair, and take out the young as soon as they can feed themselves, I do not think you will have any trouble with them, and the risk run will be but small. But if you leave young and old in together, and allow numbers to increase, sooner or later this will lead to disaster. You must supply a tin of white millet seed in addition to your other mixtures, and hang up a millet spray occasionally as a change.

What Parrot? (S. W.).—Your description is not sufficiently complete; it reads much like a Moustache Parrakeet, but I cannot speak with certainty till I get a fuller description. Are there any head or facial markings, any sign of ring round neck? The Parrot is evidently quite untamed, and, being in strange quarters, and among strangers, gets badly scared; as it becomes accustomed to you, and its environment, it will settle down, and the screaming nuisance abate. Supply in addition to the seed mixture ripe fruit and a few nuts. If you will repeat query with details asked for I will give you a full and definite reply in next issue.

Breeding Indian Green Parrakeets (J. H. F.).—It is rather interesting to hear of these Parrakeets sitting on hay; this has been the cause of your trouble, I expect, but you had better leave them alone now as she is steadily sitting; but if she forsakes the nest, either supply a small barrel, hung up longtitudinally, a log nest, or a nest box with concave bottom. With very few exceptions Parrakeets build no nest; they merely fashion out a log or hole in a tree to their liking, and lay their eggs on the bare wood. The paper posted you will supply you with necessary details; if not, repeat query next week on any point you are still in doubt about.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; aualysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W.H.T., Conn., United States of America.—Advice by letter on Siberian Goldie.
Edward.—Replied by post.
W.R.W.—Replied by post.
I.I.—Replied by post.
C.S., Canterbury.—Replied by post.
Plymouth.—Replied by post.
D. Walker.—Your birds are suffering from infectious pneumonia, and needed careful attention and isolation long before this. It is a pity you had not communicated with me before. Like others, you have allowed the disease to spread throughout your rooms, and to become so firmly fixed that the greatest difficulty lies in its entire eradication. Not only does this delay help to further spread the disease, but it acts by increasing the virulency or deadliness of the casual microbe. Cages inhabited by deceased birds should be thoroughly disinfected by boiling, if so constructed as to allow of this. Any sick birds must at once be isolated, and should not be attended by anyone having charge of those apparently healthy, as the disease can be easily carried by one's clothing, etc. You may thus be successful in arresting its progress, or, on the other hand, it may mean a matter of months; at any rate, carry out this plan as early as possible. You cannot do better than treat your remaining birds with quinine, the most convenient form for your case being the citrate of iron and quinine. Buy sixpenuyworth from your chemist in crystals and dissolve in the drinking water, administering fresh night and morning just sufficient to tinge the water. This you may continue for a week or ten days, then allowing three or four days to elapse, afterwards repeating for another week. Shall be pleased to give you any further advice you may need.

G.H.T.—I hope you received the specimen I sent to you by post. As it is an interesting case for the benefit of readers generally I shall describe it here in a little more detail. The subject was a Cinnamon hen Canary, and the history is that it was purchased with another about a month ago. At the time it did not appear very well, suffering from constipation, and occasional acute attacks of pain evidenced by a croaking noise. The purchaser, uncertain whether to reject it or not allowed himself to be persuaded, as he describes, by an older fancier to keep the bird. This was very unfortunate. From the time of purchase to the time of its demise it has been weakly, its appetite precarious, and it never once revived, constipation being the principal trouble, and emission of noises indicative of pain. I examined this bird carefully, and found affecting the capsule of the liver two nodular growths arising from infection of septic fever, both considerably large. In no other organ were they present. Their situation involving such an important organ as the liver (which plays such an important part in digestion), together with pressure sustained by the adjacent intestine by these growths, enlighten us as to the cause of the constipation; and the pain would result from the pressure upon the nerves of these organs, particularly during the passage of excrement. Still of more import is the question as to whether my correspondent is entitled to recover for the value of the bird. I would advise him to carefully watch the remaining bird, and should he possess others, to at once isolate it from these and disinfect the cages. It is interesting to note the variety of symptoms displayed by birds affected with these lesions, according to their situations to a keen observer; unfortunately, only the minority of my correspondents afford me these.

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GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Numbers and Addresses (J. W. L.).—Yes, numbers count as one word, and addresses are, of course, counted in word for word.

A Eulogy (Unknown).—The fact that your letter of appreciation of Mr. Kaye, and condemnation of other fanciers, is above a nom-de-plume, in our opinion quite destroys its value, and we therefore see no object in publishing it.

A Cutting (J. Lepla).—Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Withdrawal of a Motion (W. R.).—We cannot venture to advise you in this matter, as we feel it would be tantamount to interference in the conduct of your society.

A Club Notice (W. Easton).—Your notice of meeting on April 12th did not reach us until after last week's issue was printed and on sale.

An Advertisement (A. V. Lane).—We congratulate you on your excellent manual, and tender our thanks for the advertisement you have been good enough to include in it.

A Machine (X. X.).—Such a machine was illustrated and described in our paper about twelve months ago, but we do not think that any firm makes and offers it for sale; have heard nothing as to this.

Question of Special Prizes (Special).—The name and address of the secretary of Wellington Show is Mr. George Hitchman, 6, Spring Hill, Wellington, Salop. We cannot answer your question about special prizes, but advise you to communicate with the firm in question direct.

The Shows.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES C.B.S.

Annual members' show of British birds, held April 7, at Leeds Hotel. Mr. Marwood (Thornaby) judged. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Nicholson and Son; 3, Walker; 4, Saunders. BULLFINCH: 1, Sanders; 2, Nicholson and Son; 3, Pearson. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Nicholson and Son; 3, Sanders; 4, H. Tait; vhc, Freeman; hc, c, Walker. LINNET: 1, 3, H. Tait; 2, 4, Nicholson and Son; vhc, Freeman; hc, Sanders; c, Broadbent. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, Nicholson and Son; 3, 4, Broadbent. SOFTBILL: 1, Briscoe and Son; 2, 3, H. Tait. —J. W. LOWES, sec.

BARTON C. AND B.E.C.

At the monthly meeting, held April 6th, a table show of pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding was held at the Red Lion Hotel. It was a poor show, only four pairs being staged. Where are our members, and what are they doing? Will they please attend? Surely a true fancier can spare one night a month for the benefit of the club. So roll up and try to make it a success in the future.

1, vhc, Small, leader Goldfinch and Linn. Can., very good pair, easy win; 2, 3, Beach, 2nd Goldfinch and cl. Can., good pair; 3rd, Linnet and cl. Can., nice pair. Mr. C. Dent judged, but his was not a very hard task, and not a very long one.—E. C. DUNN, Sec.

GARSTON E.B.A.

At the last monthly meeting a very interesting and successful British Birds and Canary Pair Show was held in the Baptist Schoolrooms, Earp Street. The judge was Mr. David Griffiths, who is the oldest fancier in the district, having purchased his first pair of birds some 30 years ago. The quality of the birds was extra good, and the awards were received with unanimous approval. During the evening Mr. A. Christopher obliged the "raw recruits" by giving a washing exhibition, the same being thoroughly appreciated.

GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Bryant; 3, James. LINNET: 1, Jones; 2, Gray; 3, Christopher. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Jones; 2, Gray; 3, Greene. GREENFINCH: 1, Jones; 2, James; 3, Christopher. MULING PAIR: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Gray. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Christopher; 2, Ireland; 3, Moly neux.—A. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Table show of British hardbills, held on April 5th, in one of the large rooms at headquarters, and proved to be quite a success. There were a good number of visitors, the room being packed to the door. The points gained will count for the special prizes, which consist of three sections, Norwich, Yorkshire, and British, there being three grand specials for each section. The competition was the keenest ever held; there were 20 entries in one class —a real good class, many good birds being cardless. Mr. J. Mellor placed the cards with general satisfaction.

1, Foden (Goldfinch); 2, Colville and Knight (Bullfinch); 3, Lockwood (Goldfinch); 4, Baron (Linnet); vhc, Kelsall (Chaffinch); hc, Taylor (Linnet); c, Heap (Siskin). At our next meeting Mr. H. Kelsall has promised to give a demonstration on cage-making, when all fanciers and friends will be made welcome.—H. FODEN, hon. sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and table show of British and Foreign birds was held in Clarendon Hall on April 8th. During judging the meeting was held in the side room. Business was got through in good time. Two new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. W. Kane and A. Wilson. The president asked for specials for table show, when four were handed in. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned to the large hall to view the birds. The number forward totalled 30, and Mr. R. V. Raine judged. Unfortunately, Mr. J. G. Andamis had four birds too late for competition, viz., Blackbird, Greenfinch, and two Chaffinches. A members' judging competition was held, in which great interest was taken. Everyone was satisfied with the judge's decisions. President A. Miller proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Raine for coming to judge, and hoped it would not be the last time we would meet him in the same capacity. Mr Raine, in returning thanks, said he would have great pleasure in coming again to judge. Thereafter the prize cards and specials were presented to each of the winners at the last monthly show. This brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close. Awards:—

YELLOWHAMMER (1): 1, Smith. A.O.V. BUNTING (5): 1 (Meadow Bunting), Taylor; 2, spl, (Black-headed Bunting), 3, spl (Snow Bunting), 4 (Cirl Bunting), 5 (Lapland Bunting), Henderson. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, spl, Henderson; 2, Smith; 3, Dunlop; 4, Taylor; 5, Bibby. BRAMBLEFINCH (2): 1, Crawford; 2, Taylor. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Dunlop; 2, Bibby; 3, McNamee. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Crawford; 2, c, Taylor; 3, 4, Jamieson; vhc, c, Smith. BRIT. LARGE (1): 1 (Hawfinch), Henderson. SMALL (1): 1 (Redstart), Taylor. FOR. (1): 1 (King Parrot), Proudfoot.—WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas.

A Splendid London Exhibition.

Amongst the Attractions do not fail to Visit "Cage Birds'" Stall.

In London at the present moment—at "Olympia," West Kensington, to be precise—is to be found one of the most entertaining and altogether charming exhibitions ever seen in the metropolis. We refer to the "Ideal Home Exhibition," which has been organised by that well-known newspaper, the "Daily Mail."

The object of this exhibition is primarily to bring to notice the thousand and one means by which the modern home—from the humblest to the highest—may attain that acme of completeness and comfort which modern resources have rendered possible. But this is not all. Instruction (for such it is) is conveyed in the very pleasantest of manners, as the spectacular side of the exhibition is so beautifully contrived that the visitor cannot be other than charmed with the pretty prospect spread before him under the huge dome of the exhibition building.

The Tudor village, with its old-time inhabitants (at least, so far as costume goes), while it cannot hope to be a "joy for ever," will most assuredly remain a joy to visitors for so long as the exhibition opens its doors. We recommend readers not to miss seeing it.

Amongst the host of other attractions, too, do not neglect to pay a visit to "Cage Birds" stall (No. 142), where all our publications will be found on sale, and where crowds of visitors assemble daily, admiring spectators of the display of birds to be found there—the tame birds being especially attractive, charming the coins out of many a pocket. That the "Fancy" will recruit many bird lovers from Olympia is certain.

The exhibition is open on every week-day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and closes on April 23rd next. The price of admission is the popular shilling.

The Preston and Flowers Defence Fund.

Since we published our last list, the following subscriptions to the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund" have come to hand:—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., 7s. 6d.; and a further subscription from northern fanciers, per the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S., 2s. These sums, with the amount already acknowledged in our columns, viz., £61 13s. 11d., bring the aggregate up to £62 3s. 5d.

In our next issue we shall have an important and interesting statement to make concerning the progress of this case; and we hope to be in a position to indicate the date, or thereabouts, of the hearing of the appeal.

Correspondence.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Stroud Valley and District.

Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly allow me to bring the above to the notice of those of your readers who reside in this district, who, I feel sure, will be interested. I have for some time past been of the opinion, as the number of fanciers in this Valley must be upwards of fifty, that a very successful society could be formed to extend and help forward this most fascinating, paying and high-moral inspiring hobby. Great scope for gathering valuable advice, etc., showing of birds, and the pleasure of bright meetings of members, are the advantages of such a society. Will all sincerely interested persons please send their names and addresses to me, when a meeting can be called and preliminary arrangements made?

Harry B. Witton.

Hillsdon Cottage, Brimscombe, near Stroud.

Items from Ireland.

Sir,—The weather as I pen these notes is all that could be desired for the start of a successful season, and I hear that there are at the present time young on the perches, so I am sure we will have a good muster of youngsters at the first feather show to be held in Dublin in July. Time after time I have been asked has the old Y.C.C. gone, or have they held their annual general in private this year. I hear that they have squared up with the prize winners at their late show, but I hope they don't forget that some of the successful exhibitors at the 1908 show have still £ s. d. due to them. I notice the Y.C. and C.B. have appointed a judge for their open show in November. Are we to take it for granted that he is to do Canaries and British? A good day's work. I am sure that there are plenty of British men in Ireland capable of placing the cards. Why not give one of them a start? A matter I think would be of great benefit to the Fancy in Ireland is, before the coming show season, to get all the secretaries of the societies—north, south, east and west—to meet and try to come to some understanding, if at all possible, each society to give power to its secretary to act on their behalf at the said meeting, to be held in one of the cities. I would be glad to have expressions of opinion on this matter in the columns of Cage Birds, as I am sure the Editor will give us the space. Surely, if this meeting could be arranged, and all clubs unite hand in hand, we could look forward to a record exhibition season. When I think over matters connected with the "Cage Bird Fancy," I often wonder why so much quarrelling, etc., comes about. Surely if we go into it for the love of the birds we should not, as it were, draw daggers over them. Now, I hope before many weeks have elapsed that some understanding between the different clubs will come about, and that everything will be got to move in harmony the coming season, and that we will be congratulating ourselves when it will be past and gone.

Pat.

Suggested Society and Show for Mid-Rhondda.

Sir,—I was pleased to see on opening Cage Birds last week that other fanciers had taken up the suggestion of a society for the Mid Rhondda. I am glad to tell "Interested One" and "Gilfach" that there will be a meeting held at the Gwalia Restaurant, Tonypandy, on Wednesday, April 20th. So will all those fanciers who feel interested in seeing a good society formed rally around and be at the meeting? We will welcome any fancier from Porth to Treherbert, Ynshir and "Gilfach" included. If there is any fancier who wishes to join us and cannot be at the meeting, if they will send their names to me, before the 20th, I will bring them before the meeting. Hoping every fancier will make an effort to be there, and wishing Cage Birds every success.

Yeo, 1, Upton Terrace, Hendrecafn, Penygraig.

Sir,—With reference to the letters upon the above, I as a bird fancier living in the district, and greatly interested in the Fancy, would be very pleased to see a society started in Tonypandy, as Pandy (as it is generally called) would be a fine centre for the Valleys—Rhondda Vach and Rhondda Vaur. Porth is the junction of these, which are only about six miles from the Porth Station, at the extreme end of the Valleys. There are a lot of members of the Porth Society living in Tonypandy. I might mention that the Porth Society is "gone down," and there is no suitable place in which to hold a show there now. Will the gentlemen who signed the letters—"Interested," and "Another Interested One," also "Gilfach"—sign their names under their letters, so as to let the fanciers around know who they are? There is nothing to be ashamed of in the signing of one's name. And will someone living in Tonypandy try and arrange to hold a meeting in some restaurant there? I suggest calling a meeting as soon as possible, say, April 23rd. Now, fanciers, strike the iron while it is hot. I will be pleased to become a member, and try and get some more to come along.

Arthur H. C. Legg.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

The Recent Y.U. Suspensions.

[Mr. H. Kaye writes thanking "A Lover of Justice" for the letter published in our columns last week.]

Sir,—Being one of the men Mr. Kaye reported to the Y.U. Council for lending two birds to two novice members (one in 1907 and one in 1903), these charges are false, and I went to Bradford, a distance of 20 miles, to answer these charges. When I got before the Council, Mr. Kaye, the man who laid them against me, did not appear. What he made these charges against me for I don't know, unless it was because Mr. H. Lodge called me out of the council room as a witness for him against Mr. Kaye for lending a bird to show in the novice class. Instead of coming to Bradford to fight the case, Mr. Kaye sent a letter saying we were too dangerous to travel with. Then, when the Council exonerates us, Mr. Kaye starts writing to your paper wanting us to go again to Bradford. I am not afraid of going before the Council again when I can walk, if he will pay my fare if I win, and if I lose I will pay his. Then, again, he accuses me of washing Mr. Firth's birds. Well, I have only washed him one bird in all my life, and that was at the beginning of the show season; but I know for a fact it was his own bird, as I was with him when he bought it. Surely that is no crime? as I will try to help any fancier and show him all I can to help him on in the right way. Mr. Kaye goes on to say that one of our members went to Bradford and came back with a broken leg, giving readers of Cage Birds the impression that he got it done at Bradford. That man was myself, having happened on an accident that morning in the mine, splintering a small bone in my leg. Now, Mr. Kaye, I think this a cowardly insinuation to make against any man, much more a man with five little children depending on him, and if you are the gentleman you profess to be you will apologise for your cowardly insinuation. Then perhaps you will be able to go in the peace you talk so much about.

Luther Dyson.

Sir,—I had no intention of replying to H. Kaye's letters, but they are so full of slander that one cannot let them pass altogether. Well, Mr. Kaye (or Hedgehog, or whatever he might choose to style himself), will you let us know what a "half truth" is, as this is one of his latest inventions, and comes in nice and handy for him. Now, H. Kaye sent a letter to the secretary of the Y.U., stating he had not lent this bird to F. Firth. This is one of his half truths. Then he appears before the Council and acknowledges having lent the bird. In this week's "C.B." he denies ever having appeared before the Council; another of his half truths. So if he will add these together it will make one untruth, and what he has left he may use to curl his moustache with whilo he considers how much it cost us to go to Bradford to appear before the Council of the Y.U. for false statements made by him. Neither H. Kaye, nor anyone else, can honestly accuse me of breaking the rules of the Y.U. in any way. H. Kaye wishes to know how many times birds have been in one room and home again. A true and correct statement was given before the Council. If Mr. Kaye can prove otherwise, he is at liberty to do so in Cage Birds.

M. Peel.

[If Mr. Kaye has any charges to bring against Mr. Peel, or Mr. Dyson, or anyone else, he must forward them to the proper quarter, which we take to be the secretary of the Yorkshire Union; we cannot publish them in the columns of Cage Birds.—Editor.]

Sir,—I am sorry that things are coming to such an end at Skelmanthorpe as at the present time. I write you because I want you to say in this week's paper whether I, F. Firth, have sent any letters to you or not. I have been charged with doing so by some of the Skelmanthorpe Cage Bird Society members. I wish you to correct them. They say I sent that letter signed "A Lover of Justice," which appears under Mr. Kaye's this week. Now to any sensible man the very beginning of the letter is sufficient evidence, for the writer goes on to say that he has been a regular reader of Cage Birds for the last six years; as for myself, I can truthfully say that up to two years ago I had never had a cage bird paper in my hand. Some people are fast at saying nothing. It is an old saying, and a true one, too, that you may catch a thief, but to a lie there is no end. I also wish to make it known that I strongly object to my name being used again in any letter by either party. Seeing that I am one that is on the sine die list, I think that is bad enough. But I can assure the Skelmanthorpe Cage Bird Society that I have lost no sleep through it. I committed the crime, and now I am paying the penalty. I think when a man has done something wrong it is no sin to take to it. The mischief comes in when we do these things, and try to get away from them; that has been the secret of the trouble in Skelmanthorpe.

F. Firth.

[The letter referred to was not written by Mr. Firth, and we may go so far as to say that it did not come from Skelmanthorpe at all.—Editor.]

Sir,—We read with intense interest in last week's Cage Birds, another epistle written for our edification by "Saint Henry," the peace-maker. As we anticipated, he has entirely forgotten his vow made when he appeared to answer the charge before the Yorkshire Union Council at Bradford, and by false statements and denying truthful facts has rendered his head liable to be placed upon the block ready for the chopping process. If he now pretends to have meant this as a joke, he would probably use it then to press home one of his half-truths. We were exceedingly pleased to see that he read into those "bold assertions, half-truths, live truths, solid facts, jokes, etc," as he terms them. But he need not have become ecstatic, as he apparently did by the tone of his introductory remarks. Surely he does not imagine it requires the art of a competent journalist to write down a few facts on this inspiring topic? If he does, he must indeed be a bigoted marvel. Now, when Mr. Kaye first heard of the objection brought against him by H. Lodge, he wrote a letter up to Bradford saying he had sold the bird in question, and it had been the bona-fide property of the other party. Then the following Saturday, when he appeared to answer the charge, he acknowledged having lent this bird for exhibition purposes. Do we need to boldly assert, Mr. Kaye, that this acknowledgment was positively wrung from you by the truthfulness of the other party implicated? Mr. Kaye's intention from the beginning was to deny everything that was brought against him as evidence, and, if possible, win the case. Did you appear on this occasion, as you denied last week? Again, Mr. Kaye states in his letter of March 26 that some of them had been exonerated from all blame when there was nobody there to accuse them. Does he mean by this that the Secretary of the Yorkshire Union notified these gentlemen to attend the council before any charge had been brought against them? If not, we again ask why he did not appear to substantiate his previous evidence, because he must have accused them, otherwise the Secretary of the Y.U. would not have requested them to attend, and (as he himself stated) so give each member an opportunity of defending his own case? Does Mr. Kaye now understand the gist of our letter, and see the reason we regard him as such a coward for not being present to bear witness against them? We contend he has not one single atom of genuine evidence whereby to convict any of these gentlemen whom he has accused. It was nothing more than a plot devised as a plea for his own case; seeing no other way of escape he thought if he could but get a few honourable fanciers implicated there might be held out some hope of mercy. This is the meaning of his remarks about making a clean breast of it, bearing the sins of the society, going in peace, etc. We wonder where on earth could be found anyone with an unbiased mind to sit on a council and give a patient hearing to one previously convicted for an offence, after reading such an astounding record of inconsistency as appeared in his last letter. Would it be reasonable, British or Foreign, for any true lover of justice to rely upon his evidence and deal with these gentlemen accordingly? To take up this attitude would certainly appear to us seething with a spirit of prejudice and revenge. This is not the case of one bird only being exhibited at one show. We readily admit this no crime; but did ever anyone yet keep a cock bird in show condition until the breeding season, without its divulging the sex secret? Mr. Kaye's birds are not kept up in a bedroom, visited perhaps once a day, but just behind his loom, where every movement can be seen at a glance. Let us give the case a fair and impartial judgment without any of Mr. Kaye's suppositions or training stories. Mr. Kaye will know that we were not present at the hearing of these cases. Therefore, if he wants a full report of the defence, he had better send up to Bradford, because we regard the character of our fellow-fanciers as towering so high above reproach as to deem it nothing less than a gross insult to suggest such simple trash in their hearing as Mr. Kaye keeps on repeating. When we said Mr. Kaye was always suspected, we did not wish to imply he was dishonest (nor had he any prospect of growing rich out of the funds of our society if he fulfilled both offices); but we utterly detest autocracy, and claim a right to suspect any man who asks for absolute control over finance. Prevailing conditions were always suitable to Mr. Kaye, providing he could have everything his own way, and we agree with him he worked hard. But what more convincing proof is needed than his present mode of procedure, that if anything goes wrong he is prepared to crush everything within his power? It is from this standpoint we review all his boasted efforts since we joined the society. He knows he has held up to suspicion some of the most honourable gentlemen in the Fancy, and has endeavoured to destroy the society by using all the means at his command, even taking advantage of an unfortunate brother fancier, Luther Dyson, who happened to meet with an accident, causing an injury to his leg whilst engaged at his work in the mine on the same day as his trial. Mr. Kaye uses this as an insinuation that our members are no better than hooligans, so incapable of conducting themselves properly when on a journey as to return with fractured limbs. Sarcastic "peace-making" of this order surpasses understanding. When we read that homely story about your bull pup and the hedgehog, Henry, it almost made us smile. We thought it contained a valuable lesson, viz., that the wisdom of nature foresaw it was expedient to cover this harmless, useful creature, the hedgehog, with prickles as a means of protection. A wise council foresaw the dangers each member's interests were exposed to, and therefore surrounded us with rules and regulations, so that when anyone insisted on tearing in pieces the bonds of security, they might be held in suspense. Now, having been pricked, Mr. Kaye, be wise and beat a hasty retreat.

S. Morley.

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A Canary's Double Eggs.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to state that one of our members has had a hen Canary lay a double egg. Both eggs have a shell on, and there is a small hole in the side of each egg, where they have been joined together. One egg is of the ordinary size, and the other a little smaller. The hen has since laid three more eggs, and is doing well. Will fanciers please state through CAGE BIRDS if they have known this to happen before?

E. C. DUNN,
Sec. Barton C. and B.B.C.

Two Eggs in One Morning—Four in Three Days.

SIR,—May I ask through your correspondence column if it is usual for a hen to lay two eggs in one morning? A yellow Norwich hen, paired to a Muling Goldfinch, laid two eggs on the morning of Sunday, April 10, both normal in shape and colour, and fully shelled; and what is, to my mind, more surprising, laid on the Monday and Tuesday following, and commenced sitting as usual, making four eggs in three days. I examined these eggs after eight days' sitting, and found only one fertile, which I know is one of the two laid together, because of a peculiar blotch of spots at the thin end. The hen is unflighted.

"TWO'S COMPANY."

A Green Border Section for the Green Canary Association.

SIR,—It has been suggested by a few of our members that the Green Border should be taken into the Association on the same lines as the Yorkshires and Norwich. With this object in view a meeting has been called, and will be held at the Secretary's house on Wednesday next, April 20th, at 8 p.m. prompt. Doubtless the project will meet with a certain amount of opposition, but our esteemed president, J. Walker, Esq., is prepared to personally guarantee the classes at, say, six patronage shows, and the variety will be self-supporting; hence we do not see why the venture should not prove successful. After the pro's and con's have been debated on, the matter will be brought before the general body on April 28th. In the meantime, any fancier willing to support us by joining the society in the event of the variety being accepted, might send a postcard to the undersigned at 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool. Will Scotch breeders of Green Borders especially kindly note?

GEO. GREEN, Sec. G.C.A.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—Having followed the correspondence that has appeared in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, during the last few weeks, re the type of the Lancashire Canary, it is interesting to me to learn that the L. and L.F.A. is at last going to play a big part (in my opinion) in regard to the true type of the Lancashire. The first step in this direction was taken at the L. and L.F.A. meeting, held in Manchester on April 9, by the appointing of the specialist judges, one of these in particular being of the "Three Star Brand"; and although we have had plenty of information from that quarter lately, which owing to the L. and L.F.A. selection will have to be seriously reckoned with in the future, I venture to state that no novice need be at all afraid to exhibit Lancashires under him, as I predict that any one of them will stand a very good sporting chance of winning a first prize. But after the true type of the Lancashire has been settled to his, the L. and L.F.A.'s famous specialist judge's satisfaction, I should like to ask what is going to become of the Lizard? Are we, in order to satisfy a man's ambition by talking himself into a Lancashire judge, going to the trouble and expense of submitting another variety of birds under his jurisdiction before we are fully convinced that he is morally a fully-qualified professional exhibitor of that particular breed which he is appointed to judge? Or must we in order to get the correct type of the Lancashire, sacrifice the Lizard Canary, and take a sporting chance along with the Lancashire novice?

LIZARD.

SIR,—I see that our "old crank Teddy" is again on the warpath re the type of the Lancashire Canary, using the same old-time arguments, and still slating the judges, and *those in particular* whom years ago he begged and prayed for to have judge the variety! The fact is (in my opinion), that if Mr. Fuller would go in and breed a few of those "ideal and typical" birds he speaks so much about and place them before the judges, he would do a far greater service to the Lancashire fancy; furthermore, greater credit would be given him, and more notice taken of his letters. Those who know "Teddy" best, simply laugh to scorn his blustering effusions, and have been looking out for years for those "typical and sensational" specimens which he promised to produce from his rooms whenever judges House and Compston were appointed as specialists to judge the variety! I know *these judges were appointed*, but neither the "cash" Mr. Teddy promised to help defray the cost of their judging, nor yet his ideal and correct exhibit has yet come to the front, and many besides myself are in doubt whether Teddy has now or ever has possessed by his own breeding any of those typical specimens whose scarcity on the show-bench he bemoans so much. Let him produce *just one* such specimen this season, turn it out and let the Fancy note his "ideal," and he will confer the greatest benefit of modern times upon the Fancy. I note "Teddy" also has a crack at the Lizards, and I note with satisfaction his statement that "there is less faking" than formally. I am pleased to know from Teddy that it is so, but, same as the Scotsman, "I hae ma doots." Had I not, I should feel inclined to have a crack in again myself, but until I am assured that trimming and faking are things of the past, I must decline, and simply sit on the fence. However, I will give the question of again entering competition some consideration, and will, during the coming show season, visit a few of the leading shows and see if Mr. Fuller's contention is correct. If I find it so, then I will promise to again turn out a team worthy (I hope) to uphold my name.

F. W. BAKER.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in sending you copies of the Lancashire Standard now in operation, and the one friend Teddy places so much confidence in, and claims as Mr. Compton's sole idea.

OLD STANDARD.

	Points.
Head: Coppy	25
Neck: for fulness and thickness	10
Back: Round, full, and long	10
Wings: Meeting at tips	5
Length of bird	20
Quality of feather	5
Position: Upstanding	10
Condition and cleanliness	10
Colour	5
Total	100

NEW STANDARD.

	Points.
Head: Coppy	30
Neck: for fulness and thickness	10
Back: Round, full, and long	10
Length of bird and substance	25
Upstanding position and type	15
Condition and cleanliness	10
Total	100

I trust Mr. Fuller will be satisfied with being able to compare the two Standards, especially the so-called new one, about which he seems to be very dubious. I am pleased to see a new Lizard breeder's name in your paper, and can only say that Sunderland C.B.S. would most likely have got our patronage before this except for their show date clashing with one of our oldest societies, who give the Lancashire and Lizard good classification, and this in spite of losses on the classes. I myself have sent one or two this last year or so, but it means a big expense, sending out to two shows in one day to say nothing about the strain on the birds themselves. Cannot our friends in the North see their way to make an entry at one or other of our shows, instead of expecting us to send to their shows, and meeting them on their own ground, as it were, every time? Anyone who has done any exhibiting will admit that a bird having travelled a good distance shows to a big disadvantage compared with one that can be staged straight away. I fancy, however, anyone who knows me at all will not accuse me of funking in the least sending any distance if I can do so, and give the birds fair play, as, for instance, the following shows in our cup competition, viz.: Rochdale O.C., Manchester, Rochdale "Good Intent," Nottingham, L.C.B.A., Middleton, Scottish National, and Pendleton and Salford, eight shows; and these, with the exception of the Scottish National, were almost in successive weeks. I know there have been plenty of good birds sent up North, so surely we should get to see some of them this coming season. Now then, friend Reid, just send us a few entries, and whether you get our patronage or not, if you have Lizard classes, I will send you on my own entry and try and get more entries. Wishing one and all a good breeding season.

JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec. L. and L.F.A.

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Magpies in London Parks.

SIR,—I was much interested in your note on the Magpie in Kensington Gardens, London. Perhaps it will interest your readers to hear that a pair of Magpies have built at the corner of the Horse Guards' Parade, Spring Gardens end, and very amusing it has been to watch them. But, alas! I hear that the proverbial "man with the gun" is in attendance on them. I think this a great shame.

BELGRAVIA.

[If there be a "man with the gun," we hope he will meet with his just deserts.—EDITOR.]

A New Cage Bird Society for Bangor and District.

SIR,—As a sequel to the very successful cage-bird show held recently under the auspices of the Catch-my-Pal Union, an extremely well attended meeting was held in Mr. Lester Irving's residence on April 6, to consider the formation of a Cage-Bird Society for Bangor (Co. Down) and district. It was unanimously resolved that the object of the meeting be confirmed, and the following officers for 1910-11 were appointed:—Mr. Lester Irving, chairman of committee; Mr. D. E. Alexander, treasurer; Mr. J. P. Watson, secretary, 112, Irene Terrace, Bangor; committee, Messrs. S. Shannon, R. Stewart, W. Pidduck, G. Absolom, D. Beattie, W. M'Kee, and D. Carlton. Club shows will be held for first feather birds, and a show, open to all comers, with a few reserves for members, in December of this year. Seldom or never has a new project in Bangor been taken up with so much enthusiasm, and thanks to the exertions of the promoters we have every confidence that the Society will have a sustaining influence on the members in giving them an interesting hobby free from the temptations of the public house.

J. P. WATSON, Sec.

The Feeding and Keeping of Skylarks.

SIR,—Having seen a deal of correspondence in CAGE BIRDS lately concerning the Skylark, I would like to say a few words about the feeding and keeping of these very fine songsters. At present I have six Skylarks. Four of them I keep in the kitchen, and two I keep upstairs, which I hang out of the bedroom window during the day, and they sing their full, loud song nearly all day long. Two of the other four are hand-reared, and the other two field-moulted; they all start their full song early in the morning, and as long as they can see a light in the house at night will keep bursting into song. If I happen to go out for a short walk, when I return I very often find two or three of them covered over with dark covers, as they make too much noise. This is the way I make my ordinary food: I put two tablespoonfuls of beef dripping into a tin in the oven, and when it is melted I add 1lb. of peameal and ½lb. of oatmeal; then I put it back into the oven for a quarter of an hour, and keep mixing it up with a spoon. When I take it out I let it stand half-an-hour, and then mix it well with my hands. This, of course, is only an ordinary food. On another occasion I hope to give two more recipes, one for making hard food and another for making soft food.

RD. WILFORD.

What is a Dark Mule?

SIR,—I noticed in last week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Jackson wishes to know what is a dark mule. Mr. J. ought to be satisfied with what the judge told him in my presence; but it is a case of a disappointed exhibitor, and nothing else. So it is no wonder he is grumbling. I have bred several mules, including my present winner, and if Mr. J. had bred his own, he would know what is a Dark Mule. Also my mule, which has a slight tick of yellow on the back of the head (not a white mark on the back of the neck), won 1st and special at Pwllheli show last Boxing-day under Mr. Wellings, and the Goldie-Canary which stood 2nd at Menai Bridge was placed the same at Pwllheli. So I think by that, being under two expert judges, they ought to know better than a novice what kind of a Mule ought to win in a Dark Mule Class?

W. NOLAN.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to contradict your correspondent, R. Jackson, re dark Mules at Menai Bridge Show. He states that the 2nd prize winner had a white spot under its beak. I absolutely deny it. Indeed, it amuses me to see how prejudiced some men are. When they see a good bird they at once try to find some fault with it, and when they fail they try to invent one. And so in this case. But it all arises from disappointment. Mr Jackson was himself an exhibitor in this class, coming out 3rd. Had he won, very likely his letter would never have appeared in CAGE BIRDS. I exhibited this bird only twice, and he won 2nd both times under Mr. Wellings, and Mr. House, out of 23 dark Mules in the two shows, and these gentlemen have, in my opinion, better knowledge of a good Mule than a novice as Mr. Jackson titles himself. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Dinorwig. WM. J. PARRY.

To Sellers and Buyers of Canaries.

SIR,—I note that a correspondent says sellers send Buffs for Yellows, and that you have to pay 1s. 4d. to look at the birds. I, for one, would not grumble at that if the birds were as advertised. To read the advertisements some people put in, one would think winners grow on tree-tops. If these advertisers would put something like the truth, it would save a lot of trouble. But you can't expect to get a winner for 12s. 6d. I say use the deposit system.

F. HENSON.

SIR,—I was pleased to see a correspondent—"Dickey Dent"—bringing to the notice of sellers of Canaries the importance of sending birds as per advertisement, and with your kind permission would like to give novices (like myself) a word of advice about replying to advertisements. About September last an advertisement appeared offering at a low price (although costly to me) young cock Hartz Canaries, singing, sex guaranteed. I sent a postal order for two, enclosing a stamped postcard for advising me when despatched. I waited a week, then went over to enquire about them. Upon my arrival, was told they had been sent off per carrier that day. However, they were not sent off as a matter of fact until about four days after my visit, and lo and behold, they have both turned out to be hens. Upon entering my bird-room this morning, I find one has two eggs, and the other is anxious to nest. So much for all my trouble and expenses. I naturally wondered why the singing had not taken place, as they have been in my room side by side with a good singing Roller. My advice to beginners is this: Save up a trifle more and deal only with a reliable breeder. Pay a fair price, and the result will soon be obvious; and don't heed such advertisements as I unfortunately was tempted to do. One word in conclusion, insist upon the deposit system, with the Editor, which has proved a benefit to myself and doubtless to a great numbers of readers. I wish "Dickey Dent" and his friend better luck next time. CAGE BIRDS every success, and everyone a successful breeding season.

LOVER OF BIRDS AND JUSTICE.

[On several occasions we have warned readers of the necessity of exercising caution whenever cock Canaries (especially "young cocks") are being offered at very low, tempting prices. Twice last season we published editorials advising insistence upon the deposit system and verification of the sex (wherever possible) before completion of the purchase.—Editor.]

SIR,—"Dickey Dent's" letter of last week is not uncalled for, as no doubt such tricks of certain kinds of dealers (not fanciers) have done and are doing a lot of harm, as those buying for the first time think they are offering genuine birds, though older hands know good birds cannot be had at the prices mentioned. There is also another thing done, which I think even worse, that is in sending birds which are full of asthma, as here the deposit system is not much use, as the birds, being doctored up, show no signs of it for a week or two, and then the money has been paid over. But I am glad to say there are many honourable men to be found, as for several years I have had birds from all parts of England, and only once have I met a real fraud, and that was over a 7s. 6d. matter. Only in February last I wrote a fancier *re* some birds he had advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and he immediately replied, giving full particulars of four birds, and offering to send them even without deposit. Well, I sent for one, and when it arrived, others who saw it asked me to get one for them, and the result was I sent for all four, as they were honestly described in his letters. While writing, I would like to let readers know how I was treated by railway and steamship companies *re* carriage. The first Yorkshire Canary I had sent direct to Belfast, thence rail to Portadown, carriage 1s. 8d., which at first I refused to pay. On the station-master writing on my behalf to try and have the rate reduced, I had a sharp letter saying there would be no reduction, and (please note) any others from the same place would be charged same rates. Well, I told the clerk we would see further about that part of the business, and as I was getting the other three birds sent that week, I asked the gentleman to send them off for a trip, *via* Liverpool, thence per L. and N.W. Railway Company, *via* Holyhead and Greenore, to Portadown, and the carriage in this instance was only 1s. 2d. So I would warn fanciers who may be sending birds from Scotland to Ireland to fight shy of the Belfast route.

JAMES MAGEE.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be? Some Opinions from Our Readers.

SIR,—As an old opponent of the Cage Bird Union, I would be glad if you would permit me to reply to your very able editorial article in the issue of CAGE BIRDS dated April 9th. An old opponent! True, but not of the general principles that were meant to be embodied in the Union, but of the coercive manner in which it was proposed that the Union should govern the Fancy. Events have passed during the last few weeks which have conclusively proved that the Cage Bird Union as at present constituted is doomed—not through any lack of support from the Fancy, but rather through the inexplicable lack of that tact and good management which are absolutely essential if a body so extensive as the Cage Bird Fancy is to be correctly governed. I have repeatedly heard it predicted that the Union would gradually die out of its own accord, and in the light of recent events it certainly appears that these predictions are coming true. The reasons for this gradual decay are not very difficult to find, and the first and principal one is in the word "coercion," closely followed by what you so aptly described as the want of "a little more of the iron hand in the velvet glove." Readers of CAGE BIRDS two or three years ago will remember the violent controversy that took place in its columns over the fateful Rule 17, which was then described as the "Keystone of the C.B.U.," and it was definitely stated that without the rule the Union must inevitably fall through. As an opponent of the rule, I contended that if such was the case, it simply proved my assertion, that any Union which based its existence upon such a coercive rule could not possibly be of any benefit to fanciers, and that eventually the rule would be the downfall of the Union. That the rule has been largely responsible for the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs cannot be denied, for without a doubt the other causes of complaint against the Union are only of secondary importance compared with the great dissatisfaction and ill-feeling which have been caused by Rule 17, which, for the benefit of new readers, I might say is now Rule 22. I failed to see then, and I fail to see now, by what possible right the Union claimed the power to say where fanciers may show their birds, and where they may not, thus infringing upon their rights and curtailing the legitimate liberties of men who keep cage birds for a hobby, in order to enable the Union to compel societies to become affiliated, whether they desired to or not. When the rule became an established fact what was the result? Many societies absolutely refused to join the Union, on the ground that Rule 17 interfered with the rights and liberties of their members; and other societies, principally those existing in districts where the majority of societies had become affiliated, were compelled to join against their will, because they recognised that their open shows would suffer if they did not do so, owing to the members of the neighbouring societies being debarred from exhibiting at an unaffiliated show. The further absurdity of the rule is that it is in a certain sense only half a rule, and it inflicts its hardships only upon the exhibiting members of the Union. Thus, a member of the Union may not exhibit at a non-Union show, yet he is at perfect liberty to judge a non-Union show. And, further than that, although a member of the Union cannot exhibit at a non-Union show, any non-affiliated exhibitor may show at a Union show. Could anything be more absurd? Is it to be wondered at that exhibitors recognise the fact that they are far better off when out of the Union? Would it not be much better to abolish the rule altogether and place the Union members upon an equal footing with non-Union members so far as opportunities of exhibiting are concerned? It may be news to some that Rule 22 of the C.B.U. is considered by some unaffiliated exhibitors to be a veritable God-send to them, but it is nevertheless a fact, inasmuch that it enables them to win prizes at shows where many of the crack exhibitors are not allowed to show at; and it is therefore scarcely to be wondered at that they refuse to join the Union. It was stated at one time that the very life of the Union depended upon the existence of Rule 22, but after the fair trial it has had I think it will be apparent to everyone at present that the life of the Union depends upon the *non*-existence of the rule, and personally I cannot see why a strong National Union promoted for the benefit of the Fancy cannot exist without having recourse to such coercive rules. This obnoxious rule is solely responsible for the motion standing in my name to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Sunderland Society: "That we withdraw from the Union," for at present we are the only affiliated society in the North who will hold an open show this year, and it would be obviously unfair to our members if we were to remain affiliated, and thus deprive them of the opportunity of showing their birds at the other Northern shows. In regard to the management of the Union, it cannot by any stretch of the imagination be said to have been satisfactory, and no doubt the "slating" you gave them in your article was deserved to a certain extent. I felt rather sorry for the President, Mr. Bladon, who is probably a most good-natured gentleman, and no doubt his kindly disposition would lead him to adopt peaceful measures at a time when more stern action was required, and without a doubt he will feel your remarks very keenly; yet he may not blame you for speaking your mind so freely. Mr. Raynes also has my entire sympathy, and if the facts were fully known perhaps he is not so much to blame for the recent Palace fiasco as we appear to think. The one great fault against the secretary appears to be the lack of communication to the Press, yet I fail to find anything in the rules of the C.B.U. which compels the secretary to notify the Press, or societies either for that matter, of what has transpired at the Council meetings, although this is not as it should be. Were the Council taken collectively, and their management of the Union during the past two years criticised, it would be found that they are really to blame for the present unsatisfactory condition of the Cage Bird Union. The method of dealing out justice adopted by the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union is certainly a peculiar one, and savours of the policy of "Punish those who cannot help themselves, and let the strong go free." One instance of each will be sufficient to illustrate my meaning. Take the case of Mr. T. C. Crawhall first. He was found guilty of exhibiting at an unaffiliated show and suspended for two months. The two months selected by the District Committee (No. 1) were the principal months of the show season, and every show where Mr. Crawhall could have competed for a certain cup was held during these two months, with the result that he was unable to compete at all. Mr. Crawhall appealed against the decision of the District Committee on the grounds that the sentence was too severe, and owing to the straightforward manner in which he gave his evidence, and the extenuating circumstances under which he committed the offence, his appeal was supported by every Northern Society with which he was connected—I believe five in number. However, the appeal was dismissed by the Executive Council, with the result that five societies lost a good member, the C.B.U. lost a strong supporter, and Mr. Crawhall lost all chance of winning a cup. And the irony of it all is that here is a good fancier who unwittingly makes a mistake, freely acknowledges it, and is punished most severely; yet during the past show season the C.B.U. has been openly flouted in respect to Rule 22, and within the knowledge of the District Committee, but not the slightest action has been taken against the offenders. Why? It has been said that the offenders were not reported. What need is there to report anything when in some cases the District Committees were not aware of the fact? Why don't the District Committees look after these things themselves? Do they expect that every fancier who visits a show is going to act as a "tout" for them? The best and most straightforward manner in which to deal with this matter would be for the secretary of the District Committee to obtain a catalogue of these shows, and enquire into all doubtful cases. However, the case of Mr. Crawhall sufficiently illustrates how strict the C.B.U. Executive Council can be when dealing with a solitary individual. Let us see how they fared when they were opposed by a strong society. Many of your readers will be aware that the present crisis in the affairs of the C.B.U. in the North originated over a certain special at Newcastle Show two years ago. Without going into details with which I have nothing to do, it will be sufficient to say that the decision arrived at by the Newcastle Society was declared by the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union to be wrong, and that the Newcastle Society decision must be reversed. Whether the decision of the Council, or the decision of the Society was correct, is immaterial to the point at issue. The Executive Council is the recognised Final Court of Appeal, and whether their decision was just or not, it should have been carried out. Did Newcastle do so? No. They thought the decision was unjust, and openly defied the Union. What did the Executive Council do? Nothing whatever, thus proving that the Newcastle Society was a stronger body than the Executive Council of the C.B.U. Why did they not suspend the whole Newcastle Society for refusing to comply with the decision of the Executive Council, as per Rule 21? Was it because they were afraid to do so, or was it because one of the Executive Council was also a member of Newcastle? These things need explaining, and it is simply due to what you have termed "the want of a little more of the iron hand in the velvet glove" that a single society was allowed to prove itself the master of the C.B.U. Prompt action on the part of the Union at that particular time would have immensely raised its reputation, and without a doubt the present crisis would have been unheard of. One more point, and I have finished. What capabilities do the members of the Executive Council possess that they should constitute themselves a "Final Court of Appeal" in all matters appertaining to the Cage Bird Fancy? One member at least admittedly does not know the difference between a Canary and a Mule, and also admits that he is a novice. I say this without any disrespect to the gentleman in question, and I think he will understand that I am only using his case to illustrate my meaning. If it should happen that (as is quite possible from the manner in which they are elected) the other members of the Council were also novices, so far as knowledge of cage birds is concerned, what use would the Executive Council be as a Court of Appeal if they had to decide any question such as whether a certain bird was a Canary or a Mule, or, for that matter, deciding the identity of any other cage bird? I think fanciers will grasp my point, which is that a Court of Appeal should consist of a number (say six or seven) of recognised experts in the Cage Bird Fancy, who would deal with all matters relating to the birds themselves, and leave the Executive Council to look after the legal affairs of the Union. In conclusion, if the Union should fall through, I for one shall be very sorry to see it go, for I have no objection to it other than on the score of the coercive Rule 22, which I have always fought against; and should the Union decide to go on without that objectionable rule, or a new Union rise in its place that will benefit the Fancy without being so coercive in its methods, it will assuredly have the hearty support of

W. REID.

[If it be Mr. Reid's idea (certain passages in his letter might reasonably be held to suggest it) that the purport of our article was the "slating" of C.B.U. officials, or the hurting of the feelings of any particular official, we can only say that he has woefully misconstrued our object in penning it.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—Your article in CAGE BIRDS issue of April 9, should be a power for good, if only in the direction of rousing the rank and file of members from their apathy and lack of sympathy with the objects of the Cage Bird Union; it is against these that the Union has had to contend, and it is these which are at the root of the Union's not being a total success, as well as the disregard of its rules by many members and societies. It is indeed regrettable that such a large number of influential societies should have seceded from the Union's ranks; this fact should stir up the members to find out where the Union has failed, and to remedy the defects. As one who has taken the keenest interest in the Union since its inception, I do hope these societies' objections will be ventilated at some meeting, and that they will reconsider their decisions. No reasons have been vouchsafed for these secessions, and I venture to suggest that if instead of withdrawing and so weakening the Union by their examples, these societies had given their reasons at an adjourned general meeting, it would have been more politic. The London and Provincial O.S., for instance, beyond merely announcing the fact in the Press, have given no clue of their grievance. Their delegate is a member of the Executive, but no suggestions have been made by him to that body to remedy the trouble which caused the society's action. Nor, I understand, have they or the London C.B.A. given any notice to the Union's secretary of their withdrawal. The L.C.B.A. also give no clue of their grievance. Still, it is notorious that never, at any time, has it taken kindly to the Union. Of the others, Rochdale would seem to desire to form a counter Union for Lancashire; Newcastle presumably cannot see their way to conform to the adverse ruling in their appeal to the Council. Cardiff appear to have withdrawn because others have done so, and of the remainder several have openly shown their distaste for the rules. If the withdrawals have been merely because of the informality of the Crystal Palace meeting, that surely was not sufficient to condemn the Union as a whole; but if they were for other and more serious reasons, these societies might have exercised the power given by Rule 8 to call a special meeting and had the reasons discussed; and no doubt they would have been met. The danger of these secessions is that a number of Unions, Federations, and so on will spring up, with varying codes of rules and consequent universal confusion. It is a pity the indictments brought against the Union were not more specifically set out, as these might have contained some of the reasons of the withdrawals. It is stated that the rules are not adhered to by members and the Executive, and that they are arbitrary and coercive. The non-adherence to the rules by members and societies is, I believe, the one great stumbling-block to the Union's success—a number of societies have not been loyal to the Union. One of the most important implied its intention of defying the Council's ruling, if it went against them, in a case arising at their show, while many members have openly infringed the rules. With such a state of thing no organisation can carry on its work successfully. Now, if the rules are not considered good, why not have them amended? The only one to which any opposition has been made is the old Rule 17, and it should be borne in mind that this rule has been brought up at every general meeting, and confirmed on each occasion. In addition to this, a post-card vote has been taken, which resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of its retention in its present form. Still, if this or any other rule is now found to be unworkable, amend it. But whatever rules are agreed to by the general body of members, the minority should at least fall in with them, and every member and society should loyally observe them. This has not been done. Then again, if it is considered the members of the Executive have not been capable men, why are they not changed? They are elected annually. An opportunity of changing them should arise shortly, when the election will take place. The Council for the first year or two were intentionally lenient with offenders against the rules, especially Rule 22. It was, I suppose, intended to enforce this more strongly during the last season, but here unfortunately the delegates have been apathetic and sadly lacking in reporting cases, but have rather winked at the breaking of this rule. This no doubt accounts for the non-publication of disqualifications and votes of censure complained of, as there do not appear to have been any to report during the last twelve months, except the one at Rochdale, which was duly published. Such a rule as No. 22 is good and necessary. Without it the temptation to save the small subscription to the Union would be too great for most societies. Not many would remain members, and with a small membership how would it be possible to do the good the Union is already doing in the way of avoiding clashing and suspending wrong-doers from exhibiting at the bulk of shows? This rule certainly might be dropped in a few years' time, when all societies have come into line, and the original rule debarring non-members of the Union from exhibiting at its shows be brought into force, doing away with the present inconsistency, so much complained of. Then again, members have shown their apathy, as instance their not supporting the compensation scheme of the Union. I doubt if a score of members have entered it. The fee of 1s. covers the whole season, and only amounts to what a railway company would charge for four journeys for the same compensation. After all the time and trouble and money expended in bringing the Union into being, it should not be allowed to lapse, or split up into sections, merely for want of a little energy amongst its members. There is no doubt whatever a Union is needed, and can be of service to the Fancy in many ways. Every other branch has found one necessary, and the Cage Bird Fancy is not so immaculate as not to require one also. Besides, a Union can do so much which cannot be done by individuals or the most influential of societies singly, as the insuring of stock, approaching railway companies, avoiding clashing, and suspending wrong-doers. I strongly protest against your writer's remarks regarding the president and secretary, especially at a time when the voting papers are out for the election to these offices. After all, the delegates who do the nominating and electing are the best judges of their capabilities, and they should be left to give their unbiassed vote to whom they consider the best men for the positions. It is also out of all reason to describe all the general meetings as

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"notorious fiascos." At every one but the last the whole of the agenda has been gone through, and considerable business done, and at these meetings Mr. Bladon has shown himself an ideal president, inasmuch as he has *not* strongly asserted himself. The opponents of the Union gathered there have been such as would have resented any peremptory or assertive action from the chair. They were there generally only to do their best to upset the Union, and it was better to let them talk themselves out. There is a rule (8) that a special meeting of delegates shall be called on a requisition signed by five District Committees. I suggest that such a meeting be held, and that the delegates of the seceding societies attend, and the Yorkshire societies, if they will, to discuss the agenda left over from the Palace meeting, the causes of the secessions, and other business that may be given notice of. According to the report of the Council meeting, the District Committee have been asked to meet to give suggestions with a view to these being brought up at such a meeting. The objects which you name, of removing all existing causes of dissatisfaction with the Union and reforming it where experience has shown reformation desirable, are most laudable, and I believe can be brought about; but when done, do let the members and societies, too, observe the rules, and assist the District Committees and Executive in carrying them out by giving their loyal support and taking a livelier interest in the Union.

A DELEGATE.

[We should be the last to desire to prejudice the result of any election, and our article of last week was published without any knowledge on our part of the said-to-be pending election of C.B.U. officials.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—The Battersea Cage Bird Association has seceded from the Cage Bird Union. It was carried unanimously at the last meeting.

F. EASTERLING,
Hon. Sec.

SIR,—Very many thanks for your article on the above subject. All who have the government of the Fancy at heart will appreciate your endeavour to arouse interest in the management of the Cage Bird Union. That there is good reason for the existence of the Union is evidenced by the loud and almost universal call for a Union at the time of its inception; then why has it been more or less of a failure up to now? For the first year or so not much could be expected, as the Union had to get into working order and feel its way, but now there is no reason why a more vigorous line should not be taken. I have always been against the coercive rules, 22 (formerly 17 and 10), but whenever this rule has been voted on there has been a big majority in its favour; consequently we must assume that the bulk of the members favour it. Such being the case, the officers must see that it is carried out without fear or favour. At our delegates' meeting last Saturday, it was unanimously decided to carry out this rule without prejudice, no matter who the guilty party might be, I would ask the Northern and Southern clubs who have seceded, if it would not have been better to have devoted their energies to mending the Union instead of hoping to end it. They were very loud in their favour at first, but now otherwise; why?

S. HADWIN.

SIR,—After reading your admirable leader on the Cage Bird Union, I think every society, whether affiliated or not to the Union, is indebted to you for your straightforward speaking. The officials whom you mention cannot blame you for showing them their faults, which have, no doubt, been the stop-gap to the success of the C.B.U. The members have a right to know what is being done every month, and if all proceedings were published in the Fancy Press regularly it would encourage the outsiders to join the Union. There is one important item I should like to draw the Council's attention to (it will also answer "Straight Un's" query in "Under the White Rose") anent the remarks concerning the Green Canary Association's patronage. The C.B.U. should not interfere with members of specialist clubs who are following the club's patronage at a non-Union show. A fancier may belong to a specialist club which is not affiliated to the C.B.U.; at the same time he may be a member of a local society affiliated to the Union. Naturally he is interested in any cups or specials given for the season's competition, but being a C.B.U. member, he is debarred from exhibiting at a non-Union show where his club is giving their patronage. This is very hard on him if he is well up in points. This is partly the reason why the G.C.A. have not given their patronage to Yorkshire shows—because the majority of the G.C.A. exhibitors are members of the C.B.U. It is very hard for the G.C.A. not to be able to support the Yorkshire shows, because we in Liverpool have had such good support from Yorkshire. Personally I think a Specialist Club member, though he may also belong to the C.B.U., should be allowed to follow his club's patronage, but to exhibit only in his club's classes at non-Union shows.

J. W. METCALFE.

SIR,—Your editorial *re* the above Union in the issue of CAGE BIRDS dated April 9th is most opportune. The thanks of the fanciers throughout the country are due to you for your trenchant and fair review of the position in which the Union stands at the present moment. In view of the probability of a change in the personnel of the management, it is best to be charitable. No one, I am sure, would wish to add to the tension of the situation. We want friendly helpers, not hostile critics—builders, not demolishers. So I trust the entirely moderate note you strike in your article will influence the whole of the correspondence which the seriousness of the case is certain to occasion. Apart from all other considerations, stronger management is urgently required. Secretarial work should only be undertaken by a man with the necessary qualifications. Mere popularity or eminence in the Fancy should not count alone. Square men in round holes are out of place. A really first-class secretary, with the help of a representative and hard-working committee, under the chairmanship of a man experienced in handling meetings, would pull the Union together and put it in its proper position in a short time. A lot of spade work has already been done and some experience gained. Let us profit by our partial failure while there is yet time, and I am hopeful that the first estimate of the usefulness and influence of the Cage Bird Union will blossom into an assumed fact.

J. S. CLINCH.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Singing Contests.

LEIGH.

Linnet, singing contest held at Manchester-road Inn, when 23 birds faced the judges for time and quality. Winners for time: T. Statham, 127, 1st; W. Holmes, 51, 2nd; T. Mawdsley, 41, 3rd. For quality: P. O'Neil, 1st; W. Milligan, 2nd; J. W. Jones, 3rd. Judges, Messrs. Fearnley, Ellison, and Gibbons. Timekeeper, W. Milligan.

DURHAM.

Will all fanciers who intend going to Leeds on Whit week-end, to give Leeds Linnet fanciers two friendly contests, kindly send in their names, or let me have them at the contest held April 16th, at the Grey Horse Inn, Hollow, near Crook? Five prizes given.—GEO. REED, Sec., Brandon Colliery.

BLACKBURN.

Contest held at the Royal Oak, Furthergate, on April 9, when 13 birds competed for four prizes. Result: Harrison 9.55, Brierley 9.2, Halliday 8.53, Ward 8.55. Next contest at Oxford Inn, Burnley, April 23, first bird 2.30. Challenge.—The Blackburn L.F.A. will sing any bird (Lark) living for five or ten pounds aside; any of Brook's birds preferred. Business only meant.—R. AIREY, sec.—ADVT.

LONDON, N.

We have had several handicaps during the week. I hope we shall have a good muster on April 16th, when our dinner is coming off.—F. WESTMORE.

SHEFFIELD.

Royds Inn Linnet Singing Society held a contest on April 9, at Dallamore's, Attercliffe Road. Fourteen birds competed for three prizes:—Herbert 116 sec., Palfreman 114 sec., Palfreman 64 sec., Bishy 59 secs, Burkinshaw 57 sec., Bishy 56 sec., Burkinshaw 51 sec., Worral 38 sec. April 10, when 7 birds competed for three prizes, and an extra special, value 7s. 6d.:—Thompson 121 sec., Palfreman 116 sec., Palfreman 113 sec., Williamson, 112 sec., Palfreman 39 sec., Thompson 38 sec. Mr. Palfreman won the special; Palfreman 92 sec., Thompson 62 sec. On April 17 Mr. Dallamore will give another extra special, value 10s. Variety show, held April 10th, when 10 birds faced the judges:—1, Williamson; 2, Wilhorn; 3, Watson. Judges, Messrs. Johnson and Richardson. A variety show will be held on April 17, staged at 8 o'clock prompt. A Challenge.—Mr. A. Palfreman, 34, Joiner Lane, Wicker, Sheffield, will sing any Linnet within 12 miles round Sheffield, from £1 to £5 aside. Answer through CAGE BIRDS will be attended to at once.—H. WOODCOCK, sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Second weekly sing, held at the Rock Inn Glasshoughton, April 9, when 31 birds faced the timekeepers. Result: 1, Wainwright; 2, J. Higgins; 3, G. Hodgkinson.—W. DOBSON, sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Usual week-end time-singing contest, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, April 3. D. Madden, 1st; J. Clark, 2nd; B. Hargreaves, 3rd. Result of contest held April 10th: 1st, a novice, E. Mulholland, a very nice quality bird, also a lengthy time-singer; 2nd, J. Clark; 3, T. Hargreaves. Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Ryan, J. Hargreaves. A quality match will be held at above house, April 16th, 3 o'clock. Time-singing as usual, on April 17, commence 1 o'clock.—JOE HARGREAVES, hon. sec.

Usual week-end quality contest held at Prince Albert Hotel on April 10th, 21 birds singing; very good singing was heard. Result: 1st and 2nd shared between Butler and Soloman; 3rd, A. Binns. Judges, Messrs. A. Lorriman and G. Towers. Timekeeper, W. Dean.—A. TURNER, hon. sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. open contest, held at Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, on April 9th, when 21 birds competed for four prizes. Result: 1 J. Mather, 125; 2, G. Molyneaux, 78; 3, McFarlane, 72; 4, J. Wych, 64. Judges, Messrs. W. Peet, W. Mather. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Molyneaux. Next club meeting April 17th, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Intending members invited.—C. CORBETT, sec.

Under the White Rose.

O.N.P.C. ballot papers for the election of the committee are now in the hands of the members, and must be returned to the scrutineer not later than Monday, the 18th; so please don't forget. "Do it now," must be your motto. Also take heed that the member receiving most votes will be vice-chairman, and it is specially requested that the votes be given to make the committee as representative as possible of the various districts already covered by the members.

THE Y.C.C. are to hold a committee meeting to-day, Saturday, at 6 p.m., to prepare business and receive suggestions for the annual general meeting, which takes place on Saturday, April 30th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Will members kindly acquaint the secretary of any item they think will be beneficial to the society's working? They can rest assured it will be received very cordially.

C.M.Y.C.C. are also holding a committee meeting on the 16th, to follow the Y.C.C. meeting, probably at 7.30, for the same purpose. Their annual general meeting takes place on the 23rd and they expect to have a "bumper." As the membership is now so very large it is expected a far greater and wider interest will be taken in the society.

SHIPLEY O.S. have now fully regained their old reputation. They began their last financial year with a debit balance, but now (thanks to their energetic secretary, Mr. Martin, and the other officials), they are again in a sound position, both numerically and financially, finishing up the year with a balance of £9 in hand. And great credit is due to all who have worked so hard during the last 12 months to put the society on a sound basis.

HULL Cage Bird Society are making great headway. Since the beginning of January they have made no less than 13 new members (it is said 13 is an unlucky number, so look out for another or two to spoil it), and the members' shows are coming up well, 181 entries having been received at the three members' shows up to date. The Mule and Hybrid section of this society must be very strong. At their members' show on April 4th two classes only were provided—"Pairs for Canary Mule breeding," and "Pairs for Hybrid breeding"—and a grand total of 31 pairs were staged in the two classes, some real clinkers being amongst them. It is hoped that at the end of the season there will be something to show worthy of their labour of love. This society has two cups up for competition, one for champions and one for novices, to be shown for at the various shows during the year; but so far the British bird and Mule fanciers hold sway. The last two shows they have had to themselves, but when the next comes on, the Canary men will be running up strong. Then at the Boxing-day show, which is the final, both sections are well catered for, and a large show is hoped for, and if classification counts it should be.

YORKSHIRE Union of C.B.S. have gathered in still another society, the Morley and Dis. C.B.S. having decided to join its ranks. This brings the Y.U. total strength up to 30 societies, and will make a record in the annals of the Union. The Morley fanciers have had this point under consideration for some time, and I was pleased to hear they had decided to throw in their lot with their brother fanciers.

BRITISH bird fanciers will be glad to know that a pair of Kingfishers have taken up their abode on a little stream within a very few miles of Bradford, and if undisturbed are likely to settle for the season.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Glasshoughton and Dis. Linnet S.A. usual sing, held at the Rock Inn, April 10th, when we had 11 entries. S. Scott was 1st, 47 seconds; R. Taylor, 2nd, 37 seconds; A. Longfield, 3rd, 35 seconds.—R. TAYLOR, sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1, 3, Morris Smith; 2, J. Lee. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, sec.

LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest, held at Manchester Road Inn on April 9th, when Mr. J. Eckersley gave 15s., which was split up into six prizes for quality and time. Result for quality: P. O'Niel (Leigh) 1st, W. Milligan (Wigan) 2, J. W. Jones (Leigh) 3. For time: 1, T. Statham (Leigh), 127 sec.; 2, W. Holmes (Firs Lane), 59 sec.; 3, J. Mawsley (Appley Bridge), 38 sec. Judge, Mr. F. Gibbins. Timers, Messrs. J. Ellison and J. Fearnley. Minute man, Mr. W. Milligan. We hope to see a lot of Linnet fanciers at the Grapes Inn, Leigh, April 16th. After the contest we had some very good songs from some of the fanciers. 25 birds were entered at the contest.—J. W. JONES.

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Wild Bird Life.

April Notes.

The month of April is one of the most interesting to the lover of wild bird life. Some time during the month the majority of our summer migrants are due to return to their English homes, and our hedgerows and woodlands will receive additional attractions in the numbers of graceful songsters to be found in them by those who are keen enough and patient enough to find them. We shall soon hear the cry of the Wryneck, the bird with beautifully mottled plumage, who loves to roam among the old trees in park-like country, seldom seeking the sheltered hedgerows or thick plantations. The handsome Redstart, Tree Pipit, and Whitethroat are all due, and will no doubt soon be located.

The last-named species is possibly one of our most common warblers. Here in the south we can find him along every hedgerow or copse. The cock bird's gushing song rendered under considerable excitement commands attention, and very unobservant would be the person who failed to note some half dozen or so during an hour's stroll along a Surrey lane. Seeking a prominent spray of bramble or hawthorn, the Whitethroat sings a few sweet, oft-repeated notes with swelling throat and quivering wings. Another incessant performer is the little Willow Wren, a graceful bird in an olive green and yellow dress, so near akin to the Chiff Chaff and Wood Wren that few can distinguish them.

Somewhere near the middle of the month the Cuckoo should be with us—"bird of mystery," whose coming delights both old and young, whose song consisting as it does of two simple notes has impressed its presence upon the minds of all. Spring is not with us until the Cuckoo "has told his name to all the hills." If the weather is not too severe, and we are fortunate enough to get the April showers that conduce to the bursting of the buds that make cover for our feathered visitors, all these and many other equally interesting will soon be among us, for the arrival of many is determined to a great extent by the amount of cover there is. Nor is the food supply sufficient for a great influx of feathered life until the showers and sunshine have brought to life many species of insect now lying dormant. The Nightingale, rightly called the "King of Songsters," was rather less plentiful last summer than usual. We shall watch with interest his coming, and hope to hear his glorious melody after sundown in his old accustomed haunts.

COVENTRY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

An Egg-food Making Competition.

An egg-food making competition was held at our last meeting on April 6th at the Sydenham palace. Members turned up in good numbers. The first prize was awarded to Mr. J. Corrall who took 3 minutes 5 seconds.

The ingredients used were bread crust baked and crushed. Mr. Corrall remarked that he finds bread crust will keep fresh for a very long time—one egg, one biscuit, ½ teaspoon of sugar, pinch of salt. Four teaspoonfuls of the ground bread crust were put in a basin and slightly damped with water, the egg was shelled and pushed through a sieve with a knife; the biscuit was put through to clean seive. The egg and biscuit were now put in basin with bread crust, sugar, and salt added, and well mixed together.

The second prize was awarded to Mr. G. Peters, whose time was 1 min. 31 secs. The ingredients used were two or two and a half Osborne or Marie biscuits, one egg, ½ teaspoon of ground bone, ½ teaspoon of maw seed. Mr. Peters first crushed the biscuits with a rolling pin, next shelled the egg, and pushed egg through a sieve with a knife, the crushed biscuit was then pushed through to clean sieve; all ingredients mixed on a board or paper with the fingers. This food was a very good rich food, the ground bone being used to prevent looseness of bowels in the young birds. Mr. Peters stated that none of this food is wasted by his birds.

The third prize was awarded to Mr. T. Judd, whose time was 1 min. 50 secs. Mr. Judd crumbled 2½ozs. of bread with his hands, shelled one egg, and pushed it through a sieve with a knife, the bread crumbs following to clean sieve. Mixed this in a basin. His was a very nice looking food, not so rich as the others, but much cheaper.

All three gentlemen believe in giving a little food at a time and often; also unlimited supplies of green food. Useful hints and ideas were also given by Messrs. J. Symonds, G. Lawrence, Davies, and W. Lucas. Next meeting will be held April 20th, when members will give papers, and there will be a discussion on "How to get Young Birds on Seed." Our entrance fee and subscription are quite nominal ones, and we shall be pleased to receive nomination for membership. Anyone who joins will find our meetings entertaining and instructive.—J. SHADDOCK.

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Goldfinch and Linnet Mule Breeding for Exhibition Purposes.

By ADAM WHILLIS.

No doubt the beautiful and lifelike coloured plates in CAGE BIRDS of Canary Mules and Hybrids between Britishers have been and will continue to be the means of starting a few new hands at trying to produce their like. But such aspirants must prepare themselves for disappointments, and not be down-hearted in consequence, but keep pegging away and pressing towards the goal, whatever the Hybrid wanted may be.

The Hybrids I am trying to produce are perfect specimens of the Goldfinch and Canary, and the Linnet and Canary crosses. I must say I have been very successful in producing numbers of them, and also in getting a few fairly good ones, but I can still see a lot of room for improvement. One Finch which I lost at the end of last breeding season gave me in seven seasons 118 young, and I think that is very creditable. The others have been very good breeders also. So I think that if others who are going in for these Hybrids will give the birds the same treatment they should be just as successful as I have been up to the present, and I am hopeful of producing some rare specimens yet.

Feeding the Finches.

The Goldfinch I feed on hemp and Canary seed as a staple food. The tit-bits I give him in a small jar, which I place at the side of the cage, as I think the passing the hand in through the door of the cage helps to steady the Goldfinch down. I give him in this manner teazle, niger and thistle seeds. Sunflower I give him, but I first take the shells off; then I place the kernel on the cross-bar of the cage between the wires. I find this does a lot to steady him, as Goldfinches are very fond of sunflower. In a very short time he will take it from the fingers with a swing and a tweet that only a Goldfinch can give. I also give him a piece of ripe apple, and I find that he enjoys it.

That is how I feed him in the winter months. Then as soon as the young herbs begin to shoot in the spring, I get my Finches on to them. Don't give them too much at first; wait till they have had them two or three times before being liberal, as they are sure to eat more than will be good for them, and that will put your chances of success considerably behind, if it does not do away with them altogether for that season, as when Finches go wrong (especially with a new beginner) it is generally a hard case.

The green foods I give are: first, dandelion leaves, which are to be got quite early in the spring; you will always find the best ones underneath trees or hedgerows, and if you pull the decayed grass to one side you will find them underneath nice and green. Then there is the groundsel; you will find this in nearly any sheltered corner. Keep giving this whenever it can be got free from frost, as any green-food with the frost in it would not be of any advantage to the birds, which should be singing away nicely by this time. Then come the dandelion seed-heads, or "white top," as they are called; they are the "conditioner" for the Goldie. Give them to him in abundance, and then you will soon have him "as fit as a fiddle."

The Linnet I give Canary and rape seeds as a staple food, and treat the same as the Goldie. But I don't give him hemp in any quantity—just a few seeds along with his other tit-bits, which are made up of teazle and flax, or linseed, as it is better known; also a few shelled sunflower seeds (in the same manner I give them to the Goldie), and a little rape seedlings that have been growing in a flower-pot. I find that the Linnet is very fond of the latter, but the Goldfinch does not care for them. Give the Linnet also in the early spring dandelion leaves and chickweed; he prefers these to groundsel. "White tops" he is very fond of, also shepherd's purse, whenever you can find it.

If fed in that manner, and a bath is given on fine days, both Finches and Linnets should be ready to breed with by the end of April.

What about the Hens?

Now what about the hens? They are Canaries. And what sort of Canaries are best for Mule breeding? I have bred my own hens this last six years. I had to begin with some yellow Yorkshire and some Norwich hens. I had been buying hens for several years, but had never obtained anything like what was in my mind's eye; so I thought I would breed my own for a change. I got a buff Lancashire cock and paired him to the Yorkshire hens, and a buff Norwich cock I paired to the Norwich hens. Before I had had three season's breeding from their offspring I could see a great improvement in the Mules. Of course, you must select your largest birds every year for the following year's breeding, and clears if possible. Yellow hens are to be preferred, and be sure you keep note of how they are bred, so that you will not over-do the Sib.-breeding. I always take a round of Canaries from the hens first, as the Finches are later breeders, but if you pair up your Canaries in the latter part of March or the beginning of April, by the time the hen has hatched and reared her young Canaries, the Finch ought to be in good form for breeding.

Treatment of Hens During the Winter.

Of course, you must not think you are going to breed without some preparation, or without looking after the hens when they are not breeding. There are some so-called fanciers who, when the fever of bird breeding is not at its height, just give their birds seed and water when they are compelled to do so; and then when the breeding season approaches they commence by over-feeding their birds with egg and other stimulating foods, notwithstanding the pairs have been half starved through the winter; the result is, that it is too much for the birds, and they are properly upset.

During the winter I convert my breeding cages into flights. They are all double breeders I use, so that when the season is finished I give them a good washing and take out the slide, when they make very good flights, as they are from 3ft. to 3ft. 6ins. long. I run four hens into each until the first week of the year. I feed them on plain Canary seed as their staple food, and as tit-bits I give rape (and on days I do not give the rape a little linseed), and as the weather gets cold a little hemp or oats; I think the last-named a benefit to them, as I use no heating stove in my room, though I always cover the cages over at night during the winter months.

After New Year's Day I put the hens by twos in a cage, and put a Finch beside them, with the wire slide down; that helps them to get on to friendly terms with each other. I then take the linseed from the hens and give in its place niger. I keep on the floor of the sand-tray a good supply of hens' egg-shells crushed small; you can always get them for the asking from your baker, and if you put them in your kitchen oven when it is not in use, it makes them so that they may be easily broken to grit size. Be sure to give them a bath on fine days about the end of February. I give a little egg-food (about half teaspoonful to each bird) twice a week, and by about the middle of March I give it every second day.

When to Start Breeding.

The time for starting is approaching now, as I generally commence by the last week in March if the wind is any other direction than the east; so that the fancier should have been as busy as his birds getting cages cleaned and other things ready. Remember, it is a bad thing to do to start before you are ready. Everything should work like clockwork; all sand-trays and other pieces should be properly looked to, as a stiff sand-tray, for instance, might be the cause of frightening a hen and so undo all that has been done. The hens themselves require a trim-up, such as the taking of the sharp ends off their claws, and taking about one inch off their tails; also any bird that is feathery about the vent should be trimmed up in this quarter a little, as you would be surprised to know what that does towards ensuring fertile eggs.

I now make three double breeders do for four hen Canaries and two cock Goldfinches, so that the Goldfinch is in the centre of the two hens that he is going to be first paired to. I say "first paired to," as I run each Finch with the hens which his stable companion is put to next for the second round. That gives me a better idea as to whether there is any difference in the Finches for giving me quality in the Mule, and I find that as much depends upon the Finch as upon the hen. Of course, if I strike anything nice in the first nest, I run no risks, but let the fortunate pair run together again.

We must, when getting a brood of Canaries in the first instance from the hens, introduce the cock Canary to that hen which is most rank, and after she has laid her third egg, give her the eggs in the evening of the same day. I always take the eggs away as they are laid and give dummies instead. But before you give her the eggs, run the cock out into a single cage and place him against the other hen at the opposite side of the Finch, still keeping the Finch in his place in sight of the hens. Run the cock Canary to number two hen the next day if she is in form, and you will then have no trouble.

Exit the Cock Canaries.

When you have got all your hens put to nest, remove all the cock Canaries from the room for the season, and leave the Finches to finish with the hens. While the hens are sitting I give nothing but plain Canary seed until the day before they are due to hatch; I then give them a little hemp and rape seed, and the night before they hatch the eggs I put the egg-food in readiness for the hen in the morning. I don't give too much at a time, as I believe in the "little and often" principle, and as some hens are not over-fond of egg-food, you have a better chance of knowing whether that is so by seeing if the jar is cleared of the food. Watch what the hens are feeding mostly with, and whatever that is, don't let them be without it. At the same time don't give them any to waste.

Returning the Finch.

Now for the Finch; when is he to be introduced? Some fanciers say, let the young be three weeks old; but I do not agree. Watch your hens' movements, and that will give you a good idea, as some hens are not so quick at going to nest as others are. But I prefer to let the Finch go in before the young leave the nest—say, the tenth or twelfth day, as if you wait longer, and the young get on to the sticks, the Finch gets excited and frightened, flying from one end of the cage to the other, and when he does settle on the sticks it is to show fight to the first thing that comes near him. On the other hand, if the young are in the nest when he is introduced, the hen will perhaps sit down and call, and you will then have an idea, probably, of how your Finch is going to act; or if she does not call at once, she will not be very long doing so, for as sure as she goes to the nest and feeds, I know that to call will be her first act after she has fed the young.

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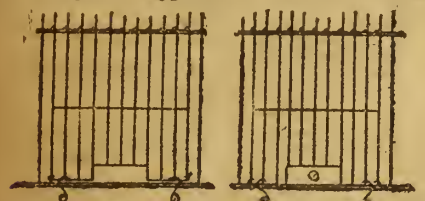
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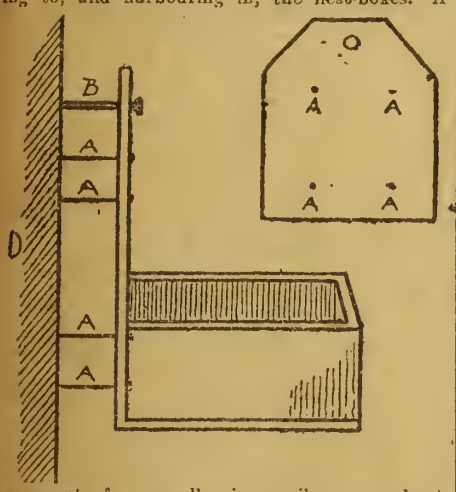
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No. 401.
Red-mite and Nest-boxes.
Sent by Mr. W. Haddon, 5, Oakley Street, Kettering, Northants.

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I know some people who keep a sweet shop, and have a Parrot which is very sensible. Their youngest boy is very fond of sweets, and often unknown to his mother helps himself. But one day to his astonishment, when he was taking some, Polly called out as loudly as possible, "Toby is at the sweets again," which soon brought the mother, and put an end to Toby's sweets.—Sent by Doris Lycett (age 12), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

*Tending a Sparrow.

Once while I was taking a walk along the country road I found a little Sparrow which could not fly and had evidently fallen out of a nest. So I packed it up and carried it home. I put it into a cage. The next time I went to look at it I found the old Sparrow hanging on to the side of the cage, and feeding the young one through the wires, so I never required to feed it afterwards.—Sent by W. Macpherson (age 13), 1, Canal Street, Grangemouth.

*Silent but Studious.

A gentleman tried to teach his Parrot to say "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you!" But the bird, although wonderfully intelligent as a rule, was upon this occasion obstinately silent, and his master gave up the task. But on Christmas eve some friends called at the house, and as they entered the parlour the bird, to their delight, but to his master's astonishment, saluted them with, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you!" The guests were quite ready to declare that this was the most sagacious of all recorded Parrot utterances.—Sent by Frank Gardner, 38, Derby Street West, Ormskirk.

Experiences of the Management of Canaries.

By N. LOUIS WATSON.

When I first started breeding Canaries I had no idea I should go in for it strongly as I do now. Like most people, I began with one pair in my bird-room—a Roller cock (who startled me considerably by his first piercing song, as I had never heard a Roller before) and a Border hen. This pair went in so thoroughly for "doing their best," that, having nine birds by the end of the season, I settled upon it that I would go in for Borders, and so procured a few pairs through CAGE BIRDS' advertisement columns. I had a fairly successful season with these. Next year I changed my mind, and admiring the Yorkshire bird more than the little Borders, sold nearly all the latter, buying Yorkshires in their place. I kept only a few pairs of Borders, which I set up with the intention of giving them the good Yorkshires to rear; and chancing the young Borders with some of the Yorkshire hens. Contrary to my well-laid plans, the Borders this yearly flatly refused to feed at all, and I was obliged to mix their own offspring with Yorkshire youngsters under Yorkshire hens to save their lives. So the Yorkshires brought up the Borders instead.

So much for laying plans in Canarydom. Never trust a hen Canary. A severe rule? Well, I never trust them now, and what is more, I would never give a "character" with a hen Canary, for she would be sure to blacken it when she had left my door. Well, I continued for a few seasons rearing and disposing of surplus stock, keeping always those birds which were nearest my ideal. Now I am set up with 18 pairs of Yorkshires and Cresta only, and keep to that number of stock birds, replacing each year with better if possible.

The Bird-room Described.

Now to describe my bird-room—a room set entirely aside for the birds and their possessions. At first I was greatly troubled with mice, which ate up half the seed, besides causing annoyance to the birds. However, I am glad to say I soon got rid of these pests. I cleared the room and found out every mouse-hole; I filled each one up with fresh putty and glass mixed, the latter preventing them eating away the putty while it was soft. The only drawback to my room in the winter is that it faces north, and very little sun comes in all the year round. However, to balance this, I have made the room absolutely draught and damp proof by distempering (Hall's) the walls (using the outside quality) a pretty palo green, to keep the room as light as possible, considering the aspect.

The cages I enamel green, a shade lighter than the room. They are so easy to keep clean compared with those that are white-washed, and look nice all the year round. They are of the usual box pattern, 18 by 16 by 11 in., all of the same size, and stand on the top of each other in sets of three round the room. At the far end of the room there are two large flight cages, into which I turn the young birds when reared, and in which I keep the hens in the winter.

On the floor there is a strip of oilcloth, which is easily washed, and the window is left uncurtained to admit plenty of light. I always keep the window open just two inches at the top all the year round, but to prevent a current of air on the top birds I have inserted a board to fit the window at the top, so that the air comes in instead between the two sashes. I have a sand bag to place on this on really severe nights, as there is no fireplace in the room, so that I cannot have a fire, and am afraid of leaving lamps alight at night. The birds are, however, accustomed to a cold-room, and seem very healthy all the year round.

Management of Cocks and Hens.

The old songsters I keep in separate breeding cages, and I find out the young cocks of the year as soon as possible—say, about November, and cage them up separately. I find this is the best way, especially with the former birds, as if the food supply should for any reason run short, and fighting commences, it often happens that it is fatal, and one may discover one's best bird with his "toes turned up" for no apparent reason.

The hens, however, not being of such pugilistic, though perhaps of more bickering, natures, are left in the largest flights right on up to March, and I place them by about March, or even February, in a position so that they are not in sight of the cocks, thus preventing undesirable love-matches. These I feed on sound Canary seed all the winter, giving inga twice a week and a little hemp on severe days. I always keep a large lump of suet hung up for them to pick at; this seems to keep them in good health. A carrot (boiled) or raw apple occasionally is a great treat. These I put in a pot in the cage where four or more birds can peck at them at once, and it is not pulled out of the bars and dragged about the cage bottom.

All my birds have plenty of grit (egg-shells, etc.) always provided for them in tins, and clean rain-water every day, with a lump of sugar to prevent the beaks from over-growing; and I am sure a healthier set of birds does not exist anywhere.

The cages are thoroughly cleaned out once a week, perches scraped when necessary, and grit tins filled up. For the cage bottoms I use clean pitch pine sawdust, which has a pleasant smell and acts as a disinfectant, together with the small bowl of Condy's Fluid which is kept under one of the tables supporting the cages. I have utilised these tables, too, in another way, placing shelves between the legs. On these are kept all bird-room requisites, such as nests, medicines, spare cages, water bottles, etc., not in use, egg-box (which I made myself out of an enameline box with wooden divisions, affixing hinges at the back, and lock in front). This prevents the room being littered over, as everything fits on these shelves nicely. It takes me two hours to clean the birds up every week, but a quarter of an hour every other day is quite sufficient in the winter to feed the birds and brush up the husks, etc. In the season one must expect to give more time in looking after young birds—making egg-food etc.

Putting Up the Pairs.

Generally speaking, I try to put up my pairs on March 17th, providing the weather is not too cold. Before placing the pairs in the breeding cages I overhaul all birds, cutting their beaks and claws where necessary; and I see that their feet are quite clean, also that their rings are loose, as often a hen's leg will swell a little during sitting, and if the ring were tight and caused pain this might lose you a sitting of eggs. The pairs are separated for some days by a wire slide, which I withdraw. From my peep-hole outside the window I can observe feeding going on through the slide.

After two or three days I give a white earthenware nest, lined with felt (obtainable at any furniture dealers for about 8d. per ½ yard, which is sufficient for 20 nests; this is a good deal cheaper than linings for 1d. each); also a few feathers and dried moss.

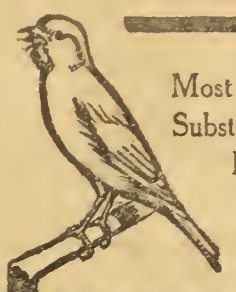
The eggs I remove as they are laid, replacing them on the third night or fourth morning. If I know that a particular hen lays many eggs, I find this best, as the late-hatched birds have a poor chance of life. The night before the young are due to hatch out, I give a little egg-food (yolk only for two days is used), so that if any birds are hatched the hen gets a good start while the house is quiet and she is unobserved. I leave the hen entirely to herself and give her a chance, just keeping an eye on her, though not pretending to; I manage to look at the nest when the hen is off, and never push her off.

I give plenty of hemp seed, egg-food, and dandelion in small quantities, after three days—about four small leaves a day to a hen with three young birds. "Sweating" hens I have absolutely cured by putting Epsom Salts in the water; this keeps them nice and cool, and I find that a little glycerine in the water during incubation once or twice is very good. I make a point of cleaning out the cages of sitting hens in the dark, while the hen is asleep—I mean with an almost extinguished light. I find some hens will not stand their cages being meddled with, and get upset if it is ever so quickly done. I also continue this when there are young in the nest, as a hen may be dazed with light and forsake the young. I have an egg-mill into which I put the eggs whole, together with the bread, as I find that the shell of the egg is appreciated when mixed with the food, and the young birds grow stronger.

Keeping a Register.

As to the register; at first I made an up-to-date register with a place for every bird hatched, and what became of it, but I found that if I forgot to enter any that died, it caused more confusion to me than the method was worth, so now I just affix a card to each cage with particulars of the cock and hen, and dates of laying, setting, hatching; then I ring the young birds after a few days, and make a note of their parentage before ushering them into the flight. In this way I have a clean record of all living birds, and no useless memoranda of poor wretches who have been starved and deserted, or whom I have had to take pity on and drown to end their troubles. Well, it has been said that if Canaries could be reared like Sparrows the pleasure might cease. It is the uncertainty of the thing that keeps one's interest up.

When the season and its pleasures and troubles are over, I take away the hens and examine their records, and if I find their names spell "disgrace," I despatch those ladies for what I can get, as it is useless keeping and feeding such. Those which have done well and appear fit to stand the winter I keep either for myself or to sell towards the spring for another season. At any rate, I reserve good hens until I find out how my young hens turn out; then I can decide which to keep and which I can do without. I must say that I never experience many losses during the moulting season. Plenty of room, air, light, clean food and water, are all I give together with colour food, and I generally find all goes well. I am thankful to say that each year I find Canary breeding is a most interesting amusement, besides giving one a little surplus cash which is sure to come in useful.



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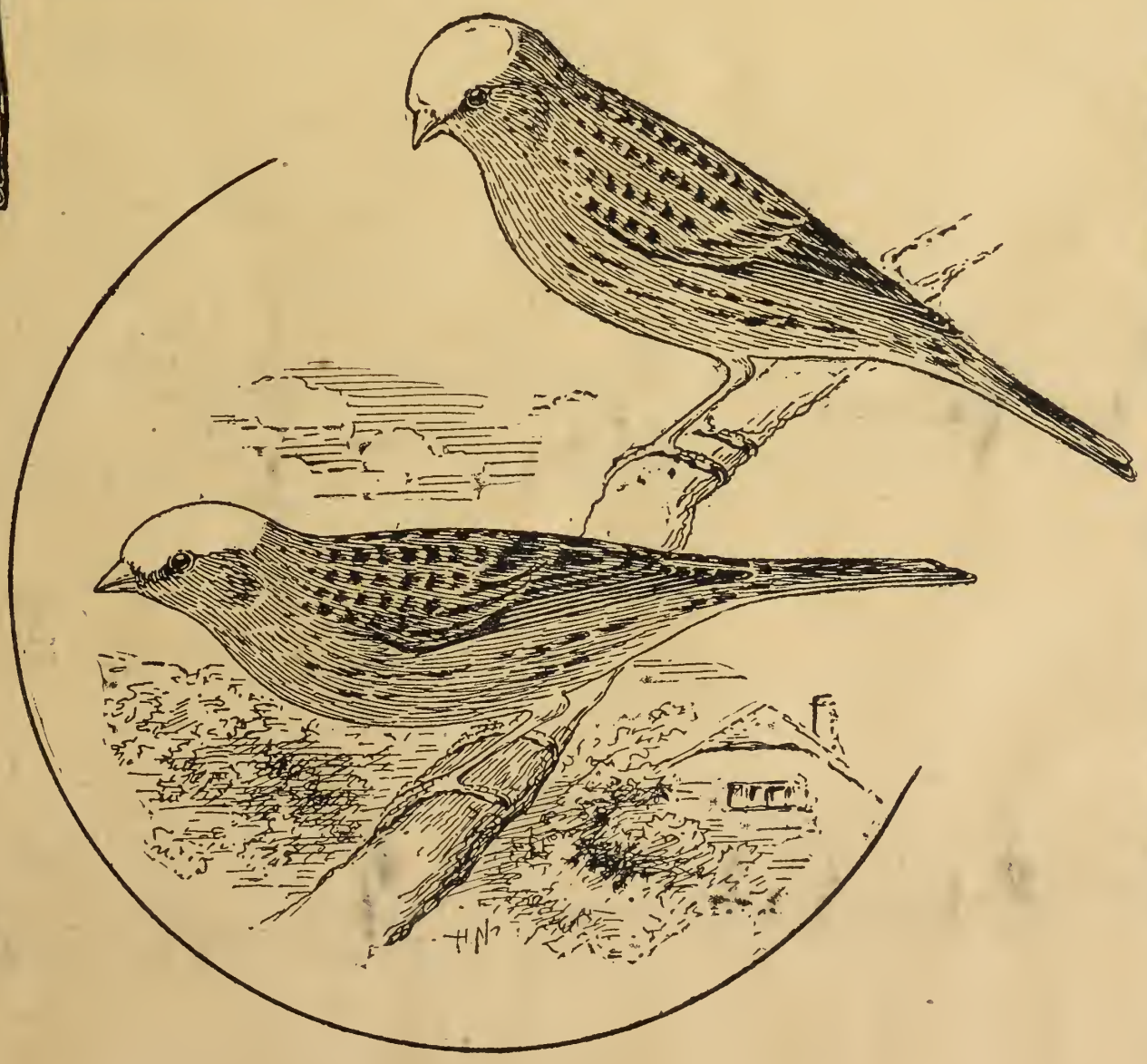
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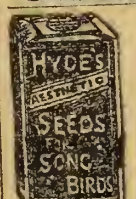
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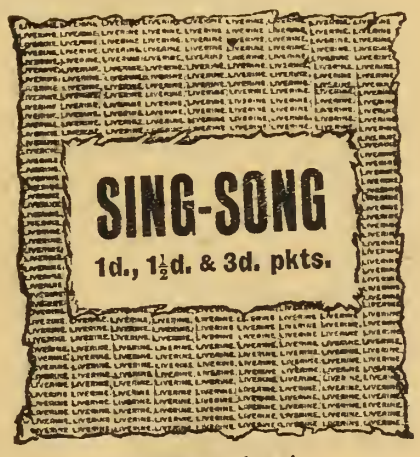
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BRED from winners, pairs 10/-, single cocks 7/-, hens 3/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

TWO good typical buff-green Norwich cocks, splendid condition, 7/6 each; approval: Hadley, Masonic Hall, Holyhead, N. Wales.

THREE healthy cocks, 6/- each; 4 hens, 4/- each; 2 double breeding cages, 3/6 each: Leclair, 24, Lambton-rd., Hornsey Rise, London.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, can win, 15/- per pair; approval; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle Douglas.

GRAND young Norwich hens, ready to nest, 2/6, 3/- each, from reliable feeders: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, self yellow cock, buff hen, winners of 2nd prize only time shown, 20/-: Miss Daley, 123, Islington, Liverpool.

WILL exchange four good bred Norwich hens for large typical yellow cock, yours first, approval: Wilson, 35a, Dixon-lane, Leeds.

HAVING paired up my birds, find I have several young buff cocks, from 15/- each: W. Morris, 15, Castlewood-rd., Stamford Hill, N.

NORWICH, in prime condition, Green, variegated and clear; seen evenings and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

GOOD Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 3/-, cocks from 7/-; healthy, good condition; approval: Kennewell, 31, Munster-sq., Osnaburgh-st., London.

TWO yellow, 1 buff Norwich, cocks, grand birds, 4/- each; 1 variegated buff hen, 2/6; bargains; exchange: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

WILLIAM Judd, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester, pair Norwich Canaries, properly mated, with new suitable breeding cage, fitted up all complete, 10/6.

BARGAINS, typical matched pair prize-bred Plainheads, 9/- pair; Cinnamons, 9/-; Goldfinch, Sibbred hen, 7/6; deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

A. Marshall must clear several good Norwich cocks, 12/6 to 25/-; hens from 7/6 to 20/-; mad for nesting; state wants: Wierton, Bromley-cres., Shortlands, Kent.

WM. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek, has only 4 cocks left, 2 yellows, 2 buffs, unflighted,, guaranteed same blood as my winners, 10/- each, cheap at double; approval.

MASSIVE skull, cobby built buff Norwich cock, 1909 bred, 20/-, worth £5 to those wanting size; approval, deposit: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/6 to 10/-, hens 3/- to 8/-, pairs matched for breeding; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, can supply large Bullfinch-shaped Norwich, full of quality; pairs from 15/6 to 60/6; single birds from 10/6; approval.

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EXCEPTIONAL bargain, massive 1909 colour fed buff Norwich cock, winner several honours, sacrifice 15/-; worth £3 3s.; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

SELLING off; grand pair of Norwich, 30/-; pair, Buff cock, Yellow hen, nesting, 20/-; Buff hen, 7/6; Yellow hen, 10/-; variegated hen, 5/6: Rippon, 62, High-st., Chelmsford.

MUST be sold this month, four half-bred Norwich Roller cocks, singing; five pure-bred Norwich cocks and two pure-bred Norwich hens, 4/- each: Naylor, Daventry, Northants.

CAN spare a few large, healthy, natural-fed 1908-9 cocks, in full song, yellows 10/6, greens 8/6, also hens at 3/6 each; ready for nesting; untried; or offers: Nicks, Ashburton.

MAGNIFICENT cobby clear buff Norwich cock, 10/6; grand cobby clear buff cock, 7/6; splendid buff marked hen, 5/6; must sell, bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

FOR want of room, can spare grand 1909 clear Yellow cock, stormer for colour and quality, 15/-; smart 1909 marked Buff hen, 6/-; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton, Beds.

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare three good pairs from my winners, 12/6 and 15/- per pair; also several odd cocks; reasonable approval; stamp: William Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

PURE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding (unrelated), 6/6, 7/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

TWO lightly-marked buff hens, non-fed, fine type and quality, well bred, ready to nest, 7/6 each; good young clear yellow cock, shade small, 8/6; bargains: Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

GEORGE Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, for good large healthy Norwich Plainheads, cocks on full song 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; all prize bred; approval.

BARGAIN, lightly marked unflighted buff cock, 13/6, brother to my winner at Sheffield, Tideswell, Hull, Ilkeston, etc., short and cobby, grand shape, and quality; approval: Woolhouse, 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; if not fully satisfied, money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

PAIR of Norwich Canaries, Yellow cock, Buff hen, with breeding cage, 10/6; Yellow cock, cinnamon-marked hen, with breeding cage, 10/6; both cocks in full song; hens nesting; Green cock Canary, singing, and Linnet Mule, 6/6 the two, 25/- lot: Norman, 29, Hill-rise, Richmond, Surrey.

WILLIAM Judd, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester, the largest stores in the Midland counties; established over 30 years; high-class Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song 4/6, 5/6; orange yellows, 7/6 and 10/-each; good healthy hens for this year's breeding, 2/6, 3/6; orange yellows, 5/- and 7/6 each; pairs properly mated, now ready for nesting, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; carefully packed, and every satisfaction guaranteed.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

12 cocks and hens, fed to perfection, pairs 9/- to 15/-, lot £4 16/-; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

MONSTER VARIEGATED BUFF COCK,

very stout, good head and wings, 1909 bred, rare stock bird, price 15/-, cost me 30s. recently; few champions still left; state requirements: George Cubley, Sutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

MUST BE CLEARED.

Norwich.—Four yellow cocks at 5/-; eight buffs, from 4/-; ten yellow hens, from 3/-; thirteen buff, from 2/-; not been paired; no time for breeding; will accept first offer of £5 for lot: Pass, Annesley-rd., Hucknall, Notts.

WRIGHT & SON,

84, Heath-rd., Norwich.—Grand large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, pairs that will breed show birds, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 20/-; grand cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 20/- each; lot of good hens well bred, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; approval.

A. E. SILK

has several grand, well up to standard, pairs of my champion Norwich, 30/- per pair to clear, the finest value ever offered in the Fancy; yellow and buff hens 3/6, 10/6, 15/- each; ditto cocks 10/6, 15/6, 20/- each; highest class Norwich only supplied; approval willingly: Whitstable.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Having decided to put up 20 pairs instead of 40, which I have reserved, I can offer a few well-matched pairs ready for immediate nesting, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; cocks, clear or ticked Yellows and Buffs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-; approval with pleasure: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has for disposal 25 yellow and buff Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/- each; 20 hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; 8 Crest hens, 8/6, 10/6; 12 Crest-bred hens, 7/6; and 6 Crest-bred cocks, 7/6 each; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

J. C. BARNES,

NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST.

149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield, having paired up, find I have kept over few more birds than I shall require, therefore offer same at very low price to clear; every bird guaranteed my own breeding, and related to my cup winners; Norwich, 2 yellow cocks, 20/-, 15/-; 3 buff cocks, 15/-, 10/-, 10/-; 3 yellow hens, 15/-, 10/-, 10/-; 2 buff hens, 10/- each; Yorkshires, yellow cock, 20/-; 2 buff cocks, 15/-, 10/-; yellow cock, 10/-; buff hen, 10/-; approval.

These are not "Flights of Fancy,"

but merely a few examples out of many hundreds received during this month.

22, Chapelgate, Retford, April 16th, 1910.—Thanks for bird, which I received all right. It is just what I required. C. Dennie to W. Rudd.

Just Beauties for the Money.

74, Pill Street, Bonnington, Leith, April 5th, 1910.—Birds arrived all safe. Highly satisfied with them. Just beauties for the money. G. Allan to W. Rudd.

Off to Jamaica.

Ringrove, Woking, April 15th, 1910.—The Canaries arrived safely, in splendid condition, and they are now going off to Jamaica by "Port Royal." M. Cocks to W. Rudd.

What Does This Spell?

106, Balham Grove, London, April 16th, 1910.—Birds arrived safe, and I am very pleased with them. I should not have got the cock for the money about here for which I paid you for the pair and cage, etc. A. G. Watson to W. Rudd.

Thoroughly Satisfied.

Park Street, Southend, April 7th, 1910.—Received bird quite safely, and am thoroughly satisfied with it. T. Stribling to W. Rudd.

Such Valua for money Never Before, etc., etc.

15, Robin Hood Street, Castleford, April 13th, 1910.—You must excuse me not writing sooner. The two ticked Norwich hens to hand. Such value for money I never had before, and I must thank you for serving me so well. It might interest you to know that one is sitting on five eggs, and the other has laid two, and I am expecting another in the morning. J. W. Shepherd to W. Rudd.

Have any of the following on approval, if you desire the best value money can buy in Norwich Plainheads. These are not mixed up job lots of all kinds of crosses, and sold as Norwich, but pure, of good strains, and rare value for the Prices named.

Cocks—Clear Yellow, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-,** upwards. Clear Buff, **6/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-,** upwards. Marked, **5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-,** upwards.

Hens—Clear Yellow, **3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.** Clear Buff, **3/3, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-.** Marked, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-.** Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, **7/6, 8/6, 9/6.** Travelling Cages 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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SEIFERT Rollers, a few high-class birds, from 7/6 each: Adams, 72, Pickwick-st., Liverpool.

SEIFERT Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, 1909, hens from 3/6; approval: Lamb, Cleveland House, Church-walk, Hartlepool.

PURE Rollers, full song, only 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; approval; money returned if not satisfied: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

SEIFERT Rollers, cold room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 10/6; no hens; approval, deposit: Geo. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury.

FIVE only, cocks, Seifert, contest, pedigree bred, B.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; 3 days' approval: Corkindale, Breeder, Standley, Warwickshire.

TWO genuine pure high-class Seifert Roller Schoolmasters, both rung, 25/- each, good birds; offers; 1 good Gluck stock cock, 10/6: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

WALTON'S champion British bred Rollers, 1st Crystal Palace, '07, 2nd Palace, '08, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 3/6, 5/-, 7/6: Walton, 20, Cecil-grove, Armley, Leeds.

NOTICE, grand St. Andreasberg Roller cock, full song, all the sweet notes, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle Douglas.

ROLLER Hartz, singing; St. Andreasberg Schoolmasters, full song, sweetest notes, 10/-; hens, pure, fit for breeding at once, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

A few good English bred Seifert Roller hens, strong healthy birds, from cold-room, ready for immediate pairing, 3/- and 4/- each, approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

FOUR Hartz Roller cocks, 4/-, worth double; also three grand strong Goldie-Canary Mules, 4/-, colour-fed; bargain; 1909 birds: Mrs. Amon, 11, Hunslett-st., Bethnal Green, E.

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We import every variety of German Roller, from 5/- to £5; we sell for cash or exchange for other livestock: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

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These cannot be Touched Elsewhere for quality and value. Sing anywhere. Great attraction. Very handsome, hardy, pure bred Yorkshires or Norwich, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.** Thousands to select from.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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GRAND 1909 cocks, yellow pied, 15/6; ditto buff, 12/0; worth double; approval; leading strains; emigrating: Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.

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HIGH class Yorkshires, Belgian crossed, some 7in., from 7/6; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

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BIRDS THAT BREED WINNERS.

L. and Y. Bank, Darwen, April 12th, 1910:—"Having been so well pleased with the birds I have had from you, I cannot but place myself in your hands. Please send me ———, &c. **I got one 1st, two 2nds, and three 3rds, at** Darwen Show, all bred from what I got from you."—W. D. BRUNSKILL to JOE THOMAS.

1, Maysoule Road, Battersea, April 11th.—"Accept my best thanks for way you have treated me in selecting the Buff Norwich Cock. He is a **grand bird,** and a marvel of cheapness. I shall recommend you to all Fanciers requiring birds. Your packing is a credit to you."—J. GRAHAM **(25 years a breeder).**

Robert Street, West Kyo, Durham, April 14th, 1910.—"I received bird all right. **You have behaved like a gentleman** to me, and I know where to place my orders for the future."—JNO. T. POOLEY to JOE THOMAS.

8, Maindee Parade, Newport, April 14th, 1910:—"I received bird none the worse for its journey. It was singing in less than half-an-hour. I am pleased with style of bird. **It is just what I should have picked** if I had come to your Aviaries myself."—W. PROBERT to JOE THOMAS.

Back Nelson Street, Wellington Quay, April 18th, 1910.—"I received bird alright. I am delighted. **It is one of the best singers I ever heard.** I have brought all my chums to see and hear it."—C. ELSDON to JOE THOMAS.

23, Highfield Road, Barrow-in-Furness, April 10th.—"**I think it my duty** to render thanks to you for the fine bird you have sent me. He is a fine songster, and his song sounds all over the house."—G. HANDSLIP to JOE THOMAS.

Considerations of space only, prevent me from printing scores similar to above, all recently received.

Let me send you one or more on approval at my risk at any of the following prices:—

YORKSHIRES.—Champion stock or exhibition birds, guaranteed bred from the finest strains in the country; cocks, long, typical birds, 8/-, 7/6, 8/8, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, lengthy, racy birds, in beautiful feather, and ready for nesting, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; matched pairs, to breed own winners, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

YORKSHIRE GREENS.—Cocks or hens, bred from this season's winners, in lovely plumage and condition 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.—Some real gems, ready for immediate disposal, large, cobby birds, with good heads, round chests and short flights and tails, the correct sort to breed winners, at same prices as Yorkshires.

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BORDER FANCIES.—Smart typical birds in lovely plumage; cocks in full song, any colour at 6/-, 7/, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Hens, ready for nesting 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; matched pairs 7/6, 8/6, 10/8, 12/6, 15/-.

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A few good variegated Yorkshire hens, 4/- each, to clear, cheap: Atkinson, 1, North-st., Jackson-st., Hulme, Manchester.

THREE matched pairs of long slim Yorkshires, 9/- pair, cocks 6/- each, carriage paid; approval, deposit: Little, Wantage.

YORKSHIRES, pairs, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, half their value to clear; yellow cock, winner, 12/-; buff, 10/-: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

TWENTY racy exhibition Yorkshire cocks, exchange hens, Yorkshire, Norwich or Lancashires: Sayer, 25, New-st., Margate.

CAN spare few Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6, cheap; ready for nesting: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

GRAND, typical Yorkshires, standard length, 15/6 pair; single birds, 7/6; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, can win, 15/- per pair; approval; easy payments taken: M'Keaud, Seabright-villa, Castle Douglas.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, 2 clear yellows, 2/6 each; 1 ticked, 1 green and yellow, 3/- each, 10/- lot: Rawling, 45, Webb-st., Horwich.

TWO high-class green Yorshire cocks, 7/6 each; 4 grand hens, all ready for breeding, 4/6 each; bargains: Arthur Burstin, Tarporley.

YORKSHIRES, cocks and hens, cheap, approval willingly: money returned if not approved: Jeans, Hendford Station Cottages, Yeovil.

A FEW unflighted hens, Yorkshire type, 2/- and 2/6 to clear, cold room bred; inspection invited: Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham, S.W.

MAGNIFICENT specially selected matched pairs, 17/6 and 20/-; on approval, bound to give satisfaction: Negus, 4, Monmouth-rd., Abergavenny.

LONG, stylish hens, breeding condition, bred from winners, from 5/6; cocks, full song, from 7/6; deposit, approval: 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

ONE cock, 2 hens, nearly pure Yorkshires, 10/6 lot; health, feather guaranteed; call see them: Hemming, 10, County-ter-st., New Kent-rd., S.E.

YORKSHIRES.—Clear yellow cock 7/6, clear buff cock 6/6, take 13/- two; cold room, 1909 birds, breeding condition: Bowen, 126, Earl-st., Longsight, Manchester.

GENUINE clearance; typical pair self green Yorkshires, 1 Yellow cock, 2 odd Green hens, breeding cage, almost new, lot 12/6: Such, 66, Nuttall-st., Liverpool.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, grand pair of Yorkshires, feathered like wax, accept 15/-, approval, worth £3 3/-; only pair left: Hawkes, 390, Grove green, Leytonstone.

REAL bargains, buff cock 8/6, splendid quality buff cock 10/6, both unflighted, related to my winners; cheap, approval: J. Woolhouse, 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks and 1 yellow, to part with, 10/- each; exceptional value, grand stock birds; Amblers' pure strain; approval: H. C. Hodworth, Dudley-rd., Grantham.

MAGNIFICENT plumage, 1909, colour fed, buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks, both winners, accept 12/6 each, only two left; will win in best of competitions; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

LONG, slim, typical Yorkshires, cold-room bred, yellow or buffs, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; yellow or buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GRAND long, slim yellow marked Yorkshire cock, 10/-; grand clear buff Yorkshire cock, 6/6; lovely clear buff Yorkshire hen, 7/6; half-price to clear; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, few magnificent cocks, clear, ticked, or variegated birds that will make winners next season, in tip-top form, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; approval with pleasure; 25 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

CINNAMON ticked buff, pink-eyed cock, with good yellow cinnamon marked hen, feathered like glass, paired, with up-to-date breeding cage, £1; 7in. buff cock, with good yellow hen, paired, with up-to-date breeding cage, 18/6; approval: Hadley, Masonic Hall, N. Wales.

TWELVE long slim colour-fed Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, to clear; five clear Buff hens, 4/- each; good birds, and ready for nest; seven days' approval; carriage paid; can be seen any time: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, long slim typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classes; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

OWING to removal I am compelled to part with all my typical Yorkshires, ready to nest, at once, at a great sacrifice, having no time to attend to them, have sold all my Crests in one lot, seen Wednesdays, after 2 p.m., Sunday after 11 a.m.; note new address: Slade, 61, Lavender-hill, late 154, Brownwood-rd., Clapham Common.

AMBLER'S champion Yorkshires, won championship and special for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace, 1910; having paired up, can spare the following pairs, yellow cock, beautiful shape, full of quality, and grand buff hen, 60/-: buff cock, feathered like wax, perfect type, lovely yellow hen, 40/- pair; long, yellow cock, grand, silky feather, and gem of a buff hen, 35/-; also light, clinking yellow and buff hens, 7/6 to 20/- each; all bred from our champions, ready for nesting, and are genuine and reliable. Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

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Canaries are far away the best value offered anywhere. I have still a few choice pairs, and odd birds cheap for cash. Matched pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires, 8/-; cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; Belgian cock, champion, 8/-; Goldfinch Mule, winner, cock, 6/6; Muling hen Canaries, 2/-. For other varieties, write particulars:

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A few grand Norwich and Yorkshire Cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; Hens, 4/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; Muling Sib Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- Any on approval. Winner 5,000 Prizes this 30 years.

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8, Bridge Street, Haken, Milford Haven, April 15, 1910—I received the Yorkshire Hen quite safe, I am very pleased with it. R. P. Palmer to W. Rudd.

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FOUR cocks, good singers, 7/- each, bred from Rollers: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham-pl., Streatbam Hill.

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TWO Yorkshire hens (buff) 2/6 each, 8 buff Yorkshire cocks 4/6 cach, 1 buff Norwich cock 5/-, 22/- lot.—F. Bailey, 3, Folkestone-aveu., Folkestone-st., Hull.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6; Yellows and Buffs, Roller hens, 2/-; dark Border, 2/-; good birds; approval willingly: Jenkins, Uddingston, near Glasgow.

STRONG, healthy, crossbred Canaries, from cold aviaries, cocks, in full song, 5s. each: hens in breeding condition, 2/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

CHEAP to clear; grand large Buff, Yellow, and marked Norwich cock, 6/6, 7/6 each; Buff Yellow and marked ben, 3/-, 4/-; Buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6; Yellow hen, 7 in. long, 7/6 cash; approval: Harper, 14, Napier-terrace, Walsoken, Wisbech.

HAVING paired up, find have several cock birds to spare, correct type and high-class birds, several winners, Norwich, clear buff, 12/6; lightly marked buff, 17/6; even marked buff, £1; variegated buff, 15/-. Yorkshires, clear yellow, 15/-; clear buff, 12/6: Dixon, 14, Claremont-ave., New Malden.

FACTS v. FICTION!!

Sceptics, and all others, will do me a great favour by reading carefully the few following unsolicited and ungarnished facts. Not picked from three or four, but from many hundreds, which can be seen at any time, bearing official post marks. I will make no comment; such would be superfluous on my part.

A Good Advertisement, etc.

55, Charlbert Street, St. John's Wood Terrace, London, N.W. April 13th, 1910,—I received Crested cock safe. Very pleased with it. I hope it will be a good advertisement for you, as they are going on well, and singing splendidly in my shop. E. A. Lowe to W. Rudd.

A Real Pleasure.

13, Vennine Road, Chorley. April 1st, 1910,—Cage and birds arrived safely. I am very pleased with my bargain, and the careful way in which they were packed. It is a real pleasure to deal with you. F. Sanderson to W. Rudd.

Another Flattering Appreciation.

Park Road, Radlett, Herts. April 5th, 1910,—The pair of Yorkshires and Crests arrived safe. Grand pairs of birds they are, and show high quality for the money. I can with the greatest confidence recommend your name to all bird lovers. You are a very honest man. Very prompt to business; within forty-eight hours from ordering, I have them in first rate order. G. Hussey to W. Rudd.

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Best Bargain Ever Had.

34, Hankey Street, Peterboro. April 8th, 1910,—Received bird quite safe, and am very pleased with it. I only wish I had dealt with you before, as it is the best bargain I have ever had. A. Nicholls to W. Rudd.

Highly Satisfied.

Jarrow. April 14th, 1910,—Birds and cage arrived safe, and am highly satisfied. J. Barrett to W. Rudd.

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52, Watford Street, Redditch. April 14th, 1910,—Received bird safe, thanking you for prompt despatch. You are the most straightforward man I've dealt with in the bird trade. T. Mills to W. Rudd.

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If you cannot afford a big price, send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at **8/6 or 9/6**; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two huffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked**, and **one clear, one buff**, and the **other yellow**. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for **3/6** I will send you a Double Breeding Cage, fitted with everything complete, for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage, **12/3**, for **8/6** birds, or **13/3** for **9/6** birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only

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MULES—HYBRIDS.

MULES wanted: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

GOLDFINCH Mules for sale, 6/- each: guaranteed. —Hewes, 116, Hartley-rd., Nottingham.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, good songster, 1909 bred, 7/6: Scholer, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

GOLDFINCH, guaranteed light Mule breeder, 10/-; 2 hen Mules, 3/-: C. Hay, 24, East-st., Chichester.

YELLOW cock Canary, loud songster, and cock Siskin, bred Mules, 10/6: F. Mascall, Stansted, Essex

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, in full song, hecn with hen Canary 3 months, 7/6: Collinge, Bankside, Bacup

LARGE cock Goldfinch, full song, good blaze, make muler, 5/-: R. Lane, Fire Station, Chard, Somerset.

BRIGHT house-moulted cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, 4/6: B. Goodchild, 50, Park-rd. North, Acton.

MULING cock Linnets 1/6 each, 3 old canght birds 3/6, carriage paid: Amery, Fieldside, Crowle, Doncaster.

GRAND dark cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 8/6; offers in exchange; approval; deposit: Nowell, Cropwell, Notts.

WANTED, large pink-eyed Sib. bred young buff cock; approval: S. Bowler, Crag Brow, Bowness, Windermere.

HEN Canaries for light Muling, 3/-, 4/- each; ditto dark Muling, 2/-, 3/- cach: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

COCK Goldfinch, selected for muling, genuine Sib-bred hen (stock inbred 10 years), 7/6 pair; deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

HOUSE-moulted cock Greenfinch, Canary reared hen Bullfinch, 3/6 each: Chas. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

HANDSOME 1909 cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, warranted healthy, 5/9; approval, deposit: Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, cock Canaries, Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinches, hen Goldfinches: Aviaries, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

TWO light variegated Goldfinch Canary Mules, 1 white, 1 yellow, full song, 15/- each; Davidson, Quay, Waterford, Ireland.

GOLDFINCH cock, yellow hen, 7/6; Linnet, 2nd Ramsgate, buff hen, 5/6; Greenfinch, buff hen, 4/6: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate.

MULE breeders, 4 Yellow Sib. hens, 7 years inbred Yorkshires, large, 5/- each, Buffs 3/6: Hall, 5, Hollyterrace, Whetstone, London.

UNFLIGHTED Cinnamon Green cock, 7/6; two Muling cock Goldies, 3/6 each; approval; deposit: H. Welsh, Dilton, Westbury, Wilts.

LARGE healthy 1909 Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, 7/6; light Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 5/-; dark ditto, 1/6; offer lot: Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

GRAND attraction, two of the best Goldfinch Mules living, sing anywhere, Goldfinch song, 12/6 each; offers exchange: Ward Ladymoor, Bilston.

SELL dark cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, also cock Goldfinch, both in full song, accept 10/- for the two: W. F. Johnson, 142, London-rd., East Grinstead.

SPLENDID light Muling hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; good feeding hens, 3/6, 4/- each, breeding condition; approval: Heal, Hill-view, Downside, Shepton Mallet.

GOOD dark cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, 7/6; 4 grand cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each, caged months: E. Cramp, School House, Cottesmore, Oakham.

WILLIAM Judd, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester: cock Linnet and hen Canary, properly mated for breeding, with new suitable breeding cage, fitted up all complete, 7/6.

HYBRID breeders.—Two hen Goldies, hen Siskin, hen Bullie, prime condition, steady, perfect plumage, 2/- each; wanted, fierce Linnet: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford.

COCK Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, hand-reared, hen in small aviary for two months; exchange good muling hen Canary, or sell 5/-: Clement's Farm, Chorleywood, Herts.

GOLDFINCH, 6/6; Greenfinch, 2/6; 3 Bullie hens, 7/6, all house-moulted; useful exchange accepted, or value for (Sib hen) yellow, Norwich type: Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WINNER, very large Goldfinch Mule, 10/-, also grand muling Goldfinch, muled his first year, 10/-; good Siskin Mule, 7/6; all singing; approval, deposit: 11, Strand, Bromsgrove.

GUARANTEED twice aviary-moulted, 2 hen Goldfinches, 1 hen Goldfinch, 1 hen Linnet, 2 cocks, 1 hen Chaffinch. 5 Redpolls, 12/6 to clear, with cage: Woods, Woodlands, Westfield, Woking.

WILL exchange 2 Linnet and 2 Goldfinch Mule cocks (large birds), for pair 1909 Lancashires, Buff variegated cock and Yellow hen; approval: Andrew Bogie, Coaltown, off Wemyss, Fifeshire.

LARGE yellow cock, Lancashire-Norwich cross, 12/-, buff-marked cock 10/6, good muling strain; large dark buff Goldfinch Mule, 1909, cock, 7/6; hargains; approval: Dickinson, Caedmon-cottages, Whitby.

YELLOW Greenfinch-Canary cock Mule 6/6, buff 5/-, 4 hens 1/- each, 3/6 the 4, hen Greenfinch 1/6, 3 Canary hens, buffs, 2/6 each, from outdoor aviary; approval, deposit: Savage, Edward-st. Nuneaton.

STOUT cock Linnet, paired to large yellow hen, bred 9 Mules last year, 10/6 the pair; good flight and breeding cages, 2 British show cages, egg mill, cheap to clear: Parker, 25, Buckenham-st., Rochdale.

TWO light muling hen Canaries, 2 house-moulted cock Linnets, breeding condition, fit to show (large birds), 15/-; bargain; also seed potatoes: G. S. Burton, Junr., Greengrocer, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

GOLDFINCH Mules, guaranteed cocks, in full song, dark Mules 6/-, variegated 7/6, light Mule 10/-, hen Mules 1/-, Sib-bred hens for light Mule breeding, clear yellows 3/-, 4/- each, clear buff, 2/6, 3/6 each; approval willingly: Fred Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION large 1908 Sib. hen, reliable breeder, good mother, bred £12 10s. worth of Goldfinch Mules last season, including two perfectly clear ones, lowest price 21s., worth £3; another large Sih. hen, bred six extra light Mules last season, good mother, price 15/6; worth pounds each to Mule breeders: approval: George Cubley, Sutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

MULING HENS. MULING HENS.

Something exceptional in grand Sih. hens, mostly clear buff, and of pink-eyed strain, 4/- and 5/- each. A few yellows, same strain, 6/6, 7/6. No dark blood in them. Also several light Mules, taken with this important purchase. Other Muling hens of exceptional value, at prices offered, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; yellow hens, for light Mule breeding, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; ditto clear buff, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, hens for dark Mule breeding, 3/-, 3/6, and 5/- each. Travelling cages in all cases, 3d. extra:

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62, Wylie Place, Prinlaws, April 16th, 1910,—I received to-day the Muling hen. She is a fine, large hird, strong and healthy, and I am very well pleased with her, you have sent me just the right thing I require. A. Farmer to W. Rudd.

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GREEN Amazon Parrot, good talker, price 35/-: King, 35, Exley-st., Liverpool.

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COCK Linnet, hen Greenie, exchange Norwich hen or offers, yours first: Simpson, Stirling Village, Boddam, Aberdeen.

WANTED two Yellow hen Canaries; exchange Goldie Canary Mule cock, songster: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

LOVELY pair Bullfinches, sell 3/6; exchange cock Goldfinch or Yorkshire hen Canary: Wilton, Baker, Tavistock, Devon.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, full song, real topper, for good cock Norwich; Norwich first: Bergeman, Abbotswood, Buxted.

EXCHANGE a monster Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, beauty, for a gent's fancy vest; offers: Stanger, Burnley-rd., Bacup.

VERY large cock Goldfinch Mule, sings perfect Goldfinch, very loud, 15/-; or exchange Norwich: F. Godfrey, Leytonstone.

WILL give dozen selected Linnets for Canaries, or offers: 58, High-st., Folkestone.

EXCHANGE winning dark Goldfinch Mule, for 2 yellow Norwich hens, sell £1; approval: Lobb, Glendower, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

TWO exhibition cock Bullfinches, also 1 cock Yellowhammer, sell 4/- each, or exchange offers: L. Arnold, High-st., Raunds, Wellingboro.

EXCHANGE my splendid cock Linnet, beautiful singer, and drawing-room cage, for cock Canary: Miss Rose, 1, Garden-rd., Folkestone.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Siberian hen Bullfinch for two steady house-moulted Greenfinch hens: William Lewis, Tinman's Arms, Ystalyfera.

WHAT offers in exchange for 2 grand cock Goldfinches, fit for show or Muling, value 10/-: A. Holbrook, 13, Jersey-rd., Wolverton, Bucks.

TWO-year-old Thrush, full song: exchange for Norwich hen Canary: too noisy: George Storey, 10, Chadwick-st., Cockbrook, Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, Greenfinch, Skylark, Yellowhammer, healthy, anything useful; sell 5/-; approval, deposit: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, muler, 10/6, or exchange 3 Norwich hens; yours first; approval both ways: Wm. Noden, New-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

FOR exchange, 2 cock Greenfinch Mules and 1 cock Goldfinch Mule, value 25/-, for 1 good Indian talking Paraquet; yours first: approval: Bush, 44, Mount Pleasant-rd., Philip-la., Tottenham.

BULLFINCH hens, two laid in cage last year, reliable, 3/- each; four house-moulted, 2/6 each; two steady, 2/- each; useful exchange: Winstone, 2, Sonndwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

WOULD exchange cock Goldfinch and cock Siskin, both house-moulted, in full song, for yellow or cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, on approval, yours first: Ross Bell, 1, Brooke-st., Miltown, Dungannon, Ireland.

HOUSE moulted, colour fed cock Greenfinch, 2 cock Chaffinches, 2 brown Linnet cocks, all in full song, and caged since last August, 10/- the lot, or exchange for Budgerigars or Cockatiels, or offers: Martin, Measures, 1, Station-st., Crewe.

HARRY ALLEN WILL EXCHANGE
contest Linnets, match birds, catching birds, Linnets for the show bench and muling. Linnets for any kind of Canaries, cocks and hens, and cock Mules: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for cock, loud songster: Tom Holmes, 19, Prince-st., Moor, Sheffield

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires for good singing Norwich cock: T. Rees, 21, Gladstone-terrace, Merthyr.

YORKSHIRE cock and Roller hen, 8/6; what offers; letters only: Griffiths, 14, Rudolph-rd., West Kilburn.

WHAT offers Canaries for pair real Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

LADIES' and gentlemen's cycles, £1 15 - each, exchange Canaries, or offers: Lloyd, 208, Queen's-rd., Hackney.

YORKSHIRE cock, 7/6; Roller cock, 6/6; fishing rod, 6/-; exchange; offers first: 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

BORDER Fancy; two hens, fit to win, 10/- each; exchange cock or Norwich cock: 20, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

PAIR Crests and double breeder, sell 10/6; exchange model steam engine: Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beeches.

PAIR hand-reared Bullfinches, 6/-; Norwich hen, 4/-; smaller hen, 3/-; approval: Fosbury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

LOOK.—Grand Norwich cock, Iron's strain, exchange three hens, sell 15/-: Harrison, 30, Queen's-rd., Formby.

TWO pairs of flying Tippler pigeons; exchange Norwich cock Canary; no rubbish: R. Olney, Ickleford, Hitchin.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred yellow Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, for fowl air gun, offers: T. Cole, Butcher's-lane, Cradley.

PAIR Yorkshires, yellow cock, fed, buff hen, unfed, good birds, 12/6, or offers: C. Nevison, Emgate, Bedale, Yorks.

TYPICAL young Borders, 8/-, 10/- pair, or exchange phonograph; offers: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

EXCHANGE Borders for Yellow Crested variegated Norwich cock; approval both ways: Scott, Croft's-cottages, Chirnside.

THREE hen Canaries, 8 breeding cages; sale or exchange pullets: Wright Fielding, Steanor Bottoms, Walsden, Lancashire.

OFFERS Canaries, exchange gent's suit length (tweed), or lady's dress piece, 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchinson-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Buff Yorkshire cock, show bird, for Siberian cock Goldfinch; sell 15/-: Morgan, Grocer, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs of Norwich Canaries for phonograph and records, or anything useful: W. Sheriff Old Humberstone, Leicester.

GREEN Crested hen Norwich, Buff hen; exchange Norwich cock, or offers entertained: Legget, 18, Almorah-rd., Islington, London.

EXCHANGE pair of 1909 healthy Canaries for good, long fishing-road, or accept best cash offer: F. Wood, 43a, Radnor-st., Peckham.

EXCHANGE monster Yellow Norwich P.H. cock, for good Spanish seed, sell 10/6, or nearest offer: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Norwich, pair prize-bred Yorkshires, for suit to measure, or offers; sell 40/-; Maden, 1, South-st., Bacup.

EXCHANGE large Crested hen for a good pair of Rollers, or sell 15/-, worth double; approval: T. Speakman, 13, Braidwood-st., Bolton.

FOR sale, Arison organette, almost new, with 19 tunes, cost £3, sell for 35/-, or offers: John McGorum, 95, Golfdrum-st., Dunfermline.

GOLDFINCH cock and evenly mark Border buff hen, sell 5/6 and little cash for Norwich pair; approval first: Rowlands, Tanrallt, Waenfaw.

YELLOW Yorkshire 1909 cock Canary in drawing-room cage, exchange 1909 pullets, lady's watch, ring, anything useful; offers: Longbottom, Wisbech.

J. CALAM (winner Hull Cage Bird Society champion cup, 1909), has a few odd buff cocks, 15/- and 20/- each, or exchange: 44, George-st., Hull.

HEN Canaries; Yorkshire, 7/6; cinnamon-marked Norwich, 7/6; from winners; Yorkshire-Roller cross, 4/-; exchange: Godward, Verulam-place, Hastings.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Greenfinch (winner), hen Bullfinch, for Yellow Yorkshire hen or Buff Norwich hen: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

GIVING up; classical Yorkshire Canaries; cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/-; 1908-9; or exchange poultry; all utensils, cheap; offers: 96, Waverley-rd., Bradford.

PAIR Canaries, double breeders, Lark, 2 single cages, 40 "Cage Birds," sell £1; exchange pedigree Collie bitch: Borman, Eshald-pl., Woodlesford, Leeds

NORWICH cock (variegated), exchange Yorkshire hen, four Yorkshire-Norwich cross (cocks), exchange Goldfinches, sell cheap: Ransome, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

BORDER and Norwich hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; Cinn. cock, 10/-; green ditto, 7/6, or exchange buff Cinn. hen or ticked yellow cock: Money, 113, London-rd., S. Lowestoft.

GRAND unflighted ticked buff Yorkshire hen, winner 1st, 2 spls., Ambler's strain; sell 12/6, or exchange for two marked buff stock hens: Parkin, jun., Upper-house, Liversedge.

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Club Reports.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Meeting held March 26th, in Mr. Struther's, Mr. Samuel Hannah, Pres., in the chair. There was a good attendance. Our show was fixed for November 6th, and we have engaged Mr. Allen Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) as judge.—D. BERRY, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, the City Hotel, on April 8th. Mr. W. A. Mavey presided over a good attendance, despite the inclement weather. Mr. R. G. Clark promised to give a washing exhibition at Headquarters, at the next meeting, May 4th. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend. It also appeals to those who have not quite mastered the art of putting the birds through the tub. It was arranged to hold our First Feather and British Bird Show, the first Saturday in July. On May 28th, if the secretaries can make the necessary arrangements, it was decided to have a ramble, and a well-known birdy rendezvous will be visited. I shall be pleased to receive applications for membership.—MISS L. G. BYERLEY, 2, Ashley Court Villas, Ashley Hill, Bristol.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting, held on April 9th, Mr. W. Hamilton, president, in the chair. The chairman announced the sudden death of the wife of our worthy Vice-president, Mr. J. Braidwood. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence on his sad bereavement to Mr. Braidwood. An amendment was brought forward against Mr. Shearer's motion, but on the vote being taken, the amendment was lost. Mr. Shearer's motion tabled at last meeting, was, "Appoint two neutral judges from outside of Hamilton, to judge each Young Bird Show." Some thought the Y.B. Show dates were not suitable, but after discussion it was agreed to adhere to the dates laid down in our list of fixtures, namely, first Saturday in May, June, July, and August. The Y.B. Show for May will commence at 6.30 p.m. Birds to be brought forward before then. Mr. F. Brannigan was nominated judge of our May show, one judge only, as it was not expected to have a large entry, on account of the inclement spring. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. —A. CANT, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

FROME F.A.

Annual general meeting held recently at the Lamb Hotel, Mr. J. F. Swaine presiding over a very large attendance. The secretary (Mr. C. I. Young) stated in his annual report that the balance in hand was better than last year, and there had been a considerable increase in the membership. Ninety-three ordinary members had paid their subscriptions in addition to the list of hon. members. This, he thought, would compare favourably with any association in the West of England. Members had been successful in some of the best shows in the country. The silver cup given by Mr. C. E. Cumberlege-Ware for the best cage bird bred during the year was won by Mr. C. I. Young. The novice cage bird bowl (given by the secretary) was won by Mr. H. Pickford. Mr. Young regretted that after serving thirteen years as hon. secretary he felt he must now resign the post, but his long experience would always be at the disposal of the association, and he should be pleased to render his successor any assistance in his power. During the time he had held the secretaryship they had run about 20 shows, and they had succeeded in paying all their liabilities, and now had a good balance in hand. In conclusion, Mr. Young specially thanked all who had helped him to keep the association going. The financial statement, which was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. H. Coombs) showed receipts amounting to £208 5s. 6d. and an expenditure of £201 14s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £6 10s. 11d., and the association also possesses silver cups and other assets of the value of £8 9s. The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Charles T. Foxcroft; chairman of committee, Dr. P. Cockey; vice-chairman, Mr. C. I. Young; auditors, Messrs. H. F. Barber and J. F. Swaine; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Coombs; hon. veterinary surgeon, Mr. W. James; hon. auctioneer, Mr. P. E. Wheeler; secretaries—dogs' section, Mr. T. H. Vincent; cage birds, Mr. A. King; pigeons, Mr. W. Dance; poultry, Mr. Bourton. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. A. M. G. Daniel. Mr. C. I. Young agreed to re-consider his resignation as general secretary. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. W. Henderson, who had occupied an honorary position in connection with the society, the resolution being carried by those present rising to their feet. At the close of the meeting Mr. Swaine was heartily thanked for presiding.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 5, when a good muster of members turned up to hear a paper read on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. S. Wooton. We also decided to hold a First Feather show for members on June 21st. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs. Bagshaw, Symcox, Walker. HALLAM AND LOVATT, hon. secs.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held in the Oddfellows' Hall on March 26th, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. The business of the evening was settling classes for first feather show. Letters were read from Messrs. Chalmers and Bald accepting the terms for judging at annual show. A few new members were enrolled. Mr. Jarvie will give a bird-washing exhibition at next meeting.—W. CLUBB, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Monthly meeting held April 7th, Bush Hotel. Business included the election of annual show judges. The secretary read a letter from Mr. Robson regretting he would be unable to judge on any Wednesday during November. Letters were read from Messrs. Attridge, Crisp, and Maxwell. It was carried unanimously that Messrs. Crisp's and Maxwell's kind offers to judge the Canary and British bird classes respectively be accepted. The delegates of the London Federation having given their report, the chairman called on Mr. Tyson to give a lecture on Crests. This he gave, and on resuming his seat he was kept busy answering questions for upwards of one hour; these he answered to the satisfaction of all. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and to the chairman brought a most cheerful evening to a close. Will all members kindly note that Mr. A. Silver is giving us a lecture on May 5th? All members, fanciers, and friends are warmly invited.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held on 5th April, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding. A good number of members and friends were present to hear Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), who gave a lecture entitled "Pairing up and general management." The lecturer dealt with the subject in a very masterly manner, and held the attention of all until the end. When Mr. Hadwin had finished he was subjected to a volley of questions, to all of which he gave a clear and convincing answer. The lecture, questions and answers were of great benefit, and doubtless many of the "tips" given will be put into operation. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Stovin and seconded by Mr. Richards, was carried unanimously, to which Mr. Hadwin responded. A letter was read from the Cage Bird Union, asking for the vote of the society for the offices of president and secretary. A communication was received referring to the Preston and Flowers case, and asking for the support of the members. Three new members were elected, and this terminated a very successful meeting.—J. SWINDLEY, sec.

BORDER CITY (CARLISLE) O.S.

The quarterly general meeting was held at Headquarters on April 6th. There was only a fair attendance of members. Mr. Holmes took the chair. Correspondence was next read over. The judges, Messrs. J. Robson, H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), and W. Nicholson (Stockton-on-Tees), were accepted to judge our open show on Oct. 26th and 27th, as per arrangements by the committee. Letters from the N.B.B. M. and F.B. Club was read, and medals won by our members (Messrs. G. Davidson, T. Holmes, and J. C. Bell), were presented by Mr. T. J. Robson. A long discussion took place re a letter from a member, and secretary was instructed to reply to same. Two new members were proposed and accepted. A rough draft of open show schedule was drawn up and left in the hands of the committee to properly formulate. Re allocation of silver cup presented by the secretary to the Society: it was proposed and seconded that same be awarded to members for most points at open show. Society's first ramble will take place on April 24th, leaving Headquarters at 1.30 p.m. for Dalston district, under the guidance of "Rambler."—JOHN C. BELL, hon. sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Headquarters, April 4th, about 60 members and friends being present; Mr. J. S. Clarke in the chair. Mr. Allen Silver gave a very interesting lecture, the subject being "Bird-cages." Mr. Silver emphasised the fact that a great many birds were badly caged, and considered that this drew the attention of people who were prejudiced against bird-keeping. He also gave several reports of recent meeting organised with the object of putting down bird-keeping. He did not suppose that anyone present would keep a bird badly caged, but there were a great many persons who kept just a pet bird or two, and almost invariably in cages unsuited to them. He appealed to all present to advise such persons whenever they came across them, as to the right kind of cages. The merits or otherwise of various cages were discussed at length. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Silver, to which he suitably replied, and the usual vote of thanks to the chair brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—FORSE AND SON, hon. secs.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on April 7th. Various notices of motion were brought up for discussion and accepted. The balance-sheet as presented was also accepted, and passed as read. The usual votes of thanks and compliments were passed to the retiring officers and committee. At this juncture the chairman announced that it was his pleasant duty to present, on behalf of a large proportion of the members of the society, a souvenir in the shape of a gold medal to the secretary for services rendered. The subscription list for this souvenir was started by our esteemed friend, Mr. P. Wyatt, and subscribed to very generously by the majority of the members. The secretary, in acknowledging the present, thanked all for their kind thought, and stated that the success of the society was solely due to the generous support he had received from the many members. There was also another very interesting presentation, proposed by Mr. Barber, to our worthy chairman, Mr. T. G. Hunt, in the shape of a handsome umbrella. Many present spoke highly of the services rendered by the chairman, and congratulated him on again being elected to the same position. Mr. Hunt, in acknowledging the present, stated that it was really not necessary, as he felt honoured to hold the position he did, and all that he did was done purely out of his love for the work. He said he very much appreciated the spirit which prompted the gift, and thanked one and all for it. The result of the voting for officers and committee for the ensuing year was as follows:—Mr. T. G. Hunt, chairman and treasurer; Mr. P. Wyatt vice-chairman; Messrs. Priseman and Braithwaite, auditors; Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. sec.; committee, Messrs. Cowles, Thomasson, Priseman, Kidman, Plumb, Braithwaite, Wyatt, and Barber. Before concluding the meeting the chairman announced that he had received intimation from Mr. H. W Cook that he intended presenting the society with a cup for the best unflighted Norwich for the annual show, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. This cup to be of the same value as the Yorkshire Cup already in the club's possession. The chairman, Mr. T. G. Hunt, also announced that he would have pleasure in presenting a cup for best Mule or Hybrid. This also is to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Further, it was also decided unanimously that the secretary be instructed to buy a cup from the cup funds of the society of equal value, for best in the British bird section of the annual show, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Dealers will be debarred from competing for this cup. The society has now five cups for competition at the annual show.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

STRATHBOGIE C.B., &c., ASSOC.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Temperance Hall on April 7th, Mr. J. Wilson (president) in the chair. There was a record attendance. Date of show fixed for December 22nd. Committees were then chosen to deal with the different sections of exhibits and draw up classes, also to suggest judges to be appointed at a committee meeting to be held April 21st. The meeting, which lasted for two hours, closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—S. DENISON, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

We had a very good meeting at Oldham on April 16th, when the following gentlemen were elected members: Messrs. Fuller, G. Lowe, and G. Thurling. In view of a scheme other than medals, I ask all our members to suggest something and send same to me not later than the end of the month. We had a very good discussion on the scheme. After thanking the landlord for the use of the room, we brought the meeting to a close. Standard cages can be got from Mr. J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-street, Oldham.—C. WHITEHEAD, Hon. Sec.

CAGE BIRD UNION.—DISTRICT 3.

Meeting of delegates of District No. 3 C.B.U. was held at the Rochdale O.C. Club on April 9th. Mr. Smith (Littleborough) was appointed president, and Mr. Naden (Rochdale) secretary. The following proposition were carried:—"That this meeting of delegates have great pleasure in recording a vote of confidence in the Executive Council of the C.B.U."; "That Union members be not allowed to judge non-Union shows"; "That members of the C.B.U. be not allowed to show at the Palace Show unless a license be granted by the C.B.U. to the said show"; "That the yearly meetings of delegates of the C.B.U. be held alternately at a show in the South, Midlands, and the North." Delegates were also appointed to attend the Union shows in the district.—JOHN NADEN, District Secretary, 13, Royds-street, Rochdale.

CAGE BIRD UNION.—DISTRICT 4.

Meeting of District Committee No. 4 was held on April 16th, at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, Mr. Lythgoe in the chair. After reading the letter and agenda from the Union secretary, it was proposed and seconded that Mr. Lythgoe be elected chairman of the District Committee for the year, and Mr. T. Atkinson, district secretary. Various delegates were appointed to attend shows. A resolution was carried that these delegates should report themselves to the secretary of the show, and be in attendance at least an hour before its close to receive any complaints, and also should make a report to the District Committee as to the conduct of each show attended. It was agreed to recommend the Council that it be notified in the show rules that appointed delegates are not required to pay any deposit when making objections. It was also recommended that the Council reduce the associate fee from 2s. 6d. to 1s. And that Rule 22 should be extended to debar non-members of the Union from exhibiting at Union shows. It was resolved "That in the opinion of this meeting the Executive Council should call a special meeting of delegates, under Rule 8, to discuss the Palace agenda, and that the societies that have withdrawn should be asked to attend, and their reasons for withdrawal be discussed with a view to their being met, if possible." A further resolution was carried, "That this meeting feels that a Union is absolutely necessary in the Fancy, and that every society in the country should be members; that the societies that have intimated their withdrawal having by that means made the greatest possible protest, do now reconsider their decisions and rejoin the Union." It was also carried, "That this meeting have every confidence in the utility of the Union for the general well-being of the Fancy, and that a report of the meeting be published in the Press." A further recommendation to the Council was agreed to, that more publicity should be given to the affairs of the Union in the Fancy Press. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held at headquarters, the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, on March 14th, when, for the first time after his long illness, Mr. A. C. Burn occupied the chair; he received an enthusiastic welcome. Messrs. J. W. Ayres, P. H. Harris, G. E. Weston, E. Clements, and J. Abrams were nominated for membership. Prize money and special prizes won at the recent Finch show were awarded. The result of the judging competition was announced as follows:—Champion, insufficient competition; amateur, G. Menheunett and A. W. Hart, 9 points; novice, B. Thrower and F. Wyse, 12 points. The two ties not being covered by the existing rules, it was agreed that a draw should take place, resulting in a win for A. W. Hart and F. Wyse. The chairman then presented medals to B. Thrower, W. Shepherd, and W. Sanders for the best staged cages and birds in the recent cage bird staging competition, and to Messrs. A. W. Hart and F. Wyse for the judging competition at same. A vote of thanks was accorded the Finch show stewards, and to Miss Rose Shephard for providing lunch and tea. The popularity of Mr. C. Prior was once more evinced when an enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded him for judging the recent Finch show. An illustrated diploma, presented by the L.C.B.A. as 4th prize in the recent U.K.C.C., was on view, the secretary asking permission for the same to be mounted and framed for the purpose of hanging up during the progress of the various shows. The chairman then introduced Mr. J. Robson to give his lecture, entitled, "Success in the Breeding Room." Before proceeding, Mr. Robson referred very gracefully to the chairman's recent illness. At the close of the lecture questions were asked by Messrs. R. L. Crisp, A. W. Curtis, J. Chard, W. Prance, J. Warwick, F. Lathlieff, W. Shepherd, A. W. Hart, and T. Monger. A vote of thanks, moved by the chairman, seconded by A. W. Curtis, and supported by Messrs. R. L. Crisp and C. Prior, was heartily given to Mr. Robson for his extremely interesting and instructive lecture.—V. WINN, Hon. Sec.

SHIELDS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Lockhart's Cafe, King street, April 6th, Mr. Thompson in the chair. Four new members were proposed and accepted, making eight in one month, which shows we are still holding our own. Next we discussed whether we should have an open show or not for 1910. It was decided to hold a members' show only. The next business was re the Cage Bird Union—whether we should remain members or resign. After a little discussion it was decided that seeing we are only holding a members' show this year, we withdraw for the present. Next year may result in more satisfaction among the Northern societies re the rules of C.B.U. and other matters, when we may again join.—JAS. BARRASS, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 5th, at the Onward Hall. Owing to our president being unable to attend, Mr. Boothman took the chair; there was a good attendance. The election of four new members took place. Mr. R. B. Fryer (Manchester) gave us a lecture on the most popular of our British birds, describing the various colours and markings of each species. He dealt with the feeding, steadying, selection, and general management of them, also the moulting them out for exhibition. This he considered a fine art, and it would be well worth their while if more of our members took up the keeping of British birds. He contended that they were one of the greatest attractions of our present shows. Having occupied an hour and a quarter this brought out a host of questions, which the lecturer answered in a very straightforward manner. The meeting closed, but not before we had shown our appreciation of the lecture. One and all thought it an enjoyable evening, and benefited by the able and instructive lecture. Mr. Fryer responded.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Special general meeting held at the Old Boar's Head on April 9th. A good number of members turned up. Mr. J. Garner took the chair, and presided in his usual businesslike manner. The minutes and balance-sheet being passed, the election of officers was gone into. Result: President, Mr. J. Garner; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Vickers, J. Hampshire, W. Adams, and E. Fuller; treasurer, Mr. J. Swalwell; committee, Messrs. J. Dewsnap, W. Lawton, J. Lee, W. Lee, J. Compston, A. Bosworth, E. Bosworth, W. Bacon, W. Ridgard, B. Salway, J. Oldham, A. Martin, W. Dewsnap, J. H. Senior, E. T. Turner, A. Wellings, W. P. Barnes, J. Dickinson, A. Hordern, A. Goodall, and J. J. Brooks; hon. sec., John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-road, Rawtenstall. A lengthy debate then ensued in regard to the challenge cups to be replaced, and it was unanimously decided to try a different method in the future in regard to same, and a special meeting will probably be called to finally consider details. I am pleased to say that we keep making new members, Messrs. E. T. Turner (Rochdale), J. Laycock (Colne), and C. Bosworth (Rushden) being made members. Messrs. N. Stansfield and S. R. Compston were proposed members, all being highly delighted in welcoming Mr. Compston once again to his old love. The following were proposed to act as judges for the L. and L.F.A., viz.: Messrs. J. Garner, J. Swalwell, W. P. Barnes, E. Fuller, S. R. Compston, and A. Wellings. Auditors, Messrs. J. Oldham and B. Salway. It was decided to have a tea and social in connection with the presenting of the challenge cups and medals on May 7th, at the Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde. All members are invited to attend, and as many friends as they care to bring with them; more particulars later. The following have subscribed to the Lancashire Cup Fund:—Mr. J. Garner, 3s. 6d.; Mr. Vickers, 5s.; Mr. Dickenson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. J. Brookes, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Oldham, 5s.; Mr. J. Swalwell, 5s.; Mr. A. Wellings, 5s.; Mr. J. Rukin, 5s.; Mrs. J. Rukin, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Adams, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Bosworth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. B. Salway, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Ridgard, 2s. 6d.; and Mr. E. Fuller, 5s.; total, £2 13s. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and auditors brought the meeting to a close.—J. RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle; Mr. J. Curry in chair. Correspondence re patronage was read from Messrs. Douglas, Harver, and Stewart. Its consideration was deferred until we allot patronage. The first table show for young birds was fixed for June 8th; judge, Mr. Eliwood. The secretary was instructed to invite subscriptions towards a special for most points over the young bird table shows. The following gentlemen were admitted members:—Messrs. Coomber (Jesmond), and Milne (Jesmond). The thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Hutler for providing the plinth for challenge cup. The secretary then gave an address on "Our Ideal," taking the points in the Y.C.C. standard one by one. After this a hearty discussion was entered into, chiefly centering round position and the various methods of steadying the birds, practically everyone taking part in it. A vote of thanks was then given to the secretary for the address. After this the chairman announced that there was another item which the secretary had forgotten to put on the agenda, and on behalf of the members and friends of the club asked Mr. Shepherd to present the secretary with a gold-mounted umbrella and an illuminated address. Mr. Shepherd said that he felt highly honoured in being chosen to make this presentation, which had been subscribed to not only by members of the N.Y.C.C., but by other friends also; the address read as follows:—"The members of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club wish to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by their hon. secretary, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, and hope he may enjoy good health and be long spared to continue in the office he so ably fills. For the committee, John Curry, James Shepherd, J. Ernest Atkinson, Roberts, Tindale. The secretary, in accepting the address and umbrella, said he had often read of people having their breath taken away, but he certainly had experienced that sensation. The gift had come as a surprise to him, and he felt very proud that they had so honoured him though he little deserved it. Whatever he had done for the club it had always been a pleasure to do. It was his hope and desire that the best Yorkshires in the kingdom should be in the hands of the club's members, and though young in years, he was sure that the members had birds of which they ought to feel very proud. Anything that he could do in the future he would be as pleased to do for them as in the past. He sincerely thanked them all. The chairman called on Mr. Currah, the chairman of Newcastle C.B.S., to say a few words, after which the members adjourned to their homes.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. sec.

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Twitterings.

I have been appointed secretary to the Boness and Dis. F.A.—THOS. CAMERON, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Scotland.

I have removed from Broomwood Road, Clapham Common, to 61, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, writes Mr. G. E. Slade.

Our next show is fixed for November 8th and 9th, writes Mr. Percival Harris, hon. secretary, Barnstaple C.B., etc., Association.

Kindly notify that I am removing from Stafford Street to 47, Winifred Road, Stockport, writes Mr. W. Stafford, hon. secretary of the Stockport B.F.A.

The Illustrated Idea, No. 400, published in our last issue, was sent by Mr. Thomas Burns, of 30, Hammond Street, Newcastle, and not Mr. J. Burns, as stated.

Mr. H. W. Battye will judge our First Feather show to be held on June 25th, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, hon. secretary of the Heywood and Dis. O.S.

In our last club report, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary Sunderland C.B.A., the name of Dr. O'Neal was inadvertently omitted from the list of vice-presidents.

The First Feather show of the Stockport B.F.A. will be held on June 30th and July 1st, writes Mr. W. Stafford, hon. secretary. Mr. W. Bowyer will judge.

Kindly note that I have removed from Tamworth, writes Mr. J. Hollingshead; my address is now The Square, Fazeley. I have opened a shop here in the boot-making business.

Will fanciers kindly note my change of address from Lytton Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester, to 16, Hulton Street, Moss Side, Manchester, writes Mr. John Needham.

I have been appointed secretary in place of Mr. Parratt, of the Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S., writes Mr. O. Greenwood, and my address is 29, Wood End, Hebden Bridge.

The cage bird, etc., show of the Ebbw Vale F. and F.S. will be held on November 30th next, when it is hoped fanciers will give their continued support to this well-known fixture.

Will Mr. A. Trever who replied to an advertisement of mine in CAGE BIRDS, but omitted to give his address, kindly communicate same to me? writes Mr. T. Robinson (Annfield Plain).

I have removed to more central premises, where business will be carried on as usual at 137, Copperas Hill, Liverpool, writes Mr. S. Hadwin, late 20, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

Will societies in Fife and Kinross wishing the patronage of the Fife and Kinross Norwich P.C. write to me stating the number of classes and the judge? writes Mr. A. Dickson, the secretary.

We have received for inspection a large batch of testimonials from Mr. H. Lewis (Hulton Road, Handsworth), which he has had sent him by delighted buyers of his Budgerigars, etc., advertised in our pages.

I have sold all my surplus Lizard pairs, also the odd cock, both 1908 and '9 birds, and only have eight hens (1909) left, which shows the Lizard Fancy is making great progress, writes Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham).

Our First Feather show will be held on July 2nd, in the Rochdale O.C. rooms. A debate on "What an Ideal Club should be," will be opened on April 24th, at 7 p.m., by Mr. R. Blincoe.—J. BUTTERWORTH, secretary, Rochdale O.C.

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The Oldham and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Steeple, the hon. secretary, have decided to hold their First Feather show on June 18th, at headquarters. Mr. E. Fitton (Oldham) will judge. He is best known as Teddy Fitton, "one of the old school."

Our young stock show, writes Mr. A. T. Riddles, hon. secretary of the Brighton C.B.A., is fixed for June 29th. Will Mr. Baker, of Over Street, Brighton, kindly forward to me at 29, Inwood Crescent, Brighton, his full address, as I have mislaid it?

Hawick O.S. will hold their open show on December 3rd. Exhibitors will no doubt be glad to hear that the Border Fancy contest will be held at Hawick. With a good classification for Norwich, Mules, and British birds, we are looking forward for a big entry.—H. AMOS, hon. secretary.

We have secured the following gentlemen as judges for our open show at Berwick-on-Tweed on November 24th next, write Messrs. Smart and Gray, hon. secretaries of the Berwick-on-Tweed C.B., etc., Society. Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) and H. Bennet (Kelso) will judge the cage birds.

The Bournemouth and Dis. Cage Bird Association's book of rules, etc., for 1910, includes a capital programme of events, among which are several papers and discussions on specific subjects. The secretary, Mr. W. O. Brooke, "Hopeville," 102, Norfolk Road, Bournemouth, will be pleased to hear from prospective members.

The quarterly balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B. (sent us by the hon. secretary, Mr. V. Wynn) shows the splendid cash balance of £28 4s. 8d., an increase of £4 5s. 8d. over the last total. The headway which this society continues to make must be most pleasing to the officials. The above result is despite a loss of £1 17s. 9d. on the recent British and Foreign Bird Show.

We have engaged the services of Mr. J. Dobson as judge for this year's show on November 24th, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, hon. secretary of the Stamford and Dis. F.A. We are also securing the same hall that we had last year for our show, which we consider a most comfortable room for the purpose. We should like to see at least 400 exhibits, but we could stage 500 nicely. The Fancy is only in its infancy hereabouts, but there have been a lot of new fanciers this last year, and we should profit very much from this new source.

We have received samples of the two kinds of aluminium Canary marking rings supplied by Mr. Geo. B. Leciair, of 24, Lambton Road, Hornsey Rise, London, viz., with and without flanges. The rims are perfectly rounded and smooth, and the rings themselves are very neat and light, without being flimsy. The simplest way of adjusting the rings is to draw them down the stem of a button-hook until opened to the desired size, place them on the bird's leg and gently press until both ends or flanges meet. The fact that leading fanciers have used these rings for years, is in itself sufficient proof of their reliability.

Our membership, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., is now on the increase, and we have arranged to hold table shows for young birds in June, July, and August, with free admission to the hall, a young stock show in October, and an open show on November 30th and December 1st. Mr. Roe will be one of the judges for the last-named event, and we hope to break last year's record. Bird lovers will be giving a lift to the Fancy in Birmingham by joining our society and helping to promote an even better show than last year. We all wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so richly deserves.

OUR LITERARY COMPETITION.

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The task of weighing the merits of the many articles sent in for our recent Literary Competition has now come to a conclusion, and the full results will be announced in our Spring Special Number of next week.

We have just received the year-book and balance-sheet for 1909-10 of the National British Bird and Mule Club, which proves that excellent work was done during the past year by this specialist club on behalf of exhibitors in the Hybrid and British bird sections at our shows, no less than £11 18s. 6d. being expended upon medals for the members. The accounts show the highly satisfactory sum of £12 10s. 6d. (cash) in hand, and total assets (cups, etc.), £26 18s. 3d., so that the Club is on a perfectly sound financial basis, a fact which reflects much credit upon the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower, and the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr (2, Broad Street Station, London, E.C.), who will be glad to hear from fanciers desirous of becoming members.

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The annual open show of the City and County of Perth O.S., writes Mr. Jas. Kerr, the hon. secretary, is fixed to be held on December 10th next, when the following gentlemen will judge: Messrs. T. Merrilees (Broughty Ferry) for Scotch Fancies; J. Young (Rutherglen) for Crests and Crestbreds; A. McFarlane (Glasgow) for Norwich; J. Stevenson (Kirkmuir) for Border Fancies; and R. V. Raine (Cathcart) for British and foreign birds. The club show has been fixed for October 22nd, with Mr. Gollan Hislop (Stirling) as judge.

A picture of the Blue-billed Weaver-Bird, painted in Mr. W. Goodchild's inimitable manner, graces the April number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. The species is written about by Mr. E. Hopkinson. The Editor writes on "The Aviaries and Birds at Benham Valence." Mr. W. H. Browning, of New York, on "My Aviary and its Inmates," and Mr. A. Sutcliffe on "A Holiday in the West Indies." Mr. Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S., contributes some notes on "Tuberculosis in Birds," and Mr. J. Frostick has something more to say on the Dartford Warbler in captivity. There is also much other interesting matter.

In sending us a copy of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.'s book of rules and the programme for 1910 (which is very admirably got up), Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary, writes: I am pleased to inform you that the society is making steady progress. We are electing new members at every meeting, no less than 16 having been elected within the last few weeks. A spirit of great enthusiasm exists. Our meetings are well attended, and our members' shows are proving decidedly successful. The committee are not forgetting the social welfare of the society. Concerts and various other interesting items are being arranged, to which our lady friends are very specially invited. Everything possible is being done to make 1910 the most successful year in the society's history.

The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. have been very busy these last few weeks, bringing to a close their draw, which has brought the grand sum of £10 to their purse, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, the secretaries. This is a handsome reward for the energy of its members, all of whom gave prizes to make up the draw, no outsider being asked to give anything. It has been decided to buy a challenge bowl for the members, the rules for which will be finally settled at next meeting. New members are invited, anyone being eligible for election within eight miles' radius. The meetings will be found very interesting, table shows and lectures playing a prominent part.

Cage Bird Union.

The result of the voting is as follows:—President, Mr. W. A. Bladon 25 votes, Lord Decies 12; secretary, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe 15. Forty-three papers were returned, of which five were unsigned, and one too late.—E. C. LEWER, scrutineer.

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held on April 23rd (this Saturday) at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Time 5.30. Business: Election of sub-committee, members' subscriptions, and other important business. All new delegates please attend.—H. HILL, secretary, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

The National Green-marked Y.C.

The annual general meeting of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. will be held on Saturday (April 23rd), at 3 p.m. (previous to Yorkshire Union meeting), at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Business very important: Minutes; election of officers for 1910; balance-sheet; classification for next show season; reports, etc. The following gentlemen have been nominated: President, Mr. W. H. Shackleton; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Ogden, H. W. Walsh, and F. Townsend; committee, ten inside Yorkshire and five outside Yorkshire, Messrs. H. W. Walsh, F. Townsend, T. Ogden, F. Hammond, H. Hill, S. Dean, W. Crabtree, R. Halliday, W. A. Cowgill, J. Wilcock, H. J. Chittenden, H. H. Towers, T. C. Crowhall, A. Hirst, J. W. Ramsden, J. Currie, A. Ambler, F. Hodgson, S. Unigh, L. Briggs, and W. Firth; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Armstrong, 78, Pear Street, Parkinson Lane, Halifax. All members are earnestly requested to attend.—F. ARMSTRONG, secretary.

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Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme).
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Meilors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
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Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester).
Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon).
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
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Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
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Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

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Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Apr. 24, Headquarters, First ramble of the season, 1.30. prompt for Dalston district.—J. C. Bell.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Apr. 26, Wellington Inn, 8. Final arrangements for ramble.—F. Mitchell.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Apr. 30, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges for open show, etc.; please attend.—F. C. Sims.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Apr. 26, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Terms, etc., regarding trip.—F. Gelder.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Apr. 22, Headquarters, 8. To decide on place for holding annual show; discussion on rearing and feeding young birds.—W. G. Brooke.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Apr. 23, Headquarters, 7. Club rules, etc.—W. Woollett.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Apr. 30, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. —G. Harper.

Choppington C.B.S.—Apr., 23, Railway Hotel, 7. Classification, etc.—G. H. Seely.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Apr. 25, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. W. T. Page, F.Z.S., entitled "Insectivorous or Fruit-Eating Foreign Birds"; interested visitors especially welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Apr. 23, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Crewe O.S.—Apr. 26, Earl of Chester Hotel.—T. L. Hancocks.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Apr. 25, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Table show, A.V. Brit. Hardbill; two prizes. —W. H. Bray.

Derby C.B.S.—Apr. 30, Derwent Hotel, 7. New rules, shall be pleased to see any intending new members; subscription, 2s. per year; 1s. nomination fee. —W. Stevens.

Darlington C.B.S.—Apr. 27, Half Moon Inn, 8.—Hy. Todd.

Grimsby O.S.—Apr. 28, Slatter's Rooms, Freeman Street, 8. To settle whether we have an open show this year or not, and also as to the C.B.U. whether we continue membership.—Moore and Harding.

Green C.A.—Apr. 28, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, 8. Lecture by J. S. Clinch, Esq., "Mendelism as applied to the Green and Cinnamon"; letter re taking in the Borders.—G. Green.

Glasgow—Queen's Park C.B.S.—Apr. 29, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. Rules to be revised.—R. Heggie.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Apr. 28, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, 8.—Hamer and Putner.

Gt. Horton Good Intent.—Apr. 30, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Delegates' report of special Yorks. Union meeting.—H. Clubb.

Huddersfield O.S.—Apr. 25, Methodist Schoolroom, 8. Closing of guarantees for members, F.F. show, June 18, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Highgate C.B.S.—Apr. 28, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8.30. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. A. Silver, 7.45 sharp; committee meeting to arrange Flych show, etc.—C. W. Law.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Apr. 23, White Lion, 7.30. F.F. show business.—R. H. Dixon.

Heywood O.S.—Apr. 26, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Cup rules, also F.F. show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Leigh C.B.S.—Apr. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper will be read by Mr. J. Cavanagh on the Yorkshire Canary.—P. Hart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Apr. 27, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. General discussion on difficulties (and how to overcome them) that occur during the breeding season, led by Mr. Stevens; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Apr. 29, Temperance Hotel, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

Midland Roller C.C.—Apr. 28, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Paper by Mr. Harper (Bilston), on his method of breeding Rollers. Fanciers interested invited.—J. H. Willows.

Morley C.B.S.—Apr. 23, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Suggested nomination of birds before show day, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Musselburgh O.S.—Apr. 30, 83, High Street, 7. Booking of hens, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Apr. 27, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Club patronage and table show. Judge, Mr. J. R. Slack; classes, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; pairs for Hyb. Breeding; A.S. For.—J. Bertram.

National B.B. and M.C.—Apr. 28, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Apr. 26, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Apr. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Classification for F.F. show, etc.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Apr. 25, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Resignation of secretary and nomination of successor, etc.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Apr. 28, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Egg food preparing competition, visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Apr. 27, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting, very urgent, ramble, show, etc.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Apr. 25, Club, 8.30. Committee meeting, also town hall; accounts.—J. Butterworth.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Apr. 30, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8. Arrangements for table show, etc.—W. Reid.

Stockport B.F.A.—Apr. 26, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. —W. Stafford.

Selston F.S.—Apr. 23, School, 7. To arrange committee, etc., business.—F. Maltby.

West Stanley C.B.S. — Apr. 23, Com. Hotel, 7. Classes for Nest Feather Show.—W. Elliott.

Warrington C.B.S.—Apr. 28, Blue Bell, Sale Rooms, 8.—C. Dukes.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Apr. 23, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 5.30. Election of sub-committee; members' subscriptions, etc. All new delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

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A Well-known Exhibitor and the Wealthy Banker's 42 Aviaries.

Last week we published a paragraph which announced the fact that Mr. O. Millsum, the well-known exhibitor of foreign birds (of Swindon), was departing for the Continent to take charge of 42 aviaries devoted to birds. From the "Evening News" we cull the following further particulars:—

Mr. Millsum has built up a large and successful business, but in the intervals he has been a keen student of foreign birds. As the result, he has scored some sensational victories on the show bench and has attracted the attention of fanciers both at home and abroad.

A short time ago he was consulted by a wealthy Brussels banker, who contemplated erecting the largest series of private aviaries in the world. The outcome of the matter was that the Swindon draper was offered the sole management at a big salary. He accepted it, and is proceeding to his new post almost at once.

"My friends cannot understand it," Mr. Millsum remarked to the representative of the paper. "They seem to think I am doing rather an uncommon thing in giving up a successful business for something apparently not tangible in the commercial sense. But personally I think I am to be envied. I am one of the few individuals who are able through a fortunate circumstance to get out of the rut of his humdrum life and grasp their ideals. I have a passion for birds, for nature, and the open air. When I go to Brussels I shall live on a beautiful country estate and have entire charge of forty-two aviaries of rare birds. My family and myself will be placed in healthy surroundings, and what has been to me a delightful hobby in the past will become my chief interest and occupation in the future."

In the course of further conversation Mr. Millsum said he had always been a fancier in a small way, but it was only in recent years that he had taken up bird culture on a big scale. He made Canaries his study, but found there was not sufficient variety in it to suit him. Soon after he came to Swindon the doctor said he must have a hobby or he would have a breakdown in health. Following his natural bent, he began to stock foreign birds, his first purchase being a pair of Love-birds which cost him seven-and-six.

"I joined the Foreign Bird Club and the Avicultural Society," Mr. Millsum went on, "and by this means got into touch with kindred spirits. I read all there was to read on my pet subject and made a careful study of my own collection. The greatest difficulty in bringing birds from the Tropics to this country is, of course, acclimatisation. But the great art is the feeding. I think I have got as near to perfection in artificial feeding as anyone else, and I have invented several foods which have been taken up by practical fanciers.

"I am taking the whole of my birds, including some which have never been seen in Europe before, to Brussels with me. It has been a long process getting the birds together. I have had agents on the look-out at the English ports, and also on the Continent, and it has sometimes been necessary to buy up a whole collection to get a rare specimen."

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NOTE.—*If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.*

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Singing whilst Breeding.

Breeding Rollers ("Sheffield").—There is but one breed of Roller—the terms Seifert, Glucke, etc., refer to strains and not breeds, and these are now trade descriptions more than anything else. (2) Get a very fair singing cock, quite good enough to learn on, for 20s. Of course, there are better, but until you have gained a little experience this quality would probably give you greater satisfaction than more expensive birds. (3) Many birds, but not all, stop singing when mated for breeding, but they resume their song after breeding is over, or after moulting. There is a certain amount of risk of their picking up bad notes whilst breeding, and adding them to their song, but the risk is no more than most ordinary singing birds are exposed to regularly. If the cock keeps in song whilst breeding, and resumes again quickly after moulting, it is quite possible for him to impart to the young cocks all the tuition they require. Our manager could get you "Profitable Canary Breeding," for 9½d., which would suit you.

Value of Quarantine.

H. Lewis (Cheltenham).—You do not seem to have kept the hen you bought in quarantine at all before mating her, and I am afraid you are now suffering from neglect of this very necessary precaution. It is not possible to say definitely what was the cause of the deaths without having a post-mortem, but the indications all point very strongly to the hen being a source of infection. You should remove her and the cage she occupies, and all its fittings quite away from all your other stock, and keep her absolutely isolated for the remainder of this season. Thoroughly disinfect the cage from time to time as indicated in the article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and never allow any droppings to accumulate in it. Feed on a nourishing diet of seeds, with a regular supply of green food or fruit, a little dry crushed biscuit, and now and again a scrap of bread and milk, giving no more of the latter than will soon be cleared up. Avoid soft pappy foods of all kinds, as much as possible. I would not advise you to breed with the hen, and it may be best to test her when you think she is quite safe, by putting a common waster of some kind with her to see if it becomes infected. If they remain together for a fortnight without result there should be no further danger. If, however, the test bird becomes ill and dies, by all means have a post-mortem to quite settle the matter.

Concerning Norwich.

M. L. James.—(1) Am afraid this hen is in a bad way. I wish you had mentioned whether she was kept in the same cage—the brass one—as the cock had previously died in. If she has not shuffled off the coils of mortality, keep her in a wood box cage, in a comfortable temperature, rather on the warm side than otherwise, but quite free from draughts. Give plain Canary seed only as staple diet, with a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed daily. Give a spray of chickweed daily. Limit the diet strictly to this for a week, and in the next week add only half a teaspoonful of rape every second day. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days only. Report progress at end of fortnight. (2) See that this bird also is quite free from draughts and damp. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part rape as staple. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of hemp. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed, and four drops of tincture of gentian every second day until the moulting ceases. It would be quite useless to mate him until the moult is stopped. (3) Try to discover the cause of these attacks. It may be occasional draughts from some source, or too vigorous cold bathing in cold, wet weather. Remove the cause, and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together for a day or two in the water. (4) You may use the mixed sawdust just the same as pure pine wood sawdust. It will serve practically every purpose quite as well. From now until the moult is about to commence, however, sawdust should be avoided, as sand is much preferable for the cage floors during the breeding season.

The First Round.

"Sloper."—I have no doubt the sudden snap of cold recently was the chief cause, as the eggs would be almost, if not quite, contemporaneous in growth with the cold. The cocks also may not be quite so forward as you thought they were. Allow the hens that have all clear eggs to sit a week or ten days then remove the nests, and let them come forward again naturally and begin afresh. You may also make a complete fertile clutch with the three fertiles in one nest and the one in another, and treat one hen the same as the others. As to which hen you allow to go on sitting, you must be guided by your own knowledge of the hens. If one is a known good parent, and will take care of the young then entrust the eggs to her in preference to an untried, or an unreliable, hen. After removing the nests give the birds a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and begin to feed them up again the same as you did for the first round. They should require no other treatment, as the weather will now be getting more mild and equable, and its effect will doubtless be seen in greater fertility in the next round of nests.

Young Birds Dying.

A. G. Cant.—Several replies have appeared recently which would have met your needs to a great extent. You made a mistake yourself in mating the birds a great deal too soon, or you could not have had two nests from them yet, and your feeding is not correct. Do not use the white of the egg for the first three days after hatching, and dilute the egg food with about an equal bulk of the food you name, afterwards gradually increasing the proportion of the latter to two parts to one of egg. You must remember that these foods are supposed to contain a fairly high proportion of egg used in manufacture. You would probably do better by discarding prepared food, and using good wholesome stale bread, or crushed plain biscuits, to mix with the egg. On the third or fourth day after hatching begin to give green food in small quantities, fresh two or three times a day—preferably chickweed, groundsel, watercress, or lettuce. About the tenth or twelfth day give a little hemp daily. Let the staple seed diet all through remain at three parts canary to one part summer rape. Stop the flax altogether. If there are large broods, or hens show signs of flagging about the twelfth day, you may also add a little soaked rape in a separate vessel, but see that it does not become sour in the warm weather.

Off Song and Noisy Breathing.

G.S.E.—(1) Treat the same as advised to "Best Luck," but instead of giving only the hemp alternately with the sponge cake, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts hemp, and one part each of linseed, teazle, and black rape. You might also, with beneficial results, give a mealworm each day, if available, for a time. Just crush the head, and fasten worm on to end of perch with a pin. (2) Remove the hen to a cosy place, not necessarily very warm, which is quite free from draughts, damp, or great fluctuations, and see that she is not exposed to the influence of burning lights in the evenings. At the same time let it be a well-ventilated position. In addition to your present staple seed diet, give a piece of bread about the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a good spray of chickweed, or groundsel, or two leaves of dandelion. Give preference to the first-named, but do not limit the bird to the one variety continually. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts, and six drops of lemon juice for two days, and after that give ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine, every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again, if needed, for another fortnight.

A Crest Duet.

Spring Bok.—(1) There is no real necessity to interfere with the grooming of the bird's crest during the breeding season. It is much better to leave such matters alone, and avoid as much as possible any unnecessary disturbance of breeding birds. Wait until after next moult, and then if the Crest still shows a tendency to curl upward after it has moulted out, and the feathers are quite full grown, catch the bird each day, slightly moisten the crest with a camel-hair brush, such as is found in a small box of water-colours, dipped in fairly warm water, then take a tiny pad of soft silk and gently stroke the feathers down in the direction you wish them to lie, warming the pad from time to time, and continuing stroking until the crest seems fairly dry. Then get a small camel-hair brush which is dry, warm it, and finish off the crest with that, gently brushing the feathers down in the proper direction. Continue this for a few days until the feathers retain the desired position. (2) See that there is no damp in the position occupied by this bird when the weather is wet. You might change it to a little warmer or drier position permanently, or, any way, do so when we get spells of cold, wet weather. You might also vary its diet during these attacks by dropping out first one kind of seed and then another until you find which seed, if any, disagrees with it at these times, and limit the quantity of that seed to a small amount in future. Such a bird is scarcely a fit subject for perpetuating the race.

Sore Feet and Not Singing.

Mrs. A. H. Clarke.—(1) Keep the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and strew the floor well with pine sawdust instead of gritty sand until the feet are well, giving a little grit now and again in one corner of the cage. Catch the bird and soak its legs and feet (better, perhaps, do one at a time) in tolerably hot water, but not hot enough to give any sense of scalding. After soaking for a few minutes carefully press off the coarse scales with the thumb nail, or a trimmed match stick. Use no force; if they do not come away readily, soak them a little longer. Avoid making them bleed. When scales are removed, bathe for few moments in a warm solution of boracic acid, dry gently, and anoint with boracic ointment. Repeat anointing daily for few days. You may add a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice to water for two days, and give a spray of chickweed daily. (2) This seems to refer to a former question which I do not remember, and cannot trace reply. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, and teazle, and on two other days a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. Give a spray of chickweed, or a leaf of dandelion, daily, and allow the bird to bathe two or three times a week in mild weather. See that it is free from draughts, and great extremes of heat and cold. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary. You should satisfy yourself that the sex is right.

Not Breeding.

S.A.—In the first place you paired them too early, and probably long before there was any sign at all of their beginning to get forward in condition, and in the next place your feeding does not seem to be sufficiently generous. If they have made no forward progress when this appears, separate them at once. See that the place where they are kept is nice and bright, well ventilated, but quite free from draughts, damp, or extreme fluctuations. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg-food with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed with it. You may vary this item occasionally with an equivalent amount of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, black rape, and teazle. Every day give two fair-sized dandelion leaves. All these quantities are for each bird individually, and not to be shared amongst the lot. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a day or two. After a fortnight on this treatment you may try mating them again when they seem to be ready, but it is quite useless putting them together until they show signs of readiness.

Brevities.

Bald Canary (Wylde Green).—Many thanks for letter. Very pleased to hear treatment has been so successful.

Question of Fertility (Curious).—If the cock is removed from the hen after the first egg is laid, it does not necessarily follow that the eggs she lays afterwards will be unfertile. It is, of course, quite possible that this may be the case; but with a healthy, vigorous hen in high breeding condition, I should expect to find at least the two eggs laid on the two days following the removal of the cock fertile, and in some cases the whole clutch laid would be fertile.

Always Moulting (W. N. Stephenson).—See the cage is not hung where it can receive a direct current of air from doors or windows, or where it is exposed to the heat of a fire by day, or burning lights in the evenings. Continue your present staple diet, and three times a week for the next month, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. If the latter is not available, give a mealworm each day as a substitute. On the alternate days give a few grains of hemp, and a morsel of ripe banana. Give a spray of chickweed or two leaves of dandelion daily, and allow birds to bathe daily in mild weather. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea, and six drops of diluted sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight.

Cause of Clear Eggs (W.H.C.).—The reason you suspect of the eggs being unfertile is a far-fetched and altogether untenable one. It is far more likely that the cock was not in such good breeding condition as you thought he was, and the recent cold snaps probably prevented him filling the eggs. He required a little extra feeding, and the second clutches would in all probability have been more successful in any case. If he is a very heavily-feathered bird, with loose, flowing feather about the flanks, you should trim off the loose ends of the feathers about the flanks and abdomen. Do not disfigure the bird at all. All you need to do is just snip off the loose tips about the surfaces so as to leave the plumage neater and closer in appearance.

Egg-bound Hen (E.E.E., Wisbech).—The treatment of placing the hen over a jug of hot water was correct as far as it went. You should have dropped two drops of warm olive oil or castor oil in the vent from the end of a match stick before placing her over the steam, and have given two drops of a mixture of equal parts brandy and glycerine in the beak. Of the latter mixture you should also have added a small teaspoonful to the drinking water. The bird should have been placed in a small cage on nest near a fire after being steamed, and the oil and steaming process repeated after three or four hours, when the first operation had failed to produce any result. Any mauling operations under the pretence of helping matters are best avoided.

Keeping Birds in Attic (Novice).—You do not mention the size of the attic, which is unfortunate. In any case, you seem to be between two fires—either of which may burn you equally bad, figuratively speaking. If the kitchen is a good-sized one, so that you can keep the birds well away from the fire and burning lights, and yet have them well protected against draughts from doors or windows, I would certainly advise you to leave them where they are in preference to removing them to the attic. In fact, I would only advise the latter course if the space is fairly large, and with the condition that the door could be left open for ventilation at all times without causing draughts. Even then the window seems quite inadequate to make a fairly bright room.

Birds Fainting (A. Wyatt).—As these fits have only begun to occur so recently, and each time you have attended to the cages, I would suggest there may be something new introduced to their notice which is, perhaps, not noticeable to you, but is alarming to the birds. See if you can discover anything in the room, cages, appliances, or even your own dress. The only other cause is nervousness, which may be due to some temporary weakness, their increasing age, or even constipation. The only thing you can do is to pay much attention to them in an unobtrusive and quiet way, and thus try to win their confidence. Never do anything about the cage without having some choice bit of green stuff or other dainty in their view, and ready to leave behind for them, and all the time during the operation keep speaking or "tweeting" to them now and again in a quiet way. If at all costive, give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two, and increase the supply of green food.

After the Scrimmage ("Joiner").—I suspect the result you describe is a sore, and not a swelling though you do not say which. Wash it clean with a little very warm water in which you have dissolved boracic acid in the proportion of a teaspoonful to half a teacupful of water. After washing, dry gently, and paint the spot with a feather from a bird's wing or tail dipped in Friar's Balsam. After that just touch the spot daily with the ointment, or with carbolised vaseline. If only the result of the fight, it will probably soon be well. There is no fear of contagion.

Soft Feathers (J.C., Bolton).—You should have said whether the bird is dropping feathers, or in what way you think the soft feathers, as you term them, are abnormal. Feed it on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week for the next month give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. On two other days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, linseed, and black rape. Give a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking give a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, a piece of sulphate of iron half that size, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week or so. If that does not set matters right, write again and give full particulars.

Puffed-out Roller (Alpha).—The bird has either got a chill or was dropping into moult. If the latter was the case it will be self-evident before this appears. Keep it in a comfortable temperature—not necessarily a high one—but quite free from draughts and sudden fluctuations. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, teazle, and black rape. Give a spray of green food daily. Drop the inga and linseed out of the diet, and limit it to above items. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Not Singing (A. Newman).—Although you say the bird has never laid any eggs since you had it when it was quite young I am inclined to think it is a hen. Feed it as advised to "J.C., Bolton," but substitute a pinch of gold of pleasure seed for the maw to sprinkle over the bread and milk, and give the bread and milk and the mixed seeds on each alternate day instead of only twice a week each. After a fortnight of this treatment try mating her with a lusty young cock in full song and breeding condition.

Age for Breeding (Eastney).—Certainly, hens hatched from April to June, 1909, are quite old enough to mate up and fulfil all their duties by now. The egg-binding in the hens in question is a mere coincidence, and has nothing whatever to do with the age of the birds. It is much more likely that the weather was the cause of the trouble. I cannot quite understand your feeding. You first say they were fed previously on plain canary (which, I take it, is the time you had them), yet again you say you fed them on a packet seed. Feed as frequently advised in these replies, and give the hens a rest of a fortnight before mating up again after being egg-bound.

Losing Feathers (Best Luck).—I hope this is not your best luck. Remove the Yorkshire from the hen and cage him by himself in a comfortable position, where he will be free from draughts and chills and extremes of heat and cold. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. Continue the treatment until feathers cease dropping. If the moulting started before eggs were laid, they are probably unfertile. Give the Norwich that are slow a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure on alternate days, and two leaves of dandelion daily.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

What Parrot?

S. W.—It is a Banded or Moustache Parrakeet, very many of which are noted for fluency of speech. Your bird is evidently a freshly imported bird, and as yet quite wild; consequently when you go to attend to it, it is badly scared and screeches. If it is continually screeching I fear it will be anything but a pleasant pet, and I certainly cannot advise you to keep longer than your period of warranty; if it has not improved by then, I should certainly advise returning it shortly before this period expires. All Parrakeets talk a little, but some take a lot of teaching. You might try covering it up, when it begins to screech, and then remove very quietly, so as not to scare the bird unduly, or you will simply aggravate the trouble. No Parrot will talk while it is so badly scared; they must be tamed first, then the other soon follows.

A Feather Puller.

W. B.—Get a bottle of Spratt's "Pennakura" and anoint any bare places therewith. You make no mention of ripe fruit, the bird should have some daily; if it will not take one kind, try another; most individuals are, however, fond of apple. Seed mixture: Two parts each of Canary and white millet seeds, and one part each of oats, hemp, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and always keep a supply in cage. Crusts of household bread, plain biscuits, and nuts in variety should also be given so as to keep up a varied diet. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any other kind of animal food whatever. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage, and supply cotton reels and pieces of stick for the bird to cut up and play with. Keep its bowels well moving with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia (1 part magnesia to 3 parts water), say, every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; the above to take the place of drinking water on days supplied. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. This feather pulling is very difficult to cure, and much patience is required, as the habit or vice is not easily checked. Report progress after a few weeks of above treatment.

Aviary for Budgerigars.

Mid. Surrey—(1) The roof should slope from back to front, and if it is not more than 8 feet long, I should have the whole of it covered in. The whole of the back, the two ends, and one-third of the front should be boarded in, the remainder of the front being half-inch mesh wire netting. I should advise an earthern floor, well covered with gritty sand. Three-quarter inch matching would suffice, but two thicknesses of half-inch planking with felt between is much more satisfactory, and the extra cost is but little more, while the gain in the form of being damp and draught proof is very great. If you construct as above, there will be no need to board off the shelter from the flight, but if you send me the dimensions of your proposed aviary I could be more definite. (2) It should be safe to put the young out the first or second week in May, unless severe weather should intervene.

In Poor Feather.

M. K. T.—In addition to the large seed mixture, keep a tin of Canary and white millet seed in the cage continually. Every third day for a month the drinking water should consist of one part Dinneford's magnesia and three parts water; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Get a bottle of Spratt's "Pennakura" and anoint the bare patches therewith. Do not give egg, all the other items of diet you name are permissible. It will be the better for a little ripe fruit daily—any kind it will eat. I should advise you to get the following as your large seed mixture: One part each sunflower, oats, maize, hemp, and paddy-rice, the whole to be well mixed together. Nuts in variety should also be given. I should also supply a piece of a branch and cotton reels for is to play with and cut up; also keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Continue the above treatment for about a month, and then let me know the result. Let it get all the fresh air possible without draught.

Galah Cockatoo Moulting.

Ignorant.—Repeat your query and inform me how you are feeding and treating the Galah, and I shall be in a position to advise you. In the meantime give the bird a dose of Dinneford's magnesia—one part magnesia to three parts water—this to constitute the drinking water for the one day. To guard against possible parasites, spray the bird twice a week with quassia solution. Re the young Parrot: You might with advantage put eight to ten drops of Parrish's chemical food in the boiled maize daily (note, the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day); the biscuit should be soaked only in water, and merely moistening it is better than saturation. I should also let it have a few sips of water (chill just off) once or twice a day, gradually increasing this to letting it satisfy its thirst two or three times daily. Keep a seed mixture of Canary, millet, and hemp in the cage, and also supply a little ripe fruit. When the bird is eating heartily of the seed mixture, you can supply larger seeds as well, and when it appears to be taking sufficient of this, gradually discontinue the maize, but do not stop the supply suddenly. As it is already fairly steady, it should soon begin to pick up what it bears. It will be quite another two months before you can consider danger from latent infection past, but I should say the prospect of your acclimatising the bird certainly very good.

Brevities.

Another Feather Puller (C. B.).—This vexatious vice is not easy to eradicate once the bird has become confirmed in it, and the treatment must be persevered with as the care is frequently a lengthy process. I can only add to my previous reply that you procure a bottle of Spratt's "Pennakura" and anoint the bare and irritated parts therewith. Keep it where it will get all the fresh air possible without draught.

Mocking Birds (C. H.).—There are some half dozen or more species of Mocking Birds, all of which are of good merit as songsters. The common Mocking Bird (Mimus Polyglottus) is the only one at all freely imported and its song is very fine. The white-banded mocking bird is said to be even a finer songster, but it is very seldom imported, and I do not remember having seen a living specimen of this species. Its principal dietary should be soft food, live insects and ripe fruit.

Australian Parrot Laying Eggs (J. B. B.).—Probably the laying of the eggs has put a strain on the birds system and it is feeling a little out of condition; the only danger is egg-binding and I do not think this is a serious one. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. As the brooding fever passes away it will recover its speech. But if you will repeat query, giving me a little of the bird's history and details of your treatment, I may be able to give you a more satisfactory reply.

Breeding Indian Parrakeets (J. H. F.).—About the time this reply appears the eggs should be hatched; but do not be too curious; let your ears do the watching in this respect. I should supply pieces of plain biscuit, and crusts of stale household bread, and I should add to the seed mixture paddy rice, sunflower seed, and oats.

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Supply boiled maize as soon as you hear the hissing of the young, and at this time supply as much ripe fruit and green food as they will eat. These birds have been bred in this country on several occasions. They may be vicious to other birds when nesting and rearing young, but I do not think they will injure their own progeny. The viciousness at this period arises from desire to keep other birds away from their nesting quarters, etc.

About Budgerigars (R. F. Jackson).—There is no need to be discouraged; it is full early yet, in fact, the young will be all the stronger for not being too early hatched. Get a fine spray and spray the birds with quassia solution two or three times. The brood usually varies from 3 to 7. Their next clutch will most probably be duly hatched out. Keep the cage where the birds can get plenty of fresh air without draught. Supply grass in flower (seedling grass) ad. lib., but do not gather it till the sun has cleared off all frost. You would find our booklet "Budgerigars and Cockatoels" (see advert.) very helpful.

Grey Parrot Pulling Feathers, etc. (Imprimatur).—(1) Your diet appears fairly correct, but the bread should only be soaked in water and milk, tea or coffee sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food, must not be given. Give it a dose of Dinneford's magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts water) every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Anoint the bare parts with Spratt's Pennakura. (2) It is a Banded or Moustache Parrakeet; I should say a young bird, and that the central tail feathers will grow much longer when it next moults.

Young Grey Parrots (T. B.).—There is great risk with these birds, nearly all of which arrive here more or less tainted with disease, which often remains latent for some weeks, and then suddenly and rapidly reaches an acute stage, and the losses are very numerous. If you comply with the rules for a reply per post, I might help you further (see reply to "Ignorant" in this issue); but I cannot name any special dealer; you must consult our columns. It is usually the cheapest way to buy an acclimatised bird, of course, seeing that you get such. Re the guarantee, if you send a copy of this to the Editor he will give you a reply through our Legal column. Hope you will have better luck with the next bird. By the way, your cage should be thoroughly scalded out, every crevice being thoroughly scarched with boiling water before being used again.

Parrot Pulling its Feathers (Phœbe).—Anoint the bare places with Spratt's Pennakura (see advert. cols.). Give a few doses of Dinneford's magnesia (see other replies), and supply ripe fruit daily. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Silverbills (Novice).—I should leave these birds to themselves, the varying weather has probably had something to do with the unsteady sitting; leave things just as they are for a fortnight, then if they have made no further attempt at incubation put a small Hartz travelling cage (with fittings removed and bar cut away from entrance) at the other end of cage, and do not pry into the nest too much. The next clutch will most probably be duly hatched and reared. Our booklet, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," would help you. (See advert.)

Sexing Java Sparrows, etc. (J. F. T.).—The sexes of this species can only be told by comparison, the beak of the female is narrower and more pointed than that of the male; the difference is most distinct when viewed in profile. There is no difference in plumage. The male is also slightly the larger bird, that is, when you are comparing adult birds. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, and a few oats, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and water; and when they are rearing young, a little of some soft food mixture should be given daily.

Weavers and Budgerigars (R. Shears).—Weavers as a rule are well able to look after themselves in any company, and I consider they would be safe with the Budgerigars. The bird you describe is the Madagascar Weaver; it can be kept out of doors all the year round. They will thrive on the same diet you supply to the Budgerigars, with the addition of a couple of mealworms daily to each bird. In the summer you can give any spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc., you can capture for them.

Birds for C.P. Aviary (Nemo).—The utmost you should keep in such a cage should be 12 Waxbills, or 8 birds of the size of a Canary. You would find the following make a nice series, and should do well if kept out of draught: Pairs each of common and green Avadavats and Zebra Waxbills; males only grey and green singing Finches, Goldfinches, Siskin and Redpoll. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert.) very helpful. If the above does not fall in with your requirements, please repeat query.

Parrot in Poor Plumage. (Mrs. Day).—There are several replies re feather pulling Parrots, which will fully meet your case. Use Dinneford's magnesia, Parrish's Chemical Food and "Pennakura" as advised in these replies. Confine the bird's dietary to seed mixture, plain biscuits, nuts, and ripe fruit, with cuttlefish and, of course, water. If there should be no improvement in a few weeks, please repeat query with full details.

Breeding Indian Green Parrakeets (Grinston).—Parrakeets are very funny creatures; some individuals of the same species will breed freely with a neighbour, and though your aviary accommodation may be much better, yet in your aviary they do nothing save play about with the husks. I should not say your bird was too old for breeding with, and all you can do is to supply as you have done, logs, etc., and wait patiently for them to set up housekeeping, which they certainly ought to do in your aviary. For dietary, see reply to another querist in this issue. I think, if you persevere with what is called the "well trap," you will clear out the mice. I will send you the account of successful breeding by post.

Blue Grosbeak and Weavers (Thank You).—I am glad the Grosbeak is going on well; try it with ripe fruit, if it will not take one kind try another; but I think you will find it will approve of sweet apple; also let the supply of green food be liberal; other than this I cannot add anything to my previous reply. Many of the Weavers are nearly in full colour, though the process is sometimes checked a little by severe weather.

Birds for Small Aviary (Niol).—I should use the glass shutter in winter; your arrangements are very good. Not more than eighteen birds the size of a Canary. I should suggest 4 Norwich hen Canaries, with a cock each of Goldfinch, Siskin, grey singing Finch, and Linnet, with pairs each of Spice birds, Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, and Zebra Waxbills. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert.) would help you. The above series would be varied, and a few interesting hybrids should result as well as young from the pairs.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Hand-Rearing a Nightingale.

Miss P. B.—Your ambition is laudable enough, and the adult Nightingale is not a difficult subject to keep in captivity, but if you know nothing of the hand-rearing of insectivorous birds the Nightingale is not a good subject to make a start with. You ought, for instance, to hand-rear some Thrushes and so gain experience. That young Nightingales can be successfully hand-reared is quite correct. If you mix best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) with equal parts of stale spouge-cake, or of crushed biscuit (such as maizena wafers), and hard-boiled yolk of egg (beaten up fine), you have a food which will accomplish this. As the youngsters grow, at the time of feeding chop up some mealworms and add to the portion required. The food must be moistened to a sloppy consistency (like cream) with new milk. The food, also, must be always quite sweet and fresh, and now and again a pinch of powdered cuttlefish bone should be stirred amongst it, and now and again give a few drops of warm water (not hot). All the small flies and grubs you can capture, with smooth caterpillars, should also be given. If you can get some live ants' eggs (they are to be bought), use them freely; they will bring you success. Keep the youngsters snug and cosy. For general directions consult one of our handbooks on British Birds. The young birds should be taken when nine or ten days old, and kept in a warm place, especially at night, and scrupulously clean. They are tender mouthed, and care should be exercised not to hurt them when feeding.

A Young Thrush Difficulty.

Exeter Twins.—There is no method by which the sex of Song Thrushes (either young or old) can accurately be told, other than by hearing them sing. The hens are often bigger and stouter in build than the cocks, and that they are as good in colour and markings is evidenced by the fact that some of the finest Song Thrushes ever exhibited on the show bench have been hens. The cocks are generally longer and flatter-looking on head when viewed sideways, and perhaps a shade deeper in brown on the back, while I have heard some fanciers advance the opinion that they generally have a small light patch directly below the under mandible, free from all marking (or pencilling). The one sure test, however, is the song. In taking a youngster out of a nest, I should go for the most forward, best-developed one—such a youngster is usually to be found in every nest (the "top dog"). Young cocks commence to "record" (or try over their song) almost as soon as they commence to perch—you can see the little throats working like the bellows of a concertina as they warble away. The hens will also "record," but not with the gusto of a real cock, nor with the same pulsation of the throat. Hand-reared birds should always have the opportunity of "learning" from the song of a good adult performer. If this is not afforded them they never become really finished vocalists, but sing a medley composed more or less largely of the notes of whatever birds they happen to hear.

Crossbills.

No Name.—That the Crossbill can be dangerous in an aviary is proved by the experience which a certain well-known aviarist has recorded, viz., of a pair which turned his aviary into "a shambles." But I personally know of a case where one cock Crossbill did no harm whatever to the other birds kept with it in an aviary. Whatever you do, keep your eyes on the bird. Your bird may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and canary seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crosshill will find amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them in their season with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in providing him with new perches, etc., for he will use his spare moments in chewing up any woodwork he "fancies." It is good for him, too, to have exercise for his curious and powerful mandibles. You will, I think, find him an amusing and interesting bird to keep in a cage.

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Points about Mule Breeding.

Beginner.—Your friend was quite correct; indeed, I have often stated the same thing in this column. One Goldfinch is certainly capable of attending to two or three wives, and usually "makes no bones" about doing so. Feed up the hens in the usual way (see the numerous articles which have appeared recently in CAGE BIRDS) by giving a little hemp and niger seed occasionally, and a teaspoonful of egg food every second day. Let them also have three or four young, tender dandelion leaves each every day. Let the Goldfinch also have a free supply of dandelion, and feed him generously as regards seeds, not forgetting half-a-teaspoonful of niger daily. When the first hen shows signs of being ready to nest, run the Goldie with her for a few hours daily until the third egg is laid—early morning and the evening are the best times. Then leave her to sitting and rearing duties, and repeat the procedure with hen number two. If both hens show a desire to go to nest at the same time, run him with one in the morning and the other in the evening, reversing things next day—i.e., letting the evening hen (so to speak) be the morning hen. It is quite erroneous to think a Goldfinch (or any other male bird for that matter) must be with his wife always—a few minutes daily will be all-sufficient, providing the hen "calls" to him, and he does his duty in that period. From what you say, I should think your Goldie quite likely to turn out a free breeder. As he is not house-moulted, however, it might be well to carry on the breeding operations in a quiet corner, and to guard against over-interference. In other words, leave him alone as much as possible. As a matter of fact, a black-legged Goldie, unless exceptionally steady, is not the best Finch to try running with more than one hen.

"My Hybrid Couples."

W. T.—All Hybrid couples (two British birds) can be treated on practically similar lines; there is no need, broadly speaking, to feed one pair one way and another pair another way, for this would be a great tax on one's time where many pairs are put up. All couples should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse and chickweed, according to season. The dandelion and chickweed are obtainable now, and it will not be long before you are able to get shepherd's purse freely. It is to be found even now. Give good feeds of niger and maw seeds to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldies of hemp nor the Bullie hens of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day if they show any liking for it. My own hens all show a liking for it (they are in cages). Some fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries, and some (but very few) give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I never find any too reliable. Should you get young, offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, live ants' eggs, and sprays of rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides). The seeding green food is often obtainable (though later on in the year, in time, however, for most young Hybrids) simply covered with "blight" and tiny crawling things, and is then most valuable.

Bringing up Young Mules.

Novice (Burnley).—All Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water, or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. The best cages for general use are the box pattern ones known as Finch stock cages (any of the large cage makers advertising in our columns will supply them). You could turn the Mules, of course, into small flight cages, about 3 feet or 4 feet long—say double-breeders with centre partition removed. They are apt to be mischievous, and pluck one another, however, when kept in numbers together.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

I. T. Hough.—Your birds are dying of "Ptomaine Poisoning." See to your feeding utensils; thoroughly scald these, and in the drinking water place a little permanganate of potash, just sufficient to colour it, and administer it fresh daily for a week. If you could furnish me with some information as to the manner in which you feed them I may be able to assist you further.

"**Bohemia.**"—Replied by post.

"**Gouldian.**"—Replied by post.

W. E. G.—I have examined both stained and unstained sections of necrotic patch in bird's lung, but am unable to discover anything beyond dead tissue; nevertheless, I am inclined to think that the disease is brought about by a vegetable parasite. I hope to encounter this affection again, as it is not always easy to demonstrate its presence in a single specimen.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Address (Constant Reader).—The address you require is Mr. Ridge, 25, Matley Street, Battersea, London, S.W.

Letters Received.—(J. R. Hyland, W. Adams, F. Firth, S. Morley.)—We have duly received your letters and the contents shall have our attention.

Sexing Canaries (B.G.H.).—Our Canary specialist will reply to your question for you. The information is given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free, 7d.

Cuttings (A. Minns, C. H. Goodwin, C. K.Eaton, and others).—Many thanks for your kindness.

A Club Notice (A. Hewens).—Your notice of meeting of April 21 did not reach us until Friday the 15th, when our paper was already printed and on sale. Kindly note the heading under "Club and Society Notices."

MANCHESTER & N.COUNTIES O.S.

Lecture on the Cinnamon.

General meeting held at headquarters Deansgate Temperance Hotel, on April 4th, there being a good attendance. After the ordinary business, which included the nomination of a new member, Mr. Bladon, our worthy president, gave us a lecture on "The Cinnamon Canary and Experiments with Cinnamon Blood." The lecturer dealt with the Cinnamon firstly, telling us what was wanted; he referred to the difficulty of keeping up the size, and told how to colour-feed. You must, he said, have a percentage of hot pepper to get the desired amount of colour into Cinnamons. He also dealt with the different ways in which one could breed with Cinnamons, and told us of the different experiments he had tried with them. I think I can say without contradiction that it was one of the best lectures our members have ever listened to.

Amongst the many questions asked were: Why do you prefer a Lancashire to a Norwich, the Cinnamon being Norwich shape?—The Norwich offsprings are not the size you want them; it is better to get a Crestbred all front, nothing behind, and as short in feather as possible. The surest way to get size was a Crestbred hen carefully selected. Are there any such Crestbred hens?—Yes; they can be found, but are of no use to Crest breeders. A Norwich hen won't breed any markings (pencillings). Is it not that they want no markings and all colour?—Judges differ. If you pair a green cock the first cross from Cinnamons back to Cinnamons, does it give them a smoky appearance?—It depends upon the colour of the green; you want a bright green cock bird, not a smoky one; and I think the best greens are bred from Cinnamons. Which do you think is the best way to get good greens?—The surest way is a clear yellow cock, and a pure-bred Cinnamon hen. I tried colour feeding with almost all cold pepper with poor results. What percentage of hot do you use?—Quarter of a pound hot to three-quarters of a pound cold. Would cocks from the first cross paired to Cinnamon hens breed Cinnamons?—Yes. Don't you think a Cinnamon cock would be a good cross with British?—Yes; and I believe it has been used, but I have had nothing to do with Mule breeding. Do you do any double-buffing?—Yes; and it has a tendency to improve colour, and will also increase size. But you must be particular in selecting your birds. Do you do any double-yellowing?—No. Do you think the reason we see more buffs than yellows is on account of double-buffing?—I don't think it has any effect. The meeting then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon, several members saying what an interesting lecture it had been, and how they had enjoyed it.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

Proposed New Society for Portsmouth and District.

SIR,—A meeting has been arranged to be held on Wednesday, April 27, at the Victoria Restaurant, 266, Commercial Road, at 8 p.m., to consider the advisability of forming a cage bird society for Portsmouth and district, when it is hoped that all interested in the welfare of the cage bird Fancy will attend.

W. R. KING,
200, Kingston Road, Portsmouth.

Getting Hand-reared Linnets on to Seed.

SIR,—Last year I successfully reared two nests of Linnets on soaked rape and egg and biscuit. But after they got on seed and could do for themselves they died one by one till I had not one left. I fed them on scalded rape, crushed hemp, teazle, and other wild seeds, but all to no purpose. I should be glad if any reader of CAGE BIRDS would tell me how to stop them dying off, as I intend having another go.

A LINNET FANCIER.

The Railway Company Pays.

Birds Arrive Too Late for Judging.

SIR,—It will no doubt interest the Fancy to know that I have been successful with my claim against the G.W.Rly. Co. for the delay in delivering my four exhibits too late for judging at the last Clapham Show. My claim was 30s., and after a lot of correspondence, they paid me last week 21s. in settlement of same. I should like to thank (through your columns) the secretary of the Clapham Society, Mr. A. C. Askew, for the assistance he has given me over this claim, as without his assistance I do not think my claim would have been paid.

D. A. S. LONGDEN.

Swansea.

A Recipe for Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I enclose a recipe for washable distemper, as it may be the one asked for by a reader of CAGE BIRDS some short time ago. I am a constant reader of your paper, but the recipe was not mine to give away then, but I have since been told I can do what I like with it. Put 6lbs. of size in a pail with a small quantity of water, bring to a boil on the fire. Sprinkle in and well mix 6lbs. of finely crumbled whitening (add 1d. of blue if it is to be white). They must be well mixed together. Fill up the pail with boiling water and stir well. Let stand until set into a jelly, then add 1 teacupful turpentine, and half-teacupful linseed oil. It can be coloured with the ordinary colour powders.

MISS M. LATHAM.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I see a letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS to which I think it would be as well if the writer had signed his full name, as everybody in Glossop knows who "Lizard" is. Mr. T. says it is interesting to him to learn that the L. and L.F.A. have appointed a new specialist judge. Well, it may be interesting for him to know that he has insulted the intelligence of the members of the L. and L.F.A., a body of gentlemen that he has not known many weeks, men that have been in the Fancy more years than he has been months. Why, two years ago, "Lizard," you did not know a Lizard from a Sparrow, and as for a Lancashire, it is not three months ago that you were calling my Green Crested birds "Lancashires," and did not know any better until I told you. What bit you do know about the Fancy I have taught you. Now, Mr. T., leave the Lancashire and Lizard to old hands that understand them. You wait your turn, which may come if you stop in the Fancy long enough (which I for one very much doubt, as it is very well known that you only joined the L. and L.F.A. for the purpose of winning the novice medal). Now, "Lizard," from what I know of the new judge, you can leave it to him to deal out justice to one and all alike. I can, too, assure your new-found friend that no matter how he brags about judges not finding his new method of painting, and that they cannot get it off, I can tell him that the newly appointed judge will do it. You will remember he found it on that broken-cap Gold which won at Rochdale Good Intent show, and it did not take him long to do it. You will also remember that he said this was a good bird and did not need any touching up. How is it that the new "dummy" judge could find it, and the well-known judge failed? I think this gives your letter away. But as you are a very young man and new in the Fancy, we will forgive you making such statements in the Press. I may also tell you that your late friend W. has forgiven you, and that we shall be having our annual L. and L.F.A. dinner on April 30th, when you will be able to tell the members what you think of them for electing such a "bad specimen" of a judge.

E. FULLER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. F. W. Baker, I am not the only "crank," as I well remember being at an L. and L.F.A. meeting many years ago, when Mr. B. was there (at the Wheatsheaf, Oldham), when the late Mr. Stanley Robinson said to me: "Ned Fuller, I'll tell you what I think." I said, "Well?" His reply was that all bird chaps were cranks. I believed him, and any stranger would have thought so had one been there. So I believe you, Mr. B., for I should not have been a bird chap as long as I have if I had not have been "cracked." But I cannot help that. Now, Mr. B., I will not discuss the Lancashire bird with you, knowing you never bred one nor showed one in your life. Re the cash you mention, I may tell you that I have paid all as promised and hold an acknowledgement for the same. But you did not get that £1 for the cup that was won outright by Mr. Garner for the simple reason that it was judged for by some Crest judges. You know what my conditions were. It was to be judged for by a Lancashire judge. You, as a leading member of the L. and L.F.A., broke your promise and voted for a Crest judge. So you did not get the sovereign. You say you are "sitting on the fence." Stop there, Fred, it will be the best place for you, I think, just now, as our champion Lizard breeder (also a few others that are breeding from his bones) has a fine strain that he has made himself, and not bought here, there, and everythere. I may also tell you that I don't think it is any use your coming to Glossop to buy any winners, as the breeders of to-day want them themselves to make a good name, also. Further, the breeder of a lot of your winners (that he sold you and that you were so successful with years ago) has about given up breeding Lizards, having lately got married to a bag of gold and rows of houses, so is at a better game than breeding winners for anyone else, collecting rents and looking after the property and gardening, and feeding poultry, which are better than breeding Lizards. No more bending down looking under the bed, Fred, on coming out of his birdroom, to see if he has any put out of the way to beat you with! You know the old wheeze, Fred, so stick to the perch, old man. But if you should by chance hop off, come to the L. and L.F.A. dinner. I shall be pleased to see you, and then we can have a talk. Or if you care to reply to this, you are at liberty to do so, and say whatever you like, as it will not upset me. You will not injure my character, as I never had one; and you can take it from me that I shall not take it into any court of law whatever you may say or do. But do please leave the Lancashire Canary out of it!

E. FULLER.

A New Cage Bird Society for Oxford and District.

SIR,—At a meeting held on April 11th, it was decided to form a cage bird society for Oxford and district, to be known as the Oxford and District Cage Bird Society. Membership is open to a radius of 30 miles, and the subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum. Mr. J. A. Lees was elected treasurer, and Mr. C. F. Holliday, 58, George Street, Oxford, secretary. During the evening 36 members were enrolled.

C. F. HOLLIDAY, Secretary.

Early Goldfinch-Mule Breeding.

SIR,—It may interest my fellow breeders to know that I have a young Goldfinch-Mule which was born on March 31st, and I am glad to say it is doing fine. Also I have a Sib.-bred hen sitting on three eggs, due to hatch out on April 23rd. This I understand is pretty early for the Goldfinch. Of course he is house-moulted. I bred with him last year and got 24 full eggs off him, but I am sorry to say I only managed to rear 7 young ones. I make all my own egg food. My recipe is: 1 hard-boiled egg chopped fine, 3d. worth of sponge biscuits—mix all together, dry in oven, when it is ready for use. It will keep for any length of time. Just damp it a little before using.

T. BOTTOMLEY.

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The Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—I have received a requisition duly signed by six members to hold an extraordinary general meeting of above club (1) to consider the action of an official in not furnishing a balance-sheet for the committee as promised by him some months past; (2) to consider the financial condition of the club and the best means to clear off the small debt due at present. The extraordinary general meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, 1910, at 5, South Anne Street, off Grafton Street, Dublin. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock sharp, and it is requested that all the members of the club be present. I cannot find time at present to write to every individual member, and hope that all who have the interests of the club at heart will do their best to attend.

J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec.
53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Why do Hens Refuse to Feed their Offspring?

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Williams' letter in your valuable paper, can he let me know why Canary hens laying a cluster of eggs will not sit them, and yet others will sit them for a week or so and then leave them? He says in his letter that when the young are due, give the hen a little egg food in the morning and a little bread soaked in milk in the afternoon. Does he not think that the milk will bring the hens on sooner than is needed?

A BREEDER.

SIR,—Several letters have appeared of late relating to the above subject. As a breeder of over 30 years I have had various experiences, and have come to the conclusion that one of the causes, if not the principal one, is that too much use is made of stimulating food. It stands to reason that the birds will forsake their young if they are ready to lay again or eggs are forming. Egg food should be discontinued after the hen has laid her clutch of eggs until the young appear.

OLD BREEDER.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

The Recent Y.U. Suspensions.

SIR,—I should just like to say that I'll gladly pay Mr. L. Dyson his fare on the conditions he mentions, and that I'll also forfeit £1 to the Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. if they can prove me to have made one single statement that is not true. I have given facts all the way through (even the shows and dates where certain birds have been shown), and I am quite prepared to prove them if the Council will allow me. It is a very easy matter to poke fun at these facts, and say that I am not truthful, when at the same time I am speaking the truth. It may seem strange, but it is easier for twelve men to make lies about one man than it is for one man to prove these twelve men out to be untruthful. I'm sorry, Mr. Editor, you are putting a stop to this case so soon, and not even giving me a chance to reply as I should like, for I am sure that I could make all their statements look very bad indeed if I had the opportunity to do so. If the Council of the Yorkshire Union will allow me, I'll send the 5s. as a deposit, and object against any or all the men I have mentioned. I am sure, as Mr. Morley says, that these men are like a lot of hooligans, for one in their ranks even insulted me and offered to fight at Bradford Railway Station the first time we were there about this case. Then he followed me into a carriage and repeatedly insulted me from Bradford to Huddersfield, a distance of about twelve miles. Now, I also have five children, and not one worker among my family, all of whom depend upon my earnings. But I intend proving this matter out if I have to starve through it, for I say that I am speaking the whole truth. I am also writing to Mr. H. Hill, the Y.U. secretary, asking to be allowed to take my proofs before the Council.

HENRY KAYE.

[Seeing that Mr. Kaye has written to Mr. Hill, the Y.U. secretary (whom last week we expressed the opinion was the proper person to lodge any charges with) we think this matter may now very well close so far as our columns are concerned. As Mr. Kaye opened this correspondence, however, we must in fairness publish next week any reply (which must be brief) which other parties to the case may wish to make.—Editor.]

SIR,—I have read several times the "Skelmanthorpe Scandal," and I think it must be a source of unpleasantness to you to have to put these controversies into print, the more so as I think these "cross words" are the only slight blotch that our paper, CAGE BIRDS, has—every word of reading matter always pleasant to go through, until we have to see these sad "Headings." I do not wish to flatter our Editor, but I do think that our paper, CAGE BIRDS, is the best "feathered" journal to be obtained. If I read aright, I think the above matter concerns borrowed birds being shown. I may be entirely wrong by giving my little opinion, but a show is a show, and what does it matter about any exhibitor getting his bird (or animal) from Tom Jones or Oliver Twist, so long as the bird or animal is worthy of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize given by the judge? The credit, of course, then either belongs to the exhibitor or the proper owner, and is not a matter for the show authorities to bother about whatever. But I had better pause at this point, or probably I may be in for a "dressing down." I am a great fancier of the Canary, though not a great lover of exhibiting at shows, yet I am proud to have added many readers to CAGE BIRDS, and of having assisted them into the hobby, of which they themselves have become proud. Some may think the writer may be a novice. However, last season I bred 56 from seven hens, not so bad for a novice. In conclusion, may every breeder, particularly exhibitors, get on the best of terms, so that we may have less cross words to read.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A Singing Hen Canary: Will She Breed?

SIR,—Probably readers of CAGE BIRDS would be interested to hear that I have a singing hen Canary. She sings exactly like a cock. This bird is a yellow Norwich, three-years old this spring. I have had her for two years, and she has bred twelve fine young ones, besides a nest of nine eggs (two of which she laid in one morning); this is a fact, as I watched her carefully. But, unfortunately none proved fertile. I have often read, and been told also, that a singing hen (one that really sings, not twitters) always proves a bad breeder. Now, my bird only began to really sing this spring. Can any of your readers tell me if this will turn her into a bad breeder this year? At present she is in splendid condition, but does not carry nesting material about like the other hens. I have not mated any of my birds yet, but shall shortly do so. But I do not wish to waste time with her if what people say concerning singing hens is true. Should be glad to hear other fanciers' experiences.

SINGING HEN.

The Early Breeding of Budgerigars.

SIR,—Being rather anxious to get some tame pet Budgerigars ready early, I started breeding earlier than usual this year. All my nests were up before the end of March, and I have paid rather dear for it. The first to nest was my old breeding pair of Cockatiels, from which I bred so many tame youngsters last year. The first egg was laid all right. The following day it was very cold, and the hen could hardly fly, so I brought her into the warm house all night. Being better in the morning, I let her out, and she soon laid the second egg. Following day she was bad again, so I took her in again; but she was worse next morning when she should have laid the third egg. I did all I could for her, but could not get her to lay. She died during the day. First nest of Budgerigars all were dead in shell, or the eggs clear. Second hen died egg bound. Third, Madagascar Lovebird, sat close and well, but no youngsters. Fourth nest, yellow Budgies, still no young. Fifth nest, Budgerigars, all clear eggs. Sixth nest, just hatching out; also seventh. The young of the eighth Madagascar Lovebirds are due this week, and the eggs look promising. Ninth and tenth have still a week to go, and the others are all laying now. The Rosellas have been nesting for weeks now, but do not settle down to laying. I am not altogether a novice in the foreign bird fancy, and I ought to have known better than start so early. Well, I risked it, and have paid dear for it. So perhaps this will be a warning to others who are impatient. I have paired the old cock Cockatiels up again, and they are just nesting. I have also several other pairs put up for breeding, so hope to get some youngsters later on. I have been most unfortunate with hen Cockatiels. This cock bird has now had no less than eight wives in four years. One got killed, one got drowned in the small pond, then, in my large aviary, another escaped. Two others died egg-bound: and so on. I am not breeding many small birds this year, as I cannot spare the room. Since my advt. in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL I have had to keep a larger stock of birds. My small Finch and Waxbill aviary is therefore used as a stock pen. I get a good number of visitors on Sunday to see my birds. I do not mind showing them my aviaries (in fact, it is a pleasure), but I do object to Sunday trading.

H. LEWIS.

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The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be? Some Opinions from Our Readers.

SIR,—"A Delegate" in a letter appearing in your last issue makes certain statements concerning the London and Provincial O.S. and myself as their delegate. Kindly permit me to state that these statements are incorrect in every detail. J. W. RAMSDEN.
(Late Delegate for the L. and P.O.S.)

SIR,—With respect to your editorial note at the end of my letter in your last issue, I would be glad if you would allow me to state that it was *not* my idea that the purport of your article was the "slating" of any particular officials of the C.B.U., neither could any passages in my letter even reasonably be held to suggest it. I quite understood why your article was written, and certainly did not misconstrue it in any sense whatever. However, the fact that you *did* slate certain officials of the C.B.U. is unquestionable, even though *you did so in the matter of duty, and without any intention of hurting anyone's feelings*, and I can only assume that the sole object of your footnote in your last issue was to emphasise that fact, and soothe as much as possible the ruffled feelings of the officials in question, in which case your note was quite irrelevant and entirely out of place at the end of my letter.

W. REID.

[Mr. Reid is quite entitled to come to such conclusions concerning our article as seem to him right; while we are entitled, we think, to dissent from his conclusions if we deem them in any wise incorrect, or expressed in such a way as to lead to the forming by others of conclusions which are not correct. Mr. Reid's latest assumption that with one hand we fed these officials of the C.B.U. with syrup while we smacked them with the other, appeals to us as distinctly humorous; but it is wide of the fact.—Editor.]

SIR,—In case the numerous readers who see Mr. Reid's letter should form an erroneous impression as regards the Newcastle Society, let me say that I believe there is not a single member of the society, of which I hold the great honour of being their secretary, who would not rather suffer suspension *sine die* than carry out the unjust decision of the C.B.U. Executive. It is these decisions, bad in policy as well as in justness, that have alienated the Northern fanciers. I will not trouble your readers with a resume of the case which was discussed at some length in your columns, but would say that when one of the members asked our representative for the number of members who attended the executive meeting, at which it was discussed, he evaded the question, thus giving the impression that it was anything but a full meeting and the decision anything like a universal decision of the whole of the delegates. With regard to my own case, it was immaterial to me what they did so long as I retained the confidence of my fellow fanciers, which was evidenced by their actions at the time, and for which I still sincerely thank them. I have for some time given great thought to the reconstruction of the Union on something like workable lines, but am as much in the dark as I was at the commencement, and neither your article nor all the letters in last week's issue throw any light on the subject. Four years, and nothing done!! Would you have it exist another four? Nay, it committed suicide at the Palace. Leave its remains in peace. T. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—I have read your Editorial, and also the able letters of your correspondents in last week's CAGE BIRDS. A great deal of the blame for the falling off of the Cage Bird Union seems to be laid on the shoulders of the Secretary and President. But there are other reasons for this falling off. I don't say that Mr. Raynes makes an ideal secretary, but anyone who knows Mr. Raynes would not question his capabilities. With regard to Mr. Bladon, well, the report of the executive meeting at Nottingham speaks for itself. After declining to stand as President, he was importuned again and again to withdraw his objections, with the result that he consented, I have no doubt reluctantly. You say the general meetings of the Union have been "notorious fiascos." I am sure I don't know. I haven't been to one. However, I will take your word for it. But you blame the President for not strongly asserting himself. Mr. Bladon may be a bit easy-going; he certainly is a gentleman. But there is one thing certain, no body of men such as the delegates of the Cage Bird Union will consent to be ruled by the iron hand (even in a velvet glove) of a bombastic person as president. Perhaps I can give one reason why the meetings are, as you say, fiascos. I don't think that the Crystal Palace Show is an ideal time or place for an annual meeting of that description. Delegates come up from every part of the kingdom on the Saturday of the show ostensibly to attend the annual meeting, but in reality to look at the birds. Is it likely they want to be shut up in an ante-room for the greater part of the day doing dry business relative to the Union? For my part I do not blame them, if they don't. We must not forget that the Palace Show is looked upon by those who are in the habit of attending it as a holiday, it being the wind-up of the season; there is always a certain amount of hilarity and conviviality, particularly among the successful ones, at an annual gathering such as that of the Palace show, and, I repeat, the delegates are in no mood for the musty business of the Union—with the inevitable result. I notice you mention a number of London societies which have seceded. Of course, it only needed one to withdraw for them all to follow. Let us hope they don't regret it. We know the London societies never liked the Union. It wasn't started down south! I once read a statement written over a signature, which shall be nameless, that anyone born to the north of Birmingham was—well, "Non compos mentis." I remember I smiled when reading it, and thought that the writer himself was "a bit balmy." But I am beginning to think that it is the Southerner's opinion of us Northerners generally. I think I am not so far wrong when I say that the Northern aversion to the Union dates from a certain well-known exhibitor's suspension a short time ago. That gentleman was quite fanatically in favour of the Union previous to his suspension, many enthusiastic letters defending the Union appearing over his signature. But because he was suspended for showing at an unlicensed show, like an ordinary novice would be, he must protest against the decision of the Union. Naturally, a well-known Northern society is not going to stand by and see one of their pet members treated like that; so they must secede as a protest. Let us hope they too will not regret it. How many entries did they receive from outside Union members at their last successful show? I notice Mr. Reid, in last week's CAGE BIRDS, is of the opinion that the suspension of the said exhibitor is harsh. He knew very well when he made his entries he was doing wrong; and I think the district committee would have been justified had they given him more. What would the critics have said had they let him off scot-free? Another case which is harder than the Newcastle member's is that of a prominent exhibitor of British birds, who was disqualified for alleged staining. Personally, I honestly think that the exhibitor in question never stained the bird, nor do I think he knew about it. Of course, we know he had only recently bought it. But the bird was exhibited by this gentleman, and justice had to be done. The Cage Bird Union couldn't get at the seller, because he hadn't exhibited it. Doesn't Mr. Reid think this a harder case than the previous one? Still, the C.B.U. did its duty. There is another reason why the Union has declined in favour. I refer to Rule 22. It is a very sore point to members of the Union, and it has caused more unpleasantness and more resignations than anything else relating to the Union. Personally, it doesn't affect me, because the society, having the honour (?) of my membership, isn't affiliated. But I feel for fanciers who are tied down by the rule (Northern insanity), and I have no hesitation in saying that the Union will never be a national success until the rule is made either to allow members to show where they like or (and this I prefer) to prevent any non-member from exhibiting at Union shows. I firmly believe this would have been adopted long ago had it not been for the Palace. Every time it has been mooted Mr. Ramsden has fought with might and main against it, and has actually dominated the meeting. I think the Palace is about the only show which would be hit to any extent; and one way out would be to allow exhibits to come in at the Palace. One way of meeting the non-Union Yorkshire Societies would be, if Rule 22 was altered, to drop what we will call "the private member's fee" from 2s. 6d. to 1s. That is, anyone belonging to a non-Union society who wishes to show at a Union show, could be a member of the Union for the small fee of 1s. annually. I think that would meet the case admirably. With regard to the part of your article which states that the Fancy does not get enough particulars of the Union's meetings, I quite agree. The Fancy "pays the piper," and they have a right to call the tune; and the business of each meeting should be published (with your permission) in extenso. Your suggestion to call a general meeting with the object of removing all causes of dissatisfaction is very practicable. But if you mean by this to give the Yorkshire societies preferential treatment, I don't think it will do. I think they should come in on the same terms as other societies, or leave them to "plough their lonely furrow." The alteration of Rule 22 will bring lots of societies to their senses.

T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—Please state that the Sunderland C.B.A. has definitely decided to withdraw from the Cage Bird Union, as under present circumstances the retention of Rule 22 by the C.B.U. places our members in a rather difficult position; and I might mention that this is the sole reason for our withdrawal.

W. REID, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—As secretary of District No. 12 Cage Bird Union, I would like to make a few remarks. I have always thought, and still think, that a governing body such as C.B.U. would be a benefit to all fanciers, and for this reason I accepted the post of delegate for Wimbledon, and was appointed secretary of district No. 12. I have tried in my humble way to fulfil that post, and do what little I could with the welfare of the Fancy at heart. Had the societies in this district appointed men who intended working for the benefit of the Fancy the result would have been, I am certain, a success. As secretary of this district I have called the delegates to three meetings with this result: first meeting 4 attended, second, 2 attended, third, 2 attended, in each case myself included. I think, Mr. Editor, that you will say with me that the societies affiliated have through their delegates spoilt all chances of bringing about that success which might have been. I am still of the opinion that if those affiliated would only nominate as delegates true fanciers, the C.B.U. would be the success it deserves to be. While writing this, I cannot help recalling to my mind the difference between the delegates of this district and those who attended the Executive Council meeting at Nottingham about a month ago. I felt that every man present tried to do his duty to the C.B.U. for the benefit of the Fancy without personalities or discourtesy. Still hoping the C.B.U. will meet the support it deserves, and then become a benefit to all fanciers,

G. J. WARLEY.

SIR,—Further to my letter of last week, I am sorry that no other suggestion has been made to attain the end advocated in your article. Mr. Reid's letter does not help us at all. As was said last week, the question of Rule 22 has been discussed several times, and as Mr. Hadwin puts it, the bulk of the members favour it. I admit it is onesided. When originally submitted, the rule was never intended to stand as at present; it went further, and as advocated repeatedly since, put non-members on the same footing as members. But, after all, it has been no great hardship to fanciers, since practically every show outside the Yorkshire Union has been under Cage Bird Union rules, has been consequently open to its members, and in time would have embraced all. Had the Yorkshire Union accepted the Union's overtures and an arrangement come to, complaints against this rule would not have been heard of. Then, again, without the rule would *any* of the mixed shows have taken out a license? No! And these are just the shows which cause the most trouble by their treatment of exhibits and exhibitors. The Union would forfeit the only means they have of bringing these up to the scratch, besides losing a good source of income. There are just two points in Mr. Reid's letter which I think need putting straight. First, he says Mr. Crawhall made his mistake unwittingly. No doubt he did when making his entries, but, if I remember rightly, at the district committee meeting which suspended him, he admitted that after making the entries he found, or was told, he was going against the rules, but still he sent his exhibits. I sympathise very much with Mr. Crawhall in view of the fact that similar offences have not been dealt with. The other point is in reference to the decision against the Newcastle Society. Mr. Reid states that the Council did nothing to enforce the decision. I have written the secretary of the Union, and he tells me he informed Newcastle that their show could not be held under Union rules until they conformed to the Council's ruling. This ruling they could not accept, and so resigned, forestalling the Council in any action they might have taken under Rule 21, by suspending themselves. Now, this opens up the question of loyalty to the Union. Here is a good society, apparently favourable to the Union, with its delegate on the Council, but as soon as ever they get a decision adverse to them they resign. Right or wrong, they ought to have accepted the Council's decision after once submitting their case to them. I also asked Mr. Raynes how many societies of the list you gave had notified him of their withdrawal. Five, he said, and the only one to state any reason is Newcastle, as given above. Now, all the seceding societies put the Executive in a very awkward position. However willing they may have been to remove all causes of dissatisfaction, without this knowledge how can they do it?

A DELEGATE.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Oldham and Dist. C.B.S. on Tuesday, April 12th, it was decided to withdraw our membership from the Cage Bird Union, as our members were of the opinion that the said Union was of no benefit to them as it is at present constituted. I trust you will give this small note publicity.

F. STEEPLE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I say amen twice over respecting your article *re* the Cage Bird Union. You have diagnosed the disease in unmistakable fashion. Now, where are the men to see that the strong tonic is taken as prescribed, and the capable nurses—or shall we call them physical developors?—of the up-to-date C.B.U.? They can be found, every one of them. The men for the hour are always to hand when wanted in the hour of need. This would be a queer world if it were not so. How many of our greatest business firms of to-day have not, at some time in their career, had to face a crisis? What have they done? Shut up the shop and put a padlock on the door, and said it is all up, we have blundered, let the things all go, and we will quit? No, they get together and confer as to the cause of the failure. When the cause is found, out of these very failures springs success. Let us do likewise; probe the thing to the bottom. Let our leading fanciers come together and work the matter out, and frame rules for one supreme authority for the whole of Great Britain. It can be done in such a manner that the Yorkshire Union, and all other unions and specialist societies, can join together for mutual good and help. That would be strength, indeed, and many much needed reforms would soon be effected. The foundation is there all right, assets in the bank, and the general office "fit-up" of the Union. Who will help to lick it into shape? It means collar work; but that won't hurt. It means grit, but it will help to make you grittier still. Who will back the effort up? My spade is at the service of the cause.

W. DOWNING.

Does the Roller Canary Need Smartening in Appearance?

SIR,—I am very glad to see the discussion which is taking place on this subject. Some seven or eight years ago I tried the crosses of Roller and Border, as I was very anxious to improve my Rollers; in fact, the object I had in view was to get a good yellow four-pointed Roller, one which would be as good a songster as the Roller. I tried for two or three years. I did certainly improve the colour of the Roller, but I could not get the even marked; neither could I get so good a singer as the pure Roller at the same time. I also tried the Norwich cross—the brightest yellow I could get of the Norwich breed paired to the yellow of the Rollers. The next year I crossed back to the Rollers. This cross did not produce any better than the Borders, but the colour was improved as I stuck to the double yellowing for some three years or so. It also improved their stamina, as I had to inbreed at that time, because I could not get suitable Roller hens. The Yorkshire birds I never tried, as I thought that they would prove too long, and spoil the contour of the Roller. I might, perhaps, have had better results from their song if I had had a good schoolmaster to teach the youngsters, but my birds (Rollers) had never had any training. No doubt training would have a lot to do with it, but I cannot quite understand why the Yorkshire Roller cross should be better than the Norwich cross, for I don't think there is much in the two birds as regards vocal powers. I should very much like to see other opinions on this question, and should also like to see the Roller smartening up a bit.

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The Feeding and Keeping of Skylarks.

SIR,—As I promised in your issue of April 16th to give two more recipes for making Larkfood, I now have pleasure in giving you the same. First I will give you the recipe for making hard-food. Get 1lb. of peameal, ¼lb. of oatmeal, and three spoonfuls of ground rice; break a fresh egg into a bowl and beat it up well. Then pour it amongst the meal and rice and mix it up well, and put into oven with the same quantity of beef dripping as I mentioned last week, for 15 or 20 minutes, stirring it up every three or four minutes. You can also add two spoonfuls of very fine sugar. When you take it out of the oven, allow the food to go cold; then put three spoonfuls crushed hemp seed, and two spoonfuls of maw seed in, and mix all well up together. For the soft-food, get an empty jam jar, well cleaned, and put the yolk only of a fresh egg into the jar, beating it well up. Then add a few bread crumbs and two or three tablespoonfuls of milk, also two spoonfuls of sugar; stir well up together, and put the jar with the contents into a pan half-full of boiling water over the fire, and boil the contents for ten or fifteen minutes, stirring same all the time. When the food in the jar becomes like a paste, lift out the jar and let it go cold, then take out the food, sprinkle it over with maw seed, and a few drops of sherry wine. If your Larks won't sing after you have tried these recipes, there is no song left in them.

RD. WILFORD.

SIR,—After so much information on the feeding of the Skylark, I purchased three hand-reared ones. Their song is simply grand. They are singing all day long, indoors or out, and are very tame. They would stand a lot of beating in song; they sing madly. Their food is made as follows: ½lb. of sweet biscuits, two eggs, a little liver, and two grated apples, maw, hemp, Canary, and linseed, all cracked and mixed together. I am sure this is a splendid song food. I have been watching CAGE BIRDS for information on the Woodlark. Do they live as long in confinement as the Skylark, and what would be their treatment? I should be delighted if any reader would enlighten me on the Pekin Nightingale's song. Is he a good songster? What is his song nearest—the Skylark's or Woodlark's?

BUDGET.

The Lizard Canary in the North.

SIR,—I had no intention of entering into the above correspondence and would not have done so if Mr. Rukin had not mentioned my name in his last letter. I can assure him that I had nothing to do with the letter written by George Davidson, although I quite agree with what he says. Mr. Rukin admits that Sunderland would most likely have obtained the patronage of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. before now had it not been for their dates clashing with those of another society which gives classes for both Lancashires and Lizards; which is practically tantamount to an admission that we shall never obtain their patronage at all, for so far as I can see there is no possible chance of either society changing their show dates, and as preference must be given to the society that provides classes for both varieties it is quite clear that we are out of it, at least so long as we cater for the Lizard only. I quite understand the difficulty Mr. Rukin and the members of the L. and L. F.A. are placed in when allotting their patronage, yet I certainly think that an effort of some sort should be made to support societies who are willing to provide Lizard classes, for I cannot understand why the popularity of the Lizard should be subservient, or conducive either for that matter, to the popularity of the Lancashire, and vice-versa. There is no affinity between the two varieties, other than a sentimental one, caused by the two varieties possessing a monopoly of the affections of fanciers in one particular district. I would like it to be clearly understood that these remarks do not imply anything disrespectful to the Lancashire, but apply equally as much to the Lancashire as to the Lizard, for I do not think it right in the interests of either variety that the popularity of one should depend on the popularity of the other. No one admires a Lancashire more than I do, and during the past few years I have several times intended to take up the breeding of them, but unfortunately one cannot always get what he would like. Yet there is not the slightest doubt about their ultimately getting into my room. You will understand, Mr. Rukin, that the formation of the new Northern Lizard Club may possibly place us in the difficult position that you are in, in regard to the clashing of dates, but I will promise you this much, that if I can possibly do so I will send you some entries, and try and persuade other Northern men to do the same. I thank you, Mr. Rukin, on behalf of the Northern fanciers for your kind wishes, and that the members of the L. and L.F.A. may also have a most successful breeding season is the hearty wish of

W. REID.

Proposed Northern Lizard Club.

SIR,—In connection with the proposed Northern Lizard Club a meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30, in the smoke-room of the Fawcett-street Cafe, Sunderland, at 7.0 p.m., when it is expected that a good muster of lovers of the variety will be present to take part in the formation of the club, election of officers, etc. I have been in communication with Mr. J. Keenlyside, the well-known seed merchant, and he has kindly consented to become President of the club if it be the unanimous wish of the members that he should do so. Should any fanciers who would like to attend the meeting not know where the meeting place is I would be very pleased to meet them at the High-street end of Sunderland Station a few minutes before 7 o'clock. In addition to this note I am also personally writing to all known Northern fanciers of the variety, and if anyone who takes an interest in the Lizard has been overlooked I would be very pleased to hear from him at 14, Plantation-road, Pallion, Sunderland.

W. REID.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. C's invitation I sent for the net and received same per return. I was rather disappointed with it, as I fully expected to find something very difficult to do, but this net presents no difficulty whatever. Any ordinary netter could make one. I have made the same sort for fishermen. Also their landing nets made on the rim and finished in the centre. Also minnow nets on 2ft. 6in. rim, starting them on the ring and finishing dead in the centre, ¼ mesh (try one, Mr. C., and see how easy to do). So you see, Mr. C., you are not arguing with one who does not know his work. I have sent a net to the Editor for you to see; it is made on the same principle. I have also made some with odd thread, so there should be no dispute about making it by hand. If you desire I will make you one exactly like the one you sent, providing you send the material and return the two back.

NETTER.

[If Mr. Connell will make application for the net which "Netter" has forwarded to us, we shall be pleased to send same on to him. —EDITOR.]

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Evesham and District.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space for the purpose of placing before the cage bird fanciers of Evesham and district (who are very numerous) the desirability of banding together and forming a cage bird society for this district. It would be of great benefit and interest to all of us, and help us to keep in closer touch with kindred societies. I fully appreciate the efforts of the local Chrysanthemum Society in providing a few classes for our Fancy at their annual show, but feel that with a proper "Fancy" society fanciers would have more scope and opportunities of testing their birds on the show bench, and what to my mind is more valuable still, obtain valuable knowledge from lectures, etc., which would enable us to rear and prepare our birds for the show bench more ably and efficiently than at present. I should like to see opinions from other local fanciers on the matter, or, coming still nearer to business, be pleased to call a meeting of fanciers.

A. GOULD.

14, Cowl Street, Evesham.

Items from Ireland.

SIR,—In the last issue of your valuable paper there appeared a letter under the above heading from a gentleman who uses the nom-de-plume "Pat." Now, Pat, old cock, I would like to ask you just a question or two. (1) Why are you afraid to do the manly thing and sign your name to your letter? (2) Who asked you, "Has the old Y.C.C. gone?" (3) Who supplied you with the information regarding the £ s. d. affairs of the Y.C.C.? Pat, dear, I may be a soft-looking kind of individual, but I am not quite an out-and-out fool. I wrote to CAGE BIRDS some time ago and suggested that a Cage Bird Union be formed in Ireland, and asked the fanciers to give their views in the Press on the subject. One reply came from a gentleman like yourself, Pat—he was afraid to sign his name to the letter. But I am sure he considered himself very smart when he signed the letter with the nom-de-plume "Dishonoured Cheque." All the Irish fanciers know that there is an individual in the Y.C.C. of I. Club, who has issued cheques that were dishonoured, but why throw the blame of one individual's work on the whole club? You will see in another column of this paper a notice that will show you that the old Y.C.C. is not yet dead, and is not likely to die. Perhaps you might come to the meeting next Monday night and give us a verse on the £ s. d. business you refer to in your letter? I have noticed of late that a number of letters or articles have appeared in the Press, and as a rule are written in the same strain as yours, praising the Y.C. and C.B. Society and, of course, giving nothing but a coat of black paint for the Y.C.C. of I. I admit that an individual in the Y.C.C. of I. has given room for people to talk, but what I object to is this: the parties who have written to the Press did so for only one purpose, namely, to ruin the Y.C.C. of I. and forward the interests of the Y.C. and C.B. Society. According to all that has been written, the committee of the Y.C.C. of I. is everything that is bad; the committee of the Y.C. and C.B. Society, according to these writers, is everything that can be desired. "All is not gold that glitters." I know that some of the members of the Y.C. and C.B. Committee have, no later than last season, performed little jobs that are a great deal worse than issuing cheques to come back dishonoured, and this is bad enough. In writing to you, "Pat," I don't want to cause any trouble in the Irish Fancy, but, at the same time, I am not going to let you or anyone else go on blackguarding the club of which I happen to be the unfortunate hon. secretary, without letting you have what you justly deserve. In reply to your suggestion, re club secretaries' meeting, I shall have great pleasure in giving you my views on the question when you have the courage to sign your name, if you are a man at all.

J. R. HYLAND, hon. Sec., Y.C.C. of I.

Wake Up, Fanciers!

SIR,—Mr. Walter Connell will doubtless be interested to know that I share with him his surprise that my letter of the 27th ult. received publication in your journal. The fact that it did I prefer to ascribe to your sportsmanlike wish to show your readers my side of the question. I certainly did not expect to see it published. I do not regret that it was—except that it now entails my writing a long letter which would otherwise have been avoided—I really meant what I said, and said what I meant. In view of the hostile attitude adopted towards me by your correspondents in last week's issue, I think it will be as well for me to give a recapitulation of the position I hold with reference to the above subject, in order that your correspondents—or at any rate your readers—may see that, whether I am right or wrong, there was at any rate an element of justice in my remarks of last week. In the letter which is to-day criticised in your columns I denied the existence of any danger to the Fancy worth mentioning. To that opinion I resolutely adhere. At the same time I am disposed to admit that—though unnecessary—there can be no harm in taking precautionary measures in protection of our interests, provided those measures are directed on right lines. It is, however, principally because I object most emphatically to the methods adopted by your recent correspondents in regard to this matter that I have, as Mr. Connell expresses it, "lent myself" to this debate. I object for two reasons, first, because I think that the "Limehousing" which has been written lately in your columns is totally against our interests as fanciers, and, secondly, because I consider that it is rank Lloyd Georgian Socialism, naked and unashamed. Let us, then, with a view to considering these two statements assume that the Flowers and Preston case constitutes in itself a grave danger to the Fancy. It is therefore our object to fight this danger and avert annihilation. The first step in this direction taken by your correspondents is to attack the "rich man," without a shadow of reason or justice, mind you, for not one of them would care to say that this is a fight between the rich as a class and the poor as a class, it would be so obviously untrue. My view is that if our hobby is attacked, then in Heaven's name let us defend it. We have nothing to gain and much to lose by attacking the hobbies of others—who have as much right to their hobbies and pastimes as we have to ours. By what insolent right do we expect immunity from attack in our hobby if we cannot let those of others alone? We are, I claim, deliberately manoeuvring to make enemies of the rich and powerful by our unprovoked attack upon them, which cannot possibly bring any good to us. Now, as regards my statement that these columns were being used for political bias, I have unfortunately lost the letter of Mr. C. Elkerton to which I originally took exception. I see, however, a letter of Mr. Alexander Bryden in your issue of the 2nd inst., which, though not so illustrative of my contention, is somewhat similar in tone to Mr. Elkerton's. I ask my opponents to kindly favour me by referring to that letter. I ask them to note its demagogic tone, also its utter destitution of any idea as to how the security of the Fancy could be attained. It is true he proposes that the specialist clubs should "take it up," but mark that he gives no idea as to what they should "take up," and what they should do when they have "taken it up," to advance the interests of the Fancy. With Mr. Elkerton's letter—inasmuch and in so far as my memory serves me—the case was even worse. He began with an absolute tirade against the upper class, and ended with an appeal to someone else to "do something" for the Fancy; though what exactly that "something" is nobody seems to know. Am I, then, not justified in suggesting—I do not affirm it—that these letters were written to surreptitiously introduce into this controversy bias of that phase of politics which thrives on class war? For if that be not the reason of these letters, then the only logical inference to be drawn from them is that the writers believe that with the abolition of "pheasant-slaughter and fox-hunting" the security of the Fancy will spontaneously and automatically follow, which idea is so obviously absurd that I am quite sure the writers did not intend their letters to convey it. Even if we succeed in proving that fox-hunting is as brutal as Spanish bullfighting, what have we done to defend the cause with which alone we are concerned. In view of these facts, I confidently make the very reasonable appeal to you, Mr. Editor, to see that in future this demagogic language is extirpated from your journal. Although, of course, it is not for me to dictate to you as to how you should conduct your own paper, I think it is only fair to those of your readers who, like myself, hate the very word "Socialism," that your correspondents should in this controversy be made to stick to the point. It is obvious that the Fancy has nothing to do with the hobbies of other people; we have enough to do to look after our own. I should be very reluctant to have to give up reading your paper (although, of course, that would not trouble you), but I shall have to deny myself its interesting and instructive articles if this political bias is allowed to continue. I have purposely refrained from criticising the scurrilous letters which are directed against me in April 9th issue, as to reply to such childish platitudes would be beneath my dignity. If, however, any of my opponents would like me to further explain anything in this letter which may not be clear to them, or would like my views on anything I have omitted with reference to this question, I shall be pleased to give the matter consideration—provided their request is courteously made.

A. R. COE.

[Mr. Coe's allegation of "political bias" surprises us almost as much as did his first startling letter. In the conduct of CAGE BIRDS politics trouble us not one jot. We must confess that Mr. Coe reads a political significance into the letters in question which we ourselves are unable to discover.—EDITOR.]

Four Eggs in Three Days.

SIR,—Having read a letter in CAGE BIRDS dated April 16th, from "Two's Company," I beg to state that I have a yellow Norwich hen, now sitting on four eggs. Two of these were laid on April 14th, the third egg on the 15th, and the fourth egg on the 16th, making four in three days, which I believe is not an uncommon occurrence. Wishing "Two's Company" every success, also CAGE BIRDS, which I consider the best paper ever published,

E. J. COOMBS.

SIR,—In answer to your corerspondent "Two's Company," well, I might say that I had a similar case. I had an unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen paired up, and the first morning she laid I found two eggs in the nest; and she laid a single egg on the two following mornings. I sought old and experienced fanciers' advice on the matter, and was told they never knew a case of the kind before. I set the hen and allowed her to sit out her time, and had only one fertile egg, which was one of the two laid on the first morning. I tried her three times that season, and got the same result. I kept her over the winter expecting her to be all right next breeding season. When the breeding season came round I had her paired up again, and just had the same results as in the previous season—one fertile egg in each nest. After trying her twice that season, I decided to part with her. I think your correspondent will find that this hen will be a source of trouble during the season.

BLAIRHILL.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

The Shows.

SHIELDS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The table show, held on April 6th, was not patronised as was expected, but some good ones were on view. Mr. R. Blore (Jarrow) judged.

LINNET, ETC.: 1, Barrass (Linnet); 2, vhc, hc, Steele; 3, Thompson (Linnet). GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Thompson (Goldfinches); 2, 3, Steele (Bullfinches); hc, Steele (Greenfinch). A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Steele (Bramble and Chaffie); 3, Smith (Lark). Mr. T. Steele wins medal for most points. Mr. W. Thompson wins show cage for second most points.—JAMES BARRASS, Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall on April 7th. After the business a table show of Linnets and Any Variety British Birds was held. The judge was Mr. J. Morris (Camelon), whose awards were well received.

LINNET: 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, Moreland; 4, Morris. BRIT.: 1, 3, Moreland (Greenfinch and Redpoll); 2, 4, Morris (Yellowhammer and Siskin); 5, Prondfoot (Greenfinch); 6, Hamilton (Greenfinch). It was agreed to have a table show at next meeting—Greenfinch and an A.V. British Bird class, meeting to be held May 5th. Members are requested to have annual subscriptions paid on or before May 5th, as books will be closed to old members on that date.—R. HAMILTON, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW S.C.

Weekly show, held at Mr. A. Muir's, on 14th April. There was a good attendance, amongst others being Mr. Nicholson, of Newcastle, and a gentleman from Birmingham. The judge was Mr. R. Watson, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

LINNETS (16): 1, Summerhill; 2, Bibby; 3, Gibb; 4, Dunlop; 5, Malcolmson; 6, Raine. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Malcolmson; 2, Dunlop; 3, Hutchison; 5, Craig; 6, Seath. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Malcolmson; 2, Raine; 3, Christie; 4, Dunlop; 5, Todd; 6, McGavin. Three money prizes were given in each class, with the addition of a leg of mutton for best 1st. This was won by Mr. Summerhill, and 2s. 6d. for best 4th by Mr. Dunlop. Classes for 28th April: Field-moulted Linnet, Cock Bullfinch, and A.O.V. Lark.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

A successful evening show was held April 11th in All Saints' Schoolroom, when upwards of 60 birds were staged. York fanciers can congratulate themselves upon having such fine specimens in their possession, most of which could hold their own at any open show. The judges had some difficulty in allotting the awards, there being so little to choose between the specimens.

BRIT. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, c, Boyle; vhc, Simeson; hc, Bell. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Bell; 2, Simeson; vhc, Wright; c, Boyle. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Shorney; 2, Wright; vhc, Hunter; hc, Sissons; c, Bell. BRIT. HEN HARDBILL: 1, Hunter; 2, vhc, hc, Shorney; 3, c, Sissons. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sissons. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Sissons. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, vhc, Boyle; hc, Sissons; c, Bell. FOR SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sissons; c, Boyle.—A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, on April 9th, when 20 birds entered for competition. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Sam; 3rd, 5th, Harrison; 4th Watson. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert. On April 2nd, 20 birds entered for competition. Result: 1st, Storey; 2nd, Harrison; 3rd, Laverick; 4th, Roancy. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews; timekeeper, Mr. J. Lambert, Sen.—WM. EMPSON.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual contest held at Rock Inn, when 15 birds faced the judges. 1st, Wainwright, 60 secs.; 2nd, Longfield, 53 secs.; 3rd, Longfield, 48 secs.; Hodgkinson, 43 secs.; Wainwright, 31 secs.; Higgins, 27 secs.; Nelson, 24 secs.; Higgins, 23 secs.; Dobson, 21 secs.; Nelson, 5 secs.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest, held April 16th, at Grapes Inn, when 23 birds faced the judges for six prizes for time and quality. Winners for time: 1st, Ellison, 115; 2nd, Mather, 72; 3rd, Holmes, 56. For quality: 1st, W. Howard; 2nd, Statham; 3rd, Ellison. Judges, Messrs. Fearnley, Statham, O'Neil, R. Statham. Timekeeper, R. Fairhurst.—T. STATHAM, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Royds Inn Linnet sing held April 16th, at Mr. Dallamore's, Attercliffe-road. Eight birds faced the timekeeper. Palfreman, 140 secs.; Herbert, 113 secs.; Sweeny, 57 secs.; Palfreman, 38 secs. Contest on April 17th, when seven birds sang for Mr. Dallamore's extra special: Herbert, 55 secs.; Driver, 39 secs.; Driver, 37 secs.; Herbert, 34 secs. Also on April 24th Mr. Dallamore will have a variety show. All birds must be staged at 8 o'clock prompt.—H. WOODCOCK, Sec.

Usual Linnet singing contest, held on April 10th, at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Carbrook, where 23 birds entered for three prizes, two minutes' sing. Langly, 73; Cole, 61; Smith, 61. Cole and Smith sang off for 2nd and 3rd, Cole winning 36, Smith 25. Also on April 16th, when 28 birds entered for three prizes, three minutes' sing. Fenn, 83; Cole, 77; W. Bisby, 53. Also on April 17th, when 27 birds entered for three prizes, two minutes' sing. Palfreman, 82; Joe Robinson, 65; Palfreman, 55; Little Jack, 48; Little Jack, 47; Wilson, 46; Knight, 46; Brown, 44; Little Jack, 42; Little Jack, 40. Also a match between Palfreman and Cole was sung, two minute. Palfreman's "Black Adder" scored 52, 19, 9, 10, total 90; Coles' "Ike," 5, 13, 7, 7, 7, 10, 3, 6, 9, 8, total 75.—A. BROWN, Sec.

BIRTLEY.

Linnet singing contest held at Railway Hotel, Birtley, Co. Durham, on April 6th, when 30 birds faced a crowded house. Visitors from all parts were present. Mr. H. Hall judged and gave every satisfaction. Result: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, R. W. Boyd.—Mr. HALL, Sec.

LONDON, N.

We have had several handicaps during the past week. Many thanks for announcing our dinner through the columns of your valuable paper. Also I extend thanks to the many friends who attended the dinner, there being no less than 80, who, after the dinner, were kept continuously amused for the rest of the evening by several well-known artistes.—F. WESTMORE.

ADVERTISERS!

Read this Testimony and Remember our Double Number Next Week.

Have done well with all my advertisements in "Cage Birds."—JOHN RUDKIN, (Rawtenstall).

I have this week sent orders to France and Belgium as a result of my advertisements in "Cage Birds."—ENOCH TAMS (Longton).

This is the first holiday in Scotland, and I have been kept at home with callers enquiring about cages advertised in "Cage Birds."—R. MORRISON (Glasgow).

I have had some very good results from my advertisements in your paper, "Cage Birds," and shall advertise in it again as soon as I have anything for sale.—JOHN DEWSNAP (Glossop).

I have had so many replies to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," for hen Bullies that I am unable to reply to them all individually.—J. OVENSTONE (Grangemouth).

Kindly thank the numerous enquirers for the Pom. bitch advertised in "Cage Birds," as they were too numerous for me to reply to all. I had replies from all parts of the country.—J. H. ROWLEY (Bilston).

I have had so many applicants for Budgerigars through my advertisement in your last issue of "Cage Birds," that I am unable to write to all. Will you please thank all applicants in C.B.—G. W. SAUNDERS (Sutton, Surrey).

I have found that I get far more replies from advertisements in "Cage Birds" than from those of any other paper. Moral, Stick to C.B.—not "Confined to Barracks," but good old "Cage Birds."—T. A. WEBSTER, 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., (Aldershot).

I have had so many replies to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," that I find it impossible to reply to all of them. Enquiries came from all parts, which shows how vastly read is the leading cage-bird journal.—F. COSIER (Redhill).

I have exported nine consignments of Canaries abroad since Christmas, through my advertisement in "Cage Birds," which shows that the paper has a large foreign circulation. Wishing you every success.—J. TAYLOR (Frizinghall, Bradford).

I am not able to answer the applications I had in reply to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," as they were too numerous. I am an old reader of "Cage Birds," and a lover of birds.—T. RICHARDS (Eorth, R.S.O.).

Kindly thank all applicants for my Buff Norwich cock Canary and yellow hen, advertised in "Cage Birds." I sold them on the Saturday following publication. I had numerous replies, which speaks well for "Cage Birds" as a medium for advertising surplus stock.—A. FLETCHER (Sedgefield).

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow S.C. usual weekly singing contest, held at Mr. Andrew Muir's, Saltmarket, when 8 birds sang. 1st, Henderson; 2nd, Graham; 3rd, White. On 23rd April, a brass kettle, in addition to the usual money prizes, will be competed for.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing held at Britannia Inn, Lock-lane. There was a good muster of members and friends. Twenty-four of the best birds in the district sang for three good prizes. Result: 1st, Dobson; 2nd, Caddy; 3rd, Longfield.—WALTER DOBSON, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 9th, when 16 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd, Wigfield. Also on April 10th, when 25 birds sang. 1st and 2nd shared between Sissons and Hardcastle; 3rd, Wigfield; 4th, Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Melia, Naylor, and Jennings. Also on April 16th, when 15 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd shared between Stead and Madden. Judges, Messrs. Naylor, Melia, and Dean. Also on April 17th, when 30 birds sang. 1st and 2nd shared between Richardson and Hardcastle; 3rd, Bland; 4th, Bryan. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hobuh. Please note all subscriptions are due on May 8th for our Whit-Monday contest.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet singing contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, on April 17th, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1st, D. Madden; 2nd, Soloman; 3rd, Butler. Judges, Messrs. C. Towers and R. J. Smith. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Lorriman. Our annual Whitsuntide contest will be held on Whit-Tuesday, and hope to see old fanciers and new.—A. Turner, Sec.

We had a very good entry at our quality Linnet match, April 16, considering it was the first match of the season held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. 18 birds faced the judges. Messrs. J. Chinendale and J. Hargreaves. All birds sang. 1, Soloman; 2, Ward; 3, Green (Woodhouse). Result of time-singing match held April 17:—1, Clark; 2, 3, Hargreaves. A quality match will be held April 23, commence 3 o'clock.—JOE HARGREAVES.

WIGAN.

An open Linnet match was held at the Weavers' Arms, when 19 birds sang for six good prizes, and some very fine singing was heard. Birds come from Wigan, Standish Park Lane, Westhoughton. Judges, Messrs. Millingan, Parker. Timekeepers, Messrs. Green, Parker, Macfarlane. Winners for quality: W. Millingan, 1st; J. Macfarlane, 2nd; P. Green 3rd. For time: W. Millingan, 130, 1st; P. Green, 129, 2nd; T. Mawdsley, 107, 3rd. We spent a most enjoyable musical evening after the match. There will be an open Linnet match at the Blue Bell Scholes, when the landlord is giving £1 to the entrance fee; we hope the Linnet men will turn up in good numbers.—A. PARKER, Sec. [Your letter reached us with only a half-penny stamp on it, whereas all letters, whether the envelope is sealed or not sealed, must bear a penny stamp; in consequence, we were called on to pay a surcharge of one penny.—EDITOR.]

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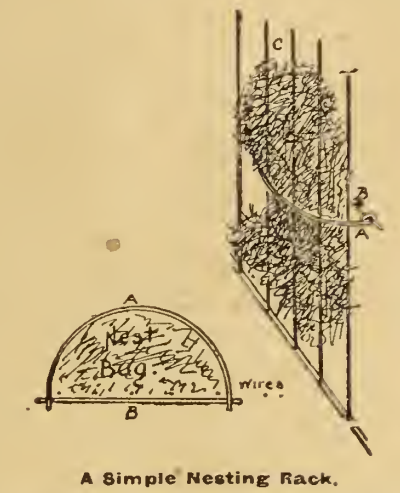
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No. 402.

A Holder for Nesting Material.

Sent by Mr. T. Longfield, 2, Garnet Street, Birkenhead.

Enclosed is a sketch of a little device I have in use on my cages, with good results. "A" is an ordinary piece of cage wire cut about 3ins. long, with a small eye turned on each end. It is then bent into a semi-circle, and a piece of wire "B" is cut about 2½ins. long to fit into the two eyes. All that you have to do after making



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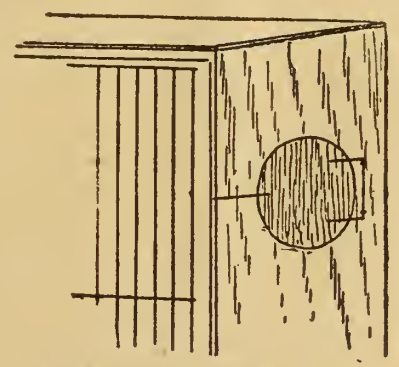
these is to put it round the nest bag and press it so that the piece of wire can be passed through. I find that this holds the nesting material much longer and tighter than tying them with string, and it is also easy to make. "C" represents the cage wires. I think that the sketch will practically explain itself.—TOM LONGFIELD.

No. 403.

A "Safety" Show Cage Door.

Sent by Mr. J. Taylor, 49, Princess Street, Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire.

Enclosed is a sketch of a door fastener which is very simple and safe, and will, I think, do away with the maltreating of birds at, and the stealing of same from, shows. First bore a hole



A "Safety" Show-cage Door.

through the end of cage and through about an inch of the door; then take a piece of ordinary cage wire and press it in. Cut this off, leaving about one-sixteenth of an inch protruding, and you will find it is impossible to open the cage door without a pair of plyers to take hold of wire; this you can do either from the front or from the back of cage.—JOSEPH TAYLOR.

The Preston and Flowers Defence Fund.

In last week's issue we promised an important statement in connection with this Fund. Curiously enough, however, the Law prevents us carrying out this promise—the law's delays, that is, for the case was actually in the cause list on Tuesday last, but three or four actions claiming priority of hearing were long spun out, with the result that the case we are all so interested in got "crowded out" on both Tuesday and Wednesday. "Flowers versus Watts," to give the action its official designation, was in the list to come before the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Pickford, and Mr. Justice Bray (in the Lord Chief Justice's court). For how long it stands "shelved" now, none can say; it may be reached next week, or it may not get a hearing until the week after.

In addition to the £62 3s. 5d. acknowledged last week, we have had come to hand 4s. 6d from the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dist. C.B.S., and 3s. from the City and County of Perth O.S., bringing the aggregate subscriptions to £62 10s. 11d.

Under the White Rose.

THE two committee meetings of the Y.C.C. and C.M.Y.C.C., which took place on Saturday last, were extra well attended, practically all members being present. Some good discussions were opened out on the various points raised, in respect of the further work of the clubs, and the general meetings promise to be very fruitful, much important business being in hand.

FIRST the Y.C.C. held the boards, the Chairmau, Mr. F. Armstrong, occupying the place of honour. All the rules were gone through to see if any improvements could be made, and these will be brought before the general meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, April 30th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, at 6 o'clock prompt. Novices should turn up in good numbers, as something is to be brought forward which is greatly to their benefit, and it may require their support to carry it through; anyhow, there will be nothing lost, and perhaps much gained, by their attendance. Y.C.C. members will also please note that the ballot papers must be returned to the scrutineers not later than Monday next, the 25th inst. Kindly note it is the special wish of the secretary to receive a good return of the papers.

MEMBERS of the committee of the C.M.Y.C.C. next came on, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Richmond, and here I must state that it is impossible to hold the general meeting of this club to-day, Saturday, April 23rd, in consequence of the rooms being already engaged. But Messrs. Towers and Garnett hope to hold it on Saturday next, April 30th, if at all possible. Keep your eye on the Club and Society Notices column all ye that are interested in the cinnamon marked 'uns; it will be duly published there. Should it take place on the 30th it will have to be during the afternoon, so as to come to a close before 6 p.m., at which time the Y.C.C. meeting is advertised to start. The novice question is also to crop up here. Last season the society held two novice classes at each show where the patronage was given, but, sad to relate, a very meagre number of birds were staged at some of the shows, and as they guaranteed half loss on these classes, a little hard cash has gone that way during the season. But what faces these classes now is the alteration to the Novice Section of the Y.U. In future eight Yorkshire classes are to be provided for novices at all Union shows, and it looks possible that the Cinnamou marks will play a prominent part in this extended classification, and if so, the two classes, as held during last season, will be superfluous. Well, it is for the members to decide.

TO-DAY (Saturday) the Market Tavern will be well infested by fanciers at 3 p.m. The National Green-marked Y.C.C. hold their general meeting, and I hear there is also to be held the first meeting of the delegates of the Yorkshire Union for the coming session. My word! What meetings! They are as thick as blackberries in September. It looks like making the Market Tavern the permanent quarters.

YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club are also preparing for their annual general meeting, and this, too, is, if possible, to be called for April 30th, at 7 p.m. Members are expected from far and near. A much greater interest is now being taken in this club by outside fanciers, and some are expected to put in an appearance this year. Let us hope they will carry away the assurance that those resident in Bradford are doing their best for this branch of the Faney.

WHEN reading in CAGE BIRDS last week, under the heading "The Future of the Cage Bird Union," I was somewhat surprised to see this column mentioned, and was greatly gratified to read the remarks of Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, anent the C.B.A. and specialist clubs. But I would go even further than Mr. Metcalfe, and say, why should the C.B.U. interfere in any way whatever, as to where a fancier should show his birds? I have been a member of the Green C.A. for some years, and during the time the question of the G.C.A. joining the C.B.U. was under discussion I was greatly perplexed as to what position I should be in. I am a member of a society affiliated to the Y.U., and a member of five other specialist clubs besides the G.C.A. Therefore, had the G.C.A. decided to throw in their lot with the C.B.U. I should have been faced with the following: Should I leave the G.C.A., or should I leave the other six societies? By the G.C.A. joining the C.B.U. I should have been debarred from exhibiting at any show where the patronages of these other six societies were given. I don't show much, but, like most other fanciers, I like to show when I like, where I like, and under whom I like. It has made no difference. Be it C.B.U. or Y.U., or any other show, if I think to show, nobody should be able to say where I should show. If shows are to pay, they must be open. What has puzzled some in regard to the C.B.U. is this: How could they expect to succeed, and flourish, when the advantages of being out are greater than the advantages of being in? Who, for instance, would join, when by doing so they would be debarred from showing at certain shows where specials, etc., given by their specialist clubs were to be competed for? What is wanted is some advantage and help for being in, and not a hand capping.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Success in the Breeding Season.

Some Helpful Hints Towards Its Attainment.

By MISS O. BARROWS.

At the beginning of the breeding season it is very necessary that everything in one's room should be as scrupulously clean as one can make it. A little trouble at the commencement will save days of labour and much mortification when the birds are settled down and it is difficult to carry on any renovating operation or spring-cleaning successfully. Of course, to those who are workmen familiar with wood and paint, the matter is a simple one, as it is also to those who need not consider expense. The most satisfactory and lasting decoration for the cage is undoubtedly enamel, as it can easily be cleaned by sponging at any time.

The Danger of Lime-wash.

When I first started, I had my cages whitewashed, but it does not look well for long, as the splashing of water spots it, and it is difficult to wash. It is also fraught with great danger to the birds unless the right kind of lime is used and it is thoroughly dry and hard before birds are allowed in the cages. Should the birds get the lime into their eyes, unless attended to at once, they will be blinded. I had this accident occur to a bird of mine. The right remedy is to apply a few drops of pure olive oil, or indeed any wholesome oil, such as castor or cod liver. The lid should be opened carefully and a spot dropped into the eye. In the first place, the eye should be brushed with a dry, clean camel's hair brush to remove any lime, and then bathed with weak vinegar and water, and lastly the spot of oil applied.

While on the subject of blindness, I may say I have used the following lotion for cataract, and if it is applied for six weeks directly the complaint is noticed, I think it prevents its getting any worse, but it does not cure. Lotion: Five grains of sugar of lead to a wineglassful of rain water. Bathe the eyes with this.

Crested birds are most liable to cataract, owing, I think, to the heavy feather irritating the eyes, but it is a mistake to be too hasty in condemning a bird as useless. This blind bird of mine was a wonderful breeder; he was assiduous in his attentions to his wife, and my astonishment was great to see him feeding the young when they were ten days old. It is necessary where there is some sight left to give such a bird a light-coloured hen.

Preparing the Cages.

Before commencing to paint or distemper the cages they should be thoroughly washed inside and out with soft soap and water. The backs should be sponged over with paraffin, and any cracks should be stopped with putty, well pushed in with a small chisel, so that there shall be no crevices to harbour red mite. The more careful you are to keep the insides free the more likely the mite are to choose some more hidden quarters, such as the backs of cages. The paraffin and the putty must be allowed to dry before applying the distemper, as the oil in the former will ooze through and spoil the appearance of the inside distempered surface. Hall's Distemper, or any of those advertised in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, is an easy thing for a beginner to use, as you mix it with water, and it needs only one coat, and dries directly, so that it is ready for use in a few hours. Therefore, a little energy admits of its being done twice a year—spring and autumn.

The chief difficulty in using distemper is to get it thoroughly smooth in the water and to the right consistency. An admirable method is to pass it through a hair or fine wire sieve, rubbing it through with the back of a large wooden spoon. It can then be applied rapidly and smoothly with a large whitewash brush, the painting of one cage taking only a few minutes.

Black carriage varnish is a good outside paint, and only one coat of this need be given. It has a nice glazed surface, which washes well. The distemper has the same disadvantage as the whitewash, viz., that when splashed it becomes spotted. When necessary I sponge the inside of my cages with a preparation used for ridding rose trees of green fly—a combination of soft soap and quassia chips boiled. It is wonderfully cleansing, and a destroyer of red mite.

In addition to painting the cages all seed boxes and crockery should be washed, breakages replaced, and any small repairs attended to. You can then hang up your breeding cages ready for their occupants, and prepare nest pans and put in suitable sand.

The sand I use is a mixture of gardener's sand, with the addition of road sand and crushed free stone; and in addition I keep a store of old wall mortar and crushed egg shells of unboiled eggs; the latter are necessary for helping the hen to form the shell of her eggs. Also put a piece of cuttlefish bone between the bars of the cage for the birds to peck at; this serves the same purpose. You must not, however, start doing this and then neglect it in the rush of the season, or you will have soft-shelled eggs and egg-binding.

The Nest Boxes or Pans.

The nest boxes or pans are the next thing to prepare. There are various kinds. Some people use one kind and some another. As a rule, I begin with a few wooden nest boxes as they are warmer, and begin using the earthenware ones when the weather is summer-like. Some hens show a predilection for a particular kind, and you must indulge any whim; more especially must you indulge whims if the hen thinks the floor is a nice place to lay upon and scorns higher regions. You must then try the nest-boxes or pans in various positions, and cover the front part of the cage opposite the nest with a sheet of brown paper to make it private, as many hens are nervous and will not go near the nest while anyone is seen to be in the room.

It is most important to take every precaution against red mite in the nest pans. The pans should be wiped all over with a small piece of sponge soaked in a mixture of paraffin and olive oil, inside and out, especially round the rims, and in the crevices of the joints of the woodwork.

Nest Matters.

You can let the hen build, but you must re-make the nest before setting her, in order, by dusting it with pyrethrum powder from a small pepper box, to take that extra precaution against red mite. When you do the nest try and keep to the shape the hen has selected, as she has her own ideas on the subject; she will sometimes build up a bank on one side to hide herself the better, or will fill up all the corners to make it smaller, and you should not overlook these things. A fowl's egg (hot) turned round in the nest when finished, makes the material close and smooth. And don't forget that a soft lining of doe or cow hair is the last thing to provide, otherwise the hen will do it all over again and line it with feathers plucked from herself and her mate.

The cock also likes a voice in these matters. Unfortunately his doings are generally of a playful or destructive nature until he sees the hen is in earnest and is sitting steadily. Some cocks habitually molest the hen and break the eggs. Such must be removed while the hen is sitting, and oftentimes until the young are ten days old, as a very fresh young bird will nip off the toes and beaks of the newly hatched with a zeal akin to joy and far removed from fatherly solicitude.

To return to the prevention of red mite. These several precautions are necessary if you wish to keep your bird-room free from these pests, especially during the hot weather. Where you observe traces of the mites you must paint the crevices with a fairly strong solution of carbolic acid and water, using for the purpose a small camel's hair brush; but the greatest care is necessary not to let even a spot of the poison fall, as if picked up with the sand it would be fatal to the birds. It is certain death to the microbe which will, however, survive an application of paraffin, they having, like the proverbial cat, nine lives. You will perceive the presence of mites by the appearance of small grey white specks.

Before Putting Birds in the Cages.

Before putting the birds in their cages it is as well to give them a bath with quassia in the water. This you make by pouring boiling water over a few quassia chips overnight in a small basin, leaving it to soak; then put a teaspoonful of this decoction cold into each bath the next morning.

As you put each bird into its quarters dust under the wings and tail with pyrethrum powder. This is a good practice, and should also be done when the young are put into a clean nest at from 10 to 12 days old, and again when they are weaned and put into a flight cage to grow. By these means, systematically carried out, your room ought to be far from an ideal abiding place for those little bloodsuckers, the red mites. Should you at any time come across them, however, an application of carbolic should be made at once. Nest pans that have become infested should be dropped straight into boiling water and carbolic and carefully oiled afterwards as previously described.

The "Pink of Condition."

It requires considerable experience and some little time before a beginner knows when his birds are in proper condition to commence breeding operations—that "pink of condition" so necessary to ensure successful results. And he is apt to make a mistake and allow them to start housekeeping before they are ready.

The cocks should be singing lustily and in the best of health and vigour. They will be flying all over the cage in the greatest excitement trying to attract the attention of the hens or of a particular hen. Should there be a lady whose charms one particularly admires, he will stamp to and fro on the perch, and sometimes go through the pretence of feeding his family by regurgitating his food and administering it to his toes, as if they were young beaks.

The hens are equally sure to evince great anxiety to attract the notice of the cock bird, and answer his song with an encouraging "sweet" and twitter calling to him continuously. Such a hen will pace the perches flapping her wings all the time, carrying any bit of material about that she can lay hold of. Often she pulls out her own feathers or those of her companions, and sometimes a hen will hop about holding fast on to a heap of feathers still attached to her own little neck or wing.

On the Window-sill.

Again, she will hop from the perch high into the air and down again continuously and joyously as the cock bird sings his love ditty. I have been interested to observe a similar spring action on the part of a hen Great Tit performed on my window sill, the little hen being imbued with the spirit of the birds she hears in my bird-room. The wild birds visit my window sill for the food I place for them, and they are so attracted by the singing of my caged pets that they show me many little tricks of their own species. Some remain on the sill when the window is open and give occasional outbursts of their own love ditty. This, however, is all by the way.

Such is a very happy state of affairs, and one to be envied by every breeder whose main object during the winter months has been to work up his stock to this "concert pitch." But having reached this pitch you must not frustrate the natural inclinations of the birds or trouble will ensue, and grief and disappointment will react on the little hearts and play havoc with their health. The hens especially may die egg-bound, or suffer from nesting diarrhœa and inflammation, which may prove fatal, and at all events spoil them for the season when at last they are allowed their own sweet will. It is a good plan to occasionally give for one day a dose of Epsom salts in the drinking water, as much salts as will cover a sixpence; this should be put to an ounce of warm water and afterwards allowed to cool. If you have a few hens to spare they should be kept in another room if possible until you are ready to pair them up.

I shall hope on a future occasion to acquaint my readers with the methods I adopt during incubation and the hatching of the young.

The Young Naturalist.

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*A Thief

Once we had a Magpie which used to steal. We missed a thimble and a spoon first, of which we took no notice. Then my father missed a gold scarf-pin, which he prized very much. My sister one day saw our Maggie with a ring in its mouth, so she determined to follow it to its hiding place, which was under a bush, where my sister found all the spoil.—Sent by W. N. Sails (age 15), 10, Eastborough, Scarborough.

**A Sentinel Dove.

My mother had a Dove which lived to the age of 16 years. We kept it in a cage outside the kitchen door, and he was quite as good as a watchdog. If a stranger came in the yard he would ruffle up its feathers and coo very loud. We used to bring him indoors, and he would march up and down in front of the mirror admiring himself. He also would sit on top of the Canary's cage, and try to make friends with the Canary.—Sent by E. Hampton (age 15), 27, Osborne Street, Slough, Bucks.

*A Tame Feeder.

One day we were taking a walk along one of the roads here, when my dad heard a bird chirping in a small holly tree. We found it was a young fledged bird. We took it home and fed it. It was very tame, and opened its mouth to be fed, and every time we did so it chirped, and flapped its wings. It can now feed itself. Sometimes we let it have a fly around the room. My dad thinks it is a crossbill, and we have seen several more like it in the pine trees feeding on the pine cones.—Sent by Augustus L. Fox (age 10), 3, Laurel Villas, Eve Road, Woking.

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By GEO. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

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The preparations of iron already enumerated are best given by themselves, owing to their ready solubility and to the fact that they are incompatible with so many other drugs—they alter the character of many infusions, such as infusion of gentian, orange, etc., owing to the tannic acid contained in the latter. In the case of no other metal can we speak so definitely of its *modus operandi*. Its action on the blood is almost unique of its kind, because its specific action is exerted upon the blood corpuscles, consisting of the combination of iron as one of its constituent elements. In healthy subjects "a course" of iron increases the number and value of the red corpuscles, whilst in the anæmic the rapidity of these changes is remarkable in fortifying the system where disease is imminent, and in convalescence from acute disease it is a valuable drug.

For Young and Unthrifty Birds.

Phosphorous preparations, such as *Calcium Hypophosphate* and *Sodium Hypophosphate*, both readily soluble in water, in doses of one grain to each ounce of water, may be given with advantage to young and unthrifty birds; it greatly assists in building up bone tissue. This is one of the drugs of which part are retained in the tissue and become cumulative; it should not be administered for any great length of time, or fatty degeneration of various organs may occur.

Bismuth.—Of the salts of bismuth the carbonate and subnitrate, owing to their astringent and sedative influence on the bowels, are useful remedies for diarrhœa occurring in delicate birds or those exhausted by other causes. It may be given alone, or may be combined with alkalies like *Sodium Bicarbonate*, or with opium. My experience is that bismuth uncombined is not only efficacious, but the safest preparation it is possible to give for diarrhœa. Five grains may be given in a little bread and milk, and repeated daily; it is insoluble in water. It acts by coating the irritated mucous membrane lining the intestines, and it is questionable as to whether it ever becomes absorbed, its action being purely local.

Bromides of Potassium, Ammonium, and Sodium, all very readily soluble in water, exert a special action on the nervous system; they lessen nervous excitability. Birds subject to fits and epilepsy, particularly the latter, receive a soothing and hypnotic effect from its administration. Doses of two grains to every ounce of water, given subsequently or prior to an attack, greatly ameliorate the symptoms. It should not, however, be given for very long, owing to its depressant action upon the heart, but is to be used only as required.

Tincture of Iodine, as one of the preparations of Iodine made with Iodine, Potassium Iodide, Alchohol, and water, is very serviceable as a local application for regenerating injured structures, enlargements resulting from fractures, after reduction of dislocations, cramp, or rheumatic affections of the joints; it should be carefully painted on with a camel's hair brush, or cotton wool held in forceps. A convenient form for general use in the treatment of localised ulcerations is a mixture of tincture of iodine, 1 part in four parts of glycerine. None of its medicinal forms should be used as being fraught with danger.

Elixir of Vitriol.

Acids.—Of the acids I shall here only deal with one, viz., *Sulphuric Acid Aromatic*, otherwise known as "Elixir of Vitriol," prepared from Sulphuric Acid, Alchohol, Spirit of Cinnamon, and Tincture of Ginger, which, if given in small doses, rouse the appetite and aid digestion, at the same time allaying thirst. It stimulates the liver, and is also an astringent, correcting diarrhœa of a more troublesome nature. It may be given in the drinking water, three drops to every ounce of water to weak and unthrifty birds. It improves their general condition, and the lustre of their plumage. Great care, however, should be exercised not to extend the treatment over too great a length of time, as it then becomes a necessary evil, which when withheld is followed by loss of condition.

Boracic Acid. — As a local application for wounds and injuries of the claws where practicable and the bird very tame, Boracic Acid in solution, made by dissolving one half-teaspoonful in half a pint of hot water, and allowing to cool to body temperature, is a useful antiseptic in suppurating wounds. It will be found applicable more to the larger birds, when by immersing the injured part in this warm solution for five minutes twice daily healing will speedily be brought about.

In regard to the smaller birds and those of a nervous temperament there are a large number of antiseptics at command, but one which I especially favour, and which is in common use to-day in surgery, is Lysol, which can be procured at any chemists. Mixed with water in a .5 per cent solution, either hot or cold, it forms a very reliable dressing for wounds and injuries occurring in any part, and may be applied by means of a piece of cotton wool or by a camel's hair brush. As a disinfectant of cages and aviaries a 1 to 5 per cent. solution is germicidal.

Brandy may be Useful.

Alcohol in the form of brandy is frequently administered to birds, particu- in cases of collapse. My correspondents frequently inform me that they administer several drops by the beak, but with no good result, the bird never rallying. Probably had they done nothing the results would have been different. It should be given diluted in the drinking water for colds, catarrh, and bronchial troubles, and never administered to a bird in a state of collapse, for then the power of swallowing is almost lost, as is the case during fits and epilepsy, the raw spirit terminating its existence.

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In the Courts.

The Widow and the Starling.

A remarkable case was heard at Amlwch on April 15th, a widow, Mrs. Griffiths, of Bryn Mor, being charged with cruelty to a Starling.

A neighhour, Mrs. Stubel, stated that she saw the bird in defendant's garden with a piece of string tied round both its legs, the other end being secured to a piece of wire netting. When it attempted to fly away the bird was violently jerked. When spoken to defendant said, "No, I shan't let it go; I want to make it suffer like it made me suffer during the night. It got into my bedroom and nearly frightened me to death. I would like to tear the little devil to pieces." Witness's daughter cut the string.

Defendant, who denied intentional cruelty, said she intended the Starling to frighten other birds. She was find 10s., including costs.

Violating the Close Season.

At the Woking Petty Sessions, on April 16th, G. Dean, B. Bryan, and T. Simpson, all of London, were summoned for having had wild birds in their possession, at Byfleet on March 25th.

P.C. Rose said he saw defendants on Good Friday at Byfleet. Two of them had a tame bird each and some lime wires; and the other defendant had a cage containing 10 freshly-caught birds. On being liberated eight birds flew away, and two fell to the ground.

Defendants, who said they were out of work, were each ordered to pay 6s. costs.

S. Watson and R. Staines (a lad), both of London, were summoned for having used lime for the purpose of taking wild birds, at Send on March 28th.

P.C. Lightfoot said he saw defendants in Newark Lane, Send, sitting by the side of the road. On the opposite side on a piece of waste land witness saw a basket containing the bird cage and bird (produced). There were also two sprigs covered with birdlime. Defendants admitted to him that they came into the country to have some sport, and catch a few Chaffinches.—Watson said he was only trying to see how the birds were caught. He had not caught any.

Defendants were ordered to pay the costs of the case (7s. each), and allowed a fortnight to do so.

PRIZE BIRDS SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

Shipley Fancier Recovers £16 Damages.

A claim for damages for the loss of thirteen Canaries formed the subject of an action brought in the Bradford County Court on April 19th, before His Honour Judge Graham, K.C.

The plaintiff was Henry Martin, of Marlborough Road, Shipley, wool salesman, who is also a breeder of Canaries, and the secretary of the Shipley O.S. The defendant was Charles Whitfield, plumber, Shipley, the claim being for £19 15s. Mr. Wilfrid Dunn appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. Lee for the defendant.

Mr. Dunn stated that the plaintiff had occasion to engage the defendant for some work in his house, and gave him instructions to connect up some piping with a gas stove which was in the attic where he kept his Canaries. The defendant, instead of sending a man to do the work, sent his son, a youth of fourteen. The lad joined up the piping and lit the stove on the Thursday, and it was not interfered with, but was left burning continuously until Saturday morning.

When plaintiff went up to attic about a quarter to eight o'clock on Saturday morning he found the attic full of gas and thirteen out of his thirty Canaries were dead. They had been suffocated by the gas, and the remaining seventeen were so far gone that they could not stand. However, these seventeen birds recovered. Later he examined the stove and piping and found that one of the joints which the defendant's son had fitted up had become loose, allowing the gas to escape.

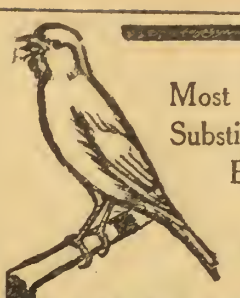
Speaking of the value of his Canaries, plaintiff stated that it had cost him £40 or £50 to get together the lot he had in the room. Speaking of well-bred Canaries generally he said he knew a man who had bought two for £18 10s., and another man who sold three for £20. Amongst the dead birds was one he would not have parted with for any money. He had shown it four times. It took a second prize at Windhill, a first at Shipley, then he sent it to Hull, where it did not meet with success, and later it went to Birmingham, where it took first prize, and special for the best bird in the show in the novice class.

Evidence as to the value of plaintiff's dead birds was given by Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Brayshaw, both of whom said they had had many years' experience in Canary breeding.

For the defence Mr. Lee contended that the joints of the piping had been properly fixed, and suggested that the joint which was afterwards found to be loose had been knocked.—Thomas Hill, plumber, Shipley, gave evidence as to how the joint might have become loose.

His Honour said he had no doubt about the case. The stove was burning all night on Friday, and was not touched until Saturday morning. In the interval something went wrong, and on Saturday morning the plaintiff found that there had been a leakage of gas. His Honour's opinion was that the joint had not been properly screwed in, and he therefore gave judgment for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at £16.—"Bradford Daily Telegraph."

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Wild Bird Life.

The First Swallow.

With the change of wind to the south-west came many changes in the aspect of the countryside. Under the more genial conditions of sunshine and warm wind, a ramble across the fields and through quiet lanes was much more enjoyable and interesting than when cold easterly winds caused one to seek only sheltered walks. As we expected, the change brought the Swallow from the south. Our first sight of his darting presence was on the evening of April 8th, and another was seen on the outskirts of the village on the 10th. This is fairly early in these localities, as there are one or two favourite spots where they can be found some days before they reach our higher ground. Year after year I have noticed it is a single bird that we see first. This is rather curious when one considers how gregarious all the Swallows are. Not only do they flock together when hunting for food and previous to their autumn flight, but unlike many species, they nest in companies. One seldom sees a single Swallow's nest. There are generally others either under the same roof or very close handy.

The early morning and late evening bird chorus is now quite at its height. Long after sundown, when the Sparrows and Finches have retired for the night, the singing of the Blackbirds and Thrushes away up in the elms is almost deafening. The Thrush has lately considerably increased its tours; some of its present notes are certainly "extras" and are rendered with a rapidity and gusto never attained during the earlier months of the year; but the Blackbirds go on in the old sweet way with a mellowness and deliberation equalled by the song of no other species. The rushing song of the Thrush has no effect on him. One of the latter birds has a brood of healthy young ones in a corner of the park, and visits my garden at all hours of the day in quest of trifles for the babies. If I stroll down the park he watches me intently, and if my eye is on him he seeks shelter over the fence; but if I look straight ahead of me or past him, seemingly at some other object, he continues his search as though I was not there, hopping but a few paces away. In some instructive way wild creatures learn to distinguish when one is or is not intent upon them in a spirit of enmity, and if very near it is always the eye they watch. So long as you observe them from the corner of the eye, sideways or look over their heads at something beyond, it is well. Turn your glance full upon them to get a better view, and they instantly take wing and are gone.

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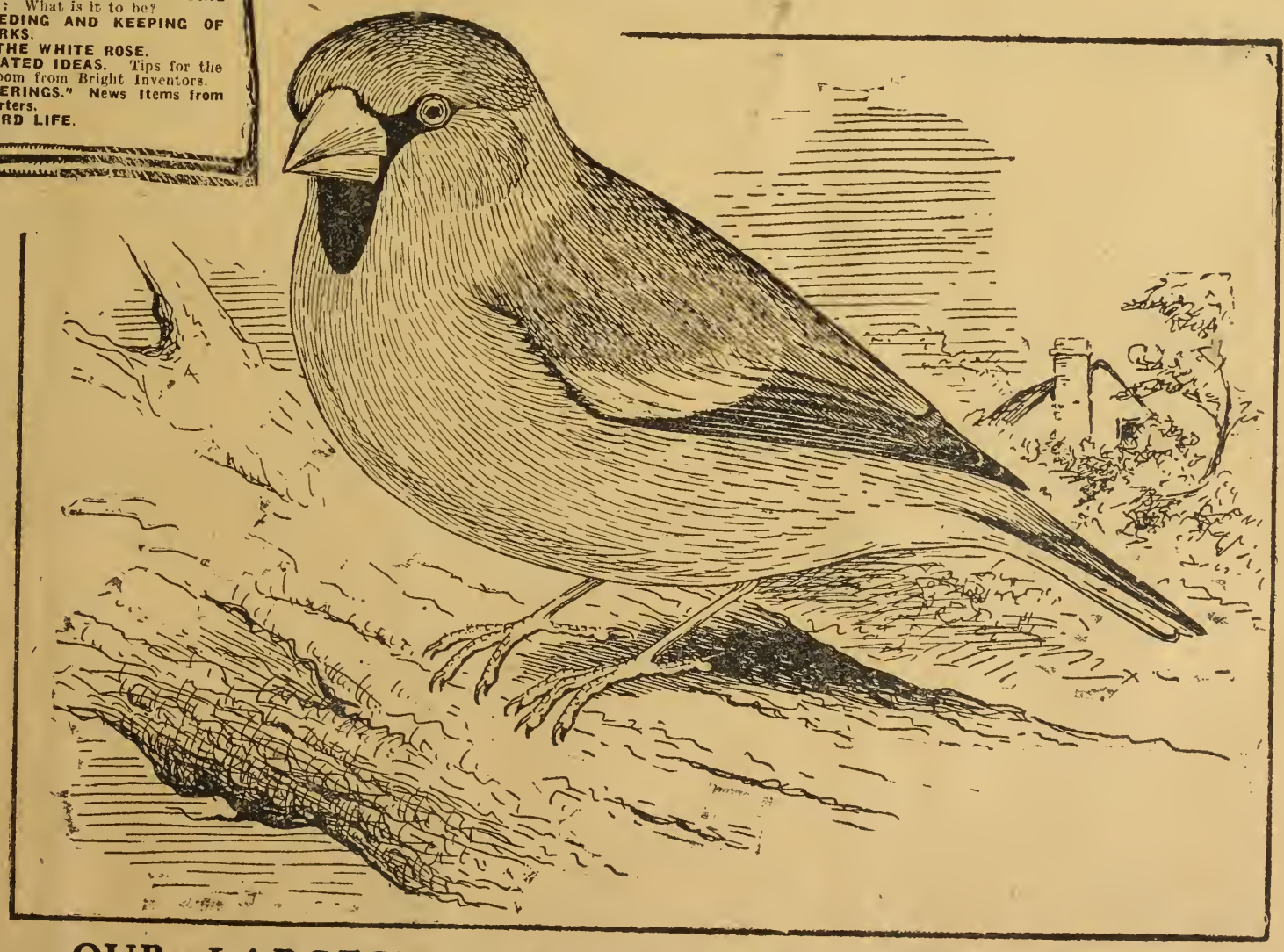
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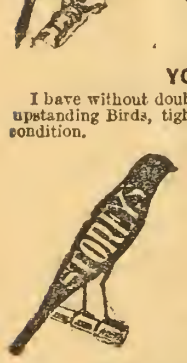
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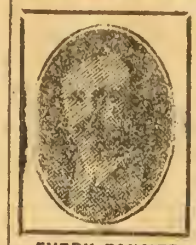
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OWING to business pressure, have to dispose of my aviary of rare foreign birds, consisting of 2 pairs black-headed Gouldians, 20/- a pair; 2 pairs Grassfinches, 15/- a pair; Scarlet Weavers, 10/- a pair; 2 pairs yellow Budgerigars, 8/6 a pair; 2 pairs green, 6/6 a pair; also Cutthroats, Waxbills, Orange Cheeks, Cordon Bleus, 3/6 a pair; these are acclimatised, having had them about 2 years: G. Hall, 10, Victoria-st., Liverpool.

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African Grey Parrot and Amazon Parrots, from 25/-; Cockatoos from 7/6; Parrakeets, 5/-; Budgerigars, 5/9 pair; Mynahs, 25/-; Black-faced Gouldians, 15/- pair; Bib Finches, Grass Finches, 10/- pair. A variety of Foreign birds in stock, Monkeys from £1 each: John Mace, Naturalist, Barnsley and Blonk-st., Sheffield.

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"Unbreakable" husk nests, double wired, last a lifetime, 2/-, 4/-, 6/- dozen; selected giant husk for Cockatiels, only procurable from me, 12/- dozen; "Cosy" shell nests for Finches, 4/-, 6/- dozen; "Unique" box nests for Parrakeets, 1/-; superior varnished, 1/6; trade supplied; no delay: Pearson, Wholesale Cokeruut Merchant, Greenwich Market. Established 1870.

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GOULDIANS, GOULDIANS, GOULDIANS.

Still we hold the largest stock in England, and as we stated before, there will be no more Gouldians to arrive. Mr. Le'Bon, the Australian trapper, has arrived on the Continent, and sold his birds to foreign traders. Mr. Foagler arrived in London on Wednesday, April 20th. We had the first refusal of his catch, amongst which were three Princess of Wales' Parrakeets. We bid for his stock, and did not get it on account of a difference of £10, therefore, it was chopped up and sold in fragments to smaller dealers; the 900 pairs of Zebrafinches were bought by a German dealer. We were not very anxious to buy, on account of our Mr. Saffin having to arrive by the N.D.L. cargo boat, "Schwaben," which left Australia on the 14th of March, and due in Antwerp, April 27th, with 4,000 pairs Budgerigars, 8,000 pairs Zebrafinches, besides a host of rare Parrots and other birds. Our Manager will meet the boat on its arrival. In our next list we shall be pleased to offer our importation for sale to naturalists, bird dealers, and others, who once were dealers.—De Von and Co., Ltd., Bird Dealers, 114, Bethnal Green Road, London.

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I am not a bird dealer. I have bred thousands of Budgerigars. I sell nothing but husks, and have wired and sold more than any other man living. To breed Budgerigars successfully you must employ my "Improved Secure" husks. All bird fancying papers have advised their readers to prefer them because other kinds come to pieces and the young birds fall to the floor and die. This is why the "Improved Secure" husks have remained first favourite for the past 19 years. They remain unequalled, competition and comparison have always increased their popularity. All the principal Zoo's, Parks, and largest breeders employ them. "Exchange and Mart" has said:—You had better have the improved form; even if it is a little dearer than the old-fashioned sort, it is cheaper in the long run. Again, "Cage Birds" tells a correspondent:—"They are far superior to the old husks," so beware of worthless substitutes. Splendid consignment just arrived, price 5/- dozen, smaller quantities 6d. each. Superior box nests for Cockatiels 1/6 each.

HARPER, Husk Importer, Wolverhampton.

JOHN D. HAMLYN,

221, St. Georges Street, London Docks.

Arrival of Australian Birds.

Mr. J. A. Foglia, of Australia, arrived on the 21st inst., on the ss. "Geelong," with a very interesting collection of birds, including Budgerigars, Zebras, Roses, Red Collared Blue Mountains, Redrumps, Cockatiels, Bustards, Curlews, Cereopeis Geese, and last, but not least, three Princess of Wales' Parrakeets. My purchases were 1,600 pairs Budgerigars, 75 Roses, two Bustards, two Curlews, four Geese, and the three Parrakeets, the remainder of stock being acquired by a German dealer for Bremen. The three Princess of Wales' Parrakeets were immediately sold to a celebrated fancier at a high price. It is now some time since these very rare birds arrived in Great Britain, the last pair, I believe, were sold for £50.

AUSTRALIAN SHELL PARROTS or BUDGERIGARS.

Already 750 pairs sold in two days, the remainder are offered at the following prices as long as they last; cash with order only:—

One pair for 4/-, including package.
Six pairs for 18/-, including package.
Twelve pairs for 33/-, including package.
Fifty pairs for 125/-, including package.
Twelve cocks for 18/-, including package.

NOTICE.

Amongst such a large number there must be a few rough ones, which, if turned out in open aviaries, soon recover themselves; these we offer as follows: **Twelve for 12/6.** To avoid useless correspondence, kindly note—The birds will only be sold in above quantities and prices, and, despite any statements to the contrary, I am the only wholesale holder of imported Australian Budgerigars in Great Britain.

Early Application Requested.

JOHN D. HAMLYN

(Continued).

Notwithstanding other inflated advertisements, I most respectfully beg to state that Mr. Le Bon has also arrived with a grand selection of Australian stock, including Gouldian and other Finches. There is still another dealer to arrive from Australia with Gouldians in middle of May, there are also arrivals at Marseilles. I beg now to offer:—

84 Long-tailed Grassfinches at 6/- each.
40 Masked Grassfinches at 6/- each.
59 Ruficauda Finches at 6/- each.
4 Chestnut Finches at 5/- each.
17 Yellow Rumped Finches at 7/6 each.
3 Crimson Finches at 12/6 each.
93 Black Gouldians at 5/6 each.
15 Red Gouldians at 10/6 each.

Kindly note, these birds have been brought over on deck. I have no furnace in my shop, where the poor, unfortunate birds are baked, no monkeys or tortoises are kept with these Finches. Cleanliness with fresh air treatment is thoroughly studied at **221, St. George's Street, London Docks.**

(Above stock offered subject to being unsold).

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MAGNIFICENT pair of Snow Buntings, cage-moulted, steady, sell 8/6, can win: Simmonds, Crown-st., Peterborough.

SINGING Lark or Chaffinch, 2/6; 6 hen Canaries, 9/-; Thrush, 7/6; Blackbird, 5/-: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

PAIR of tame Bullfinches, tame hen Goldfinch, dark pied cock Linnet Mule, 2 pied hen Mules, 12/6 lot; bargain: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, show specimens, 1 housemoulted cock Linnet, and 2 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 15/- lot; clearing aviary: Norman, 211, Albany-rd., Coventry.

SEVEN Border cocks from 4/6, prize bred, 2 hens 4/6; 5 Mules, 1 cock, singing, 10/-; 2 cock Linnets, cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, 7/-; offers lot: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

EXTRA massive Linnet, grand shape, quality, 3/6; another, caged October, free singer, 2/6; Greenfinch, October caught, rare size, plumage, pair anything, 2/6; Greenies mate, large var. Norwich hen, 3/-; Sib. Canaries, clears, Yell. cock, Buff hen, nearly white, 4/- each: Whiteley (see Foods).

YELLOW Yorkshire, grand songster, 10/6; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, exceptional songster, 10/6; housemoulted Linnet, paired with Roller hen, 6/-; double breeding and flight cages, 36in. long, 5/6; single cages, 17in. long, 3/6; joiner made and enamelled; deposit: Breeder, 21, Shirley-rd., Stratford, E.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, cost 15/-, accept 6/6; housemoulted cock Hawfinch, exhibition bird, 15/-; steady house-moulted cock Linnet, full song, 3/6; square parrot cage, good condition, cost 12/6, accept 5/6; mahogany Thrush cage, 30in. by 11in., 20in. high, cost 12/6, little used, 7/-; bow-fronted Lark cage, good size, 3/-, worth double: Cooper, 928, Rochdale-rd., Harpurhey, Manchester.

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PAIR pied pheasants, 15/-; also silver cocks; silver eggs, 6d. each; exchange others: Benson, Dalbeattie.

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500 pairs of Waterfowl, full adult, pinioned direct from the water, the injurious effects of being kept in dens and cages prevented; Teal, 10/6 per pair; Widgeon and Garganey, 12/-; Pintail, 14/-; Shovellers, 15/-; reduction on 10 or 20 pairs; Carolina Mandarin, Celebes, Gadwall, Tufted Divers, Brent, White-fronted Geese, Alpine Choughs, Ruffs, Reeves, Godwits: Philip Castang, Leadenhall Market, London.

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ANYTHING living bought for spot cash: Toy Dog Bureau, 50, Broomilaw, Glasgow.

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WANTED pair powerful field-glasses; exchange hand camera; particulars: Glaslyn Stores, Portmadoc.

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WANTED large square Parrot cage; exchange Yorkshire 4-cage case, new: Thomson, 83, Dogfield-st., Cardiff.

WANTED, records; exchange 2 hen Canaries, double breeding cage, loose fronts: 71, Isaac-st., Taylorson-st., Salford.

WANTED, tame Starling; finger-tame, and accustomed to fly about room: Rev. Sedgwick, Bishopstoke, Hants.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED 10 each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Scotch Fancies, for cash: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED pair Yorkshires; exchange large pair Crests, ready to nest, sell 30/-: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood.

WANTED, offers in Borders, for Harmsworth Encyclopædia, cost 23/6, unbound: Cleaver, 348, Abbey Hey-lane, Gorton.

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WANTED, 200 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, must be in full song, approval: E. Powers, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch.

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WANTED, Canary-Bullie, or light Mule, in exchange for Linnet-Bullie and 15ct. gold ring; offers: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

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WANTED, pair Norwich, good stock birds; exchange pair green Borders, Forrest's strain; mutual approval: W. Livingston, 4, Hunter's-lane, Whitburn, N.B.

GOOD contest Linnet; exchange "Linly" Bedlington dog, 12 month; true marksman, broken ferret; sell £1; approval: D. Hardy, 8, Gore's-buildings, Whitehaven.

WANTED Canaries; exchange grand pair high-class Angora rabbits, 2nd prize winners, value 10/-; also 8 young, 4 months, 2/- each: F. Moore, 93, Portland-rd., Hove.

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EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for singing Roller: E. G. Moore, 34, Halesleigh-rd., Bridgwater, Som.

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COCK Redpoll, guaranteed breeder, also trying jack, and smoothing planes; exchange Yorkshires: Budge, Joiner, Tatworth, Chard.

THREE hen Bullfinches, caught September, 2/- each; 1 house-moulted, 3/-; exchange hen Canaries: Curzon, Thorpebywater, Uppingham.

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SPLENDID large cock Brown Linnet, loudest song, so tame, I'm sure he's muler, 3/-; exchange Norwich hen: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

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EXCHANGE 4 contest Linnets and cages, 2 hen Canaries for young pedigree bitch, large breed, over distemper: Channen, 8, Sondes-st., Walworth.

COCKS, Bullfinch 2/6, Greenfinch 1/-, hen Hawfinch (winner) 7/6, or exchange for pair Borders: Turner, Wilsthorpe-rd., New Sawley, Derby.

GOOD cock Greenfinch, also hen Bullfinch, laid in cage last season, sell 7/6; or exchange for Bantams: C. Coleman, East-st., Long Buckby.

WILL exchange 2 house-moulted, one field cock Goldfinches for pair young Yorkshire Canaries or Norwich: G. Emberton, 18, Grove-rd., Fenton, Staffordshire.

EXHIBITION specimens, Redstart, 5/-; Yellow-hammer, 2/6; hen Goldfinch, nesting, 1/6, approval, deposit; or exchange anything: Downing, Raunds, Northants.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, splendid colour, and wire-topped show cage; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich cock; yours first: R. Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport.

TWICE house-moulted cocks, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, hen Chaffinch, caged November, 7/- lot; exchange Buff Yorks. cock: Springthorpe, 24, Havelock-st., Barnsley.

VERY steady Hawfinch, grand bird, 30/-; exchange good pair big Norwich, or pair typical Yorkshires and cock Goldfinch: Wilson, 11, Hartley-st., Fairfield, Manchester.

THREE Siberian Goldie cocks, 4/-; one bob tail, 3/6, suit amateur Mule breeder, or exchange Canaries, Mules: Mrs. Amon, 11, Hunslett-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, a good Norwich hen Canary in exchange for 4 hen Bullfinches, caged all winter, or sell 5/-, or exchange anything: D. Terrington, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

HOUSE-moulted British cock Goldfinches, one bred mules two years, 7/6; one Greypate, 4/-; exchange Canary hens for muling; approval: Harris, 9, Maitland-st., Gabalfa, Cardiff.

BRAMBLEFINCH, cock, paired with pied Chaffinch hen, Booth, 2 years' house-moulted, 1st and special at Clapham; exchange pair Yorkshires, sell 25/-: Clark, 45, Crescent-lane, Clapham.

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BARGAIN, gem Goldfinch, paired yellow Norwich, very steady, house-moulted Linnet, both singing, 2 double breeders, 4 other cages, good condition; exchange planes, tools, or anything useful: A. Newmarsh, Bridgegate, Howden, E. Yorks.

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PAIR Norwich, 7/6; hand camera, 12/6; exchange: Lucas, 11, Bedford-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

GRAND singing Canary and cage, 6/6; or useful exchange; Watson's wrappers wanted: Sides, Southwell.

BUFF Norwich cock; exchange for Yorkshire hen, unflighted, sell 10/-: Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

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GOOD clear Yorkshire cock, exchange Cinnamon or green cock, or sell 12/6: 20, Salop-rd., Edgmond, Newport, Salop.

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Singing Contests.

NEWSHAM.

Contest held April 16th, when 26 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, 3, Wake. Judge, Mr. Herron. A club sing will be held on April 30th at Miner's Arms.—S. LAWS, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, when the best of singing this season was heard; 17 birds were hung, and every bird sang. 1 and 3, Green; 2, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Pease.

Usual quality contest, held April 23, at King's Head, Shannon Street, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hayes. 1, Sissons; 2 and 3 shared between Madden and Hardcastle. Also on April 24, when 30 birds were staged. 1, Bland; 2, Stead; 3, Richardson; 4, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Wilson and Walter Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Result of Quality Singing Linnet Contest, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, April 23: 1, Soloman; 2, 3, J. Green. Judges, C. Lorriman and G. Towers. Result of usual time singing contest, held above house, April 24: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Nobler; 3, Rennie. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hargreaves and A. Bryan. Next quality contest, April 30, commence 3 o'clock.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Usual quality singing contest, held at Prince Albert Hotel, on April 24, when 14 birds sang for three prizes Result: 1, Butler; 2, Soloman; 3, Sellars. Messrs. J. Smith and Nevins officiated as judges. Timekeeper, G. Towers.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Open Linnet contest, held at Grapes Inn, when 17 birds competed for four prizes for quality and time; Judge, Mr. F. Gibbins; timers, Messrs. P. Thorpe and J. Cavanagh. Result for quality: 1, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 2, W. Barnes (Wigan). Time: 1, P. O'Neil (Leigh), 56secs.; 2, J. Gore (Leigh), 46secs. There was some good quality singing. After the contest we spent the rest of the evening in songs from some of the fanciers.—J. W. JONES.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Open sing held at Aire and Calder, Castleford, on April 24, when 17 birds faced the judges. 1, S. Scott, 38secs.; 2, A. Longfield, 33secs.; dead-heat for 3rd place between J. Higgins and A. Longfield, when J. Higgins got third.—R. TAYLOR, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

Royds Inn Linnet S.S., held at J. Dellamore's, Abercliffe-road, their weekly contest, on April 23rd, when eight birds faced the timekeepers. Driver, 40; Little Jack, 32; Little Jack, 30; Driver, 29; Herbert, 24; Herbert, 18. April 24th, contest, 12 birds sang. Palfreman, 82; Palfreman, 82; Herbert, 75; Little Jack, 56; Little Jack, 31; Palfreman, 20; Little Jack, 14. Also a variety show, on April 24th, when 10 birds faced the judges. Smith (Goldfinch), 1; Watson (Chaffinch), 2; Watson (Greenfinch), 3. Judge, Mr. Welborn. Mr. Dallamore will give five pounds to the club, and extra special prize for the winner, also a variety show on May 1st. A challenge—Mr. A. Palfreman, No. 34, Joiner-lane, Wicker, Sheffield, will sing any Linnet in England. Time singing, two minuets, sing one minute faced, one minute bluff, for £1 up to £10. Home and home match, can be made any time at Royds Inn.—H. WOODCOCK, Sec.

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Canary singing contest, May 7, at Ye Royal Oak. Prizes: 1st, 8/-; 2nd, 4/-; 3rd, 2/-; 4th, 1/-. Entrance fee, 6d. bird, half returned in refreshments. First bird on nail at 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. Bright; timekeeper, J. Rutherford; bookkeeper and secretary, Mr. W. Rutherford, West Roddymoor.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1st, Smith; 2nd, Granger; 3rd, Lee; 4th, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, J. Smith.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on April 23rd, when 22 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Storey; 3, Sam; 4, Empson; 5, Limbert. Mr. J. Andrews officiated as judge. Mr. J. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSOM.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

Singing contest held at Mr. Andrew Muir's, Saltmarket, on 23rd April; judge, Mr. A. Moffat. Twelve birds competed. Result: 1, Ross; 2, Grabam; 3, Rough.—A. McCallum, Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Open contest of Warrington L.S.A., held at Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, when some good time singing was heard, although there was only a poor entry; 12 birds sang for two prizes. Result: 1, J. Matber, 161; 2, J. Wych, 114; judges, T. Staham and W. Mather; timekeeper, G. Molyneaux. An open contest will be held at the above house on May 7th, 1s. entrance fee. If Warrington Linnet fanciers want this to be a success they will have to turn up better.—C. CORBETT, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Usual Linnet sing, held at Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, on April 23, when 20 birds sang, there being a record attendance. The birds gave a very good account of themselves. Result: 1, Longfield; 2, Dohson; 3, Scott. On May 7 we shall have an open sing, and we are hoping to have a record entry. I trust members will bring their birds, and get as many friends to do the same, as possible. We have also a special contest on Whit-Saturday, when there will be three or four special prizes and entrance money added. Hoping this will catch the eye of some non-members.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

On April 16 we had our first members' contest for quality, when 22 birds faced the board. Result:—1, Lilford (Leigh); 2, Topping (Blackburn); 3, Bentley (Great Harwood); 4, Dobson (Blackburn); 5, W. H. Topping (Blackburn), and 6, W. Barnes (Atherton). Judges, Messrs J. Dobson and R. Leeming; referee, Mr. E. Christopherson; timekeeper, Mr. R. Fender. Usual week-end contest held last week, when 13 birds entered. Result: 1, 3, W. H. Topping; 2, R. Leeming. Judge, Mr. J. James (Bolton); timekeeper, Mr. J. Cardwal (Blackburn). I forgot to post the above results in time for last issue, and trust members will accept this explanation of the non-appearance of the report.—T. SLATER, Sec.

I was very much surprised when I received my CAGE BIRDS of April 23rd to find my young clear cap gold Lizard depicted on the front page. I thank you very much for the honour you have bestowed on one of my birds, more so as the honour was entirely unexpected. I might say that the bird depicted was bred by me from the clear cap gold cock that in 1908 won 1st and special at South Shields, 3rd at Wallsend, 3rd at Sunderland, and 1st at Sunderland (members'), only times shown, and a broken cap silver hen. These two were also bred by myself, and in this respect I might say that during my exhibiting career of 11 or 12 years I have never yet shown a bird, either Norwich or Lizard, that I did not breed myself. The young gold cock has only been exhibited twice during the past show season—at Wallsend, where he stood h.c., and at Sunderland, where he won 1st and special in both open and members'. He is now paired with a clear cap silver hen bred from my old champion silver cock, winner of several 1sts, specials, 2nds, etc., and a non-cap gold hen. This pair also bred the young clear cap gold cock that won 2nd at Wallsend, 2nd Sunderland (open), and 1st members', later on securing the coveted 1st and special. I am glad to say that there is a decided increase in the number of breeders of the variety in this district, and it is to be hoped that with the advent of the new Lizard Club the variety may become even more popular. During the past season I have disposed of several of my old winners, including the gold cock 1st Shields, and the silver cock 1st Wallsend, 1908. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. REID (Sunderland).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—May 3rd, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Demonstration on cage making, by Mr. H. Kelsall; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—May 4, Baker's Room, King Street, 8.—R. Whitton.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—May 4, Headquarters, 8.15. Schedule for open show, Oct. 26 and 27.—J. C. Bell.

Barton, C. & B.B.C.—May 4, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. show, etc.—E. C. Dunn.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 3, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Preparing rules for challenge bowl.—Elliott and Wood.

Bolton O.S.—May 2, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate. F.F. show business.—H. Parkinson.

Bristol C.B.S.—May 4, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. R. G. Clark; fanciers cordially invited.—Miss L. G. Byerley.

Bradford East O.S.—May 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Classification for annual show, arrangements for members' F.F. show, distribution of schedules for M.S., subscriptions now due.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Apr. 30, New Inn, 7.30. Allotment of specials, distribution of season's schedule.—W. Maltby.

Blaydon C.B.S.—May 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Classification for next annual show, etc.; fanciers are given a hearty invitation.—G. Havver.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—May 4, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8. Final arrangements for open young bird show, schedule for autumn, etc.—F. Easterling.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—May 2, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Table show for team of three Brit. birds, must be three distinct species in each team.—W. H. Bray.

Coventry O.S.—May 4, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Breeding results up-to-date.—J. Shaddock.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 4, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Table show of British.—A. S. Treasure.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—May 4, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—Brown and Horner.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—May 7, Headquarters, 7. F.F. show.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 4, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30.—J. H. de Maillet.

Chester C.B.F.A.—May 3, Nag's Head cocoa House, 8.30. Nest feather show, consideration of rules, pay subscriptions.—J. Swindley.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 2, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. There will be a good many items to discuss and settle.—A. C. Askew.

Colne C.B.S.—May 5, Angel Inn, 8.—A. Wilkinson.

Denton C.B.S.—May 2, Denton Brotherhood Institute, 8. Important business and lecture by E. Marlor.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 3, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Lecture on the Breeding and Exhibiting of the Norwich, by Mr. L. J. Richardson; all lovers of the Norwich specially invited.—W. Hodson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Apr. 30, Church Hall, Hamsterley, 6.30. Important presentation to the late secretary and treasurer.—J. Lindsay.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—May 4, George Hotel, 8. Arrange schedule, etc., for open show.—R. S. Black.

East Ham F.S.—May 2, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, E. Ham, 8. Arrangements for second monthly show, 2/6 special for best Br. bird (ex. Softbills), given by Mr. Blaydon; 2/6 special for best in largest section for members only of this society, who have never won a prize; election of judge for cage birds.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—May 5, 142, High Street, 8. Election of B.F. judge for annual show.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—May 5, Riego Street Hall, 8. Judges' replies, etc.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—May 2, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8.—G. R. Smith.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—May 7, Granite Bar, 7. Replies from the judges, etc.—W. Grewar.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—May 5, Red Hotel, 7.30.—R. Binks.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—May 4, Wear's Rooms, 7. Ramble, etc.—R. Mays.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—May 3, Howard Arms Hotel, 8. Date of F.F. show and classes for same.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Apr. 30, 622, Ingram Stret, 6.30. Show of mealy Redpoll or Twite, Redpoll Lesser and Siskin, lecture of breeding.—T. Drysdale.

Glasgow andW.C.B.C.—Apr. 30, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 6.30. Show of Siskins, Lesser Redpoll, Twite, Mealy Redpoll, paper on breeding, by Mr. J. H. Adam, judging competition; intending members welcome.—T. Drysdale.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—May 4, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Electing visiting committee, table show, Greenfinch ck., Bullfinch ck., ben A.V. Brit.—J. Forrester.

Grangemouth O.S.—May 6, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Joining new members, also a Hardbilled Brit judging competition.—G. Smith.

Hull C.B.S.—May 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Questions and answers, and samples of colour food.—E. R. Ridley.

Hedben Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—May 5, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Show business, etc.—O. Greenwood.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—May 3, Cricket Players, 8. Schedule for F.F. show.—W. Cottingham.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Apr. 4, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Final arrangements for annual excursion to Wynyard Park on Whit Monday, and Roller section business.—E. Woodhead.

Leek C.B.S.—May 2, Headquarters, 7.30. Federation and appointment of judge.—Hall and Fowler.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 3, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Questions and answers, non-members specially invited.—J. E. Wood.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Apr. 30, Centre Hotel, 7.30.—D. John.

Longton C.B.S.—May 3, Castle Inn, 8. Federation and F.F. show business, intending members invited.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 4, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business, colour food, members' shows, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—May 7, Corn Market Street, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. To fix classes for annual show, will all members show their faces?—C. J. Cafferty.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 7, Miners' Hall, 7.—Business re young bird cup.—J. Pollock.

Manchester and N.C.C.S.—May 2, Deansgate Temperance Hotel. Paper on Hybrid Breeding, by Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens).—H. Boothman.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—May 4, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—May 5, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Egg food making competition, entrance 6d., medals for 1st and 2nd, arrangements for nest feather show, arrangements for picnic, last meeting for new members and subscriptions.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nelson C.B.S.—May 3, Bull Hotel, 8. Show business and election of a treasurer, etc.—J. England.

Newsham L.C.—Apr. 30.—Miners' Arms, 7. Club singing.—S. Laws.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—May 2, Headquarters, 8. Schedule for Y.B. show, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Preston O.S.—May 5, Toklo Cafe, 8.—R. Taylor.

Portobello C.B.S.—May 3, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. Paper by Mr. J. Leach, etc.—Buchan and Hogg.

Provincial Rollsr C.C.—Mar. 30, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business, Mr. W. Massey will lecture on the Roller Canary, members and friends invited.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—May 6, Trades Hall Anderson St., Partick, 8. Classification for annual show, and judges.—W. Priest.

Queensbury C.B.S.—May 3, Baptist Schools, 8.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 4, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting, ramble, show, etc., every member is requested to attend.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Apr. 30, St. George's Hall, 7. Half-yearly subscriptions, arrange nest feather show, etc.—G. Oakes.

Reading C.B.S.—May 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Arrange schedule for F.F. and annual shows.—W. H. Pyke.

Southall C.B.S.—May 2, St. John's Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, and fix date of young bird show.—T. G. Jeffery.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—May 5, Leeds Hotel, 8.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale Open.—May 2, Technical School, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show and final settlement of classification for same.—J. Irlam.

South Shields C.B.S.—May 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. F.F. show business.—J. Barrass.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for nest feather, and remarks on colour feeding by members.—Lindsay and Hobson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—May 5, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Important business will be brought forward.—F. Washbourne.

Stirling O.S.—May 7, Douglas Hotel, 8. Election of auditors.—G. Hislop.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 2, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Selston F.S.—May 14, School, 7.—F. Maltby.

South Metropolitan F.A.—May 4, Clarence Hotel, Jeffrey's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Clarke; fanciers and friends invited.—J. A. Roberts.

Uddingston O.S.—May 5, Reading Room, 7.30. Fix date of F.F. show and appoint judge; intending members heartily welcome.—J. Dunlop.

Wallasey C..B.S.—May 5, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on rearing young birds, and arrange syllabus for 1910-11.—W. Mallinson.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—May 2, 6, The Broadway, 8. Decision re Cage Bird Union, lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "The Pleasures of Canary Breeding"; visitors heartily welcome.—H. Smith.

Walkden C.B.S.—May 3, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30. New rules.—H. Howard.

West London F.A.—May 5, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. A. Silver will lecture, ordinary business.—J. Dewburst.

Wombwell B.F.S.— May 7, 18, Hough Lane, 7.—J. Hudson.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 7, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Yorkshire C.C.—Apr. 30, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Annual general.—J. Greaves.

Yorkshire County B.B. & M.C.—Apr. 30, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Annual general meeting, election of officers, balance sheet, etc.—W. R. Myers.

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The Shows.

CITY OF GLASGOW S.C.

Usual weekly show held 21st April. In the absence of Mr. J. Dunlop, Mr. Nicholson, of Newcastle, judged, and his awards gave thorough satisfaction.

LINNET: 1, Cochran, fine size and col; 2, Marr, good col. and pencilling; 3, Jamieson, with good moult should be near the top next season. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, McGavin, grand shapely Bramble, extra large; 2, 3, Raine, 2nd Chaffinch, big one, 3rd Bramble. BUNTING: 1, Raine, fine Snowhunting, good size, cl. in col.; 2, Watson, Yellowhammer, very distinct V markings, good col; 3, Craig, Cirl Bunting, in tip-top order. Next show, 5th May. Classes: Linnet, Goldfinch, and Greenfinch.—A. McCULLUM, Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

A members' table show of British birds, Mules, and Foreign birds was held on April 21st, Mr. Maxwell judging. There was a good attendance, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Maxwell for judging.

GOLDFINCH (3): 1, 2, Mortlock, two good Finches. LINNET (1): 1, Mortlock. A.O.S. (6): 1, Oldaker, fine Bullfinch; 2, Gilbert. LIGHT MULES (6): 1, W. H. Howe, yell. variegated. Goldfinch-Can.; 2, W. H. Howe, another Goldie-Can., a huff, two grand birds; vhc, Mortlock; hc, Thurling. DARK (7): 1, Ramsden, fine Linnet-Can.; 2, Crabb, well-known Siskin-Can.; 3, Hawes, Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Thurling. HYB. (2): 1, Ramsden, smart Redpoll-Greenfinch. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Leslie Miller, P. Sugarbird; this and Mrs. Leslie Miller's other exhibit, a Flycatcher, were well shown and much admired.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A well-attended table show of British birds, Mules, and Hybrids was held at headquarters, the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, on April 19th. Although the show was not big in numbers, the quality of the exhibits was far and away before that of any previous veuture, resulting in very keen competition, especially between the two keen champion members, Messrs. C. Botting and Graham. The former staged a beautiful team of Twites, all in excellent fettle. The Goldie or Bullie class was one which any society might be proud of. The A.O.S. brought out one or two interesting exhibits. The Yellowhammer put down by Mr. Graham is a perfect treasure. The insectivorous class resulted in only a first and last word for a clinking young Redstart not yet in breeding plumage. Mules brought out only three specimens, but we are assured of a much bigger and better class in the near future. Mr. E. S. Lugg placed the cards, and made a few well-chosen remarks on the awards. He seemed to give satisfaction. The worthy secretary (Mr. W. Hodson), with the help of a sound committee, had everything in Al order.

GOLDIE,- ETC. (7): 1, Botting, good all-round Goldfinch, square blaze, good buttons and moons; 2, Graham, better moons, not quite so good in buttons as winner, perhaps; 3, Mrs. Madewell, nice compact Bullfinch, well-defined cap, good breast col., in capital trim; 4, Freeman, very nice Goldie; vhc, Baker; hc, Mrs. Madewell; c, Johnson. LINNET, ETC. (7): Very hot lot: 1, 3, c, Botting, rattling good team, 1st well-known winning Twite, 3rd Siskin, in good trim, nice cap and bib, would not show himself, c Twite; 2, Graham, very nice Twite, tight race, here size tells a tale; 4, vhc, hc, Freeman, model of a Redpoll, nice Twite, wants another moult, and a Redpoll; the whole lot were in perfect condition. GREENFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Botting, picture of a Bramble, good rowings, in excellent col., shows to perfection; 2, Graham, Greenfinch, not one of the biggest, but all there for col. and condition; 3, vhc, Freeman, Greenfinch and Chaffinch. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Graham, one of the best Yellowhammers travelling the London show benches, sound throughout; 2, 3, Botting, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, former good bib and col., the latter not quite "up to snuff"; vhc, Freeman, Crossbill, bit wild, will score after another moult. INSECTIV.: 1, Botting, Redstart. MULES AND HYB. (3): 1, 2, Baker, Goldie-Can., dark, nice size, Greenfinch-Can., fine exhibit; 3, Mrs. Madewell, small variegated. Goldie-Can.

Club Reports.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Buchanan's Hotel, High-street, Mr. C. R. Drysdale in the chair. After a discussion it was decided to hold our show on the 15th October, and Mr. Cook was elected judge for the Scotch Fancy section, and Mr. Smeaton for Any Other Variety section. It was also decided to add six classes for old birds. We then enrolled five new members—Messrs. M. Binning, G. Farrington, A. Dunsmore, G. G. Telford, and J. McKearn. The booking of hens was then taken, which closed the meeting with a distribution of Spratt's Patent Food.—A. HEWITT, Sec.

KILSYTH F.A.

Meeting held on 20th April, Mr. A. Hardie presiding over a large attendance. After discussion it was agreed to hold an open cage bird show on 10th December, and preliminary arrangements were made as to judges and classifications. Mr. W. Irvine was elected president; Mr. A. Hardie, vice-president; Mr. J. Brown, treasurer; and Mr. A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office, Kilsyth, secretary, with an influential executive. It was unanimously resolved to authorise the Secretary to guarantee advertisements in CAGE BIRDS so as to have the fixture duly advertised. Next meeting was fixed for 4th May, at 7.45 p.m.—A. D. DUNCAN, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

The inaugural ramble of the season took place on April 24th, when the following members were present: Messrs. McDonald, J. Little, J. Chaplow, R. Macartney, T. Holmes, T. J. Robson, Jos. Robson, W. Dixon, W. Davidson, J. Graham, A. Sewell, G. Davidson and J. C. Bell. The weather was fine at the start, a strong breeze blowing when we left headquarters, and made our way through Currock. Near the town very few nests were seen; most of what we found had been tampered with, I should say by boys. Nearing Durdar we left the main road, and got into a bye-lane, where we were soon rewarded in finding nests. We noticed particularly the diversity of Blackbird's nesting places. The first we found, containing 4 eggs, was fully 12 feet up on the fork of a tree; the next, containing young, on the top of a bank; and the third on a bank side with five eggs. We here also had the pleasure of seeing a nest, containing five strong, healthy young Robins, well hidden by dry grass. Right at the base of a tree a fully finished nest of the Wren was found, while not far out, looking cheekily out of a hole in the bank, sat a Robin on her nest; but she was not to be disturbed by our looks. The foliage was well forward for the time of year, and the blossoms of the primrose, wild violet, and cherry were greatly admired. A couple of Thrush's nests, each containing one egg, were found. A sharp shower brought us to a halt near a farmhouse, and while here we noticed a number of Crows feeding their young. We had not long to rest. The sun came out again, and we set off and were delighted with grand bursts of song from the Skylarks, Chaffinches, Thrushes, and others. Nearing Unthank we found a couple of Yellowhammers' nest, and also a Chaffinch's with four eggs. A large flock of Fieldfares were feeding in a field near the roadside, and we thought this late to find same here now, but put it down to the cold nights we were experiencing hereabouts. The ragged nest of the Missel-thrush next attracted our attention, and just before coming to Dalston two Robins, one with five young, and the other with 5 eggs, were seen. Calling at Dalston we had refreshments, and then set off again to Carlisle, following the River Caldew. Another heavy shower made us hurry along, as there was no shelter for us. Passing Cummersdale, we saw a couple of Wagtails and several Swifts, hovering over the water. We landed in the Border City about seven o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed the first outing of the season.—"JUST COME BACK."

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters on 19th April, Mr. J. Stenhouse (President) in the chair. There was a large muster of fanciers. Financial statement was reckoned far better than those of previous years. It was intimated that the City of Glasgow had taken our show date, but we decided to keep our date. The club show will be held on the first Saturday in September. It was also agreed that instead of competing for members' specials at the open show, same be competed for at club show. The final arrangements for the ramble being settled, it was decided to award a gold medal for best essay on same. The following new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. Pratt (Kingseat) and J. McLeod (Kelty). After much discussion it was agreed to award all club show specials by ballot, this bringing a very interesting meeting to a close.—JOHN FORD, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

General meeting, held on April 21st, at headquarters, Inskells, Queen Street, where quite a nice number turned up. I wish to thank members for their attendance. Mr. Varcoe, of Conway Road, was made a member; this makes a total of six new members since March. Now, members, bring some more along for next meeting, May 18th. After the usual business, Mr. W. Sampson, late secretary, was asked to give his report of the Cage Bird Union meeting of delegates, held at Swansea. After hearing what passed, it was decided to let the matter of our withdrawing from the Union lie on the table for further consideration at our next meeting. This concluded the business. The chairman then called on our worthy friend, Mr. H. C. Smith, to read his paper on the Yorkshire, which was very interesting, and was listened to with great attention. Questions were asked and answered. All present enjoyed Mr. Smith's paper, I am sure. Next meeting, paper by Mr. Thorne, on "Foreign Birds I have kept and their treatment."—J. W. DUMMETT, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 13th. Proposed and seconded that the minutes relating to the passing of the balance-sheet be rescinded, as several members had not received a copy of same; carried. The question of secretary was then discussed, and Mr. T. Taylor was pressed to again take that position, and as no one else would come forward he finally gave his consent to again take the helm, which was greeted with general applause. Mr. Holden, 35, Rodsley-avenue, very kindly consented to act as assistant secretary, and this also met the full approval of the meeting. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Lamb, H. Wellsbury, J. Liddle, and Mr. Easthope, all of Gateshead; Messrs. J. Davidson and Misses Hollet, both Low Fell. The judges for our annual show, to be held on December 9th and 10th, were then elected, it being left to the committee to decide for their final adoption after the Secretary had written them. Will members kindly send on their subscriptions to me at 68, Edward-st., or to Mr. Holden, 35, Rodsley-avenue? Balance-sheets will be posted immediately, and we shall be glad to hear of intending members. I have no doubt the committee will extend the time of joining under the circumstances.—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Monthly general meeting held April 18, when a good attendance of 50 listened to a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. C. A. Read. This lecture was the third for the year that the society has arranged for its members, Mr. T. Pope having given a paper on "Double Buffing in Norwich Plainheads," in February, and Mr. C. Hoar on "Crests," in March. It is very gratifying to be able to chronicle these events as the W.C.O.S. has been very backward in this respect in past years. The following programme for the remainder of the year was announced, viz.: May 17, Paper on "Hybrid Breeding." Mr. R. Browning; May 18, Nest Feather Breeding." Mr. R. Browning; May 18, Nest Feather Show; June 20, Paper on "Colour Feeding and Breeding Norwich Plainheads." Mr. Border; June 22, Nest Feather Show; July 18, "Moulting of British Birds for Exhibition," Mr. Clark; July 20, Nest Feather Show; August 15, "Member's Experiences During Breeding Season"; Sept. 19, Washing Competition; Oct. 10, Arrangements for Open Show; Nov. 21, Show Statement; Dec. 12, Pair Show. Mr. Read, in his lecture, having given the S.Y.C.C. standard, and stating his agreement with same, emphasised his approval of the standard length of 6¾ins., also that browing is a grievous fault. The Yorkshire should always be smiling, like his owner, and never show a frown." The lecturer advised beginners to buy of a well-established strain, the best he can afford, and then to endeavour to reach the standard of excellence required for the show bench, which he supposed was the ultimate aim of all. Mr. Read advised the pairing of clear to marked birds of opposite sex, thereby keeping up size and length. In using Cinnamon-marked birds there is a tendency to get light colour, but feather will greatly benefit. In the subsequent discussion, Mr. Pope thought that colour would not suffer by using Cinnamon marks; Mr. Read replying that his experience went all the other way, and W. Spillman mentioned a case of this year's breeding by a Plymouth fancier where youngsters from two Cinnamon marked birds were very pale in colour. Mr. J. Rowe asked if the lecturer ever double-buffed Yorkshires, and suggested that the necks of the birds would be fuller.—Mr. Read said he did not advise this course; he much preferred the orthodox method of yellow to buff, but should rather double-yellow Yorkshires than double-buff. The Chairman, Mr. C. Dart, proposed and Mr. C. Hoar seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Read, who suitably replied.—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Result of ballot, re Committee:—Messrs. A. H. Waters (vice) 47 votes, A. Haigh 42, H. W. Battye 41, J. Wilcock 39, F. Hammond 38, R. Halliday 36, H. Snowden 33, A. Grey 32, D. Sunderland 32, — Harland 31, — Pickles 28, D. Hunter 27, W. Foxall 24, S. Dean 23, Spencer 23, Thackray 22, Shackleton 22, Pickering 21, and Brown 21. Ties for next place, Messrs. Chittenden 20, Cowgill 20, Jeffreys 20, and Moorbouse 20.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

LOCHORE AND GLENCRAIG F.A.

Meeting held in public hall, Mr. D. McAulay in the chair. Office bearers for ensuing year were elected: President, Mr. G. Thompson; vice-president, Mr. D. McAulay; treasurer, Mr. J. McGalloway; assistant sec., Mr. R. Robertson; auditors, Messrs. J. Philip and J. Gibson; sec., John Brown, 89, North Glencraig. The date for open show was fixed for December 3rd. Messrs. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) and J. A. Ferguson (Glasgow) were accepted as judges for same. It was agreed to have a drive to Newburgh on June 6th.—JOHN BROWN, sec.

SHETTLESTON & DIST. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Houston's Restaurant on April 9th, Mr. Marr presiding over a good turn-out of members. We have fixed our date of show to be held on December 10th. Mr. Marr suggested that we have a ramble on the last Saturday of May. The two places suggested were Loch Winnock and Rouken Glen, to be decided on at our next meeting, May 14th. Fanciers in the district wishing to join us can have full particulars from me.—ANDREW BERRY, Sec., 36, Balgair-terrace, Shettleston.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Station Hotel on April 13th. It was decided to have our next feather show on July 2nd in the Station Hotel, Mr. T. Robson (Newcastle) to judge. There will be 15 Canary, 2 Mule, and 6 British Bird classes. After a deal of discussion on the Cage Bird Union, it was decided to place the matter on the agenda for our next meeting to be voted on. After deciding that 0d. per entry be the fee four our annual show, it was decided to leave it to the committee to arrange a schedule and lay it before members at next meeting. This ended a very enjoyable meeting.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At the meeting held on April 14th, Mr. J. Dewhurst gave members and friends a lecture on British Birds. The attendance was not quite up to expectation, but the absentees were the losers, and those present spent a most pleasant and instructive evening, and carried home some useful information. The lecturer was quite at home with his subject, and gave some interesting facts as to the habits of birds, how to feed and keep the different species; and as the lecturer makes this branch his particular hobby, his remarks were closely followed and noted. A number of questions were asked and answered, and a pleasant evening came to a close only too soon. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dewhurst was suitably responded to with a promise of a continuation at a later date. —J. C. BIRCH, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Committee meeting held April 13th at King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place. Present: Mr. C. Pearson (in the chair), Messrs. France, Flook, Bicknell, W. H. Gibb, H. T. Gibb, Roast, Dandridge, Burtenshaw, Pinyon, Absalom, and A. T. Riddles (hon. sec.). The young stock show was fixed for June 29th; judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. Classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, C.B. 1, Crest 1, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules or Hyb. 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. We hope to make this our first show a qualified success, as we are hoping to put up a special for every class in addition to prize money, which will be the whole of the entry fees less 6d. each class towards expenses. Any fanciers wishing to join us in time to show at this exhibition may do so if they will kindly send on their names at once to me at 29, Inwood-crescent. We have arranged a table show and judging competition for May 11th; final judge, Mr. Burtenshaw. Classes: 1 Yorkies, 1 Nor., 1, Brit., after which Mr. Burtenshaw is going to read a paper with illustrations on the correct way to hold a bird for washing. This is also to be a general meeting to arrange annual show date and judge, so we hope all members will be present at 8.15 p.m. We elected three more new members.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

At last meeting a washing competition for beginners was held. The competition was not very keen, three only trying their hand. Mr. R. Rhodes (President) kindly gave the first and second prizes. The competitors were: Mr. A. Athey, first prize, his bird coming out clean and as straight as possible; Mr. Saywell, second prize; Mr. Henshaw, third prize. Both the latter gentlemen seemed a little nervous in handling the birds, which showed a frill at back of head. Messrs. J. Bertie and T. Barker were asked to give their decision, and to place the birds, which they did. Before the competition, Messrs. Bertie and Barker gave an exhibition of washing, each gentleman washing one bird. The birds certainly looked as though a wash would do them good. I believe someone said they had gone through a special process; they looked much like it. It looked as though the birds had been enamelled instead of the cage fronts. Mr. Bertie put the bird through its different positions in the hand while dry. Then the bird was plunged up to the neck in suds for a time, to allow the suds to get well into the feathers before the brush was used, and as soon as the brush was applied, what a difference. Mr. Bertie also explained how necessary it was to dry the bird well before putting it into the drying cage. It is hardly necessary to say that both Messrs. Bertie and Barker are old hands at the job. These two old fanciers first met and made acquaintance some 35 years ago at a local show held in this town, and the acquaintance and friendship still exists. While the birds were drying a discussion took place as to the best method of drying, Mr. Bertie explaining that he was in favour of using a little steam in the drying cage by damping the flannel with hot water before being put on to the hot water tank in cage. He thought the steam had a much better effect upon the feather than if the bird were left to be dried by the hot fire alone. Mr. R. Rhodes suggested a perforated water tank so as to allow the steam to come through the flannel. This was thought to be a good idea, provided too much did not come through at once. If it was so arranged to allow a little steam to come through gradually, Mr. Bertie thought it a capital idea, and he himself would try it. The meeting was then brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Bertie and Barker.—ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

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HALSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Co-operative Rooms, on April 18th, Mr. Stammers in the chair. After the usual business, a table show of Goldfinches was judged by Mr. G. Laurence, who afterwards opened a discussion on same, in which a good number of fanciers took part. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Laurence, to which he suitably replied, bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close.—W. F. MONK, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual dinner held at Ye Olde Castle Hotel on April 11th. There was a good attendance, the company numbering between 40 and 50. Mr. Edwards proposed the health of the chairman (Mr. Brooks) and the vice-chairman (Mr. Doggett), remarking on the splendid work they had done for the society "The Hon. Secretary" was given by Mr. Doggett in felicitous terms, and Mr. T. S. Moore suitably responded. Songs were contributed during the evening by Messrs. Andrews, Moore, Dean, Evans, Cousins, and Lambert. Mr. Leach gave a mandolins solo, and Mr. Whale ably presided at the piano.—McQUARRIE.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, on 16th April, Mr. W. Spence in the chair. It was agreed to hold a club show, date to be fixed later, also judge. It was decided that when members are entering for shows they should send a duplicate entry of their nominated birds to the secretary; also that the cup be engraved, and that a box be got for it. It was agreed to grant patronage to four open shows, and the secretary was instructed to let it be known that all societies wishing our patronage should write to me stating number of classes and judge. Several new members were elected. All who wish to become members should write to me for information.—A. DICKSON, sec.

BOURNEMOUTH & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters on March 22nd, Mr. G. W. Jones in the chair. It was decided to hold the annual show at the Central Hall. Mr. Goodland addressed the members on rearing and feeding young birds, giving his experience for the past 15 years, which he hoped might prove useful to those commencing. Several members joined in the discussion, and questions were asked on various subjects. The egg and bread or biscuit feeding was generally agreed upon as the most suitable, together with maw, hemp and soaked German rape seed, with chickweed, watercress, lettuce, and dandelion (sparingly) as the proper green food. An instructive evening closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. Goodland).—W. O. BROOKE, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

Meeting held April 18th, at headquarters, Deansgate Temperance Hotel, Mr. Bladon in the chair. Mr. Raynes opened a discussion on show management, reading a paper full of useful hints and advice. This was followed by a very interesting discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Raynes, to which he suitably replied. We have engaged the services of the following gentlemen to judge at our open show on October 28th and 29th:—Messrs. Booth, Battye, Godley, Houlton, and Hadwin; and we will select one or two others later on. Next meeting May 2nd, when Mr. Houlton (St. Helens) will give us a paper on hybrid breeding, when I hope we will have a good attendance. Fanciers and friends are heartily invited.—H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held April 19th at headquarters, 64, Shaw Street, Mr. Daniels in the chair. Messrs. Wise and Snape were elected members. Letters were read from the Sheffield C.B.S. re Cage Bird Union, Southport C.B.S. re opening their radius to thirty miles, and from Messrs. Booth and Taylor on judging Norwich at our open show. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. T. Rowlands the lecture on the Yorkshire Green was adjourned. The position of our members re specialist club patronage was gone into, and the secretaries were instructed to send the following resolution to the new secretary of the C.B.U., with a view to same receiving the sanction of the Union:—"That any member of an affiliated society being a member of a specialist club which is not affiliated to the C.B.U. be at liberty to compete in such classes at a non-Union show which shall have been provided for the purpose of a competition between the members of his specialist club."—METCALFE and HILLMEN, Hon. Secs.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

First annual general meeting held on April 23, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, president, in the chair. Owing to the inclement weather only a moderate attendance was recorded. Some very important business was carefully discussed and passed. Business: 1. The minutes of the first meeting of the club passed as a correct record. 2. The balance-sheet, after being carefully audited by Messrs. Hammond and Dean, showed the club to be in a sound, financial position, with a balance of £1 19s. 3d. on the first year's working. This was enthusiastically received by the members and passed. 3. The resignations of five members, most of whom are going out of the Fancy, were accepted with regret; these were more than counterbalanced by the nomination and acceptance of nine new members, Messrs. G. A. Bennett, F. Packer, J. S. Hartley, A. Womersley, A. Sutcliffe, A. Bennett, S. Moore, J. Whitwham, and A. M. Craven. 4. That all defaulting members be struck off the books unless the arrears be paid forthwith. 5. The Secretary presented his report for the year, and dealt with the working of the club. The show entries at Club Shows for the past season averaged nearly 12 per class, which, considering the club was only formed in May, was thought satisfactory; but we have every prospect of much greater and keener competition next show season. 6. Those gentlemen who had so generously supported the Prize Fund last year, especially our President and Vice-President, were heartily thanked for the same. 7. It was unanimously decided that in future all competitors for the Club's Specials must exhibit at not less than five club shows, and in the classes specially provided for the club to entitle them to those specials. 8. The classification, after a lengthy discussion, will be the same as last year, with same conditions, re judges, who will be expected to adhere to these conditions when judging. 9. The retiring officers were cordially thanked for the painstaking and enthusiastic work done during the year. 10. The President, Mr. W. H. Shackleton; hon. auditors, Messrs. Hammond and Dean; scrutineers, Messrs. Walsh and Townsend, and the Secretary were elected unopposed. 11. The officials and members present felt that the interest of the club would best be served by the Secretary forwarding the ballot papers for the election of the other officials, etc., to each member not present, asking them to kindly fill up and return on or before Saturday, May 7, to the scrutineers, Messrs. Townsend and Walsh, 12, Cecil Street, King's Cross, Halifax.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec.

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ASHINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Rowley's, Station Road, April 23, Mr. Thompson in the chair. There was a good turn up of members; four more were accepted. An Inspection Committee of eight was elected to scrutinize birds previous to day of show, which will be on November 12.—J. MILES, Sec.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held at Headquarters, April 12th, Mr. W. J. Ford in the chair. After the usual business the date of the First Feather Show was discussed: it was decided to hold it on the second Saturday in June at the Mackworth Hotel Stock Rooms. Mr. Alf Hitchings (our late secretary) then introduced a visitor, in the person of Mr. Houghton, of Gloucester, who gave a brief address, and answered several questions put to him on different items concerning the Norwich Plainhead, which he is interested in. Mr. D. A. S. Longdon (the district secretary of the Cage Bird Union), gave a most instructive address, dealing with the C.B.U. He briefly outlined the formation of the Union, and spoke of its doings up to the present crisis. His personal opinion was that with careful handling the C.B.U. would weather the storm that was now upon them. He strongly advised the Swansea C.B.S. to stand by them, and not break away. A discussion then took place on the crisis, but being late, it was decided to adjourn the decision till next monthly meeting. The general impression left on the meeting was that we still remain members. Our next meeting will be held on May 10th, with a table show for British birds, and I hope every member who is able to will bring a few birds.—S. H. GEORGE, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held April 7th at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. The secretary read correspondence re the halls for our shows. It was thought that the charge for the Vestry Halls was too much, so it was decided to hold the next feather show in the Friends School, Hecley, and the October show in the Wycliffe Hall. After correspondence re Cage Bird Union, it was decided to drop the idea of the requisition, as we had not got sufficient societies willing to sign it. As to our remaining in the C.B.U., it was carried by one vote that we retain membership for this year. Our delegate was also instructed whom to vote for as president and secretary. The "experiences of members" proved very interesting, the following gentlemen taking part: Messrs. A. Bradshaw, Cowley, Drabble, Hobson, Kelly, Lindsay, and Thorpe. Mr. Bingham also gave a very instructive paper on "An Ideal Bird-room." In it he dealt with the situation of room, cages, perches, nest pans, seed hoppers, and most things one would use in the breeding of Canaries. Altogether it was a very interesting paper, and the applause when he had finished showed how much the members had enjoyed it. Next meeting, arrangements for the next feather show, and remarks on colour-feeding by members. Messrs. J. Dobson and A. Gregory were elected new members.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

WELSH C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, on April 9th. D. H. Tedstone took the chair. The secretary read the balance-sheet, which showed a substantial balance of £15 17s. to the credit of the club, which is very gratifying, the club therefore being in a most flourishing state. Several items of interest were discussed. A few rules were amended, and the classification for mixed shows underwent some changes, which we believe will be of benefit to the members in general. The election of officers was carried out; many old and new faces are included in the new roll. We trust all shoulders will be placed to the wheel. The presentation of cups and medals was then proceeded with, the following being the successful winners: J. H. Jones, T. L. Castree, J. Pritchard, H. W. Sheldon, G. Gregory, G. Bradford, and J. Pritchard (Abertillery). We are pleased to state that Mr. J. Sandiford (Preston) has again presented the club with a cup. Our annual club show will be held this year, at Abertillery, and we hope that all members will rally round, and make this year's show a record. Merthyr now holds the lead. Shows requiring the club's patronage, must apply before July 30th. I take this opportunity of inviting bird fanciers in Wales to join our club—one which is always in harmony and unity, ever having its members' interests at heart. I shall be most pleased to treat all applications.—G. T. JONES, Arfon House, Brecon.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on April 16th, in the Faweett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. The usual correspondence was read. Mr. C. E. Thompson wrote asking to be relieved of his duties as president, owing to the pressure of his business on account of his appointment to various public offices; at the same time, he expressed his best wishes for the future prosperity of the association. It was unanimously decided to accept his resignation, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. S. Storey, M.P., inviting him to become our president. The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with, and Mr. W. Reid moved that this society withdraw from the Cage Bird Union. This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker, and an amendment, to test the feeling of the members, was moved by Mr. W. F. Swan, and seconded by Mr. A. Elliot, "that we remain affiliated to the Union" at present. On being put to the meeting, however, the majority of the members voted in favour of leaving the Union, and the secretary was instructed to forward our resignation to the secretary of the Cage Bird Union. The question of having a first feather show, or a series of table shows, was then brought forward, and the majority were in favour of the table shows, full particulars of which will be decided upon at our next meeting. It was also decided to appoint stewards to visit the various districts and mark all birds bred by the members, and the following were elected:—Monkwearmouth, W. Reid and R. Haswell; West End, W. F. Swan and J. Riseborough; Hendon, C. Waters and J. Copeland; outlying districts, J. Farrar and A. Elliot. Members requiring their birds marked will give notice at the first meeting after the birds are about three weeks old, when they will be attended to by the stewards elected to their respective districts. Will members please understand that all birds intended for competition in the members' classes at our annual show must be seen by the stewards, otherwise they will not be allowed to compete? I should be very glad to hear from any fancier who would like to join us.—W. REIN, Hon. Sec.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting, held at headquarters, the Boar's Head, Middlegate, on April 20th. The balance sheet was adopted. It shows a balance in hand of £3, which is creditable, considering the short time the society has been in existence. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. E. Knight; vice-presidents, The Mayor (Dr. Appleby), Messrs. J. McNaught, Davis, A. Botsford, J. T. Parnham; chairman, Mr. W. Lidgett; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Stray; committee, Messrs. W. Ellis, W. Lamb, W. Stray, W. Stray, jun., W. Toynbee,—Melsham, S. Watts, G. L. Hopkinson; hon. sec., A. Young, Boar's Head Hotel. Hon. treasurer, F. Smith.—ALEX. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held at the White Swan, April 19th, Mr. W. A. Gibbins in the chair. The date of the Nest Feather show was fixed for July 2nd, and members are required to give a guarantee, which closes on June 2nd. In the absence of Mr. Walton, last meeting's lecture was concluded by Mr. Noakes. At the finish a number of questions were asked, which Mr. Noakes answered satisfactory. The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to Messrs. Walton and Noakes for their interesting lecture, to which Mr. Noakes replied. Will members kindly note that as May 17th is Whit-Tuesday, we have altered our meeting to May 24th.—J. E. WOOD, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Session House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., there being an extra good attendance, our worthy President (Mr. F. W. Thorpe) presiding. The society has for some time been looking out for new headquarters. The secretary has at last found a good hall in very good quarters. A committee was formed to view the hall and to make final arrangements, it consisting of Messrs. F. W. Thorpe, R. J. Pretty, H. J. Pearce, W. Shakespeare, G. Thurling, and W. Gilbert, the secretary. The Chairman called upon Mr. J. Robson to give a lecture on Canary breeding, which he did, showing how fanciers can get over the great difficulties we have to contend with, and get on to the road to success. The lecturer was asked many questions, which he suitably answered. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, which was seconded by Mr. R. J. Pretty, and supported by Mr. H. J. Pearce. Mr. Robson replied. Two new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. F. Harrison and W. Salter. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.—W. GILBERT, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 19th at the Onward Hall. The date was fixed as a debate night. Our treasurer (Mr. Thornely) promised to act as our leader, which I am sure he did, proving that we had selected the right man for this task. The chief item (and it took up some considerable portion of the evening) was that an amateur who had gained such promotion by exhibiting Canaries alone if possessed of a good British bird and showing it in open classes won a first or second prize, should be debarred from showing as an amateur again in his society. This he thought a very hard rule, seeing we did not breed these birds. There were a few who agreed with Mr. Thornely. This question was well thrashed out. Mr. Thornely went so far as to say that a member gaining three 1st prizes before becoming an amateur with Canaries should he think fit to start in British birds, should have the same privilege as he had with Canaries, starting as a novice again. This fairly brought the quiet ones out, but Mr. Thornely was equal to the occasion. I think the debate would have been going on till now if someone had not called "time." A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Thornely, which brought a very interesting and very friendly evening to a close.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

On April 20, the members held their annual dinner at Headquarters, about 30 members and friends partaking of an excellent repast, provided by the Host, Mr. J. Booty, one of the vice-presidents. After the usual toasts, Mr. E. E. Clarke, the president, proposed the success of the society, which was responded to by the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Godden, who was proud and pleased to say the society was in a flourishing condition, both financially and socially; also the membership had greatly increased. The health of the president was proposed by the vice-chairman, Mr. T. G. Coombs, who at the same time presented him with a silver-mounted walking stick, carved by Mr. R. Cragg, one of our members, from a piece of wood from the wreckage of the "Amsterdam," wrecked off Hastings in 1764. The President, replying, said it came a great surprise to him, and now it was his pleasure to surprise someone else. He then called on Mr. A. E. Godden to accept a very handsome oak clock, subscribed for and suitably engraved by the members of the society in recognition of his services. Mr. A. E. Godden thanked the members and committee for the clock, also for the help they had given him in making the society such a success. During the evening a splendid musical programme was carried out by Mr. Baham (gramophone selections), Mr. Crouch (piano), Messrs. Coombs, Pennells, and Wilson, songs, added to the harmony of the evening.—A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

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I thank CAGE BIRDS for the sketch of my light Mule appearing on the frontispiece of a recent issue, writes Mr. J. Locke (Bristol). I might say I purchased it at a little country town of Devonshire (which is my native home). It was bred by a well-known dealer and catcher, Mr. Mailes. This gentleman has been breeding for 25 years, and only accomplished the feat of turning out one so clear (the bird in question). This will give fanciers an idea as to the difficulty of breeding what we term an exhibition light Mule. I might say that it has changed hands, and is still taking premier honours for its new owner.

I was agreeably surprised on receiving CAGE BIRDS of April 6th to see that you had done me the honour of reproducing the picture of my yellow even-marked cock Border Fancy on the frontispiece of your widely read journal. Please convey to your Mr. Norman my best thanks, as I consider he has produced a real picture without a doubt. The bird is a second season one, and has won at Annan two years in succession under Messrs. Bennet and Connerton, at the Scottish National under Mr. Patterson, and 2nd at Crystal Palace under Mr. Robson. I may state that I have been a reader of your most interesting paper from within a week or two of its first publication. I consider it the one and only paper for bird-keepers, and would not be without it. Wishing it continued success,—G. MEEKLEY (Carlisle).

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Twitterings.

Mr. Dan Browning, of Exeter, will, we hear, judge the Falmouth Cage Bird Show on December 7th.

Mr. W. H. Lindley, of Womhwell, is, we hear, elected to judge the nest feather show of the Deepcar Society on July 2.

Messrs. Rohson and Pattrick are engaged to judge the Battersea open show on October 19, writes Mr. F. Easterling, the secretary.

The annual show of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A. will he held on Novemher 16th and 17th, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, the hon. secretary. Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) will judge.

Will fanciers kindly note that I have resigned all secretarial duties of the Business and Dis. O.A., and henceforth shall take no active part in its business? writes Mr. Findlay McGillivray.

The first feather show of the Sale Open Society will he held on July 2nd, instead of June 18, as stated hefore, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, the hon. sec.

Will secretaries and fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. D. E. Kent, that I have removed after sixteen years from Gainsboro' Grove to 174, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne?

Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) has, we hear, been elected to judge Crewe Nest Feather show on June 18th, and Altrincham Nest Feather show on July 9th.

It has been decided to hold the seventh annual show of cage hirds, etc., in connection with the Avonhridge O.S. on Novemher 19th, writes Mr. P. Gentleman, the hon. secretary.

We have been successful in engaging the services of Mr. J. H. Roe, again as judge for our annual show, to he held Novemher 19, writes Mr. J. Shaddock, hon. sec., Coventry O.S.

Our respected chairman, J. Hands, Esq., writes Mr. Geo. Havver, secretary of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S., has been chosen judge by the Beamish Society for their First Feather show.

Our first feather show is to be held on June 18th and not on the 21st, as announced in last week's CAGE BIRDS, write Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt, the hon. secs. of the Longton and Dist. C.B.S. It was our mistake.

Mr. J. Ritson (4, Hinchcliffe Walk, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield), would be glad if any reader could let him know the address of the maker (or seller) of the soft-hill food known as Jules Gasparin's Continental Bird Food.

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We are to have a visit from Mr. J. Robson to lecture upon the pleasures of Canary breeding, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. sec., Wimhledon C.B.S., and I am particularly anxious to have a "full house" on this occasion. Date, May 2, at 8 p.m., at 6, The Broadway.

I have given up the secretaryship of the Weybridge and Dis. F.S., and Mr. W. Hodges is honorary secretary and Mr. C. Keene secretary in my place, writes Mr. H. E. Parrott. Their address is Oatlands Farm, Weybridge, where all communications relating to the society should he addressed.

Owing to our being unahle to get the Corn Exchange for our show, writes Mr. H. P. Staig, hon. treasurer, Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S., we have changed our date from November 19th to November 16th, when our third annual open show will he held in the Town Hall. Will secretaries please note?

We have removed our headquarters to the Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, where we have secured rooms suitable for hoth meetings and shows, writes Mr. Fred Washbourne, secretary of the South Manchester C.B.S. Our First Feather show will be held on July 2nd; Mr. A. G. Davis will judge.

A friend of mine who commenced for the first time this season with Canaries, and who got two birds from me, I hrought on the carpet last Friday afternoon about patronising CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. H. Jowett (Bradford). Answer: "Nay, John, I've been already taking it weeks upon weeks. Why, even my father gets it weekly and he has not a hird in the house, yet!" What a pleasing testimonial!

At the last monthly meeting of the Suffolk C.B. Society, it was carried by a majority of the members present, that hereafter this society shall be known as the "Eastern Counties" Cage Bird Society, and shall be open for membership to all residing therein. Also we have hired new headquarters, our club house now being at the "Crown and Sceptre, High Street, Ipswich. The room, I may say, is far more suitable for our wants.—W. BARNETT, hon. sec.

The 1909 halance-sheet of the National Green Marked Y.C.C. shows a balance of income over expenditure of £1 19s. 3d., which, considering the fact that the club has only been in existence a few months, is very creditahle to the sec. and treasurer (Mr. F. Armstrong) and the other officials.

That well-known Welsh fixture, the Portmadoc Cage Bird, etc., Show, is to be held on May 14. Fanciers are assured of the greatest care heing taken of their exhibits, which will he under cover during the whole time. The sec. is Mr. R. G. Humphreys, Portmadoc, and the entries closing date is May 6.

The Welsh Cage Bird Club's balance-sheet for the year ended 1909 shows cash in treasurer's hands of £15 17s. 1d., which is distinctly good, and the club's assets (consisting of four cups) are valued at £9 10s. The sec., Mr. G. T. Jones, and the other officers are deserving of every praise for this satisfactory state of affairs.

It might interest the readers of CAGE BIRDS to hear that last week I successfully brought a Canary sitting on three eggs a journey of 320 miles with two changes—a taxi across London, and a three-mile country drive—without injury to the eggs. Three hirds hatched out five days after they arrived here, and are strong and healthy and doing splendidly.—LOUIS KERR WINTER (Keston).

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. A. BEESON (Saxmundham).

It is with much regret I have to write and inform you of the death of one of our members, and one who was a personal friend of mine, writes Mr. Ernest Gostling, hon. secretary of the Saxmundham C.B.A. The deceased who would have been nineteen years of age in June, has been a fancier for only two years, hut during that short time he succeeded in gaining several honours at our association shows, as well as a few in open competition. He would, I am sure, in a very short time have become well known in the Fancy. Some idea of his abilities in other directions may be gathered from the fact that only a few weeks ago he was elected on the committee of our Gannon Institute (a most important social body) here, besides the posts he occupied in other recreations. He was one of the last whom one would have expected to he taken from us, hut appendicitis (from which he died) is as dangerous to the strong as to the weak. He was one whom the Fancy could ill afford to lose, and one whose place, as far as this association is concerned, cannot be filled.

Mr. A. LANGLEY (Warrington).

I regret to announce the death of our member, Mr. A. Langley, who passed away on April 21st, after a long and painful illness, writes Mr. C. Dukes, hon. sec. of the Warrington C.B.S. The deceased was 28 years of age, and unmarried. He was a lover of the Yorkshire Canary, which he exhibited with a fair amount of success for so young a fancier. He was also a member of the Manchester and N.C.O.S. I am sure I am only voicing the sentiments of all who knew him in offering our deep sympathy to his parents in their great loss.

Mr. R. C. FORBES (Pwllheli).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. J. Rowlands (Pwllheli), I have to record the death of Mr. R. C. Forhes (Pwllheli) on April 20th, at the ago of 47 years, after a short illness. Everything possible was done for him, hut it was all to no purpose. He passed away peacefully. The funeral took place on April 23th. Mr. Forhes was a practical fancier, and one of those unselfish men so rarely met with, his service being always cheerfully given. And he left nothing undone that would tend to the prosperity of Pwllheli fanciers' show, of which he was chairman. His loss will he keenly felt hy us all. There were many heautiful wreaths, including those from the Fanciers' Committee, the Foothall Club, the Conservative Club, the Salem Sunday School Class (Liverpool), etc. We are sure all will join with us in sympathy with his wife and relatives in their hereavement.

One ought to feel proud of a garden and be able to take a real pleasure in showing it to one's friends. This can be very easily accomplished by studying Mr. Barker's floral advertisement in this week's issue, and ordering the plants, etc., one requires now; not forgetting, of course, to mention CAGE BIRDS when doing so. Mr. Barker's prices are unapproachable, and the quality of his goods the hest.

Members and friends of the City and Suhurhan A.C.B. are asked not to overlook the annual cricket match between the society and the "Early Birds C.C.," which is duo to take place to-day (Saturday, April 30th), at the Paddington Recreation Ground, off Elgin Avenue, Edgware Road, W., start at 3 p.m. prompt. An enjoyable and probably exciting game is, we hear, assured, as the society is putting a strong team in the field, and hopes to avenge previous defeats. Teas can he ohtained on the ground.

We have received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the acting hon. sec., a copy of the rules, etc., of the London and Provincial O.S. The booklet, which is neatly produced, includes a list of the officers, a most excellent programme of events (comprising lectures, exhibitions, demonstrations, etc.), the L. and P.O.S. sliding scale charges, and a list of the names and addresses of the members. Particulars as to membership may be had of Mr. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.E.

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Owing to increasing business, I have reluctantly had to resign the position of secretary to the Altrincham Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. Tom Harrison. Mr. P. Drinkwater, Victoria Street, Altrincham, has been elected to fill the vacancy. Will fanciers and secretaries kindly note?

I have again undertaken the secretaryship of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne. Our balance is the lowest on record, but we hope to have better news to give our friends hy-and-hy. It is somewhat late in the year (as it was only after considerable pressure that I eventually took over the secretaryship, it having lain open since February), hut I am sure the committee will accept all intending members if they will write to me at once.

In the "Avicultural Magazine" for April, Mr. H. Goodchild, the artist, surpasses himself. It is heautiful beyond the telling, and almost flatters the species which forms its subject—the Purple Sugar Bird. Notes concerning the species are contributed by Mr. Frank Finn, F.Z.S., who also writes further on the subject of Indian Birds. Other articles are from the pens of Mr. H. D. Astley, Lieut. Col. G. A. Momber, and Mr. T. H. Newman, and the number throughout will he found very readable.

Owing to the recent destructive fire which destroyed nearly the whole of the Lochgelly Co-operative Society's premises, the Co-operative Hall, which had been secured for our first annual show of cage birds on October 15th, writes Mr. W. Whiteford, hon. secretary, Lochgelly C.B.S., is being used as a temporary premises, thus necessitating our securing another hall for a show. We have now secured the Drill Hall, which is at the car terminus and suitable in every way. We have also secured the following gentlemen to act as judges:—Messrs. J. Smeaton (Prestonpans), G. Marlin (Hamilton), and J. McLennan (Edinhurgh). The society is in a most flourishing state, both as regards funds and members, and we hope to have a successful season.

Cuckoo!

I heard the Cuckoo for the first time this season on Friday, April 22nd, about one mile from Godstone village, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg (Lewisham).

An Aged Thrush.

The photograph of the Song Thrush which attained the great age of 25 years (see our supplement), was sent us by Mr. Andrew Wilson (Glasgow).

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Members of the Yorkshire C.C. are asked not to forget the annual general meeting on Saturday, April 30th, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 6 p.m. All fanciers invited.—JOHN GREAVES, sec.

Linnet Feeds Young Chaffinch.

On Sunday, April 17, I was having a short walk, and I caught a young Chaffinch, writes Mr. George M. Cole (Jamestown, N.B.). Someone must have struck it, for the wing was bleeding, hut it is all right now. I put it along with a cock Linnet, and he is feeding the Chaffinch.

We Wonder!

An eminent medical professor (so the story goes) once spent a holiday in Wales and lived near a rookery. From his window, as he watched, he often saw the hirds reel about on the trees and then fall dead to the ground. He made several post-mortems and then wrote a treatise, "Epilepsy of the Rook." The cause, however, turned out to be a small boy of deadly aim with a catapult, who received twopence per dozen from the farmers for the lifeless bodies of their foes!

A Favourite Swallow.

A correspondent writes to "The Times," under date April 12th: "It may interest readers to know of the safe arrival of at least one of our summer visitors. To-night, on going my lock-up rounds, I flashed my hull's-eye on a particular nail in the rafter of the fowls' sleeping-house, on the look out for "our" Swallow, and there sure enough he was, safely perched on his accustomed roosting-place, a spot chosen with remarkable sagacity as safe from cats, rats, or other nocturnal marauders. There safely perched, surrounded hy his old friends the chickens and pigeons, he looked quite at home and perfectly fresh and sleek—hy no means tired or bedraggled as if after a long journey. I was pleased to see him, and I hope that no cold winds and sunless days will deprive him of the means of living."

A Tame Sparrow.

Referring to your remarks about Sparrows, writes "H" in the "Daily Chronicle," I would like to refute the general idea that they cannot be tamed or kept at home. My wife about eighteen months ago picked up one which had either been ill-used or been in the claws of a cat, for it had a broken wing. She caged it and doctored it, and now it is as pretty a hird as you could see, but rather wild to strangers. Again, she picked up, about twelve months ago, a young Sparrow that fell from its nest without a feather on it, gradually fed it with milk sop, and otherwise succeeded in bringing it up. Now it is as tame as a hird can possibly he, never in a cage, and always flying about. It used to pitch on her shoulder and eat out of her mouth; dance on her fingers; come on the table regularly at meal times for its share of food, and would sleep in her lap.

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Blue Tits.

Greater Tit.

Marsh Tit.

Cole Tit.

THE WHITE WAGTAIL AT HOME



By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.

Perwick. [*Isle of Man.*

THE White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* is an interesting species which, though by no means rare, is little observed or known. There are probably two reasons for this: first, because it is practically only seen in our Islands during its spring and autumn migrations; and, secondly, because even during the short period of its migratory visits it is for the most part only seen on our West coast. For those of us whose interest in British birds is chiefly centred in studying their actual lives and endeavouring to penetrate the reasons of their comings and goings the White Wagtail will always possess a special fascination because there are several problems connected with it which I think have not as yet been satisfactorily solved.

Not the least interesting of these problems is, perhaps, the question why the White Wagtail does not normally breed in our islands. Northward of us it breeds frequently in the Faroes, abundantly in Iceland, and even in the south of Greenland. Eastward of us we find that it is the commonest of all the Wagtails in Norway and Sweden. Professor Collett, for instance, includes the White Wagtail among the 190 common breeding species of Scandinavia, whilst he classes the Pied Wagtail among the seven rare breeding species. South of us we find it breeding freely in Central Europe, and, indeed, it has been frequently described as the "Continental representative" of the Pied Wagtail. Only last summer I had a pair of White Wagtails and their half-fledged young sent to me from the north of Belgium, barely 100 miles from our S.E. coast. And yet the authentic instances of its breeding in Great Britain are amongst the rarest of ornithological events, and, when they have occurred, these instances have chiefly been noted on the South Coast. For instance, on May 31st, 1904, near Brighton, in some chalk rubble a nest was found containing an incomplete clutch of three eggs, this being the first recorded instance in the county of Sussex.

Another as yet unsolved problem is why the White Wagtail should uniformly leave our shores in the autumn whilst its Pied cousin frequently stays with us throughout the winter. Howard Saunders speaks of "cold and want of food" as the impelling causes which drive it southwards, but, had he studied this bird from an avicultural point of view, he would probably not have made this suggestion, because in an aviary the White Wagtail will be found to be every bit as hardy as the Pied, and during last December mine endured thirteen degrees of frost with perfect indifference. Have we not also the fact that the White Wagtail penetrates much further north in the breeding season than the Pied, and successfully rears its young amid the fierce gales and low temperatures of Greenland and Siberia? We shall have something further to say on this topic later on.

For the present, then, we will accept it as a general statement that the White Wagtail does not breed with us, but traverses our islands twice every year, namely, during April and the early part of May, and again during late August and September.

A third problem is why the White Wagtail arrives first on our S.W. coast and (both in regard to England and Ireland) passes up the West Coast on its migration in preference to the East Coast. A brief consideration of the migration routes of this species will, I think, throw some light on this question. The more we study the migration of birds the more clear, I think, becomes the fact that they are not blown about in a haphazard manner by contrary winds, as some writers would have us believe, but, on the contrary, have certain definite routes, keep to a fixed time table, journey northward to some particular district to breed, and return southward to certain winter quarters well known to them.

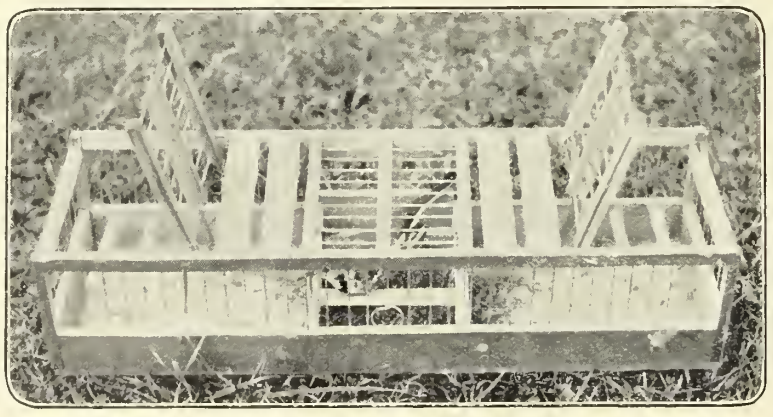
In regard to this species there appear to be at least three distinct migration routes. The birds breeding in Siberia, which may be distinguished by the lighter shade of grey of their upper parts, fly southward across the great Steppes, across Turkestan, across the great chain of the Himalayas, and winter in India.

The Scandinavian contingent skirt the west coast of Denmark, pass over the little island of Heligoland, where they are often seen in large numbers in September, and so across Central Europe to the Mediterranean coasts. It is a reasonable conjecture that some, at all events, of the White Wagtails, that winter in Asia Minor, Palestine, and the Valley of the Nile are of the Scandinavian race.

Lastly, we have the western contingent, which winter in North-Western Africa and in Spain, and which, on their spring migration, appear to keep closely to the Atlantic seaboard. Following this route they naturally strike our S.W. coast first, and here the stream of migrants appears to divide, some pressing up the Welsh coast and thence northward through Scotland to the Faroes and possibly Iceland; while others sweep up the west coast of Ireland, and it seems reasonable to assume that these latter are making for Iceland by a single direct flight across the open sea or else for Greenland by way of Iceland. The White Wagtail seems to proceed in a leisurely manner on its migration, taking a long flight and then resting in some favoured spot for several, and sometimes for many, days, especially during its autumn flight.

In the summer this species, as we have seen, is spread over such a large area that it is nowhere numerous; but in its winter quarters it is sometimes seen in immense numbers. Howard Saunders, for instance, speaks of "flocks whitening the furrows in Spain and the south of France." Again, Eagle Clarke says, "During our ill-fated visit to the Isle of Ushant, which lies immediately to the south of our extreme south-west coast, in early September, 1898, Mr. Laidlaw and I saw many White Wagtails on migration. On some days as many as two hundred came under our notice, and parties of from twenty to thirty were not uncommon."

As showing the abundance of White Wagtails in Egypt in the winter, we may quote from an interesting old book written more than a century since—Sonini's Travels in Upper and Lower Egypt, 1799:—"There is no kind of bird more plentiful. . . . Some of them came into the vessel's cabin during our voyage upon the Nile, and would feed close to our sides with engaging security." Nor is this species any less common to-day in Lower Egypt. In his "Rambles of a Naturalist in Egypt and other Countries," J. H. Gurney says:—"This is by far the commonest bird in the Delta in the winter; and really they rather pall on you after a time, for one sees White Wagtails at every step, in every field, on every pathway,



Three-compartment Trap Cage, set for action, with Pied Wagtail as "call-bird" in the centre compartment.

and frequently in company with Sandpipers on the sand-banks—singly, in pairs, in family parties, in flocks of hundreds, and sometimes they came upon the Dahabeyah. A large flock will generally have some red-throated Pipits with it. But, as spring draws on and one goes farther south, both these species become scarce. I do not remember seeing any White Wagtails at all in June. The last flock I saw was on the 12th of March—a countless stream migrating northwards. The next day there was not one. Wilkinson says that *Abou fasada* (the Arabic name of the species,) means 'Father of corruption' An explanation of this name, more probable than that which he and Dr. Adams favour, has been given me, viz., that this Wagtail seeks its food (small flies) among the droppings of the cattle." Gurney also speaks of the enormous flocks of White Wagtails which he saw in Algeria. Personally, although I have spent parts of several winters on the Mediterranean coasts and have several times been well placed for observing the passage of the spring migrants from N. Africa, I have never been lucky enough to meet with more than a few scattered individuals of this species.

In our own country, however, I have been more fortunate. For a number of years past the opportunity has been afforded me, through the kind hospitality of relatives, of spending the last fortnight of September in the Isle of Man. Midway between Douglas and Castletown lies the little harbour of Port Grenaugh, facing the sandy promontory known as Langness, at the foot of which nestles the fishing village of Derbyhaven, and at the extremity of which stand a weather-beaten old fort, built by the Earls of Derby, and a modern lighthouse. On Langness the first "Derby" was run—a fact which does not seem to be generally known, yet that this is so can be established beyond question.

It was in September, 1906, that my attention was first drawn to the occurrence of the White Wagtail as an autumn migrant at Port Grenaugh. As I said above, my own view is that most of our regular migrants travel by a fixed route, well-known to them, and have certain definite stopping places. I have no doubt, therefore, that for countless years past White Wagtails might have been seen in this little sheltered nook at this particular time of the year, and the only excuse I can offer for not having noticed them before is that partridge-shooting begins in the Isle of Man on the 13th of September, and that during my many autumn visits I have been chiefly occupied in tramping the turnips. However, one evening towards the end of September, 1906, I happened to be digging some ragworms, at Port Grenaugh, for pollacking, when I noticed several White Wagtails running actively along the beach. Next morning I again walked down to the beach to investigate, and to my great delight I found a small flock of well over a dozen individuals. It was high tide at the time, and the Wagtails were busily occupied in hawking flies just above high-water mark.



Male White Wagtail in autumn plumage.

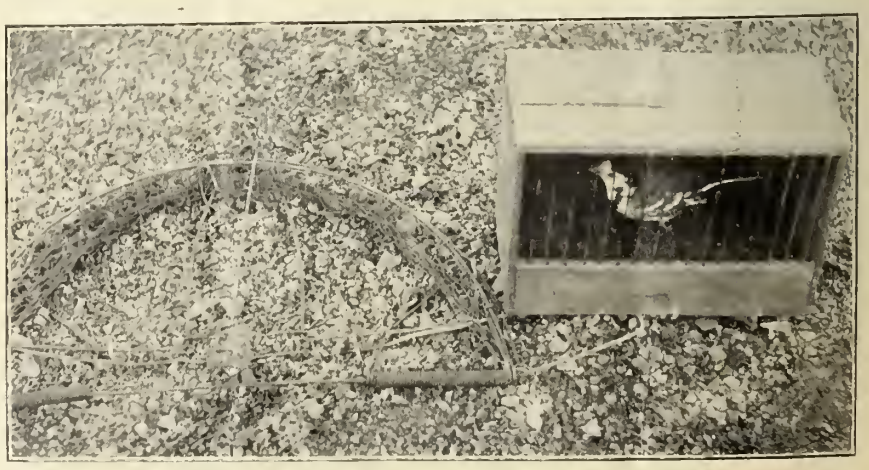
Having scraped out a shallow pit in the warm sand, I curled up in it and settled down to watch their operations. There is a species of fly which deposits its eggs in decaying seaweed, and if you will turn over one of the heaps of rotten weed which can generally be found on any beach just above high-water mark (which, by the way, is not a nice operation, because the smell is horrible), you will find it full of small gentles. These gentles develop in due course into small flies, and it was these flies that the Wagtails were devouring. The facility and certainty with which the Wagtails captured their winged prey were really wonderful to see. The flies skimmed in every direction, at all sorts of angles and at varying speeds, but as they passed overhead the Wagtails sprang lightly and without apparent effort from the ground, a slender beak would close with a snap, and that fly would fly no more.

As the Wagtails advanced across the beach they approached nearer and nearer to my shelter, until at last they were within a few yards of me and could be examined as closely as if they were in a cage.

Probably the majority of our readers will never have seen a White Wagtail, and will, therefore, want to know what it looks like and how to distinguish it from its Pied relative. In the spring there will never be any difficulty in distinguishing between them, because, in its breeding plumage, the entire back and mantle of the White Wagtail is a light lavender grey, that of the Pied Wagtail being entirely black; the "shoulder" of the wing is also light grey, and the heart-shaped area of black on the throat and upper breast is narrower and ends in a point; the flanks also are of a much lighter grey. In the autumn, however, we shall have much more difficulty in distinguishing between these two species, because at that time of the year the greater number of individuals will be young birds, and the young of these two species are very closely alike, both having light grey backs and an irregular patch of black on the throat.

It is just on such points as these that one can test the accuracy of the bird-books. A standard work (Howard Saunders) tells us that young Pied Wagtails are "darker on the upper parts," and an even more recent writer says: "If they show any real black on the head or body, they are young Pied Wagtails." As a matter of fact, I think both these observations are incorrect.

Young birds of either species will, in October, be found to be of the same shade of grey on the *upper* back and to have an irregularly shaped patch of black on the head and throat. Should you catch a Wagtail in the autumn and wish to identify it, first look at the cheeks; if the latter are yellowish, you will know that it is a young bird of the year. Then examine the



Spring Net Trap, set for action, with Pied Wagtail acting as "call-bird."

rump, turning the feathers back with your finger; if this part is a dark sooty colour, your bird is a young Pied; if a light grey, it is a young White Wagtail. (You will get a good idea of the appearance of an adult White Wagtail from the photo reproduced, which is taken from a stuffed specimen, a bird I caught in Devonshire and had in my aviary for some time. During its period of captivity its tail became somewhat frayed at the extremity and it therefore appears a little shorter than it really should be). If your bird has pure white cheeks then it is an adult, and if it is a White Wagtail it will have the entire back of a light grey colour; some adult Pied Wagtails become somewhat grey on the back in winter, but never wholly grey.

If we add to the above that adult males (of both species) have a much larger area of white on the forehead than adult females, you will have a good general idea of the differences between the two species.

Not having any apparatus with me, I had to content myself on this occasion with watching these White Wagtails, but I fully made up my mind to try to catch a pair for my aviary should I have another such opportunity. The following September (1907) therefore I took over in my portmanteau to the Isle of Man two spring net traps, one of which I had purchased and the other constructed by myself.

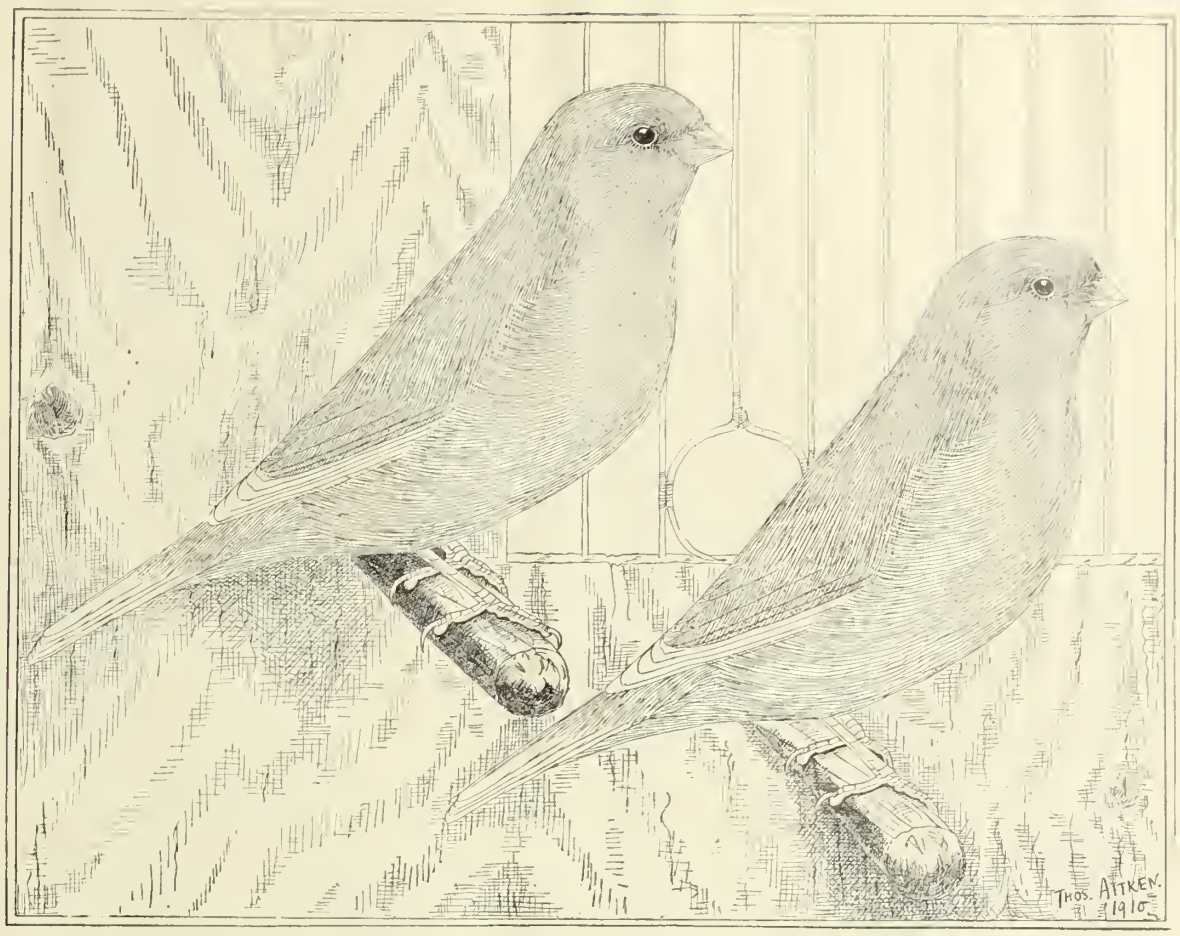
A Cute Pipit.

I was delighted to find the White Wagtails once again at Port Grenaugh, and in even greater force, for this time there were nearly a score of them. Evidently there had been some rough weather recently, for a great bank of seaweed, which had been washed up to high-water mark, extended across almost the whole breadth of the little harbour. On this bank of seaweed I placed the trap I had purchased, which was a somewhat elementary affair, consisting of an oval wooden base to which was hinged a hoop of stout wire carrying the net and actuated by a spring. A number of Rock Pipits (*Anthus rupestris*) were searching for food amongst the seaweed, and one of these was not long in succumbing to the temptations of a succulent mealworm. He stepped gingerly on to the trap and made a tentative peck at the meal-worm. Down went the trigger, up flew the net, and—missed him. When the Pipit saw the trigger fall he gave a little hop backwards, without hurrying himself, and before the net fell he was out of range. What annoyed me was that the Pipit did not seem the least startled by the occurrence; he walked sedately over the net, annexed the mealworm, and departed smiling. I reset the trap, but the same thing happened a second and a third time. I think it quite likely that that trap is on Port Grenaugh beach to-day; at all events, I did not trouble to carry it home.

Next day I tried my own trap, which consisted of a circular wooden base, eighteen inches in diameter, carrying two semicircular hoops actuated by separate springs. The trigger was released by a pull line, and the hoops then flew up and met in an upright position, edge to edge, the two portions of net thus forming a kind of tent. The advantage of this was that any bird stepping over the hoops was a certain prisoner, because the net rose on all sides of it simultaneously. With this trap I caught as many Pipits as I wanted, but not a Wagtail would look at it. It was certainly most tantalising to watch these beautiful birds walking daintily round the trap without the least sign of fear, but at the same time obviously fully aware of the nature of the device.

I think the amateur bird-catcher will find the White Wagtail about as difficult a proposition as he is likely to tackle. A year or two since the Small Waders' Aviary at the Zoological Gardens became so infested by mice that it was decided to clear the waders, etc., out, and turn in some Owls. One of the keepers told me that they had no difficulty in trapping all the Waders, Ouzels, Finches, and other birds, but that the Pied Wagtails absolutely refused to enter the traps.

In the following spring (May, 1908) I returned to the Isle of Man on a bird-trip of a different character, my object being to ascertain whether the White Wagtail bred in the island (it having been seen at Port Erin several times as late as the end of May); also to have a look for a nest of the short-eared Owl; and, lastly, to add to my collection of photos of sea-birds' nests. On the 28th May I found in the Curragh of Ballaugh the first nest of a Short-eared Owl which had ever been recorded in Manxland, and when, a few days later I came across a pair of White Wagtails on the Kitterland—a little rocky islet near Port Erin—I quite thought we were going to score another success. My companion also thought he saw a pair the same afternoon in an old stone quarry at Port Erin, but I think there must have been an error in the identification, because the following day I examined the quarry carefully and found only a pair of Pied Wagtails and their nest.



TWO NOTED SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Buff Cock, winner of first prize at Paisley Show for Mr. A. McFarlane (Glasgow).

Buff Hen, first prize at the Scottish National Show for Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso).

The only other White Wagtail we saw during our trip was in the extreme north of the island, near the Point of Ayr—obviously a migrant. I think, however, if any of my readers should happen to be at Port Erin next June it would be quite worth while to examine the coast carefully between Port Erin and the Calf of Man.

In September, 1908, I was again at Port Grenaugh—and so were the White Wagtails. This time I had brought over my pair of clap-nets, also an old Pied Wagtail as a call-bird and lastly some excellent bird-lime. The call-bird, unfortunately, did not survive the journey, and without a brace-bird the clap-nets were practically useless. I caught and baited a Rock Pipit and pegged it down in the nets, but in vain did I endeavour to beguile the Wagtails. Flies seemed rather scarce on the beach that year, and the Wagtails were generally to be seen in the bed of a little stream which runs into the sea at Port Grenaugh. I placed a number of limed twigs on the large stones in the stream, and I spent several hours on several consecutive days in driving the Wagtails up and down, but with marvellous intuition they invariably avoided the twigs. Once more, therefore, I returned home without any White Wagtails.

But the man whose hobby is birds does not know the meaning of the word failure; he simply tries again. Shortly after my return home I at last succeeded in catching a White Wagtail in Devonshire with a special form of trap-cage, using a Pied Wagtail as a call-bird (see Photo). Also a friend who has done a lot of trapping in India gave me some spring net traps which he had found very useful out there. When, therefore, my cousin, Capt. J. C. Bacon, J.P., once again extended his hospitality to me in the following autumn (1909), I felt practically certain of success, for I had learned how to catch White Wagtails, and I had the necessary apparatus with me.

But an unpleasant surprise was in store for me: not a single White Wagtail was to be seen. I spent a whole morning in tramping about the country, but in vain. I could only attribute this either to the fact that migration was earlier than usual last autumn, whereas I was later than usual in reaching the island, or else to the fact of there being no sea-wrack washed up on the beach.

I was just beginning to think that Fate had played me a somewhat scurvy trick, when, to my great delight, I discovered three young White Wagtails amongst a small flock of about a dozen Pieds, on a range of pigstyes, busily engaged in picking flies off the pigs' backs. I found the trap cage and the net-trap equally effective, when baited with mealworms and used in conjunction with a call-bird. The net-traps can be pegged down in a moment on turf or soft ground, but in order to set them on a wall or on shingle I found it necessary to fit wire lugs (shown in Photo) and place a heavy stone on each lug. When about a week later, from the deck of the good ship *Tynwald*, I saw the outline of the Manx mountains growing dim and yet more dim in the distance, I had the satisfactory feeling of not returning empty-handed, for I had three beautiful White Wagtails with me as well as two nice pairs of Rock Pipits.

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THE ART OF HAND-WASHING BIRDS.

An exhibition given by that well-known metropolitan expert, Mr. W. Shakespeare (Kentish Town). The centre photograph shows this skilful fancier washing a bird in the ordinary way; in the left-hand picture a bird is being "tubbed" while held behind the operator's back; on the right, Mr. Shakespeare is seen conducting matters after being blind-folded.



1. Nestling Tawny Owls, photographed when but some few hours old. 2. The same nestlings grown into hearty and ever-hungry "balls of fluff." 3. The old homestead, the nest being in the fissure seen where the tree trunk divides. 4. A parent Tawny Owl snatching "forty winks." 5. Very wide awake indeed.

The Owl with the Expansive Countenance.

By THOMAS MALLOCH.

(See Photographs above.)

"WHAT'S the price of yon broad-faced chicken?" asked the simple-minded customer of the poultryman, on seeing for the first time an Owl, as it sat on the poultry-yard fence. Certainly the Owl's breadth of countenance cannot fail to attract notice, and the Tawny (or Brown or Wood) Owl is perhaps gifted in this respect more than any other of its British relatives.

Going through a fir-wood in the daytime, we may discover the roosting-place of one of these Owls, and as we look up through the branches we see the bird sitting close to the tree-stem, his form erect and narrow, and as still as a post. His large cloven head is turned in our direction, and he stares down with his great black eyes, unfathomable balls of liquid darkness set in twin saucers. Sometimes in a strong light the eyes have a glazed, unseeing stare, but this may change to a steady piercing look. There is a slow, deliberate wink of the big broad eyelids which is very funny to see. The head is lifted, turned, and set down facing in another direction; the impression given by the movement is that the object looked at has the bird's full attention. The head is averted, then swung round upon us, and we feel that we are looked upon, such is the concentration of that gaze.

Before taking to flight, the feathers are loosened and the bird assumes a rounder form; then the long wings are spread, seeming the longer on account of the short neck and tail, and with soundless movement he glides from his perch. His silent flight, although it may aid him in snatching his prey unawares, and enable him to hear while on the wing the rustle of a mouse, is soon made of no avail on this occasion by the alarm notes of the Missel Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Chaffinches, which announce his passage through the woods, until he finds another dark retreat in which to continue his interrupted slumbers.

As we go along a country road at dusk, when the big night moths are darting past on purring wings and the bats are circling round the fringe of the trees, we may see an Owl skim over the grain fields, top the hedge along the road, over the other hedge, and away across another field. Before disappearing it may rise against the sky to swoop down again, just giving us a chance to make sure that it is an Owl by a sight of its long rounded wings and short body, if its silent flight and dim colour have left us in any doubt.

The favourite nesting-place of the Tawny Owl is in a hollow tree. It may be some storm-broken trunk whose core has rotted out, leaving an outer shell standing, or the hollow which so often occurs at the division of the boughs in beech trees. Other sites, however, are sometimes chosen—a hole under an old bridge, a pigeon-cote, a cleft in the rocks, or even on the ground under a tree root.

No nest is made; in fact, the leaves which often fill up the hollow in autumn are all cleared out by the birds in spring before the eggs are laid. As many as five eggs may be laid, but three is a common number. They are white and almost round, not unlike golf balls.

The castings or pellets which Owls throw up will show the nature of their food, as will also occasional visits to the nest. The food provided for the young is varied, and may consist of a mole, a rat, any of the various species of mice, voles, or shrews; small bird, and even the hind quarters of a young rabbit, have been found. As twilight falls, the female Owl leaves her young and in a succession of short gliding flights, perching on branch, tree-stump, or rock, continues her way, calling softly as she goes. Soon she is answered by her mate from the other end of the plantation, and returning together they disappear into the darkening woods.

Sometimes an Owl shows considerable courage, when the nesting tree is visited at night, by dashing repeatedly close past the climber's head; yet the same bird in daylight tumbles out of the hole in a flurry and flies to some hiding-place to wait till the disturbance is over.

Strange sounds are made by these Owls, sometimes like the mewing of a cat, or again a loud and sudden cry that sounds amongst gloomy rocks in a startling manner; but the usual cry of a male bird is a single "hoo," then, after a long pause, a more elaborate rendering of the note, dying away in a long quiver. Very beautiful are these notes, especially when heard near at hand. They may be imitated, and the birds drawn from some distance, by an instrument made out of a piece of bamboo. This should be about an inch and three-eighths in thickness, such as is often used for curtain poles. Cut a piece two and three-quarter inches long, bore a hole with a centre-bit in the middle, seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. If the hole is not clean cut singe the edges with a red-hot wire or otherwise make them smooth. Glue a piece of wood on each end, and, when hard, round the ends over with rasp and glass paper. Blow across the hole as on a flute. By blowing more directly into the hole the note will become lower, and can be varied sufficiently to imitate the Owl by rolling the bamboo slightly. Before permanently closing up the ends the call should be tried, and for this reason should be made a little longer at first; the longer the tube the lower will be the note. When the call has been adjusted to the pitch of an Owl's note it may be found on another occasion to differ from that of some other Owl, for the pitch varies in different individuals.

This fact of Owls hooting in different keys was known to Gilbert White. It does not, however, prevent a bird from answering the call. The person using the call must be in hiding if the bird is expected to approach very near.

The white downy young of the Owls are very nice and soft to look at, but if interfered with they become all beaks and claws, turning over on their backs, hissing and snapping their bills, and defending themselves with their claws. If for photographic purposes the young have to be brought down the tree, a basket should be used, not a bag, as to put a young Owl into a bag with one hand while holding on with the other is a difficult undertaking; these ever-ready claws catch on to everything.

The unfailing regularity of the Owl's return to the same nesting quarters is a source of danger to the birds, but if we avoid observation in visiting them, and do not publish indiscriminately the whereabouts of their eggs or young, their family arrangements will furnish an annual treat with which to start many bird-nesting seasons.



Photos by]

A Tree Pipit arriving with food for its foster-child, a young Cuckoo.



The bird here depicted is a noted prize-winning Lancashire Plainhead belonging to Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) and the photograph shows how difficult it is to convey the correct "pose" of "birds of position" by means of the camera.



[Stanley Crook.

The Meal; note the fast-moving lower mandible as the bird "calls."



DOMESTIC BLISS IN CANARY-LAND.

Cock and Hen Canaries, of what is known as the Norwich type, with their five young at about the age of a month.



Our Photographs, commencing at the top, and proceeding from left to right, depict—1 : The water fountain and a corner of the market, with a stand of cages and appliances. 2 : A portly vendor of Canaries convincing a working-man and his wife of the superiority of her birds. 3 : An interval for gossip, by the green-food stall. 4 : A general view of the market. 5 : A fair purveyor of Frill Canaries. 6 : A specialist in Parrots. 7 ; The "oldest inhabitant," who, judging by the pile of travelling boxes, does considerable business.

The Fertility of Canary Mules.

By JOAQUIN PANO (Monzén).

An account of interesting experiments carried out by a bird-loving reader in Spain.

HAVING read the most contradictory assertions about the prolificacy of Mules (or Hybrids) which the Canary produces when mated with other birds of the Finch tribe, I have undertaken, in the last seven years, a series of experiments in order to ascertain whether these Hybrids are prolific or not. For that purpose I had previously bred (and I went on breeding) many Mules from hen Canaries, and cock birds of the following European species :—Goldfinch (Carduelis elegans), Serin (Serinus hortulanus), Linnet (Linota cannabina), Redpoll (Linota rufescens), Siskin (Chrysomitris spinus), and Greenfinch (Ligurinus chloris) ; and the following African species :—Grey Singing Finch (Hypochera musica) and Green Singing Finch (Serinus icterus).

I have also tried to cross-breed from the Bullfinch (Pyrrhula europæa), the Citril Finch (Chrysomitris citrinela), the House and the Tree Sparrows (Passer domesticus and P. montanus), and from the American Saffron Finch (Sycalis flaveola) ; but I must confess I have not succeeded till now in my attempts. For my particular purpose, however, the mules obtained were the most interesting, since they sprang from species



A PUZZLE PICTURE.

A Wren's nest is seen in the lower half of the photograph, and upon this a Spotted Flycatcher has built her nest. Puzzle : Can you discern the young birds in the latter ?

most akin to the Canary, and consequently the chance of success in regard to their aptitude to fertilise eggs was the greatest.

By the way, I cannot help advising readers of CAGE BIRDS to Hybridise from the African Grey Singing Finch. Mules thus produced are very pretty, hardy, and lively little birds, and I know of no more exquisite and indefatigable songsters.

With my numerous Mules I began to try, and in my experiments, which extended over a period of seven years, cock Mules of every sort were mated with hen Canaries of pure breed. In all cases, with but one exception, which I will soon speak of, all these Mules (ardent lovers of hen Canaries as they generally are) proved unprolific. Several hen Mules of different varieties were also mated with cock Canaries, and the result was every time a failure. Only one—a hen Goldfinch-Canary—happened to lay eggs ; but they all proved unfertile.

The exception I have noticed above refers to the cock Serin-Canary Mule, the produce of the Canary (hen) and its most closely allied species, the Serin. Mules of this origin have fertilised the eggs of their mates every time. I have paired them with hen Canaries of pure breed. The offspring of these pairings is a new Hybrid having $\frac{3}{4}$ Canary blood and $\frac{1}{4}$ Serin blood, in colour sometimes greenish (like the Serin) sometimes yellow. These new Hybrids are smaller than true Canaries, and have shorter tails and bills.

Though it is by no means so easy to experiment with hens of wild Finches, I tried to mate one of my cock Serin-Canary Mules with a tame hen Serin which I had brought up by hand. A few days afterwards I found an egg on the bottom



An American bird-lover, Mr. T. A. Douglas, of Port Angeles, Washington, U.S.A.

of the cage, and this one and two more were placed under a hen Canary to be sat upon. The result was most satisfactory, for two birds ($\frac{1}{4}$ Canary blood and $\frac{3}{4}$ Serin blood) were hatched and reared successfully by their foster-mother. Twice more experiments of the same kind were equally successful.

In following years I paired several of these $\frac{3}{4}$ Canary-blood Mules, males as well as females, respectively with hen and cock Canaries of pure breed, and in all cases the matches proved prolific, giving birth, in their turns, to new Hybrids, having evidently $\frac{7}{8}$ Canary blood and only $\frac{1}{8}$ Serin blood.

As to whether the $\frac{3}{4}$-blood Hybrids would breed with each other, I experimented but once, and the result was a negative one. As regards the Hybrids having $\frac{7}{8}$ Canary blood, my numerous and varied experiments have led me to the conclusion that, in so far as their prolificacy is concerned, they behave entirely like true Canaries, from which, indeed, they are nearly indistinguishable in appearance. Male and female birds of this sort have bred freely with Canaries of pure breed and with $\frac{3}{4}$-blood Hybrids, and also with each other.

I even succeeded once in pairing a $\frac{7}{8}$-blood hen Mule to a cock Greenfinch. In due time three eggs were laid, one of which was fertilised ; but, unluckily, the queer nestling, to the origin of which three species had contributed, died as soon as it was hatched from the egg.

While experimenting, in order to prevent any doubt arising about the identity of birds which mated, each couple was paired in an independent breeding-cage.

My experiments having extended over a long period of time, I consider myself authorised to lay down the following conclusions :—

(1) There is but one Mule which proves really prolific, and that is the cock Serin-Canary. All the rest are, as a rule, unprolific, even when they are paired to birds of their pure parent stocks. This conclusion must not, however, be looked upon as absolutely true, since reliable examples (rare though they may be) are recorded of Goldfinch and Linnet cock Mules having fertilised Canary eggs.

(2) The Serin-Canary cock Mule breeds willingly with a mate of either of its parent stocks ; that is to say, with either a Serin or a Canary. Birds sprung from its match with a hen Canary are new Hybrids having $\frac{3}{4}$ Canary blood and $\frac{1}{4}$ Serin blood.

(3) These $\frac{3}{4}$ Canary blood Hybrids, males as well as females, breed with pure Canaries of the opposite sex, and the offspring is a new Hybrid having $\frac{7}{8}$ Canary blood and but $\frac{1}{8}$ Serin blood.

(4) Hybrids having $\frac{7}{8}$ Canary blood behave, as regards their aptitude to fertilise eggs, entirely like Canaries of pure breed, and even admit of being crossed with a third species.

I shall not put an end to this article without recalling to the reader's mind that the experimentalist in cross-breeding may meet with strange things. I will furnish my readers with a rather remarkable instance. I have a Hybrid cock Dove, the produce of a male domestic Pigeon (Columba livia and a female Turtle Dove (Turtur communis). This Hybrid paired, at first of its free will with a House Pigeon, but all the layings proved unfertile. A year later, however, I paired it to a female of the other parent stock, that is, to a Turtle Dove born in captivity, which soon set about egg-laying. To my astonishment I found one of the eggs to be fertile, and from it a bird was hatched which is very like the father, and is still in my aviaries.



Drawing by] THE RED-EARED BULBUL.

[*H. Goodchild.* THE WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART.



A Song Thrush which reached the age of 25 years. Note the remarkable scales on its legs.



A Willow Wren "snapped" in the act of bringing a "tasty mouthful" of food for her babies.

THE WHITE WAGTAIL AT HOME.

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I had the Wagtails thoroughly "meated off" in about a fortnight, and turned them out, with the pair of adults which I had previously obtained from Belgium, in an outdoor aviary, and then I had the genuine pleasure of watching a little flock of birds of the sea-shore, consisting of five White Wagtails, five Lapland Buntings, and four Rock Pipits—a collection which had probably never before been brought together in any one aviary.

Wagtails may be divided, from an avicultural point of view, into two classes—those that do well in captivity, and those that do badly. The latter very quickly die, but the former develop into the most delightful and interesting inmates of an aviary. It was really grand to watch the Wagtails hawking flies. I have had some rather expert fly-catchers among my softbills during the past winter, such as Lesser Whitethroats, Blackstarts, Stonechats, and Pied and Spotted Fly-catchers, but not one of them could equal the Wagtails in dexterity.

Death to All Flies.

This particular aviary is arranged according to my own ideas. A narrow passage runs round two sides of it, something like a service-passage, but intended chiefly for purposes of observation. All shrubs and covert of all kinds are planted close up to this passage, so that one can watch any nesting operations from a distance of a few feet only. This leaves an absolutely clear and unobstructed space measuring 32 feet each way, and it was here the Wagtails used to give daily exhibitions of their skill in the art of fly-catching. A big blow-fly would skim heedlessly into the arena with a resounding hum; instantly a White Wagtail would spring lightly from the ground and like a flash of light would dart after it. Pursuer and pursued would traverse the length of the aviary in a bee-line, then they would shoot off at a tangent, then they would spin round and round in circles or wind in and out in figures-of-eight: sometimes the victim would, as a last resource, dash into a thick clump of rocks, but the pursuer would hurl itself after it like a Sparrow-hawk or a Blackbird; suddenly there would be an audible snap, and the victor would settle lightly on the ground with a graceful flickering of its long tail and, running daintily up to the victim, would swallow the latter with a gulp of satisfaction. Even in this fairly large space I was always in dread that the Wagtails would knock their brains out in their headlong pursuit, and, of course, in a small aviary such a flight would be impossible. At first I could never understand why they never swallowed the flies in the air, but always dropped them and returned to finish them off at their leisure, but I think the explanation is that in the excitement of the chase they do not know for certain what the insect is which they are pursuing—it might be a stinging-fly or even a bee; therefore they give it a sharp pinch and drop it. This suggestion is confirmed by the fact that they will sometimes leave the victim untouched after examining it.

The continual motion of the tail is very characteristic of this species. Have you ever asked yourself why a Wagtail wags its tail? This is not a conundrum on the same lines as "Why did the Owl 'owl?" but a little problem in bird-life. I daresay you may have noticed that the tails of many insectivorous birds are constantly in motion; the Redstart's tail quivers like the trembler of an induction coil; the short tail of the Stonechat is jerked up and down in a spasmodic kind of manner; and the Nightingale waves his tail slowly and deliberately. Probably the explanation is that most insectivorous birds have to start in pursuit of an insect at an instant's notice—if they lose the fraction of a second their chance is often gone, and, as we know, the muscles do not respond quickly to the nerve stimulus if they are at rest; but, if kept in a state of motion, they take up instantaneously the signal flashed to them from that mysterious brain-centre which controls our movements.

To my very great regret I lost in the course of the winter the adult pair of Wagtails; they did not seem to feel the cold, but as soon as our stock of live bait gave out and flies were unprocurable, they quickly drooped. The young White Wagtails, however, have done well, though even they seemed to feel the want of insect food much more than a young Pied Wagtail in the same aviary.

I have alluded to some points of difference in the autumn plumage of these two species, but there are also some facts in connection with the spring moult which have interested me. On the 25th February the young Pied showed two black feathers on its back, but there was no further change in the colour of the mantle for some time, and even to-day (16th April) there are still many grey feathers on its back. On the 28th February, however, it quite suddenly developed a black throat, and in the short space of four days the area of black was practically complete. As it could not well have replaced the feathers covering the throat in so short a time, the change of colour was probably attained by abrasion, that is, by the wearing away of the white tips of the old feathers.

A young White Wagtail, on the other hand, with regard to which I also made notes, moulted the feathers of its back first during the month of March, and it was not till the 7th April that I noticed any new black feathers on the throat. Moreover, the latter have appeared gradually and apparently by an actual moult. To put the matter briefly, unless I am mistaken young Pied Wagtails acquire their black throats before they get their black backs, the former by abrasion and the latter by a moult, whereas young White Wagtails get their (adult) grey backs before they get their black throats, and in each case apparently by an actual moult.

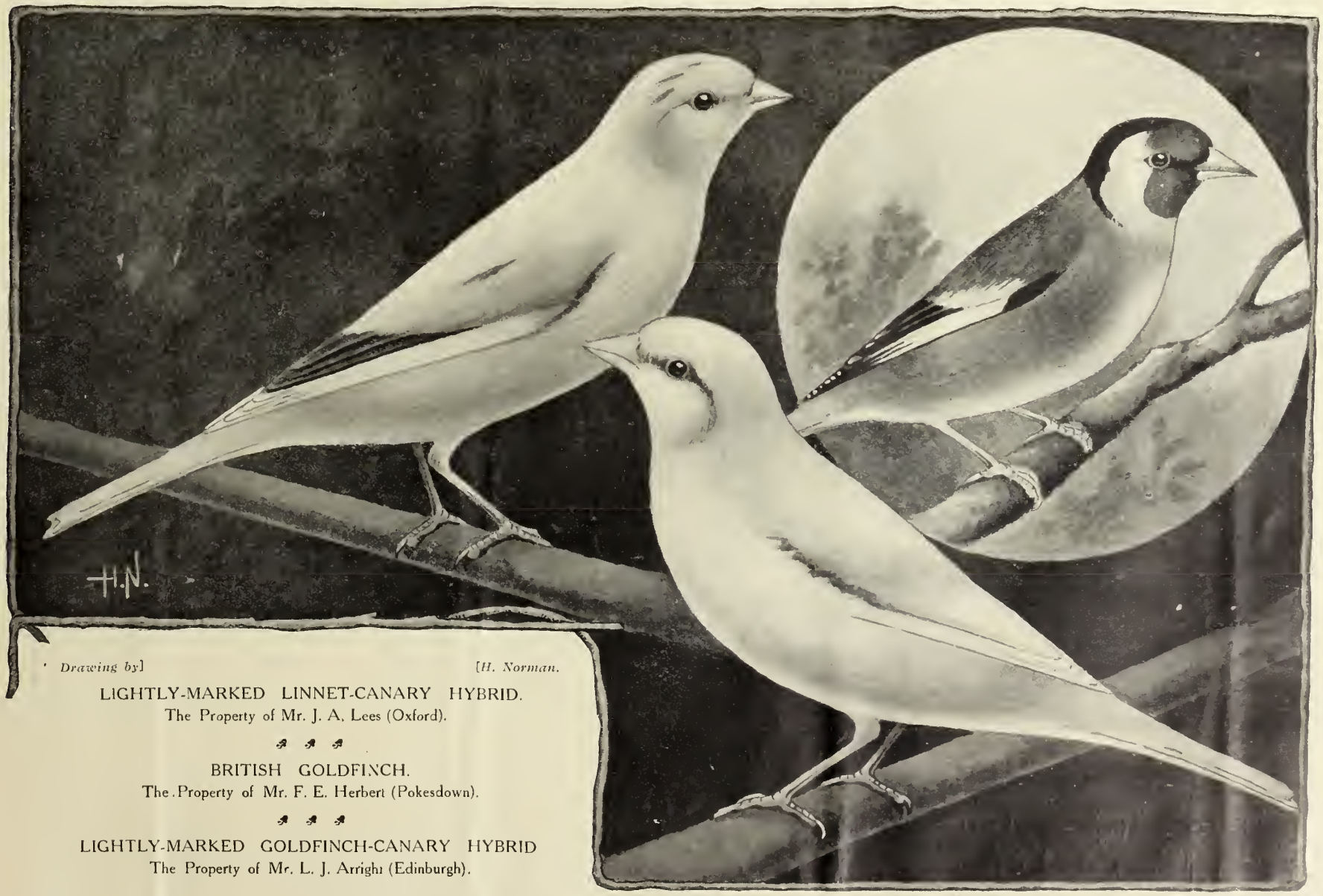
The above suggestion requires verifying, which can only be done by observing the progress of the moult in a cage, where the bird can be constantly and conveniently handled, this, of course, not being possible in a large aviary. I hope, if any of my readers are lucky enough to catch a White Wagtail, they will observe its spring moult carefully, and correct my observation, if necessary.

And now that you and I, reader, have studied White Wagtails under the varying conditions of the changing seasons for a whole year, we may attempt to answer the question which was asked at the commencement of this paper—namely, Why does not this species normally breed and spend the winter in Great Britain?

(*To be Continued.*)



Port Grenaugh, Isle of Man.



Drawing by] [*H. Norman.*

LIGHTLY-MARKED LINNET-CANARY HYBRID.
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THREE WELL-KNOWN FACES AT THE EXHIBITIONS.



THE CAMERA IN THE CAGE-BIRD FANCY.

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SOME SEASONABLE HINTS FROM AN "OLD HAND."

Too much material can now hardly be given to hens for shell-forming and bone-making, and the following are very cheap and useful. Egg-shells thoroughly dried in the oven, and crushed while still warm, either by pounding with a piece of hard wood or put through an egg mill; but be sure to make it moderately fine, and by being very dry they powder more easily, to add to sand or be thrown a little daily in cage corner. Burnt bones are fine and are best prepared as follows: Late at night, when the fire is getting low, put a few hard bones on the red embers, then before lighting the fire in the morning take them out and they will be found to be burnt through without being wasted by being broken up; in each cage put a moderate-sized piece, and you will be surprised to see how much the birds will enjoy picking at them, especially the hens, and it will do them good—no overgrown beaks.

Points About Nesting Materials.

Old dried grass is very good for nesting, and is preferred by many before moss; the latter is usually too dry and breaks up too much. I have seen hens that built a good nest of moss have it all in a powder before the young were due; grass is better for this, and the hens can make a good nest with it, and now is the time to gather it. Take a walk in the fields, and you will be sure to find some tufts of last year's grass that is dead and dry; pull it up, wash it well, lay out in the sun to dry, put a little in between the hands, give it a good rub, same as you would rub up a pipe of tobacco, place between the wires, and the hens will pull away at it and soon make a neat nest; then a little cow hair or other material to line it with can be given, and a real, substantial, warm nest is the result.

Many fanciers use hempen twine or rope, which can be easily pulled into fluff for lining nests, but in my opinion any animal fibre is to be preferred to vegetable fibre for this purpose. All vegetable fibres will take up liquid very quickly, and should the youngsters during the first week have the faintest touch of diarrhoea, the nest will absorb part and be wet and sloppy in a very short time, whereas if cow-hair is used the matter will not soak into the material, and the hen will have a much better chance to clear it off and keep the nest sweet and clean.

The using of the above-named has caused many hens to be accused of being bad feeders, when in reality they were good feeders, and their failure the result of wrong attentions. I have seen many, many nests "going back" and the hens blamed for it, when really the fault was in the looseness of the bowels.

During the first seven to ten days very great care should be used to prevent the excreta of the young birds getting at all "thin," as, should it do so, the hen cannot clean it up, and the young get in a dirty condition, find it impossible to keep the passage clear, and instead of thriving, they get considerably less and gradually fade away and die. A too sudden change of food will often have this result, therefore great care should be taken during the first and most important part of a bird's existence; they are really made in the first 10-14 days.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Moulting and Not Singing.

F. Holmes.—See the cage is not kept where the bird is exposed to the draughts and fluctuations of doors or windows, nor near burning lights. Keep it in a cosy place, but well ventilated, and not overheated, nor yet on the cold side. Continue to supply the bath three or four times a week. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with a pinch of maw mixed in it, and vary this occasionally with a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and twice a week a few grains of linseed. Give a spray of chickweed or a leaf or two of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and after that twenty drops of chemical food every second for a month. The bird will not resume its full song until the moult is finished, so it is useless expecting this. To cure the nervousness gradually bring its cage into a position where it will frequently see people moving about near it, and where it will be frequently passed. The escape from the cage would have nothing at all to do with the moulting.

Two Points.

Conn. Roller.—1. If you had the birds in box cages, which are far the best, and kept them well away from the rauge, but where they would be quite free from draughts, so that the difference between day and night temperature would be reduced to a minimum, there would be no necessity to cover the cages at night. But if you continue to keep them in the open wire cages there can be no harm in covering them during the winter months, if not all the year round. The amount of space left for ventilation might, however, be increased. A slit an inch in depth, and running across about three-fourths the width of the cage at the top, back and front, would be far better. 2. You would want a good free singing Roller, without any faulty notes, to teach the young cocks to sing, as in order to give them the best possible tuition the young males should be moved right away from the hens and the parents if they are going to nest again, and kept where they can hear no other bird sounds save the tutor, which is the good Roller just referred to. For the first few weeks they should have a light cover hung over the front of the cages to keep them quiet, and limit their attention more exclusively to the singing of the cock. If the male parent is at liberty to remove with the young cocks, he will, of course, serve just as well as an extra bird for a tutor; but it is very risky to depend upon him solely if you want the birds taught for early disposal. A bird organ is a very useful ally in training young birds, but it would scarcely be worth the outlay to teach a few birds.

A Disappointing Pair.

T. Gauld.—Your feeding is wrong, and may be the sole cause. If you now have them together, separate them at once. Keep them in box cages in a comfortable place, not overheated, but quite free from draughts and great extremes of temperature. See they are where the air is always pure and fresh; keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand, and see they are quite free from insect pests. Feed the hen on a mixture of three-parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and black rape, and on two other days a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure on top. Give a spray of chickweed or dandelion leaf daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Am afraid the cock will do no good. Feed on same seed diet as the hen, but give the bread and milk every second day for a week; then stop it, and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge-cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice a week. Give the rhubarb and salts daily for three days, and after that give 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days in the first week give the gentian and acid as advised for the hen.

Wheezy and Insects.

J. H., Leeds.—The insects are the grey louse, which not infrequently attacks ailing weakly birds in hordes. Catch the bird and with a small puff or powder bellows fill the plumage, especially around the base of the neck and tail, with freshly ground pyrethrum powder. Wrap the bird securely in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for breathing, and lay the bird inside a spare cage for a quarter of an hour. During this time clean out its cage thoroughly and wash it inside with a fairly strong solution of izal. At the end of the time named unroll the bird and release it, and let it stay in the spare cage for a short time to shake itself free of the dust and as many insects as possible. Give a bath with a few drops of esseuce of quassia in before returning the bird to its usual cage. Well clean the spare cage afterwards. Repeat the process several times at intervals of four or five days until insects are quite eradicated. In addition to the staple of Canary and rape, give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice each week for a month; on two other days give an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed. Give a spray of chickweed daily, and add twenty drops of chemical food to the water every second day for a fortnight.

Treatment of Young.

R.H.S.N.—The condition is due to diarrhœa, and is often the forerunner of what is known as sweating in the hen. There may be something wrong with your manner of preparing the egg-food, or with the eggs perhaps. You do not say how you prepare it. See that your eggs are new laid, and that they are laid by quite healthy, well-fed and kept fowls. Boil the eggs about fifteen minutes, and when quite cold, break open, and mince finely sufficient for use. If the whole egg is too much, cut it across with a clean cut, taking off sufficient for your need, and turn the other cut surface downwards on a clean plate, cover over with fine meal, and it will keep fit for use until next day. Give the yolk only the first day, after that mix with it crushed biscuit, or bread crumbs in increasing proportions until it reaches twice the amount of pure egg. Give only very small quantities at a time until the young are a few days old, and renew the supply frequently—three or four times a day, if possible. Do not give green-food until the third or fourth day after hatching, and if there appears any of these signs of moisture about the young, at once give a little dry crushed plain biscuit, and a little cracked hemp. This should correct it. When the young are ready to leave their parents it would be best to separate them by a wire partition to prevent the young interfering with the nesting arrangements during the second round. For feeding, see several replies in detail a fortnight and three weeks back.

To Start a Strain of Sibs.

Sibs.—It is not too late to begin if you can get suitable birds. But you must not expect to finish the task this year. If you get a really reliable strain of hens to throw light coloured mules in ten years hence you will not have done very badly. Get a clear-bodied pink-eyed buff Yorkshire hen. If it is a stoutish bird, not altogether innocent of Lancashire blood, but free from browing, so much the better. Mate her with a good sized clear yellow Norwich, as rich in natural colour as possible, and bred from clear parents. Rear all the young you can from these in two rounds this year. Next year mate up first pair: a clear buff young hen with the Norwich cock, and second pair: a ticked yellow cock with the original hen. Mate up a third pair with a ticked and a clear, yellow and a buff, from amongst the remaining young, which, of course, will be brother and sister. Select the strongest and most vigorous birds only for mating, and discard the remainder. In the third season mate the young cocks from the third pair with hens from the first pair, and the hens from the third pair with cocks from the second pair, still keeping about two birds in each three pairs lightly ticked, and adhering to the healthy and most robust birds. In this season you should mate the original pair together again if still on the active list, to save getting fresh alien blood the following season. You may also begin in this third season to test the hens by mating them with Finches after taking a first nest of pure Canaries from them, in order to see which throw light feathers or show the strongest tendency in that direction, and, of course, you must be guided from this point chiefly by these test matings, always keeping for future use those hens which show the most pronounced tendency to throw light coloured mules, and still persevering on the lines of the above matings, and rejecting as far as possible all birds showing a weakly habit, and very puny specimens. Introduce fresh blood as little as possible, and always go back to the original stock for it as long as a suitable bird can be obtained from them.

We are Seven.

Wolf.—(1) The correct way is to follow Nature's example and lay the eggs on the sides. It is not essential to exclude all light, but no harm can result from half covering the eggs with bran, and placing a little cotton wool on top. Keep them in a cool place, neither decidedly warm nor cold. Turn the eggs half over morning and night, or at least once in 24 hours. (2) I do not think it advisable to try to rear birds on egg only if by that you mean pure egg without any admixture of bread or biscuit. I would only recommend you to attempt it as an experiment. You would probably lose the young from diarrhœa. No, you must not add salt to the food. (3) Of course, you cannot get the eggs from a single cage without inserting your hand and frightening the birds, unless you happen to have cages with doors at the sides giving access to nests. If gently done, there is not a great amount of disturbance anyway. (4) Cold-room bred is rather a misnomer, which should be cold-room kept, meaning birds that are not only bred but kept regularly in a room without the aid of artificial heat. It is not unknown for one to attempt to make capital out of this misnomer when hard-up for an argument. All birds are not bred in the warm weather. Hundreds of young are already bred this year; and where is the warm weather? (5) This question has been answered several times of late. Unflighted means a bird that is still in possession of the flight and tail feathers produced in the nest. These feathers are not lost at the first moult, but are sometimes removed, when the bird is said to have been flighted. The advantage of buying unflighted birds is that you are certain of having young ones. There can be no serious disadvantages. (6) An "untried" bird is, or should be, one that has not been put up for breeding to test its value as a breeding bird. If you buy one that has been tried and proved itself a good breeder and excellent parent, that's the advantage; if you buy one that has been rejected as a vicious or non-feeding parent, that's the disadvantage. See? You want to buy fresh stock fairly early to ensure the birds not having been tried. (7) The cock that pants, as you say, is only a little "deeper in love," shall we say, than the other one. Some birds will act like this one time, and show no effect another.

Brevities.

Losing Feathers (S.E.E.).—You should have said how the bird was fed and treated. See both cage and bird are free from insect pests, and follow advice as to feeding and treatment given to "F. Holmes." Allow the bird to bathe freely, and paint the bare place once each week for a month with a mixture of equal parts glycerine and perchloride of iron. Do not soil the surrounding feathers. Shall be glad to hear result in a month.

An Incubator (V.N.P.).—Sorry I cannot give you the particulars asked for. I am not aware of any case of Canaries' eggs being hatched in an incubator. As to whether it is practicable, so far as the mere hatching of the eggs is concerned I should anticipate no difficulty whatever in an incubator of the usual type of to-day, but on a miniature scale. But what about feeding and rearing the young after hatching had been successfully brought about? This is where the impracticability of the scheme come in.

The Cause of It (Gedney).—Sheer cussedness. That is what I should say was the cause of the hen never attempting to sit. You cannot reason with such. Distribute the eggs amongst other hens with small clutches which are commencing to sit. If the second hen is not anxious to start nesting sooner do not trouble to return the cock until the young are old enough to remove to a nursery cage in case he does not take kindly to them. See "General" replies re advertisement.

Three (Semen).—(1) Sample No. 1 is rather small, but of good sound quality, and better than No. 2, which is of variable quality, and not so good at its best. (2) The preparation you name, "liquor fricia carbonic B.P." is one and the same thing as "solution of coal tar," which is sometimes advertised in our columns. There was a little flutter in favour of it as a remedy for colds and bronchitis in birds a little while ago. (3) Yes, "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds" is what you want. Our manager will send it you for 1s. 2d., post free.

Foster Parents (H.E.N.).—If the hens have been proved good feeders, by all means transfer the fertile eggs to one or both of them a day or two before they are due to hatch, as the parent of the fertile eggs has proved unreliable. It will be wisest to give one hen two and the other three of the good eggs, in order to keep both hens going to provide against any contingency. Also give three or four

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of the unfertile eggs to the other hen to keep her sitting until a day or two after the young are hatched as a last precaution. The fact that the two hens have not been mated will not prevent their rearing young, seeing they have built and laid eggs.

A Hen and a Tragedy (H.A.G.).—(1) The hen is not egg-bound. The actions are simply to court the favour of the male. If he pays no attention to her at such times he is far from being in good breeding condition. Feed him up a little. (2) Was the cock left in the cage with this hen, and did you handle the young when you saw them just before the tragedy. The latter might have induced a nervous or excitable parent to commit the deed, and either the cock or the hen might be the culprit. But I should suspect the cock, if he were present, especially if he is in fresh condition for going to nest again. Next time remove him when the hen begins to sit, and let her hatch and rear the young by herself. If the same thing happens then, you can only look around and get a reliable pair of feeders for the next brood, if you want to get young off this hen.

Hen Panting (Imprimatur).—If the hen was in this condition before mating, it was quite useless wasting time with her. If she shows no signs of making further progress now, separate her from the cock for a fortnight and take away the nest. Feed her on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two leaves of dandelion or a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice daily for three days, and after this six drops of tincture of gentian and three of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If the hen is then in good condition you may try mating her again as soon as she appears to be ready. If she should seem to be getting nearer laying, however, and calls to the cock, do not separate them, but feed the pair on the above lines and omit the medicines in the water.

A Trio (Ajax).—(1) If the bird is perfectly healthy and has not suffered from exposure to draughts, I suspect the only reason it has not resumed its song is that it is waiting for the spring to get a little more pronounced. See it is not troubled with insect pests. Keep it in a bright and comfortable position, and in addition to its usual seed give a piece of bread about the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, drained, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed on top twice a week for a month. On two other days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Give two dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge every second day for a week. (2) The seeds are preferred, but the leaves are also more or less favoured. The creepy things about the whole plant are as good as all the other parts together and as much in favour by the birds. (3) No, it is not charlock. It looks like a bit of poultry corn, in which case the bulk of it is buckwheat with a few stray grains of tares, tick beans, and split peas. If it is really wild seeds, or waste from a machine, the bulk of it is seeds of the Black Bendweed—a real farmers' pest.

Bad Plumage (G. P. L.).—First see the bird is kept quite free from draughts and rapid extremes of heat and cold. Examine the cage carefully to see if there are any red mites and, if so, exterminate them. Keep in a comfortable and fairly equable, but not necessarily very warm, temperature. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give twice each week for a month half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days give an equivalent quantity of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and dusted with flowers of sulphur, chlorate of potash, and lastly with soft sugar. Give a spray of chickweed, watercress, or leaf of dandelion daily. Limit the diet to this for a month. See that the cage is kept strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and after that twenty drops of chemical food every alternate day for a fortnight.

Young Dying ("Yorks.").—I cannot name the cause unless the bird was a day or two younger than the rest of the clutch. It is not uncommon for the youngest bird of a clutch hatched day by day to hold its own sufficiently to thrive fairly up to about a week old, and then go under. The fact of its abdomen being dark coloured may mean nothing at all, as this would occur in a very short time after death in any case. By following the instructions you say you did to the letter, there can be no question of improper feeding. You did quite right to let the staple supply of canary seed remain during the nesting and rearing period. Instead of plain canary, however, it should be a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape at this time.

Canary Hens (R. G.).—Your diet is not sufficiently generous. In addition to the staple of canary and rape seed, give half a teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of a mixture of sesame and gold of pleasure mixed in it to each hen every second day, and on the alternating days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed. Every day give two leaves of crisp young dandelion or a spray of chickweed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for three days, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

To Tell the Sex (B. G. H.).—In the circumstances given your best plan is to hear the bird sing, and rely upon that as a test of sex. A hen may make some attempt at singing, but it is not often more than a twitter, more or less sustained, often rendered when sitting still, and there is but little perceptible movement of the throat. The voice of the cock is more clear, dominant, and powerful, and there is more modulation of the voice, the trills, rather than twitterings, being more sustained and unbroken. The throat also swells out and pulsates in a very marked manner whilst the bird is singing. All the other external signs are merely comparative. The cocks have a bolder and more pushful manner generally. You would find the differences illustrated in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free from our Manager.

Hen Dragging Out Young (W.T.H.).—This is sometimes due to the hen's claws being overgrown, so that the young get entangled with them whilst the hen is on the nest, and are accidentally dragged out when she comes off to feed. See that the claws are properly trimmed before she goes to nest again. They may also meet the same fate by the hen leaving the nest too hastily after sitting on the young for a time. Do not interfere with her any more than possible, and avoid driving her off the nest or causing her any unnecessary excitement. Just take a glance over the cage bottom every morning and once or twice during the day to see if any young have been dragged out, and, if so, return them to the nest if fairly lively; but if cold and inactive, warm them between your palms in front of the fire until some show of life returns before replacing them in the nest. If it is repeated time after time, your best plan is to get a more careful foster-mother to rear the young.

Chucking (Nemo).—I should say this bird is feeling the effect either of draughts or fluctuations of heat and cold. Try to remedy this and see that it is kept in a fairly equable place. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a little green food—chickweed or dandelion—daily. Continue this for a fortnight, after which, if the bird is better, go on to the usual diet frequently given here. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for two days. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together.

Warring Elements (W. E. E.).—The hen is late in coming into condition, and it was useless your trying to mate her until she showed more readiness. Now, however, you had best leave them alone and exercise patience, when things will probably come right in the end. As regards their diet, if you mean that you have altered the staple diet to the mixture of hemp, inga, etc., you name, you have done wrong. Give three parts canary and one part of summer rape as staple, and the mixture you name use in addition, giving a small teaspoonful only every second day to the pair. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of egg food, and give four dandelion leaves to the pair daily.

Rearing Young and Croaking (First Time).—(1) Yes, you can certainly rear young on either of the foods you mention. In the case of the first-named you may add half its bulk of crushed plain biscuits after the first week. Chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress is much preferable to dandelion when rearing young. (2) Am afraid you will get poor results from this cock. Remove him to a cage by himself and let the hen hatch and rear the young by herself. Feed him on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On two other days give a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Every day give a little chickweed or dandelion. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice daily for three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after.

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Backward Hens.

Hard Times.—It is odd that your hens should be backward in coming into breeding condition. Did they moult well; and have they wintered well? Important points, these. It is, however, much too early in the season to let "cries and lamentations" be heard; you have plenty of time yet. And the weather (wretched creature) has been far from kind. Put a piece of cuttlefish between the bars of the cages. Give a teaspoonful of egg food every day to each bird, also let the hens have a few small tender dandelion leaves, also seeding heads, every day. Also mix maw, hemp, and niger seeds in equal parts; put a teaspoonful in the cage each day. This treatment should soon put a different complexion on matters, especially if the south wind and the sun should by any chance come to stay amongst us. The chemical food is good; but I would feel inclined to try saccharated carbonate of iron, as recommended by Mr. Yates. It is a fine tonic, readily taken by the birds. Get a small supply from a chemist, and mix three grains (he will show you how much this represents) in each teaspoonful of egg-food.

Storing Dandelion Seed.

P.A.T.—You will find it necessary to gather a great number of seeding heads to obtain the 3 or 4 lbs. of dandelion seed you say you are desirous of storing. One can go out daily during the weeks the dandelion heads are "ahlow," and make sure of finding on every journey quantities fit for pulling. I do not know the method adopted by "professional" gatherers for getting the seed from the heads; but the method I myself adopt is a simple one, yet at the same time effective. Only really ripe heads are gathered—just as they form "clocks," and are ready to blow—and these are dropped into a capacious brown-paper bag. The latter is given a good shaking up, when the ripe seed drops to the bottom, and the "fluff," etc., can be taken out by the hand and deposited in the dustbin, or be burnt in the garden. The seed can then be placed in a fine sieve, and other waste particles be blown away off the top, after which it can be stored away. Tins can be used for the latter purpose, though sack or coarse linen bags are best—providing the room is dry—giving them an occasional shaking up. Thistle and other wild seeds can also be collected and stored by adopting a similar procedure. The seed must be spread out for a period (to dry) before being put away.

Early Linnet Mules.

Starter.—A rare good starter you seem to be, too. Pleased to know my method of feeding got your Linnet so quickly into vigorous breeding condition. Four Linnet mules well on the "sticks" is not bad for the middle of April. Yes; you can fairly safely count on the biggest youngsters turning out to be the cocks. This is not a certain guide to the sex, however. As the mother is a "big, good chested and headed yellow Norwich," the mules may quite likely grow into show-birds. The absolutely essential points of a good exhibition dark Linnet Mule are size, substance, and shape. All the noted champions are very big birds indeed, some of them looking almost twice as large as a really big Linnet. Even the jonque (yellow) Linnet Mules are of great size nowadays. So it is safe to say that without size (or length) and substance such a bird is of little use in decent competition. A good wide head and broad chest are necessary items. The next point is colour. This should be as near rich dark brown as possible, brightened by what one might term the Canary colour, though in a dark Mule there must be no actual light feathers anywhere, only a shading away to silvery whiteness near the vent (or under tail coverts). Light feathers anywhere debar a bird from competing as a dark Mule. The abóvo are the chief points, though marking (pencilling) must not be forgotten; this, however, is invariably good in mules bred from Norwich hens.

Suitable Wild Seeds.

Tollie.—No doubt there are scores of "wild seeds" (the seeds of weeds found in fields and lanes) which are eaten with avidity by Linnets (and other Finches, too). But it is not necessary to bother about every one of these (even if we could name them). Fanciers know of quite sufficient, I am sure, for all practical purposes, and I always recommend those which I know can be widely obtained—that is, by anyone who can get out into the country. Our old friend shepherd's purse is the most generally liked of all wild seeds by Linnets, and many other birds. Then we have plantain, wild mustard (charlock), chickweed, knot grass, groundsel tops, hardheads, the various thistles, dock, various grass seeds, etc. Here you have a fairly lengthy and complete list of easily obtainable and easily recognisable wild seeds, and not for Linnets alone, but for all British seed-eaters. Many of them are easily obtained in the residue from threshing machines. Or you can get them sent to your door—and very cheaply, too—as "wild seed mixture," by many advertisers who use the columns of Cage Birds. You are quite right in giving them a trial. The fancier who uses the above freely through the breeding season moult has a big pull over his brother fancier, who, perhaps, finds it too much of a "fag" to go out and get them. Read Cage Birds book on "Wild Plants" for illustrations and descriptions.

"Meating Off" Small Softbills.

Temporar.—The best way to "meat off" Nightingales, and other Softbills of about the same size, is by means of mealworms—the latter are widely obtainable, unlike certain other live-foods. I presume you know that usually it is necessary to put the bird's cage in a light spot, and cover the cage front with muslin, or white gauze, or similar material, while he gets used to captivity. Also see that the food and water are easily accessible—right under its nose, as it were. Personally, I commence with a supply of not over large mealworms in the food dish; then give a few biggish ones cut in two; then lightly sprinkle these cut mealworms with a good insectivorous food, prepared with a generous admixture of finely-minced hard-boiled (fresh) egg; then I press the cut mealworms well up amongst the food. These are the stages: at the end the bird has become used to taking up some of the insectivorous food (especially particles of the egg), and I then gradually wean him off the mealworms, giving them occasionally only. I hope this brief description will make the process clear to you. It is troublesome while it lasts (if one counts trouble in such matters), and takes a week to fourteen days, according to the disposition of the bird, before it can be termed "well on food." And they need hundreds of mealworms in that time. A few gentles are good, if obtainable and well scoured, while live ants' eggs are splendid. You can give a little of both in addition to the mealworms. The cover over the cage can be gradually raised, as the bird becomes used to its new surroundings. Live ants' eggs are, of course, the ideal thing for newly taken small Softbills; but it is not everyone who can obtain them readily.

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Choosing a Linnet.

Novice.—Sorry to hear you have had such ill-luck. It is a puzzle to me how anyone can be taken in by the artificially coloured breast of a Linnet. The colour is so palpably unnatural (at least, to my eyes); just a smear of "reddle" put on with a finger—very different in appearance to the red on the breast of a genuine cock bird. The price is another pretty safe guide. When cocks and hens are mixed (or the cages, rather) the lowest-priced birds can be put down as certain hens, though the difference may be only a copper or two. It is safe to say, in fact, that the great majority of "cock" Linnets offered for sale at temptingly low prices are not cocks at all, but hens. Buyers will bite at low prices; and they generally get bitten in the process. When you get to know a good Linnet, then you can safely look for "bargains." I have known a Palace winner purchased for fivepence; and I have seen scores of unmitigated hens sold for more. For singing purposes you want to go and look out a medium-sized bird, bold in demeanour (not dashing madly about the cage), with big, wide-open, fearless eyes, and tight in plumage—a bird that has "got the jump quickly," as old Linnet men say; that is, hops steadily backwards and forwards without getting on the wires. Such a bird is certain to turn out a singer (if a cock, of course). If he "does a turn" while you are weighing up his merits, then he is doubly certain to. Don't pick a loose-feathered, "lumpy" looking, "quiet" bird, however, thinking him "very steady"; he is most likely ailing.

Managing Mother.

Novice (Tynemouth).—You are wrong; the hen, when sitting, should not be given a liberal diet such as she will have when feeding the young. Still, I think it wrong to throw hens back on to an unvarying diet of canary seed; that is unnecessary, and, I think, even harmful. When incubating the eggs, put only plain canary seed in the hopper, but give on alternate days in the egg drawer a tiny half-teaspoonful of egg bread sprinkled with maw seed (one day) and a half-teaspoonful of mixed hemp and summer rape (the next day). When the young are due to hatch, I give the hen, to feed with, plenty of canary and summer rape seeds and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. I offer ripe seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's-purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked (just sprouting) rape. I don't use scalded rape; only that soaked in cold water, frequently changed. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg bread, made by well mixing an equal quantity of crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with a minced hard-boiled (twelve minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered. Any hen worth her salt will rear fine, lusty young on this menu.

Brevities.

A Goldfinch in Trouble (Bristol).—It is due to weakness, the bird being affected even by changes in the weather. Give a course of the strengthening medicine advised "W. T." this week, and feed the bird well.

The Culprits (G.W.B.).—The Great Tits were the culprits. It is dangerous to keep them with weaker birds. I have met with many cases where this species has slaughtered companions in an aviary. The only advice I can give you is to remove them.

A Woodlark (W.T.).—Get one ounce of syrup of hypophosphites B.P. from a good chemist, and stir four drops into a tablespoonful of drinking water; give this fresh twice daily, and continue for 10 or 12 days. Give other live foods, as obtainable, in addition to mealworms. If the bird is troubled with bird-lice (a frequent source of feather trouble) these must be got rid of.

Young Mules Dying (Florrie Cramp).—You should heed the way I advised a querist last week. It is possible your young birds may have eaten too much green-food, or imbibed too freely at the water-pot; sources of danger to birds just commencing to feed themselves. Make the water bitter at first with a drop or two of tincture of gentian; a good and safe tonic, if unpleasant to the taste. Put any afflicted young on to milk-sop at once.

A Trio (J.H.).—1. I know of no seed or seeds capable of giving any bird the "pip on the rump." 2. The properties of seeds is too long a matter to deal with here; a book can be written on the subject—in fact, has been written—and it is published by Cage Birds. You should certainly buy a copy; no fancier should be without it. 3. It is due to constipation. In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling. Give for one day, repeating only if it seems needed.

Two wagtails (Wagtail).—Wagtails can be very pugnacious towards others of their kith and kin, and probably two would get to fighting (unless a pair) in your small aviary. Apart from this it is possible to keep a Wagtail among a mixed lot of Finches. The latter will not interfere with him; except to sample his food, probably. The latter must be a good quality insectile mixture, prepared in the usual way, and supplemented with suitable live foods according to season (mealworms, small beetles and grubs, fresh ants' eggs, etc.).

Linnet Muling (Peter).—The explanation is that neither of your birds is quite ready for breeding. Your methods of feeding are not those which I recommend, though you must not take this to mean that I have no particularly good opinion of the foods you mention. It is full early yet for Mule breeding—the middle of May usually arrives before the majority of caged Finches become really in high breeding condition. Try the hen with a little nesting material. If she carries it about in her beak, and seems to be looking for somewhere to deposit it, put in a nest pan. But I think you must exercise patience a little longer. A spell of warm weather would "set going" many birds.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

In Poor Plumage.

R.G.—I should much like to hear exactly how this bird has been fed and treated. In the meantime anoint any bare places with Spratt's "Pennakura," and spray the bird every other day with quassia solution. Keep it where it will get all the fresh air possible without being exposed to draughts or cold air. Keep the bowels moving freely with several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one part magnesia, three parts water), with a couple of days between each dose. On the days you are not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts in variety; a piece of dry toast or stale household bread, slightly moistened, not saturated, in the chemical food water. Also supply cuttlefish and gritty sand. It is a good practice to crush some cuttlefish to the size of canary seed and mix same with the seed mixture.

Grey Parrot Indisposed.

J.W.—Give it one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with two days between each dose. Give it as follows: One part magnesia and three parts of water to be given instead of the drinking water on the respective days. If the voidings become at all watery the Dinneford's must be stopped for a time. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue same for a month. The bowels should be kept moving freely without being loose; a dose of the magnesia will soon relieve constipation. The diet should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts in variety. On no account be persuaded to give milk, tea or coffee sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Let it have all the fresh air possible without subjecting it to draughts or cold winds.

Black-checked Lovebirds, etc.

H.B.—Black-cheeks require a log nest or large husk. In some aviaries these have bred freely, in other, with equally good accommodation, they do nothing at all. It is not yet known at what age the young breed; judging by other species of Lovebirds—presumably when about twelve months old. They most probably are in full colour now, but it will be far better for you to repeat query on this point, and send me a description of your birds, noting carefully any differences in eye colouration. Canary, white millet, and also spray millet, of the latter they are very fond; oats are wholesome if they will take them, as also is any kind of ripe fruit. Fresh lettuce and grass in flower (seeding grass) are the best green foods. When writing again please give aviary conditions, etc., under which they are kept.

Another Feather-Puller.

Peckover.—There are several replies to other querists in this issue as to the treatment of feather pulling greys which will fully meet your case. Give your bird a course of Dinneford's Magnesia, Parrish's Chemical Food, and treat bare patches with Spratt's "Pennakura," as advised in said replies. You will find the following seed mixture very wholesome: Three parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part each hemp, oats, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts in variety. Cuttlefish should be kept in cage, also a regular supply of drinking water. A crust of stale household bread, or crust of dry toast, just moistened in the drinking water, are also permissable. The above will give you an ample range of diet. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

African Grey Unwell.

W.C.P.—Diet your bird as advised to "Peckover" in this issue. The seed mixture should be the staple diet. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia at intervals, so as to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voiding must not be allowed to become watery loose (dose: one part magnesia to three parts water). When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. With a camel-hair brush paint the legs with neat whisky daily, or oftener. You cannot well give the Parrish's Chemical Food too strong, either on bread or in the drinking water, so long as you are on the look out for constipation, which a dose of the magnesia will soon relieve. It is a pity you did not write at once. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. A few sips of very weak brandy and water (just chilled) occasionally may also help. Report progress in a week or two.

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Running at Nostrils

Miss C. M.—Keep the bird's bowels moving freer, with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts water), with two days between each dose; however, this must be stopped if the voidings become watery-loose. Well cleanse the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline (use a camel-hair brush, which must be well cleansed for each occasion). When not giving the magnesia put the following mixture, using the same proportion of water as with the magnesia: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; this can be given for a week or ten days, when you had better report progress. The eyes really need bathing with a rose-water and zinc eye lotion (from a chemist) so long as the running continues, once or twice daily, though I do not quite see how you are to accomplish this. If there is a vet. near you, you certainly might do worse than leave the bird in his hands for a time. On the other hand, if you carry out above treatment, or get it done, it should give relief. Anoint any bare patches with Spratt's Pennakura.

Breeding Zebra Finches.

Briton.—Yes, they should do well in the position you name; as also should Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Bengalese, Spice Birds, Waxbills, and Avadavats—but do not overcrowd. As the floor space is so small, I should advise you not to exceed three pairs, only two pairs would be better; but whatever number you keep there should always be double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds. Let them have all the sunlight and fresh air possible, so that they are not subjected to draughts. The average period of incubation is fifteen days, but it is rather difficult to tell when incubation is actually commenced. Some Cuttroats are quarrelsome, but I have kept these species together without difficulty; in the breeding season there is always more or less bickering going on, and this is more pronounced where the number of nesting receptacles is limited. Given ample choice in this direction I have not found them to materially interfere with each other's nesting arrangements.

A Sick Mynah.

W. L.—Your diet is very liberal, and yet your bird appears to be suffering from some wasting disease, so far as I can gather from your remarks. The trouble is probably of long standing, though it only manifested itself three weeks ago. Make your milk sop of equal parts of crumbled stale bread or biscuit, and Mellin's food, add the requisite quantity of milk, boil the whole together. In addition to your present diet, give the bird as much ripe fruit (in variety) as it will eat; also a liberal supply of live insects. I should give it two doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts water) with three days between each dose, providing bird is not scoured or has the appearance of being so; two other doses of the magnesia might be given with advantage, but you must be guided by the symptoms. The chemical food is a good tonic, and might with advantage be continued either in the drinking water, or spotted over the soft food mixture. I hope this will arrive in time to save the bird, but it is in a very critical state, and it is a pity you did not write us a fortnight ago.

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Paraquay Magpies.

Qong Song.—I cannot, of course, attempt to name your birds without a description; such names as the above practically convey nothing to aid one in defining the species. (1) Your dietary is about correct, but now the spring is fairly with us I should vary the supply of live food as much as possible; cockroaches, beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, and almost any garden pests may be given that you can capture. (2 and 3) From the details you supply I should say there is no reason why they should not breed by every probability. Fix up a faggot of sticks in each corner of the aviary, and a small platform behind each, fairly high up; the lid of a small fruit hamper answers the purpose very well; as nesting material supply short birch twigs and coarse bents, apart from this leave them to take their own course, and if they do build do not be curious or interfere with the nest in any way. Hope you will have luck with them. Shall be interested in hearing result.

Aviary Questions.

E.F.M. (Sutton).—In aviaries B and C you can keep nothing smaller than Virginian Nightingales. Such as Pekin Robin would escape through one-inch mesh netting with ease; it is a mistake to cover aviaries with so large a mesh, as not only does it restrict choice to birds of a given size, but Sparrows gain access without difficulty and add considerably to the food bill. Himalayan Thrushes are hardy, and would do well in aviary C, as also would pairs of Harlequin Quails, Diamond Doves, Green Cardinals, Black-headed Sibias, Shamas, and red-vented Bulbuls. Of course, if you put ½-inch mesh netting over the large mesh (which is what I should do myself, as even if large birds are kept, a head is often pushed through the netting to ultimately fall a prey to some cat). You could keep in addition to the above-named birds, Weavers, and Whydahs in variety. Saffron and other robust or pugnacious Finches, etc. Re aviary B, you can confine Budgerigars and Lovebirds under larger mesh netting than ½-inch. In the aviary as it is, you could keep Roscila, Redrumps, Stanley, Banded and Ring-necked Parrakeets and Cockatiels, but not Budgerigars and Lovebirds, unless you cover the 1-inch mesh netting with ½-inch. All the above will be noisier than Cockatiels, but not unduly so, save when badly scared by cats, etc. I cannot advise you to put Roseate or other Cockatoos with Parrakeets, and you will get far better results with not more than four pairs in the aviary than if you increased the number. It is no use planting living trees or bushes in the Parrakeet aviary. You should have good breeding successes in all the aviaries, providing you do not overcrowd. If I have not covered your need, please put definite queries on any doubtful points, and I shall have pleasure in answering same.

Parrot with Overgrown Beak.

A. W. Anderson.—The beak should not have been allowed to reach this abnormal length; it should have been clipped periodically. Unless you have had some experience in trimming back, I should advise you to let a vet. operate for you, or at least some experienced fancier. A vein runs down the upper mandible, and you must not cut back into this. With a bird having this tendency I should keep a chunk of hard wood (preferably with bark on), also cuttlefish and a lump of old mortar rubbish in its cage; it should then be able to keep its beak down to normal dimensions. A pair of good nail nippers should form a good instrument; but, I repeat, you far better get some experienced person do it for you.

Feather Pulling.

Simms.—The treatment prescribed in our previous reply will apply equally in the present instance. Give Dinneford's Magnesia every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; also recommence the Parrish's Chemical Food. Anoint all bare places with Spratt's "Pennakura," and keep the bird occupied as much as possible by supplying short lengths of tree branches and cotton reels for it to cut up and play with, also by talking to it, fussing about with it, and keeping it in your midst as much as possible. It will also help, if you could let it out of the cage at convenient intervals for exercise, but you must keep it under observation or it will leave its mark on furniture, etc. I trust the rolapse will prove but temporary.

Bird with Swollen Feet.

Miss L. W.—I do not really like to attempt to advise after a vet. has seen the bird, and his treatment has so far given satisfactory results. He [illegible] of the case having seen the bird, than it is possible for me to grasp from a letter. We do not like to see our pets suffer, or even in slight pain, but these troubles, once they occur, take some little time to eradicate, and his remedies are certainly quite in order for the trouble you describe. The cage should be frequently changed and fresh sand put in at least daily, so as to get rid of all germs—the cage tray should be scalded once or twice a week. Both the remedies you name would be quite in order for sore feet, but it will be far better for you to tell the vet. just what you have told me, and leave him to advise a change or continue the regular treatment. While the trouble lasts, it would certainly help if you put one-third of a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia with its soft food mixture; or, if it will not take the latter, let its drinking water consist of one part magnesia to three parts water. It should certainly do no harm to well soak the foot in comfortably hot water before dressing with the permanganate of potash.

Brevities.

A Sick Grey Parrot (Shipton).—Give the bird several doses of magnesia (see other replies in this issue) every other day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, and put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food—for directions see other Grey Parrot replies in this issue. Confine its dietary to seed mixture (the mixture advised to another G.P. querist in this issue would be better than the one you are using), ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts in variety. If there is any growth on the brain, I fear you can do nothing for it, save let matters take their course. You had better report progress in a fortnight's time, when I shall hope to hear of an improvement.

Grey Parrot Out of Condition (J.H.B.).—I do not think there is much the matter. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts of water) with a two days' interval between each dose. The bowels should move freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. You must judge by the bird's condition when to stop the magnesia; when you do so, put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. Choosing warm, sunny days, give it two or three sprayings with quassia solution. Note: The steeped corn only keeps fresh one day. Your diet is satisfactory, but you could give a few nuts occasionally as a change. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage. I advise the following seed mixture in preference to the one you are using; two parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part each hemp, oats, dari, and sunflower seeds—well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. You had better report progress a fortnight hence with full details.

The Sprosser and its Merits (J. P.).—It must be treated much as you would a Nightingale—soft food (some good mixture, consult advert. columns), live insects, and ripe fruit. I have a friend who has kept many Sprossers, and he considers them superior songsters to the Nightingale; with this, so far as my experience goes, my opinion coincides. Very few of these birds sing all the year round, but the Sprosser sings for the greater part of the year. I should purchase as opportunity presented itself, though the period you name is perhaps the better, though not essential. The individual you name is reliable, and as likely as any of the dealers to procure you what you want. The courses open to you are, to either advertise or watch advert. columns. They should have a roomy cage, nothing smaller than you would give to an English Blackbird or Thrush. You should meet with good success under the conditions you name, if you procure an established bird. Note.—No bird can survive draughts for long.

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Knaresboro.—Replied by post.

D. A.—Ptomaine poisoning brought about the death of the bird you submitted to me for examination, and I should say there is no doubt it was responsible for the death of the other cock bird. This is brought about by changes taking place in the food given, resulting in the formation of poisons known as toxins, which are harmful to the bird's system and bring about rapid death. See that feeding and drinking utensils are thoroughly clean; thoroughly examine your seed, see that it is perfectly clean and sweet, if not (or if only a small quantity), this will be best destroyed. Give a mild aperient to your remaining birds, such as a little sulphate of soda dissolved in drinking, daily for a few days, to eliminate such toxins, if present, from their systems.

Curios.—So I am quite correct when I suggested previous deaths amongst your birds, and probable future deaths. Why will so many of my correspondents try to keep me in the dark in regard to the history of cases, more particularly in suspected infectious cases? As I told you, death resulted from septic fever. Of course, I realise that to know we have this disease upon our premises is not very pleasant, or even to suspect its presence. Your experiment is one I have seen carried out many times, but unwittingly much to the owner's discomfiture and loss. You can destroy every bird in your establishment with this same infected cage if you choose to use it. The experimental bird, the Greenfinch, was badly affected with septic fever, the spleen and intestines showing well marked nodules, whilst the liver was not affected to such an extent. Do not spoil the ship for halfpennyworth of tar; go in for a thorough regime of disinfection; look upon your place as an infected area. Maybe the cages you purchased were the contaminating articles; nevertheless, as you have had these on your premises for some time, it would be quite possible for the disease to have spread. Septic fever is probably a contagious rather than an infectious disease, so that the fact of you or your attendants handling these cages, the diseased birds, or even attending on them, is quite sufficient to disseminate the disease; in fact, it is remarkable the rapidity with which it can spread throughout our aviaries, particularly indoor aviaries. Destroy these two cages; on no account sell them—they are highly dangerous. As a disinfectant the solution of corrosive sublimate you have been using is the most effectual germicide at command, but there is a little risk in its employment of poisoning the birds. Let me know some time if you determine to keep the cages, whether the coatings of paint and enamel are effective in destroying the germ. You must not conclude that because in your occupation you are brought into infectious areas, and that you suffer no harmful results, that your birds should escape contamination when exposed to contagious elements. Contagious and infectious diseases vary very much in their virulency (degree of harmfulness), some of which we can withstand more readily than others, and some of us are more susceptible subjects than others. Septic fever does not arise spontaneously, nor is it dependent upon atmospherical causes, indiscreet dieting, etc. It is a microbio disease, the microbe of which has not yet been discovered. It may be indiscoverable, like many other microbes of other contagious disease—they are so minute that even the most powerful microscope will not show them. This may be true also of septic fever, for I have submitted specimens to the best known bacteriologists of the day without any convincing results following. Your Greenfinch is at present being prepared for an exhaustive examination in this way. Your accommodation, I should say, is most ideal, and you are quite right in your reference to sunlight—it is a disinfectant of the first degree. Septic fever commences with the introduction of the microbe, and you cannot perceive its commencement, nor even do many birds manifest outward symptoms until approaching death; they may go on for months apparently well, and yet be all the time infecting others. Now, if you could only see inside them you would know what to do. Your next experiment should be with the X rays; examine all your birds periodically, destroy those showing disease. Here is a chance for you. Do not think that you or anyone else can prevent the disease or cure it by means of physic; the necessary means for this has yet to be discovered, and, personally, I think this will never be. There is only one treatment, and that is preventive, and it remains in the hands more particularly of you breeders, viz., to treat outbreaks as infectious areas, destroy or disinfect articles capable of carrying contagion, and *morally* when we knowingly have the disease on our premises to refrain from selling birds and distributing the disease wholesale. I am much obliged to you for furnishing me with the bird and its history; let me know result of anything further that may occur.

H. B. White, Jun.—The yellow hen Budgerigar you forwarded mo died of pneumonia, involving both lungs. Death in these cases are generally rapid, so that I can quite understand its apparently healthy appearance the previous day. Probably the change of surroundings, coupled with the recent few cold days we have experienced, are the cause. Otherwise, the bird was well nourished and in good form. I have not the slightest doubt but that at the time of purchase it was perfectly free from any disease, but that this occurred subsequently, due, as I say, to atmospheric causes.

Cactus.—Thanks for your kind remarks re my articles in CAGE BIRDS. Although your birds are dying from errors in feeding, yet it is in no way due to ptomaines forming in the food, as you had thought, for as long as egg food is freshly prepared and feeding utensils kept clean, there is no likelihood of such occurriug. The mistake you have made is feeding too freely on this diet; it is too heating when given so frequently. At any other time than the breeding season it would not have this bad effect on your hens. The ovaries (a part of the reproductive organs) at this season, and when hens are laying, are in great activity. There is a larger supply of blood to these organs to enable them to carry out their functions. The food being overstimulating tends to inflame these organs, and set up disease, which has been accountable for the loss of your hens, particularly as you are in addition supplying them with artificial heat in your room. Were your birds kept under colder conditions, this diet would not have such a harmful effect. There is not much need for medicine in this case, but I think that a little sulphate of magnesia given in the drinking water daily for three or four days will do good; just sufficient to act as a mild aperient. Feed on a little egg food only twice daily, when I feel sure you will experience no more losses. Just received the seed. Yes, it is certainly musty, but is not accountable for the loss of the hens, or it would affect the cocks as well. Destroy it—it is not fit for feeding purposes.

R. W. S. Tebb.—The cinnamon hen Canary died of congestion of the lungs, both being engorged with blood of a very dark colour. Extending her neck forward as you describe was a movement to facilitate inlet of air into the lungs, The discharge from the mouth is a common occurrence in these cases, and, in fact, all the symptoms you describe point to death by asphyxia following this congested condition of the lungs. Lateral movements of the beak producing the clicking noise similar to that made by clicking the finger nails together, is almost a constant symptom in birds of pain or great distress. Congestion of the lungs may arise from many causes. Exposure to cold, draughts, adverse exposure to too warm surroundings, or enforced inactivity such as would occur whilst sitting, in susceptible subjects where the heart is weak and incapable of freely distributing the blood through the lungs. I am pleased to hear you managed to save the eggs all right, although they had become quite cold. It is a tribute to your careful attention.

E. Liman.—I am inclined to think that the trouble is in the nest, for the chick died of disease—not accidentally as in the other case. Its little body, on being opened, was filled with a dark coloured fluid, deeply tinged with blood. This occurs in septic diseases arising from infection. You had better destroy this nest and give them another one. You are quite right, the little apertures you note just behind the eyes are the aural openings. In adults these openings are placed much further back. They are not provided with appendages as in humans. This pair of birds are not very profitable, I am afraid. Are they quite young birds? If so, don't you think you paired them up rather too early in the season? Your mode of feeding is quite satisfactory, the substitution of the biscuit being a good plan if the bread was not to be relied upon. You cannot blame the parents for your losses; there is no way in which they would transmit disease to their young; at least, my examination does not point to this being the case. I trust you may have better luck in your next attempt.

Bowes Park.—Replied by post.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Advertisement (Hines).—There are twenty words; the charge will, therefore, be eightpence.

An Address (J. Kitson).—We do not know the address of the maker of this food; it is a Continental one, we think.

Medicines for Cage Birds (T. C. C.).—We expect one of the slips was a printer's error. The other point we are submitting to Mr. Yates. Thanks for drawing attention to the matter.

Protrusion of "Egg-Bag" (Old Killie).—The only way to deal with this "accident" is to dress the parts with olive oil (or vaseline) and gently replace them, a blunt bone knitting needle being a useful implement to employ. The hen should have a prolonged rest from breeding if the operation is successful.

Wake up, Fanciers! (John Farrall).—On two of the three points you mention you are under a misapprehension, viz.: (1) the birds in question were *not* caught in the close season, and (2) they were *not* caught in a protected district. This being so, we think you will agree that there can be nothing gained by publishing your letter.

Correspondence.

Will a Black Linnet Breed Mules?

SIR,—Could any of your readers solve me this question? I have a Linnet three years old, and it bred mules for me last year, but it has had a "black moult" this year. It is fresh and in breeding condition. The hen Canary is in condition, and is calling to the Linnet. I want to know if the black moult will stop him from breeding, and what is the cause of a bird moulting out black?

G. H. LUCAS.

Lost, Stolen, or Strayed.

SIR,—Is the Caterham Fanciers' Association missing? It was last seen alive at the annual show in October last. Since then it has apparently been dormant, or is defunct. No general meeting, no balance sheet for above-mentioned show, no date fixed for the next, no pair show, no nothing. Anyone giving information as to its whereabouts and condition, or an opportunity to friends to attend at the funeral (surely it more than merits a decent burial?), will be rewarded with the gratitude of

EAGER REVIVALIST.

The Proposed Open Show for Glasgow.

SIR,—A meeting of delegates representing the Glasgow and West of Scotland, Glasgow and Western Counties, Glasgow West End, West of Scotland, City of Glasgow B.C., Partick, and Queens Park and Dis. C.B.F., was held on April 19th, in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow, to consider the best means of forming an amalgamated Association of Glasgow clubs to run an open show. Mr. R. B. Gibb (Glasgow West End) was elected to the chair. After a general discussion, it was eventually decided by 13 votes against 2, on the motion by Mr. A. Muir, that such an association be formed, annual subscription to be 2s. 6d. each person, which shall entitle all members to the privileges of the association. A discussion then took place re most suitable date for holding show, Mr. D. Graham moving that we fix Tuesday and Wednesday, January 3rd and 4th, 1911. An amendment to this was moved by Mr. Hunter that we fix the same date as the late Glasgow and West Show. The Chairman putting this to the meeting, the motion was carried by 10 votes against 4. A difference of opinion arising over the most suitable hall for show, it was moved by Mr. Graham that we engage the Drill Hall, Stirling Road. This brought forth an amendment by Mr. F. Taylor that we elect a small committee to look for a more suitable hall, the motion being carried by 6 votes against 5. An election of office bearers pro tem. then took place, and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected: President, Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Glasgow and West of Scotland); vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow and Western Counties); R. Jeffrey (Queens Park and Dis.); C. Hunter (West of Scotland); and R. B. Gibb (Glasgow West End). Secretary, Mr. F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross. The secretary was instructed to write all Glasgow societies for their support by subscribing towards a trophy to be competed for annually at open show amongst those clubs willing to subscribe to such a trophy. By this means a spirit of friendly competition could be entered into, which would certainly be a great benefit to the fanciers of Glasgow. A rider was added to the effect that any club other than the original subscribers desiring to compete for trophy at future shows, shall be eligible to do so by paying into the association funds the amount originally fixed by the clubs competing for same. The club whose members gain the highest number of points at open show are to be declared the winner. The trophy is to be held by that club for twelve month only. As this concluded the business, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, terminated the meeting. After the delegates have placed the above before their respective societies, a general meeting of the Fancy will be held (on May 17th, at 8 p.m., place of meeting to be advertised in Fancy Press), and it is hoped a large number of fanciers will endeavour to be present. Business: General review and acceptance or otherwise of delegates' proposals; final election of office bearers; rules; classification, etc.

FRED BOWMAN, Sec. pro tem.

Goldfinches at Menai Bridge Show.

SIR,—Is it fair that the exhibitors should suffer owing to a judge's great blunder? I say no. Why, if a judge is engaged to officiate at a show where there is a small number of good quality birds, you depend on him to do right and fair, and to think about what he is doing, knowing he is to get paid for his work. I think it would be only right for a judge making a blunder to pay the cost of his blunder to the show officials out of his fees. I was an exhibitor at the late Menai Bridge (Easter Monday) Show in the Goldfinch classes; there were two classes for British Goldfinches—one for Blackleg Goldies and the other for house-moulted Goldies. In the house-moulted class was a Blackleg bird, but the judge did not take much notice of that fact, and instead of giving this bird a card marked "wrong class," Mr. Judge gave it a second prize card. And it was the worst bird in the class, if not in the show, a bird which would not be valued at more than a couple of shillings. Is it fair for other exhibitors like myself to be losers of their prize-money owing to the judge's mistake? I think judges like this one should stay at home to judge their own birds in their own bird-room. If Mr. Judge would like to give a reply, let him give same through your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

BOB E. GRIFFITH.

The Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club.

SIR,—Would you allow me a few lines concerning British Birds and Mules at Bradford? About three years ago, if I remember right, a meeting was convened at the Market Tavern, Bradford, for the furtherance of British Birds and Mules at our Yorkshire Union shows. I was called to that meeting, and I remember a good many thought we should benefit by them, if we formed a club, to be named the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club; its name was afterwards altered to the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, so that we thought we should get a fair amount of support at the Union shows from the societies that were strong in British in Yorkshire. Now I am sorry to have seen the state of things that has existed at Bradford this last seasan as regards the club at home. I am sure they are a great attraction to any show. I think the novices have not had a fair chance. I think that if they would give them a fair trial, with a fair classification, we should get some good shows. I may say I have done my best, and I expected others to do the same. I have only missed showing at one club show since its formation. There have been one or two who have shown but nothing like what ought to have been, while there has been practically about two of us this last season. The nearest patronage we had to Bradford this last season was Halifax, which I think was a good show, and was worth going a long way to see. The general meeting will be held on April 30th, and I hope we shall have a good gathering from far and near. I hope this will meet the eyes of all concerned, and I also hope they will be as much in earnest as they were at the beginning, and if there is anything that anyone can do for the benefit of the club I shall be pleased to hear it. I think, seeing that we know British and Mules are strong outside Bradford, we ought to try and make them strong in Bradford. I don't think we ought to go to the Zoo, either. We ought to interest ourselves a little more at home, especially seeing the valuable prizes the amateurs have got from your interesting journal CAGE BIRDS. I am sure it ought to be a great encouragement to them.

T. H. INMAN.

Four Eggs in Three Days.

SIR,—I have a clear Norwich buff hen that has twice laid 2 eggs in one day. The first time she was egg-bound, and the next day she laid 2 eggs. Now again this week she has been egg-bound 2 days and laid 2 eggs in one day, the 21st, and another on the 22nd. Now, if she had laid one egg the first day and two the second day I would have thought it out of the common, and I think the hens of "Two's Company" and E. J. Coombs have been the same way held as my own, only they may not have shown it so much. I wish your paper CAGE BIRDS every success and every fancier a good season. C. ELLISON.

A Roller Club for the Hartlepools.

SIR,—At the last ordinary meeting of the Hartlepools C.B.S. considerable progress was made towards adding a Roller section to the already existing society. It is to be regretted that several who desired could not be present through entirely unavoidable circumstances, but these sent their good wishes for the furtherance of the project. The Secretary pointed out the advantages to be derived through amalgamation, and the Roller representatives present acquiesced, acknowledging that with the present headquarters every facility could be obtained for club contests, etc., and the expense shared amongst all fanciers. If "Roller Novice," who initiated the movement, can see his way to come to the next meeting on May 4th and bring others interested with him, I am sure they will all meet with a hearty welcome both from old and new members.

E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

A Singing Hen Canary: Will She Breed?

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "Singing Hen," I may state that I have a clear yellow Border hen which sings as loud as any cock birds I have. I have also had other fanciers to hear it (caged by itself) singing, but they all left with the same idea—I was wrong about the sex. But not so; I paired it up and I had eleven young birds from her last season, and I have already four from her this season. I may say, too, that she is one of the best feeders I have. I hope this reply will put all doubts on one side as to a singing hen being of no use for breeding. I hope your querist will have the same good luck with his as I have had with mine.

J. W. BERGEMAN.

SIR,—I notice your correspondent "Singing Hen" is anxious to know if singing hens will breed. My experience is that such hens are just as likely to breed as those which do not sing; in fact, one of the very best breeders I ever possessed sang as lustily as the cocks, and brought up three good nests in one season. My advice, then, to "Singing Hen" is, by all means try the songster, and I do not think you will be disappointed.

J. C. WILMOT.

SIR,—A perplexed breeder, signing himself "Singing Hen," enquires what to do, or whether to dispense with his singing hen. If she is a fairly decent hen it would not take me a second to decide on her breeding and laying qualities. What I should do in the first instance would be to mind and have 5 or 6 more hens commencing at the same time. I would put the cock to this "singing hen," having both in the best of condition, and as she laid up to 4 or 5 eggs put them under my other hens, say one each distributed with carefulness. I would leave my singing hen with 5 dummy eggs to perform with, exactly as she cared to proceed. I should leave her to herself till it was time to be getting her on again. See that she has a nest pad. Whether this is a suitable plan or not, it is the way I dealt with a rather curious hen last season, almost every egg being a success with its stepmother. Perhaps some other breeder will give "Singing Hen" better instructions to follow. I wish him the best of success.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

SIR,—In reply to "Singing Hen," I can assure him that singing hens will most certainly breed, and prove good mothers. All bunkum it is—not breeding. He must be a novice in the Fancy, else he should know that it ought to have been paired up. Does it not stand to reason, if it were otherwise, that if a cock does not sing, it will not breed? It is the same with a hen, although all hens are not alike. I may say that I have a hen at present that is 12 years old (a singing hen), and she has bred every year up to last year. At present she has asthma, etc., but I do not like to end her life. She has proved a champion breeder and mother. When I bought her (when she was two years old) she was singing lustily, like a cock, and the fancier sold her for a very small price—a sadder mistake he never made; the said hen proved a grand one. There has not been a nest but it contained a winner. I sold one bird for £4 10s. to a big exhibitor, and this was claimed at the Crystal Palace for a goodly sum. I have myself won a tidy few prizes with the youngsters—not 4ths, but 1sts and specials. I have at present a fine Yellow cock bird off her, which I would not sell at any price. Don't, "Singing Hen," discard yours; just look to the cocks and see if they are in full loud song, and mad to nest; then pair her up to one and give plenty of watercress with egg food. See that the nest is lined with felt. Stop egg food on the third day, and don't give any till the eggs are due to hatch. In fact, it does not matter if you miss a day, as not many hens feed their young with egg food as soon as they are hatched. I myself have had as many as ten in a nest, and I should know something after 20 years of breeding. If "Singing Hen" will follow the above instructions, does not touch the eggs as laid, and leaves the cock with the hen, he will be amply repaid for the trouble. I for one would not part with the singing hen if of good type, etc. "Singing Hen" should not listen to hearsay, but have another try, and if the cock is right your correspondent can expect fertile eggs. But pack the watercress into them. I shall be highly pleased if "Singing Hen" will let readers know if the experiment answers. GEO. WILSON.

Suggested Society and Show, for Pentre and District

SIR,—It has been suggested by several well-known cage birds fanciers in the district that a society be formed to promote the Fancy. All persons desirous of becoming members, will they kindly attend a meeting to be held at the Queens Hotel, Pentre, on Saturday, May 7th, 1910, at eight o'clock p.m.? Trusting that all interested fanciers will make a special effort to attend, and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

INTERESTED FANCIER.

Specials at Glencraig Show.

SIR,—As a letter appeared in CAGE BIRDS some time ago asking those who had won specials at the late Glencraig Show to communicate with the secretary, I wrote stating I had won one which I had not yet received. I got a letter back stating that the special (along with some others) had been paid over to a late official, who had kept them for his own use, but that a committee meeting was to be held the following Saturday to see what steps were to be taken to recover the specials. As I have not received any further word, I would like to know what steps the committee purpose taking; also if there are any more exhibitors who have been treated the same way?

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A New Cage Bird Society for Oxford and District.

SIR,—In last week's issue of your valuable paper I read with great interest the letter respecting the new cage bird society for Oxford and district, Oxfordshire being the home of my youth. I have no doubt the mentioned society will meet with great success, which I heartily hope it will. I believe the interest is there, and only needs this society to awaken the Fancy. Am delighted to see these new societies springing up; I consider it should increase the circulation of this most valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, and help the Fancy generally.

W. H. WATSON.

How to Determine the Sex of Linnets.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS, issue April 2nd, a fancier explaining how to tell cock Linnets from hens. Well, I found that he only mentioned the red-breasted Linnet. No doubt any fancier knows that a Linnet with a red breast is a certain cock; but what about the grey-breasted Linnet, as there are as many caught as the red-breasted ones? Will any kind fancier give the correct way of sexing grey-breasted and Green Linnets, as there is a lot of difference between the sexes. I have been told that the grey-breasted ones are the younger birds. I have several now that are all in full song, field-moulted. No doubt other fanciers would like to know the above points in regard to sexing Linnets. I wish CAGE BIRDS, our best weekly paper, the best of success. "FANCIER."

The Affairs of the Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—A special meeting was held at Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast, on April 21st. There was a good muster of members. Mr. J. Cummings occupied the chair. It will be interesting to Irish fanciers to know that the Plainhead Club is likely to go on and prosper. Some time ago a committee meeting was held, and at that meeting it was thought best to dissolve the club and hand over the two silver cups to the Ulster O.A., to be competed for annually by Plainhead birds. However, the outcome of this meeting was entirely against this action, and after the situation was discussed at considerable length, it was unanimously decided to carry on the club, and several members expressed their opinion that a bright future was before it. It was decided not to hold a show under the auspices of the club for some time. And the cups are to be competed for at shows where the club's patronage is given by unflighted birds bred by the competing exhibitors. A general meeting will be held in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast, on May 5th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers, revising rules, and whatever other business may come before the meeting. A very hearty invitation is extended to all those who were members in 1909 to attend.

JAMES STEWART, Hon. Sec.
57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.

Scandal at Skelmanthorpe.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. Kaye does not apologise for his cowardly insinuation made in regard to my injury, I shall henceforth ignore him as a man of no principle, as I have been advised to let this matter rest. I thank you for publishing my letters, and wish your paper every success. LUTHER DYSON.

SIR,—Many fanciers have followed the correspondence, "Scandal at Skelmanthorpe," but the letter last week signed by John H. Jowett has fairly staggered them. This gentleman is afraid the readers will think him a "novice"; he may not be a novice so far as being a lover of the Canary is concerned, but as concerns show management and the general purposes for which novice classes were formed he must be entirely oblivions. Surely he cannot mean that the Yorkshire Union should be so green as to make novice classes, provide guinea gold medals, and thus help the novice members, and then let some of them borrow birds right and left to win these medals? What about the honest novices, who struggle to breed a good bird or two; are they to be pushed out by those whose sense of right and wrong is so void that they will stoop to such a thing? No! The novice classes must be kept pure, as far as ever possible. Perhaps Mr. John H. J. has some other matter rankling in his mind, something that won't let his better judgment prevail. Have the Y.U. put the "screw" in sometime or other, and does it hurt yet? STRAIGHT 'UN.

SIR,—We think Mr. Kaye might have cause to be exceedingly grateful to the Editor for his kindness in preventing further correspondence on this lofty theme, and requesting (if any) a brief and final reply. Mr. Kaye appears to us to have become a law in himself, having set up his own standard of right and wrong, and thereby judging all things. This is why matters seem to him so enveloped in mystery. Although he has admitted having lent and borrowed birds for exhibition, he still maintains in his argument that he has always been consistent. He tries to make out that I am working contrary to the rules and regulations. No; it is just the reverse. Mr. Kaye also says he has not had every opportunity of proving guilty the gentlemen he accused. Had Mr. Kaye still continued on these lines, he would ultimately have proved himself to us either void of understanding or extraordinarily simple. We look upon the character of these charges as being too serious for "poking fun." As a pugilist, Mr. Kaye is credited with being a true type of the "British Bulldog," and we cannot believe he would accept insult from anyone after the manner he mentions, for he has already given the little red-haired man a sound, good shaking for daring to defend his case. He has also tried to intimidate one of our members to become his witness, and endeavoured to bribe another by promises he was then told he could not possibly fulfil. After having created all this commotion, we wonder to what Mr. Kaye attributes the flourishing condition of our society? In membership, after making necessary deductions, we have an increase on any previous year since its formation, and now that sarcasm has gone out of our midst, as an inevitable result, peace and unity prevail. In conclusion, had Mr. Kaye's plea from the beginning been for mercy instead of the condemnation of those whom we believe to be innocent so far as his charges are concerned, and not have involved the complete annihilation of all that our cage bird association mean to us, he would have had our sincerest sympathy and support. S. MORLEY,
Sec. Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

A Word to Sellers and Buyers of Canaries.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter from Mr. D. Dent on the unfair way in which sellers of Canaries serve novices in sending them different birds than those they apply for. I am sorry for the novice whom he refers to, being a novice myself and having been caught in the same trap. I sent to a dealer for a hen Greenfinch and sent the cash for the bird. I sent a travelling cage and offered to pay carriage. But I neither had the bird nor the money returned, so I think I was worse than the novice referred to. I hope all dealers will read his letter and serve the novice as they would a gentleman, as I dare say there are novices like myself who have to work for their money to send for the birds.

W. H. MORRIS.

SIR,—I would like to give my opinion on this subject as an old breeder and fancier of fifty years' standing. Some of us know there are a good many who advertise in CAGE BIRDS who in every case want cash sent, and will not accept the deposit system, after you have written two or three letters to them, thus spending both time and money. If you send them cash you never get it back (as stated in their advertisements); you have to take whatever they have a mind to send you. All letters afterwards sent to them are treated with contempt. What I would like to suggest is that every buyer insists upon the deposit system (this is a great safeguard to the novice), and does not deal with anyone who refuses a deposit, unless he has had dealings with him before. I think this would soon stop the swindler's game, and anyone refusing to comply, their letters should be sent to the Editor for his consideration as to whether he will insert their advertisements in future. We have an ideal paper in CAGE BIRDS. Let us all combine and help the novice in every way we can. I have three novices who are just starting; I have set them up on a small scale, and they are always longing for CAGE BIRDS. J. M. (Sunderland).

A New Cage Bird Society for Mid-Rhondda.

SIR,—At a meeting held on April 20th, it was decided to form a cage bird society, to be known as the Mid-Rhondda and District Cage Bird Society. Officers elected were: President, the Rev. James, vicar of Llwynpia; vice-president, Dr. Weichart; treasurer, Mr. Kingsly, Tonypandy; secretary, G. Yeo, 1, Upton Terrace, Penygraig; chairman of committee, Mr. Legg, Porth; committee, Dr. Gordon, Messrs. Jelley, Hughes, George, Williams, and Hoore. The annual subscription, 3s. 6d. or 1s. per quarter. Twenty-one names were given in for membership—not a bad start. Our next meeting will be held at the Gwalia Restaurant at 7 p.m., on May 7th. Now, let me ask all fanciers that are interested in the Fancy to attend this meeting. There is a grand opening here for a good society, and if every fancier will rally round and attend the next meeting, we shall have a good time.

G. YEO, Sec.

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be? Some Opinions from Our Readers.

SIR,—According to a circular letter sent out by Mr. Raynes, the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union, at their last meeting, passed a resolution calling upon district secretaries to call a meeting of their delegates and "forward recommendations to the Executive Council, these to be accompanied by suggestions for the Secretary of the Union, *including a resolution of confidence.*" I see by the reports in your last issue that districts Nos. 3 and 4 have had their meetings and duly obeyed their instructions by passing a vote of confidence in the Executive Council of the C.B.U. What value can be placed upon such resolutions?

AMUSED.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden last week says that my statements in reference to himself and the London and Provincial O. S. are incorrect in every detail. The only reference is "The L.P.O.S. beyond merely announcing the fact in the Press, have given no clue of their grievance. Their delegate is a member of the Executive, but no suggestions have been made by him to that body to remedy the trouble which caused the society's action." With all deference, would Mr. Ramsden kindly say, for the benefit of the Union members, when and where any such clue appeared in the papers, and can he say that he has made any suggestions to the Executive Council, as my information was to the contrary?

A DELEGATE.

SIR,—As a member of the Newcastle C.B.S., I would like to reply to the letter by Mr. T. C. Crawhall. I would like to inform him that there are a few members who *do* agree with the decision of the C.B.U., and if the N.C.B.S. had been suspended, or any other punishment meted out, where would the justice have come in in regard to this minority? We have as much right to the consideration and "justice" of the N.C.B.S. as has the owner of the special, about which so much cant has been uttered and written. But we are never thought of. Mr. C. also says he has given deep thought to the reconstruction of the Union. Mr. C., take the advice of a friend, and learn first how to obey the present rules like a man before you try your hand at reconstruction. After you have learned that lesson, then your advice will have some weight, and be of very much more moral value than it is at present. You also say it is the unjust decisions of the C.B.U. which have alienated the Northern fanciers. I humbly beg to differ. Very much more in that direction has been done by the example set by yourself and the other officials of the N.C.B.S. The N.C.B.S. officials wanted to "boss the show." Rule 22 didn't suit them, and failing to get it as they wanted it, they jumped the traces. They violated the rules of the C.B.U. so as to smash it in the North, and, I am sorry to say, with success. When one hears of the chairman of a society like the N.C.B.S. (which claims to be the cock of the North) showing at unlicensed shows, also the late secretary boasting in the bird market that he had seen members' birds at unlicensed shows (the man who knows and hides a crime is worse than the criminal, Willie); also that members of the committee had exhibited in their wives' names—they hadn't enough courage to do as Mr. C. or the chairman. What is one to think? Men who are supposed to be our leaders have on the one hand taken on themselves obligations, and on the other made themselves hypocrites by their actions. They blame the C.B.U. for not having done its duty. Why, they are the very ones who have given the grounds for complaint! Mr. C., you also say that your representative evaded the question, and led the members to believe that the decision of the Council was not universal. This is a deliberate lie. Mr. MacPartling said in plain English that the decision was unanimous, with the exception of himself. Perhaps you were not present to hear him say so. In any case, an apology is due from you to him. Now for the Union: I agree that we who pay the piper should, if we cannot call the tune, at least hear the one that is being played, and I hope Mr. Lythgoe will (now he is secretary) at least let us hear something that is being played. I see the district secretaries have taken the hint, and hope they will continue to improve the shining hour. I agree with the suggestion that the annual meeting should travel the big shows. It has been proved in other things that, to keep a National thing at the Palace, it fails, and that, put it on the move, it is a success. Another thing (and one which touches the root of the crisis here in the North) is that societies, when appointing delegates, should only appoint those who have the C.B.U. at heart. I have often heard it said that most of the delegates in No. 1 district were against the Union, and with this the case, what is one to expect? One more suggestion: If Rule 22 stands, there ought to be delegates appointed to attend unlicensed shows.

FORTITER DEFENDIT TRIUMPHANS.

SIR,—So many points come up on the question of the life or death of the Cage Bird Union that I can only hope in this letter to touch on a few. First, has the C.B.U. got so low that it cannot be resuscitated? I should like to say emphatically, no! for I am strongly in favour of what I shall call for short, a "C.B.U."; but I can only say I "venture to hope" that the existing C.B.U. can be raised from its present condition into one of adequate strength and vigour. Secondly, the personnel, and the mode of election. I am satisfied that the delegates and councillors are elected on the fairest and most democratic principle possible, and that, taking them all round, they are as good men as can be got in the Fancy. Indeed, in more that one case, I believe the councillor is the very best man to be found in the district. All districts may not have been equally fortunate, and if councillors are elected who do not, for instance, know the difference between a Mule and a Canary, I think there must surely be some fault in such districts. At the same time I do not think the C.B.U. is fortunate, to say the least, in its secretary as an energetic man of business. Thirdly, possibly all the societies that have seceded have not done so for the same reasons, but I believe one main reason has been that they had no feeling that the rules of the C.B.U. were being upheld, and, on the contrary, they knew that registered members of the C.B.U. were exhibiting at forbidden shows with impunity, and that therefore the said societies were not getting value for their subscriptions. Again, the C.B.U. reports a certain C.B. Society making default in prize money and sale money. Was this society in default in 1908 and was this society reported to the secretary of the C.B.U. as not being able to meet their obligations if they ran a show? Also, did this society pay their sub. for 1909? If not, why were they allowed to run their show under C.B.U. rules, and why has not the C.B.U. sued them for payment of prizes won by affiliated members, as per Rule 16? Fourthly, and most important of all, what is required to put the C.B.U. on its feet? Before attempting to answer this I shall set out some of the difficulties the C.B.U. have to contend with, and afterwards attempt to show where improvements might be made. (A) Is the C.B.U. too big? Is it too much spread over the country, and therefore unmanageable? (B) Are the unavoidable expenses too great? (C) Is the present Rule 22, or more particularly, is that clause of it which says—"Registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show, other than first feather shows, and shows or classes confined to members or limited to a county though given at an open show," to be upheld as it stands? (D) Is the rule to be so altered that *no* exhibitor who is not a registered member of the C.B.U. can show at a show held under its rules? (E) Should the above clause of Rule 22, with or without the above suggested alteration, be expunged? With regard to the question headed "A," the alternative to the maintenance of the C.B.U. on its present basis seems to be the formation of a number of similar unions in different parts of the country for the same purposes, and the Y.U. is pointed to as a successful institution of this description. Notwithstanding the success of the Y.U., I am not in favour of such smaller unions. Where the C.B.U. has failed is in its want of authority, and I cannot see how such smaller unions can have even as much authority as the C.B.U. I therefore plump for maintaining the C.B.U. in its present form. I have, however, an open mind as regards any improvements suggested by experience. "B." I now approach finance, and on this point my views will probably be considered fairly drastic. I contend that the C.B.U. will never attain its full object until it has a reserve fund of £50 or £100 or more, with which it could be in a position to fight any law suits that might be brought against it. I do not say such a reserve fund can be got together at once; time is required, and when I point out that at the last balance the C.B.U., after about four years' existence, had only about £35 in hand, out of which the secretary's salary of about £15 and other expenses had to be paid, I think it will be agreed that it can hardly be said to have commenced to form a reserve fund yet. What, then, should be done to arrive at such a reserve fund? For one thing, I see no help but to increase the contributions from societies to 3d., or even 4d., per member, with a maximum of say a guinea and a half. This I feel satisfied will not hurt even the small societies. A society with 30 members only pays 5s. now, 60 members 10s., and even if such societies were called upon to pay double, a union on the proper lines would do so much good that they would get value for their money. An alternative plan might be to make, in addition to the present subscriptions, a special levy of 1d. or 2d. per member for the purpose of a reserve fund, to be continued until an adequate amount was got together. But it will be said, how is the C.B.U. to get along in the meantime until a reserve fund is got together? I suggest that an energetic, businesslike secretary would have no difficulty in finding responsible men in the Fancy, taking the whole country over, who by guaranteeing amounts say from £1 to £5 each to the C.B.U. for the costs of any lawsuits that might be brought against it, would together guarantee the C.B.U. to the extent of £100 or more, any loss to be proportionately divided amongst the guarantors, and the guarantees to hold good for say 3, 4, or 5 years. Again, I have had it put to me (not by himself) that the secretary has avoided trouble because he feared that if any came he would not have enough for himself (while at the same time he would have extra labour), and this ought never to be a consideration with a secretary of the C.B.U. You, sir, suggested that £15 was too little to pay the secretary of the C.B.U.; I think so, too, and I also suggest that there should be an assistant secretary, if possible, within touch of the secretary. I do not at present propose to discuss the question of rearrangement of the districts, although that I imagine should be looked into; but I have heard that every council meeting costs £10 or £12, and, as an economical move, I would suggest that the council be cut down from thirteen to six or seven, and if the number of districts were even, one councillor might represent two districts at the meetings, say for one year, and the councillors of the other two districts might act alternately, in case of need, and in that way if one could not be present at a meeting the other might take his place. You would therefore nearly always get six or seven at a council meeting. However, an arrangement for a quorum, of say five, might be advisable. Then the following year the position of the two districts should be reversed. For instance, the councillor for No. 1 district should attend meetings for one year with the councillor for No. 2 district as an alternative (in case of need), and the following year the position be reversed, the councillor for No. 2 district to attend, with the councillor of No. 1 district as alternate. The other districts should work in the same way. I think the affairs of the Fancy are perfectly safe in the hands of six or seven of the best men in the country. Economy with efficiency can also be worked out as regards district meetings, and as regards inspectors attending shows. "C." Regarding the above-quoted clause in Rule 22 (or in the old Rule 17), about which so much has been written, I think the same should stand as it is, but it can only be effective in the hands of a strong C.B.U. A weak C.B.U., which cannot control practically all the societies makes the rule a farce. As it stands, the rule at first looks unfair, and those who talk glibly and foolishly of "coercion" and "freedom" may fancy they have a case, but I can prove they have not. One of the main difficulties connected with this rule is the elaborate organisation of the Yorkshire Union, and I say frankly that this elaborate organisation should be treated by the C.B.U. as a contemporary, and the mutual arrangement as regards disqualifications at present existing should enable the C.B.U. to enact that a registered member showing at a Y.U. show is not transgressing Rule 22. The London Federation is only catering for members' shows. If, therefore, a strong C.B.U. gets into the position of controlling all the open shows of any consequence throughout England, and continues the present working arrangement with the Y.U., what object has any society or exhibitor in keeping outside? There will always be a few of the cantankerous inclination, but a strong C.B.U. can afford to disregard them. As to the Specialist Societies, I have always thought the C.B.U. made a hugo mistake. Specialist Societies as a rule hold a show in conjunction with a local show, or give prizes and medals at various shows, and nearly all their members belong to some local society, and it has been argued that they need not



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belong to the C.B.U., as their members are already in it individually. But I consider the C.B.U. is entitled to argue that a member of a specialist society showing at one of their shows where special prizes, etc., are offered is showing in a double capacity. He is a man who is paying two subscriptions to two different societies, and he is competing for two sets of prizes at the one show, and it is unfair that he should be allowed to do so unless both societies, the local and the specialist, are in the C.B.U.; and the C.B.U. ought to insist on the specialist societies taking up membership, or debar them from offering prizes at C.B.U. shows. "D." Now as to whether Rule 22 should be altered so that *no* non-registered member can show at a C.B.U. show. I think before answering that, the C.B.U. must divide non-registered exhibitors into at least two groups, say—

Group 1—Exhibitors who own a single bird, and who perhaps only show it once in a year, exhibitors who belong to no society, and all that class. It would be madness to exclude such from a C.B.U. show. Why, many of the large shows could hardly exist without this class of exhibitor, who wants to be encouraged in every way instead of being discouraged, by insisting on his or her becoming a member of an affiliated society, or an associate member. And

Group 2—Non-registered, pot-hunting members and all that kidney who think they can pick up money where competition is weakest; also societies who think they can economise by not joining; these I should certainly prevent from showing at Union shows.

"E." I think that the above will show that I should answer "No" to this question. Publicity. This has been sadly neglected, and I am very pleased to see that district secretaries have now commenced to report proceedings, and it is absolutely necessary that reports of proceedings of the council be fully reported as well. Although I have taken interest in the C.B.U. from its formation, I was surprised to learn from a remark of one of your correspondents that the famous Rule 17 had been converted in some way into Rule 22. I may be able to take up other points later, such as rearrangement of districts, clashing at shows, organisation of the work, so that more could be done by the secretaries of districts so as to ease the general secretary. As has been truly said, a lot of spade work has been done, and the C.B.U. should benefit by this and by the experience gained, and go forward. In the above remarks I do not have any desire to lay down the law, my only idea is to make what I consider practical suggestions for the benefit of the C.B.U. which can be worked out by the executive, and I may add that points like the above are much better discussed in committee meeting than in the Press. But the need has now arisen for a thorough public overhauling of the C.B.U. Finally, I must convey a warning to the C.B.U. officials that unless all hands are put to the pump, and the C.B.U. brought out on top, it must collapse and disappear; there is no middle course. Also, there must be a man—an organiser. Can he be found? Or could the work be done better through a lawyer's office? I notice Mr. Bladon and Mr. Lythgoe are elected as president and secretary. Are they going to act?

"One Who Knows."

Sir,—Notwithstanding the adverse criticism of the C.B.U. which has appeared through your columns recently, I am of opinion that there are signs of a decided improvement in the near future. "We want friendly helpers, not hostile critics—builders, not demolishers," is the appeal of one writer, and I earnestly reiterate that appeal. Whether friendly to the Union or not, writers on the subject almost invariably agree that a well-managed union is an institution by which the cage bird Fancy can best be promoted and advanced for the benefit of all interested. The officials of the existing Union may or may not have done all that could have been expected from them; delegates and district committees may have been more or less lax in their duties; yet we cannot condemn the institution because its rules have not been strictly carried out by those responsible. Let affiliated societies appoint representatives who they are assured will attend to their duties. The machinery of the Union is capable of dealing with grievances which societies or individuals may suffer; and should it be found that any rule is operating unduly with the majority, it is always in the hands of societies through their representatives to have such rule amended or deleted. But members must be loyal; we must submit to the ruling of the majority with as much grace as possible, until such time as we can convince by reasonable argument that the majority are in the wrong. We are told by at least one writer that the C.B.U. as at present constituted is doomed. With all due respect to those holding such opinion, I differ. That the administration may be at fault is a poor reason for condemning the structure. Every individual member of societies affiliated has a voice in the representation. Then I would ask, in what particular is the constitution at fault? Much as it is to be regretted that so many withdrawals have taken place, it is not too late to hope that these societies will reconsider their position in the near future. Recent criticism has no doubt aroused the Council and delegates to their responsibilities, and I believe that ere long confidence will be restored which will enable the Union to successfully carry out its work. In conclusion I would appeal to all "friendly helpers and builders" to persevere in their efforts, that the Union may commend itself to the Fancy throughout the kingdom, as an institution, according to its own rules, that will advance and protect everything that is honourable in connection with cage bird matters.

T. Atkinson (Manchester).

[A letter from Mr. Reid unavoidably held over until next week.—Editor.]

The Feeding and Keeping of Skylarks.

Sir,—Seeing a lot of correspondence these last few weeks on the keeping and feeding of Larks, I thought I would send my recipe, which may be a little help to some Lark fanciers. At the present time I have two Larks singing all day long. This is the way I make my food (it will prove a little dearer than some of the recipes that have appeared in your columns, but I think a good bird is worth a good food): first put ½-lb. of lard in the oven; when it is melted mix 1½ lbs. of peameal, 1 arrowroot biscuit, 5 square puppy biscuits (both the biscuits I put through a seed mill), 4 eggs beaten up, ½-lb. domestic currants and a little salt; then put in the oven and bake for 20 minutes, the mixture to be stirred all the time to keep it from burning; when it is cold put it into air-tight tins and it will keep for months. Give it to the Larks in the dry state, as the lard gives it enough moisture, so that you do not need to apply water, and it does away with a lot of waste caused by the food going sour when it is moistened with water. I always keep a drinking fountain on the cage except when they are moulting, and then I put it on for one hour in the morning and one hour at night. I am sending you a sample of the food. Wishing our weekly friend, Cage Birds, all the success it deserves.

W. Astles.

[The sample of food sent by our correspondent appears to be in every way of a suitable nature.—Editor.]

Items from Ireland.

Sir,—I see that the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland has at last let those outside the barrier into a little knowledge of the club affairs. I am clapping myself on the back for at least getting a reply to my note from him, when he ignored "Dishonoured cheque." Now, Mr. Hyland, you are only young in the Fancy, as far as I know, but I will go back only as far as you budded out, and point out a few facts to you, which will answer all your questions. Can you deny that some of the leading and oldest members of the Y.C.C. of I. signed a requisition calling on the committee to summon an extraordinary general meeting of the members to make this "individual" you attach all the blame to now, give a report on the financial standing of the club? Mr. Hyland, you were one of those who signed your name to an opposition document placing confidence in this individual, and now you have the cheek to put your pen to paper and try to win back the confidence of the old members. When you allowed yourself to be a party to the confidence document, you were led by the proverbial halter. With regard to the statement, Why throw the blame of "one individual's work on the whole club?" Why not, when every one of the present committee holding office signed and placed confidence in him? Now, Mr. Hyland, I am afraid you are in a mess. No, Mr. Hyland, I will not honour you with my presence on Monday night, but I will watch with interest the result of the "hole in corner" meeting that has been summoned; in fact, I may point out to Mr. Hyland that it is not a legal meeting. Challenge my statement if you dare, and I will point out to you my grounds. Mr. Sec., you have a lot to learn yet, and a lot to know about the people you are coming in contact with. I wish to point out to you that I hold no brief for the Y.C. and C.B.S., and therefore you have no right to bring matters in connection with this club or its doings into this correspondence. You say you don't want to cause any trouble in the "Irish Fancy." I am afraid the club you are the hon. secretary of did enough of that in its day to its own ruination.

Pat.

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Five "Mules" from a Cock Linnet Mule.

Sir,—I think the following may be of interest to some of your readers. I have five young birds three days old. The father is a Linnet-Canary Mule, which I bred myself four years ago from a Linnet and a yellow Canary hen. The mother of them is a Canary hen. I gave 2s. 6d. for her to a dealer two months ago. I keep all my birds in a room by themselves, and the Mule was flying about loose; and it did not matter where I put the hen Canary's cage, the Mule always found it out, and clung on to the front of it. So I opened the cage door and let the Mule in with the hen, so I know the Mule is the father of the young, as no other cock bird has been near the hen as long as I have had her. She laid five eggs. Four of them came out on the 21st of April, and one the 22nd of April, and the young seem to be doing all right. I will be very glad to show them to any bird fancier who likes to pay me a visit. I have always understood that it is impossible to get a Mule, let alone five from a Mule, as one of the parents.

John A. Murray.

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Wake Up, Fanciers!

Sir,—Seeing a letter on the above in your issue for March 26th, I should like to put my spoke in the wheel. I fully believe that birds properly cared for are better off than when wild. But how about the uncared for? How can we expect the public sympathy when hundreds of Finches are kept in cages 6in. long by 3in. wide, and great numbers are exposed for sale in the shop windows under very insanitary conditions and greatly overcrowded. It is no excuse to compare fanciers with those whose pastime is hunting or coursing, as two wrongs do not make a right, and surely you would not bring a fancier down to the level of such as these Why do not the British Bird and Mule Clubs take the matter up and unite with the R.S.P.C.A. and make it an offence to keep birds in smaller cages than are specified by them? There are hundreds of people who never read Cage Birds, and it is the duty of experienced fanciers to educate their ignorant brethren through this weekly paper, and so make the lives of hundreds of birds happy; then we could expect the sympathy of the public, but not before.

J. C. Quant.

Sir,—Mr. Coe is hardly the one to speak of "courtesy," considering how very far from being courteous was his first letter. It is "beneath his dignity" to refer to such scurrilous letters as those in the April 9th issue. Can he deny that he used objectionable terms himself? I suppose he desires a monopoly of abusive language. As a matter of fact, it was merely his attack on Cage Birds which induced me to answer him; otherwise I would not have bothered to "Limehouse" my "Socialistic nonsense" in your columns. It may interest him to know that I am fully as strongly opposed to Socialism as he is himself, but I utterly fail to see how this matter is "Lloyd Georgian Socialism"; it has nothing whatever to do with "class wars" or politics. The point is this: A firm was prosecuted for having British birds in a protected district, although the said birds were legally taken, *i.e.*, in a non-protected district. All other magistrates will follow Mr. Biron's ruling, if it be upheld, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will receive a fresh "whip-up," and fanciers' lives will be made unendurable. What is Socialistic in protesting against this? I shall be thankful to Mr. Coe if he replies satisfactorily.

Constance D. Fitzmaurice.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. Elkington's and Mr. Coe's letters in Cage Birds, I should like to say a few words on the Wild Bird Protection Acts. I agree with Mr. Elkington that if something is not done we shall soon have to give up keeping British Birds and catching. Now, I have caught birds nearly every season for the last thirty-five years, and have seen the working of these Acts since the 1880 Act was passed. Some of the Local Acts are causing more destruction among our rarer birds than they are doing good, as practically a whole close season is no close season at all. I think if fanciers, catchers, and dealers would combine we ought to get a good close season and a good open season for all counties. If we do not take it up we shall soon have no chance at all. I have no sympathy with any man caught catching in the close season, if there is a reasonable open season in the county. Mr. Coe says the Preston and Flowers case is an isolated one; but I can give an instance where a bird-catcher was summoned before these land-owners, and the case was adjourned as they did not know the law, causing that man to walk and ride 48 miles in the two journeys, to appear at their court. Then the owner of the land sat on the Bench against him! Now, what chance had he of obtaining justice? Yet these very same men were what are termed "sporting men," and for a working man to speak of sport for pleasure or profit in their hearing is enough to have the whole lot on him at once. I have seen Goldfinch nestlings in the summer in this same county, in the season, hanging in cages to be fed by their parents, within a short distance of a policeman's house, which plainly shows that these cases are only brought for the purpose of pleasing these land-owners, and not for the benefit of the birds. I learned later that all these birds died. Yet a bird-catcher caught catching birds in this county is fined, even when he has leave to go on the land. Fanciers, wake up, I say, and let us see what we can do to protect our interests, whether we be fanciers, dealers, or catchers.

Agricultural Labourer.

Hybrid Prospects near Bangor.

Sir,—A few of us about Bangor have got the "fever" badly. I see where you have noticed this week the formation of our new society. I am pleased to inform you that I have already a Greenfinch hen sitting on fertile eggs to a Goldfinch, and a Bullie hen building. I have fifteen hybridising pairs (exclusive of muling pairs and Greenfinch feeders) put up this year, and as I have gone to considerable expense to secure separate aviary spaces for each hybrid pair (excepting the Canaries, of course), I expect some small results. My pairs are:—Canary, Goldfinch, Linnet (2 pairs), Greenfinch (2 parts), Siskin, and Redpoll, with Bullfinch hens. Goldfinch-Greenfinch (2 pairs), Bramblefinch-Chaffinch (2 pairs), Yellowhammer-Bramblefinch, Chaffinch-Yellowhammer, British Siskin-Brazilian Red Siskin. No less than ten fanciers in Bangor are trying to my knowledge for hybrids between Britishers this year. As very tame horse-moulted birds are being used in some cases, there is every prospect of a good deal of success. Much interest is likewise being taken in Canary and mule breeding in Bangor; in fact, all over the district, as in several of the neighbouring towns, societies are also being forced.

D. E. Alexander.

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The Result in all Five Sections.

In our Literary competition, it will be remembered. we oftered five cash prizes of One Guinea each for the five essays adjudged the best on the subjects respectively of Canaries, British Birds, Mule or Hybrid Breeding, Foreign Birds, and The Fitting-up, Stocking, and General Management of a Bird-room or Aviary.

The success of the Competition has proved greater than that of any previous one promoted by CAGE BIRDS, and in the large number of papers received and the excellence of the vast majority of them is to be found the two-fold reason for the delay in publishing the result. The judges have had a heavy task, for the essays of many of the competitors differed but little in the matter of merit, which rendered the allotting of the prizes by no means easy. However, this has now been accomplished, and we have to thank the judges for the time, trouble, and care they expended in arriving at their decisions.

The Canary Section.

The first place has been assigned to an essay entitled "The Crested Canary: Its Management Month by Month," the writer of which is:

MR. A. FIFIELD,
6, Buckingham Street,
Oxford.

This paper was run very closely, in the estimation of the judges, by the contributions of Messrs. A. G. Filby (London, W.), W. Reid (Sunderland), R. H. Livingstone (Rutherglen), J. Ovenstone (Grangemouth), R. W. Smith (Gateshead-on-Tyne), and T. Pope (Plymouth), while other essays considered worthy of very high commendation were those of Messrs. E. Williams (Liscard), H. G. Green (Leicester), E. Bingham (Biggleswade), J. C. Caine (Birmingham), A. C. Henderson (Lanark), F. Gelder (Little Horton, Bradford), T. Beors (Pickering), A. B. Forse (London, N.E.), E. J. Cundall (Halifax). A. Burtenshaw (Worthing), and R. J. Elleby (Ardwick). Mr. Fifield's article will be found printed in this issue.

The British Section.

This was probably the most difficult of all, and it was only after long consideration that the essay written by

MR. R. W. VANDERBEN,
35, Henry Nelson Street,
South Shields,

was finally voted to be winner of the guinea prize. This fancier's contribution is something out of the common, yet thoroughly practical, and is entitled "British Birds: A plea for a common-sense treatment." Two essays were held to be practically of equal merit to the winner, viz., Mr. B. J. Pounsett's (Upper Norwood) on "The Skylark, caged and free," and Mr. F. E. Ryder's (Cambridge) on "Our two commonest Tits." Other specially good articles were those of Mrs. E. M. Sargeant (Worcester),Miss C. D. Fitzmaurice (Kilrush), and Messrs. J. D. Young (Bath), E. Milne (Blairgowrie), W. B. Jepson (London, S.E.), W. Downing (Manchester), L. Gibbs (Upper Edmonton), J. Thomas (Otley), J. Lawrenee (Braeknell), S. Stephens (London, S.E.), W. J. Pitcher (York), J. H. O'Neile (Lurgan), A. and F. Hartley (York), H. Wilson (Manchester), W. M. Thomson (Moffat), and W. C. Drew (Manchestor).

The Hybrid Section.

The first prizo hero has been awarded to

MR. E. COLLINS,
55, Gloster Road,
Barnstaple,
N. Devon,

for an essay entitled "The Pleasures and Difficulties of Hybrid Breeding.

This fancier was run a very tight race by Mr. D. E. Alexander (Bangor, Co. Down), who sent in a highly interesting and instructive account of his experiences in the pursuit of the "elusivo Hybrid," which the judges unanimously considered came in a close second to the contribution of Mr. Collins. Other papers adjudged worthy of special mention were sent by Messrs. A. Sutherland Grant (Kirkcudbright), J. Worsley (Northampton), J. Grimshaw (Hale), J. Sparks (St. Helens), J. B. Moore (Whitehaven), E. Williams (Liscard), and J. Ovenstone (Grangemouth).

Aviary and Birdroom Section.

The winner of the guinea prize is

MR. H. C. BROOKS,
2, Devonshire Road,
Horsham,
Sussex,

whose article is entitled, "Fitting up and Stocking a Bird-room." Mr. Brooks's position was closely challenged by Mr. H. Meeds (Mansfield, Notts), with an article on his aviary, a paper of no little interest and merit. Other contributions marked "very good" by the judges were received from Messrs. W. Wallis (Birmingham), T. Oliphant (Maidstone), Dr. Johnston (Dundee), R. Earl (Bungay), A. A. Pinnion (London, S.W.), and W. Cole (Harlow). Mr. Brooke's article (or, rather, part of it) will be found included in this number of our paper.

The Foreign Bird Section.

Several articles in this section were on a very level plane, and to that entitled "Outdoor Aviaries for Small Foreign Birds," sent by

MISS E. M. BURLINGHAM,
Lansdowne,
Evesham,

the prize was awarded only after close competition with the contributions of Miss K. Webb (Cambridge), and Messrs. J. H. Booth (Bermondsey), and W. Doran (Dublin). Other excellent essays came from Mrs. Edwards (Liverpool), Mrs. B. J. Moore (London, S.W.), and Messrs. E. Williams (Liscard), J. Sparks (St. Helens), A. Green (Arnold), and F. Kings (Sutton Coldfield).

The Four Guinea Painting.

To decide the destination of the original painting of birds (value £4 4s.), gave the judges less trouble, curiously enough, than the awarding of any one of the section prizes, for as the best essay out of the five sections, all the gentlemen officiating, "plumped" for that on Hybrid Breeding, sent in by

MR. E. COLLINS (Barnstaple),

to whom we shall have pleasure in forwarding the chief prize in the course of the next few days, when all the winners (to whom we extend our congratulations) will also be forwarded cheques for one guinea.

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

Domestic Bliss in Canaryland.

Our coloured plate which accompanies this Spring Issue, is one, we think, that will appeal to all who have a warm corner for birds in their hearts, for the subject is peculiarly appropriate to the season of the year, and the happy inspiration of our artist, Mr. Norman, has been worked out by him with characteristic skill and artistic perception.

"Domestic bliss" every fancier strives to attain in his bird-room, and often enough his birds second his endeavours in a manner that leaves him in light-hearted mood, smiling cheerfully as he watches the full broods of young growing apace under the tender ministrations of their parents. Lucky man—none so happy as he.

But, unfortunately, not all married birds "hit it off" in a manner that ensures domestic bliss following in its train. "Nagging" wives are not unknown, and "wife-beaters" are to be found in many a room, whilst sometimes both parents exhibit an indifference to the well-being of thoir children which can only be termed deplorable.

Why there should be "this thusness" is usually something of a puzzle. Canaries. when entering upon the responsibilities of matrimony, have everything in their favour: the plentitude or scarcity of "work" worries them not at all; food and luxuries are showered upon them with unstinting hand; no mothers-in-law or relatives intrudo upon their domostic peace—in short, they have nothing to distract them from the business on hand. Yet how often they fall short of the fancier's ideal! And yet, again—to turn to the cheerful side, as befits the springtimo of promise—how often they succeed beyond the fancier's brightest expectations, and their children, metaphorically speaking, rise up and call them blessed.

Happy prospect! Wo will leave it at that. Contented birds, full clutches of eggs and five youngsters to every nest—theso are our worst wishes to all bird-breeders for the season now in its infancy.

Wanderers from the Chosen Path.

The writer recently heard of a pair of Kestrels which had sadly departed from the usual modo of obtaining a living, and had taken some thirty young Pheasants from the rearing grounds before the Hawk's nest could be detected. As a rule theso birds live chiefly upon mice, beetles, and other small vermin.

An Ancient Ring Dove.

My wife's Ring-Dove was born in 1888, writes Mr. W. S. Dick-Cunyngham to a contemporary. She enjoyed ono short year of wedded bliss, and then becamo a widow. Shortly after th's she flew away ono morning, to return to her sorrowing mistress two and a half years later (enemies doubt her being tho samo bird). Since then she has enjoyed the universal admiration of the household, and will often sit on her nest on the dining-room tablo at mealtimes and, when sho pleases, come and take a toothsome morsel from my plate. When thirsty she will drink out of a wine-glass. For her advanced years she is wonderfully well-preserved, though the rigours of a Highland winter have temporarily robbed her of her voice. She has one passion (for which she would sell her eggs): cheese.

Diphtheria in Birds.

Is it Transmissible to Human Beings?

Some few days ago wo received a letter from a reader, signing himself "Noviee," in which he asked our opinion as to the possibility of an outbreak of diphtheria amongst his children having had its origin in his bird-room, a suggestion to this effect having been made, he states, by his doctor. Fanciers to whom "Noviee" had mentioned the matter scouted the idea; hence his further enquiry addressed to CAGE BIRDS. We forwarded "Novice's" letter to Mr. Geo. Yates, a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the gentleman who has charge of the post-mortem department (vide "Questions and Answers" pages) of our journal. His reply, which we publish below, is an emphatic negative. Mr. Yates states that diphtheria as affecting human beings is not transmissible from birds to man; further, that many diseases of mankind for the outbreak of which animals have been blamed (and that by medical authorities), in reality could not possibly have had their origin in these creatures.

An Opinion by Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S.

A correspondent, "Novice," desires to know whether there is danger of contracting diphtheria from a bird-room. The question arises from the fact that one of his children suffered from this complaint several months ago, recovered, and after an interval of six months similar symptoms developed, and on medical advice being again sought, a suggestion that the bird-room was the source of infection was offered as the medical opinion. Now, our correspondent, who states that he has not long been in the Fancy, is very loth to give up his hobby, and being assured by many fanciers (and quite rightly, too) that birds kept under clean and healthy conditions are not a source of danger to humans, and not responsible for the many diseases attributed to them, is desirous of keeping his birds if possible: hence his enquiry.

In the first place, he wants to know if the bird room is the source of disease. By this we presume he means danger from smells, etc., which may arise. Again, he says he is assured by others that birds will not cause disease to humans, upon which point he requires to be quite clear. These are two questions entirely different, and they require an explanation from both sides, viz., medical and veterinary.

We can say with every confidence: follow the advice of your fancier friends. We tell you to keep on with your hobby, and at the same time wish you every success. There is far too great an importance attached by medical authorities to the danger of infection of disease from animals to man. There are some diseases certainly that are sources of danger; but, again, many attributed to an animal source are found never to affect animals. Scarlatina and other diseases have been blamed to cattle, when the latter do not suffer from these diseases.

One Case: And that Unsubstantiated.

The diphtheria of birds is in no way related to human diphtheria. Not one indisputable case of its having been contracted by people from association with birds has ever been known. Again, there is no real connection between the two diseases, for it is a great question as to whether diphtheria of birds is really true diphtheria, or is a disease only resembling it in character. There are cases on record (mere assumptions these) alleging its having been conveyed from animals to man. These reported cases emanate from medical sources, owing to the entire ignorance of the medical men in question of the diseases of animals. One outbreak was even referred to a pony (as the source of danger), which, quite as a coincidence, happened to be suffering from a nasal discharge at the time; but we know absolutely that horses do not become affected with diphtheria.

The only case on record worthy of description is that of Gerhardt. He states that in a chicken-hatching establishment two-thirds of all the workmen attending on the fowls (which were suffering from diphtheria) became affected with this disease. The case did not come under his own personal observation, however, so that it cannot be substantiated. If it were true then, considering the commonness of chicken diphtheritis, and the enormous number of people engaged in chicken raising, the disease would become a veritable plague.

As diphtheria is not communicated from birds to humans, it therefore follows that exhalation from their bodies, and those arising from the excrement as smells, cannot be held responsible for its transmission. There can be no doubt that a human being, if not always, is almost invariably the source of infection, the infective material being the discharges from the nose and mouth (which contain the bacillus), and the disease is spread through intimate association. Children, susceptible subjects, are brought together at school, share sweets, kiss, and possibly cough infective spray into a confined space. Recent years show an increase of diphtheria in urban districts, and particularly in London. It is very probable that this increase is the outcome, at least in part, of compulsory school attendance.

Sources of Contagion.

It may be asserted, however, as against this, that there is no evidence of the disease existing in the neighbourhood. This is fallacious and misleading, as it is well known that a peculiar feature of this disease is that a person may be so slightly affected as to go about apparently healthy and yet be a danger to his or her associates by spreading the disease. Of recent years it has been found that even persons who had been affected years before may be a great source of contagion in disseminating the disease. Whilst, again, healthy subjects may carry it from having nursed or come into contact with, affected persons. Transference so brought about would explain many obscure cases, for it is shown that in a dry state the bacillus can retain its vitality for a very long time under favourable conditions—such as absence of light, etc. Thus there is danger of transmission by soiled linen, toys, cups, etc. The bacillus has been found in the dust of the sick room and in the hair and clothes of those people nursing cases.

The writer can fully sympathise with "Novice," as his own family were once put to great inconvenience and expense from the occurrence of the disease in the house. The source of disease in this case was held to be smells arising from drains which was but imaginary, seeing that recent high medical authorities definitely state that smells arising from drains are not known to be vehicles of the disease. The subject was a brother who had not even resided at home, but on paying a visit lasting but three hours he complained of a sore throat. On seeking medical advice diphtheria was proclaimed. The medical attendant, being the medical officer of health in the district, notified the disease to the authorities. The patient was immediately transferred to an isolation hospital, and instructions were given us to have up the drains, resulting in household confusion for several weeks, and an expenditure of £70 for "work done."

A Deodorant for the Birdroom

To correct any smell that may arise in the bird-room "Novice" may employ a deodorant (an agent which corrects unpleasant odours), such as a 2½ per cent. solution of Sanitas, which gives forth an agreeable smell, and is at the same time harmless to the occupants. A small quantity of this solution sprinkled on the floors of the cages will suffice to bring about the desired result, and render them sweet. Of course, it is understood that they are cleaned out reasonably often.

Insanitary surroundings are often responsible for sore throats, but not diphtheria, unless the bacillus itself is present. And as there is no similarity between the diphtheria affecting birds and that affecting human beings, therefore it follows that there can be no danger of communication in this way.

I beg to thank you and your artist for reproducing the picture of my clear cap Silver Lizard on the front page of the foremost paper of to-day, CAGE BIRDS, on April 23rd. The bird won first and special for best Lizard at Oldham First Feather show, and after the moult won first and special at Oldham, first and special for best silver at Rochdale Good Intent, first and special for best silver at Pendleton and Salford, first and special for best Lizard in show at Middleton, under our leading specialist judges. I am pleased to inform you that he is a "chip off the old block," and is supposed to be the leading light of the last show season. He was bred from my late "Silver King," a great winner in his second year, and "Golden Queen," which was second at Rochdale Good Intent, first and special for best Lizard at Oldham, and then finished up with first at Scottish National. Young "Clear Cap" is paired with a gold hen, sister to my broken cap (cock), champion broken cap of the season. —J. HAMPSHIRE (Oldham).

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**The Little Robin.

As I sat by my window this evening,
A Robin came flying along;
Then he hopped and he twittered, then chirping,
He sang me a beautiful song.
On a sudden his bright eye discovered
A cord which the rose-bush confined.
"Oh, ho!" thought the Robin, "what fortune!
How nicely my nest will be lined!"
Then off to the fir tree so shady,
My Robin flew swiftly away,
And deposited safely his treasure
With some small bits of straw and of hay.
Now think of this Robin, dear children,
When something perplexes, I pray;
Stop and sing a sweet song for a moment,
And the trouble will vanish away.

Taken from "The Children's Friend," and sent by Bertha Almond (age 13), 35, Aston Street, Blackburn.

*Our Blind Canary.

We had a pair of Canaries, the cock of which was blind. After being kept in a small cage we put them in a large aviary. The cock could not see the food, and got into a corner. The hen called him over by chirping. He heard her and went over and took a few seeds. Then she went over to the water and called him. He went and drank some. Then she jumped up on to a spar and called him, and he, hearing, followed, until he knew his way about a little.—Sent by Maude Laing (age 12), 7, Cumin Place, The Grange, Edinburgh.

*Tame Bobbie.

We have a porch to our house covered with ivy. In it is a Robin's nest with five young, and a Jenny Wren sitting on eggs. Last year the Robin built in the same place. We used to feed it. Father gave me stale egg food and a few meal worms, and when I put them on a plate the Robin would come and feed while we held it.—Sent by Teddy Hewitt (age 8), Ivy Cottage, Mulbarton, Norwich.

Under the White Rose.

THE National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. has now come to the conclusion of its first year's work, and a general review of same gives its officials and promoters entire satisfaction. The only drawback that can be pointed out is in the number of entries; at the 10 shows where the patronage has been given the average comes out at 12 per class. But here it must be borne in mind that the club was not formed until the breeding season of 1909 was fairly well advanced, and breeders had not really catered for the variety. But this year green marks are to be found in many rooms in increasing numbers. The total number of paid-up members (note the words), is exactly 100, and the financial side is all right, the year finishing with a balance in hand of £1 19s. 3d., out of which the members voted to their esteemed secretary, Mr. F. Armstrong, a grant of £1 10s. as a slight recompense for the hard and faithful work he had performed during this his first year of office. This gentleman has promised a special to same value for next season's competitions.

SOME fanciers would like something to be done by the above club in regard to the foul marked birds. Their contention is that (although each judge is instructed to place the birds irrespective of markings, except in cases of equal merit, where markings must, and should, have preference), the nicely marked bird is more favoured than the foul, and that if possible fouls should be catered for to some extent; the only drawback to me is: Where shall the distinction between the two classes be drawn? Many times at shows where classes for both were provided, I have seen lighter marked birds win in the foul classes than in the uneven marked classes; and this should not be so. Perhaps some friends will give their opinion as to where an uneven mark ends and the foul begins.

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club members have responded very well to the secretary's appeal in regard to voting papers; over 60 per cent. have been returned, and I think the whole of the members will be pleased to hear that Mr. A. H. Waters has been elected at the top of the poll, and will therefore be vice-chairman during the next year. The committee is very representative, and if all will do their little quota for the advancement of the club, there is little to fear.

THE Y.C.C. hold their annual general meeting to-day, Saturday, as also do the British Bird and Mule Club of the Yorkshire County. The members of the latter I would ask, Have you seen the first part of "Cage Bird Hybrids"? It is now to be had, and a perusal of its contents will be of great value and interest to those who are having a "dab" for "something good." The plates alone are worth the nimble sixpence for which part one can be purchased.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. also intended to hold their annual meeting to-day, but could not work it in comfortably. They have a lot of business on hand, therefore have postponed it until Saturday, May 14th, 5.30 p.m., at headquarters, Market Tavern, Edwin Street, Bradford. Will members please note?

FANCIER friends of Mr. H. Martin, secretary of the Shipley O.S., were delighted to note his success in the claim for damages against a plumber for the loss of 13 Canaries, whose deaths were caused by suffocation in consequence of an escape of gas from bad workmanship in fixing up a stove for heating purposes, reported in last week's CAGE BIRDS. The damages, £16, obtained will help Mr. M. a little in rebuilding up his strain, but we all know that when some of the best go it takes both money and time to get into the groove again. Good birds are not bred in every nest. It is to be hoped he will have a successful season, and not be left far behind through this misfortune.

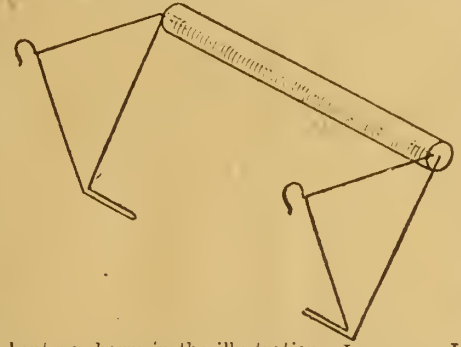
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Illustrated Ideas

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No. 404.
A Simple Aviary Perch.
Sent by Miss R. Steele, 11, Thornton Road, Wallasey.

Enclosed is a sketch of a simple aviary perch of which I had long felt the want. I hope the idea may prove of use to other aviarists. Procure a ¾in. round stick; cut to suitable length; and drill two holes in either end to fit the wire. The sides are composed of short lengths of wire



bent as shown in the illustration. I may say I have an aviary 6ft. by 3½ft., and the birds like this class of perch in preference to a couple of trees I have in the aviary. I have been keeping foreigners for the past eight years.—RENEE STEELE.

No. 405.
A Useful Feeder for Young Birds.
Sent by Mr. H. Wheatley, Spring Street Burnt Mill, near Harlow, Essex.

Enclosed is a sketch of a feeder of young birds, when these are being hand-reared. To make, get a piece of wood and cut it, so that it appears as in the illustration. Then by



putting a small piece in as a wedge you will find that it will resemble a bird's beak, so that the birds can be fed quite easily.—H. WHEATLEY.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Bo'ness and District.

Although early in the year, the weather being very bad, breeding results are very favourable here, some promising Plainheads being already on the sticks. Also there are a few Siskin mules and Linnet mules and a few nests of eggs down from hybrid pairs, results of which I will let you know later on.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY (Bo'ness).

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A Meeting of the New Council.

The first meeting of the new Council was held on April 23rd, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, at 5.30, Mr. F. Hammond, president, in the chair. All but three of the delegates appointed to the new Council were present, and a heavy amount of business was transacted. The president took the opportunity of thanking the Council for the confidence that had been placed in him, in his new position, and hoped that when his term of office had expired, the same confidence would still be retained in him. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. An application from Morley and District C.B.S. to join the Union was favourably received by the Council, and they were admitted as members by a unanimous vote. Two of the judges whose names were drawn at the ballot were unable to accept these positions on account of previous engagements, and the Council balloted for two to fill their places. This resulted in Mr. R. Carr being selected to judge Eccleshill show on November 12th, and Mr. J. Greaves Great Horton O.S. on November 19th. Correspondence dealing with the balloting for judges at the last Council meeting received from Windhill O.S. was read, and that society's delegates accepted the explanation as given by the Union secretary on the matter, favourably. The resignation of Hoyland and District O.S. from the Union was accepted with deep regret, this step being taken owing to financial difficulties. Manningham C.B.A. laid a complaint against one of their members who was in arrears with his subscriptions, and the Union secretary was instructed to write the defaulting member, asking him to attend the next Council meeting to give an explanation, if these arrears are not paid in the meantime. An objection laid by Halifax O.S. to a technicality that occurred in the balloting for judges at the last Council meeting, was withdrawn by their delegates on a satisfactory explanation being given by the Union secretary. Great Horton O.S. applied for permission to hold an open First Feather show, and this was granted unconditionally. Brighton C.B.A. applied for permission to judge Yorkshires at their show under the standard of the Union; this was granted unanimously. The question of a Cinderella Club Show was again considered, and several societies gave a decision in favour of it, but the representatives of other societies said that they had not had the opportunity of placing the question before their members, and asked that it be again deferred until next meeting, when it is hoped that a satisfactory conclusion may be arrived at. The Council then elected a sub-committee to transact any business not of vital importance. The following gentlemen were elected:—Messrs. E. W. Johnson, R. Sutcliffe, W. Cruise, H. H. Towers, W. Crabtree, A. Cooper, and J. E. Hudson. Several propositions were placed before the meeting as to what amount should be paid as subscription for each member returned to the Union. Additional expense will be incurred this year owing to delegates' travelling expenses having to be paid by the Union, and several delegates expressed the opinion that the amount per member should be increased to meet this; four propositions were placed before the Council—6d., 8d., 9d., 10d.—and after they had been voted on, the old fee of 8d. per member was passed for the ensuing year. A question then arose as to how the delegates should be paid, and a resolution was unanimously passed that they be paid at the minimum rate of travelling from the headquarters of the society they represent to the place where the meeting is held. A register will be kept of all delegates' attendances at the Council meetings, and travelling expenses paid according to same. Persons acting as substitutes for delegates will please bear in mind that a written note must be presented from the secretary of their society intimating the inability of the delegate to attend, or otherwise the delegate will be marked as absent, and no travelling expenses will be allowed, according to Rule 7. The Council again decided to give 16 gold novice medals of equal value to last year's for novice members of the Union to compete for at Union shows—12 for Yorkshire classes and 4 for Norwich classes. The secretary was instructed to write the following firms asking them to supply sealed tenders to the Council for the printing of Union handbooks and show rules:—Messrs. L. Hodgson (Bradford), E. Foulds (Bingley), "Fur and Feather" (Idle), Smith and Fusten Hagen (Bradford), and E. Wild (Halifax). It was also decided that the secretary write each society holding an open winter show, asking them if they were prepared to print their schedule of classification in the Union handbook, and also to enquire how many show rules they would require to send out to exhibitors who are not members of the Union. A resolution was also passed that the names of the society whom the president and vice-president represent, be placed opposite their names in the Union handbook, along with a list of past-presidents, and the societies they have represented. The meeting terminated, the president thanking the delegates for their attendance and attention. Will all those desirous of repeating their advertisements in the Union handbook, or any others who desire to have one in this year's, kindly let me know same at their earliest convenience? The charges for same are: Full page 7s. 6d., half page 3s. 9d., third page 2s. 6d., quarter page 2s., and breeders' cards 1s. 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Fitting up and Stocking a Birdroom.

By H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Literary Competition in the Aviary and Bird-room Section. Readers should note the announcement concerning the Competition which appears on page 424 of this issue.

Much of one's success in bird keeping is due to having a well-arranged bird room, and it is my intention in this article to offer a few suggestions on the fitting up, stocking, etc., of such a room, with the idea of helping somewhat fresh recruits to the delightful hobby of cage bird keeping; I do not, of course, attempt to teach the old hands, who are quite capable of taking care of themselves, and from whom I could no doubt myself learn much.

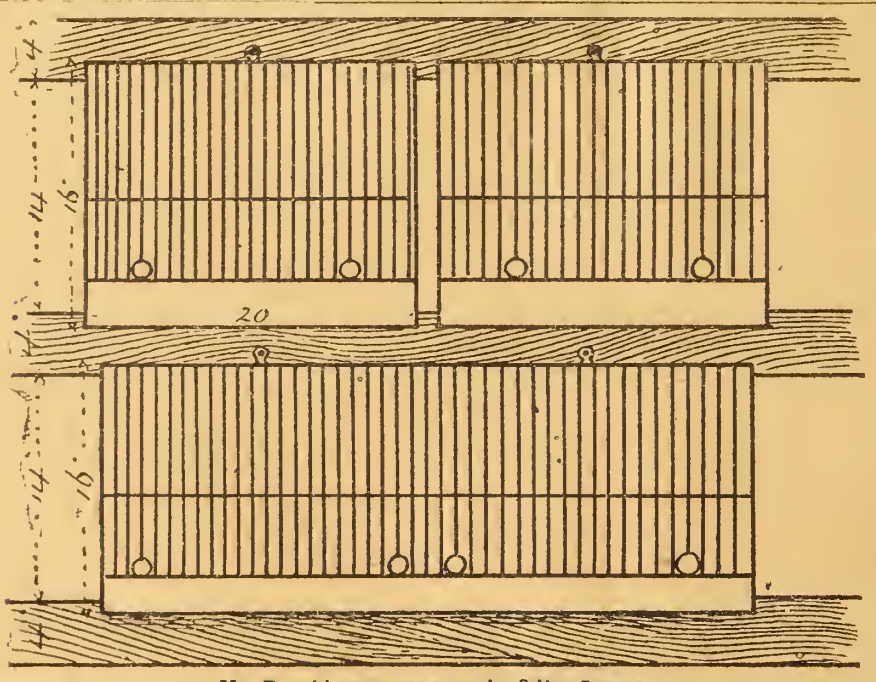
I will not dwell at length on the selection of a bird room, as I apprehend that most fanciers have no choice in this matter, having to content themselves with whatever room in the house is available. But, where possible, a room should be chosen where the temperature varies as little as possible, and one into which plenty of light and air can enter. Some fanciers prefer one aspect and some another; and I don't think it really matters whether the bird room faces east, south, or west, but I should endeavour to avoid one with a northern aspect.

In addition to breeding cages, some flight cages will be required. These, too, should be of the box pattern, and similarly constructed to the breeding cages, and of about the same dimensions, except in length, which should be double or treble that of the breeders.

Every room should contain also a few single stock cages of a size suitable for putting one or two birds in.

Lastly, some show cages—according to the variety or varieties of Canary it is intended to keep—should be provided. Whatever the variety of Canary kept, however, it is as well to have a few Yorkshire show cages, as besides making excellent nursery cages for the young birds, they are very useful for running birds into from the larger cages when these birds are wanted for any purpose. The type of show cage used for Norwich, Cinnamons, etc., is not adapted for this purpose.

As regards seed hoppers, drinkers, etc., have all these of the same pattern, as this gives a better appearance to the



Mr. Brook's arrangement of the Cages.

The Floor and Cages.

Having decided on a room, it is necessary to proceed to fit it up so as to make the best use of it. Dealing first with the floor, I recommend that this be covered with linoleum or floorcloth, as it is then much easier to keep clean, a wipe over every week or so, and an occasional scrub with water, to which has been added a little disinfectant, such as Izal, Jeyes' Fluid, Sanitas, or carbolic, being all that is required to keep the place sweet and clean. If the room is papered the walls will require nothing done to them beyond being swept down, but if they are bare a coat of distemper would improve their appearance.

I will next deal with cages. What class of cage is required depends upon what birds one intends to keep, but I will assume that it is proposed to keep Canaries, in which case it will be necessary to have several kinds of cages.

Firstly, breeding cages will be wanted, and these should be all of one pattern. There are many good makers of cages, and it is a matter of opinion only which turns out the better article, and which is the better pattern to adopt. Personally, I prefer the single breeder of the box pattern (that is, wood on all sides except the front), fitted with moveable wire front, sand tray, nest pan, seed hopper, drinker, and egg pan. I like the door to be in the front only, as I find that doors cut in the ends are very rarely used, and afford a too convenient harbourage for that dread pest, the red mite. I also like my cages enamelled inside and stained and varnished outside, as they can be more easily cleaned than when distemper is used.

room, and a certain advantage accrues by having the fittings interchangeable. It is also advisable, although it is not a necessity, to have a few spare seed hoppers, drinkers, egg pans, etc. Lastly, a number of bath cages (fitted with earthenware baths) should be obtained, as the birds must be given a bath frequently—on favourable days.

Having got together a stock of cages and accessories, the next thing to do is to suitably arrange the cages around the room. Of course, they can be stacked one above the other in rows against the walls, but this method is not to be commended, as it has several drawbacks. For instance, if one of the cages is wanted from the bottom row, it cannot be removed without disturbing all those above it, and in the breeding season particularly this is to be avoided. This nuisance can be got over in two ways—either by having a rack in which to place the cages, or by hanging each cage separately on to a nail or screw in the wall. A rack is generally considered the better of the two, and if it is decided to have this it should be constructed lightly but strongly, and with due regard to the sizes of the cages it is intended to hold. Instructions for making these racks have many times been given in the Fancy Press.

If, for any reason, a rack is objected to, the same purpose will be served by fastening securely to the wall, in a horizontal position, a number of strips of wood about four inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick, and at distances apart of two inches *less* than the height of the cages (measuring from the inside edge). On to these strips of wood place good strong screws to hang the cages on. Allow intervals of about one inch between the cages. To each cage affix a good strong "eye" (what is known as a "slotted" brass picture plate is about the best) large enough to go over the screw heads above-mentioned. (It may be necessary, in the case of long flight cages to use two screws and two "eyes.")

Completing One's Outfit.

The cages can then be hung up on to the screws, and the same result will be obtained as if a rack were being used. There will be a space of one inch between each cage, and a space of two inches between each row. I have endeavoured to show more clearly the effect of the above in the accompanying illustration.

Several other things are required to complete the fancier's outfit, with which I will deal briefly. A rake for raking out the rubbish from the bottoms of the cages (or failing this a flat piece of good will answer very well); a scraper with which to clean the sand trays (I use a flat piece of steel about three inches by two inches, procurable from any ironmongers for about 2d.); dust pan and brush, a hair or fibre broom, and some sort of a receptacle for holding the rubbish, etc., cleared out from the cage—these are articles which can hardly be dispensed with. For the last-mentioned purpose I use what is known in Sussex as a "trug basket."

(To be continued.)

How to Treat and Teach a Talking Parrot.

By J. SPARKS (St. Helens).

Of the immense number of species of Parrots and Cockatoos, a few are endowed with wonderful intelligence. Of these, the African Grey Parrot is the king. Next comes the gorgeous Amazon Parrot, and then there is the quaint Rose-coloured Cockatoo, and the graceful Indian Green Parrot.

Africans and Amazons.

While the African Grey Parrot is universally acknowledged to be the most docile and the readiest talker, in colour it is very plain. I think we can find a parallel in some of the birds of our own isle, which, though the finest songsters in the world, yet are very shabby in dress compared with some of the foreign birds. Plainest of all, we have the Nightingale, which has thrilled thousands who have listened to its marvellous song. The body feathers of this Parrot are grey, the face and the place round the eyes are bare of feathers and white; the beak is curved and powerful, and is jet black; and the short tail is a bright red. The brightness of the tail is not very noticeable because of its shortness. As the bird's name implies it is a native of the jungles of Africa.

The Amazon Parrot comes from South America, and is really beautiful in colour. If it is to learn to talk it must be obtained when young. The Rose-coloured Cockatoo makes an interesting pet, but there is an uncertainty about its talking. Some learn to talk and some don't. Their utterances are usually confined to "Pretty Polly," etc. The same remark applies to the Indian Parrot. All depends on the individual. The Indian Parrot is very graceful, is rather small, and has a long, tapering tail. The body colour is a bright green; the beak is scarlet, and it has a mark on its neck, also scarlet.

If you want a talking Parrot, it is best to get a young Grey as soon as it arrives on our shores. At first it will be very wild, and make a lot of noise, but it is very sensible and soon sees the needlessness of it. At first cover its cage with a thick cloth, leaving a space to let in light for it to feed by. Don't forget that the climate of Africa is much warmer than that of England, and except in the hottest weather a Parrot should be kept in an artificially heated room, at least until it is thoroughly acclimatised. Feed on boiled white flat maize, which can be obtained from bird-dealers and seedsmen. In the afternoon give a drink of luke-warm milk. Don't give water during its first six months in England. (Two tins of the prepared corn are sufficient for one day).

Gaining Confidence.

When none of the members of the family are moving about, commence the training of the Parrot by pulling off the cloth. At first it will make a noise, but if everyone keeps quiet, it will be content to keep a strict watch on the movements of the humans. When no one is in the room but yourself, remove the cloth and take a seat close to the bird's cage, and read with your back to it. In a wonderfully short time it will become convinced of your harmlessness. Now leave the cage uncovered during the day, but on no account at night. Pass its cage frequently and always talk to it. It will learn to talk more quickly if you get it "finger-tame." This is easily managed. Get it to take maize corns out of your fingers. It may snap at you, but don't take your hand away suddenly. Don't hit it with anything, or it will only snap the worse.

Then try to scratch the back of its head with your fingers, saying to it "Come on, scratch Polly." Now, instead of giving its drink in one of its tins, hold an eggcupful of milk through the cage-door. When it comes to drink, cautiously scratch its head, and talk to it. Perhaps it will wipe its beak on your fingers. Keep still and don't withdraw your hand unless the bird actually bites.

In time it will play with your fingers in its beak without hurting you. When it does this, gradually bring your hand to its feet, and just touch its body. Very probably it will put one foot on your hand, and then the other. Then scratch its head. Practise this with it, and then, on a suitable occasion, let it out of its cage. Grey Parrots rarely attempt to fly, but close the doors and guard the approach to the fire-grate. When it has climbed on to the top of its cage, get it to step on to your hand and carry it about the room, talking to it, and rubbing the back of its head.

What is Wanted.

Play with the Parrot often, and it will learn all the better. When you come in say "Good morning," or "Hello" to it. When you are having meals, say "Polly wants some dinner," and then give it a piece of bread dipped in sugar. In time it will ask for it. What is wanted is not so much a long vocabulary of meaningless words, but sensible sentences uttered at the proper times. Don't forget the "White-eyed Kaffir's" advice in the Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS, i.e., "Don't teach them to swear or they will never forget it."

Parrots can also be taught to whistle. If you have a singing Thrush or Blackbird, "Polly" will soon get its song off when it has once started talking. They will learn to bark like a dog and mee-ow like a cat. Of course, the first word that they speak is very gruff and indistinct, and can hardly be recognised, but they soon begin to articulate clearly.

If your Parrot does not learn to talk when given this treatment, it will not learn by any other. Cruelty, hunger, etc., will not teach it. Some people will tell you that Parrots learn faster if covered up with a dark cloth and kept in a quiet place. It may be so, but most good talkers I know or have had, have not been so treated: they have simply been tamed by kindness, and then kept in a room in which they could hear plenty of conversation. Both sexes of Parrots will talk, and the hen is quite as good as a cock. The treatment of the other talking Parrots is the same as that recommended in the case of the Grey. If you don't want a screamer don't get an Indian Parrot.

I will conclude by briefly summarising the treatment. Feed on boiled white maize. At meal times give a piece of bread dipped in sugar. In the afternoon give a drink of lukewarm milk (for first six months, and afterwards lukewarm water). One or two drinks per day are quite sufficient. About once a week colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I have found that on this simple treatment Grey Parrots will become acclimatised and keep in splendid health, but as tit-bits they can with advantage be given nuts and fruit frequently.

The Crested Canary: Its Management Month by Month.

By A. F. FIFIELD (Oxford).

This is the Essay which was awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Literary Competition in the Canary Section. Readers should note the announcement which appears on page 424 of this issue.

In this essay I will endeavour to give a general outline of the management of my favourite variety of Canary, viz., the Crested Canary. I do not claim to be an expert, but simply a working-man fancier, with limited time and income at my disposal. As this is a very expensive variety, and as I like to keep to quality as far as possible, I usually only put up about ten hens and five or six cocks (running one cock with two hens). Personally, I favour this system, as I find it has many advantages, and is more economical. I also put up two or three pairs of "feeders" in case of emergency.

The following are the contents of my bird room: One stack of fifteen single breeding cages, 20in. x 15in. x 11in.; and another stack comprising two flight cages 40in. x 20in. x 11in., and four single breeding cages, 20in. x 15in. x 11in. There is also an aviary 4ft. 6in. x 3ft. x 2ft. All the cages are made uniformly, all joints being well glued, so as to fill up any crevices that would harbour red mite. They are all enamelled inside, and fitted with punch-bar fronts with sliding doors. For perches I use 5-8in. dowels (which can be purchased at any ironmongery stores for 1d. each), which will make about six good perches. As these are cross-grained, you can scrape them without any splinters or cuts, by which the birds might injure their feet.

I also use red-mite traps at the end of the perches. I prefer the earthenware nest pans to any other, as they are so much cleaner. I use no artificial heat, as the birds seem so much hardier without it, but at the same time I take good care to avoid draughts, without interfering with ventilation.

The staple diet of my Canaries consists of three parts good Canary seed to one part of summer rape, with a little hemp seed added.

January.

I will now proceed to give a detailed outline month by month throughout the year.

With the advent of the New Year your thoughts turn to making a selection of your breeding stock for the forthcoming breeding season. I like to go into the bird room and sit quiet, and study the birds for a week or so, turning over in my mind their good and bad points, and picking out the best partners for each other. As I always run one cock with two hens, I pick out the cocks first, and then choose my hens to match them, trying, as far as possible, to have the Crested cocks birds that were bred from Crested hens, and the Crestbred cocks birds that were bred from Crested cocks; and the hens vice versa. About this time I clip the crests at the sides of any birds that I am not reserving for exhibition, so as to allow the birds to see to get about better. As blindness is so prevalent among Crests, it is advisable to take all precautions against it.

February.

During the month of February I always make it a rule to give the bird room a thorough good overhauling. One by one I scrub the cages out with carbolic soap and soda water, also the nest pans, egg-food drawers, etc. I now begin to feed up any of the birds that are at all backward, by giving a little egg-food twice a week, and so get them all about the same in condition; by this means I avoid any delay when the birds are paired up. Always use discretion in feeding up the birds, and try to adapt yourself to the climatic conditions prevailing.

March.

Most of the birds will now be showing signs of forwardness, calling to each other, and continually flapping their wings. But have patience, and do not pair up till at least the end of the month, and then only if the weather is favourable.

There is always a risk in pairing up too early, because should we get a cold snap the chances are you will lose some of your hens, either from egg-binding or inflammation; and you will find it difficult to purchase good hens at this time of the year. Before pairing the birds I take each one and cut off any superfluous feathers round the vent, so that these do not interfere with the breeding operations.

April.

If conditions are favourable, I pair up at once. I discontinue using sawdust on the bottoms of the cages, and substitute sand during the breeding season, as it is most essential to have plenty of grit for the hen to pick over to help form the shell of the eggs. Also I fix a piece of cuttlefish bone in the wires, as the lime in this is very beneficial.

When the birds have been paired up for about three days, and things are going on satisfactorily, I put the nest pan in. But when fixing the lining in, instead of sticking it in with paste, I always rub a layer of carbolic soap round the inside of the pan, and stick the lining to that, as this also acts as a disinfectant, and helps to keep the red-mite down that usually congregate under the lining.

If things go on alright you may expect the first egg in about a week or ten days. I always take the eggs away until the third one has been laid, and I substitute "dummies" in their places; then put them back on the evening of the day the third egg is laid. By doing this the young birds hatch out about the same time, and, consequently, stand a better chance of being fed equally. When I take the eggs away, I put them in a partitioned box, each compartment being numbered to correspond with the cage number. These I turn over at least once a day, so as to prevent the yolk from getting set.

When the hen has been sitting about a week I examine the eggs by holding them up to a strong light, to see if they are good. If they look thick or streaky they are good, but should they be clear, then they are unfertile and useless, and should be taken away from the hen.

May.

Your birds should now be in full swing, and probably some of the first round hatched. The evening before I expect the young to hatch I put a little egg-food in the cage, but I take care not to disturb the hen too soon, as some birds are very nervous at this time (especially first-year birds). If you do disturb a hen too soon you may cause her to forsake the nest. But instead of disturbing, just look on the bottom of the cage to see if there are any broken egg shells there. And, if you keep quiet, possibly you will hear the young ones squeaking. But should they not hatch out to date, I examine the eggs closely to see if there are any signs of the shell chipping, and if there is I put them back at once.

But, on the other hand, should there be no signs of chipping, I put them in warm water for a minute or so, and then place them back again for another day. Then if there is no result I take them away altogether, as the young are probably dead in the shell. I then let the hen have a rest for a day or two before putting the cock in to her again.

If the young hatch out alright, I give practically the yolk only for the first two days, adding bread crumbs each day till I get it to the strength of two parts bread crumbs to one part egg. When they are four days old I give a little green food twice a day.

As I prefer young lettuce leaves to anything else, I always sow some seed in boxes, and force it, so as to have it always fresh and at hand. I also give plenty of hemp seed in the hoppers, as some birds prefer this even to egg-food. Should any of the hens get a little lax in feeding, I try them with soaked rape seed, but if they are no better then I either put the cock back or place the young in the nests of some of the others, whichever is most convenient at the time.

You must now keep a sharp eye on the old birds, and see that they do not pluck the feathers out of the young ones with which to go to nest again. If this should happen, remove the youngsters immediately to a nursery cage (a Yorkshire show cage will do), and hang it to the breeding cage; then put the cock back with the hen, and they will feed them through the wires, until they can pick up for themselves.

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TWO INDIAN FAVOURITES.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S, author of "Garden and Aviary Birds in India."

(See illustration on page 414 of this issue.)

THE RED-EARED BULBUL (*Otocompsa emeria*).—Next to the Pekin Robin, this pretty bird is the most abundantly imported of Eastern Softbills, though the supply is very irregular; it makes a good companion for the Pekin, being equally easy to keep, while the two birds set each other off splendidly, their colours and forms affording a pleasing contrast. Although this Bulbul, like most of its group, is not a brilliantly-coloured bird, its appearance is very pleasing, owing to its singular grace of form and movement; it is graceful both in flight and when perched, and only looks awkward on the ground, where its short legs give it a squatty appearance.

Indeed, I do not remember ever seeing it on the ground in Calcutta, though in the Andaman Islands, where it is about the commonest bird, it was often to be seen hopping about there—that is to say, in the civilised islands, for in one covered with virgin forest which I visited, I only saw these Bulbuls in the tree-tops.

Calcutta is the port from which these Bulbuls are shipped, and they are often known as "Calcutta Nightingales." The food usually given them there is "satoo," the coarse pea-meal which is now becoming well known, by name at any rate, to English fanciers, it being the staple for Softbills in India.

The colours of this Bulbul are very well expressed even in black and white, although the back and wings and sides of the breast, are brown, and there are patches of scarlet on each cheek and under the tail. The sexes are similar in colour, but the young are without the red cheek patches, and have the vent buff instead of red. The nest is open, placed in a tree or bush, and the eggs are pale pink spotted with red.

The Red-eared Bulbul is never, so far as I have seen, kept braced for fighting like the large dark Red-vented species, which is much the commoner in Calcutta.

THE WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART (*Chimarrhornis leucocephala*).—This pretty bird, which is, it seems to me, more of a Chat than a Redstart, having the shape and tail action of the Chat group, is quite the opposite of the Bulbul, which is its companion in the illustration. It inhabits the mountains, ranging even up to 20,000 feet in summer, thus living in a temperate or even cold climate, whereas the Bulbul is a bird of the low, hot country.

Also it is a solitary bird, living much on the ground by the sides of streams, and is one of the rarest and most treasured of fancier's favourites here, but very few having been imported. In India I have seen it in the Dehra Doon district at the foot of the Himalayas, where it frequented the sides of artificial water-courses; and a few were regularly brought down caged by the hillmen, who brought other Himalayan birds for sale.

The same treatment and food as suit our Wagtails would be appropriate for this species; a fine specimen was shown by Mr. S. M. Townsend at the last Palace show.

Both sexes are similarly clad, in black and deep mahogany red, contrasting with the white cap. The young are duller, the white cap being edged with black, and body feathers a mixture of dark brown and chestnut. The nest is placed in a rock crevice, and is open; the eggs are greyish-white with rusty markings.

Wild Bird Life.

Concerning Swallows.

Although the weather has been mild and springlike our Swallow population has not received any additional numbers. We have just the one or two, of which we occasionally get a glimpse. There are many more to come before we have our usual number. At the end of each summer we have quite a big gathering of old and young birds, but we never expect anything like so many to return to us in the following spring. Some years there appears to be a slight increase, in others they are sadly reduced. The mortality among them must be either while making the journey to their winter homes, or after their arrival there, for it is very seldom that they come to any harm in this country. During a life spent among birds wherever possible, I do not remember seeing more than at the most some half-a-dozen dead specimens, and each of these was either killed by accident or by wilful destruction. We are quite unable to calculate the longevity of many of our wild birds. Swallows should be among those that reach a good old age. Living constantly in the air, they have not the same enemies as perching birds, and their swiftness of wing should protect them from birds of prey. The Hawk may possibly catch one, as it were, by accident, in the same manner as I once knew one caught by a cat. The animal was turned out of the house, and at the same instant a Swallow flying low darted past the door; the cat struck at and, unfortunately, killed it. The Sparrow Hawk procures the most of his food by sweeping suddenly round corners of hayricks or over tall hedgerows; in this manner he may possibly pounce upon a Swallow. But I do not think he would deliberately chase one, even if he could get up the same speed, which is doubtful—he would be easily beaten by the twisting movements of the smaller bird.

While seeking shelter from a shower at the edge of a pine wood on April 16th, I became conscious of the notes of a strange bird, first softly, then louder, and after a little while quite overhead. At first it was difficult to get a glimpse of the performer; the light was dull and he was busy among the greenery of the tall firs. But I knew from past experience that the graceful Willow Warbler was not a shy species, and after a time he was within a few paces of me, peering among the leaves and occasionally singing his sweet little song, with now and again a glance at me. And although I was watching him closely (for he was the first I had seen) he showed not the slightest fear, but continued to sing and seek food with the most delightful tameness.

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Where Rooks Build.

From observations in different parts of the country it appears that Rooks favour elm trees for building purposes, although many Rookeries are found in the branches of other trees. Two Rookeries known to the writer are in horse chestnuts, a very unusual occurrence, but somehow the elms appear to be the proper trees, and in no others do nests look more picturesque.

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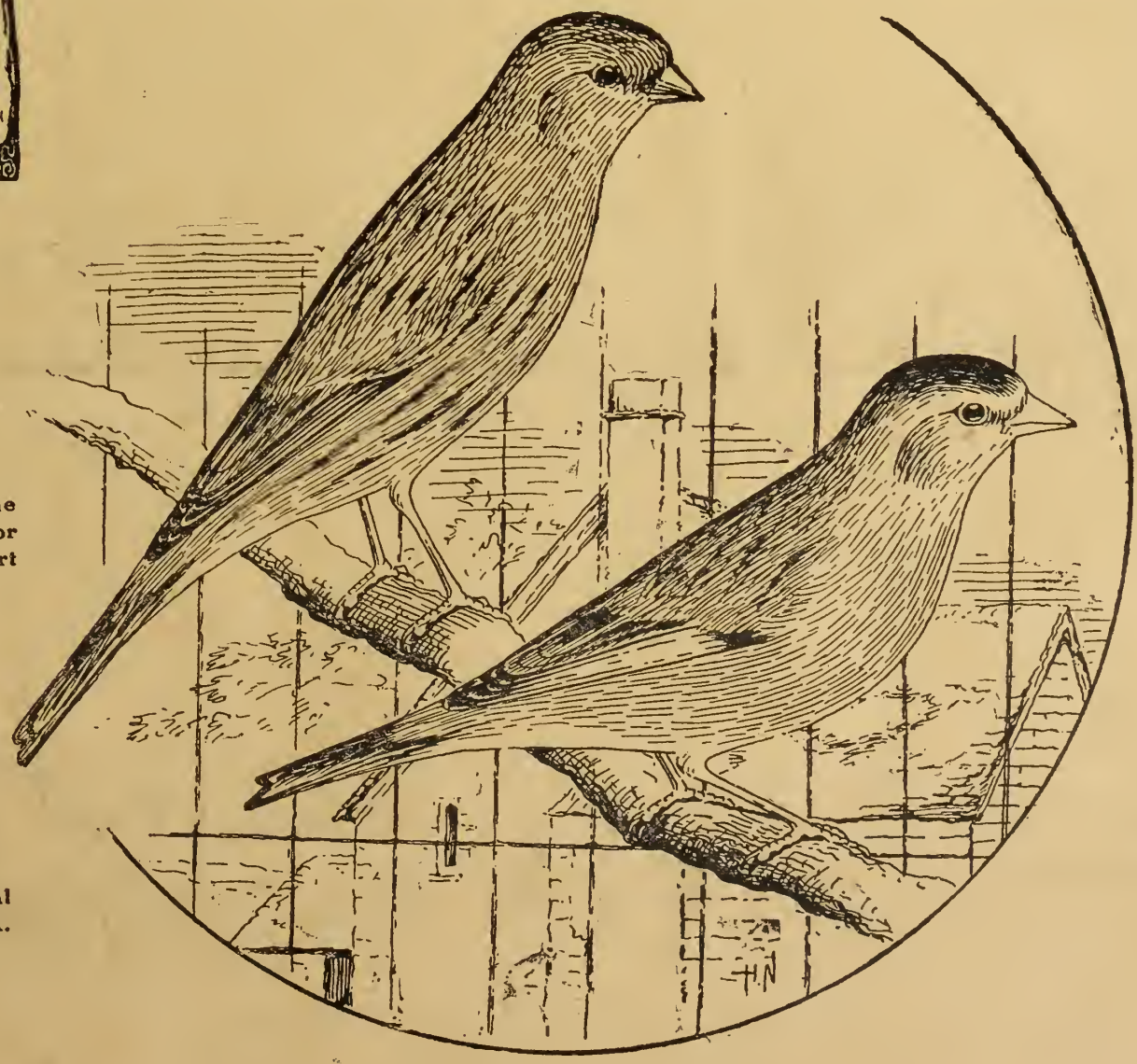
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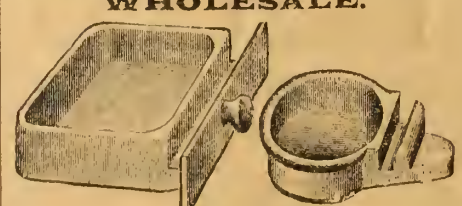
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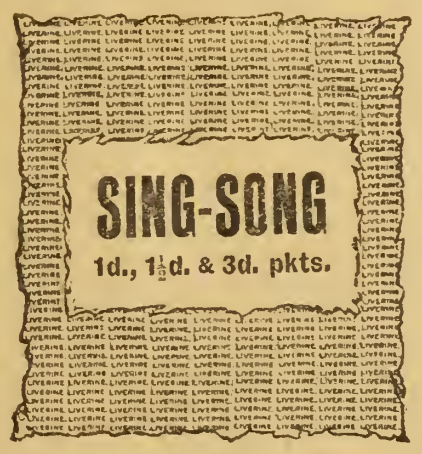


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I beg to report as follows: The ss "Schwaben" arrived in Antwerp last week, with 4,000 pairs Budgerigars and Zebras, the whole of which were consigned to a German dealer, none reaching Great Britain.

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BUYER of all kind of birds: Hardy and Barron, Aviaries, 16, Club-row, Church-st., London, E. Est. 20 years.

WANTED, cock Canary, also brass cage; exchange new disc records, latest titles: West, 32, Cross-st., Didsbury.

WANTED, first-class exhibition British Goldfinch; on approval: D. Murray, Galloway-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

WANTED, customers for buying new cloth for rug making, 2/6 stone: Lockwood, Chickenley-lane, near Dewsbury.

WANTED, any number of Canaries and Mules; best prices given: Badbone, Ealing Bird Stores, 10, Baker's-lane.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED sugar sacks or others; exchange large joiner-made flight cage, sell 6/-: George, 99, Lewes-rd., Brighton.

WANTED, large Yorkshire cock, good songster; exchange fishing rod or pictures: Hatton, 19, Whitcher-st., Deptford.

WANTED, your surplus live stock; will purchase or exchange for other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

OFFERS in Canaries, exchange Amazon Parrot and cage, good talker; sell £2 10s.: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED to clear 200 Yorkshires, healthy birds, at 7/6 per pair: Ellis Ingham, 27, Vine-ter., Fairweather Green, Bradford.

WANTED, pair of Canaries; exchange good pedigree Fox Terrier pup, make winner; sell 12/6; birds first: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hallenwood.

WANTED, Yorkshires, exchange 110 Hobbies', 110 designs, 98 Handicrafts, 94 designs, 6 specials: Waddington, 11, Lawrence-st., Padiham.

WANTED, hen Mules, hen Canaries, hen Goldfinches; state lowest price for cash: Henderson's, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, Yorksbire show cages; exchange typical Yorkshire hens; or would buy: Knight, 30, Wighy-st., Bennet-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

WANTED good gramophone or lady's or gentleman's tricycle; give talking Parrot or lever watch: Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

WANTED, good Yorkshires; will exchange liver and white field spaniel (dog), 4 months, parents excellent workers: Davies, 60, Bye-st., Ledbury.

WANTED breeding Yorkshires; exchange Cassell's Canaries and Cage Birds, bound complete: Green, 11, Victoria-rd., Chesterton, Cambridge.

WANTED good D.B. bridge loading, 12 bore gun; exchange good stock Crests, Barnet's strain, to value: Walter Johnson, Waveudon, Bucks.

WANTED, a house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, in exchange for sih Yorkshire cock; Finch first: Morris, 2, St. John-place, Trecynon, Aberdare, Glam.

WANTED, Scifert Rollers and shutter cabinet; exchange Columbia graphophone and records, cost £5: Particulars, John Fox, 86, Queen Victoria-st., Tredegar.

TOY Pomeranian pedigree pup, in exchange for 48 parts Harmsworth's Self Educator, unbound, good condition: F. Cornish, 24, Thorpedale-rd., Holloway, London, N.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch, house-moulted; exchange well-marked Dutch, will win, or pair pure white rabbits; offers: Weatherill, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool.

WANTED, good outer cover, 28 x 1½, and inner tube; exchange Roller Schoolmaster, B.R.C.C. rung, 1909; or sell 15/-: Watkins, Gaythorne-st., Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

WANTED, offers in Norwich show cages (standard ouly) for full volume of Children's Encyclopædia (clean, not bound): T. Kay, 75, Victoria-st., Newtown, Wigan.

WANTED, good cycles, also tricycles or motor cycle, in exchange for champion matched pairs, Crests, Norwich or Yorksbires: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

WANTED cock Canaries; exchange house-moulted cock Siskin, white-legged cock Goldfinch, also handsome cock Bullfinch; approval: S. Burch, Decorator, Woodbridge.

WANTED, Norwich cocks, Parrot, chicks; exchange cream Pom. dog, 11 months, good pedigree, immense coat, over distemper; yours first: Smith, 19, Chelsham rd., Croydon.

WANTED, fowls, chickens, ducks, Canaries, wild birds, pigeons, etc.; good exchange given household goods, pictures, beds, bedsteads, furniture, tin trunks, etc., etc.: State wants to Cypher, Llanbradach, Glam.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRDS' eggs, sets, singles, cheap; list free; blowing set and instructions, 2/3: Bennett, Harwood-terrace, Fulham.

EGG drills, blowpipe, etc., 1/-; egg collector's guide, 1/-; climbing irons, 4/6: Messrs. Davis, Museum, Dartford.

BEETLES; fine case, also fossils, shells; handsome Beisabok horns, 32 ins. long, with skull; photos: Chapman, Business Agent, Burgess Hill.

WANTED, curious-coloured birds, stuffed or otherwise, specimens preserved, moth proof; skins dressed: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham.

YOUR pets preserved and beautifully mounted at moderate price. For 25 years I have pleased others, and can please you: J. H. Ormond, Taxidermist, Wyndham-arcade, Cardiff.

BIRDS and animals preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; birds' eggs, drills, blowpipes, etc.; guide to birds' eggs, by G. J. Popplewell, post free, 7d.: Popplewell, Taxidermist, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

EGG COLLECTORS, LOOK!

Egg Collectors Look!—Brass blowpipe, steel drill, priced, list, 460 species side blown eggs, 7d. lot, free: Jefferys, Naturalist, Tethury.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British

To be Sold or Exchanged.

THREE hen Bullies, 2/6 each, October caught; or offers: Evans, Glocaled, Pembrey, Carm.

FOR sale, 3 cock Siskins, 4/6 each; or exchange Canaries to value: Charles McCann, 15, North st., Lurgan.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for a good Norwich hen; hen first: J. Taylor, Old Fallow, Cannock.

TWO aviary-moulted cock Linnets, grand songsters, 5/6; exchange cock Canary: Bryant, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

THREE Bullfinch hens, 1/6 each; 3 cage-moulted, 2/- each; exchange anything: Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

COCK Larks, 1/-, singing; Goldfinches, 3/6; Quaker Parrakeet, winner, 10/-; exchange anything useful: Hipwell, Naturalist, Wisbech.

1909 cock Hawfinch, sell 10/-; or exchange hen Canaries, Goldfinches, cocks; offers; yours first: Barlow, Hilcote, Blackwell, Alfreton.

EIGHT Goldfinch Mules, 5 cocks, 3 hens, cocks good songsters, sell £1 lot; exchange anything useful: Connon, 10, Bolt-st., Newport, Mon.

COCK Linnet, hen Bullfinch, together since October, for hen Norwich or Yorkshire, or cock Goldfinch; sell 5/-: Quant, Junr., Criterion, Weston-super-Mare.

FOR sale, cock Bullfinch and hen Greenie, house-moulted, 5/6; or exchange pair Norwich Canaries: J. Brown, 84, Middle-st., Spittal, Berwick-on-Tweed.

TWO cock Goldfinches, 2 cock Linnets, pair Redpolls, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, hen Siskin; exchange anything useful: Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted cock Chaffinch, moulted; exchange noiseless air-gun, clock, vases, anything useful, value £1: Edgeley, Pound-rd., Chatteris.

TO Hybrid breeders, large twice H.M. hen Bullie and H.M. cock Linnet, 12/6; H.M. cock Bullie, winner, and hen Goldie, 12/6; or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WILL exchange a cock Goldfinch and yellow hen for a Norwich or Yorkshire cock (yellow), also about 90 "Cage Birds," with plates; sell 1/6: J. Brenton, 1, Julian-place., Ford, Devonport.

BEAUTIFUL extra large piping Bullfinch, make winner; hen Goldfinch Mule, exchange yellow Norwich hen, must be big bird; approval both ways: Jones, 27, North Street, Beaufort Hill, Beaufort, Brecon.

NOTICE: Good exhibition Goldfinches for sale, or exchange for Mules, Canarics, or good pair Lizards; hundreds of testimonials; stamp reply for particulars: W. Wall, Bird Specialist, 1, Camden-row, Dublin.

GOLDFINCH Mule, Finch notes, 7/6; Roller cock, good class, songster, 7/6; Greenfinch Mule, 2nd Clapham, 15/-; Bullfinch hens, very large, tame, ready to nest, 2/6 each; house-moulted, 4/6; or exchange March-hatched chickens: Smith, 3, Union-terrace, Morden-rd., Merton, Surrey.

Harry Allen Will Exchange

contest Linnets, match birds, catching birds, muling Linnets, and Linnets for the show bench, for any kind of Canaries, cocks and hens, and cock Mules, or any kind of foreign seed eaters, so write to Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIRS of Crests or singles; exchange for anything useful: Potter, 35, Onley-st., Norwich.

WHAT offers Canaries for pair real Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

PAIR of Yorkshires, ready for breeding, 7/6; or exchange picture framing tools: Thompson, 88, Miles-st., Oldham.

THREE hen Canaries, nesting, 1909 birds, good health and feather, 2/6 each, 6/- the 3: Nicholls, Aviaries, Whitstable.

PAIR Rollers (1909), H.M. Linnet and hen Canary, exchange Norwiches, or offer: Strachan, 7, Leven-st., Newtown, Dumbarton.

FOR sale, Yorkshires, cage, and rack, or exchange African Grey, talking: England, Westbourne Grove, Hightown, Manchester.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, sell 12/6; exchange pedigree Toy pup: T. Stone, Ennismore-gardens, Mews North, Kensington, S.W.

OFFERS Canaries, exchange gent's suit length (tweed), or lady's dress piece, 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchinson-st., Glasgow.

YELLOW Norwich cock, grand stock bird, colour fed, 12/6; exchange common hen Canaries; Bennett, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

SALE or exchange 20 pair good Yorkshires, 7/6, 6/6 pair; exchange hoots or household requisites: Pickles, 16, Low Spring-rd., Keighley.

TWO cocks, 3 hens, adult yellow Budgerigars; 1 green cock, outdoor, breeding; 6 husks; exchange Norwich: Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

TWO pairs 1909 Rollers, cocks, full song; hens, nesting, sell 12/6 and 15/-; exchange entertained; yours first: 131, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich, Yorkshire hens, h.m. Greenfinch, for pair of Seiferts, or 3 Sib.-bred hens: Lawrence, 143, Coulsdon-rd., Upper Caterham.

EXCHANGE cockerel and two pullets, Black Rose-combs Bantams, for good healthy pair Yorks. or Norwich; sell 7/6 lot; yours first: Schalk, Fairford, Glos.

THREE 1909 Canary hens, healthy 2/- each, or 5/- the lot; or 3-compartment breeding cage; yours first: A. Dawson, back of 7, Elvetham-rd., Birmingham.

PAIR splendid Yorkshires, 1908; sell 10/-; exchange for pair Norwich, nesting: Houghton, Rayleigh, Essex.

SELL or exchange pure St. Andreasberg Roller, Schoolmaster, cost 40/-; sacrifice 20/-; 12 box cages with shutters, 18/-; aviary, 7/6: John Foxall, High-st., Quarry Bank.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 1909 bird, standard length, full song, for set of boys' boxing gloves, must be good, or offers, sell 12/-; approval: Hinson, 48, Westbourne-grove, Hessle.

TWO yellow Yorkshire hens, 15/-; 2 pairs Norwich, 30/-; exchange linoleum, stair carpet, blankets, sheets; genuine offer; approval; goods first: Hancock, Lark-place, Bath.

GOOD breeding Norwich cock, 15/-, for pair of Yorkshires; yours first: William Doncliy, 64, Back-st., Renton, Dumbartonshire.

WANTED, all varieties Canaries and Foreign birds, cash, or exchange winning pigeons, Bantams, Persian cats, suit lengths, or lady's dress lengths: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

BARGAINS; complete electric light for bird-room, 12/6; electric medical coil, with foot plates and batteries, 15/-; worth double; electric bell set, complete, 8/6: 35, Sunnyside-st., Salford.

FEW clear and Green Variegated Cinnamon-bred Yorkshire Canaries, 1909; cocks from 8/6; hens, 3/6; cheap; cold-room; exchange for Vicona suiting or hoots: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

BUFF ticked Yorkshire hen, 3/6; Roller hen, 2/-; green Crested hen, 12/6; approval, deposit. Also pedigree Airedale pup, 10/-; exchange, offers: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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Club Reports.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held at Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, on April 28th, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. Messrs. H. Amos and W. G. Smith were elected members, and nominations were received from Messrs. G. James, W. Hughes, and C. Rumsby. A discussion then took place re taking the Green Borders into the Club, and the meeting decided that the May meeting should be an extraordinary one, summoned for the purpose of deciding whether the Green Border should be accepted. Members are requested to attend on May 26th, when the question will be finally settled.—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held April 28th, Mr. H. Booth in the chair. After much discussion it was decided to resign membership of the Cage Bird Union, the chief reason given being the rule which bars society members from competing at unaffiliated shows. The question of throwing open the society to all fanciers, without a radius limit, was again brought up, with the result that it will now be open to accept new members from any quarter. Respecting the annual open show, this was again under discussion, but it was left over until the next monthly meeting on account of the financial aspect of affairs. Two new members were elected. At the next monthly meeting the society will hold its first nest feather show of the season. Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby) will judge. Specials are offered for competition for both Canaries and British birds.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

YORKSHIRE C.S. OF IRELAND.

Council meeting held at the Douglas Hotel on April 27th, Mr. J. R. Fry presiding. The following were present:—Messrs. Rooney, Holley, Birse, Stewart, Sheridan, Callaghan, Lynch, McDonald, and the hon. sec. With regard to the young bird show, the Council decided to give a silver cup for the best young bird in show. Mr. Stitt was co-opted a member of the Council. Mr. J. R. Hyland's name was brought forward for membership, when the following resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried:—"That the attention of the Council having been drawn to the allegation contained in the letter from Mr. Hyland, hon. sec. pro. tem., of the Y.C.C. of I., which appears in the current issue of CAGE BIRDS, viz., that "Some members of this Council had last season performed jobs far worse than issuing worthless cheques, it is hereby resolved that Mr. Hyland be asked to furnish this Council with the names of the persons alluded to by him, the exact nature of the charge referred to, and any evidence he may possess." The following new members were elected: Messrs. P. H. Kenny, J. Bannon, J. J. Cloke (Dublin), and Mrs. W. S. Taylor (Portrush). It was also suggested that Mr. J. J. Cloke be written to and asked to give a lecture on Mule breeding.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Annual general meeting, held on April 30th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, Mr. F. Armstrong presiding. The minutes of previous meetings were passed. The balance-sheet was adopted. The chairman then gave the result of the voting, which was as follows: President, Mr. D. Sunderland; vice-president, Mr. R. Halliday; committee (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. F. Hammond, W. H. Shackleton, J. Bailey, H. W. Battye, H. H. Towers, H. Hill, S. Dean, W. A. Cowgill, T. Ogden, and R. Sutcliffe; (outside Yorkshire), A. Hirst, J. W. Ramsden, W. G. Cuthbertson, A. Ambler, and T. C. Crawhall; secretary and treasurer, J. Greaves; Assistant secretary, W. Crabtree. Mr. Sunderland now took the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, also subscribers and donors of special prizes, to which Mr. Armstrong replied. The following were elected by the meeting: scrutineers, Messrs. T. Hammond and T. Ogden; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and T. Clegg; districts committee, Messrs. F. Armstrong, H. W. Walsh (Halifax), A. Livesey (Bingley), E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe), C. T. Parkes (Wakefield), A. Chew (Leeds), J. Sawley (Keighley), W. Brown (Harrogate), E. Clegg (Dewsbury), and W. Bearpark (Menston). New members: W. Knowles, B. Tate, G. Blackburn, T. W. Turton, T. Elsegood, S. S. Rigg, J. Thomas, W. Laycock, E. Clegg, E. J. Cundall, L. E. Casey, A. Whitley, and J. Naylor. It was unanimously decided that a junior novice competition be formed, all points gained by members in the Yorkshire Union novice classes (Yorkshire section) to count. In the outside Yorkshire members' medal competition the number of competitors required was reduced from five to three, to win the medals outright at each show; and where the club's patronage is given to shows making the minimum number of classes only, viz., six, classification to be clear yellow, ditto buff, ticked or unevenly marked yellow hen, ditto buff hen; and that the club do not give patronage to shows where the clear cock classes are amalgamated. The arrangements of all competitions to be left in the hands of the committee.—JOHN GREAVES, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The following is the classification decided upon by the committee of the C.C.C., classification consisting of 14 classes:—No. 1, Buff cock, clear body, any colour Crest; 2, Buff Crested cock, A.O.V.; 3, Buff Crested hen; 4, Buff Crest-bred ck. or Foul Green; 5, Buff Crest-bred ck. A.O.V.; 6, Buff Crest-bred hen; 7, Yellow Crested ck.; 8, Yell. Crested hen; 9, Yell. Crest-bred ck.; 10, Yell. Crest-bred hen; 11, Buff Crested (current year); 12, Buff Crest-bred (current year); 13, Yellow Crested (current year); 14, Yellow C.B. (current year). Classification consisting of eight classes: No. 1, Buff Crested cock; 2, Buff Crested hen; 3, Buff Crest-bred ck.; 4, Buff Crest-bred hen; 5, Yellow Crested (cock or hen); 6, Yellow Crest-bred (cock or hen); 7, Current year Crest; 8, Current year Crest-bred. Cinnamon Crests and Crest-breds *must compete* in the above classes. Societies are requested to take note that the support of the Crested Canary Club will only be accorded at nine selected shows. It is, of course, quite optional for societies to take the minimum classification consisting of the eight classes, or the maximum of fourteen classes. From the societies giving the maximum classification one will be selected by the committee of the C.C.C., at whose show the silver challenge bowls will be offered in addition to the other specials. This show will be known each year as the "Crested Canary Club Show." To avoid misunderstanding societies must provide the classification exactly as set forth herein. The same number of classes differing in any way will *not do*. The conditions of support are:—The C.C.C. will guarantee the payment of prize money in full (except in the two novice classes), providing societies elected to receive the club's support pay to the hon. treasurer an insurance fee of 2s. 6d. per class on the eight or fourteen classes which they decide to give. These conditions do not apply to novice or selling classes. Any society wishing to take its own risk may do so, and thus save the insurance fee. It must, however, be distinctly understood that all other conditions must be adhered to, and they must guarantee full payment of prize money. This guarantee must be given in writing to the hon. secretary of the C.C.C. within one month from the notification of having been allotted the C.C.C. support. Societies electing to pay the insurance fee must do so 14 clear days prior to the opening day of their show. All societies receiving C.C.C. support shall provide at their own risk not less than two classes for novices, viz., Crest and variety, and Crest-bred any variety. In these two classes, in the event of short entry, prize money may be given on a sliding scale, or on the general conditions laid down by the society holding the show, and in conformity with the conditions applying to the classes of the other varieties at such show. Prize money to be not less than 20s. per class for an entrance fee of 1s. 6d., and not less than 26s., for an entrance fee of 2s. C.C.C. specials can only be competed for by members of the C.C.C. Any society wishing to make application for the club's support must do so at once to Mr. J. S. Clarke, hon. sec. (Sunnyside, Prospect-road, Woodford, Essex).

COVENTRY O.S.

We had a most interesting meeting on April 20th, when papers were given by Messrs. Barratt, G. Peters, Waring, and T. Gilbert, on "How to Get Young Birds on Seed." Afterwards there was a general discussion on the same subject. We have had several new members this season, and are open to receive further nominations.—J. SHADLOCK, Sec.

PAISLEY AND DISTRICT O.A.

General meeting held at Mr. Adams', Kelly Street, James' Street, Mr. J. Allison presiding. The meeting was called to consider the advisability of changing date of show. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to hold our show this year on November 19th. Fanciers please note change of date. The following specialist judges have consented to act:—Messrs. W. Rodger (Colinton), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), D. Kennedy (Paisley), and J. Carlaw (Falkirk).—J. KELLY, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

Committe meeting held at the Crown Hotel, Birmingham, on April 28th. The Secretary announced that he hoped to despatch the points' specials to the winners in the course of a week or so. The general meeting will be held on May 12th, at headquarters, and the committee hope all members residing locally will make a special effort to be present. The secretary will be glad to see as many others as can make it convenient to attend, and to hear from others suggestions and nominations for president, chairman, and secretary, which will be placed before the meeting. The prospects for next season are very promising, and a number of new members are already in view.—A. PADDOCK, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.).

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, April 28th. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, C. T. Maxwell, A. C. Askew, F. Wyse, C. Tyson, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. L. J. Arrighi and P. Walsh. Mr. T. R. Trower promised to open a discussion at the next meeting entitled, "British Bird Laws, and how they affect the bird keeper," and the following month a discussion on "Bird Foods" (chiefly insectivorous). Final arrangements were made for the annual outing, viz., the morning party to lunch at the Black Swan, Ockham; tea at the Railway Hotel, East Horsley. Messrs. Trower, Cook, Silver, Robson, Maxwell, Dewhurst, A. Tyson, C. Tyson, and Askew gave in their names for the morning party. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Secs.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

An extraordinary general meeting was held at 5, South Anne Street, Dublin, on April 25th, Mr. C. A. O'Reilly in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. G. Bray, J. Dowling, D. Carroll, P. Mulcahy, W. Sholedice, P. McDonnell, and Hyland, hon. sec. The following resolution, after considerable discussion, was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously:—"That the hon. treasurer, Mr. Duigenan, be suspended from membership of the Y.C.C. of Ireland till January 1st, 1912, under Rule 22, March 1906." It was also proposed, seconded, and passed, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to CAGE BIRDS for publication. The financial condition of the club was next discussed, and it was estimated that the club's debts amounted to about £6 9s. 9d. Fearing that anyone who is not well-informed might think that the present committee are responsible for incurring debts for above amount, it is well to state that £2 5s. at least of above amount is due since 1908 show. The members present unanimously agreed that the best manner to pay off the above debt was to open a subscription list, and appeal to the members generously to help to pay off the amount. A subscription list was then opened, and the members present liberally responded. The meeting then adjourned.—J. R. HYLAND.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held on April 19th, Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. An extremely interesting letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Morrison describing their voyage to Australia. Messrs. J. W. Ayres, P. H. Harris, E. Clements, T. Abrams, and G. E. Weston were elected members. Messrs. C. F. Ayres and F. Bassett were nominated for membership. The balance-sheet of the pair show duly audited, showing an income of £12 9s., an expenditure of £11 19s. 9d., with a profit of 9s. 3d.; and the Finch show, showing an income of £11 5s. 4½d., an expenditure of £13 2s. 4½d., with a loss of £1 17s., was confirmed as read. For presenting a silver-plated cup for competition in the British bird section, Mr. A. J. Marley was enthusiastically thanked. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. A. W. Curtis upon his recent illness. A massive six-guinea two-handled Irish Loving Cup, presented by Mr. R. L. Crisp for the best Yorkshire Canary, bred the current year, was on view, the same eliciting many words of admiration and praise; and the popular donor, too, was the subject of a characteristically humorous speech by the worthy chairman. After the usual business, that well-known British bird fancier, Mr. C. Prior, opened a discussion on the merits and demerits of colour feeding, in which the following members took part: Messrs. Prance, Weller, Chard, Lathlieff, Marley, Wyse, Burn, Churchard, Bryant, Cottey, Botting, and several others. At the close the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Prior, which was seconded by Mr. A. J. Marley, and supported by Mr. H. Churchard. Mr. Prior replied. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—F. WYSE, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S

Meeting held April 23rd, when it was suggested that table shows commence in August, but the dates have not been fixed yet. It was suggested that the annual members' show to be held in November, but the date has not been fixed. It was also arranged for an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. to be paid on or before Sept. 30th. Next meeting to be held May 14th, at 7 p.m., to fix show dates.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. A lot of business came up for discussion. Decided, to alter the date of our first feather show from July 2nd to June 25th. Mr. T. Dixon elected to judge, and that all entries be in on the Saturday previous to the show. The point question again came up for discussion, and it was carried that the Canaries and British be separated. We would like to see a few more members turn up; they may always be assured of a very pleasant evening.—J. LINDSAY.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Clarence Hotel, on April 30th, Mr. J. Eyre (president) in the chair. We had a good meeting, members turning up well. Another new member was made. After a discussion it was decided to hold our open show on November 12th. Will secretaries please note? Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) was duly selected as judge. The nest feather show will be held either the last Saturday in June or the first in July; judge and particulars will be fixed upon at next meeting. The president thanked all for their kind attendance, and this brought the meeting to a close.—F. C. SIMS, Sec.

KING'S HEATH, MOSELEY AND DISTRICT F.S.

Adjourned meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, King's Heath, on April 27th, Mr. E. T. Everton (the newly-elected president) in the chair. The new president is imbued with a keen interest in local affairs, and makes an ideal president. Mr. H. E. Patterson, who has so faithfully served the Society in the past three years as assistant-secretary, was elected financial secretary, combining that office with the treasureship, and Mr. H. Y. Cooper, Lindhurst, Alcester Road, King's Heath, (sec. during 1908-9) was again elected to that office. The rules were revised, table shows arranged, and the young stock show fixed to be held on October 8th.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held April 26th at Earl of Chester Hotel. The Chairman (Mr. F. E. Cooper), in opening the meeting, said how pleasing it was to the officials to see such a good number present, and he hoped every member would do his best to attend every meeting in view of the open show. A new member was enrolled, and the classification for nest feather show to be held June 18th was gone into and settled. It was proposed that owing to the pressure of business the society hold its meetings fortnightly; this was carried. Then came the tit-bit of the evening—a paper on the Border Fancy Canary, from the pen of Mr. F. Wardleworth, (Newton Heath), which was read by Mr. T. Hancock. This proved of great interest, and a large number of questions were asked. A very happy evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the evening's pleasure.—J. C. HEATON, Assist.-Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

It was quite a record number, both of ladies and gentlemen, who turned up at the meeting held at Mr. Johnstou's Rooms in the Broadway on May 2nd. About midway through the evening, when the routine business had been transacted, the Chairman (Mr. W. H. Stoakley) said he had the pleasant duty to perform of presenting Mr. J. Robson, who was present to give a lecture on "The Pleasures of Canary Breeding," a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee set, subscribed for by the members, in recognition of his frequent and valuable services to the society. The tray of the service was inscribed, "Presented to John Robson, Esq., by the Wimbledon and District Cage Bird Society, in recognition of his valuable services. May 2nd, 1910." Mr. Robson, who was greatly overcome, in returning thanks said the Wimbledon Society had given him the greatest surprise in the whole of his career. He could only say he appreciated their very kind gift to the full, and should look upon it and cherish it as a very dear gift indeed, as it had always been a source of pleasure to him to be of assistance to the Wimbledon Society. Mr. Robson then proceeded to give his lecture. At the conclusion a long series of interesting questions were asked, which the lecturer satisfactorily answered, and on the motion of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to Mr. Robson for his most interesting and instructive lecture. Three new members were elected, and there were two nominations for membership. It was decided to adopt in future the Curtis system of counting points in judging competitions, and Mr. Curtis, who was present, very kindly explained it. It was also decided, on the recommendation of the committee, that the society should resign its membership of the Cage Bird Union.—H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Committee meeting, held on April 30th, Mr. J. Wilcock in the chair. Decided, that the election of vice-president be left over till next meeting. Re addition to Rule 15, as passed at general meeting, decided, that in order to avoid calling a general meeting, the following be submitted to all members to receive their vote: "That this committee recommends that the additions to Rule 15," i.e., "That no society receive the O.N.P.C. patronage who award less than four money prizes, equivalent to 22s. per class," be rescinded, and that the members leave it in the hands of the committee to do the best in allotting patronage, as they find that this rule is severely interfering with the interests of the O.N.P.C. Decided that patronage be given to ten shows, season 1910-1911. Recommended that the O.N.P.C. provide a competition for the novice members of the O.N.P.C., who are eligible to compete in the Yorkshire Union "Novice" Norwich Section, and that the value of prizes allotted to such competition be 15 per cent. of the total subscriptions received from the Union Novice members. Date of closing applications for patronages is June 30th, 1910. The question of members' arrears was decided to be left over till next meeting, and that some arrangements be arrived at to work in conjunction with the other specialist clubs, in reference to suspensions, etc. The following members were proposed and accepted:—Messrs. Blakey (Gt. Horton), J. Naylor (Brighouse), J. Chambers, D. McMillan, jun., W. Johnson (Leeds), J. Horsfield (Bradford), J. Webster (Rotherham), J. Williams (Hartlepool), W. Plowright (Bradford), Mrs. Scargill (Monk Beeston, Barnsley). Two resignations were accepted with regret. The secretary was instructed to write to railway company re Mr. Wilcock's claim. The following members (who tied for last place on committee) were all elected: Messrs. Chittenden and Cowgill (Bradford), Jeffreys (Sowerby Bridge), Moorhouse (Meltham, near Huddersfield). All members' subscriptions are now due. I shall be pleased to forward all particulars to all intending members.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, April 28th. Mr. Harper gave before a fair muster of members a very interesting paper on his method of Roller breeding. Everyone present was very interested, and a keen discussion followed, in which some 10 or 12 members took part. Some supported Mr. Harper in his method—that of one cock to three or four hens in large flights—others, of course, differing by using one cock to two hens in breeding cages. Mr. Harper gave his method down to the minutest detail, even to the appliances he uses, samples of which he brought to the meeting for inspection. All were his own make and most ingenious. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harper brought to a close a meeting which had been most instructive to all present.—J. B. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held April 12th, Mr. W. Robinson in the chair. Mr. T. Harrison, the well-known Altrincham fancier, gave a lecture on seeds on other foods before a fair number of fanciers and friends. The lecturer dealt with the various seeds and their values as diets for our pets. He gave quite a large number of the secrets of the Fancy away. The lecturer told how he fed four hens from the nest up to the breeding season. No. 1 he fed on canary seed; No. 2 on rape; No. 3 on hemp; No. 4 on linga. Afterwards he killed the hens to ascertain what condition they were in. No. 1 was very fat, but the eggery had very little slime in; No. 2 was worse; No. 3 was nearly dry; and No. 4, fed on linga, was thin in flesh, but the eggery was full of slime, and the bird could not possibly have been egg-bound. Messrs. J. Robinson, W. Robinson, Jones, and Kenyon asked questions, which Mr. Harrison answered to their satisfaction. Mr. Kenyon then proposed, and Mr. Pike seconded, that the best thanks be given to the lecturer, which was carried. The society are holding their nest feather show on June 25th next; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Annual show November 13th; judge, Mr. A. Wellings. Mr. Hampshire, the well-known Lizard fancier, was proposed as a member.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec. (We note that November 13th falls on a Sunday; possibly November 12th is meant.—Ed.)

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on April 30th in the Fawcett-street Cafe. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. J. Farnar. The usual correspondence was read. Mr. S. Storey, M.P., wrote accepting the presidency of the association, this giving the members great satisfaction. It was decided that the table shows for young birds be held monthly, viz., June, July, August, the first one being held on June 11th. It was also decided that a different judge be elected for each show, and the judges elected were Mr. R. H. Dixon (Houghton-le-Spring), Mr. J. Clark (Sunderland), and Mr. Matt. Dixon (Houghton-le-Spring). 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds will not be allowed to compete at the remaining shows. Moved and carried that the entrance fee be 3d. per cage. Moved and carried that the entrance fees over the three shows be pooled and awarded to winner of most points in each variety; thus, the total entrance fees in the Norwich classes over the three shows will be awarded to the winner of most points in Norwich classes over the three shows, and the whole of the entrance money in the Yorkshire classes will go to the winner of most points in Yorkshire classes over the three shows, and so on with the other varieties. It was unanimously decided that the Northern Lizard Club could have the use of our meeting room for the purpose of holding their meetings. One new member was made, and I would be very pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to join us.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second table show of the season came off successfully at Mrs. Kemp's Temperance Hotel on April 26th. Sixty birds came under notice of the judge, Mr. T. Dixon (Alnwick Moor), who received assistance from Mr. H. Gair (Broomhill). Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. sec., and Mr. J. Rogerson gave valuable service in arranging for this display.

GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Staig; Bullfinches; 2, 3, c, R. and J. Forster. Goldfinches; hc, A. Tweedy, Bullfinch. LINNET: 1, Broadley; 2, 3, R. and J. Forster; vhc, Tweedy. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Staig; 3, hc, R. and J. Forster; c, Tweedy. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Stranghan, Redpoll; 2, Tate, Redpoll; 3, Staig. A.O.S.: 1, 3, R. and J. Forster, Yellowbuntings; 2, Staig, Reedbunting. A.O.S. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, R. and J. Forster; 2, Rogerson, Linnet. HYB. AND MULE PAIRS: 1, 2, R. and J. Forster; 3, vhc, hc, Staig. CAN. PAIRS: 1, sp, Green, Norwich; 2, Miller, Border Fancies; 3, Green, Yorks.; vhc, Staig, Norwich; hc, Broadley, Yorks.; c, Broadley, Border Fanciers.—W. A. BROADLEY, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in the hall, 122, Ingram-st., on April 30, Mr. Thompson presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Pettigrew reported the death of Mr. H. Brown, and said he had got a subscription sale up on behalf of the wife and family. It is hoped the Fancy will make a liberal response. The classes were settled for our next meeting as follows: Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and Bullfinch. Our monthly show was then gone on with, the awards of the judges appointed, viz., Messrs. G. Marlin, and J. Reid, being well received.

SISKIN (9): 1, Munro, one of the best seen out this season, a topper; 2, Connelly, nice one, good cap and grand bloom; 3, Pettigrew, fine one; 4, Renfrew; 5, Knox; 6, Drysdale. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Malcolmson, 1st noted Mealy, one of the best, needs no comment, 3rd rattling good Twite, in field plumage; 2, Small, grand sized Twite, rare good col.; 4, 5, Connelly, right good Mealy; 6, Pettigrew. REDPOLL LESSER (3): 1, Malcolmson, new face, in field plumage, rare bib, grand tanning, stormer; 2, Knox, another topper, must have been hard to separate; 3, 4, Thomson, another grand one; 5, Fulton; 6, Small; 7, Renfrew. Judging competition for Mr. Malcolmson's medal drew out a good entry, Mr. Connelly being the winner, pressed hard by Mr. Thomson. Mr. J. Adams gave a very interesting lecture on breeding.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual contest, held at Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, when 20 birds faced the judges. S. Scott was first 89 secs.; W. Dobson, second, 39 secs.; and J. Wainwright, 3rd, 37 secs.—R. Taylor, sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest held at Mr. Holt's Queen's Head on April 16th, when 22 birds faced the judge, Mr. Bailey. 1 and 2, Tracey; 3, Hall. Also on April 23rd, when 15 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, Tracey. Also on April 30th, when 21 birds sang. 1, Tracey; 2, Honey; 3, Brannon.—J. TRACEY, Sec.

WHITEHAVEN.

Linnet singing held at Low Road Inn, on April 30th, the landlord (Mr. T. Wilson) adding 5s. to an entrance fee of 1s. per bird. The entries numbered 28. Result: 1, 2, divided between T. Quirk and B. Graham; 3, 4, J. Stevens. Mr. O. Fee acted as judge and timekeeper, while Mr. H. Fitzsimmons looked after the books.—DALESMAN.

SHEFFIELD.

Royds Inn Linnet S.S. weekly singing contest held April 30th, when 16 birds sang. Bisby, 99 secs.; Driver, 72 secs.; Thompson, 70 secs.; Fenn, 53 secs.; Worrall, 52 secs.; Bisby, 46 secs.; Thompson, 40 secs. On May 1st, 15 birds sang. Palfreman, 112 secs.; Palfreman, 95 secs.; Spotswood, 76 secs.; Thompson, 56 secs.; Little Jack, 40 secs.; Spotswood, 34 secs. Also on May 1st, when six birds faced the judges. Williamson's famous Linnet took 1st prize, Bown's 2nd, Tunmey's 3rd. On May 8th there will be a variety show, staged at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. Dallamore will give £5 to a Linnet club, and also 10s. to a 1s. bird for Whitsuntide contest.—H. WOODCOCK, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Week-end contest held as usual, the weather being all that could be desired. Ten birds were entered, and some very fair singing took place. Result: 1, Leeming; 2, 3, Topping. Judges, J. Monk and W. H. Topping; referee, G. James; timekeeper, F. Lucas. Members take notice that on May 14th, 1910 (Whit-Saturday) an all-England contest will take place at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Will Preston Linnet fanciers take note of this too, as we expect a good entry?—T. SLATER, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Usual weekly Linnet sing held at the Brittania Inn, Lock Lane, when 24 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, Dobson; 2, Scott; 3, Longfield. We have a sing at the Navigation Inn, Lock Lane, on May 7th, hoping all members will put in an attendance.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

CLEATOR MOOR.

Linnet singing took place at the Royal on April 30th. The landlord (Mr. Burns) added 7s. 6d. to an entrance fee of 1s. per bird. There were 34 entries, and conditions were for the birds to sing five minutes ten yards apart on grass. Result: 1, Hardy (Whitehaven); 2, 3, Byrne; 4, 5, Kitchen and Hardy. Mr. Trainor, the veteran Linnet singer, was the judge, who gave every satisfaction.—DALESMAN.

LEEDS.

Usual quality contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on April 30th, when 26 birds were hung, including some from Lancashire and Sheffield. Judges, W. Naylor, J. Melia, and H. Hayes. Result: 1, Solman; 2, Sissons; 3, shared T. Stead and W. Bisby, of Sheffield. Also on May 1st, when a record entry of 40 birds sang for four good prizes, and were judged to perfection by T. Summers, W. Naylor and A. Jennings. 1, Solman; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Butler; 4, T. Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet singing match held at the Blue Bell Inn, Scholes, April 30th. 36 birds sang for eight prizes for quality and time. We had birds from Wigan, Warrington, Blackburn, Leigh, Standish, Westhoughton, and Southport. Judges for quality, Messrs. F. Gibbons and W. Millingham; timekeeper, Messrs. E. Parker, R. Statham, and R. Lowe. Winners for quality: 1, Barnes; 2, Millingan; 3, Statham; 4, Jones. For time: 1, Mather, 175; 2, R. Statham, 149; 3, T. Statham, 134; 4, Ellinson, 124. After the match we spent a most enjoyable evening with songs.—A. PARKER, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds)

Usual quality Linnet singing match, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, April 30th. 1, Bryan; 2, 3, shared, Butler and Green. Judges: J. Hargreaves and G. Towers. Some extraordinary good time singing was heard at the above house, May 1st, the fine weather accounting for 22 birds, all singing. The timekeepers, Messrs. Hargreaves Bros., satisfied all entrants, all four winners running very close. Five minutes hang: 1, Jarrow, 227 sec.; 2, Rennie, 223 secs.; Hargreaves, 195 secs.; Nobler, 193 secs. Quality matches held every Saturday, commence 3 o'clock. Time singing each week end.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Usual Linnet singing contest for quality, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, on May 1st, when 15 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1st, Binns; 2nd, Wood; 3rd, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and Towers; timekeeper, W. Dean.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

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Annfield Plain.—May 10, headquarters, 8. Fixing show dates and judge.—F. Moore.

Attercliffe C.B.S. — May 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show.—W. Richinson.

Admiral Duncan (Nottingham).—May 14, Admiral Duncan, 8. Schedule, and electing judge for first feather show.—W. Healey.

Accrington C.B.S.—May 12, headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Batley O.F.S.—May 7, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Show, etc., business.—G. G. Stafford.

Bury C.B.S.—May 10, Textile Hall, 8. F.F. show business.—H. Jameson.

Bingley O.S.—May 10, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30.—A. Livesey.

Brighouse C.B.S.—May 10, Wellington Inn, 8. Lecture on the Origin of the Yorkshire Canary.—J. Mitchell.

Bolton Roller C.S.—May 10, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30.—W. Massey.

British Roller C.C.—May 10, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand. Discussion on the Judging Standard.—J. W. Norris.

Brighton C.B.A.—May 11, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Table show and judging competition; classes—Yorks. 1, Nor. J, Brit. 1—after which a paper will be read by the judge, Mr. Burtenshaw, on the correct way to bold a bird for washing.—A. T. Riddles.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 7, Bird Inn, 7. Classes for F.F. show; date for annual show, and judge.—M. Crosby.

City of Wakefield O.S.—May 7, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Discussion on "Are Lectures beneficial to the Fancy," opened by Mr. W. Mugford. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—May 10, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. Young stock and open shows, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

Carlisle C.B.S.—May 10, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Dates of nest feather shows. Judges for same, proposals of new members; any fancier wishing to join please give name to secretary.—W. H. Wright.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 7, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Distribution of members' show schedules.—F. Rhodes.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—May 12, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Schedule for young bird show, etc.—J. Southworth.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 11, Albany Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers; also table show of Hardbill, British, A.V. (1 class); prize money, 3s., 2s., 1s. Entry 3d. Intended members invited.—G. Bescoby.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—May 7, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Specials of winter shows.—W. Hinchcliff.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 7, Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, 8. Business, very important, concerning open show.—W. Nettleton.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C. — May 14, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Club show; offers for engraving; members' subscriptions, etc.—A. Dickson.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—May 12, Cecil Rooms, E. Greenwich, 8. General business, and Lecture on British.—F. Putner.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Judges, balance sheet, correspondence, etc. — A. Holden.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—May 10, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Fixing classes for F.F. and annual members' shows, and judges; also show of Mules, British and For.; 8 classes.—R. Watson.

Halifax O.S.—May 7, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) will lecture on the Marked Bird, its Breeding and Uses. All welcome.—J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. — May 7, Crown Inn, 7. "Consideration of Smoker," etc.—A. J. Notley.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—May 12, Wadsworth View, 8. Show business.—P. S. Mathers.

Jarrow, Hebburn, C.B.S.—May 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Monthly table show of old birds, five classes: Buff, Nor., Buff, Yorks, Buff Bord., and A.O.V. Buffs, Greenfinch.—R. Blore.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 10, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—May 11, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.30.—G. Sanderson.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 7, Lockhart's, 7.30. Selecting, Moulting, and Exhibiting Brit., by Mr. C. Hunt. Fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

Liverpool B.B.A. — May 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Diseases of birds, by Mr. Cutmore.—F. E. Hawkes.

Lancs. and Lizard F.A.—May 7, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde. Tea at 5; meeting at 6.30. Presentation of cups and medals; general business, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 7, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Notes on Song Tours. Fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Leith O.S.—May 14, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Replies from judges; last meeting for season.—G. Brown.

Leadgate C.B.S.—May 7, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Election of judges for F.F. and annual shows; intending members requested to attend.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 11, Railway Hotel, 7.45.—P. Hart.

Morley C.B.S.—May 7, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Union delegates' report, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 6, Mowbray Arms, 8. Schedule in Union Handbook.—H. Grange.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—May 14, Crown Hotel, 8. Arrangements for picnic.—A. Wake.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—May 12, Daybrook Street, Schoolroom, 7.30. Schedule of classes for F.F. show, rules, etc.—H. Wallworth.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 10, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Nest feather show business.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—May 10, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Reconsideration of C.B.U., and general business.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 9, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Very important.—H. Clayton.

Reigate F.A.—May 9, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. To arrange young bird show and judge.—A. W. Bacon.

Radford O.S.—May 10, Pheasant Inn, 8.—F. Walters.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members, shows, etc.—S. Edmondson.

South West London C.B.S.—May 12, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30.—J. Jeffrey.

South London Col. & F.A.—May 12, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. Election of annual show judges, etc.—G. A. Jefferys.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 14, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 10, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Printing, nominations of new members, and subscriptions due.—W. Stafford.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—May 7, Institute, 7.30.—J. Pickering.

Stoke Newington F.A.—May 10, Amethyst Club, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N., 8.—H. A. Cooper-Bagley.

Swansea C.B.A.—May 10, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show, Redpoll (2), Siskins (2), Twite (2), Greenfinch (2); Judge, Mr. J. Hockings; arrangements for F.F. show; members rally up; intending members welcomed.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—May 10, Holme Lane Sunday School, 8.—J. Smith.

Treharris F.S.—May 12, Headquarters, 7. Election of judges for open show.—W. J. Davies.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 10, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Nest feather show, and other business; subs. of year, 3/-; intending members invited.—Jennings and Viles.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—May 10, Headquarters, 8.30. Lecture, "Canaries," Mr. Lenney; committee meet at 8.—W. G. Bruce.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—May 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. Cup for annual show, C.B.U., and committee's report.—J. R. Evans.

Wibsey C.B.S.—May 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 8.—E. W. Johnson.

West of Scotland B.C.—May 7, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. An all-round discussion on breeding and feeding.—G. Smart.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—May 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Specials for F.F. show, arrangements for winter show.—Garnett and Cook.

Wandsworth F.A.—May 12, Red Lion, 8. Judging competition, birds to be penned not later than 8.—W. Lightfoot.

York C.B.S.—May 9, All Saints' Schoolroom, 7. A cycle ride has been arranged for a run round Shipton and Haxby, members are requested to attend punctual, bringing their cycles with them; also their friends.—A. Wand.

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One day last year I and two of my friends found visible signs of a Starling's nest under the eaves of an old barn. On looking on the ground directly under the nest we found three young Starlings, one alive, and the other two dead. We took the live one and put it in a Blackbird's nest, which also contained young ones. We visited the nest several times, and found the young Starling was prospering as well as its Blackbird mates, and must have been fed by the old birds. In time they all flew away, the Starling included.—Sent by W. S. Mills (age 15), Eversleigh, Millstone Lane, Nantwich.

**In Nature's Garden.

Last week we had a half-day's outing from Kilgerran School to study Nature. We started through a path in the dingle alongside of the river Teify. The first thing that drew our attention were the Waterhens. Our teacher asked could we name them, when my mate answered: "My grandmother keeps a lot of them; she calls them bantams." A little farther down we came to a stream, and there we saw some lovely Wagtails (pied and yellow). Teacher asked again could we name them. I replied quickly that my father kept a lot of them in a cage and called them Yorkshire Canaries. I said, too, that pied meant natural colour, and the yellow colour fed, and I am certain by the wagging of the tails of these birds, I said, that they are both suffering from asthma. Teacher laughed, and described the difference to us.—Sent by Frederick John James (aged 10), Cnwce, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

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I thank you for the sketch of my unflighted clear buff Norwich Plainhead hen which appeared in your spring number last week. It was a great surprise to me to see her there just lifelike, as I had no notion that she was to appear. I think she was the best buff hen I ever bred. She was a late-bred bird, being hatched on August 9th. I bred her from my well-known clear yellow cock bird, and a buff variegated hen, one of the best breeding, feeding, and stock-getting hens I have. She was shown seven times, and her placings were: 5th Glasgow and West of Scotland, judge Mr. Calderwood; 2nd Earlston, Mr. Walter Bell; 1st Berwick, Mr. Hay; 1st and cup Galashiels, Mr. Mason; 1st Jedburgh, Mr. McKenzie; 1st Scottish National, Mr. Booth. For her purchaser Mr. Mabon (Kelso) after Edinburgh she won 1st Coldstream, Mr. W. Bell. This is a good performance for such a late-bred bird, the first season.—A. G. CAMERON (Kelso).

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Twitterings.

The next open show of the Bodmin Society, writes Mr. A. E. Jago, the secretary, will be held on November 16th.

We have decided to resign from the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary, Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.

Our second annual show has been fixed for November 10th, writes Mr. Albert E. Pilbeam, hon. secretary of the Luton and S. Beds F.S.

Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) has been engaged to judge Crewe and Dis. O.S. Nest feather show, to be held on June 18th, writes Mr. J. C. Heator, the assistant secretary.

Will members of the Greenwich and Dartford C.B.S. make a special effort to attend the next general meeting at headquarters, on May 12th, at 8 o'clock sharp? writes Mr. E. Meades, the chairman.

Kindly note we have appointed Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Wellings as judges for our annual open show to be held at Caxton Hall, Salford, on November 18th and 19th next, writes Mr. H. Clayton, hon. secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

Those requiring Sandiford's new colour feeds send for new samples and prices. Hottest colour in the world last season. Mr. J. Davies, winner of the N.P.C. challenge cup last season, had the hottest birds alive, and he used only our Royal Red.—(ADVT.)

Mr. B. Dewson (54, St. James Street, Ashted, Birmingham) writes that he would be glad if any reader can tell him where he can buy "Avista," a paint which dries with a hard, glossy surface, as he is unable to obtain it locally.

I have taken over the secretary's work of the cage bird section of the Reigate Fanciers' Association, and hope to have the help of all its members, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, 14, Charman Road, Redhill, Surrey. Any communications for cage bird section should therefore be sent to me.

The 1909 balance-sheet of the Luton and South Beds Fanciers' Society shows a balance in bank and in the treasurer's hands of £5 5s. 7d., which, in view of the fact that the society is only twelve months old, is highly creditable to the hon. secretary, Mr. Albert E. Pilbeam, and his fellow-officers.

We have received from Mr. Fred Hammond, the secretary, the balance-sheet of CAGE BIRDS competition, 1909-10, for the amateurs of Yorkshire. This has been duly examined and certified as correct by Mr. D. Sunderland. Our best thanks are tendered to all the officials concerned for the able manner in which this competition has been managed.

As showing the extent of the business controlled by that noted bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, we learn that during the four months of this year (1910) he has sent away no fewer than 4,804 consignments, while for the last five years the consignments despatched by him have reached the astonishing number of 85,939! Eloquent figures, these.

Two First Feather shows have been arranged to be held by the City of Bradford O.S., one on June 18th (with Mr. A. W. Hartley as judge), and the other on July 23rd (with Mr. P. Mason as judge). A leaflet giving the classification and other particulars of these and other members' shows, all of which will be held at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, may be had of the secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes, 112, Fitzroy Road, Bradford Moor.

All the Green Canary Association challenge cups having been won outright last year, it is intended to again provide same if possible. The G.C.A. are not in a position to provide them all, so Messrs. Deacon and Metcalfe were asked to get up a subscription list. All fanciers who are interested in the Norwich Green will they send their donations to V. H. Deacon, 21d, Arcade, Exchange Station, and those interested in the Yorkshire Green to J. W. Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, 35, Whitefield Road, Liverpool?—DEACON AND METCALFE.

The report and balance-sheet for the year ended February 28th, 1910, of Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd., the well-known manufacturers of cage-bird, poultry, and other foods, are in every sense satisfactory. The ordinary shareholders receive a dividend of 10 per cent., and in addition 8s. per share bonus, or 4 per cent. per annum. Ten thousand pounds is transferred to the reserve fund (which now stands at £140,000), and the Staff Benefit Fund receives £3,000. And after all other deductions there is a carry-forward of £131,819. The directors are to be congratulated, not only on the financial result of the year's working, but also upon their discrimination in the allocation of the profits. Next year it looks as though the ordinary shareholders may expect even a more favourable result.

I am appointed to judge Huthwaite First Feather show on June 18th, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley).

Ramsden's specials. Will secretaries and exhibitors kindly note that last season's arrangement will be repeated this season? Members of societies, when ordering Ramsden's pure peppers, should mention the society they wish the order credited to.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note that I have left St. Budeaux, writes Mr. Albert E. Cheney, and that my present address is 5, Chapel Street, Devonport. I have been delighted to note what rapid headway CAGE BIRDS has made, and I heartily wish the journal continued success.

I was agreeably surprised on opening my CAGE BIRDS of April 30th issue, to see the portrait of my light Linnet Mule appearing in your delightful art supplement. I thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for the trouble he must have taken, as he has got him "to a feather." I may say the bird has won under most of our present-day judges, and with ordinary luck I hope to bring him out better than ever for next show season.—J. A. LEES (Oxford).

At the close of last season, writes Mr. A. Parke (Lowestoft), I wrote you about the serious loss Mr. Lay of this town had had with his birds. Since then numerous fanciers have kindly shown their sympathy by starting him again. Now I am sorry to say he has had another misfortune and lost the lot again. This is how it occurred: Owing to the nights being cold he thought it best to have a little heat, and so placed a small oil stove in his heating apparatus, leaving everything all right when he retired for the night. Just imagine his surprise the next morning when he found the cages and room full of soot and every bird suffocated. I feel sure that fanciers will be sorry to hear of this most unfortunate accident.

A Tall Story.

According to the "Western Chronicle," Mr. Harding, of Dunpole Farm, Ilminster, set a hen in the orthodox way, with nothing to denote the least peculiarity in any of the eggs, or the prospect of any unusual result. When the hatching-out process came to a climax, however, a young Owl was found to have been hatched with the chickens. At the time of writing the hen was bestowing her maternal affections on the quaint youngster equally with her regular offspring.

New Hounslow Society.

On May 2nd a meeting was held at the Council Hall, Hounslow, with the object of forming a fanciers' society. Mr. C. A. House had been invited by the promoters to take the chair, and, he having spoken as to the best methods to pursue and the prospects of a society being successfully run in the district, thirty-six names were given in, and it was decided to form the Hounslow and District Fanciers' Society. The radius was fixed at five miles, and the subscription at 5s. per annum. A committee of four was elected to draw up rules, and select officers and committee, to submit to a meeting at the Council Hall, Hounslow, on May 10th at 8 p.m. Mr. D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road, Hounslow, was elected hon. secretary (pro tem), and will be pleased to receive the names of intending members, or to give any information.

Our Essay Competition.

Owing to an unfortunate transposition of names an error crept into the account (given last week) of the result of the Canary section of our recent Canary Competition. The articles which ran the winning essay very closely (so much so that the judges found it difficult to separate them) were received from Messrs. W. M. Thomson (Moffat), W. C. Drew (Manchester)—these two were inadvertently published as competing in the British section—and A. Burtenshaw (Worthing). We regret the occurrence of this error in the copying out of the names from the judges' lists.

Silver Wedding at Rochdale.

Mr. J. Naden, the worthy president of the Rochdale O.C., to celebrate his silver wedding, gave a tea party and social to the members and their wives on April 30th, when about 40 persons sat down to a good spread, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, the secretary. Afterwards a good concert was held. Mr. T. Ashworth sang "Mona" and "My Pretty Jane." Our president sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" with Mr. R. McKim, which was highly appreciated. A phonograph selection was given by Mrs. Cowen. A pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The ladies presented Mr. and Mrs. Naden with a pair of splendid vases. Mrs. Naden replied, thanking them for the honour. Those who know Mr. Naden will join me in wishing him and his better half long life and prosperity.

The grand evening concert which has been arranged by Mr. H. Wallace Tomsett for the purpose of benefiting the funds of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is due to be held on Tuesday next, May 10th, when everything points to a most successful evening. An excellent array of talent has been engaged, the artistes including, amongst others, Professor Donn, M.I.M.C., the celebrated magician, from the principal halls. No effort has been spared to ensure the best possible results. The concert is to be held at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, at 8.15 p.m., doors open at 7.45 o'clock. Admission is by ticket only. Further particulars may be had from Mr. H. W. Tomsett, 34, Endwell Road, Brockley, S.E. The room is eminently suitable for the purpose, writes Mr. Tomsett. The side entrance will be used, and the whole staircase and room thickly carpeted. Ladies are particularly invited. The hostelry is one that anyone can enter with perfect ease of mind and bring a lady to. Well-known gentlemen of the Fancy are expected to be present, and altogether a "high time" is anticipated.

Illustrated Ideas

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No. 406.
Noiseless Wire Nest-pan Hangers.

Sent by Mr. T. Hawley, 6, Stedman Street, Birches Head, Hanley.

Here is an idea that I think will be very useful to other fanciers now the breeding season has commenced. It is for those who use earthenware nest-pans with wire hangers. I find there



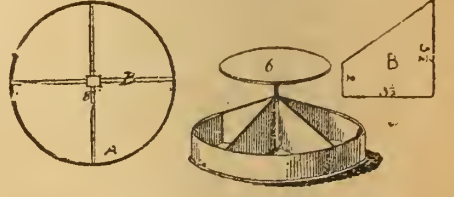
Binding Nest-Pan Holders.

is a great difficulty in making the pan firm and noiseless in the hanger. The idea is to wrap string round the hanger, as illustrated. I find it is firmer than putting any round the pan as some fanciers do.—THOMAS HAWLEY.

No. 407.
Design for a Seed Hopper.

Sent by Mr. S. Moody, 6, Park Avenue Cemetery Road, Eastville, Bristol.

I have seen various designs for seed vessels in CAGE BIRDS from time to time; I am sending along one I made for my aviary, and find it answers all right. It is easily made and costs comparatively nil. Procure a piece of ¼in. wood and cut to a circle, say, 8 inches across.



An Aviary Seed Hopper.

Then have a piece of zinc or tin 2ft. long and 1½inches wide, and fix edge-wise on the circular base A. Hammer the top edge over so that it does not injure the birds, and nail round the edge of circular base A. Nail a piece of ¼in. square wood 5 inches long in centre. Then cut four pieces for divisions marked B, and nail to base and upright. Lastly, cut one circular piece 6 inches across to nail on top of upright; and the hopper is made.—STEPHEN MOODY.

CAGE BIRDS is the best birdy paper for birdy people, writes Mr. J. E. Seager (London, E.).

I am pleased to say that I have received valuable information from the columns of your wonderful paper many times.—ALFRED PEARSON (Altrincham).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS regularly for this last six years, and think that it has no equal for information and enlightenment. I always recommend it.—F. KING (Cambridge).

I must compliment you on your Spring Number and the coloured plate of Mr. Norman's. The picture is very true to life.—J. BONA (Otley).

What a splendid issue the Spring Number is! I am keeping all CAGE BIRDS' coloured plates, and intend having them framed for my birdroom.—ALICE MUNDAY (Axminster).

Your Double Number of CAGE BIRDS for April 30th is extraordinarily good. All our members are speaking very highly of it.—T. SLATER, secretary, National Quality Linnet Singing Association.

I was pleased, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, secretary of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., to see that you had given our showroom with officials, judges, etc., so prominent a place in the grand Spring Number, as it is a credit to reproduce a photo in the manner you have done, everything being so lifelike. And I am sure that those of our members who have not got one of the original photographs will keep this reproduction, as it is almost impossible to beat it. It brings back to our memory the fact that the show almost came up to the great success of our last show, which was a record. I am only sorry that, owing to our not seeing eye to eye with the Cage Bird Union, principally on Rule 22, we have withdrawn from that body. So we will have to wait a little, as we have dropped the open show this season (unless something is done very early, as it may not be too late yet). As regards "The White Wagtail at Home," it is a treat to read even if you do not keep British birds. Allow me to thank you for the splendid number you have just published.

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*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
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*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
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Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.

Ireland.

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Wild Bird Life.

The Stormcock's Home.

If one is only fortunate enough to be in daily touch with a pair of nesting Missel Thrushes, he will have plenty to amuse and interest him. During the winter there was a small flock which frequented the meadow-land close to my garden in search of food. At the turn of the year they paired, each pair seeking its own district for breeding. At last three birds remained, and after a good deal of chasing and quarrelling among the branches of the old trees, one was eventually driven away. The two that were left went through the usual birdy courtship, and at last selected a site for the nest. This was placed some twenty feet from the ground, where a branch had been broken off short from an old elm; on the portion left there was just sufficient room for the structure. They went about their building operations in just the usual fashion without much fuss or bother, but as soon as the eggs were laid the old birds became jealous of the approach of other birds. The smaller ones evidently knew that it was dangerous to approach too near the tree, and generally kept at a respectable distance. The Thrushes were not very much concerned in their doings, but a pair of Jackdaws which had unfortunately selected another tree for their own domestic affairs, were a constant source of trouble and annoyance. Apparently the 'Daws had no evil thoughts regarding the large spotted eggs so temptingly exposed, but the Thrushes evidently thought it safer to keep them at a respectable distance, and so whenever the Jackdaws flew over or settled anywhere within the prescribed area, they were instantly followed by the watchful Thrushes, and their jarring scolding notes were heard from morning till night. The 'Daws, as a rule, respected the repeated requests of the Stormcocks to "move on," and in their turn allowed no intruders around their tree. The other day a wandering Rook settled too near the Thrushes' home. The cock was speedily on his track, but the black one, knowing his power, sailed quietly from tree to tree, gradually getting nearer the coveted eggs. The angry notes of the cock brought the sitting hen to the rescue. The combined attack of the two caused the Rook to be smarter in his movements. Unfortunately for him, he came within the boundary of the Jackdaws' castle. These sallied forth, and the would-be robber beat a hasty retreat. It is quite possible the Thrushes would have succeeded in defending their treasures by themselves.

Helpful Robins.

More than one observer has noticed that at times a generous Robin will take food to a nest of fledgling Song-Thrushes. But it appears curious that we have no record of their feeding any other species.

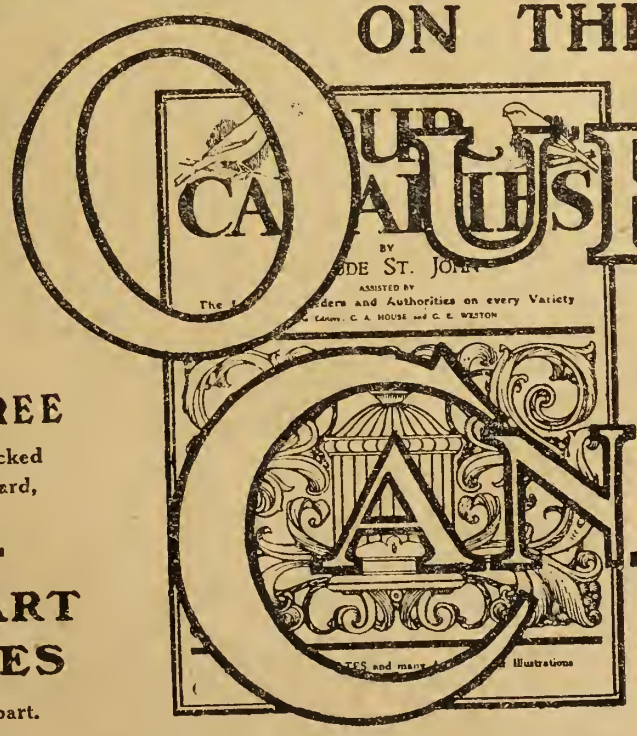
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Slow Starters and Moulting.

R. R.—(1) The birds were not quite ready. If they have not yet begun to work in earnest, add a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seeds to the egg food, and give a small teaspoonful of this daily for a week or so. You may also dissolve a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day. Otherwise, continue your present treatment. Leave the birds together and have patience. Things will probably come right in the end. (2) You do not say whether this is the same cock as referred to in the other reply. If it is, the moulting is quite sufficient to explain the delay in starting nesting. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of whisky and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of hemp. Give dandelion as green food—two or three leaves daily. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed every second day until feathers cease dropping. Do not colour-feed it now; it is not worth the trouble to do so in a case like this. The moulting may be due to a variety of causes. If only a partial moult, it may simply be completing last year's moult, in which case it will moult again in the autumn.

To Tread the Narrow Path.

Unexperienced.—You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, and dispense with the contradictory advice of many friends by referring to its pages when in a difficulty. When young are hatched give a little pure yolk of egg the first day only, then mix bread crumbs with it in gradually increasing quantities until by the end of a week or so you use a mixture of one part egg to two parts bread crumbs or crushed biscuit. Continue to supply the staple seed diet, but let it consist of a fourth part of summer rape instead of a third part. It depends very much upon the individual hen whether it is best to remove the cock when she begins to sit. Some hens will not sit when he is removed, but others do not object and hatch and rear the young better by themselves. You cannot tell until you have tried which will be best in your case. It is not necessarily a bad thing for the cock not to be continually carrying food to the hen on the nest. You should not give egg food, except a morsel about once a week whilst the hens are sitting. When there are young, give it daily in small quantities fresh two or three times a day. Aim at giving each time just sufficient for them to clear up before next feeding time.

How to Tame, etc.

C.C.C.—(1) Certainly; it is quite possible to tame the bird so that it will come on to your finger. I recently had the misfortune to lose one by an accident, which it was far more difficult to keep off your finger, or anywhere else for that matter, than to entice upon it. Others can be made practically as tame, but they never show the utter lack of fear and confidence in you that a hand-reared bird does. How is it done? In your case keep the bird in a rather small cage; supply only plain Canary seed as staple; give the bird unlimited attention, keeping it quite near you at all times, when it is possible, not continually prodding and poking at it, but frequently speaking or "tweeting" to it, or quietly offering it a hemp, or sunflower seed, a few grains of inga, or rape, or a tiny scrap of green food, each time after the first day or two trying to induce it to take it from your fingers, and if it does not do so, take it away, and try again presently. Once the bird's confidence is gained you may begin to take more liberties by opening the door and offering these tit-bits inside the cage, finally getting it to hop on to your finger for them, and to come out of the cage for them. Usually it is a terribly disheartening task until the bird begins to lose its natural fear, but patience and dogged perseverance will win. It is worse than useless to clip the wings. Some day I may treat the subject more fully. It is impossible to go into more details here. (2) The staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape only, with just a scrap of egg-food once a week. Begin to give the diet frequently mentioned for rearing young on the evening of the thirteenth day after the hen commences to sit. (3) It is not usual for the cock to sit at all. Some will go on for a minute or two when the hen goes off, and a few will sit for hours beside the hen, but they are the exceptions. (4) Again, individuals vary. Some scarcely sing a note whilst the hen is sitting, others will almost resume their full song. (5) The term "sib" is applied to birds which are inter-bred with blood relationship.

Training Young.

J. Mawhood.—Your queries may all come under one head. It would be a distinct advantage if you could set apart another room, or a portion of one, in which to train the young birds to sing, and this should, if possible, be removed quite away from the sound of the breeding room, or any other birds, for that matter. Here you should keep the special tutor, and remove also to this room all the young cocks as soon as they are quite well able to do for themselves and you are able to distinguish the sex. Keep them caged separately, and when they commence trying to sing their full notes watch them carefully, and if any of them appear to be getting too fierce or harsh in voice, cover the cage over lightly, and remove it further away from the tutor, where the tutor's notes will reach him in a subdued tone. After a time raise the cover a little each day until you finally remove it altogether, and again keep a close watch on such a bird, replacing the cover at once, if it, or they, show any tendency to sing too loud or harsh. In some few cases it may be found advisable to have a proper singing box handy for such specimens as these, in order to tone down the "pitch," to use an understood term, of their notes until they get well established in their song. On the other hand, if you have any which do not seem to get up sufficient nerve and "go" move them up near to the tutor, and keep them uncovered, and in a very bright position, if necessary for a time. These general rules will also apply if you cannot move the young from the bath-room. But in this case it would be best to cage up the cocks singly as soon as you are sure of the sex, and keep them all at one end of the room with the tutor, with a curtain to screen them off from the rest of the birds. The young hens should be kept together in large flights.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Young Dying.

Star.—I suspect the hens cease feeding the young which is the chief cause of your losses. Try the following dietary with the next round. Remove the cock when the hen begins to sit. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary, and one part rape as staple, and give about half a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week only, and now and again if the weather gets nice and mild a scrap of green-food. Withhold this in cold weather, as it may induce the hens to remain off the eggs longer than is good for them. When the young are hatched, give a little yolk of egg for one day only, and after this add biscuit powder to it in gradually increasing quantities, to two-thirds the bulk, beginning with about one-third of the bulk. Begin to give green food on the third or fourth day in small quantities. If the hens should show signs of flagging on the third day, then give a little greenstuff. Chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress. Avoid dandelion. Give all soft food in a crumbly state, not moist or sticky, and endeavour to make it as appetising as possible. Give also in very small quantities at a time—not more than they clear up before next feeding time. The same applies to greed food. If this does not produce better results, drop the biscuit and try good, plain, wholesome bread.

All Measures Failed.

Disheartened Brum.—A bad, bad nom-de-plume. Never say die. There must be something radically wrong with your treatment of the birds, and for one thing your feeding is very faulty. Try what a month of the following treatment generally will do. Separate the birds at once. Keep them in fair-sized box cages, and see they are perfectly free from draughts, damp, and frequent extremes of heat and cold. Keep cage and perches quite clean, and the floors of the former covered with clean gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple for both birds. For the remainder give the cock a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle twice a week, and every second day give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. After the first fortnight stop this, and substitute alternately the same quantity of egg food and a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little chickweed or dandelion daily. Give the hen in addition to the staple seed diet a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure, twice a week, and every second day for a fortnight a piece of bread and milk, as above. Give chickweed daily, but avoid dandelion if possible. You may give both birds a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food for a few days. After a month of this treatment try them again if the cock is in song and condition, but it will be useless doing so otherwise.

Brevities.

Two Roller Hens (C. Tec.).—Satisfy yourself there really is no exposure to draughts. Do not keep the bird too near a fire, or near or over burning lights in the evenings, but choose a position where there is the least difference between day and night temperature. Continue your present staple diet, but stop the egg bread and give instead a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure on the top of it, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, and teazle in equal parts. Give two leaves of dandelion to each daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after if it seems necessary.

Mistaken Sex (G. B. H.).—An occasional error of this kind is to be excused, especially with novices. If you have satisfactory proof of the identity of the bird, I trust and believe the vendor will rectify his part in it. On your part, take away the nest, separate the birds, and mate them up again with known cocks in a fortnight from the time this appears.

Partial Recovery (A. W. J.).—It is at least a hopeful sign that the bird has recovered from the leg weakness. As she gains strength there is a chance that she may throw off most, if not all, of her other infirmities, though I am afraid you will do no more real good with her. The swelling under the eye is probably a tumour and could perhaps be easily excised by one possessing sufficient anatomical knowledge to be entrusted with the operation, but I would not advise any amateurish interference whatever. Beyond painting it occasionally with iodine, leave it to Nature to repair or compensate in her own way. Feed as previously advised, and keep up the standard of general health as high as possible.

Three Briefs (M. W.).—(1) If in good health I rather doubt its drinking any more than is good for it. If the quantity consumed is really excessive, add a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed to the water for a few days. If it causes undue constipation, give an extra supply of green food. (2) You make no mention of cuttlefish. If you do not supply this, do so, and keep a flake in the cage all through the breeding season. If you already give this necessity, crush up a little old limey mortar to coarse powder and mix with the grit in the cage. You may also give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water daily for a little time before the hen is expected to lay. (3) Separate this hen. Feed her up for a fortnight as frequently advised in this column, giving a little egg food, plus gold of pleasure and sesame, and hemp and inga, on alternate days, with two or three leaves of dandelion daily. Then mate her with a vigorous cock, and try again.

Food for Yorkshire (H. Anson).—As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape in unlimited quantities. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, maw, with now and again a few stray grains of linseed, millet, or a broken sunflower seed. All this you might give separately, a few grains at a time from day to day as tit-bits, instead of giving them all together in one day, but do not exceed the above weekly allowance. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of egg food, which you may vary from time to time with an equivalent quantity of bread soaked in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar or crushed sponge cake. Give a little green food daily in summer, decreasing it to once or twice a week in winter, when you may with advantage substitute a little sweet fruit. Supply a bath with same frequency as green food. Keep cage clean, strewn with gritty sand, avoid exposure to draughts or impure air, and do not hang cage in a window.

Eggs Drying Up (Anxious).—I am convinced the cause lies in the shells of the eggs, which are somewhat imperfect in substance, and of a too porous nature, which allows the moisture to evaporate, hence the drying up. Your feeding is not quite correct, and you also mated the hen too soon, or you could not have had two nests already this season. Separate the hen if she does not now show signs of immediately starting to nest again; feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar; on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed. In the drinking water give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage, and when the bird is again mated, smash up a little limey old mortar and mix with the grit on cage floor. After a fortnight of this treatment, you may try mating her again, when I think you will have better results.

Cause of Death (H. A. Coxon).—Sorry, I cannot venture to say what the birds died of, as nothing short of a post-mortem could reveal this with certainty. Unless you have recently purchased the Canary, which you do not make clear, I do not think it is likely to be septic fever, but if you are suspicious of this, you should put another common Canary into the cage, and if the same thing happens again have a post-mortem on the remains. Personally, I suspect one or two things—poison, or apoplexy. But as you say nothing about the feeding, or kind of cage, I cannot see how the former can have happened, and do not know if the latter was probable. Is it a painted wire or brass cage?

Changing Food (Only a Novice).—Yes; it would be quite possible to start the young on egg and bread crumbs, and then change them on to the food you mention. But you must not make the change all at once. When you wish to drop the home-made egg and bread crumb, begin to add a small quantity of the other food to it in place of bread each day, beginning with just a pinch of it in each feed for the first day, and gradually increasing the quantity until you have quite supplanted the egg, and then, in the same way, but by larger stages, drop the hard-boiled egg, and go on with the other food alone, or diluted with about half its bulk of biscuit powder. Yes, the food named is very good.

Loose in Feather (Piedcock).—I fancy there is nothing whatever wrong with this hen, and what you think is unnatural looseness of feather is merely a superabundance of it, which makes it appear slack when it is in a normal condition, just as many good Crests and Crest-bred may look slovenly in feather. Indeed, as you mention the extra size of your bird, I think it just possible the Crest-bred may not be quite innocent of this slack feather. I would advise you to mate up the bird at once, and leave them alone. The cock chasing the hen about is simply vigorous courtship, and will not last long before they settle down to more serious business.

Trouble With Hens (G. Thomas).—1. I cannot tell what may be the cause unless I know with certainty whether the blood you mention really was blood, and whether its source was internal, or due to some external wound. Keep her separate, feed on plain canary seed only as staple, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw on top. Give a little chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food for a few days. 2. It is probable this hen may be ready to start nesting again by the time this appears, so it will not be safe to separate her from the cock. In addition to the staple diet give the pair a teaspoonful of egg food every second day with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp and inga in equal parts. Give three or four dandelion leaves daily.

About Mating (Cage Birds).—If you are sure the green and yellow bird is a cock you made a mistake in removing the second hen, because he seemed to object to her. Probably this was all make-believe, and although he might have made things lively for a day or so, if the hen was in breeding condition they would very soon have settled their differences, and set to work on more serious business. Better try again, and leave them together for, say, a week. If they seem to fight—well, let 'em fight. Your feeding does not seem quite correct. Look through replies in this issue for information on that point. "Canary seed mixed" may mean a mixture of many seeds—canary seed is a distinct variety alone. If in good health and active the eight or ten year old cock may breed successfully.

Young Dying in Aviary (M.L.).—I think it is most likely that your losses are largely due to having too large a proportion of cocks in the aviary, and perhaps the weather has not been quite innocent of some of the losses in an indirect way. Remove three of the cocks, leaving, of course, the young and vigorous ones. Stop the sunflower seed, except as an occasional special, and for green food give groundsel heads, chickweed, shepherd's purse, lettuce, or watercress, but stop giving dandelion. Instead of keeping a sponge cake hung in aviary supply a saucer of crushed plain biscuit, sponge cake, and egg food, mixed together to a crumbly consistency, and given in moderate quantities morning and afternoon. If the hens seem to flag in feeding at the end of the first week or ten days, you may add a saucer of soaked rape, and mix a pinch of maw with the other soft food, or you may substitute for the above food crushed and scalded dog biscuit.

A Bad Eye (Anxious).—I fear the eye is destroyed. I should suspect it has met with an accident in some way and injured it. See if there are any jagged ends of wire sticking out about the cage which could have caused it. Make a strong solution of boracic acid, say, a teaspoonful of acid in half a teacupful of hot water, and bathe the eye for a few minutes daily with this whilst lukewarm. Of course you must make a fresh supply daily, and not use the same solution twice. Also use a bit of fresh rag or wool each time and burn it after use. Continue the bathing until the running ceases, then write again and describe its appearance. Refer to this reply.

A Wheezer (C.B.).—See remarks to "F. Stagg," and try to ascertain whether your bird is exposed to any of the adverse influences named. If the heat of the room fluctuates much it would be better to move her to a cooler room where the temperature is more regular, but you must not make too great a change suddenly, or you will throw the bird into moult. Feed and treat generally as advised in the reply referred to, but instead of that medicine try the following: Give first six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and then go on to five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, paregoric, and ipecacuanha wine, in the water every second day for a fortnight.

Job's Friends (H. Wilson).—"He laughs best who laughs last." If, as you say, its song, as you heard it, is loud and long, and also rendered connectedly, with distinct throbbing of the throat, there is no doubt about its sex. It is only a little shy at opening out in a strange place. By the time this appears it may be fully rewarding your confidence. If it is not, feed it on the diet frequently given here for song birds—there are one or two such replies this week—and every second day for a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a scrap of bread soaked in milk, drained, and dusted over with soft sugar. Give a spray of chickweed daily. Do not hang it in the window; choose a nice bright spot within the room, where it will be quite free from draughts and great fluctuations of heat and cold.

Eating Young (Anxious to Know).—You should certainly have more reliable proof before you condemn the hen for this vice. Have you any mice in the room which might be the culprits? As regards the bleeding around the beak, you should have described this more fully. Is the beak sore, or where does the blood come from, and is it there regularly, or only when or just after the young disappeared? If the latter is the case I suspect this is the only evidence you have against her. If the bleeding continues write again and describe it more closely. Also say how long it has lasted. It may be that the cock pecks at her on the nest and causes it. By all means try her again, but next time remove the cock as soon as she begins to sit, and let her hatch and rear the young by herself. Do not begin to give the hemp next time until the young are about a week old.

Persistent Egg-binding (Yaduum).—The hen is either very young or in a weak condition, but it does not necessarily follow that she will be affected the same with every nest. Treat her as follows for a fortnight, and then, if ready for mating, try her again. In addition to the staple of canary seed give her half a tea-spoonful of a mixture of equal parts summer rape, hemp, and inga. On the alternate days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage for her to peck at. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for two days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and 20 drops of chemical food on the alternate days, continuing the latter for a fortnight or three weeks. When mating her again, in addition to cuttlefish, smash up a little old limey mortar and mix with sand on cage floor.

Disappointing Pair (Nestor).—You have only to exercise a little patience and things will come all right in the end. The cock singing as you describe was simply his way of making love to his bashful spouse. The birds are not really in very good breeding condition. Give a little egg food with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp and inga, and three or four dandelion leaves daily. For general information "Canary Breeding for Beginners," of course, 7d., post free, from our Manager. For every class and grade of fancier, "Our Canaries," just announced, is the book which will be unapproachable.

Loss of Young (G. A. R., Leeds).—The loss was certainly due to the illness of the hen, which caused her to cease feeding, as although you might have seen no signs of the illness when the young died, the nature of the trouble that presented itself so soon afterwards is sufficient to show that it was developing in the bird's system before the young died, and probably causing her much pain. It would have been a prudent course to have had a post-mortem on the remains to ascertain the nature of the swellings, which could only be conjectured about now. The case was wholly exceptional, and does not call for any alteration in your general management, assuming the dietetic portion to be on as good lines as the rest of your treatment seems to be. You, however, say nothing at all about feeding. If you have any further trouble write again at once, and do not omit those particulars next time.

Chemical Food (Dad).—The sediment you mention, when using this preparation, is a common thing if given in ordinary hard water. It may be avoided by using distilled water when giving this medicine, or failing that, a tolerable substitute is provided by water which has been well boiled and allowed to stand until cold. For general use I should prefer chemical food to the other preparation. But why use drugs at all, habitually? It is not a wise practice; reserve them for occasions when there is a real need for them.

In Doubt of Sex (Pixie).—Considering the result of the previous treatment, I think you may safely conclude the bird is a hen. There is such a thing as a singing hen, and some of them will make quite a tolerable show of singing, but their efforts are almost invariably short and broken, and cause little of the pronounced swelling and pulsating of the throat during the performance which distinguishes the cock. There is a difference in the appearance of the vent at this season, which may be seen by catching the bird and blowing aside the feathers on the abdomen. That of the cock is more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is practically level with the line of the abdomen. But even this may be mistaken by a tyro, unless compared side by side with an undoubted cock.

Canary Squeaking (F. Stagg).—The bird's condition is doubtless solely due to its position in the window. You must move him elsewhere before you can hope to make any improvement at all in him. Keep in a box cage of fair size, in a bright position within the room, not too near a fire, nor near burning lights in the evening, but where the air is always pure and fresh, and yet quite free from draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, and gold of pleasure; on two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it; and on two other days a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give these extras alternately—a different one each day. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Curious Behaviour (Puzzled).—It is impossible to account for the reason of the hen leaving the eggs for an hour and then going back without knowing the full circumstances of the case. Some hens will act in this way when the cock is first taken away, or a fresh hen may even do so at any time after his removal if he happens to be within earshot and calls to her. It would have been worth while allowing her to sit her full time upon the eggs, and the stray chance of their hatching. Give her a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid to the drinking water. The sample of canary seed is very small, and none too well ripened. It is sweet, but the quality generally is poor.

Moult Questions (Soft Moult).—(1) The best remedy is to remove the cause—generally a draughty or damp position, or where there are frequent extremes of heat and cold. See these points are attended to. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of hemp seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. (2) Treat this bird the same as above for a fortnight except the medicine in the water. Instead of that, give twenty drops of chemical food daily for a week or so.

Another Moulter (W. Weason).—See reply to "Soft Moult," and treat your bird the same for a fortnight. Then feed the same as advised to "F. Stagg" for another fortnight. Also see that the bird is kept under healthy conditions, as mentioned in reply to the last-named correspondent.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Breeding with Redpools.

Tiny Tim.—I think you may hope to succeed in breeding with your Lesser Redpolls. Anyway, it will be interesting to try, and the cage you have is a good and large one (40 x 15 x 12). Redpolls are among the easiest of British birds to breed in captivity. When house-moulted, they are not at all easy to sex, and anyone is liable to make a mistake. If you purchase a field-moulted bird with a red breast, you will be certain of having a cock, the hen Redpoll never assuming this carmine tinge on the breast feathers. As one sings and feeds the other, it is fairly certain you have a true pair. These birds get steady wonderfully soon, and, for your purpose, field-moulted birds will prove just as good as house-moulted ones. Feed them as I frequently recommend for Linnets. When breeding, you can add a little egg and biscuit, well sprinkled with maw seed, to the usual seeds given. But if you can get a free supply of shepherd's purse, cutting it close to the ground and throwing it to them wholesale (it swarms with tiny insect life), they will rear the young without the assistance of egg, giving a little coarsely crushed sweet biscuit (damped) and maw seed only. Flowering groundsel and chickweed may also be freely given. You want to hunt out all the live food you can for them. A few small mealworms, flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, aphides (green-fly) off rose, etc., leaves, live ants' eggs—any and all will receive a warm welcome. About the seventh to tenth day is usually a ticklish time when rearing young British birds (and also many of the rarer Hybrids), and it is then the live food is most helpful.

Hand-rearing Thrushes.

Miss Scott.—This is a favourite query of mine; have had it sent to me hundreds of times (almost). The "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush (post free 2½d.), you will find, gives very detailed information on hand-rearing. Briefly, this is the procedure: Take the young when about ten days old—nest and all, if possible—and keep them cosy, say inside a wicker basket and on a bed of hay. At night throw a piece of flannel over the basket; keep it on during the day if cold. Feed every hour at first; about every two hours later on. For food, crush two Osborne biscuits and beat a hard-boiled egg up very finely, in a teacup, with a fork. Then mix the biscuit with the egg, and make it of a rather sloppy consistency with new milk. This is best fed just slightly warmed. Always be perfectly sure it is fresh and sweet; it should be prepared fresh twice daily, if possible. A small, flat piece of wood with a suitably shaped blunt end can be used to feed with; or a large, blunted toothpick. As the youngsters get older, cut small mealworms in halves, dip them in milk, and pop them into their mouths; also any flies you can capture. It is quite a simple task to hand-rear Thrushes. The chief thing is to feed very often, and to give only a very little at a time. Keep the nestlings and their surroundings scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive.

Dove Keeping.

E. K. S.—I daresay you will find the Ring Doves make nice pets, if your fancy runs that way. Doves are not at all difficult to keep. They look very pretty flying in a good-sized outdoor aviary, though one drawback is their pugnacity towards others of the same species, especially during the breeding season. They breed freely, however, housed in separate pairs, in biggish cages. The latter should be not less than three feet long—four feet by two feet by three feet high would be a very good and suitable size indeed. Provide perches of suitable thickness, and a couple of nest-boxes. The floor can be covered either with dry, coarse-cut pine sawdust, or well teased out peat moss litter. They require a tin of pigeon grit, and water for drinking and bathing; freely in the summer for the latter purpose. As their staple diet, get a seedsman to put you up a mixture of the smaller grains—wheat, canary, dari, hemp, oats, peas, rice, millet, etc. Keep them well supplied with coarse grit. For a change of food, they are very partial to any nuts (walnuts, brazils, cobs, etc.), coarsely smashed up; also plain biscuit treated in similar fashion. Change of diet is especially useful at moulting time. Some birds enjoy an occasional mealworm, especially during the moulting period. A little mixed bird seed will do no harm at times, though much of it is sure to be wasted.

A Matter of Song.

Wonderland.—It is largely a matter of opinion. My own opinion (I give it in fear and trembling) is that the Garden Warbler is in captivity a nicer songster than either Blackcap or Nightingale. But in my experience it is not so hardy; also it is timid and shy, and not much given to singing "in company." I am, of course, speaking of adult caught birds. The Garden Warbler is a fairly plentiful bird, though somewhat localised in distribution. But it is very shy, loving to flit among thick undergrowth, and so is not easily seen. It is a very sober plumaged bird—in fact, I have heard fanciers refer

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to it as a "small edition of the Nightingale," and really the description is apt. Like Philomel, too, the Garden Warbler sings a sweet, mellow, and altogether charming song. A rippling warble, it is at times something like the song of the Blackcap, and at others it greatly resembles (though fuller) the song of the Greater Whitethroat. The call note, which betrays the bird at once, is a harsh "tcc," "tec," not unlike the sound produced by knocking two small stones together.

An Exhibition Thrush.

Brutus.—It is certainly important that a Song Thrush should be very large to become a "big winner"; but a decent sized bird, if well built (thick set), and good in colour and markings, stands an excellent chance. The bird should be as big and stout as possible, standing up boldly from the perch, showing a broad well-rounded chest, evenly spotted (mooned) from the throat right down to the flanks, and well between the legs. The moonings to be dense black (or, perhaps, brownish-black), as free from grey as possible, and distinct, i.e., not confused, running one into another so as to appear blotchy. Head long, but broad (not narrow skulled), eye large and bold. The colours of the plumage (roughly upper parts olive-brown, under parts a light yellowish-brown, running to white between the legs) to be as rich and pure as possible. Wings and tail must be carried tight and close, the former free from any suspicion of crossing. The bird must be in good condition, scrupulously clean and sleek, and carry a satin-like sheen on the plumage. Keep your bird in a good-sized stock cage, to guard against possible fraying of the plumage, the tail and wing flights especially. I have known a small point like this lose a bird first position more than once in these days of hot competition. Give a suitable stock cage, with a door at the end, through which to run him to and from his show cage.

Insect Life for Seed-eaters.

Query.—I do not quite know why you should be "puzzled" at the recommendations of live food for seed-eating birds; possibly you are not aware of the fact that they utilise this very largely when rearing their young in a state of nature. I find that the only time of the year British seed-eaters—or perhaps I had better say the popular Finches, the Goldie, Linnet, Greenfinch, etc.—devour mealworms greedily, show a positive craving for them, in fact, is during the continuance of and until thoroughly recovered from the moult; at that time of the year they are absolutely invaluable. There is one exception to the above rule, however—when a bird is ailing. If anything occurs to knock my birds out of sorts, and they exhibit a distaste for the ordinary hard seed fare, I in every instance find live insect food eagerly welcomed. I make not the slightest doubt but that it has saved—or prolonged, which you like—the life of many of my best Finches. I have fed some show seed-eaters—a Siskin for one—on mealworms only for two or three days, and brought them round, where I am sure other foods would have failed; in fact, in many instances the birds had got beyond eating seed. In the spring and summer, however, the birds neglect mealworms—though invariably open, one or other of them, to accept one or two when offered—for the "greenfly" or blight to be found on the leaves of plants, and for the host of wriggling grubs and other insects to be found in most patches of thick grass, especially when same is growing in a lush neighbourhood. As I have before remarked, a patch of shepherd's purse growing in the right spot (not, for instance, on a dry sandy soil), if cut close to the ground and well shaken over a newspaper, will astonish the gatherer by reason of the multitude and variety of "creepy, crawly things" it contains. Well, watch your birds devour these things, and you will go and gather them more.

Brevities.

Who is "Joey"? (G. S.).—There is "Joey" Chamb——, but I must not mention *his* name, or I shall be hauled over the Coe-ls for introducing "political bias" into my answers. "Joey" is a popular name for the Lesser Redpoll (not the Greenfinch), and it has its origin in the call-notes of this bird, which resemble the syllables "jo-ee."

A Bullfinch (A. B. T.).—Taking the season of the year into consideration, along with the symptoms mentioned, I think the best "cure" for your Bullfinch would be the provision of a dainty, trim little wife.

Drinks Too Freely (J. S.).—Get from a chemist half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine, and dissolve a small pinch in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. This should make a difference in a few days' time. Why not try the plainer stock seed mixture which I recommended for Linnets?

Identity of Bird (Ignoramus).—The bird is undoubtedly a cock Bramblefinch. This species is of no use for song purposes. Brambles have no music in them; only a few notes that would disgrace a rusty mangle. Your feeding is correct, except that you should add a little teazle to the stock mixture, and give a little sunflower and hemp seeds frequently as "tit-bits"; likewise an occasional mealworm, smooth caterpillars, small grubs, etc.

When Moulting a Bullfinch (Bullfinch).—This bird can be moulted with equal success in a large cage as in an aviary. I use cages myself, anyhow, Give the ordinary seeds, but supplement them with a very liberal supply of such berries as rasp, black and privet, also haw and mountain ash, while ripe seeding plantain, thistle, chickweed, docks, nettle, shepherd's purse, etc., are important. These things will bring him out a good colour and in good form.

List of Hardbills (Americus).—The hardbills—that is, seed-eating birds—given in the list of the National British Bird and Mule Club are:—Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, Lesser Redpoll, Twite, Bullfinch, Crossbill, Corn Bunting, Yellowbunting, Cirl Bunting, Reed Bunting, Snow Bunting, and Lapland Bunting. All these are, of course, "genuine Britishers" (except when imported), and capable of being kept in either cages or aviaries.

A Kind of Screech (B. Legg).—Your Goldfinch Mule is in very high condition—what fanciers call "rank" for breeding. Hence the "kind of screech" he has commenced to introduce into his song. He is relieving his pent-up feelings in the only way (poor fellow) open to him. There is nothing to be alarmed at. You want to hear old muling Linnets "screech" when they feel love's fires burning within them. I have one now who makes my hens almost jump out of their skins when he commences to holler at them.

A Linnet Mule (W. Utting).—Do you think the "picking" is due to the presence of red-mite, or bird lice? If so, then the irritation set up might well be the cause of the birds not singing out. You should consult the information on "parasites" in "Cage Birds' Annual"; or get the "Nutshell Booklet" (post free 2½d.), dealing with the ailments of birds and their cure. If you think the Mule merely needs a pick-me-up (I can't tell precisely from your letter), then try that recommended W. J. Salmon this week, but in five or six drop doses.

A Goldfinch and Muling "Form" (A. B. T.).—I have frequently stated that it is quite unnecessary to wait until the black streak disappears from the upper mandible before pairing up a Goldfinch—providing it is in full song and vigour, of course. What a ridiculous notion this black streak idea is; and how hard it dies. I have now good eggs from two Siberian Goldies (in field plumage) which have as yet nowhere near clear beaks. The actions of the bird and the state of its vent are the reliable guides to early breeding condition. Let your Finch run with the hen at once.

A Nine-Year-Old Thrush (W. J. Salmon).—This is a fair age, but pales before the 25 years recorded in last week's Cage Birds. Try your bird with a course of tonic medicine: there does not appear to be much the matter with him. Get one ounce of syrup of hypophosphite co. B.P. from a good chemist, and stir seven or eight drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give fresh daily for a week. Then after two days on plain water give the syrup for another week. This should "buck him up." Give some hard-boiled minced egg amongst his food; and all the suitable live food you can.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Various.

C. C. C.—(1) Yes, but kept under these conditions a lump of old mortar rubbish and a piece of cuttlefish should be kept continually in the cage, and tufts of grass in flower (seeding grass), obtainable from any hedgerow or piece of waste land, should be liberally supplied. (2) This is very variable; they will settle down in due course if you leave them to take their own course. They do not need any artificial heat, but must not be subjected to draughts. (3) See under query No. 1. (4) Patience and steadiness in attending them; a bunch of flowering grass may induce them to come on to your hand to feed, and the other will then soon follow, but you must not attempt to force them. (5) Providing the husk is not meddled with, they will breed in a cage in an ordinary living room. (6) It is as yet full early, but new purchases often take a little time to settle down. (7) Place the cage at about ordinary table height, out of reach of draught when the window is open, yet where they will get light and fresh air. Arrange your cages to best fall in with these conditions, and you should meet with good success.

A Feather Puller.

E. C.—Give Dinneford's magnesia as often as you possibly can without scouring the bird. Also spray the bare parts with glycerine, one part, and water three parts, till the sore places are healed: as soon as this takes place paint the bare parts as far as possible with Spratt's Pennakura; though you cannot handle the birds you might manage to do this with a camel-hair brush. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. You will have to persevere, as this trouble is most difficult to erradicate, and is usually a lengthy proceeding. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit ad lib, plain biscuits, nuts in variety; a stale crust

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of household bread or piece of dry toast just moistened, not saturated, with the chemical food water will also help. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the cage where the bird will get as much light and fresh air is possible without subjecting it to draught, and as soon as the days are warm enough it will greatly help to have the bird out of doors as much as possible. Keep it occupied as much as possible with your presence, also with cotton reels and sticks to cut up and play with. Anyway, you must give the treatment time to act. Report progress in two or three weeks.

Birds for Aviary.

Morning Sun.—You should meet with good success. Do not attempt a rock garden; put in some course growing grasses, ferns, etc., between the rocks, and let them grow wild, but the grass plot should be cut and swept occasionally to keep it sweet. Keep the centre of the aviary pretty open, but have plenty of cover round the sides. Wild clematis does well, and makes good cover. I should try a pair of small Quails, either Chinese Painted or Harlequins. Also two species of Doves, say Diamond and Australian crested. Put in pairs of the following: Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Diamond, Ribbon, Zebra, Parrot, Cherry and Chestnut-crested Finches, Masked, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Pekin Robins, Silverbills and Spice Birds, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Striated and Bib Finches; British Migrants do not winter well out of doors; you could keep Lesser Whitethroats, and Willow Wrens, but you must bring them indoors for the winter months. Repeat query if all is not clear.

Brevities.

What Bird? (Beginner).—Apparently the bird with a blue breast was either a Red or Black-headed Gouldian Finch. The other bird was evidently a Long-tailed Grassfinch; both are beautiful species, and the latter not at all difficult to keep, but the former are rather difficult to establish or acclimatise. You would find our booklet, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, very helpful to you, as a beginner, in the Foreign Bird Fancy.

Young Budgerigars (Novice).—There are quite a number of replies in this issue re Budgerigars which should prove helpful reading to you. Providing the birds are not overcrowded there is no need to remove the young Budgerigars; they can be left with their parents; but if your space is very limited, and you must separate them, then do so as soon as you see the youngsters are able to cater for themselves.

Sexing Cardinals, etc. (B.H.S.).—Unless you have fully adult birds to compare it is hopeless to expect to be able to distinguish one from the other, save by their demeanour. I should say your first bird was a young cock, and the second or recent purchase a very fine hen. With adult birds the cock is the more brilliant of the two, but the difference is not startling and the bill of the hen is narrower at the base, and more tapering than that of the male; in fact, bis may be stubby in comparison. The hens do sing, but not to the same extent as the males, and their song lacks compass and variety in comparison. I am in a difficulty to recommend a cheap book; usually these points are ignored; if you care to conform to rule 7 (see page 440), perhaps I may be able to help you.

Budgerigars in Bad Plumage (Nestor).—I have seen Budgerigars nest and rear young in an all-wire cage 16in. square, and there is every probability that a pair or two pairs would breed in your roomy cage, if you can get in four husks without the husks being crowded too close together. The poor plumage of your young birds is congenital, usually arises from inbreeding, and it is probable that your parent birds were brother and sister. Change either the cock or hen from what you know to be a totally different source to which your present birds came from. You might possibly make an exchange with some local aviculturist with happy results for both. The only remedy when this trouble appears in your stock is the introduction of new blood.

Black-cheek Lovebirds (H. B.).—Unless your birds are fully adult, there would be no difference at all outwardly, and in young birds the eye colouration is a delusion and a snare, though this is a fairly safe guide with adult birds. However, I have carefully noted your query, and I am of opinion that you have a true pair. Black-cheeks are more at home in a roomy log than in a husk; they will line the log with millet sprays, bents, etc. Black-cheeks take a little time to settle down, and if you have young birds it is quite possible they will not settle down to breeding till quite late in the season. You have ample accommodation in your room for pairs of Many-colour and Bourk's Parrakeets and Blue-wing Lovebirds, and you could add one or two more pairs of Budgerigars or a pair of Cockateels.

To go with Budgerigars (J. R. S.).—You should not have more than four breeding pairs in an aviary of this size; when young birds are about your accommodation will be taxed to the uttermost. You can keep Blue-wing, Madagascar and Black-cheeked Lovebirds, Cockatiels and Rosella Parrakeets with your Budgerigars; the three latter are the more probable breeders. A nice selection would be one pair each Rosella Parrakeets, Black-cheek Lovebirds, and Green and Yellow Budgerigars. If preferred, you could substitute Cockatiels for the Rosella Parrakeets. The arrangement of your aviary is satisfactory, but you would find ¾in. spruce planking, two thicknesses, with a layer of roofing between, much more satisfactory, and little if any more costly than the three ply wood and zinc. It is not safe to keep Parrakeets and Finches together.

Budgerigars Fighting (G. V. M.).—See several replies to other correspondents almost covering your query. I can only counsel patience, and advise you to put up even more husks, but I am of the opinion that your birds have not been long in their present quarters, and that they will settle down. Well line the back of your aviary with twiggy branches (pea sticks answer well), and partially screen some of the husks with same. At the commencement of the breeding season there is sometimes a bit of a hubbub, but usually nothing serious, at least I may say it has never been my experience to have trouble with this species, and I have known some odd birds. Keep a supply of old mortar rubbish, crushed egg shells, and cuttlefish in the aviary, and you will seldom, if ever, be troubled with egg binding. Let matters go on as they are for a month, and I opine the birds will settle down. Your aviary is well arranged, and you certainly ought to have good luck.

Shed for Budgerigars (Novice).—The shed you describe will answer well for the Budgerigars, but a good-sized square of glass should be inserted in each end; the glass must be covered with wire-netting on the inside. The 6ft. frontage of wire-netting should only have a 11in. skirting board, all the other portion being open netting. Yes, board up 3ft. of the frontage, and also have an interior board partition extending half way across the aviary. The result will be that you will have a 3ft. shelter shed with ample space for ingress and egress. Your other arrangements are very good; tar will not harm the birds at all, simply dirty their plumage if they come in contact with it. By the way, Brunswick Black is the best medium to coat the wire-netting with. Do not overcrowd: start with three or four pairs; you have to leave accommodation for the young birds. A pair of either Cockatiels or Rosella Parrakeets could be kept with the Budgerigars. Our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 7d., post free, should prove very helpful to you.

Combative Budgerigars (Vadnum).—My experience has been that these birds will agree together in any number; that is, of course, according to limitations of space, and you certainly have ample accommodation for three pairs. I am inclined to advise you putting in a pair of cockatiels, and seeing if this would draw the Budgerigars' attention from each other. The Cockatiels are quite amiable with smaller species, other than this I can only counsel patience, and leave them to settle down. I also suggest putting up a few more husks and well covering the back of aviary with twiggy branches (pea sticks answer well). You would have to provide a largish box, with a concave bottom, for the Cockatiels; such can be purchased from our advertisers.

Diet for Indian Parrot (Kit).—Seed mixture, two parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part each hemp, oats, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep up a regular supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts in variety. A crust of stale household bread or dry toast just moistened, not saturated, with water, is also wholesome. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food during the period of the moult. If there should be any signs of constipation this should be relieved at once by one or more doses of Dinneford's Magnesia.

Budgerigar Queries (M.N.).—There are several replies to other correspondents in this issue, which I must refer you to as supplementing the following brief replies. (1) Out of doors it means a small aviary, and for them to be safe in cold weather it ought not to be less than 6ft. long by 3½ft. wide by 5ft. high. Of course here you could keep several pairs. In an indoor cage 2ft. long by 1½ft. wide, and 1½ft. high, your birds, after they have settled down, should breed freely and flourish generally, providing you contrive to let them have light and air without draught. (2) Canary and white millet seeds, spray millet, a few oats, greenfood (flowering grass or lettuce), and when they have young to feed, a few pieces of plain biscuit. (4) Put a husk at each end of the cage, fix them as high up as possible. (5) They do not need fire heat, but they should do well in your dining-room. (6) Put in some twigs and branches for them to climb about on, and keep the cage bottom well covered with gritty sand; they require water to drink.

Quail with Sore Feet (D. Pedloe). — Kindly inform me under what conditions you are keeping the bird, and also your general treatment; I can then possibly give you more definite help than I am able to do at present. Provide it with a small turf in one part of its quarters. This will be more comfortable for its feet than grit, but this should only occupy one portion, not more than one-fourth of its quarters, or less, according to space it has access to. Soak the feet in tepid water, to which has been added a little Condy's Fluid; if the sores are soft, and contain matter, this must be got rid of by gentle pressure. Half-a-dozen mealworms daily may be given so as to keep the bird fit and contented, also an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Aviator.—Replied by post.
Gouldian.—Replied by post.
Shropshire.—Replied by post.

Liscards.—Bronchitis was the commencement of the trouble with your Canary, contracted through chill or other similar causes, eventually extending to the lung structure and setting up broncho-pneumonia, to which it succumbed. It is strange he showed no sign of trouble between the commencement of the attack three weeks ago and last Tuesday. The disease had been progressing slowly in this interval, and had it not been for the recent spell of cold, windy weather, probably it would have overcome the trouble.

D. Forrest.—Inability to get rid of a shell-less egg caused the death. This egg was a particularly large one, and completely obstructed the oviduct. This is not always an easy condition to treat; possibly had you steamed her, in addition to your other treatment, you might have ensured its removal. Some attribute this trouble to inertia, or weakness of the walls of the oviduct. Mechanical interference, such as puncturing of the egg, using a fine sterile instrument, is at times resorted to, but needs a great deal of skill; steaming to relax the parts is as good a method as any, whilst at the same time introducing a little warm olive oil into the vent by means of a fine feather aids the passage of the egg. As a preventative you might supply your birds with crushed and finely-powdered egg shells. Crushed oyster shells are used with remarkably good results for this purpose for hens that lay soft-shelled eggs.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cuttings (S. L. Southcombe).—Many thanks.

A Suggestion (J. Kay).—We could not publish the names and addresses without rendering ourselves liable to an action at law. It is an unfortunate state of the law, we quite agree.

Improved Rollers (O. H. Williams).—You do not state in your letter in what respect you have succeeded in improving the Roller Canary. Will you kindly let us know this?

An Address (J. Paxton).—It is contrary to the rules of the Press to disclose the addresses of correspondents without permission. We will, however, gladly have addressed any communication you care to send us in a stamped sealed envelope.

Disinfecting a Parrot Cage (Grimston).—A 10 per cent. solution of lizal, used hot (with soft soap, if you like) will thoroughly disinfect the cage if the latter be carefully washed with it (perches, utensils, and everything). An article on "Disinfection" is one of the features of "Cage Birds 1910 Annual."

Many Matters (C. C. C.)—(1) Birds must be bought direct from the advertisers using our columns; the purchase money may be deposited at this office (see rules). (2) There is no stated time; these things have to take their turn, if accepted. (3) A net (such as a strong butterfly net) is the best thing to use. (4) The first number of CAGE BIRDS was dated January 18th, 1902. (5) You need not fear that the birds will catch the diseases of human beings, or *vice versâ*.

Correspondence.

How to Determine the Sex of Linnets.

SIR,—The only way to tell the sex of grey Linnets is, I find, by opening their wings, when you will find in the case of the cock bird the white on the flight feathers goes right up to the shaft of feather, and in the hen there is a black mark between the white and shaft of feather.

R. B. STUBBERFIELD.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS letters from fanciers wanting to be able to sex Linnets. The best way is to get the bird in your hand and pull his wing out, and if you see the white running right up to the quill, you will know the bird is a cock. You must not go by the pink on the breast if you are buying one, as there are a lot of them that are splashed with paint. The Greenie cock is easy to tell, as he has yellow bars on the wings.

J. BONA.

A Singing Hen Canary: Will She Breed?

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent re singing hen Canary breeding, I wish to say that I am similarly circumstanced. I have also a Norwich hen, which will be 3 years old in June. She laid 25 eggs last year, and hatched out only 7, the remainder being clear. She commenced to sing before Xmas last, and kept it up until quite recently. As she was in good condition I matched her up with the same cock as last year. She built a nest almost immediately, sitting in it since, there being no eggs. I would like to hear another fancier's opinion on the matter. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

"MULER."

SIR,—I had a Yorkshire hen Canary which laid 3 eggs, sat them, and on the thirteenth day got off them, but would not go back to them, and on the fourteenth day died. So I was in a fix. I also had a Yorkshire hen which had three eggs and could not sit them. So two days before the hen died I put a Crested hen on the other hen's eggs. When the said hen died this Crested hen, which did not lay any eggs, and was sitting the other's three, I took off them and put on the young ones which the hen that died had brought out; there were two, as one was dead in the shell, and since then one of the two has died. The one which is living is a young cock and a good singer and 5 weeks old. The foster-mother has got three of her own eggs and is sitting on them all right. This (Crested) hen I bought for a singing cock for 5s., and she is a champion loud songster and a good mother; and I could have sold her many times for three times the amount I paid for her. I have 12 Canaries and I have had two nests with one and four from another, and they are bonny young ones, two weeks old yesterday. I have plenty of proof that what I say about this singing hen is correct.

A BREEDER.

Wake Up, Fanciers!

SIR,—Of the three letters you published last week, only one, fortunately, calls for my comment. The letter I refer to is the one signed by Constance D. Fitzmaurice, who asks me several questions, and makes several statements which I must answer and criticise. She first asks me whether I can deny that my first letter was objectionable. In view of the fact that she herself objects to it, I certainly cannot deny it. I think my opponent's question is inspired by failure to appreciate the difference between an objectionable letter and an abusive one. A letter which contains an unpleasant truth is generally objectionable, even though couched in terms of placid suavity, if read with guilty eyes. I certainly think, however, that the statements hurled at me in April 9 issue were meant to abuse rather than to argue, to hurt rather than to convince. I, further, did not, as she suggests, accuse Miss Fitzmaurice of "Limehousing Socialistic nonsense," that accusation (or rather suggestion) I made at others. She asks me what there is socialistic in protesting against Mr. Biron's decision in the Flowers-Preston case. I reply to that question that there is nothing socialistic in it. I thought I made myself clear upon this point in your last issue. I say that there is something distinctly political in the methods adopted by some of your correspondents in protesting against the judges ruling in the Flowers-Preston case. Upon examination I find their letters to consist of class war, pure and simple, everything that relates to the Fancy being left to someone else to see to. Therefore, I assume that these letters were written to introduce class war, i.e., Socialism, into your columns. I do not say it is deliberate; not being gifted with second sight I cannot speak definitely of the motives of people I have never seen. I do say, however, that it decidedly has the appearance of being deliberate and Machiavellian. If my opponent wants to know who are the enemies of the Fancy I can put my finger on the very people. They are the "Heaven is *my* home" type of canting killjoys, the sickly worshippers of Nonconformist-conscience-total-abolitionist-propaganda, who, inflated with the gas of their insipid beverages, are loquacious in their denouncement of all forms of sport, from the king of sports, horse-racing, down to the humble whist drive. In these sanctimonious humbugs all kinds of sportsmen, whether they be princes or peasants, "fox slaughterers," or cage bird fanciers, find a common foe. It is as sportsmen that I appeal to my fellow fanciers to drop this snivelling pessimism, and to show a little of that cheery optimism which—born of constant difficulties encountered in the pursuit of our hobby, and of manly effort to overcome them—has always been said to characterise the British bird Fancy. We must stand or fall in the strength or weakness of our own position; we cannot build our virtues on the offences of others. We must show our enemies that it is as ridiculous to say it is cruel to cage birds as it would be to say that it is cruel to take a plant from the garden and confine it to the limits of a flower-pot, as although there is, of course, a great difference between a plant and a bird, yet both are readily adaptable to changed environment. We must, above all, beware of adopting—as my opponents have adopted—the schoolboy whine, "Please, sir, it wasn't me; it was the pheasant slaughterer," lest our enemies arrive, with perfect justice, at the conclusion that we are not capable of defending our position. I trust it will not be necessary for me to again trouble you on this matter.

A. R. COE.

SIR,—I should like to see a few more letters *re* the above. Something surely could be done. The Cage Bird Fancy must be strong enough to make itself heard. I cannot see why "Politics" should be brought into the matter. Why should Mr. Coe mention "Socialism"? I never asked for it. I merely stated facts. I speak of people as I know them to be, and I know very well these County Councils, or most of them, are dominated by gentlemen interested in game preservation. You will find a good many of these prejudiced against bird-catching. What is wanted is a revised Act of Parliament, one that properly gives protection to our birds, and at the same time recognises the people's (or public) right to take a just proportion of these birds. As regards rare species, these, of course, need extra legislation; but is it ever enforced? How often can you read: "A fine specimen of the —— was shot near the —— etc., etc." How many Hawks, Owls, Magpies, Jays, rare and otherwise, are protected species in some counties? Are these shot by gamekeepers, employed by the very men who make the protection laws? This is not just, nor is it bird protection. Now, fanciers, another election will soon be here: why not approach your candidates when they canvass you and state what you want? In addition, why should not all societies after the election appeal to their new members? It's no good to let it drop and go to sleep again. Things look rather cloudy for at least the British Bird section. Prejudice seems growing against it. This is only through ignorance in many cases; but it is just as dangerous. Only in this week's CAGE BIRDS, under the heading "In the Courts," the Chairman said that catching birds was "a lazy way of getting a living." Which way does that point? Mind you, I am not defending the catching of birds in the close season; that should be "sat on" severely. Surely such birds as Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches—and I may say all our British Finches—are in no danger of extinction. The Goldfinch never was so common as the Linnet, nor can he ever be expected to be; and it would be rather bad for fruit-growers if the Bullfinch was any commoner. What a pity so many are shot—simply wilful waste of beauteous life. The season governs bird life, not bird-catchers. It is also influenced greatly by the changes going on, such as immense building operations, gradual draining of fens, the laying down of arable land to grass for fox-hunting, etc. Every little helps.

C. ELKERTON.

Special Prizes at Dunfermline Show.

SIR,—I sent a good entry to Dunfermline Show at the New Year, and amongst my winners my Missel Thrush stood first and special, namely, 5s. for best bird in classes 131 and 132. I wrote the secretary about a month after the show, and I have written him twice since that, but without result. It is with great reluctance that I am forced to write to the Press, but the least the secretary could have done was to have given an answer to some of my letters (which I am entitled to). I hope this may catch the eye of some wide-awake committeeman of Dunfermline Show.

JOHN HUTCHISON.

Recipe for Red Varnish Wanted.

SIR,—Will you ask one of my fellow readers if they will tell me how to make a good red varnish? I have only been reading CAGE BIRDS since January, and find it a grand paper for all bird men.

NEW READER.

A Seed-Crushing Machine with Grooved Rollers.

SIR,—Can any reader inform me where I can purchase a seed-crushing machine, which can be adjusted by thumbscrew to crush any size of seed? I have seen such a machine, which had a grooved roller, and which was very effective. I have tried nearly all of those advertising birdroom requisites in your valuable paper, but up till now my quest has been unsuccessful.

SEED-CRUSHER.

A Puzzle Bird.

SIR,—A friend of mine caught a bird here (Lurgan) about three months ago, which I would like to know something about. Some of your readers no doubt by this description of him may be able to name him. Size about that of a Blackbird; glossy black, like a Crow; eyes, tail, and feet black, also bill. He hops when on the ground, eats mostly Canary seed and sings like a Robin. He is in very good health and occasionally stretches his neck and gives a little caw like a Crow. If any reader can name this bird, I should like to know what is its best food or other treatment.

DAVID PEDLOW.

Annual Outing of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

SIR,—The annual outing of the N.B.B. and M.C. is fixed for Saturday, May 28th, the rendezvous being Effingham, Surrey. Arrangements have been made with an old ex-keeper to mark all nests he may find and pilot the party round. Given fine weather, this should prove one of the most enjoyable outings the club have ever had. The morning party leaves Waterloo by the 9.20 train, and the afternoon party by the 1.37 train, all persons taking their own tickets for Effingham Junction, the fare being about 2s. return. A hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers and friends who would like to join us, but I must have all names in (stating which party they go with) by May 24th, so that arrangements can be made for refreshments; being such an isolated place, three days' notice must be given to the caterer.

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12	Best Perrennial Sunflowers	6½	
2	Yellow Day Lily ..	6½	
3	Bronze do. ..	6½	
8	xd. Lychnis ..	6½	
6	Scarlet do.	6½	
6	Pink Lychnis ..	6½	
4	White do. ..	6½	
3	Thalictrum (Hardy Maidenhair) ..	6½	
6	Polemonium ..	6½	
6	xd. Rudbeckias ..	6½	
3	Giant Red Phlox ..	6½	
3	Giant Lilac do. ..	6½	
3	Giant White do. ..	6½	
3	Giant Pink do. ..	6½	
3	Giant Mauve do. ..	6½	
4	Best xd. Campanulas	6½	
4	Campanula Carpatica	6½	
5	do. New Buckhouseii	6½	
6	xd. Flag Iris ..	6½	
4	New White do. ..	6½	
4	Fine Bearded Iris ..	6½	
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A New Cage Bird Society for Horwich and District.

SIR,—A goodly number met together on April 28th, at the Black Bull Hotel, where we decided to form the above-named club. There will be a meeting on Saturday, May 7th, at 2.30, when all local fanciers interested in the cage bird fancy are asked to attend to place the club in proper working order.

JAMES HATTON, T. RAWLING, Hon. Secs.

A "Homing" Linnet.

SIR,—I have had rather an extraordinary thing happen. I bought three Linnets off Mr. Garner (of Chalton Street, Euston Road, N.W.), at Easter, and having my sister up here from the country, I gave her one, which she took back to Monkton, near Dorchester. They thought this bird seemed as if he wanted to get out of the cage, so they let it go, but it returned a week later, and they have kept it. I thought this a very peculiar thing. The bird evidently knows when he has a good home! J. FEAST.

The Problem of the Foul-marked Yorkshire.

SIR,—In regard to the question of extra classes for Foul-marked Yorkshires, I should like to suggest that foul-marked ones be allowed to compete in the same classes as the good-marked ones, classes for which are already provided. As the markings count in these classes, the foul-marked birds would only stand a remote chance. Also to provide *extra* classes for the foul-marked birds, and allow the better-marked ones also to compete in these classes, the markings having *no value* whatever. This would do away with the marking difficulty altogether, as it is very difficult in the case of variegated birds saying where a foul one begins.

F. ELLIS.

The Proposed Open Show for Glasgow.

SIR,—To those who take an interest in the Cage Bird Fancy in and around Glasgow, I wish to point out that at the meeting held recently it was decided to form an association, on the motion of a bird dealer. I may state that should dealers be allowed membership or allowed to compete at the show, it might be the means of quite a lot of genuine fanciers not having anything to do with the above. Wake up, ye fanciers! and assert yourselves. Why be led like a lamb by dealers? The only point in view they have is a monetary one. Why not hold the meetings on a Saturday, as the majority of fanciers are working men, who can ill-afford to lose a morning off their work? If this body of fanciers would approach the City of Glasgow O.A. as to holding a show on 3rd and 4th January, 1911, I think their application would be carefully considered. The membership fee is only 2s. 6d. Why not join this wealthy society and give your views on other important business that is connected with our hobby?

DELEGATE.

Specials at Glencraig Show.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "An Exhibitor," re specials at Glencraig Show, I am very sorry he has had to write to your paper about it, but I expect by the time his letter was being printed in CAGE BIRDS he would have had his special; and I can assure him that it was sent away at my earliest after I received it, along with some others. I may state, too, that the specials have been in the hands of one of our late officials since shortly after the show, and some of them before the show. But the committee were not aware that they had not been paid over till about a fortnight before the notice appeared in CAGE BIRDS. I may state that he has still another special in his possession that we are aware of, but perhaps the unfortunate exhibitor who won it will write to him about it himself, as we have spoken to him several times and he has not handed it over. It is ¼lb. of tea won by Mr. Jas. Simpson. There are two others we are aware of to be paid yet. One is of 3s. value won by Mr. Gentleman, Avonbridge, but it has not come from the donor yet. The other is the points special in the Norwich section, but we are not sure who won this, as the said late official lost the book he had the specials on; but I am communicating with the judge and will let the winner have it at my earliest. Should there be any more who have specials to come, will they let me know? We intend to pay everyone out of the funds of the society. We trust that "An Exhibitor" and the other exhibitors who have had to wait so long will let us have their support at our next fixture. I assure them that they will have our best attention, for the committee for the ensuing season are sound fanciers, and we are in a good financial position, with a membership of close on fifty and more joining every meeting. With the support we get from the shopkeepers and gentlemen in the district we should have one of the best shows in the county.

JOHN BROWN, Hon. Sec.,
Lochore and Glencraig F.A.

The New Cage Bird Society for Portsmouth and District.

SIR,—Our meeting resulted in about 30 being present. A. Newbury, Esq., was elected chairman, and the proposal to form a society was carried. I was elected secretary (*pro tem.*). Three members were appointed to draw up rules and submit same at next meeting on May 25th, at 8 p.m. Same address as before.

W. R. KING,
200, Kingston Road, Portsmouth.

The Battersea C.B.A. Open Show

SIR,—In running through "Twitterings," in your last issue, I was very sorry to read that the Battersea Open C.B.A. had engaged only two judges again, the same as last year. I think that with a show of this size (nearly 800 entries) they could very well afford three judges for the benefit of both exhibitors and visitors. The time for opening last year's show was about 3 o'clock, but the judges were still at their work until well in the evening. Then, again, owing to the judges finishing so late, the catalogues with the awards were not to be obtained until (I think) about 9 o'clock. This gives no time to the visitor who has travelled a long distance and has to leave fairly early to catch his train. I, for one, went round the show once or twice without a catalogue (I never buy one without the awards), and when they did arrive I just had time to buy one and go home. I think under these conditions half the beauty of a show is lost. If there are any other fanciers of the same opinion as myself, perhaps they will give their views, so that we can in a friendly way point out to the said society something to their future benefit. Wishing the Battersea Open C.B.A. every success at their next show,

"VISITOR."

The Northern Lizard Canary Club.

SIR,—A meeting of the Northern fanciers of the Lizard Canary was held on April 30th, the object being to form a specialist club to look after the interests of the variety, and to endeavour to bring the bird into more popular favour amongst fanciers. The meeting was held in the clubroom of the Sunderland Society, kindly loaned for the occasion, and was attended by a fairly good muster of fanciers. Mr. W. Reid briefly outlined the position of Northern Lizard fanciers, and pointed out the necessity of having a specialist club, and then read the correspondence he had received upon the subject. It was then unanimously decided that the club be formed and that it be known as the Northern Lizard Canary Club, the principal reason for confining it to the North being that we did not wish to interfere in any way with the work of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., as we are most desirous of working in harmony with that club. The following officers were elected unanimously: President, Mr. J. Keenlyside; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Farrar, T. C. Crawhall, P. Hunter, W. F. Swan, and Dr. C. D. O'Neal. It was decided that a new chairman be elected at each meeting, so that one member will not always be in the same position. Mr. W. Reid intimated some time ago that he did not wish to be elected as secretary, and that he only took the duties pro tem. in order to get the club formed, and that when it was once formed they would have to elect another secretary. He proposed that Mr. R. H. Dixon (Houghton) be elected secretary. Mr. Dixon declined on the ground that he was too far out of the district. Mr. Reid then proposed Mr. J. Joffrey, who stated that he would be unable to accept owing to business reasons. Mr. Jeffrey then proposed that Mr. G. Davidson be elected secretary. Mr. Reid seconded, and on this being put to the meeting, Mr. Davidson was unanimously elected as secretary and treasurer. The committee was then formed as follows: Messrs. W. Reid, J. Hyslop, R. H. Dixon, R. Haswell, J. Jeffrey, M. Dixon, H. Fenwick, J. Riseborough, and A. Walker. It was decided that our meetings be held monthly, and that the Sunderland Society be asked for the use of their room in which to hold the meetings. The annual subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d., and the secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Davidson, 10, The Royalty, Sunderland, would be very pleased to hear from any fancier who would like to join us. The club will accept as members any fanciers residing in Durham, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Cumberland, and the whole of the Scottish Counties. It was decided to ask societies to put on at least two classes for Lizards, and we will do our very best to fill them. Regarding the specials to be competed for, Mr. G. Davidson intimated that he would present an "easy chair" for one, and Mr. Reid promised to try and obtain a cup or medal, to be competed for by the members, to be won outright. The club now being an established fact, I have no doubt as to its future success. The secretary is a very enthusiastic Lizard fancier, and I trust members will give him whole-hearted support.

W. REID.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I have read with interest in this week's CAGE BIRDS, "A Recipe for a Washable Distemper," signed, Miss M. Latham. I should like to ask this lady if she has herself tried this recipe, and if so, whether she used concentrated size in powder, or jelly size, as her recipe does not say which. This is misleading to amateurs. I should like to point out that over 90 per cent. of your readers will take it to mean size powder, as there are few towns or cities where they can buy size in jelly. As a practical house, etc., painter, I must in fairness to your readers advise them to wait further particulars from Miss M. Latham; or they may regret their experience in making, or trying to make, the washable distemper. Let me advise them to go to a reliable painter or a paint stores, and get either Duresco or Walpamur, which are both water paints and washable (in paste form), or in dry powder, to get either "Phasantite," or Hall's Sanitary Distemper. I use Duresco in paste form, and Phasantite in dry powder, put up in 5lb. packets for 1s. 8d. per packet.

JOHN ENGLAND.

Nets and the Making of Nets.

SIR,—In reference to the net sent to "Netter," I was surprised to see that he was disappointed; he was looking for something that was difficult to do. The net, as he says, is simple, but it was not the making of the net that I asked about, but the time it would take him to make one like it; and as "Netter" is willing to make one like it, I will send the material required, on condition that the net is sent to me to look at, together with a statement as to how long it took him to do it. I will then return it. I should also be pleased to receive any net that "Netter" is pleased to send, as there might be something to learn, and I am not too old for that. But at the same time I think I could make a net of any kind from a sample. I hope "Netter" will take no offence, as I should not wish to give any; but he talks about something difficult. I am willing to send "Netter" a net that I think he cannot make, made by myself. It is a model of a fishing net, and as he has been making nets for fishermen he should be able to get a little information, if he should require it. Of course, this net is a model of a net fixed for use, but it is only the net I am referring to, which weighs 3 lbs. net and fixings. I am willing to find material and make "Netter" a present of £2 (two pounds) if the net he makes is the same as sample. I never doubted "Netter's" ability to make different kinds of net; I have only disputed the number of knots he says he can tie in the hour. I still say it is impossible for any netter to tie 1,500 ¾ in. mesh in one hour by hand, as I have had between 200 and 300 netters under my charge for years, and have at the present time; so I should know what I am talking about. I am willing to give any information regarding round nets, square nets, or diamond nets to anyone requiring such through the medium of your paper.

W. CONNELL.

[We have received a ball of netting cord, etc., from our correspondent, which we have duly forwarded to "Netter."]

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—When I opened your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS I was not at all surprised to see the self-styled crank, Mr. Fuller, again on the warpath, as I had been rightly informed beforehand that after his "barney" with Messrs. House, Rukin and Baker, it was now my turn to be numbered amongst the slain. Before dealing with his remarkable charges, and having followed closely all the correspondence re "The Type of the Lancashire," I cannot help noticing that his chief characteristic is to try and "slate" all who are directly opposed to his views, instead of trying to gain the confidence of exhibitors to show under him by seeking to prove to the Fancy that he is qualified to fulfil the high position that the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. have thought fit to place him in. So, to use Mr. Baker's words, "The Blustering Crank" thinks fit to have a cut in at me, because he thinks that I am implicated in the letter signed "Lizard," but at the outset I might add that I am going to play him at his own game and use his own admissions against him. I should like readers to particularly notice his admissions, which appeared in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, in reply to Mr. Baker's letter of the previous issue. He made these startling admissions: That he has no character—had never had one—and this in addition to being both cracked and cranky. A fine thing that to acknowledge to the intelligent body of gentlemen that he charges me with insulting. Now let me come back to the reply of the "Lizard." This blustering, characterless, cracked, and cranky judge (all his own adjectives) bursts forth by insinuating that I wrote the letter signed "Lizard." Well, sir, if he thinks so, let him think so, as I don't intend enlightening him on the matter, but as he adjusts the cap, which, by the way, fits him so perfectly, I for one have not the least objection to his wearing it. Neither do I intend taking it from him. Then he says I have insulted the intelligent members of the L. and L.F.A., a body of gentlemen to which I have the honour to belong. But as a word to the wise is sufficient, I should like to appeal to the intelligent members of the L. and L.F.A. not to confirm the minutes of the last meeting until they have removed judges of this description out of the road; otherwise I think they as a body will be wanting in intelligence, and will be laying themselves open to severe criticism. So much for the L. and L.F.A. Mr. Fuller flares away again by telling the Fancy that it is very well known in Glossop that I entered the L. and L.F.A. for the purpose of winning the novice medal. Now, Mr. Judge, be a man and come out in your true colours and prevent me from winning the novice medal, as I don't consider yet that you are a fully qualified Lizard exhibitor, let alone a specialist judge of the variety, and I fail to find any proof of your ever having won any first prize in open competition either with Lancashires or Lizards. In reference to my staying long enough in the Fancy, I might tell you that if my career is as unsuccessful as I know yours to be as a fancier, you need not doubt at all, as I shall very soon clear out of it. Before I conclude I must remind this characterless, cracked and cranky selected specialist judge that before he condemns anybody in the future for doing anything against the laws of societies and the C.B.U., he should purify himself and his environments also, and instead of extending the hand of forgiveness to young fanciers, pray for forgiveness from the old fanciers.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

Glosson.

The Cage Bird Fancy in Belfast.

SIR,—It has often occurred to me that the Fancy here in Belfast requires awakening. I don't know of a city of similar size in the United Kingdom where cage bird men are so somnolent and behind the times. I have heard of Englishmen and Scotchmen say they have been in the city for years before being aware that a club was in existence. This surely must be a sign of lukewarmness in those delegated to carry on the affairs of the society, or in the members themselves. Which? We have two young bird clubs in Belfast. Some years ago there were three—two of these were confined to Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, but amalgamated a couple or three years ago. But judging from present-day observation it does not seem to have advanced the position of these breeds at all in Belfast. The other club is devoted to the breeding of Crests, Norwich, Plainheads, and Yorkshires. Each of these clubs holds a members' show of young birds in November of each year. But from then to the following November the clubs might as well be defunct; certainly they have their monthly meetings, but each night is mostly a repetition of the preceding one except when the usual time comes round to appoint their judge and make their classes. Why cannot they hold nest feather shows, matched pairs, etc., as certainly the yearly subscription is high enough, being 10s., with an additional 2s. entrance fee. This, in my opinion, is another great objection, and is the reason, I would say, why the membership keeps on the small side. Belfast ought to be able to have a club with anything from 100 members upwards, if the subscription were made within the means of every working-man fancier, both exhibiting and non-exhibiting. Again one never hears a lecture first hand, and there are fanciers here who have been breeding and showing I suppose for the past twenty years or more, and should be in a position to give us some hints as to how to breed and rear champions. Then, again, there is never a washing or a judging competition, nothing in fact which one could enthuse over. What I want to see is more life thrown into the Fancy in Belfast. If not they will wake up some day to find their hobby lost to them, as for a number of years past the open shows held here have been financial failures, and seem like continuing so, unless a greater effort is made than has been made in the past. I hope to hear some other opinions on this matter.

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The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be? Some Opinions from Our Readers.

SIR,—In reply to "A Delegate," I did not state that any complaint of mine had appeared in the papers. I merely stated that "A Delegate's" statement was incorrect in every detail. My communications have always been addressed to the Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, and whether on London and Provincial O.S. notepaper or on the notepaper provided by the hotels I stay at, I certainly thought that any communication from myself would have been accepted as from the L. and P.O.S., whom I represented.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

SIR,—Just a line to ask you to announce that I accept the post of secretary to the Union. I appeal for the hearty support and co-operation of all societies and fanciers who are agreed a Union is a means of doing good in the Fancy. The position promises to be somewhat difficult, as I find that though many have sent on their subscriptions, and only some nine or ten have notified their withdrawal, a great number of societies have not renewed their membership, and I would urge these to forward their instalment of 5s. as early as possible. Without a very substantial number of societies affiliated to the Union, it cannot be very effective, and considering the subscription only amounts to twopence a year to each member, the monetary consideration is trifling compared to the good that has already accrued through the Union. I would also be glad to hear from any fanciers and societies, whether they have withdrawn from the Union or not, with their views and suggestions on the present conditions, with the object of establishing the Union on a better footing. My address now is 76, Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

SIR,—I cannot agree with Mr. Crawhall when he says "Neither your article nor all the letters in last week's issue throw any light on the subject." I think we are indebted to you, Sir, for the introduction of the subject, and the able article, with opinions from your readers, will be a great help in discovering the cause of the falling off of support. As Mr. Downing says, "let us probe the thing to the bottom," and help to find a remedy. In the North, here, there has always been a certain amount of opposition to the Cage Bird Union. Some men have never changed their minds at all, and do not want to be ruled. They are the first cause of disaffection. Seizing upon every available opportunity to bring discredit on the Union, they have at last been successful in severing the Northern societies. Their first cry was, "Are we to be coerced? Are we to lose our freedom?" I have always contended that this Rule 22 was necessary, because to be a real Union we must all join. To all those who wished to obey the rules there was no coercion, but to those who wished to offend it was an obstacle; and that was one of the chief objects for which the Union was formed to govern the Fancy. The majority, however, were in favour of the rule standing, and the opponents did what harm they could by working from the inside as members and representatives. This accounts for Mr. Crawhall's excessive suspension. He made himself conspicuous as a supporter of the Union. Consequently he got it fairly hot. Instead of appealing to the Executive Council (Mr. Reid is mistaken on this point), and remaining true to his colours, he deserted by resigning from all societies thus doing more harm to the Union than he had ever done good. Now, had Mr. Crawhall appealed I have no doubt it would have been altered. The Executive Council only confirmed the decision of his brother fanciers on Dist. No. 1. This was another cause of friction, and the cry was, "Are we to lose a good member for the sake of this Cage Bird Union?" It came to a vote, and the Newcastle C.B.S. remained affiliated. Then came the trouble about a special, which by a clerical error was wrongly awarded, both on slip and catalogue. The ruling of the Council on this case was the "coup-de-grace," as far as the Newcastle Society was concerned, for we all expected the Council to right the wrong, no matter what the custom had been in the past in similar cases. Confidence in the final court was severely shaken. Then we have opposition from some of our judges, in many ways, passing stained birds, instead of disqualifying, according to Union rule; testing them with heads down in a corner, where the representative had a poor chance to see if anything came off, and then only on the representative insisting. How can fanciers ask, "Why was such a bird not disqualified?" The representative cannot do much unless he has the help of both judges and officials. Judges and officials ought to be dealt with, and required to give explanations of these things. How to remedy matters should now concern every good fancier. Societies should send in their objections, and all obstacles to their becoming members should be removed, as far as possible, with efficiency. The only reasonable objection to joining is, from the individual point of view—"I cannot show where I like." The great thing is to get all the societies to join, and as the smaller societies consider it a hardship to pay a minimum subscription, alter that rule, so that a young society of fifteen members would only pay 2d. per member, instead of 4d., the present subscription. Make it equally 2d. in large and small societies. Delegates should also have more encouragement to attend district meetings, and railway expenses should be shared by the whole district, or meetings should be held consecutively at each town. I would also debar non-union members from showing at Union shows. Those who are not connected with any society could either join one, or, as has been suggested, join the Union at a reduced fee, as an independent member. We are all, or nearly all, of the opinion that a governing body is necessary; so let us join hands, and try to make a Union acceptable to the majority. Hoping the pruning of the branches of the C.B.U. will be the means of causing a stronger and a straighter growth.

T. ROBSON,
Newcastle.

SIR,—It has grieved me to be unable to take any notice of the taunts and false impressions floated in the Fancy Press during these last few months, owing to my being invalid since February 5th. My right arm has been crippled through strain, rheumatism, and displacement in the shoulder (perhaps some of the delegates would notice that I used my left hand instead of my right on a particular occasion). It would appear that the representative who officiated for No. 1 District of the Union has neither friend nor well-wisher, as not one of the delegates has thought it his duty to express an opinion, or to request something definite from the writers who have been so busy destroying my reputation, hidden behind the mask of villainy, while they poured into me the poison of their vile natures. I have not been able to reply to private correspondence and to write to the Press was out of the question. I see Mr. T. C. Crawhall, in this week's issue, states my reply "gave the impression that the decision was not a universal one." When asked how many were present at the council meeting, my answer was that that was a question I did not feel called upon to answer, that members of council must be allowed some discretion on the internal workings, but that I could tell them the decision was unanimous, with the exception of myself, both on the first consideration of the case and on the notice of motion by myself to have the case reopened on behalf of the Newcastle Society. I also told the members that if the case was plainly stated before the Fancy, I believed the council would be upheld, though it was not in accordance with my sense of justice. I also asked the members to accept the decision, and hand the special over. Sir, I am aware it is only my word, and it may not be worth much now, but before Mr. Crawhall can have my full confidence he will require to be more consistent than I have found him since the Union came into existence, and, crippled as I am, I still sincerely proclaim: Long may the Union live and flourish.

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SIR,—I would like to point out to Mr. Crawhall that I distinctly stated in my letter that whether the decision of the C.B.U. executive council or the decision of the Newcastle Society was correct had nothing to do with the question at issue, which was that the executive council, the recognised court of appeal, having given its decision, just or unjust, why did they not enforce it, as per Rule 21? Whether the Newcastle society thought the decision of the council was just or unjust, or whether they would rather suffer suspension than carry out the decision of the council, had nothing whatever to do with my question, and I merely quoted this case in order to show the difference in the methods adopted by the C.B.U. when meting out justice, individually and collectively. And personally I think it would have been better had Mr. Crawhall recognised that fact and let the matter rest there, instead of penning a letter which clearly indicates that the Newcastle Society do not intend to abide by the decision of any union if in their opinion these decisions are unjust. This, to my mind, is not as it should be, and upon this point depends the settlement of the question at issue. Newcastle undoubtedly had a perfect right to their own opinion regarding the decision of the council, and they were strong enough to oppose it, and show the Fancy how weak the council could be when opposed by a powerful society. But this does not alter the fact that the executive council were the *recognised court of appeal*, and as such their decisions, just or unjust, were *final*. It would be interesting to know why this particular decision was not enforced, for the council cannot hope to retain the confidence of fanciers if they are afraid to enforce any decisions they have come to simply because it affects a powerful society. I note that one of your correspondents states that the decision *was* enforced. This leads to some very interesting matters with which I will deal later on. We now come to the letter from Mr. T. Johnson, and I am very glad to note that the opinion of a certain gentleman that we northerners were as a rule *non compos mentis*, does not trouble Mr. Johnson very much, and that he thought the writer himself was a "bit balmy," with which I quite agree, and can only add that the poor gentleman who wrote the statement would probably have been all right if he had had his senses. Mr. Johnson appears to have a certain antipathy to Mr. Crawhall; why, I do not know, neither do I care, but he is certainly very wide of the mark when he states that Newcastle seceded from the Union as a protest against the suspension of Mr. Crawhall, and I also very much question his statement that Mr. Crawhall *knew* he was doing wrong when he made his entries at an unlicensed show. You will understand, Mr. Johnson, that I hold no brief for Mr. Crawhall, for personally he is quite unknown to me, and I have never once met him, or even seen him to my knowledge, and I merely mentioned his case as an illustration of how strict the C.B.U. could be when dealing with individual cases. Mr. Johnson thinks that the district committee would have been justified in dealing with Mr. Crawhall even more severely, simply because he was at one time a strong supporter of the C.B.U. This is where Mr. Johnson and I differ, more so in the light of later events, when other Union fanciers openly exhibited their birds at non-Union shows without being punished, although the district committee knew perfectly well what was going on. Doesn't Mr. Johnson think that these exhibitors should have been punished as well, everyone alike, and wouldn't he like to know why they were not punished? It is cases like these that have made the Union a laughing-stock to northern fanciers, and the obvious remedy is that a rule which has been found so utterly unworkable, and so utterly unsuitable to the requirements of the Fancy, should be removed altogether. If fanciers would only take the trouble to enquire they would find that in the great majority of cases those who strongly favour the rule are fanciers who do not exhibit very much, but confine themselves to those shows held by societies of which they happen to be members, so that the rule cannot affect them in any way; but let them get their birds out more freely and then see how they like it. Could anything be more ridiculous than fanciers like these, who never or seldom show a bird, moving or seconding resolutions in favour of a rule which does not concern them in any way. I think that the least they could do would be to leave the rule to be considered by those whom it affects. In this connection I would like to say, sir, that this is the last time I shall write anything concerning Rule 22. Mr. Johnson asks me if the case of a prominent exhibitor of British birds who was suspended for alleged staining was not a harder case than that of Mr. Crawhall. I presume that he is alluding to Mr. S. W. Birchley. I do not know whether or not Mr. Johnson is fully conversant with the facts of this case, but if he is then he must fully realise that his opinion simply supports my statement that the method of dealing out justice adopted by the C.B.U. was very peculiar. I might say that Mr. Birchley stated the whole facts of this case to me in my own bird-room, and from what he told me I quite believe he had nothing whatever to do with the alleged staining of the Linnets; and, further, I do not believe that he knew the bird was stained when he sent it to the show. The one great blot in this case was that here was an *expert* on British birds pleading that he *did not know* the bird was stained, and I am afraid that fact told very strongly against him. I suppose on the assumption that he should have known, being an expert; although, if I remember rightly, Mr. Birchley told me that the bird arrived at his house at night-time, direct from the man he purchased it from, and that he sent it on to the show the same night, and it is quite probable that he never gave a thought to any possibility of the bird being stained. However, Mr. Johnson shares my opinion that the exhibitor was innocent of the charge, and then says: "Still, the C.B.U. did its duty." How, Mr. Johnson? Do you mean that because the C.B.U. punished a man, whether he was guilty or not, that it did its duty? Really, Mr. Johnson, if these are your views, then all I can say is that your powers of perception as to the meaning of right and wrong are very limited indeed. What do you mean by saying that "the Union couldn't get at the seller of the bird, because he hadn't exhibited it." Do you mean to imply that the C.B.U. *knew* that he was the guilty party? If not, why should they want to get at him? And if they *knew* that he *was* guilty why did they punish the other man, and let the principal offender go free; and, further, how could justice have been done? I am afraid, Mr. Johnson, that your statements will, in a certain sense, give fanciers the impression that justice *has* been done, in fact, *done brown*. In regard to "A Delegate's" letter, he makes some very interesting statements, amongst which is one to the effect that "the C.B.U. secretary informed the Newcastle Society that they could not hold their show under C.B.U. rules until they had complied with the decision of the executive council. This ruling they could not accept, and so *resigned*, forestalling the council in any action they might have taken under Rule 21." Now, sir, this statement is, without a doubt, a staggerer, especially in view of the fact that the Newcastle show *was* held under C.B.U. rules, and was also stated as such upon their schedules and catalogues. I knew that the Newcastle delegate had informed the members that they were all liable to suspension if they did not conform with the council's ruling, but it is certainly news to me that the C.B.U. secretary had notified them as above, with the above result. Surely the C.B.U. did not mean the 1910 show. If so, what a farce! If the Union meant the last show, then there has been something seriously wrong somewhere, and it is quite evident that several things need explaining. According to "A Delegate's" letter, the C.B.U. secretary wrote to him in the past tense, so I think we may safely assume that the last show was the one alluded to, and I would be very pleased if "A Delegate" would, for the benefit of other fanciers, answer the following questions: (1) Upon what date did the C.B.U. secretary notify Newcastle that they could not hold their show under C.B.U. rules? (2) Did Newcastle Show appear in the list of C.B.U. shows issued monthly to the Press? If so, why? (3) Were the C.B.U. show rules issued to Newcastle Society for the purposes of their last show? If so, why? (4) Were all affiliated societies notified by the C.B.U. that Newcastle Show would not be held under C.B.U. rules? If not, why not? (5) Upon what date did Newcastle send in their resignation to the C.B.U. secretary? In my last letter I stated that the C.B.U. had done nothing to enforce its decision when opposed by a powerful society, and "A Delegate" states they did. I think that the answers to the above questions will prove who was right and who was wrong. I am sorry that I have to ask the questions, but it is quite evident that both "A Delegate" and myself cannot be right in our assertions. Personally I would like to see this matter settled, for its prolonged discussion only serves to prevent any progress being made in the reformation of the Union upon more business-

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like lines. It will be quito apparent to everyone that no re-formation can take place until the faults and failings of the present Union have been sought out and entirely eradicated. If fanciers want suggestions, may I suggest that the Editor of CAGE BIRDS selects as many fanciers as he thinks necessary, say 40 or 50, from various parts of the country, men who in his opinion are capable of acting as a board of inquiry, or something of that kind. He can then publish the names of these fanciers in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, together with a voting paper, with the object of allowing all fanciers the opportunity of selecting for themselves a number of fanciers, say 12, who in their opinion would form a suitable body, able to discuss the affairs of the Cage Bird Union. The twelve fanciers receiving the highest number of votes would, of course, be elected, and if any of them declined to stand, or for various reasons were unable to do so, then his place would be taken by the next highest, and so on. A body of fanciers thus elected would be absolutely free from the faintest suspicion of being connected with any "clique," and being elected by the Fancy, and *not self-elected*, they could discuss the affairs of the C.B.U. without fear or favour, knowing perfectly well that the Fancy had every confidence in their sound judgment. Allow the expenses of these fanciers to a central meeting-place to be defrayed from the funds of the C.B.U., and then let them place the result of their deliberations before all societies for their consideration. Of course, sir, this is only a suggestion, and it rests with the Fancy to say whether it is feasible or not. In conclusion, sir, might I mention that "A Delegate" is the only correspondent writing on this subject under a nom-de-plume.

W. REID.

[We regret that we cannot see our way to fall in with Mr. Reid's suggestion.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—The difficulty in the way of getting the Drill Hall has now been removed, so that the next show of the Bristol Fanciers' Association will be held on the dates originally announced, October 26th and 27th next. We have decided to withdraw from the C.B.U. That our decision does not arise from any objection to or fear of a strong governing body is shown by our "association" with the Poultry Club, but we feel the chief reason for the existence of such a body should be the good of the Fancy, and judged from this standpoint the C.B.U., in our opinion, is a failure. Of all the letters in defence of the Union which you have published, perhaps the one which appeals with most force is that written by Mr. Hadwin some weeks ago; and yet, carefully considered, even that advances nothing beyond the idea that societies exist for the Union, rather than the Union for the Fancy. Others have likened the Union to the Poultry Club, and quoted the success of the latter in support of the continuance of the former. There could not be a more hopelessly absurd comparison—the position is much more one of absolute contrast. The Union has been charged with proceeding against individual wrongdoers and defaulting societies only where it could do so without arousing opposition and unpleasantness, and notwithstanding anything that may be said for the nominal objects of the Union, the practical fact remains that at present the Union subordinates everything to compelling fanciers to join under Rule 22. This is remarkably evidenced in the last circular sent out by Mr. Raynes (March 31, 1910). The offence of showing at an unlicensed show is not in itself a breach of moral law, and only becomes a crime because it is created one by the rules of the Union, and this leads to showing in false names and other dodges of which even Union delegates have been accused. Matters such as non-payment of prize-money and fraudulent preparation of exhibits, which are in themselves immoral, have to take a back seat to this one offence of breach of Rule 22. The constitution and method of management of the C.B.U. have up to now been based upon coercion, membership being by indirect affiliation, thus holding the individual who fears to lose the benefits of his local society, and holding the society who fear a loss on their show if deprived of a number of entries. How can such a Union be compared with the Poultry Club? Membership with the latter is direct, and our members are not entitled to all the benefits of the Poultry Club by reason of our connection with it as an "associated society." The management is elected by postal vote. At shows held under Poultry Club rules, all exhibitors, members or otherwise, accept by their entry the jurisdiction of the Poultry Club. Members of the club may show where they like, but on the understanding that the club take no action on their behalf at shows which do not adopt club rules. Where Poultry Club rules are in force, however, the club sees that classes shall not be amalgamated without exhibitors' consent; that so many days' notice of cancellation shall be given; that winners get their prize-money, and in full, too, unless a distinct scale is laid down in schedule; and the club provide if necessary legal assistance to protect their members' rights in these matters. Shows which do not carry out their obligations get placed on a "black list," and have a bad time as far as entries from P.C. members are concerned. Naturally the best societies readily "associate" with the Poultry Club, although there is no compulsion. Should not similar powers satisfy a cage bird governing body? The Poultry Club do not attempt to interfere with the management of societies. They recognise that with so many shows some clashing is inevitable; that no society would deliberately clash with another if it could be avoided; and that local consideration must finally settle this. They have the good sense, therefore, to leave these matters entirely alone. Is it impossible to have a ruling body in the Cage Bird Fancy similarly based on the freedom and good-will of the general body of its members? The pedigree of the present system is coercion by prejudice out of fear. If it is to be mended, the leaders must have courage—the courage that has the confidence to trust to the goodwill of societies and fanciers for support, and not to compel it grudgingly by indirect pressure.

G. T. H. MAGGS, Secretary Bristol, F.A.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Notes from Erin.

FANCIERS generally are experiencing much disappointment with their breeding stock owing to clear eggs, young dead in shell, and hens failing to feed, etc., which are, no doubt, all due to the unsettled state of the weather and the east winds. Yet a few of the more fortunate fanciers in Dublin, Dundalk, Belfast, Sligo, Larne, Porthwick, Londonderry and Cork have several nests of young doing well.

A RUMOUR is current that a certain Dublin fancier alleges that at the recent Dundalk show the birds were left without seed for some time, and that the cases were roughly handled, or something to that effect. As one of the many exhibitors who attended this show during the two days of the exhibition, I wish to contradict this statement, as to my mind it was one of the best managed shows which I had the pleasure of attending during the season. All the officials worked hard, and treated all exhibits with care and consideration and looked well after their wants.

IT is to be hoped that no further trouble will be caused by disparaging remarks being circulated, as such will not help to further our hobby, and I think show officials generally deserve more consideration and encouragement from us. Certainly, if a committee neglects their duty, the matter should be reported to the proper quarter. But if we are unable to substantiate our charge we should then "for ever hold our peace," and not try, as it were, to stab the officials in the back when they have not the chance of defending themselves. It is very easy to have a bad report circulated, but it takes much "hill climbing" before we can give a contradiction the same wide circulation.

THE Y.C.C. special meeting was held some few days ago to enquire into the financial position of the club. The following members of the committee were in attendance:—Messrs. C. A. O'Reilly, Bray, Dowling, McDonnell, Sholedice, and Mulcahy. A subscription list was started in aid of the club's funds, and was headed by Messrs. Bray and C. O'Reilly with £1 each, and all others present subscribed liberally. It is now to be hoped that all members will follow suit and help their old society which has in the past done good work for the Fancy in Ireland, and still has bright prospects. The hon. secretary and many members are to be congratulated on the way they one and all worked during the time that the cloud hovered over them. The subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum, and all members and intending members should communicate with the secretary, Mr. Hyland, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

IT was a pleasant surprise to us to see Mr. Stewart's letter re the Norwich Plainhead Club, in last week's columns of CAGE BIRDS, and we will all be glad that the club is likely to continue and prosper, and hold its usual annual show this season.

WE have yet another show on the list for this season—Bangor, Co. Down. This society was founded some weeks ago, and is officered by real enthusiasts, who are enlisting a great number of recruits into the Fancy in the district. Breeding operations by all accounts are brisk, and we expect to see some new Hybrids from this district on our show benches this year. Come along, Bangor, to the front!

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Goldfinch and Linnet Mule Breeding for Exhibition Purposes.

By ADAM WHILLIS.

(Concluded from page 374).

But keep your eye on the Finch, as he will soon let you know what he is going to do. Of course, don't expect too much from him, although I have seen one feed the young in the nest, but that was the only one I ever saw do it. If, on the other hand, he is inclined to be rough, run him out immediately you have seen them pair, then just let him be in when you are in the room beside them. Of course, you will have given them a clean nest at the other end of the cage, which some hens take to very readily, while others will insist on going to the old one in whatever position it happens to be.

Remove the eggs as they are laid, as you have both the young and the Finch to guard against now. When she has laid her third egg, remove the Finch into a single cage and place him against number two hen; and next put your wired slide in between the hen and her young, if that has not already been done, as both she and the cock will incubate and feed the young through the wires. On the other hand, if the hen has been inclined to pluck her young for the purposes of building her second nest, I put the young into a nursery cage, which I hang in front of the breeding cage door; I hang it low down so that the hen cannot easily reach them while they are roosting, but so that, when they stand, she can feed them freely.

When the Young Arrive.

Now, if every thing has gone on alright, we should have Mules in a few days, and we are anxious and wondering what they will be like. Will there be any light ones? The day arrives for them to hatch; the fancier goes to his bird-room and finds the hen is off the nest, and he goes quietly up to the cage; and his heart beats as he looks into the nest. But Oh, what a surprise! Three young hatched, and all as light as Canaries. High glee for that fancier—light Mules the first time of asking. I call that disappointment number one. Go and look into a Greenfinch's nest and you will see the same white fluff on the young; watch how they grow and feather, and you will get downhearted. The young are on the sticks now. A friend comes in to have a look at them. He eyes them and asks where have you got the Linnets? You tell him they are Mules. His reply will be, "I thought they were light ones?"

There is one thing about them—they grow quickly and soon fend for themselves. Run them off the same as you do the young Canaries with the slide down and give egg-food, crushed hemp seed, and soaked rape in separate jars until the birds begin to crack Canary seed for themselves. Then wean them off the egg-food and hemp seed by degrees.

Your other hens have been doing their best with varied success, some not hatching, some of them perhaps rearing a full nest for you of the same sort as the first lot, and others not rearing any at all. The last-mentioned are dubbed "bad feeders" at times, when it is the fancier who is really at fault for bad management. I know a few fanciers who want their birds to do everything they would have them do, just as if they were working some machine. If they would only study the ways of the individual hens, and note what they feed best on, there would be fewer bad feeding hens.

"Up Goes the Fever."

But we will now be getting on, as it were, with the second round of Mules, and the last round for the season. We are not so anxious now. Some have been hatched for over a week, and we have not seen them yet. This or that hen is off, however, and we will have a look. Hallo! a surprise, but this time on the right side. Two heavy variegated ones, and one nearly even marked. Up goes the fever now, with a jump. The young are watched with care, and certainly they should be, but don't forget to look after the young Canaries you had of this hen, and the old hen also, as they are the birds you have to form your Muling strain from.

Now comes the moulting time. Try and not let your birds be long in the moult, as the quicker they are in getting through the better they look. Give them plain Canary in the seed-box, and a little egg-food sprinkled with maw soed twice a week. On the days you do not give the egg-food give them a little rape seed or a little linseed, with hemp or some shepherd's purse, or any of the many flowering grasses which are plentiful at this season, and help greatly to a successful moult. This is also the time to make a "job" of your Muling Finches and Linnets, as food is in abundance just now, both for present use and for storing for the winter months, such as hemp, thistle heads, and horse knots, and lots of other seed heads of which I don't know the names.

Where the Linnet Differs.

The Linnet, in my opinion, cannot be treated for breeding in the same way as the Goldfinch, in one respect, at any rate—he cannot, like the Finch, be run with two or more hens. At least, that has been my experience in most cases. You might get a chance bird to be an exception to the rule, but most of them, if paired to a hen and then taken away from her, either mope or, if introduced to another hen, are very "rough" on her; and when that occurs there is not much chance of success. So that I pair the Linnet to one hen for the season, of course running him out into the other end of the cage after the hen has laid her third egg, and letting him go in with her again when the young are about a week old. Linnets are generally as good feeders as most cock Canaries, and so help the hen; thus he is better than the Goldfinch in that way.

Now perhaps you are going to "try your hand" at the local show as an exhibitor, with the even mark you have got? There will be a chance for you there, as the class will be for "Mules, any variety," and the most of them, if not all, will be dark ones. See you have your show cage nice and clean, and as plain as possible in all its fittings; have your bird, too, in good condition, and clean. I know you will be in high hopes if it is your first venture, but what of the Sparrow-like ones you sold? Perhaps one of them may turn up a "bouncing" buff or yellow, and beat your even-mark, as yours may be only a hen with poor colour and little or no blaze to speak of. That will be another disappointment. But don't turn back now that you have put your foot on to the first step of the ladder; but go ahead, and you are sure to succeed, for as President Roosevelt says, "we all learn by our mistakes." And don't forget that your Mules change after the moult.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The "Canary Birds" have their Revenge on the "Early Birds."

For the past two years, at the annual cricket match, the cricketing members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. have acted the part of the proverbial worm for those merry gentlemen who comprise the "Early Birds C.C.," and play our summer pastime so skilfully—in other words, the Cityites have been badly "chewed up." But revenge came their way last Saturday (April 30th), when the "Canary Birds" (as the City team has come to be known) dropped their opponents into a bad "cross moult," defeating them by no less than 46 runs. There was a rare outburst of song from the City supporters as the last of the "Early Birds" was bowled neck and crop off his perch. Evidently the Early-ones are not yet up in condition, whereas the "Canary Birds" bore evidence of careful training upon hemp-seed and egg-bread. The batting of Mr. A. Pooley (55) was very clever and effective, while the bowling of Messrs. J. Pooley (4 for 18) and W. Saunders (5 for 30) was deadly in the extreme. The fielding was also good, Mr. Curtis, junr., and Mr. F. Prior (as stumper) specially distinguishing themselves. For the losers, only that fine cricketer, Mr. Collier (scoring 26 runs and taking three wickets) did himself justice. Altogether, although the weather conditions were far from ideal, it was a most enjoyable game, and it is a pity we have not more of such matches amongst metropolitan fanciers.

Scores.—The Canary Birds (City and Suburban A.C.B.): J. Pooley, b Collier, 3; F. Prior, b Oston, 8; A. Pooley, lbw, b Togwood, 55; Curtis, junr., b Collier, 2; W. Sanders, b Togwood, 9; C. Prior, c Tombling, b Butt, 2; W. Cottey, b Togwood, 2; H. Hard, run out, 0; F. Bassett, b Collier, 2; B. Pankhurst, c Swift, b Togwood, 1; Merioneth, not out, 1; byes, 9; no balls, 1; total, 95. The Early Birds C.C.: Collier, run out, 26; Tombling, lbw, b Sanders, 9; Butt, b Sanders, 0; Swift, c Curtis, b J. Pooley, 4; Clisby, b Sanders, 2; Sibley, b J. Pooley, 4; Orton, b Sanders, 0; Togwood, b J. Pooley, 0; Hare, b Sanders, 4; Simpson, b J. Pooley, 0; Johnson, not out, 0; leg byes, 1; total, 49.

Under the White Rose.

ANNUAL general meeting of the Yorkshire Canary Club was held April 30th at headquarters, a good number of members attending. The balance-sheet showed that the affairs of the club are in a flourishing condition. The year began with a debit balance, but this has been wiped out, and a little cash remains. This, considering what a large amount the club has given away in prizes, reflects great credit for cheap and efficient working upon the secretary, Mr. John Greaves.

NOW that the Cinnamon and Green Marks have each a club to look after their interests, it falls upon the premier club to see that the clears and ticks are not neglected. A step in this direction was taken on Saturday. During the last season or two there has been a tendency to amalgamate the clears and ticks into one class, and many thought it was high time that the Y.C.C. stipulated, to some extent at least, the classification to be offered at shows where the patronage of the club was given. This was settled very amicably. At all shows clears are to be provided with separate classes, and where the number of classes is not to exceed six, a classification is laid down that will embrace all sub-varieties of the Yorkshire bird, and give all exhibitors a chance in the running

NOVICES were also considered, and a great incentive given to Yorkshire Union members to join the club. A competition is to be provided to run through all Y.U. shows for novice members of the club, who are showing in Y.U. novice classes. Therefore novices will do well to send in their names at once; by joining they will be competing for Y.U. medals and Y.C.C. specials, both at the same time, and it will be worth their while. By thus offering inducements to novice members, the Y.C.C. hopes to tap the great and ever increasing number of aspirants to Canary honours, who last year in the Y.U. book outnumbered the champions by 836 against 356. Truly a wonderful reservoir to draw upon.

THE O.N.P.C. held a committee meeting last Saturday. The principal point was in respect to the passing of the rule at the last general meeting, regarding the prize money at shows where the patronage is given. Then it was decided that the prize money at such shows should not be less than 22s. per class. But the secretary had to report that several societies who hold good shows could not see their way to comply with this rule, and therefore found it impossible to apply. Eventually the committee decided that as this rule would work somewhat harshly and be somewhat prejudicial to the club, it should be referred back to the members, and each be asked to vote upon the question.

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It has often been my intention to write my experiences in breeding, rearing and training Roller Canaries chiefly for pleasure, but with an eye for the profits, if any. I have been a bird lover all my life, and have bred a few Canaries each season for several years. In 1908 I went in for Rollers, only to experience indifferent luck in breeding during that season.

Starting Operations.

Early in the following year I went to a well-known advertiser in CAGE BIRDS and bought three cocks and two hens, selecting the birds myself and paying a good price for them. I had seven hens and one cock, kept from my stock of the previous year, so I started operations with the four cocks and nine hens.

My birdroom was formerly a carpenter's shop. The window faces east and extends the whole length of the room, and the breeding cages are arranged on two shelves exactly opposite the window. The advantage of this is that the hens can start feeding as soon as the sun rises; and to enable them to do this I always replenish the supply of egg food after dark, taking care not to disturb the sitting hens. To this early feed I attribute my success in rearing the young birds with so little loss, as it kept them going until I could give them their breakfast later.

Sixty Youngsters.

Everything went well and it seemed as if I could do nothing wrong. All the hens were good feeders and brought up the young birds without the aid of the cocks, which were removed as soon as the hens were set and were not replaced until the youngsters were in the nursery cages. After the second round I stopped all, except the two best pairs, and when these had brought off the third nests I had sixty young birds, and that was quite as many as I could manage.

The training of the young cocks presented a difficulty, as each bird had to have a separate cage, and to buy the necessary number would have been a heavy expense, so I decided to make my own.

I had noticed that the boxes, in which lard is packed by the Americans for export to this country, are well made, not very heavy, and are divided in the centre. Stood on end they form two excellent cages. I bought as many of these as I required, and then consulted the advertising columns of CAGE BIRDS. I wrote to a maker of cage fronts, who supplied me with fronts at 3s. 6d. a dozen, and when they arrived I had the boxes ready, limed inside, stained mahogany outside, and fitted with sand trays. It did not take long to fit the fronts and perches, and I was quite delighted with the results.

The young cocks, as they were picked out, were placed in the cages, which now occupied the shelves previously taken up with the breeding cages. All hens were removed from the room, as were any cocks which developed faulty notes. I purchased a Queck bird-organ also, and as a result my birds have been carefully trained, and possess a very good song. I find they readily pick up the notes of the old birds and those emitted by the organ, and gain some pleasing tours, which they sing freely.

I also fitted blinds to the windows to darken the room, and kept the birds quiet whilst teaching them their song. I consider I have to sell nearly £20 worth of birds, and, with the aid of CAGE BIRDS, I see no reason why I should not do so. Much of my knowledge in breeding, etc., has been gleaned from our excellent paper, "C.B."

A Chat on Foreign Birds.

A Paper read before the North London C.B.A. by Mr. S. Williams, F.Z.S., on April 20.

"A Chat on Foreign Birds" was the subject of a paper read by Mr. S. Williams, F.Z.S., before the members of the North London C.B.A. at their usual monthly meeting held at their headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, on Wednesday, 20th inst. A splendid muster of members turned up on this occasion. As the foreign bird section is not very well patronised at our shows, one of the chief objects of this paper was to prove to our members how simple it was to keep a few foreigners, and also to induce others to take it up. The paper was devoted chiefly to small birds, which could be obtained at a very moderate price, thus coming within reach of the majority of fanciers.

A Goodly Array.

In response to the invitation of our secretary, Mr. Harper, I am pleased, said Mr. Williams, to be here this evening to read you a paper on foreign cage birds. As many of you know, though I exhibit British birds and Mules, it is the foreign section of my hobby that appeals to me most. Some years ago, before I was a member of the North London Society, I visited your annual show, and I must admit I was disappointed when I saw the foreign bird class. If my memory serves me rightly, I think only two members' names appeared in the catalogue, and the number of entries could be counted on the fingers. Now, in a society like ours, you can look around and see a goodly array of Canaries, Mules, and British birds, some of which can go out into the open shows and come back with prize cards in their cages; and we can be justly proud of them. But when it comes to our little friends from foreign lands, I think we must all admit there is plenty of room for recruits in this branch.

Please do not think I wish to imply that we are worse off in this respect than other societies. Last year I was looking through the show reports in the bird paper, and counted about 30 or 40 at which either no entries appeared at all, or if any, these were exhibited by about two members at the most, and in some cases it was a Siberian or German Goldfinch or Bullfinch or two, which were the only entries. I do not class these as foreign birds at all. When we see this we cannot fail to remark that something is wrong somewhere; well, what are we to do? Why! find out what that something is and try and put it right. Having asked many different people I have met at the smaller shows where foreigners are exhibited (you can always find them being admired when they appear on the bench), if they owned any of those present, or kept any at home, I have invariably received an answer like this:—"Oh, no; I could not afford to"; or, "I should not be able to keep them; I know nothing about foreign birds"; or, "I have no suitable place to keep them, I suppose they must be kept warm, they must be very delicate." I should not be surprised if many of those present to-night were to make a similar answer if the question were put to them.

Little Trouble and Expense.

Now, before I start speaking on the birds themselves, let me ask you to forget such ideas if you have any, and take my word for it, that if you wish to keep and exhibit foreign birds, you may do so with as little trouble and expense as you would have if you were keeping British birds or Canaries, provided you start at the bottom of the ladder, and do not try to start half-way up as some do and then be disgusted at the results. When I say, as easy as keeping British birds, I mean in comparison; that is, comparing the soft bills, such as Tanagers, etc., and the Dartford or other Warblers, Chiff-Chaffs, etc.

Take, for example, the man starting to keep British birds; what would you say if he started by trying to keep one of those Redstarts or, one of the delicate Warblers to begin with? You would say he was asking for trouble, and you may be certain he would find it. If he asked the advice of any of our English birdie men, a common Greenfinch or Redpoll would be nearer the mark, I think, for him to start with. Well, it is the same in the foreign Fancy; don't mind starting off with a common hardy bird.

My object this evening is to speak entirely for the benefit of the novice, so if any old hands at this most charming section of your cage bird hobby are present, I hope they will bear with me while I go over ground which must be familiar to them.

When starting you will find two or three pairs quite enough, and, indeed, some will not want more than a pair, for understand that you must keep them very clean if your birds are to be healthy and win. The best kind of cage, I find, is the box shape, with which all bird men are familiar. The size would depend on the number of the birds and the variety you intend to keep.

Now Is the Time.

It is now the best time to start, as the weather is mild, and you will have the summer before you for getting your birds well acclimatised, and then they will require no heat at all if kept indoors in the winter. Many people lose birds in the cold weather, and think it is the cold that kills them. In some cases it is so, but in many it is want of food.

When the long nights and dark evenings set in, many of the little birds go to roost as early as 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and get no daylight until 7 o'clock the next morning. This gives them about 14 hours without food, and in the course of nature everything has passed through them in this time, leaving the poor little mites to face a hard frost with an empty stomach; no wonder they die. I should not wonder if many of us would do the same under similar conditions.

My plan is to go into my bird house about 9 p.m. and light the lamp; and you will then soon find them all making a good meal. When this is finished, they go off to roost, and are then able to keep themselves warm despite the cold nights.

For the Waxbills and smaller birds, a nest box should be kept all the year round in their cages, and you will find that they sleep in there and keep warm and snug.

You will require to know what seed to give your birds before buying them. White Millet, Indian and Spray Millet, and Canary seed will be sufficient for all those I shall mention, but do not forget that they are all fond of a bath; and above all things, keep your water pots free from dirt.

The Grey Java Sparrow.

Now we come to the birds themselves. First and foremost I would recommend the Grey Java Sparrow. These birds come from Java, and are found in big numbers along the East Indian coast, and Borneo, and extend to China and Japan. You can obtain a pair for 2s. 6d. or 3s. The cock and the hen are alike in plumage, but you will notice that the bill is finer and not quite so large in the hen as in the cock, and that she is of slimmer build. When we get a large number over, some are very young birds, and you will notice that instead of the cheeks being white, they will have entirely darkened heads. Some unscrupulous dealers try and palm these off as hens; they are nothing of the kind—only birds of unmatured plumage—so be on your guard.

There is also the pure white or albino Java Sparrow, but you will have to pay 8s. 6d. or 10s. 6d. for a good pair. These birds are mostly bred in cages, and may be kept in an outdoor aviary if they are provided with a shelter to sleep in all the year round.

Hardy, Cheap and Prolific.

We will now go to Australia for our next two species. First the Budgerigars, very often called lovebirds by those who are not acquainted with them. Most of you will know the species when I mention that it is the little bird the gipsy women carry about with them to tell your fortune. This bird has many points in its favour. It is hardy, fairly cheap, and breeds well in captivity.

You will have no difficulty in picking out the cock and hen. If you look at the cere (that is the little hard fleshy piece at the top of the beak) you will find that in the cock this is blue, and in the female bird brown. Some years ago (I don't think it is done now, hens being very scarce) by using the caustic stick, a cock soon became a hen, so they said, by burning it on this spot. You may try another way if you are not quite certain whether it has been tampered with; put the bird in a cage and then try and catch it. A cock bird will keep on uttering its call note, but it is very seldom a hen does. When breeding, you should supply them with a large cocoanut husk. The number of eggs varies from 3 to 6 in a clutch; and it is about three weeks from the time of the first egg being laid (and I might say they are laid every other day), that the young hatch out. They do not leave the nest until they are fully fledged, which is when they are about 17 days old.

(*To be continued.*)

Bird Migration: One of Nature's Miracles.

By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.

(*Continued from Page 353*).

Losses During Migration.

We will suppose then that one fine August morning shortly after daybreak our young migrants cross the Channel, flying, if the wind be favourable, at a height far beyond the limit of human eyesight but, if against an adverse wind, low over the surface of the water, and we may dismiss from our minds the theory that they wait for a favourable wind, because the valuable data obtained from lighthouses and lightvessels during the years 1880-1887 have shown conclusively that though variations of temperature may retard or accelerate migration, wind does not affect it (see the report of the Committee of the British Association, published July, 1896).

We may be sure that many of these migrants will never return to us. Hawks will destroy many; the Frenchman and Italians will catch and eat thousands of them, and gales and snowstorms will further thin their ranks. Nevertheless, there is evidence that some of the older birds are able to perform their long journey in comparative safety, for marked birds have been observed to return to the same breeding quarters for a succession of years—a hen Turtle Dove returned to one district in Yorkshire for more than 20 years.

A Simpler Problem.

We will now say a few words about the spring migration, which is a much simpler problem because the migrants which return to us are all birds that know the route and which we may assume have a natural affection for, and desire to return to, the home of their childhood. There is one question, however, which naturally presents itself, and that is—why should they return at all from a land where they have found food abundant? Probably this is chiefly a matter of temperature. We must recollect that almost all birds suffer from heat very much more than from cold; their temperature is from 4 to 12 degrees (Fahrenheit), higher than our—in fact, compared with ourselves, they may be said to be always in a fever. Also we must recollect that in Northern Africa the hot season may be called the winter, because vegetation becomes scanty, many of the trees lose their leaves, and insect life is less abundant.

Let me quote a little pen-picture from Witherby's "Bird-hunting on the White Nile," to enable us to realise what our migrants feel like in Egypt in the month of March. "The extreme dry heat of the country affects the birds perhaps more than other animals. All the land birds, large and small, almost always kept their months open as though gasping in the heat. . . Another visitor appeared in the daytime. This was the Lesser Whitethroat—a summer visitor to England, and exceedingly numerous during our winter and spring on the White Nile. The Whitethroat came to my tent for water, a bucket of which was kept near my bed. On the very first day of my illness this bird found out the water and came into the tent, perching on my arm or on the bed.

Are Any Migrants Double Brooded?

We may therefore assume that the climatic conditions, in N. Africa at all events, in the spring are not suitable for nesting, but I should like to call your attention to the fact that such a contingency is quite possible, and, what is more, that in the case of at least one species it does actually occur. We must all of us have seen it stated over and over again that no migratory species, nesting in Europe, rears another brood in its winter quarters, but we have it on the authority of the well-known S. African ornithologist, A. Haagner, that the Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)—a species nesting in S. Europe—also breeds in its winter quarters in South Africa (see "Sketches of S. African Bird Life," p. 30).

We must also not lose sight of the fact that, although individuals have a tendency to return to the district where they were born and bred, yet the majority of species, viewed collectively, do not migrate to a greater distance than they can help in order to breed. For instance, the Nightingale breeds in N.W. Africa (see Irby's "Birds of Gibraltar"), it breeds in the garden of an acquaintance of mine at Mentone in the South of France, and, if it travels as far north as Yorkshire, we may be sure that it is because all suitable nesting sites, southwards of its northern limit, are occupied. Now consider the case of an extremely abundant species, such as the Chiffchaff or Willow Wren, which are compelled by their very numbers to migrate as far as Northern Russia, and even to cross the Urol Mountains and invade the territory of the Arctic Willow Warbler and the Siberian Chiffchaff in the great district drained by the river Yenesei.

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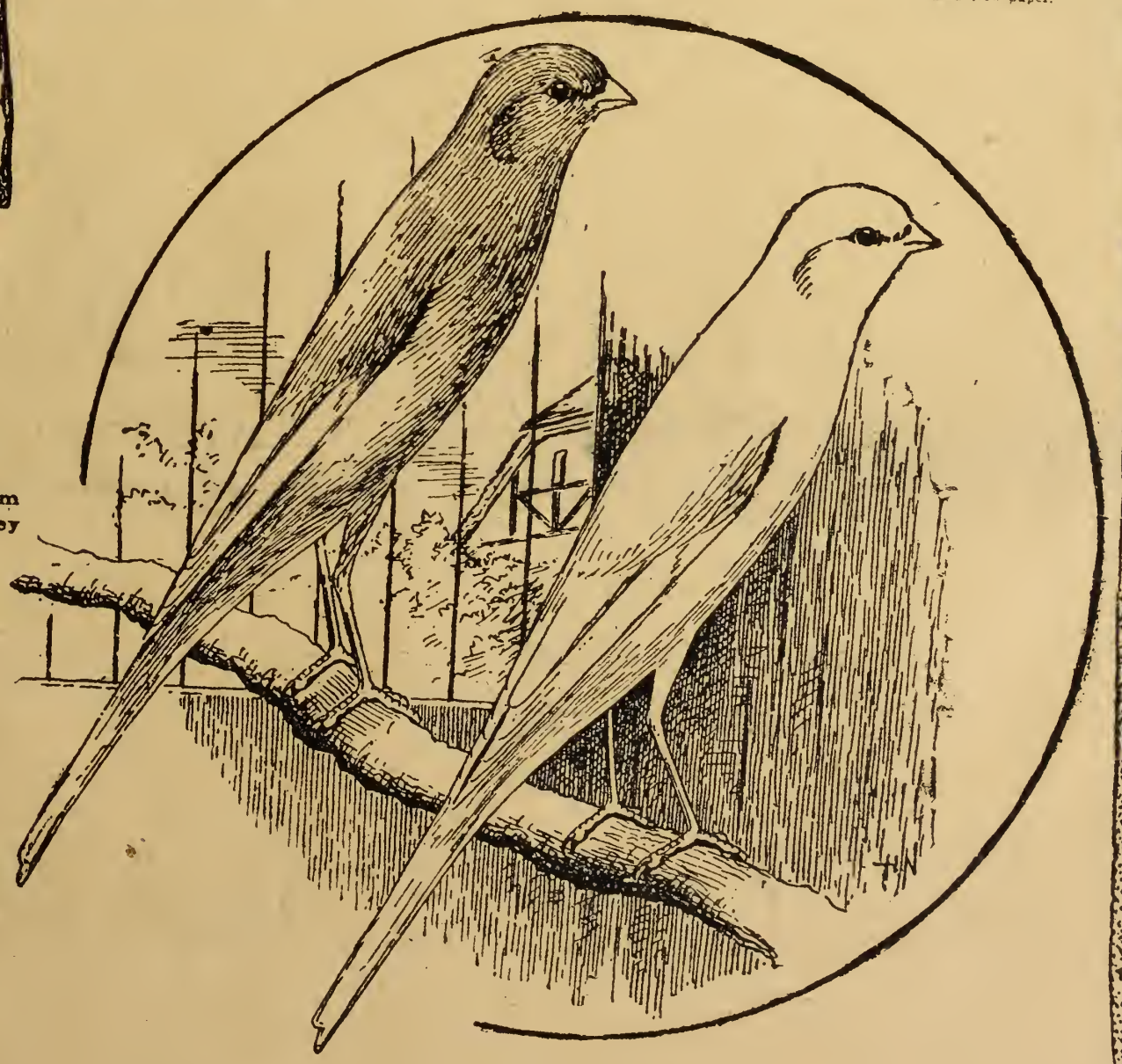
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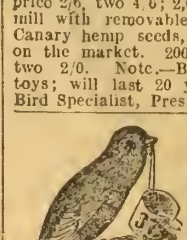
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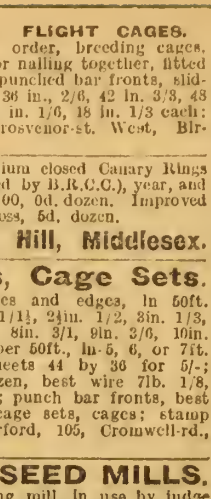
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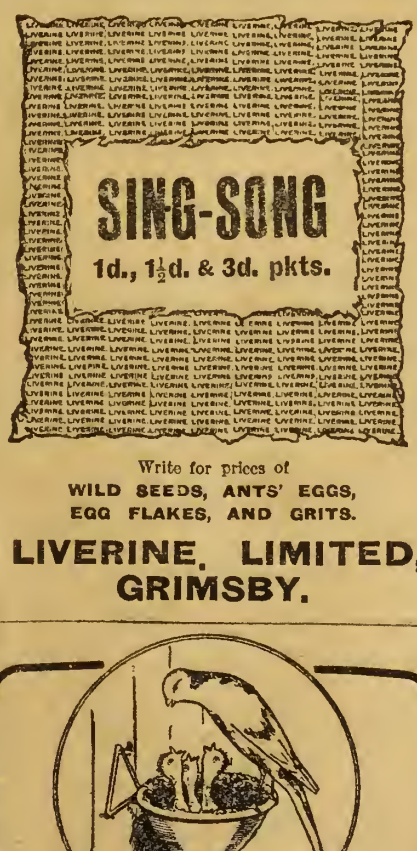
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WANTED, pr. young Little or Scops Owls: Lady Malden, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for ½-plate camera, complete: Winton, 5, Black Bull-rd., Folkestone.

EXCHANGE 8 Norwich hens, 2 cock Linnets, for cock Roller, or sell 9/6: H. Thorne, High-st., Markyate.

WANTED, Canaries for cash, or exchange Scotch blankets or suit lengths; Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, large, steady cock Hawfinch; exchange English lever, or sell £1: Mitchellhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

WANTED set of boxing gloves, books on foreign birds; give good exchange in birds: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

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WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; exchange Aberdeen Terrier, female, nine months: Mrs. Allen, Chelsea Bks., London.

WANTED, a Cardinal Grosbeak (Virginian Nightingale), acclimatised, tame, good singer; Miss Wight, 5, Bath-rd., Wortbing.

WANTED pair of adult Budgerigars; exchange pair of Rollers and a Yorkshire hen: L. Thompson, Lower Swinford, Stourbridge.

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WANTED hen Linnets, hen Goldfinches. Mules, hen Canaries, hen Goldfinches: Hendersons, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth-rd., London.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock, give in exchange cock Goldfinch, h.m. cock Linnet, and 2/-: G. Jones, Stoke Pound, nr. Bromsgrove.

WANTED Crested or Plainhead and Yorkshire hen; exchange laying poultry or Roller cock: Davies, Sardies, Burton, Haverfordwest.

WANTED to purchase, few good cock Canaries, cheap, or exchange gentleman's cycle, worth £1 15s.: Ward, 253, Kingsland-rd., London.

WANTED, Canaries, dogs, pigeons, birds, poultry, rabbits, etc., purchase, or exchange other live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Yorkshires, exchange 110 Hobbies, 110 designs, 98 handicrafts, 94 designs, 6 specials: Waddington, 11, Lawrence-st., Padiham.

WANTED all varieties of Canaries and British birds; cash immediately; state your price to: F. Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, old oak table, chairs and chest, in exchange for prize-bred Border Fancy Canaries: Chatterton, 84, Elm Park-rd., Finchley, London.

WANTED, Norwich hens, exchange exhibition house-moulted cock Bullfinch; genuine: Wilden, 49, Benedicts-rd., Smallheath, Birmingbam.

WANTED gent's cycle, tall rider; exchange two grand breeding pairs Norwich and three youngsters, value £2: Kewley, Mount Hotel, Gantou, Man.

WANTED, cock Rollers and hen Budgerigars, exchange Sib. hens, British or antique things; yours first, approval: Hutchens, New Bridge-st., Truro.

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Egg Collectors Look!—Brass blowpipe, steel drill, priced, list, 460 species side blown eggs, 7d. lot, free: Jefferys, Naturalist, Tetbury.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

THREE house-moulted Bullfinches, sell 6/6, or exchange 2 hen Canaries or 1 cock: H. Bailey, Cefn, Ruahon.

EXCHANGE singing Goldfinch mule for pair adult Budgerigars: Pratt, Royal Standard Hotel, Long Sutton, Lincs.

TWO breeding cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, 7/6 each; exchange, offers: E. Weedall, 4, John-st., Winsford, Chesbire.

COCKS, Goldfinch and Greenfinch; exchange Yorkshire cock; or sell 10/-: Wilson, 36, Albert-st., Spalding, Lincs.

PAIR Tawny Owls, magnificent plumage, 15/-; what offers exchange Canaries: 15, Leonard-aveu., Sherwood, Nottingham.

COCK Nigbtingales, 6/- each; cock Redstart, 7/-; Wheatears, 2/6 each; or exchange: Fenn, Wilton, near Brandon, Norfolk.

TWO cock Linnets, cage-moulted, full song, for muling, exchange good cock Goldfinch: Hairdresser, 41, Rosemary-rd., Peckham.

GOLDFINCH, English, cage-moulted, beak white, grand songster, exchange Norwich, full song: Groom, 123, Camden-grove, Peckham.

PAIR Redstarts, 7/6; exhibition cock, 6/-; 2 hand-reared Bullie hens, 4/-; or exchange Foreign: Copperwaite, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

GOLDFINCH and Linnet, both bred Mules; exchange 2 Sib. hens, light, muling; grand bargain: Sherbrooke, Bargates, Whitchurch, Salop.

HOUSE moulted Skylark, full song, pure wild notes, large Linnet, singing, cages given, 7/6; exchange offers: Darby, 142, Lyng-lane, West Bromwich.

HOUSE-moulted Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Bullfinch hens, 1/6 each; yellow Sib hen, 3/6; buff, 2/6, bred Mules; offers exchange: 29, Farren-st., Nelson, Lancs.

EXHIBITION Chaffinch-Linnet, Greenfinch-Twite, for 4 Yorkshire show cages, or sell 8/6; worth double. Also muling pairs, cheap: Chadderton, Hawthorne-rd., New Moston, Manchester.

PAIR hand-reared Larks; exchange pair Canaries, Palace-shaped aviary, two wire breeding cages, 5/-, or two hens; portmanteau, new condition, for pair Canaries: Strachan, 77, Rosemount-viaduct, Aberdeen.

WILL exchange 2 good house-moulted cock brown Linnets for good Yorkshire cock Canary, or 2 good Yorkshire hens, 1909 birds: yours first: J. Warwick, 26, Feversham-st., Middlesbrough, Yorks.

LARGE handsome cock brown Linnet, loud songster, warranted bred mules, proof given, 5/-, honestly worth 10/-; exchange two large Norwich hens, or one first-class hen: Ellis 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

YELLOW Greenfinch, rare size, colour, with Canary all winter, 2/6; extra large Linnet, caged 2 months, 2/6; ticked Norwich hen, grand feeder, 2/6; exchange Roller cock, anything: Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR Rollers, 10/-; three Norwich hens, 6/-; exchange Budgerigars; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

GRAND pair Rollers, nesting, double breeder, £1; exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WHAT offers Canaries for pair real Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

TWO good Yorkshire hens 7/-, exchange pink-eyed yellow cock or hen, unflighted: Scenery, Padiham-rd., Barnsley.

GRAND buff Yorkshire cock, full song, 5/6; first P.O. gets him; bargain: Johnson, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

FOUR Roller hens, ready to nest, 2/6 each; or exchange for good Siefert cock: E. Oliver, Church-st., Brierley Hill.

OFFERS Canaries, exchange gent's suit length (tweed), or lady's dress piece, 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchinson-st., Glasgow.

CRESTED cock, 8/-; hen, 4/-; Crest-bred cock, 10/-; cock Bullfinch, 1/6; Linnet, 1/-; exchange: Foster, Dorncliugh-gardens, Dawlish.

WANTED high-class Norwich; exchange Hearson's Champion 30-egg incubator, perfect order; offers: Bridge, 113, Ridge-st., Watford.

EXCHANGE old violin, case, and bow for cock Rollers, Goldfinches, or Linnets; sell 35/-: Groom, 27, Hanbury-rd., Hornsey Vale.

LONG slim yellow variegated Yorkshire cock, with buff hen, 16/-; exchange for Sebright Bantams: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

PAIR Borders, 10/-; cock Bullfinch and show cage, 3/6; exchange camera, punchball, or field glasses: Rose, Westerfield, Suffolk.

MENTOR heating stove, 6/6; eight square yards inlaid lino., 24/-; exchange Canaries: Smith, Freemantle-hse., Freemantle-rd., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE a good Crosthred hen, ready for nest, for a good B. Roller cock, Schoolmaster: W. Meeson, Grocer, St. George's, Wellington, Salop.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Greens for Bowden bicycle brakes, B. 90, Brook's saddle, acetylene lamp; cocks 7/-, hens 5/-: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

MONSTER variegated Crosthred cock, winner, sell 15/-, worth 50/-, or exchange Plainhead hen or exhibition cock Hawfinch; approval: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

TWO pair of Norwich and pair Crests, healthy, good big birds, 1 pair Rollers, all in breeding condition, exchange bicycle: J. Watson, Scawby, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs good Norwich Canaries, one breeding and show cage, or 100-egg incubator, for black toy Pomeranian; offers: 65, Herrick-at., Wolverhampton.

WANTED, all varieties Canaries and Foreign birds, cash, or exchange winning pigeons, Bantams, Persian cats, suit lengths, or lady's dress lengths: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

PAIR Cinnamons, 12/6; Norwich cock, 2 hens, 15/-; 2 Border cocks, 4 hens, 20/-; pair Budgerigars, 8/6; Pekin Robin, 4/-; offers lot; or exchange: approval: J. Fenton, Barton-st., Clown, Shesterfield.

LARGE buff Yorkshire hen and house-moulted Goldie and brown Linnet, full song, and Norwich show cage, 14/- lot; exchange Seifert Rollers or Schoolmaster: G. Fetbney, 89, Prince-st., Rochdale.

TWO pairs Norwich, warranted breeders, 6/6 pair; 3 hens, 1/6 each; cock Linnet, 2/-; double breeder, as new, cost 12/-, accept 6/-; 2 box cages, 1/- each; or exchange for early pure White Wyandotte chicks: W. Tooley, Lowick, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

WANTED hen Canaries, Norwich and Scotch, exchange large flight, Bantam cockerels, Modern Blackred, Spangled O.E., Gold Seabright; will send cwt. yellow shell beach sand grit for each hen; put on rail: William Pearce, Butcher, St. Ives, Cornwall.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

YELLOW hen Budgerigar, 5/-, really good bird, or buy yellow cock, or exchange for other foreigners: Little, Egham.

LARGE home-bred green Budgerigars; exchange calico, flannelette, or Dutch Cavies: C. Braithwaite, William-st., Newark.

WANTED any quantity cocks or hens Zebra Finches, cash, or exchange other foreigners: Hollins, George-st., Hull.

PEKIN Robins, 10 hens, from outdoor aviary, perfect condition; exchange any healthy small birds: Peterkin, Grange Forres, N.B.

BLUE fronted Amazon Parrot, great pet, exchange gramophone, singing Canaries; offers; sell, cash, £2 5s.: Criddeford, Honiton.

NEW hand camera, 3¼ x 2½, carries six plates, ruby lamp, exchange pair Budgerigars: Webster, Fernleigh-villas, Holly-rd., Aldershot.

PAIR adult Green Budgerigars, nesting; exchange for light Mule with Linnet song; sell 7/6, or offers: McLean, 133, Bowthorn-rd., Cleator Moor.

PAIR of Ringnecks from outdoor aviary, 9/6; also cock Moustache, 5/-; pair Hawfinches, 7/6; exchange cock Goldfinches, or Siskins: 51, Empress-rd., Derby.

PARROT, green, yellow fronted Amazon, prize winner, cards to show, talking, 50/-; or exchange for birds: Archbold, 5, Byker-bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PAIR yellow Budgerigars 9/6, exchange catcher's outfit, Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, nesting, fertilised eggs last season, 9/6; offers: Watson, Ironmonger, Codnor, Derbyshire.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

ALBUM, stamp collection, £3; offers Canaries: 1, Guy's-terrace, Colonial-st., Hull.

H. Carnell, 44, Robert-st., Sheffield, will give anything in reason for your surplus stock.

21/- mahogany flight cage, 7/6, or exchange phono records: 15, Heysham-rd., S. Tottenham.

EXCHANGE pair of razors for cock Goldie, Bullie, Thrushes: Bromhead, Cemetery-rd., Sheffield.

BRASS drawing-room cage, complete, as new, 6/-, or exchange Norwich cock: Julian, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton.

PURE Silver Wyandotte cock, 12 months, for Goldfinch or Linnet mules: Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE Egyptian Quail, wintered out, for pair Java doves, or offers: Ford, 258, Welford-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE ½-plate camera, complete, for adult breeding Cockatiels: F. Clarke, 4, St. Bedes-terr., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE piano-harp, cost 40/-; what offers, Canaries, British, Mules, McKirdy, 66, Alexandria-st., Alexandria.

TWO Sheffield hollow ground razors; exchange for 2 hen Canaries: C. Hodson, 36, Belgrave-rd., Dresden, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE, for anything useful (or sell), fine lurcher pup, 3 months: G. Wilson, 5, Queen's-st., St. Alban's, Herts.

EXCHANGE Sandow's spring dumb-bells, for pair of Roller Canaries: Chambers, 25, Howson-st., Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

AVIARY bred Budgerigars, 6/- pair; cock Linnet 1/-; Roller cock Canary, 6/-; offers: Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE good silver Lever watch for Canary and cage, good songster essential: H. Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford.

EXCHANGE Nicole popular talking machine and 40 records, value £4, for Foreign birds: J. Curley, Annaville-terrace, Dundalk.

EDWARDS' egg and colour food in sample 1d. packets, of all dealers: 106, Vaughan-rd., Coldharbour-la., Camberwell.

EXCHANGE nice Lurcher bitch, 7 months, for pair of large clear Norwich; sell 10/6: Harry Jones, Ncyland, South Wales.

PAIR O.E.G. Bantams, cock 3rd, hen 1st, special Upwell, 1909, 15/-; exchange Rollers. Offers: Breeze, Mountpleasant, Wisbech.

EXCHANGE 1 gall. Mander's carriage varnish, 16/-, for good yellow Yorkshire cock: Decorator, 156, Bradford-st., Bolton.

RABBITS, pair of well-spotted Black English, bred winners, 15/-; exchange Roller cock, songster: Houldridge, Phoenix-st., Goole.

GREEN Yorkshire hen Canary, price 6/-; or exchange for spring net traps to value, Goldfinch size: Mitchell. See Mules.

EXCHANGE 3 good Nun Pigeons for Norwich Canaries, or sell; Wm. Clark, Woodend, Lough, Whitehouse, Aberdeenshire.

POMERANIAN dog, 25/-; or part exchange gramophone records; approval willingly: Gibson, 60, Vernon-ave., Basford, Nottingham.

FERRETS, 2 healthy and good workers, 3/- each, or exchange cock Goldfinches or Canary: Underwood, Metheringham, Lincoln.

SPLENDID breed Fox Terrier bitch, 4 months; wanted offers in cage birds: Bourne, Bournville-cottages, Bournville, Birmingham.

MASSIVE pair show Homers, conference rung, exchange Canaries or British Hardbills; sell, 20/-: J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

MOTOR cyclo horn, cost 9/6; deep, prolonged sounding, nearly new; exchange for pair Norwich, nesting: Houghton, Rayleigh, Essex.

EXCHANGE Hobbies corner cramp and mitre cutter, for yellow Norwich cock: Lukey, Office-row, Hartford, Northumberland.

GOOD Irish Terrier bitch, exchange good Canaries or chicks, show British birds; sell cheap: Winterbone, Wisbech, St. Mary Cambs.

PALACE aviary and birds, or birds, wanted, in exchange for black field spaniel bitch, 14 months, or sell 20/-: 8, Willoughby-lane, Tottenham.

HANGING cage, new, 2/6; fronts to order, baths, seed boxes; exchange boots, clothing: Podmore, 255, Keelings-lane, Northwood, Hanley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE, solid mahogany artistic flight cage, 6ft. x 4ft. x 1½ft., for Canaries. British; what offers? Sell 30/-: Cadman, 45, Princess-rd., Brighton.

YORKSHIRE toy bitch, small, good mother, every way right, good coat, 40/-; or exchange for birds: Archbold, 5, Byker-bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BARGAIN, Fifteen disc records, records, single and double-sided; exchange Rollers, Mules, cages, sell, 20/-: 37, Hemmons-rd., Longsight, Manchester.

WANTED, young cock Goldfinch, singing, exchange ½ Standa daylight developing tank, 6 plates, new; sell 4/6: Jenkinson, 18, Kingsway, Ponder's End.

PRETTY art cane baby carriage, hold two, also champion Linnet and buff hen, with breeding cage; exchange anything: Porter, 1, Charlecote-st., Dingle, Liverpool.

PAIR silver grey rabbits, 9 months, 7/6 pair; blue tans, 7/6; above are bred from 1st and special winner; exchange cage birds: Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

EXCHANGE guitar zither, good as new, cost 30/-, for young homing pigeons, no rubbish; or will sell, 12/6. What offers?: L. C., 199, Beckenham-rd., Beckenham, Kent.

SINGER treadle sewing machine, good working order, 2 drawers, cost £9, sell £3; exchange Canaries or gramophone and records: Tomson, 63, Highrd., Willesden Green.

RIFLE shooting range, 2 guineas, cost £5; sell beer house; exchange good pair Norwich or typical Yorkshires; no rubbish: Garbutt, 16, Abbeyhey-lane, Openshaw, Manchester.

WHY not catch your own birds this season? Nightingale traps 1/3, 2/3 each, carriage paid; when set invisible; or exchange hen Canarics: Kemp, 34, Tovey-pl., Kentish Town.

EXCHANGE 6 volume of "Thompson's Gardner's Assistant," specially bound, unsoiled, cost £3, for pair winning Norwich; no rubbisb: Lewis, No. 20, Hunstanton (North), Norfolk.

THREE cock Canaries, cock Linnet mule, two hen mules, two piping Bullfinches, cock Linnet, cock Thrush, £2 lot; exchange chickens or anything: Staples, Albert-st., Bridgwater.

EXCHANGE anything useful; pair Owls, 2 pair Tumblers, pair Bantams, or sell 12/- fot; also 4 single, 1 breeding cage, 6/- lot to clear: P. Rutberford. Stabics, Belmont, Dalkeitb.

GOOD gent's freewheel cycle, plated rims, rim brake, tyres and tubes perfect condition, £2, exchange Parrot, with cage, or foreign birds; yours first: Minikin, 26, Grape-st., Keighley.

GRAND Pom. dog, good car and tail carriage, 30/-; also trio silver Sebright bantams, winners, cards sent; both hens laying, 2 guineas; exchange: Weedall, Fruit Stores, Wiusford, Cheshire.

BOOTS, suits, dress goods, general drapery, bedding, blankets, sheets, carpets, linos, table cutlery, tools, electro-plated goods; exchanged for Canaries only: Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE for anything, fast Whippet or talking Parrot preferred: mandoline and case, new, 25/-; 3 pairs Canaries, cocks, full song, 10/6 pair; Potter, 159, Upper Lloyd-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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NEWSHAM.

Result of sing held April 30th: 1, G. Duffel; 2, Wake; 3, Archbold; 4, Moore. Open sing at Market Inn May 14th.—S. LAWS.

WHITEHAVEN.

Linnet sing took place at the Lowther Arms, Ginns, Whitehaven, on May 7th. The entries numbered 37, and following divided (owing to a late start): H. Reed, W. Roney, M. Graham, Devoy, and S. Hardy. T. Trainor was judge and timekeeper. A contest will be held at the Low Road Inn, on May 14th.—DALESMAN.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing held at Navigation Inn, Lock Lane, there being a capital attendance. It was, however, a disappointing day for all, there being very few that sang out of the 30 hung. Result: 1, Morley; 2, Scott; 3, shared between Scott and Morley. We have a special contest May 14th at headquarters; hope all members and intending members will put in an appearance. There will be three or four special prizes.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

ATHERTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Uncle Paul's, the old contest house, on May 7th, when 35 birds faced the judges and some good singing was heard, both time and quality. Winners as follows: For time: 1, Statham (Leigh), 86; 2, McFarlane (Wigan), 79; 3, P. O'Neil (Leigh), 58; 4, B. Jones (Leigh), 53. For quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, Barnes (Wigan); 3, J. Statham (Leigh); 4, W. H. Topping (Blackburn). Judges, Messrs. Green, Fearnley, Statham; quality judges, Gibbons, Tipping, and Barnes.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, May 7th, when 33 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, Wood, and P. Madden. 1, 2, Soloman; 3, Bland. Also on May 8th, when 31 birds sang. Judged to perfection by Messrs. W. Naylor, A. Jennings, and T. Johnson. 1, 2, shared between Hardcastle and Soloman; 3, Soloman; 4, Bland. Don't forget our Whit Monday contest, open to all England; first bird hung at 11 a.m. prompt. Also on Whit Tuesday a contest open to all; first bird at 2 o'clock.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Royd's Inn Linnet Singing Society held at Mr. J. Dallamore's, Attercliffe Road, when 15 birds faced the timekeeper. Driver, 105; Palfreman, 92; Thompson, 90; Palfreman, 72; Worrall, 72; Palfreman, 43; Burkinshaw, 57; Thompson, 40; Driver, 37; Driver, 26. Contest on May 8th when 10 birds faced the timekeeper. Palfreman 87, Herbert 52, Driver 45, Herbert 40, Bowns 33, Palfreman 34. Also on May 8th, when 7 birds faced the judges. Mr. Smith won the first prize with his famous Goldfinch, Watson 2nd with a Greenfinch, Bowns 3rd with his famous Linnet. On May 15th Mr. J. Dallamore will add 10s. to an entrance of 4d. a bird. On Whit-Tuesday, May 17th, open to all England; also on May 22nd, when his weekly variety show will be held, staged at eight o'clock prompt.—A. THOMPSON, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet singing contest held at Rock Inn, on May 9th, when 13 birds sang. Result: 1, Wainwright, 103secs.; 2, Longfield, 66secs.; 3, Higgins, 41secs. Members, do not forget our cup sing on Whit Monday; first bird to be hung at 1 o'clock.—A. Longfield, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Week-end contest held as usual, when 14 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Dobson, A. Catterall. We had some very good singing; it is a long time since we had better. G. James's "Tennant" came 1st, G. Dobson 2nd, W. H. Topping 3rd. Referee, Mr. G. James; timekeeper, Mr. F. Lucas.—T. SLATER, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

The City of Glasgow S.C. weekly contest was held on May 7th. Judge, Mr. Christie; timekeeper, Mr. T. Hamilton. There was a good attendance. Prize-winners: 1st, Henderson; 2nd, McCallum; 3rd, Currie. On May 14th, a handsome copper kettle, in addition to the usual money prizes, will be given.—ALEX. MCCALLUM, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest will be held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, Durham, on Whit Saturday, May 14th. Prizes: 1st, electro-silver plated tea and coffee service, value 35s.; 2nd, electro-silver plated dinner cruet, value 10s. 6d.; 3rd, silver medal, value 5s.; and 4th, briar pipe and case, value 2s. 6d. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon Colliery); timekeeper, Mr. Stout.—WM. FAIRLESS, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD.

Linnet singing contest held at Gloucester Inn, High West-st., on April 30th, when 40 birds competed for the three prizes. After some very hard singing, the result was: 1, 2, 3, Adams. The runners-up were Messrs. Soulsby and Lank; Mr. G. Reed judged; timekeeper, Mr. John Gray (Windy Nook). A Linnet singing contest will be held at "Gloucester Inn," High West Street, on Whit Monday, £1 to be added to the entrance money, and gold watch for first, besides other specials. First bird up at 12 prompt.—G. REED.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end quality contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge Street, on May 8th, when 23 birds faced the judges, the winner being in a class to itself. Results: 1, A. Turner; 2, Butler; 3, Binns. Judges, Messrs. G. Towers and A. Lorriman; timekeeper, Mr. W. Dean. Please note our annual Whitsuntide contest will be held at the above house on Whit-Tuesday, and all fanciers and friends are invited to attend. Any donation for this contest, however small, would be gratefully accepted.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

CARBROOK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, on April 24th, before a crowded house, when 22 birds entered, two minutes' sing. Brown, 1, 50; Robinson, 2, 48; Cutts 43, Cole 43, divided for 3. Also on April 30th, when 12 birds entered, 4 minutes' sing. 1, Coles, 136; 2, Lummy, 135; 3, Lummy, 127. On May 8th, when 22 birds entered, 2 minutes' sing. A splendid performance was done by Brown, he taking all three prizes with his famous birds, at one minute faced and one minute bluffed, 1 52, 2 51, 3 50. Bird singers, don't forget our annual sing on Whit-Monday; 38 birds entered for this great contest; anyone making a visit to Carbrook (Sheffield) will be delighted if they call at Jack Grundy's Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street. Contest, first pair up at twelve o'clock.—A. BROWN, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Newburgh, July 23, East Shore Park. 9 members' classes: Scot. 1, Crest 1, Nor. 1, Common 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes (of value) 2s. 6d. and 1s. Entries close to WILLIAMSON and DUNCAN, Newburgh.

I must again thank you for the splendid sketch of my even-marked Border Fancy Canary, which appeared your valuable CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL of 1910. I am sure very great credit is due to your artist, Mr. H. Norman, for the natural and life-like way this bird was drawn. It has resulted in an order for this variety from Queensland, Australia, which I have completed, and trust the birds will have a safe passage and prove as successful there as in this country. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—FRANK WARDLEWORTH (Stockport).

A Useful Society.

The Irish Society for the Protection of Wild Birds is doing good work, and doing it in the direction in which it is most needed; that is, the protection of rare and interesting species. They have been instrumental in obtaining five new protection orders. They approached the county council of Kerry to give protection to the few pairs of Choughs breeding in the district, but without success. Notwithstanding this, however, they managed to give protection to the species during the breeding season. Through the kind assistance of the owner of certain lands, and the two watchers appointed by the Society, all attempts at raiding the Chough's nest were frustrated, but so persistent are egg-collectors that the keepers and watchers had to be constantly on the watch, and had a most anxious time of it while the birds were nesting.

An Adventurous Cyclist.

A private telegram has been received by Mr. C. Don, the editor of the "Times of Natal," announcing that his brother reached Khartoum last week after an adventurous journey through the whole length of Africa. Mr. J. B. Don left King Williamstown, Cape Colony, in May, 1909, on a Rudge-Whitworth Aero-Special bicycle, fitted with three-speed gear, and weighing only 29lbs., and travelled to Bulawayo. Thence he proceeded by way of Broken Hill to Fort Jameson; then, crossing the Tanganyika Plateau, he traversed German East Africa and Uganda to Gondokoro on the upper waters of the Nile. Except for a severe bout of fever in Uganda, the adventurous traveller enjoyed perfect health during the whole journey. From Bulawayo to Fort Jameson he was accompanied by a native guide; after that he travelled entirely alone. Mr. Don is probably the only man who has ever crossed the whole continent by himself on a bicycle, and he has had some very interesting experiences.

Club Reports.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 3rd, Mr. C. Birks presiding over a large attendance. The nest feather show schedule was discussed, it being decided to add two more classes to it, namely, Softbill and Foreign. The classes read as follows:—6 Norwich, 6 Yorks, 3 British Hardbill, 1 Softbill, 1 Foreign, and 2 Mule classes. There are specials for every class, besides one for most entries and one for best bird shown by a novice member who has never shown in open shows. We also elected four new members, namely, Messrs. Munro, Burton, Kelsall, and Warrillow. Anyone wishing to become a member should apply to us for information.—HALLAM and LOVATT, Hon. Secs., 5, Francis Street, Longton, Staffs.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

The result of the ballot for the election of officers for the club for season 1910, runs as follows:—President, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (unopposed); Vice-President, Messrs. H. W. Walsh, 18 (elected); T. Ogden, 14; F. Townsend, 10; Committee (inside Yorkshire), 10 required: Messrs F. Townsend 38, F. Hammond 36, R. Halliday 36, S. Dean 33, H. Hill, W. Crabtree, H. H. Towers 31 (tie), T. Ogden 26, J. Wilcock 24, W. A. Cowgill 23, H. J. Chittenden 20, S. Hough 20, L. Briggs 19, F. Hodgson 12, W. Firth 10, H. Lord, 9; Committee (outside Yorkshire): 5 unopposed, Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, T. C. Crawhall, A. Ambler, J. Currie, and A. Hirst; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. F. Hammond and S. Dean; Hon. Scrutineers, Messrs. F. Townsend and H. W. Walsh; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr F. Armstrong, 78, Pear-street, Parkinson-lane, Halifax.—F. ARMSTRONG, Sec. and Treas.

SOUTH SHIELDS AND DIS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 4th, at Lockhart's Cafe, King-street, Mr. W. Thompson in the chair. The Secretary announced and handed the balance-sheet of the past year to its members, it showing an income of £63 7s. 4d., and an expenditure of £63 6s. 6d., showing a balance of 10d., which was considered good in view of the poor support we received in the way of entries. The next consideration was the young bird show, which we decided to have in July. We are adding three more classes, making 24 in all. Mr. J. Turner's name was proposed and carried as judge on this occasion. Another new member was added to our books, Mr. Addison, of Birchington-avenue. All fanciers in our district are given a cordial invitation to join us, as we are only holding a members' show this year. The prospects of our society are very promising. A good number of new members have already been made, and many more are in view. Should any fancier wish to join us, please call on or write to me.—JAS. BARRASS, Sec., 76, Hartington-terrace, South Shields.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on April 30th, Mr. John Young presiding, others present being Messrs. J. F. Dewar, A. G. Forrest, A. Sloan, J. Winter, and the secretary. Mr. Smeaton was unanimously elected president, and Messrs. J. McLay, J. Young, A. G. Forrest, J. Hector, and A. G. Cameron vice-presidents for the current year. The under-mentioned gentlemen were elected to membership:—Messrs. D. Graham and R. Foster (Glasgow), R. T. Jack (Edinburgh), and W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen). Will members please note that subscriptions for 1910 are now due, and should be forwarded early? They are also requested to remember the special prize fund, which it is most desirable should cover all expenses in connection with club show. The committee desire the club's patronage distributed over the whole of Scotland, if at all possible, and I have to invite applications from secretaries of confined shows where the ten-mile radius is in operation, and eight of whose members are members of the S. P. C. I shall also be pleased to supply any information to intending members.—J. BROWN, Sec., 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 5th. The following gentlemen were admitted members, Messrs. H. Twist (Felling), Hall (Ashington), McGinn (Walker), W. Rowell (Blyth), and Maddison (Gateshead). Letters were read from Mr. Raynes, Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, and Mr. Vanner, who has resumed membership. The classification for the Nest feather Show was next taken; it was decided to add another class for Norwich and Yorkshires, and two for Borders. The British birds were left as last year, but house-moulted birds may be shown as well as field-moulted ones. In the foreign bird classes the Goldfinch or Bullfinch class was omitted, and the rest divided into three classes—seedeaters smaller than Cardinals, ditto Cardinal or larger, and Softbill. It was also proposed that we engage the large Co-operative Hall for the occasion; this is an ideal place for a show, and we hope to make our Nest Feather Show the equal to many of the smaller autumn shows. Decided, that we purchase another silver cup, so that the Canaries have one cup and the British and Foreign the other. Decided, to have annual pic-nic on Race Thursday, June 23rd, place and details to be decided by committee. The attraction of the evening was an egg food competition, in which seven members took part. Two medals were provided and the non-competitors acted as judges. Mr. Atkinson was nominated scrutineer of votes, and Mr. J. Curry timekeeper. Mr. Tomlinson, the first competitor, used bread crumbs and egg; the bread he crumbled on paper, then put it into a basin, passed the egg through a sieve with a knife, and mixed the whole together with a fork—time, 2min. 45sec. He explained that when giving it to his birds he spread a little maw seed on top, and his results during the past seasons had been 29 young from 4 hens, 50 from 8, 50 from 8, and this year he had 10 with 36 and 3 sitting; his green food was dandelion. Mr. T. Robson came next; he uses egg and tea biscuits. He never uses all the white, but discards about half of it; presses the egg through a wire sieve with his fingers, then presses the biscuit through, mixes them together and passes both through sieve together. Mr. R., explained that though he had not great success to record as regards numbers, yet he found that his birds liked the food as he prepared it, and ate it all up. He used Huntley and Palmer's tea biscuits because he found they crumbled nicely—time, 2min. 40sec. Mr. W. Curry, who came next, uses a mincing machine, which comes in handy for mincing up all the cold meats. (Mr. Atkinson here remarked that after he had used their mincer they couldn't get the meat to go through.) Mr. Curry's food consists of egg and rusks. He puts the whole of the egg through, including the shell; then the rusks, which clean the machine, and finally mixes the whole in a jar with a little maw seed. What rusks are left are saved for the little Curry's (to be)—time, 2min. 30secs. Mr. W. Smith uses bread without yeast, which he gets from the butcher specially prepared for the birds (not for German sausage). He mixes the egg and bread with a potato masher, then passes the whole through perforated zinc sieve. He finds the birds eat more of this when it is prepared with the special bread than when prepared with biscuits or ordinary bread; he mixes a little maw seed—time, 1min. 50sec. Mr. Currah, the Chairman, came next; he mixes his egg and the same kind of bread as Mr. Smith with a round stick in a jam jar, then passes it through a sieve. The beauty of Mr. Currah's egg food is its extreme richness. He explained that he never allowed the eggs to boil, but to simmer for 20 minutes; it was then clear and bright, and there was no darkness round the yolk. He considered that cooked this way it was more easily digested; the birds ate it readily, and he had no sweating hens and no young with diarrhœa in nest. Mr. Gillespy passed his egg through perforated zinc followed by bread on to a plate, and mixes both with his fingers. He has used it successfully for 40 years. It keeps sweet in the hottest day of summer. He never mixes seed with his egg food. His green food is seedy chickweed, or, failing that, young lettuce. Mr. Crawhall was next. He uses egg and bread, which he passed through a sieve with a knife, and mixes the whole together with a fork, adding a little sugar and maw seed. He boils his egg for 10 minutes. By so doing, he said, you get the yolk clear as Mr. Currah does; but if boiled longer it darkens. His method is to use two parts of egg to one of bread. Mr. Curry's method and result were considered the best, and he was awarded the gold-centre medal. Mr. Robson won second, taking the silver medal. The competition aroused a great deal of enthusiasm, and we hope to have a washing competition on similar lines in the autumn. Mr. Currah mentioned that one of our members (Mr. Maddison) was ill and unable to be with us, and he knew that we all would wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he would soon be in his old place again. He also mentioned that one of our oldest members and most regular attenders had been reduced very much in circumstances recently through lack of employment, and suggested that we might make a small contribution to help to alleviate his trouble. A sum of 10s. was collected for our distressed brother. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting. Any who have forgotten to forward their subscription should do so at once, as the time has expired and the committee cannot grant much longer extension, except in the case of those who are ill or out of work, who should communicate with me or one of the committee as soon as possible.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

KILSYTH FANCIERS' ASSOCN.

Meeting held on May 4th, President Irvine in the chair. Consideration was given to the classification in the various sections. Border Fancies will have 14 classes, Norwich 12, and British birds 20, with the usual selling and extra classes. Mr. W. Haddow (Hamilton) will judge the Borders, but the other judges are not quite fixed.—A. D. DUNCAN, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

General meeting held April 23rd. It was decided to fix radius at eight miles, and subscription at 2s. 6d. annually, new members to pay their subscription on admission. Committee were appointed to draw up rules to be submitted at general meeting to be held May 21st at 7.30, headquarters, Queen's Head, Gluman Gate. New members cordially invited.—C. H. NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS.C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was again a large turn out of members, when, after the usual business, the members took the schedule for next annual show, and considered same. They ultimately decided to have 48 open classes, all prize money guaranteed, whether there be competition or not. Two new members were proposed. The reports of the various members as to their success this breeding season are not very satisfactory; so far, the cold weather has played havoc among the pairs.—GEO. HARVER, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held on April 25th, Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Messrs. C. F. Ayres and F. Bassett were elected members. Letters were read from the secretary of the National British Bird and M.C. (welcoming the members to their annual outing) and Mr. Murton Gill (on his inability to take part in the recent cricket match). The quarterly statement of accounts, ending April 1st, showing an income of £62 0s. 1½d., an expenditure of £33 15s. 5½d., with a cash balance of £28 4s. 8d. was confirmed as read. A handsome pair of silver-plated stag horn handled fish carvers in leather case, presented by Mr. P. H. Harris, was on view, the same to be competed for at the young bird show July 2nd, for the most points gained by a lady other than 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize in the British section. A letter expressing the Association's thanks was directed to be conveyed to Mr. Harris for his generosity. A scene of lively satisfaction prevailed upon the secretary announcing that he had been greatly honoured by a request from the Hon. Mrs. Bourke to accompany her to assist in the purchase of two cups for presentation in the British Softbill section at the annual show. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Wesley T. Page to deliver his lecture upon Foreign Frugivorous Birds. At the close questions were asked by Messrs. J. Chard, A. W. Curtis, C. Prior, W. Shepherd, and V. Wynn. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wesley Page for his unusually interesting lecture, on the proposition of Mr. C. Prior, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and supported by V. Wynn. Mr. Page replied in a few well-chosen words. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed a delightful meeting.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

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HOLYWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

First annual meeting held in the society's rooms, Old Masonic Hall, on May 3rd. There was a full attendance of members, and a set of new rules had been adopted. Further, as the society seemed to be in such a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, it was unanimously decided to hold the first show in Holywood Town Hall on November 5th, open to all breeders and fanciers in Holywood and district. Any further information regarding same may be had from me.—FRED COLE, Hon. Sec., 7, High-street, Holywood.

GRANTHAM CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Black Dog, on May 4th, when there was a good turn-up of members. After the business, the medals for most points were presented by Mr. Kirkby. The winners were: Messrs. Allen, Kettle, and Ratcliff. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in June, when it is proposed to hold a class for Yorkshires and one for Goldfinches; each member will receive a voting paper, and the winners will be the birds that get most votes. The meeting will commence at 8 p.m. prompt, and all fanciers are heartily invited. There is room at our place for 100 members. —W. RATCLIFF, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, on April 29th, Mr. R. Thomson presiding. The following classes for the First Feather Show, which is to be held on 25th June, were arranged: Norwich, 4; Borders, 2; Yorkshire, Crest, Crestbred, Canary A.V., and Mules or Hybrids. Any member or friend wishing to give a special for this show might kindly communicate with the Secretary as early as possible. The rules of the club were gone over and amended. It was arranged to have a social evening in Robt. Short's Restaurant, 441, Victoria-road, SS., on May 19th, at 8 o'clock p.m., in view of one of the members leaving for Australia. It is hoped there will be a good gathering of members and friends.—ROBT. HEGGIE, Sec.

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at St. John's Schools on May 2nd. The officers were elected as follows for 1910-11:—President, Rev. F. Roberts; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, viz., Messrs. J. Robson, C. A. House, F. Easterling, E. Cogswell, W. A. Phipps, and C. Huxley; chairman, Mr. A. E. Argyle; treasurer, H. J. Hiveson; committee, Messrs. Bamber, Cooper, Huxley, Fletcher, Kidd, Morgan, Neal, Phipps and Timberlake; secretary, T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries, Southall. Votes of thanks were passed to donors for subscribing to the funds also a hearty vote of thanks to our President for the free use of schools for meetings and the reduced fee for hire of hall for our annual show. The balance sheet was held over until next meeting. The date of young stock and Finch show was fixed for June 27th, when we hope to get Mr. Robson to judge and give us a lecture.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec., The Aviaries, Southall.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Wentworth Cafe on May 5th, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. It was decided that Mr. Drabble judge Yorkshires and Mr. Oxley Norwich at the table show for novices next month. The Secretary announced that he had been successful in getting Mr. Browning as judge for the nest feather show. Messrs. Godfrey and Woolhouse were elected stewards. It was passed that birds be at the show by two o'clock. Also carried that no birds be allowed to compete that come in after two o'clock. We trust all members will please take notice of this, and get their birds there in time, as we should not like anyone to have the disappointment of not having their birds judged. Messrs. Bradshaw, Bower, Dutton, Kelly, and Lockwood were elected a small sub-committee to see that bills announcing the nest feather show are distributed in the Heeley district. It was decided that all pay to come in the show. The following members promised specials: Messrs. Crookes, Hemmings, Memmott, Scott, and Woolhouse. After the ordinary business Mr. Hemmings opened a discussion on colour-feeding, which proved to be very interesting. He dealt first with breeding for colour and then with feeding for colour, giving us what he thought to be the best way to secure both. Several members joined in the discussion, and the meeting closed with the best thanks being given to Mr. Hemmings for his very able remarks.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS C.C.

Committee meeting held on April 16th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. Richmond (president) in the chair. The secretaries were instructed to write to the G.N. Railway Co., Leeds, with a view to furthering a claim made by one of our members (Mr. J. Wilcock, Eccleshill) for the loss of a bird supposed to have been stolen whilst in transit. It was understood that the secretaries of the other specialist clubs, and of the Yorkshire Union, were likewise writing in unison, with a view to obtaining a satisfactory result, and it is hoped that by this method the claim may be brought to a successful issue. A number of suggestions were made and discussed with a view to clearing the ground somewhat for the annual general meeting on May 14th at 5.30, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. It was decided that the following should be brought forward:—(1) That we ask our members to form a junior novice competition, to be run in connection with the novice classes at the Y.U. shows, in consequence of the extension of classification (novice) at these shows. (2) That we recommend members to give patronage to at least three representative shows outside Yorkshire with a view to still further popularising the cinnamon-marked bird. (3) That Rule 13 do not apply to the Crystal Palace Show (this rule states that "there be a different judge for each show where our patronage is given.") (4) That "starred" birds only count points in our various competitions. The secretaries hope to present a very favourable report. The membership is now about 270, showing an increase of over 100 over any previous years, whilst the financial position is sound considering the large expenditure incurred during the year. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and it is hoped these will be paid before the close of the meeting. The following new members will be proposed:—Messrs. W. R. Angear (West London), L. C. Casey (Bowling), S. England (Llandudno), J. Firth (Bradford), J. S. Hartley (Leeds), J. Hodgson (Skipton), J. Naylor (Naylor and Blakey, Brighouse), J. Smith (Bradford), F. Studd (Bolton, Bradford), and H. Worsnop (Bradford). Against these we have to record nine resignations. We hope next season will be even more successful, and for that reason we hope every member will make a special effort to be present. The secretaries will be pleased to forward full information to all intending members, and we hope and expect to top the 300-mark very substantially. Applications for the club's patronage will now be welcomed. The Bradford City and Lalsterdyke Societies have already applied.—GARNETT AND TOWERS, Hon. Secs.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Spencer Hall on May 5, at 8.30. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Dann was duly elected chairman for the evening. The following were elected members: Messrs. W. Staines and W. Haste, and Messrs. W. Spencer, Smith, Evans, Hardiman, and Mrs. Hawes were nominated for membership. The schedule for the British Bird Show was drawn up, and several special prizes were promised, the date being May 26th, with Mr. W. Shakespeare as judge. After the business, Mr. A. Silver read a very interesting paper on "Birds and Bird Keeping," quite new and distinct from the ordinary style of bird lectures, after which Mr. Silver was asked several questions. Will members kindly forward subscriptions at their earliest convenience?—CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Gwalia Restaurant, Tonypandy, on May 7th. The chair was taken by Mr. Legg, of Porth. We were honoured by the presence of our President, the Rev. T. R. James (Vicar), who is taking a keen interest in our new society, and he was sorry that he could not stay through the evening, important duty calling him elsewhere. We had a very good meeting, making two new members. The radius for membership is from Pontypridd to Treherbert, including the Ferndale Valley to Mordy and Gilfach. I am sure that with such a radius as this, and so many fanciers in the district, we shall have a splendid society. Will all fanciers send me their names and help to make this society a success? We have a grand centre here to hold a show with, two railway connections close to our town.—G. YEO, Hon. Sec., 1, Upton-terrace, Penygraig, Rhondda.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES OS

Meeting held at headquarters May 2nd, Mr. Atkinson in the chair. After the general business Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens) gave us a very interesting and instructive lecture on Hybrid breeding, which he dealt with in a thoroughly practical manner, telling us the best birds to use for both light and dark Canary Hybrids, the different crosses with British birds, etc. A lot of questions were asked, which the lecturer answered to everyone's satisfaction. All present were sorry when it came to closing the meeting, which we did with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Houlton, to which he suitably replied. The next meeting falling on Whit-Monday, it was decided to hold same on the following Monday, May 23rd, when I hope we shall have a good attendance to go into the first feather show business.—H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

BATTERSEA (Open) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held May 4th, at headquarters, 340, Battersea Park-road. Letters were read from Mr. S. Baker and Mr. Carr, of the National B.B. and M.C., with reference to their annual outing. Several members present promised to join them. It was decided to have two open classes at the forthcoming young bird show—one for Yorkshires, and one for Norwich. The prize money was fixed at 12s. 1st, 8s. 2nd, 4s. 3rd, for 2s. each entry. The date fixed was June 18th; admission free. It was also decided to advertise the event in CAGE BIRDS. The two judges appointed (Messrs. J. Robson and Patrick) for the autumn show, were approved of, and an extra judge is to be appointed if we are unable to obtain the Latchmere Baths. It was pointed out by one of last year's judges that it was more a question of room than of an extra judge, when he was approached on the matter. It was also decided to go and view the Baths as early as possible; they are conveniently situated close by rail, tram, and 'bus. Messrs. T. Goymer and W. J. Honeysett were appointed delegates for the London Federation. Mr. Honeysett promised 10s. for anyone making six fully paid-up members for 1910 from now, and was thanked.—W. J. HONEYSETT, Chairman.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE AND DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting held May 3rd, Mr. Foxall in the chair. The Chairman said he was pleased to see so many friends present. He called on Mr. H. Kelsall to give his demonstration on cage making. Mr. Kelsall began by telling us the kinds of wood most suitable for cage making. Then he described how to get the wood in the cheapest way, so that instead of paying about 2d. per foot, it could be bought to come out at a little over 1d. This was done by buying a deal and having it cut afterwards. He showed us the way to glue two pieces of wood so that the joint would not break. Here Mr. Kelsall introduced to us a very useful preparation of glue; it was put on cold, so that you did not want the glue pot constantly on the fire. This was a most useful hint, and there was a big demand for paper and pencils, as every one seemed anxious to get the recipe. Mr. Kelsall also gave the most suitable sizes, as he considered, for stock, single breeders, and double breeders. When he had completed the box he gave a brief description of a frame and his methods of making a wire front. After this a good many questions were asked, which were answered to the satisfaction of all. And everyone voted that we had spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. The following new members were admitted: Messrs. J. McFarlane and W. Hatton. Our next meeting is an open "question" night, so we shall be glad to see any fancier, whether a member or not, especially novices. Bring your questions.—H. FODEN, Sec.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on 30th April, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. A few more members were enrolled. The principal business of the evening was a bird-washing exhibition, given by Mr. Jarvie. The exhibition proved most instructive, Mr. Jarvie explaining how the different parts of the birds were washed. It was altogether a most successful evening. Next meeting 28th May.—W. CLUBB, Sec.

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BOWHILL O.S.

The members met in the hotel, Cardenden, Mr. Bremner in the chair. The Chairman asked to be allowed to say a word or two before proceeding with the business of the meeting, to express, on behalf of the members, the deep sense of the great loss which not only the United Kingdom, but the whole Empire, had sustained by the death of our Gracious Sovereign. All the business of last year was agreed to, and the officials and committee were appointed. Mr. J. Bremner was elected president, Mr. W. Fodds secretary, and Mr. W. Spence treasurer. It was decided to hold the next show on December 17th. Eight judges were selected. Our society is favoured with a splendid hall, and the members are making every endeavour to bring their show to the top. The County of Fife is supposed to have more Ornithological Societies than any other county in Great Britain; its societies number 17.—WM. DODDS, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Palmer Hall on May 4th, there being a very good attendance. We had the pleasure to begin it by electing Messrs. Fennel, Hills, Bristow, Shepherd, and Horseman as new members. The schedule for the first feather show on July 13th was then discussed, and it was decided to run 16 classes, viz., Norwich 3, Yorks. 3, Crests 1, Crest-bred 1, A.O.V. 1, British 5, Selling 1, Foreign 1. Mr. Yates has kindly offered to judge. Entry fee to be 6d. per bird. The schedule for show in November was then arranged as follows:—Norwich 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 1, Crest-breds 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, British 5, Selling 1, Foreign 3. During the meeting several good prizes were promised. We had a visit from Mr. Holliday, the secretary of the new Oxford C.B.S. and the opportunity was taken to thank him for the specials he had given us, and to wish his society a prosperous future. We feel sure that with him as secretary they cannot help but go ahead. Several of our members gave their names in as members. A very businesslike meeting was then brought to a close. Any more fanciers wishing to join us would greatly oblige me by sending their names in as soon as possible, so as to enable them to compete in the July show.—W. H. PYKE, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

At our meeting held on May 8th, a good number of members and friends met to hear Mr. C. J. Richardson's paper on "The Breeding and Exhibiting of the Norwich P.H." In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. J. Hazell was elected to fill the position for the evening, and he, after the ordinary business had been dealt with, called upon Mr. Richardson for his promised paper. Mr. Richardson said he felt very reluctant to undertake the task, but being pressed by the worthy Secretary he had at last consented, and would therefore do his best. Mr. Richardson dealt very thoroughly with the subject in hand, and as he spoke of his own practical and successful experience, was able to give his audience many useful hints, in the breeding, preparing for show, and exhibiting the Norwich, which were very much appreciated by his audience, receiving much applause. The Chairman invited questions, of which a large number were soon forthcoming, Mr. Richardson answering every one in a very able manner. The meeting eventually developed into an open debate on the type of the bird in question, the following gentlemen taking a prominent part: Messrs. C. W. Baker, J. W. Cranfield, H. W. Tomsett, H. Cunningham, W. H. Crackuell, Hazell, Richardson, and Hodson. In closing the meeting, the Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson, which, after being duly seconded, was carried with acclamation. Mr. Richardson briefly replied. The Secretary here announced that the usual country ramble had been decided for Sunday, May 29th, to Dorking. The usual vote of thanks to chair closed the meeting.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meting held at headquarters, City Hotel, on May 4th, Mr. W. Manley presiding over a very good attendance. It was decided to hold the annual show on November 12th. A little difficulty has been experienced in acquiring a suitable hall, but at the next meeting it is hoped the question will be decided. For the ramble on Saturday, May 28th, a letter was read from Col. Gibbs, M.P., granting the members permission to visit Tyntesfield. Fifteen members have already given in their names, and it is hoped others will do so. A brake will leave the Tramway Centre at 2.30 p.m., and final particulars will be announced in due course. After much discussion on the advisability of remaining affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, a vote was taken and it was decided to withdraw from the same. Mr. R. G. Clark then gave his promised washing exhibition, and it would have been impossible to have found four dirtier birds than those the lecturer was supplied with. After explaining how to hold the bird, which was plunged up to its neck in bowl No. 1 to allow the feathers to get well saturated, he pointed out that he always started tail first, and by a good supply of soap, lightly rubbed, the bird would soon show its true colour. In a very short time the first bird was ready and in the drying cage, and on questions being invited, quite a number were forthcoming, which were ably answered. The four birds were quickly in the drying cage. Mr. Clark said he preferred soda to borax as a water softener, and that the birds dried better before lamps than before the fire. By this time the first two birds were ready, and were handed round for inspection. On the proposition of Mr. Manley, seconded by Mr. Buckland, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Clark, who suitably replied. For the next meeting Mr. Fletcher has kindly promised to give a paper on his experiences of Hybrid breeding.—Miss L. G. BYERLEY, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Portland Arms, Jacksdale, on May 7th, Mr. B. Simpson chairman. A good number of members showed up. Three new members were enrolled, which brings our total to 26, which speaks well for this young society, seeing we have only been formed five months. The arrangements for the open first feather show were all settled. It was arranged to hold a members' F.F. show on June 4th, Mr. J. Driver to officiate as judge. We also arranged to have a judging competition at this show, each competitor to pay an entry fee of 2d., which will go towards making two prizes to those who judge nearest the judge's awards. After business the Chairman called on Mr. J. Driver to speak to us. He had kindly come at the secretary's call to give a lecture on mating and rearing young Canaries, which was much enjoyed by all. When the speaker had finished his lecture, he was bombarded with questions, which he quickly answered. Mr. Martin: Can Mr. Driver tell me what is the best remedy for "going light"?—Bread and milk (scalded milk); also take seeds away and clean cage out well; then sprinkle the bottom of cage with good clean sawdust. Mr. Ash advised mixing bread, milk, and treacle together, and placing on the fire in a saucepan; stir until brought to a boil, when you can give it to the bird when cool; he had had good results from this for young and old birds. Mr. Driver couldn't fall in, he said, with the idea of treacle, as he considered it too "opening." Mr. Holmes asked if milk sop would not be improved by adding maw seed?—I do not recommend it for young birds; for old birds, yes. Mr. Ash: What was the best for hens that wouldn't feed?—Scalded rape. Mr. Simpson considered rape soaked in cold water was best, as it didn't go sour so quickly. Mr. Driver: Scald it the night before wanting to use it, and no more than is wanted for one day. Mr. Martin: Is watercress a good green food to give to young?—Mind and know where it has been grown; if spring watercress, yes; if short watercress do not give it unless you are aware it has come from the spring, as I had fatal results one season from the use of watercress. Mr. Holme proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Driver for giving such valuable information. Mr. Driver thanked the members for their remarks, and was pleased to see that we were making such good progress.—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A large number of members and several visitors attended on April 20th to hear a paper by our old friend, Mr. J. H. Payne, on "Various Breeds of Canaries." Mr. Payne prefaced his essay with some remarks re our society, which he was pleased to see was in such a flourishing condition. In his opinion a society, to be successful and draw its members together, must do more than hold a few business meetings during the year, culminating in an open show, but should provide a series of table shows, lectures, etc., such as he saw done by the Cheltenham Society, and it gave him great pleasure to do what he could to help. Proceeding to deal with the subject in hand, Mr. Payne touched on the following breeds: Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, and Cinnamons, and enlightened his hearers, many of whom were novices, on the various points essential in a show specimen, and also gave some valuable hints on the selection of breeding pairs. At the end of the paper the Chairman said the meeting was open for discussion, and that Mr. Payne would be pleased to answer any question that might be put. Most present had something to ask, and Mr. Payne was kept busy for some 20 minutes in replying. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Pounsett to Mr. Payne for his kindness in coming over from Gloucester to give us the highly interesting and instructive lecture we had listened to. This was enthusiastically passed with musical honours.—A. S. TREASURE, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at the Constitutional Club, High Road, on May 2nd, Mr. C. R. Carr in the chair. There was a good muster of members and friends. The Chairman announced that the annual ramble was fixed for May 28th, the route again being through Epping Forest; about 30 members at once gave notice of their intention to accompany the party. Mr J. S. Clarke was then called upon to give his promised lecture on "Septic Fever," and was received with applause. Everyone present gave the lecturer his best attention. In the course of his remarks Mr. Clarke dealt with the symptoms of the disease, which, by the way, were seldom seen much of, the first symptom being almost invariably followed quickly by death. He also dealt with various remedies that had been used in an attempt to fight the disease, but held the opinion that the best cure was to fumigate the bird room with sulphur, and after leaving it for a sufficient time, clear out all the cages and fittings, and make a bonfire with them; we presume the dead birds as well. Then thoroughly cleanse every part of the room with disinfectant, and make a fresh start with new stock and cages the next season. A good discussion followed the lecture, many questions being asked and ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clarke for his very interesting lecture, to which he responded in his usual happy way. A vote of thanks to the chairman then closed a very pleasant evening.—FORSE and SON, Hon. Secs.

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YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club also held their general meeting on Saturday last, the attendance being fairly good, that is, considering the large number of meetings that have been held lately, and also that the Y.C.C. was having theirs during the same hours. The balance-sheet shows a debit balance, caused to some extent by the society giving more away than they can really spare, and by members who have not yet sent in their cash for 1909-1910; hurry up! The present secretary, Mr. W. R. Myers, has been forced to resign his position owing to pressure of business, and a successor was not available at the meeting, but one was picked out who, should he decide to take it, would do well in the interests of the club. Several new members were proposed and accepted; they are enthusiastic and sound exhibitors.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. have issued their syllabus of members' shows for 1910. Three First Feather and three old shows are being provided, with novice and extra novice sections at each show, so that the rawest of the new members can show with the assurance that he will only have to compete against others of his own calibre, which doubtless contributes to some extent to the prosperity of the society. They work them up gradually, then turn them loose at the open shows.

CM.Y.C.C. hold their annual general meeting to-day (Saturday), and a good muster is expected. Novice members should try and attend, as business of very great importance to them is on the slate, and if they are there they can have a voice in the matter.

LAST week-end none of the Specialist Clubs were holding meetings of any description. Therefore I took advantage and had a jaunt into the country to see how the wild birds were faring. We took train for Skipton, where we arrived at 2 p.m. This is a most convenient centre. We made our way along the canal bank for some distance, and then branched off into the fields, examining the thickets and hedges on the way. The first nest to fall under observation proved to be that of a Song Thrush, this containing one egg; then a Blackie's, almost finished building, short only of a little lining. Also several more were noted, but we were not in positions that were accessible, so that we passed on. A little further on, high up in a hedge at the roadside, I espied what looked like a wee bunch of moss. Up I went and found it to be, as expected, a neat nest of the Chaffinch, all completed ready for eggs, but for my pains I got severely scratched, thorns and rose briars being very thick and very prickly round about, necessitating a bath at the next watercourse to remove the blood from my hands. A little further on we came across a dead Rook behind a telegraph post at the roadside, but not having time for a post-mortem examination as to the cause of death, we passed on. Again coming on to the canal bank, a good lot of Chaffinches were hereabouts, some very smart and good-coloured ones amongst them.

TAKING a turn to put us on the road to Malham, we were soon in the noted roads for birds. Each side of us were good big thorn trees, plenty of undergrowth, primroses galore, cowslips, violets, and hosts of other lovely wild flowers; then large towering trees in the fields, with Rooks and Jackdaws in their tops, and also Blackbirds, Song Thrushes and Starlings pouring out their melodies, appearing to answer each other from far and near. Also a few of the smaller birds were to be seen flying in and out of the hedge, but they were very shy, and we could not get near them. On peeping over a wall I was rewarded by getting a splendid view at close quarters of that little gem, the Redstart, flitting from twig to twig, and noticed that peculiar springlike flicking of the tail with every movement.

AT a spot a little further on I have sometimes seen the Heron, but although a good look-out was kept, we were not rewarded. But a couple of Yellow Wagtails were disporting themselves on some boggy ground near the river, and several lots of the Pied variety were seen. Then as we were getting nearer Malham and its wild moors the voice of the Pee-wit was heard on every side; also Stonechats were noted, and higher up still we came across several examples of the Wheatear, these latter in the wilder parts. Climbing above Malham on to the very tops, a marvellous view was obtained—moors everywhere, not a soul or a house in sight, and nothing but the moor-birds, sheep or cattle for company, until we came to the top of the hills overlooking Wharfedale, with the villages of Grassington and Threshfield in the distance. On the way down we heard the Cuckoo several times, and saw many birds, including the Skylark pouring out his evening song as though glad of the little sunshine before the dark of night set in, before we started off to Grassington Station for home after a walk of 23 miles through some most lovely and varied scenery.

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Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

The "Reindeer Hotel" Club Room—the new headquarters of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—in the Rye Lane, Peckham, presented a very animated appearance on May 10th, on the occasion of the grand concert held with a view to augmenting the funds of the society. There was a very large attendance indeed, and we are not sure there were not more ladies present than gentlemen. Mr. John Bright Crowe occupied the chair. The company sat, as far as possible, around fairy-lighted tables. Incidentally we may note that the room is an ideal one in every respect—light, cleanliness, capacity, convenience, and all—and we congratulate the society on the acquisition of such enviable headquarters.

The chairman in opening the proceedings made a few remarks anent the late King Edward's demise, and stated that though a function such as the present one would seem somewhat out of place in view of the national mourning in which they were participating, all fears had been set at rest by the expressed wish of the new King to the effect that all social functions should go on as before. The company were asked to show their sympathy with the Queen Dowager and Royal Family by rising from their seats.

The programme was an excellent one, reflecting very considerable credit on Mr. H. Wallace Tomsett, under whose able direction it had been arranged. Mrs. Gertrude Brown gave promise of her accompanying ability by her pianoforte solo, "The Entry of the Gladiators." Sentimental songs were ably sung by Mr. W. Hooker ("Out on the Deep"), Mr. R. Robertson ("The Bandolero"), Mr. H. Nicholas ("My Queen"), Mr. Stephen Moorcroft ("Come into the Garden Maud"), and Mr. Ralph Morrison ("Thora"); humorous songs by Mr. Ern Bewsey ("Down where the Breezes Blow") and Mr. A. E. White ("We've all been doing a bit"); and a capital song capitally sung by Miss Ruby Helene. Miss E. and Mr. H. Nicholas sang as a duet "Love's Summer Land." All the abovenamed contributed later on in the evening, and their efforts were very much appreciated. Professor Donn, of the Magic Circle, amused the company for a long time with various conjuring tricks, etc., which "went down" well. The last remark, in fact, applies to the whole affair, and we were informed that both financially and numerically the concert proved a huge success, which was, of course, most gratifying to Mr. W. Hodson, the secretary, and Mr. Tomsett, the director.

The Lancashire and Lizard F.A.

The annual tea and social in connection with the presentation of cups and medals were held on May 7th, at Mr. Tom White's, Wellington Hotel, Hyde. In spite of the rough weather, a good number of members and their wives and friends put in an appearance from Glossop, Oldham, Shaw, Denton, Colne, Manchester, Middleton, Withington, Rawtenstall, etc. It was indeed a pleasant surprise to see so many ladies present, including:—Mrs. Salway, Mrs. Ridgard, Mrs. Swaiwell, Mrs. Dewsnap, Mrs. Hordern, Miss Fuller, and Mrs. Rukin at the tea table, Mrs. Hampshire joining us later in the evening. The principal event of the evening was the presentation of cups and medals. The Lancashire Challenge Cup won by Mr. Wm. Adams was presented to Mr. Swalwell, who stood for Mr. Adams, who was unable to attend, Mr. Garner making the presentation in his usual genial way. Mr. Hordern came next on the list for the Lancashire novice gold medal, and he suitably responded. Mr. Dewsnap was presented with the Lizard Challenge Cup, which becomes his own property, he having won it three times in succession, Mr. Garner again doing the needful. Mr. Dewsnap replied in an appropriate manner. Mr. J. Dewsnap was called upon to act as deputy for Mr. Walter Dewsnap, who was an absentee through some previous engagement. I am pleased to say that in addition to confirming the election of Messrs. Compton and Stansfield as members, we had three new members to propose in Messrs. H. Oliver (Glossop), T. White (Hyde), and T. Mason (Withington), and Messrs. Dewsnap and Stansfield promised us some more new members for next meeting. I am afraid the ladies were disappointed in the dancing and singing part of the evening, but we will try and remedy that at our next attempt. It was decided that we have a special meeting on June 4th, at the Wellington, Hyde, to discuss the question of Lancashire and Lizard cups or trophies for the coming season. All members are invited to attend, and it is hoped that they will try and keep this date open, so that one and all can have a voice in the matter, and make the meeting a representative one. There is every appearance of the Lancashire and Lizard Canaries becoming more popular in the coming season, so that fanciers of these two varieties would do well to come and join us and help to make the L. and L.F.A. what it ought to be—one of the best. Mr. J. Rukin was presented with the silver plated cruet, presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, for the most points gained by birds fed on his celebrated colour-feed. Many expressions of admiration were evoked on seeing the cruet, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. W. Ramsden for his kindness in giving us such a fine special. A hearty vote of thanks to our chairman concluded the meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, hon. sec.

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The members and wives of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S., writes Mr. William Cottingham, the secretary, will visit Clifton Hall gardens and aviaries on Whit Monday, by the kind permission of Sir Hervey Bruce, Bart. I hope all members will attend. We start from Wilford Bridge at 1 o'clock.

Kindly correct the report of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club. The value of prizes allotted to the competition for Yorks. Union "Novice" Norwich members, who are members of the O.N.P.C., should be 75 per cent., not 15 per cent. as printed, of their total subscriptions.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

I am appointed to judge the Radford (Notts) First Feather Show on June 4th, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley).

Mr. James Winter, of Edinburgh, has removed, we hear, from Parkside Street, to 77, Bellevue Road. Will friends and fanciers generally kindly note this?

We have arranged our third annual open show for December 17th, writes Mr. R. Bnks, secretary of the Ferryhill and District C.B.S. Will secretaries please note?

Will secretaries please note that I have moved from Clarendon Road, Shirley, to "Rockholm," Vincent Avenue, Winchester Road, Shirley, Southampton? writes Mr. E. Holliday.

I have been appointed secretary of the Darwen and Dis. C.B.S., and I shall be pleased if persons interested will kindly note, writes Mr. John V. Greenwood, 13, Avondale Road, Darwen.

We have received a contribution of 5s. for the "Preston and Flowers' Fund" from the Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S., which brings the total amount received in subscriptions up to £62 15s. 11d.

I have removed from Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham, to 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, London, W., writes Mr. J. P. Carr, joint secretary with Mr. Plumbridge, of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

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Kindly note that we have appointed Mr. W. A. Cowgill to judge our show, open to Wales, to be held at Vaynol Park, Port Dinorwic, on August 13th next, writes Mr. Rd. Hughes, the secretary, 4, Terfyn Terrace, Vaynol Park.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Whitsuntide Holidays the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, May 17th, certain?

We have changed the name of the Sale Open Ornithological Society, writes Mr. Jas. Lilam, hon. secretary, to the Sale and District Open Cage Bird Society. Mr. Alfred Royle (Sale) has been engaged to judge our First Feather show on July 2nd. Will all members attend our next meeting to discuss the Cage Bird Union matter?

At a special committee meeting held in the Temperance Hotel last week, Mr. James F. Dewar (Edinburgh) was duly elected to judge the cage-bird section of our show, to be held here, December 22nd, writes Mr. S. Denison, secretary of the Strathbogie P.P. and Cage Bird Association.

Owing to my having undergone a very severe and painful illness during the last few weeks, writes Mr. E. Broadbent (Sheffield), and am even now only able to potter about from one room to another. I have been very lax in answering letters; so that if I have kept any correspondents waiting unduly, will they kindly accept this explanation?

The judges appointed for the Scottish National Cage Bird Society's show to be held on December 31st, 1910, January 2nd, 1911, are as follows: Norwich, Messrs. Ferguson (Glasgow) and Holmes (Edinburgh); for Crest and Crestbred, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Scotch Fancy, etc., Messrs. Keau (Edinburgh) and Fulton (Partick); for Borders, Messrs. Arnot (Hawick) and J. Thomson (Newtongrange); for A.O.V., Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford); for Mules, British, etc., Messrs. Cochrane, Pendrigh and Goodfellow (Edinburgh).—A. W. WATSON, secretary, S.N.C.B.S.

Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull) has had the misfortune to lose his noted unflighted yellow Norwich hen "Queen of Queens," for which at the commencement of last show season he refused £12, offered by a prominent Manchester fancier, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, hon. secretary of the Hull C.B.S. The bird had a grand record on the show bench, winning the first time shown—in a class of 40 at Newcastle, under Judge Vardy; also 1st at Baydon, under Judge Battye, 1st at Hull under Judge Vardy, 1st at Gateshead under Judge Robson, and 1st at Halifax under Judge Vardy. The bird was found dead on the nest after laying her second egg last Sunday morning. Mr. Harland considered this the best bird he ever bred during a period exceeding thirty years.

OUR LATE BELOVED KING.

Bird-lovers the world over will join in a heart-felt expression of sorrow at the demise of our late King, Edward the Seventh, than whom there can never have been monarch more widely popular and well-beloved. A sportsman and a fancier in the best and truest sense of those terms, he endeared himself to the whole English-speaking race, and earned the respect of all nations. Our Empire has suffered an irreparable loss, though that King George the Fifth will emulate his father's splendid example in rulership there can be no shadow of doubt. To that gracious lady, the Queen-Mother, Alexandra, and all the members of the Royal Family, our sympathy goes out in their heart-breaking loss and time of grievous trouble.

I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it so richly deserves. The paper is a great help to me and to my bird-keeping friends; in fact, we don't know what we would do without it.—GEO. KAY (Fort William).

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many useful hints I have received from time to time from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I consider to be indispensable to all fanciers.—JAS. A. SMITH (Jackfield, Shropshire).

The Guisbro' "Priory" and District Cage Bird Society will have a ramble on Whit-Monday (in Whiley's wood), and will meet at headquarters at 1 p.m., and against the Fox and Hounds at Charltons, at 1.30 p.m., writes Mr. R. Mays, hon. secretary. All are invited to attend.

As I am taking my annual holiday from May 14th to May 31st, I should be pleased, writes Mr. W. A. Gore, the well-known bird dealer, of Gooch Street, Birmingham, if you will mention in CAGE BIRDS that the mail order department of my business will be entirely suspended during that time.

That well-known Liverpool fancier, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, was unanimously elected to judge both our Nest Feather show on July 2nd, and along with Mr. A. G. Davis, of Manchester, our old bird show on December 10th, writes Mr. John Hunt, secretary, Bootle and Dis. C.B.S.

I find CAGE BIRDS very useful, and every Saturday I look forward to receiving it as much as I do my wages. I think "Domestic Bliss in Canary-land"—your last coloured plate—is grand. I put all the "C.B." plates in my birdroom, and people who come and see my birds admire them. Wishing CAGE BIRDS all possible success in the future,—CHAS. HY. HILL (Wiveliscombe).

I beg to thank you for the great honour you have bestowed on me in depicting my Hawfinch, "Midland Chief," on the front page of your Double Spring Number. Amongst other honours this last season he won first at Manchester, L.C.B.A., Gateshead, Scottish National, and Crystal Palace. Altogether he has won over 25 first prizes in the last two seasons.—S. T. BEATY (Alderley Edge).

A show of Yorkshire Canaries will be held in the Great Horton Working Men's Club, on June 11th. This show is confined to members of this club only, and eight classes are provided. Numerous special prizes will be given. The judge appointed is Mr. Joe Wilman, the noted exhibitor of Shipley. This should be a good show as there are over 600 members. This is the first show to be held at this club.—J. HOLROYD (Gt. Horton).

It may interest some of your readers to know that while I was gathering dandelion heads on the N.B.R. Railway near Markinch I found a very fine male specimen of the Corncrake which had been killed on the telegraph wires. The weather is so very cold in this district yet that breeding is very far behind. Empty eggs and dying in shell or dying when about a week old are quite common around here.—JOHN PURVES (Markinch).

It is with great pleasure, writes Mr. Charles Nickson, of Emerald Hill, New South Wales, Australia, I write to let you know what I think of your last Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS. I think it is really beautiful. We have put up the coloured plates in our kitchen, and I can tell you faithfully that they look fine. You see we get "C.B." 13,000 miles from where it is printed. I wish all your numerous readers good luck; they cannot get or have a better paper than CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every possible success.

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The annual country ramble of the Hull Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, the hon. secretary, is fixed for Saturday, May 21st, Barton-on-Humber and district being chosen for this year's outing. Arrangements have been made with our Barton friends to accompany us, and permission has been received from several land-owners in the district to warder over their lands. Tea will be taken at the Red Lion Hotel (the headquarters of the Barton Society). Will all members accompanied by any fanciers or friends who would like to go meet at the Corporation Pier at 1.30 prompt (return fare 1s.)? The committee are most anxious to make this outing a huge success, and hope that all members will make a special effort to go and spend a pleasant half-day in the country.

A lecture upon "Seeds" will be given by Mr. T. R. Trower before the London and Provincial O.S., on Thursday, May 19th, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 8 p.m., when all visitors will be heartily welcomed, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the hon. secretary, pro. tem.

The annual (members') exhibition of the Newburgh and District Gardening Society is to be held on January 23 in the East-shore Park, Newburgh. Nine classes for cage birds will be provided. The show will be open to the public from 12 o'clock to 7 p.m., and a good display is expected in all sections.

Those interested in such species as the Red-faced Mouse Bird and the Red-whiskered Bulbul will find some capital notes about them in the May issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," the former being the subject of the coloured frontispiece by Mr. H. Goodchild, the notes being by the Editor, Mr. Frank Finn, and the latter being written about by that keen aviculturist, Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A. There are other able articles, etc., in the issue.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.

Will societies desiring the club's patronage kindly oblige by making early application, as we are desirous of allotting patronage earlier to facilitate the business of societies. Classification as last year.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec., 78, Pear Street, Halifax.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

I have pleasure in notifying members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, the secretary, that CAGE BIRDS will offer two prizes, value £2 2s. each (one for novices and one for champions), to be competed for over the whole of the five shows which are being patronised by the N.P.C. during the coming 1910-11 show season.

Rare Bird for the Zoo.

An interesting addition to the birds on exhibition at the Zoological Gardens in London (says "The Times") is about to be made by Sir William Ingram, whose representative, Mr. Wilfred Frost, has returned from an expedition into the interior of British Guiana with living specimens of the extremely rare bird "Cock of the Rock." The birds, with only stuffed specimens of which the public are familiar, are about the size of pigeons. The plumage is a beautiful bright red, though the tail and tips of the wings are dark brown. The feathers on the head form a pretty arch. Mr. Frost and his party had an adventurous journey. They were almost lost in a bush swamp, and on two occasions disaster almost overtook them by water. At one time their canoe came into collision with a submerged log, and the man at the bow was thrown into the river. At another Mr. Frost, in his endeavour to save the cages containing the birds from toppling over, had a narrow escape from being drowned himself. Before starting on this expedition Mr. Frost took a number of Birds of Paradise from New Guinea to Tobago for Sir William Ingram, who is experimenting with the breeding of these birds in the West Indies. [Mr. Frost is well known to many of our readers, having been an exhibitor at the London shows, and they will be glad to learn of the successful termination to his mission.—EDITOR "C.B."]

A Talking Rook.

A tame rook which has developed powers of speech is the somewhat remarkable pet of a cottage family at Horsham, Sussex (according to the "Daily Mail"). I paid a visit to the cottage to-day, writes the representative of that paper, and learned the bird's curious history. It has always been a bird of surprises. Four years ago an elder brother of the little girl who showed me the family pet picked it up on the road, a mere fledgling. He brought it home, thinking it was a Jackdaw, and it was duly christened Jack.

"We had to teach him to eat," said the child, "and we fed him by putting little pieces of food down his throat on the end of a match."

Under such treatment Jack prospered, and the first surprise came when, assuming the adult plumage, the supposed Jackdaw revealed itself a pure-bred Rook. Some months later the lady of the house was one day astonished to hear the bird say: "Come on, Jim." Jim is one of her sons. Subsequently Jack was heard to say "Good morning" and "Hallo!" Then the bird learned to call a neighbour's dog—"Floss, come here"—to address the cat as "Puss" and his mistress as "Mater."

Jack gave his friends a third surprise in the spring of last year, when "he" laid five eggs. Now his patrons feel compelled to explain to their visitors that Jack is a lady. "Jack eats almost anything," says his little mistress. "He is very fond of meat and greenstuff, potatoes, cake, and grubs. He hops about while father digs the garden and picks out the insects. We have often seen Jack sop pieces of bread in his bath before eating them, and one of the funniest things is that he does not like worms. Jack eats porridge in winter, and if we give him too much food he buries it in his cage and picks it out again when he is hungry."

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*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(C. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Ilucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk., and H.T.,
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B., R.T. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Eric Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.M.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth**—(W. O. Brooks, 102, Norfolk Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester). H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
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Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
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Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
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Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
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Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.)
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kilby, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., A.P., J.F.D., J.Y., G. Hp., P.P.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.V., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.Fn., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

Many thanks for cheque received, being first prize awarded me in the Canary section of the recent Literary Competition. It was a pleasant surprise to me on opening CAGE BIRDS to find I had come out on top in my section, and I should like to congratulate the winners in the other sections. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—A. F. FIFIELD (Oxford).

I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of your letter enclosing cheque for £1 1s., prize awarded to me in your recent Essay Competition. I should like, in fairness, to point out that I "cribbed" the idea referred to in my essay for hanging cages on to a wall (instead of using a rack) from Mr. J. A. Betchley, the hon. secretary of the Henfield Fanciers' Society, who has a very similar arrangement in his bird room, which he tells me answers admirably. I wish your paper continued success.—H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

I was agreeably surprised, on opening my paper on Friday, writes Mr. E. Collins (Barnstaple) to discover that I had won chief honours in your recent Essay Competition, especially when I found I had won the "double event," securing both the section prize and the painting. The latter I shall greatly value, as besides my collection of birds, I have a fine collection of paintings by our West Country artists. None, however, will be valued more than that which I have just won. I have kept and exhibited British birds and Hybrids for the past six years. My brother (W. Collins) won your Christmas Front Page Painting Competition in December, so that we are now in the happy position of congratulating each other on our success. The two drawings of my birds enclosed with the essay were executed by him. I thank you and the judges for all the trouble you have taken in awarding the prizes.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for £1 1s., the prize awarded to me in the Essay Competition, for which, and your kind wishes and congratulations, I sincerely thank you. I have kept as pets various Britishers and Canaries since a boy, and last year, fired by CAGE BIRDS, I resolved to try to "breed something." I did, namely, three Border Fancies, two hens and a cock, and broke the fourth egg. I have tried again this year, but as yet am not specially inflated by my luck. I am going to use your very acceptable guinea to extend my operations slightly, and to have a shot at the highly improbable (a task needing the confidence and enthusiasm of a novice) by trying to pair my tame cock Chaffinch and a hen Canary. I tried last year, but the only result was that he claimed a tuft or two of her feathers each day. But she was a bird of slothful temperament, and poor spirited; also, I think, no longer young. The Chaffinch, too, was sulky and morose, owing, I think, to taking him from the living room he is wont to fly about in, and where he sees people often, to a quiet room. This time I will keep them where he is happy, and the lady must accommodate herself to the conditions. You may be pleased to hear that the article by Mr. Teschemaker on "The Ideal Cage Bird" (the Robin) led a friend of mine who saw one for sale to get it for me, he being greatly smitten with the article, but no hand himself with birds. I have had him now for two months, and he had been caged a month when I got him. He sings well, is getting very steady, and yesterday had his first tour round the room, taking to it very kindly, and returning to his cage, quite on his own initiative, in about three-quarters of an hour. I need not say that the Chaffinch was not loose at the same time; two such pugnacious creatures, I am afraid, will take some reconciling. Should the Chaffinch-Canary try result in anything more interesting than the plucking of the lady, I shall be glad to let you know.—R. W. VANDERBEN (South Shields).

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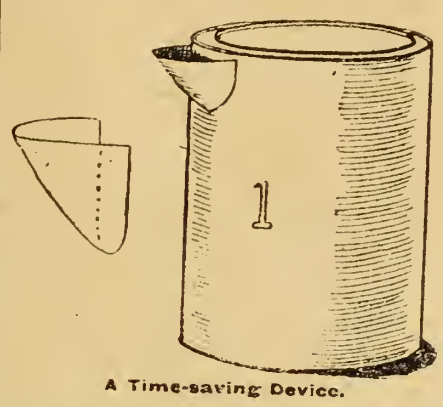
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A Time-saving Device.

Sent by Mr. H. Hardy, 5, Denstone Terrace, Swaythling, Hants.

Owing to my work taking me away from home all day, and having six different pairs for breeding Mules and Hybrids which needed six different stock mixtures, I had to devise some handy means of putting the seed so that the feeding of the pairs did not interfere too much with my wife's household duties. I got six golden syrup tins with the spring-in lids,



A Time-saving Device.

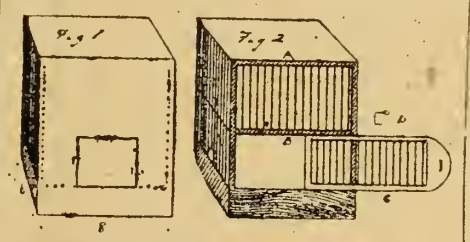
and cut out a three-cornered hole near the top rim, as shown in the sketch, then I cut and bent a piece of tin which I soldered on for the spout as shown. With a coat of Brunswick black and a small number enamelled on the be passed through the wires of side of cage, the idea is complete. These tins I fill up once a week, and all my wife has to do is to give them their clean water, and pour out some of the seed into their feeders.—HERBERT HARDY.

No. 409.

A Use for Old Linnet Cages.

Sent by Mr. S. J. Eagles, 115, Abbey Street Buildings, Bermondsey, S.E.

I enclose sketch of how I have converted an old Linnet cage into a nursery cage, which may be useful to your readers, many of whom have these cages lying idle, no doubt. First take an ordinary Linnet cage with solid back, size about 6ins. by 8ins. by 9ins., remove top of cage, and then with a small saw cut through dotted lines as shown in sketch No. 1, cutting



From Linnet to Nursery Cage.

back completely out with the exception of a narrow strip each side about ¼in. wide and 2ins. at bottom. Then cut two strips of wood about ¼in. thick, and nail A and B as shown in sketch No. 2. Then with a small fretwork drill, pierce holes about ¼in. gauge through A and B, and then place wires from A to B, leaving bottom space open for birds to feed through when the cage is hung on breeding cage. A slide can be made as in sketch at C, by making a wooden frame with wires through, or perforated zinc, according to one's liking; and by drilling a hole through the side, a small piece of wire passed through the hole and bent like D will hold the slide in position, the slide to front to correspond to the number of the cage, The top, of course, is replaced.—S. J. EAGLES.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 17, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Revision of Rules, etc.—B. Head.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 17, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Challenge bowl rules.—Elliott and Wood.
Bradford East O.S.—May 17. Ramble on Whit-Tuesday to Harden and Bingley; train leaves Bradford Exchange, G.N.R., 1.22 p.m.; Manchester Road, 1.26; Horton Park, 1.28; for Wilsden. All friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.
Bradford West C.B.A.—May 14, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Classification of open show and application for patronages.—F. Western.
Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 14, Victoria Hotel, 8.—M. Skirrow.
Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 17, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Egg-food competition and show business; will all members try and attend? Fanciers invited.—A. E. Lloyd.
Chesterfield C.B.S.—May 21, Queen's Head, Gluman Gate, 7.30. To consider rules drawn up by committee. Intending members cordially invited.—C. H. Seynor.
Cardiff C.B.S.—May 19, Maskells, Queen Street, 8. Young bird show (arrangements for); C.B. Union discussion; paper by Mr. E. Thorne on "Foreign Birds."—J. W. Dummett.
Dipton C.B.S.—May 14, Council Schools, 7.30. Members requested to be punctual.—M. Mason.
Darlington C.B.S.—May 18, Half Moon Inn, 8. Important business concerning open show.—H. Todd.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—May 14, Headquarters, 6.30. Special business.—J. Lindsay.
Dalziel O.A.—May 21, Y.M.C.I., Branden Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of judges.—J. Mathieson.
Ferryhill C.B.S.—May 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special meeting to arrange for judges for open show, etc.—R. Binks.
Glasgow.—May 17, at Co-op. Hall, Glasgow Cross, 8 o'clock. Proposed show. Formation (or not) of society; election of office-bearers; rules; classification, etc.—I. Bowman.
Great Horton O.S.—May 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Business special; open F.F. Show.—J. Holroyd.
Hartlepools C.B.S.—Whit Monday, annual ramble to Wynyard Park, 12 noon; brakes leave headquarters, Y.M.C.A., Whitby Street.—E. Woodhead.
Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Whit-Monday, May 16, 1 o'clock sharp, annual ramble, meet Wilford Bridge.—W. Cottingham.
Larkhall C.B.S.—May 21, Miners' Hall, 7. Show business.—J. Pollock.
Liverpool O.S.—May 17, 64, Shaw Street, 8. C.B.U., important letters; also specialist clubs' patronage for open show; all members please attend.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.
North London C.B.A.—May 18, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington. Lecture on British Birds and Mules, by G. Mortlock, Esq., all heartily welcome.—R. P. Harper.
Newsham L.C.—May 14, Miners' Arms, 7. Open sing, Market Inn, May 14.—S. Laws.
Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 19, Holy Trinity Schools, 8.—Pawley and Newnham.
Rotherham F. and F.S.—May 19, Falstaff Hotel, 8. Table show.—C. C. Clarke.
Southend and Southern Counties O.S.—May 18, Alexandra Hotel, 8. Important business. Members' subs. now due.—W. Frank.
Sale Open C.B.S.—May 16, Technical School, 8. Open show and other important business on C.B.U.—J. Irlam.
Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—May 14, Royal Oak Tavern, 7.30. Business concerning open show.—W. Melvin.
Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—May 14, Wharfe Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on British birds by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods). Friends and fanciers invited.—A. E. Morton.
South Metropolitan F.A.—May 18, Clarence Hotel, Jeffreys Road, Clapham, S.W., 8: Mr. J. T. Coleby v. Mr. H. A. Blake. "A Dry Wash Process," by Mr. J. T. Coleby. "Washing and Drying without Heat," by Mr. H. A. Blake, to be followed by Mr. T. R. Beaufort with "The Story of a Feather." Fanciers specially invited.—J. A. Roberts.
Western Counties O.S.—May 17, Borough Arms, Plymouth, 7.30 Paper on "Goldfinch," Mr. R. Browning. May 18th, First Nest Feather Show.—T. Pope.
Wigan C.B.S.—May 21, Legs of Man Hotel, 8—W. Ridge.
Walkden C.B.S.—May 17, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 8. Arranging for F.F. Show.—H. Howard.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Flying Feathers and No Song.

A New Reader.—You must he so, or you would have seen this trouble dealt with a number of times lately. It is simply cause and effect. The bird will not sin gas long as it is moulting continually in this way. The cause of the moulting will be found in a draughty or damp position, or one where there are constaut extremes of heat and cold. These conditions must be entirely altered before you can hope to make the least improvement in the condition of the bird. See reply to "George Spearey" on this point, and treat your bird in the same way as regards the position where it is kept. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon juice for two days; and after this dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine—obtainable from any chemist—in a tablespoonful of sherry, and give twenty drops of this in the water every second day until the moulting ceases. Allow the bird to bathe as freely as it likes in mild weather.

Wheezing Canary.

George Spearey.—If you had gone into a little more details about your management, feeding, and where you keep the bird, I should have been in a much better position to help you. As it is, I can only surmise what the conditions are and give you a little general advice. First of all, see that bird is not kept near a fire in a warm kitchen, nor in or near a window, nor in any position where it will be exposed to cold draughts or violent fluctuations of heat and cold. Avoid a position near or over burning lights in the evenings. Keep the bird in a box cage in a cosy but not overheated place, where the temperature is as equable as possible, and the air is always pure and fresh without being draughty. See that the cage is not infested with red mites, and keep it nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice each week give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, and teazle. Every second day for a fortnight, when not giving the mixed seeds, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut scalded in milk, drained, and sprinkled with moist sugar. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after that give twenty drops of whisky, six of syrup of squills, and two of encalyptus oil well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. Carry out these instructions implicitly and report progress in a month.

The Trials of a Breeder.

C. Smith.—The weather was doubtless responsible for your first trouble, and in the second nest I rather suspect you disturbed the hen too much, so that she did not really start feeding at all. I am also undecided from your letter whether you supplied the soft food for rearing the young to the birds separately, or expected them to rear the young on the mixed seeds. Your feeding, again, I do not care for as a regular diet. Let the birds go to nest again in the usual way. When the hen commences to sit; take the cock away from her and keep him out of sight, and also, if convenient, out of hearing of her, leaving her to hatch and rear the young by herself. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape whilst sitting, with a small pinch of the mixed seed, and half a teaspoonful of egg food once each per week. On the thirteenth day give half a teaspoonful of egg food, or you may substitute the food you have been using, making it crumbly moist with a drop or two of water, and continue giving this quantity morning and afternoon each day afterwards, gradually increasing it from day to day as the young get older and require more food. Add a spray of freshly-gathered green food two or three times a day after the third day from hatching. When the young are ten days old you may begin to give a little cracked hemp seed. Interfere with them as little as possible, and leave the hen and the nest severely alone when about hatching, and you should do better next time.

Hen Out of Condition.

Hard Luck.—The bird must be in a very low condition, unless you have made some mistako about the growth of the tail feathers. Under normal conditions, the feathers should have been full grown at least a fortnight ago, even assuming they were lost immediately before the bird came into your possession. Keep her caged separately in a box cage in a nice bright position, but not near the window, and in a comfortable temperature as equahle as possible. Do not overheat, nor yet keep her on the cold side. Try to strike the happy medium. See she is quite free from draughts, and not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Feed on plain canary only as a staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternato days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and dusted over with soft sugar. Give two leaves of dandelion or spray of chickweed daily. Limit the diet to this for two or three weeks. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the second week give by same means a crystal of sulphato of soda, the size of a split pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Stop all other drugs, and treat solely as above for time named, and if bird is not then quite well report progress, mentioning this reply.

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Feeding Rollers whilst Breeding.

Homer.—It's rather a tall order, but here it is—in a nutshell. During uesting, staple two parts, canary to one part summer rape. Every second day teaspoonful of egg food per pair, with pinch of gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in equal parts, if birds are backwards. On the alternate days similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Green food daily—daudelion for preference if birds are backward. During sitting: The same staple seed diet, plus a small teaspoonful of egg food if the pair are left together, or half the quantity to the hen if by herself, once a week. The merest scrap of green food—not daudelion—may be given once a week, but is not necessary. When feeding young: On the thirteenth day after incubation has commenced give a small teaspoonful of egg food, and every day afterwards give a fresh supply two or three times, regulating the quantity given so that the birds just clear up before next supply is due. The first few days the above quantity will be rather more than is needed. After the third day begin to give a spray of freshly-gathered green food two or three times a day. From ten to twelve days old you may add a supply of cracked hemp, and also a little soaked rape if hen shows any signs of flagging in feeding. The usnal staple supply of seeds must be left on cage the whole of the time. Hard boiled egg should be fresh at least every day, if possible; to save waste, an egg may be cut cleanly in two, the cut surface turned down flat on clean plate, and the whole buried with fine oatmeal, to exclude air. If kept in a cold, dry place it will then do for use next day. Of course, you could hope to rear young on the foods you name; it is quite possible to do so. It is not necessary to moisten hard-boiled egg. This should never be done. There is enough moisture in the egg itself.

Brevities.

Correction. Changing Food.—In the reply to "Only a Novice" on this subject last week, the word "egg" in the tenth line should read "bread crumbs." The error, which was probably a slip of the pen, was, I trust, sufficiently obvious to be understood correctly by any reader.

Green Food Whilst Sitting (A. B. C.).—You may give a small piece of green food, preferably chickweed, watercress, or groundsel, now and again, say, about three times a week, when the weather is nice and mild. Do not give more than will be cleared up in a few minutes, especially if the cock is not present to help it to disappear, and withhold it altogether in cold, damp, and chilly weather.

Boil on Back (Nellie).—If it is situated right at the bottom of the back immediately over the base of the tail, it is probably nothing but the oil gland in a perfectly nominal condition, and you did wrong to prick it. If it now appears sore, anoint it slightly with a little pure vaseline once or twice at intervals of the day, but do not interfere further, unless, indeed, it should develop to something clearly abnormal, when you should write again and describe it minutely.

Misplaced Energy (Novice).—I suspect the hen which sat for twelve days and then tore her nest to pieces wanted to go to nest again. Perhaps you were feeding too high after she commenced sitting, but you say nothing on this point; or it may be due to the cock being left with her, and he, too, being in too high condition. Next time, remove the cock right out of sight of her when she commences to sit, and feed as you will see advised in detail to another querist this week, leaving her to hatch and bring up the young by herself.

Outdoor Aviary (L. Y.).—(1) No harm would result from allowing the Roller in question having a third nest. (2) With constant attention to cleanliness, changing the covering of the floor, etc., the aviary will accommodate 120 birds the size of a Canary. The glass frames on top are likely to cause overheating in the summer if the sun shines on them any considerable time. Instead of removing them altogether I would advise you to have them made loose and fixed on hinges, with a racket on the opposite end, so that you could raise or lower the whole frame at will to suit prevailing circumstances. You would, of course, have to place wire netting underneath, to prevent the escape of birds when frames were raised.

Which, and Why? (Norwich).—I scarcely see the utility of your question as to which brood of young is best to keep for future breeding, and why. If you are breeding common birds or songsters, the best grown, healthiest, and strongest birds, which meet your ideal as to colour and general type, are best to keep—whether they come from the first, second, third, or fourth round of nests does not matter a jot. If breeding pure-breds, those which meet the above requirements, and come nearest the standard of perfection for the variety should be kept, again irrespective of the brood they come in. By the way, you should not have fourth rounds, except in quite exceptional cases.

Cure for Plucking (E. F. S., Bradford).—Am sorry I cannot give you a "cut and dried and guaranteed genuine" cure for this vice. See reply to "J. E. Seager" for a kind of remedy or preventive, which I have been told by those who have tried it will correct the vice. You did right to remove them to a separate cage, as they were old enough to get along without the hen brooding them, but you might first have tried the effect of putting in another nest-pan and supply of nesting material. This will sometimes stop the plucking by diverting the hen's attention. Next time you should drop dandelion as green food, and give instead chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress.

Hen Plucking Young (F. E. S.).—I have some recollection of answering this question recently. Better look through replies for the last week or two. You seem to have done quite correctly, and should leave the young in the show cage, seeing that the latter is in such a position on the front of the breeder that the parents may readily feed the young through the wires, but cannot easily reach them to pluck them. Supply a saucer of egg food, fresh daily, and also a saucer of cracked seed in the show cage for the young to peck at, and as soon as you find these being consumed in fair quantity for the number of birds in the cage, you may remove them from the breeder, and after another week or so in the same show cage transfer them to a flight cage.

Why, Indeed? (Canaries).—I cannot tell why your birds cannot or will not find their mates and breed in the aviary in question. This simple "why" involves so large a question that I might write columns of speculation, and not hit the real point, as you do not give a scrap of information as to your management, or the birds, or their environment. For one thing, it is early enough yet for birds in aviaries to begin. Are you sure of the sexes of your birds? How are the sexes proportioned? And are they healthy and active, and the cocks in song? And is the conservatory heated or otherwise? If you will repeat your query, and give some information on these points, I shall be pleased to help you.

Roller Run Down (Noah).—I am inclined to think the bird may be about dropping into moult. Bathe his feet for a minute or two in a rather warm solution of boracic acid—say, a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in half a teacupful of hot water. Dry gently, and anoint with a little zinc ointment. Continue your present feeding, but give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice daily for three days, and after that six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

A Deserter (Deserted Nest).—Your feeding seems to have been correct, and as the cock was not with the hen I can only suggest that perhaps he was in the same room, where he could hear, if not actually see, her, and that he may have unduly excited her by singing and calling to her. It is just possible the weather may be the cause, but the above is the most likely circumstance. In any case, you can do nothing in such a case but transfer the eggs carefully at night to a more careful foster-parent. Next time you might try leaving the cock with her whilst sitting, but endeavour also to have another hen or two going to nest at same time. The constipation you refer to is more apparent than real. It is a normal condition of sitting hens. If it has not quite disappeared by now since leaving the eggs, give her a rather liberal supply of chickweed for a day or two.

Ailing Yorkshire (Yorkshire Joe).—You might with advantage read remarks to "George Spearey," and see if you cannot improve the bird's position as regards heat and draughts. Put him on a diet of plain canary seed only, allowing a teaspoonful per day of this for a fortnight. Twice during the first week reduce the quantity by one-half, and make up the original amount with summer rape, and in the second week drop the canary altogether on two different days, and give half a teaspoonful of rape and a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for the first week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. If not quite well at the end of that time write again, and refer to this reply. Do not attempt to breed with him until he is quite well.

Leg Weakness (B. N.).—It is impossible to say with certainty what is wrong with the bird without seeing it, but I suspect it is either a slight attack of paralysis or connected with some internal injury or disorder. Keep it by itself in a moderate-sized cage, and in a quiet place, so as to induce it to take as much absolute rest as possible for a week or two. Place its perch low down, in such a position that it can reach it with the least amount of difficulty. Feed on plain canary seed only as a staple, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of chemical food and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a spray of chickweed on the alternate days. In the drinking water give thirty drops of fluid magnesia every second day for a week, and on the alternate days ten drops of tincture of gentian in each half-ounce of which you have got the chemist to mix fifteen drops of tincture of nux vomica. Continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight, and then report result.

Protracted Moult and Not Singing (G. C.).—It will not resume singing until the moulting is stopped. First see it is quite free from draughts and frequent extremes of heat and cold, and do not allow its cage to hang above or near burning lights. Treat as follows for a month: As a staple give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape; every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. After the first fortnight stop this, and give instead a piece of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar; on the alternate days a few grains of hemp. Give a little chickweed or dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feather cease dropping. On the alternate days for a fortnight give twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of encalyptus oil, well shaken together.

Plucking Young and Fertility (J. E. Seager).—You omit to say how old the young were when the hen began to pluck them, or whether the cock was with her or not. If the young were getting nicely fledged, so that they could do without the constant brooding of the hen, you should have placed the nest in a nursery cage and hung in on the front of the breeding cage, in such a position that the parents could easily get at the gaping beaks of the young to feed them through the wires. If too young to do this, when the plucking is serious, the best way out of the difficulty is to distribute the young among more careful parents to be reared, or you might try fastening a tiny scrap of raw, lean beef or mutton to the end of a perch for the hen to peck. I have heard of this curing the habit, but have not had an opportunity to try it—thank goodness. As regards the fertility of the eggs, it is quite possible that both the eggs laid after the cock was removed may be fertile, and I should certainly expect one of them to be so.

Young Dead in Shell (W. H. Marshall).—It is quite probable the recent spells of bad weather were responsible for your losses. But as the same thing has occurred on two consecutive occasions it would be advisable for you to look into the questions of shocks, such as may be occasioned by violent slammings of doors, or similar sudden vibratory noises. It is also possible the young were too weak to chip the shell, but you give no idea how far they seemed to be developed. Anyway, to be on the safe side next time, on the evening of the twelfth day after commencing to sit immerse the eggs just for a moment one at a time in a cup of warm water. Repeat the process on the following morning, and again in the evening, and on this occasion, if you steady the eggs in the water, and then, when quite still, watch them, you will be able to judge by their "bobbing" whether they contain living young or not. If they do, you may attempt any further interference in the way of assisting them to hatch you like, not earlier than the fourteenth day. Personally, I prefer to leave them alone after moistening them as above.

An Outdoor Aviary (D.A.W.S.).—You do not give any idea of the position or aspect, nor whether it is partly open to the elements. Still, I have no doubt you could breed Canaries in it successfully if you take the first essential precaution of starting with birds which have already been accustomed to normal treatment as regards temperature. But you would probably fail if you start with birds which have been accustomed to artificial conditions and never kept below a certain comfortable degree of heat. You could have birds bred indoors, of course, provided they have been kept regularly in a room where no form of artificial heat is used, and in this case, if your aviary is open to the air, you should not put the birds in it until about the middle of this month, and choose a spell of fine weather for doing so. Given these conditions, the birds would succeed without any heat during the winter. The place must be quite free from damp, and draughts, and should be well ventilated, by means which you can control to suit prevailing circumstances. A concrete floor would be best to keep out vermin. Otherwise, have a wooden one, and cover to a depth of one inch with clean gritty sand.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Foreigners for Cage.

A. B. C.—I am taking it you do not wish to attempt breeding but merely a few brightly clad, attractive pets. You could not do better than procure pairs of Zebra Waxbills, Red Avadavats, Green Avadavats, St. Helena Waxbills, and Zebra Finches; the latter will probably breed if you put up several cocoanut shell nests and supply a little nesting material. Diet: Canary and white millet seeds; spray millet, a small piece of ripe fruit to pick over, and greenfood, while available, flowering or seeding grass is par excellence for these minute ornamental Finches, and can be given ad. lib. In the summer time a spray from either rose or fruit tree, or any non-poisonous bush or shrub, that is covered with greenfly, will be greatly appreciated, and tend to the birds' welfare. Water for drinking and bathing should be regularly supplied, the bath should be outside the cage, hung over the open door. A piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage is also a valuable adjunct in helping to keep them fit.

Grey Parrot Plucking Itself.

Mrs. E. C.—First sprinkle the birds on the bare places with warm water, so as to properly cleanse these areas, then, after allowing them to become partially dry, paint with Spratt's "Pannakura." Give this bird a liberal supply of such ripe fruit as it will take, also a few nuts. Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful of magnesia to 3 of water—let this form the only drinking fluid for the day, at any rate till the whole is consumed; give this every other day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose; when this occurs allow a few days to lapse, and then supply again with three days' interval between the doses. The bleeding will somewhat weaken the bird, so put the chemical food in the water when not giving the magnesia. You can use a camel-hair brush to paint the bird with; it should be well cleansed for each occasion. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor yet any kind of animal food. I do not think there is any need to destroy the bird. Report progress in about ten days' time.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Food for Firefinches.

F. W. B.—The circumstances you name are very interesting, but it will not be the first time Firefinches have bred in a cage. Supply the usual seed mixture, greenfood ad. lib., such as flowering grass (seeding grass), chickweed, lettuce, etc.; also a little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take, and some good soft food mixture, to which should be added a good portion of crumbled sponge cake. A few ants' eggs (cocoons) should also be given, but they should first be moistened by steaming. If you can obtain greenly (blight) from any non-poisonous tree or plant, this will be greatly appreciated, and certainly help towards the successful rearing of any young that may be hatched; any kind of plant lice may be given; they can either be brushed off with a camel-hair brush or a spray of the infested foliage or herbage put in the cage, leaving the birds to help themselves. If you notice any of the other birds intruding, or attempting to

do so, into the nest box, they must at all risks be removed; but if there is no interference it will be best to leave them altogether as they are. I should keep up a supply of spray millet while the young are being reared. This species are not commonly bred, so that it will be worth while taking a little trouble to endeavour a successful result. It will be easy to omit from the above dietary anything the birds show a distaste for; in fact, at such times pandering to their tastes is good policy. Observe your birds closely, and act on your observations; it is such tactics that spell success.

Brevities.

About Sprossers (V. A. G.).—The price is variable. I have seen them offered as low as 15/-, and also as much as 35/- asked for them. The autumn would be the best time, but I should keep a watch on the advert. columns, especially of those dealers which make a speciality of Continental birds, and purchase as opportunity offers.

Toucan with Growth on Shin (W. Lunnon).—It is difficult how to advise in such a case. A local vet. or experienced fancier would be the best to advise you after seeing the bird. However, if neither of these is available, keep the part well by bathing with hot (not sufficiently hot to cause the bird inconvenience) water, and paint with tincture of iodine. The probability is that the growth will be shed or fall away in due course. If it is permanent, it will certainly penalise the bird to some extent whenever it catches the judge's eye. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Treatment of Grey (E. Smith).—(1) It is always customary to refill the bird's seed tin daily, and oftener if it should require it; it is customary to keep a continuous supply of seed for parrots and other birds; in addition they should have ripe fruit, a few nuts, and a piece of plain biscuit can also be given. I do not think you need fear overfeeding if you attend to the warning against slops and sops appearing almost weekly in this column. (2) I think it will be better if you content yourself with whistling to it. (3) The first moult is usually quite a protracted affair, and as soon as the weather is genial I should spray the bird with quassia solution in case there should be any parasites.

Spice Birds (Timid).—The differences in plumage are infinitesimal; the hen is not quite so light as the male, she is also slightly slimmer, and her beak is narrower at the base and more pointed than that of the male—the distinction is most apparent when viewed in profile. The great difficulty in sexing birds which are practically alike in plumage is that you get quite young birds mixed up with those fully adult, which is a very misleading factor, and comparing the shape of the beak you will find the most reliable means to adopt. The eye soon acquires skill in noting these subtle distinctions in shape, and the expression, "I sex my birds by their features," is not altogether a fairy tale. In an ordinary double-breeding cage I should only attempt breeding with a single pair in each cage.

Bird to Cross with Canary (Foreign Finch).—I think the green singing Finch or a Yellow-rumped Seed-eater would meet your case as well as any, as both species are brightly clad in olive green and bright yellow, value 5/- to 7/6. The Aurora Finch is also a pleasing Finch of Mannikin-like appearance, with a good song, and it has been crossed with the Canary on several occasions; value 10/- to 12/6. The grey singing Finch is a sprightly little bird, clad in sober grey, but very chastely marked; a sweet singer, and crosses with the Canary fairly readily, and the resulting hybrid is a sweet singer. Almost any of the genus Serinus would cross with the Canary; all are good songsters, and but few of them deserve the designation "plain," while many are really handsome and beautifully arrayed in olive and yellow.

Will it Talk? ("Megalla").—The Roseate Cockatoo does not enjoy a great reputation as a talker in this country, though in its native land it ranks high in this respect. I have met with several and heard of others which were quite accomplished linguists, so there is certainly hope for your bird. The first thing is to properly tame it, be very steady when feeding, cleaning, etc., and though it should be kept in your midst where it can hear plenty of conversation, and be talked to and fondled with from time to time, yet hasty movements or anything calculated to scare the bird should be avoided in its vicinity. As soon as it is tame, talk to it both casually, and also constantly, repeating the same word or sentence. With patience, steadiness, and kindness, the bird should certainly talk to some extent.

What Species of Weaver? (E. A. M.).—It is the Half-masked Weaver, a handsome Senegambian species; it will, I think, be yet brighter on the upper parts and the yellows of the under-surface will also be much intensified. I have found this species fairly amiable in a mixed community, though in the breeding season it exhibits a strong antipathy to birds of similar colouration to itself. They are very fond of lettuce and seeding (flowering) grass, and this can be supplied ad. lib., a couple of mealworms per bird per diem should be regularly supplied, and in addition, during the summer months, almost any insect the garden or hedgerow supplies. Canary, white millet, and spray millet in addition will about fill the simple "bill of fare."

Budgerigar with Swelling (Yoker).—Isolate this bird and keep it in a warmish room for a few days, the temperature should be even; it will have to be gradually "hardened off" again before putting out of doors. These are not heavy drinkers, therefore it will be best to give a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia—one part each magnesia and water—so as to give relief. If the swelling is hard, you might try painting it with tincture of iodide. It is only when she is in full breeding condition that the cere of the female is brown; at other times her cere is blue, but not usually of so deep a hue as that of the male. By the way, his cere is also of a deeper hue when in full breeding condition. I should continue to treat it with hot water previous to the painting, but the skin should be dried before this takes place. The bird has probably caught a bad chill in travelling.

Young Budgerigars not Feathering (Budge).—This trouble frequently arises from in-breeding, and the remedy is the introduction of new blood. Again, the same result is brought about by permitting the adult birds to exhaust themselves by almost continuous breeding; in such case a separation of the sexes for a few months would restore their vigour. As regards the young birds you speak about, leave them alone, and I opine that in the course of a couple of months, or at the first moult, they will don a complete garment. To obviate a repetition of the occurrence I would advise the changing of the male bird of the pair which have the partially feathered brood, that is if the same thing occurs again. Very probably the weather has had much to do with your trouble, and that with the advent of a higher temperature and more sun the trouble will disappear.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Hand-Rearing and Feeding Jays.

Kedger.—The procedure for hand-rearing Jays is the same as for Magpies; see reply to P. Cunningham this week. When adult, a very simple and economical method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or other dog meal). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows, and the like (if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked), of various kinds, also berries, fruit, worms. Beetles are other things they will eat. Jays I always find very partial to ripe fruit, and it is excellent for them.

Best Muling Couple for Novice.

Novice (A.T.).—I have an idea that I answered this query a week or so ago. All things considered, I should say a healthy, steady, house-moulted cock Linnet is about the best bird a novice can select to commence Mule-breeding with. Generally they are inoffensive as regards meddling with eggs and nest, and make good husbands. I have an old bird now which will both sit on the eggs and help feed the young. It sometimes happens, however, that one will pull the nest about (especially when the hen is building and sitting), and occasionally they will either break or throw out the eggs. Even these birds, however, will often make good fathers

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once the young hatch out. You must, as with all other Finches, get to know your birds' dispositions, and act accordingly. It is often dangerous, it should be noted, to try and run a Linnet with two hens in one season, for generally they do not appreciate a second wife providing the first one is to their liking. Some Goldfinches are models of good behaviour in the breeding cage; and so are odd Greenfinches. With such birds, of course, the beginner's part would be equally easy. Still, I plump for the Linnet as the novices "very own bird."

Moulting Chaffinch and Redpoll.

A. S.—I seem to be very frequently giving the method of treating Chaffinches. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed (or these two mixed) daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. A small feed of hemp can be given once or twice a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, small grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water. A big cage, plenty of clean water for bathing purposes, and a free supply of the wild seeding weeds are the great essentials (not forgetting live-food) for birds moulting into "show form" (i.e., carrying a good "bloom"). Treat the Redpoll on the same lines, though he will not be so fond of sunflower and safflower seeds (unless cracked), nor will he need them freely. If you believe in colour-feeding, you can rub a little sweet pepper (made rather oily) amongst the seeds; or the Chaffinch will eat it amongst a little soft food (insectile mixture).

Skylark with Insects.

Caledonia.—The Skylark is very apt to get infested with insects, unfortunately, and will not thrive until they have been got rid of, especially when "over-run" as you put it. These birds should always have a dust-bath containing a good dash of insect powder (or, better still, Izal disinfectant powder), and be sprayed at least once weekly. The bird may have been affected when you bought it; or you may have put it into an affected cage. The insects are the grey bird louse. Their presence in such numbers causes feather trouble, and they will soon cause worse troubles if not exterminated. The bird should be dusted thoroughly with Keating's insect powder (or the Izal disinfectant powder), especially under the wings, at root of tail and round the neck, then wrapped in a piece of flannel for about 15 minutes; then put into a temporary cage. The powder must be worked well amongst the plumage; a small camel hair "mop" brush is handy. Keep it out of the eyes of the bird if at all possible. The old cage should be painted all over with turpentine (or paraffin), letting it run into every crack and crevice, whether in front or otherwise; when dry, distemper it out. Perches, seed and water vessels, must also be washed and cleansed. To complete the cure the bird wants skilfully hand-washing with carbolic soap. Don't you know some experienced fancier who would do it for you? Half measures are no good if one wishes to exterminate lice. See that the tail feathers are thoroughly washed, for it is on them that these lice seem particularly fond (or so my investigations lead me to think) of depositing their eggs.

Hand-Rearing Finches.

E. E.—You will not find it "easy" to hand-feed Chaffinches, Goldfinches, and Linnets, that is, if you are tackling them all at once, for it will take up a lot of your time. To take the young birds at a day old would only add to your troubles; you would gain nothing by doing so, even if you succeeded in rearing them, which is doubtful. I don't believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. I would sooner have to "cram" them at first. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. Mince the egg up finely and the whole can be passed through a potato "squeezer," (or masher). When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg-food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food. Note other replies given this week.

Hand-Rearing Magpies.

P. Cunningham.—My own hand-fed Magpies have commenced to imitate sounds and the human voice at a very early age. Once they have moulted they quickly pick up things. I have now a last year bird (pink-eyed, too), which is very smart and quick, and acquiring quite a lengthy vocabulary. I think both sexes talk equally well. You should have no trouble in hand-rearing a Magpie. If you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince it up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds), for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much is used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Keep the bird very clean.

Hand-Feeding Again.

County Palatine.—You ought to hand-rear the Linnets alright. But I tell you candidly that it is not worth the trouble. Of all birds, hand-reared or Canary-reared, Linuets are the most unsatisfactory; they are generally as wild as Hawks, strange though this statement may seem. It is not difficult, providing one's patience stands the test. No one can expect to be successful with every bird he tries to hand-rear, but a large proportion should certainly survive. Finches should have a little soaked (just sprouting) summer rape seed mixed among their soft food from the day they are taken (nine or ten days old). It gets "mashed" by the fork in the process of mixing. It can be increased from day to day until a good proportion is present. I have known many Finches reared on this and soaked bread alone. Of course, being more or less moist, the more soaked rape one uses the less the food wants moistening with milk (or water). As the birds get older it should not be given so "sloppy" as at first. Don't forget to mix in every two days or so a small quantity (say, a tiny saltspoonful) of crushed cuttlefish, or very small particles of grit. I always think the young birds seem to feel the cold, during very inclement weather, especially when they commence to roost outside the nest, and at this period they should be kept very cosy (especially at night), their cage covered with a warm cloth, and stood in a warmed room when possible. It is a very good plan to at first lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, a fine tonic and strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves, offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel, and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

Brevities.

Hand-rearing Linnets (R. N. S. T.).—Follow the advice given "E.E." this week; it applies to all the smaller Finches. I cannot *recommend* a cheaper diet. Several replies this week may interest you.

Green Linnets and Shepherd's Purse (Novice, W.M.).—A Greenfinch and a Green Linnet are one and the same bird; the former is the correct name. You will find an illustration and full description of shepherd's purse (and all other useful wild weeds) given in the book entitled "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which is published by Cage Birds (post free 1/2). Shepherd's purse has been several times illustrated in "C.B." already.

Hand-rearing Rooks and Crows (F. D. S.).—Good heavens! What a dose of questions this week about hand-rearing birds. It looks as though there will soon be some busy people in the world. Rooks and Crows can be hand-reared in the same way as advised P. Cunningham this week for Magpies. They ought to agree in the garden with Jackdaws; adult "Jacks," however, might possibly attack them when very young, if given the chance. Let them have access to good-sized grit, by all means.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. A. Llewellyn.—Hen Canary died from hæmoptysis, or pulmonary hæmorrhage, arising from the rupture of small blood vessels supplying the lung tissues. This discharge of blood is in itself not a disease, but only an accompaniment of other disease or weakness of the parts in which hæmorrhage occurs. From your history I see this hæmorrhage has occurred before, with loss of voice. Death you see in this case is accidental, and you have nothing to fear with your remaining birds.

F. J. Dick.—Siberian cock Goldfinch succumbed to pneumonia, involving both lungs. He had been ailing some days, as you remark, and in almost all such cases death occurs suddenly, even though a bird may have appeared only slightly indisposed. The respiratory mechanism of birds is highly complex, and extremely delicate, which, when affected, invariably ends fatally, this occurring often suddenly without any premonition. The history you give me fully accords with post-mortem symptoms. The recent cold, windy weather, together with moist air recently experienced, are evidently the primary factors in the cause of the disease.

A. B. McClenaghan.—Cock Bullfinch died of capillary bronchitis, commencing in the first instance in bronchitis, and gradually extending so as to involve the smaller bronchial tubes and lung tissue. I have every reason for believing that with appropriate early treatment a cure might have been effected. Bronchitis itself is not necessarily a fatal disease, but when it is allowed to extend to the capillary bronchioles death invariably occurs. A little carbonate of ammonia (six grains) given in the drinking water night and morning would have been the correct treatment.

Parrakeet.—Cause of death was pneumonia arising from climatic influences, together with recent transit. The illness was of recent date, death occurring from this cause very rapidly; this is a feature of pneumonia as affecting birds. It was a hen bird. The sex of these birds is very easy to differentiate; in the female the cere or soft part at the base of the beak is of a light brown colour, and bright blue in the male; besides this, I have determined to which sex it belongs by its anatomical features. These distinguishing external characteristics are well marked in adults. In the young it is not always an easy matter to distinguish the sex by external appearances to the amateur. General appearances indicate to me that she was adult, possibly a 1908 bird. Your next question is an enigma, and one that I am not quite prepared to answer. You can better answer this yourself when you consider the price you gave for her. Thousands of these birds are bred on the Continent, and are imported and sold here very cheaply; whilst aviary-bred birds here fetch several more shillings per pair. If it is an imported bird I should say that its importation is not of recent date.

Mrs. Maconechy.—Advanced liver disease caused its death. This organ had undergone fatty degenerative changes, due to an alteration or conversion of its normal cell tissue into fatty particles. Such alterations upset its normal physiological actions, bile formation, its glycogenic function all being arrested. When the disease becomes so far advanced death must ensue, as it is an all-important organ, which, when put out of working order, necessitates the arrest of the remaining working mechanism. This state is generally induced by the too frequent application of some drugs given for any length of time. It is sometimes induced by a diet too rich in fats and oils. The hen contained a large quantity of internal fat, and was altogether in a too gross condition. The gall bladder was almost devoid of contents, and the proventriculus, or true stomach, was in a slight inflammatory state. Its onset would be insidious; you would hardly notice much alteration in her health until latterly.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Suggestion (A. F. F.).—Many thanks for the suggestion, which we will certainly adopt, so kindly send us the promised photograph.

An Illustration (W. H. Steele).—Thanks for sending the cutting. Illustrations, however, are copyright, so we could not reproduce the picture of the Parrot in our pages.

A Seed Crushing Machine (G. Smith).—We are sorry, but it seems to us that the description you give is hardly explicit enough to enable readers to make a similar machine.

Water Bottle for Aviary (C. Nickson).—Yes, we have illustrated this water bottle previously. Thanks for your very kindly-worded letter.

Wake Up Fanciers (H. Jenkins).—While we are in entire agreement with some of the sentiments expressed in your letter, on the whole we think it of too "political" and personal a character to be inserted. Ours, remember, is a journal devoted to the cage bird hobby.

Binding "Cage-bird Hybrids" and "Our Canaries" (F. Broadhurst).—Yes; it is our intention to supply binding-cases for these works when complete; also to bind the parts for any readers who may desire us to do so. The charges will be very moderate.

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Correspondence.

A Nest that Served a Double Purpose.

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for many years, I thought it might interest some of the other readers to know that a Thrush has built its nest in my garden hedge. On having the hedge clipped the Thrush forsook the nest. Now a Blackbird has come and lined the nest and laid her eggs, and is going on all right.

JOE SHAW.

A Federation in Staffordshire.

Sir,—I am pleased to inform you that a meeting was held on April 30th, at the Albion Hotel, Hanley, and the Hanley, Longton, Leek, and Tunstall Cage Bird Societies were federated for the annual shows. There is every prospect of some good shows being held this next season, as the bird Fancy is growing rapidly round this district, Tunstall alone having six new members.

S. BROUGH, Sec. Tunstall C.B.S.

Prize Money at Camborne Show

SIR,—I should like to know if any fanciers who exhibited at the late Camborne Show (Cornwall), November 4th, 1909, have not received their prize money? I won a first in Class 9, fourth in Class 10, and a special, which I have not received up to the present. I have a post-card dated December 16th last saying all prize money will be posted the following week. Could the judge, or any fancier, let me know if my birds won the prizes, or were the cards put up by mistake? I cannot afford to lose the amount. I am a well-known fancier, having been showing for the last ten years, and this is the first time I have had any reason to make a complaint.

H. WILLS (Wills and Sons).

Goldfinches at Menai Bridge.

SIR,—Mr. Griffiths speaks of the society and exhibitors "suffering" by reason of the unfortunate blunder which occurred in connection with this show. Why he should have intervened I know not. My explanation of the matter was accepted by the exhibitor who suffered, and in the report which I wrote for CAGE BIRDS I gave this gentleman's bird credit as being the one which I intended for second prize. Further, I sent the value of the 2nd prize to Mr. Roberts, the hon. secretary, so that neither the society nor the owner of the bird No. 11 should suffer through the error which was made in marking my judging book. Had the mistake not been made, Mr. Griffiths' bird would not have received any higher position than it did, therefore it is a matter of no moment to him. No one has suffered; but on the contrary someone has benefited, as two fanciers receive 2nd prize money.

C. A. HOUSE.

The Proposed Open Show for Glasgow.

SIR,—I was glad to see "Delegate's" letter regarding the proposed open show for Glasgow. He touches on some points, and more now appears than what is on the surface. I am in favour of a New Year show in Glasgow, but let the Fancy go about it in a straightforward way. Let us have none of this hole-and-corner work. We have had too much of it in the past. Select your judges from across the border, and let everyone have an honest run for his money. For years back we have had too much of the "scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours" policy, which is ever known to the veriest tyro. Cease your wire-pulling; bury your differences; and go straight, and success will attend your efforts.

BORDER FANCIER.

SIR,—A meeting of the whole of the fanciers of Glasgow and District will be held on Tuesday next, May 17th, in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow Cross, at 8 p.m., when the proposals made by the delegates at their meeting will be put before those present for their final decision. Should this meeting decide on the formation of an Association, the following business will be proceeded with: Election of office bearers; rules, classification, etc. I take this opportunity for making a final appeal to the fanciers of Glasgow for their attendance at this meeting, and it is for them to decide whether the second city of the Empire can support two open shows.

F. BOWMAN, Sec. pro tem.

SIR,—It has come to my knowledge that a certain section of Glasgow fanciers intend to be present at the meeting in connection with the above, for the purpose of voting a well-known Glasgow bird dealer to the position of show secretary. I hope to see all fanciers who have the interest of the new association at heart present at that meeting, if only to defeat the unsportsmanlike action of these so-called fanciers, especially after the time, trouble and expense the present secretary pro tem. must have been put to. Mr. Bowman, as secretary to the late Glasgow and West of Scotland Open Show, has the experience necessary for the position, and I trust fanciers will show their appreciation of this when the meeting comes round. To avoid any personal ill-feeling, allow me to sign myself

ONE IN THE KNOW.

Proposed Show and Society for Pentre and District.

SIR,—The first meeting respecting the above society was held on May 7th. Will all fanciers who are interested in cage birds kindly attend a meeting to be held in the Queen's Hotel on Saturday, May 14th, at 7.30 o'clock? We earnestly invite fanciers from Blaenshondda, Treherbert, Treorchy; also from Mardy and Ferndale. It is hoped all fanciers will make a special effort to attend, so that they may choose a special night to hold meetings.

INTERESTED FANCIER.

Should the First Eggs be Taken Away from Hens?

SIR,—I should be glad if some of your readers will give their opinions as to whether it is best to take away the first three eggs from hen Canaries? I find my hens do not settle down to sit till after the third egg is laid, but are on and off the nest all day, sometimes sitting on the first and second egg all night, and again not sitting fast the following day. Will some of your readers say if the hen sitting one night, and allowing the egg to become cold next morning, would be likely to spoil it? Also, will they say the best time to return the cock to the hen, if she has been sitting alone?

H. BASHFORD.

Wake Up! Millom and District.

SIR,—I think it is about time the fanciers in the district were waking up, as at the meetings of the Millom and District C.B.A. there are only two or three members to do business, including secretary and treasurer. I think the association deserves better support than this, seeing that they give a cup and medal to be competed for at their show, and have a hall and room for show and meetings lent gratis. Our subscription is only 2s. 6d. yearly, and we are open to receive any person that is a fancier. There will be a general meeting on May 30th, when all intending members are asked to be present, or to kindly forward name and subscription, which will be gratefully accepted. Now, Millom, wake up!

W. J. THOMAS, Sec.
83, Lonsdale Road, Millom.

The Hand-rearing of Hawfinches.

SIR,—Last year I tried unsuccessfully to hand-rear a nest of young Hawfinches. The birds seemed to do very well for a time, but I was unable to get them to pick up for themselves, and just at the time when they should have been "doing for themselves" they all died, one after the other. I also know of two other fanciers who had similar experiences. I should be extremely grateful if some fellow reader who has been successful in rearing young Finches would kindly give us the benefit of his experience by stating what he considers the best method of treating these youngsters; also name the most suitable food for the purpose, as I intend to have another try this season.

SALOPIAN.

"Medicines for Cage Birds."

SIR,—I have had much valuable information from the series of articles written by Mr. Yates, but in the last article there are one or two slight errors, which I am sure that gentleman will pardon my pointing out, viz., sodium and calcium hypophosphate should be hypophosphite: also in the prescription he gives, the acid in the syrup of squills neutralises the ammonia in the salvolatile; if the stimulating effect of the ammonia is required, it is advisable to use tincture of squills, which contain no acid.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

We submitted the above letter to Mr. Yates, who replies:—

SIR,—I thank Mr. Crawhall for pointing out the mistake (evidently a printer's error) consisting in the substitution of one letter for another, viz., that sodium and calcium hypophosphate should read hypophosphite. The slight chemical reaction occurring between the acetic acid contained in the syrup of squills, and the ammonia in the aromatic spirits of ammonia is scarcely worthy of mention, and does not affect its practical utility. I have dispensed and prescribed it for some years with good results. To a student in chemistry, or a chemist himself whose duty it is to dispense medicines, such a combination would no doubt appear alarming, but to a clinician who not only dispenses but notes the action of these medicines, their beneficial effects are determined. My articles were intended not as a manual or text book on chemistry, but as a short guide of practical utility to fanciers.

GEO. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

A Red Mite Preventive.

SIR,—Trouble comes in many bird rooms during the breeding season in the form of the little red mite. I may say that where cages are stacked one on top of another, or placed in racks, a useful preventive is made by cutting out a piece of leather the size and shape of a shilling piece—about 3-16ths of an inch in thickness—and placing same at each end of the cage, thus allowing a free passage of air through.

A. ACKROYD.

Wake Up, Fanciers!

SIR,—I should like to say a few words in reply to Mr. A. R. Coe's letter. Perhaps it would be of interest to him to know that I am a Nonconformist—and am not a "sanctimonious humbug," as Mr. Coe politely terms it; also, that I am only one of hundreds who are breeders and fanciers. I also think that the many Nonconformist ministers who often write interesting articles in CAGE BIRDS, are greatly offended at Mr. Coe's insulting remarks.

W. V. GOLDWIN.

[Our correspondent takes the remarks of Mr. Coe too literally; but we hereby give warning to all whom it may concern, that any future references to politics and religion will be "blue-pencilled" with the utmost severity.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—I have a good deal of travelling up and down the country, and see in a good many ways how our bird laws work. Might I endorse what your correspondent Mr. C. Elkerton says? I think bird-keepers owe our Editor a debt of gratitude for opening his columns to help ward off an attack on the British Bird Fancy. A correspondent, Mr. A. R. Coe, accuses CAGE BIRDS of political bias in one of his letters, when he is the first to bring in politics. Might I suggest to him that there is such a thing as "Criticism without Cant." In my opinion, and that of several fancier friends, he owes an apology to "C.B." for his absurd suggestions.

S. SHEW.

SIR,—I am more than surprised to find week after week the senseless, one-sided arguments of Mr. A. R. Coe, inserted in your valuable paper. After reading the letters by Miss Constance Fitzmaurice, Mr. Walter Connell, and others, I thought A. R. C. would have considered himself (to use a vulgar expression) "choked off." But, oh, dear no! He still continues his incoherent, rambling statements. Instead of keeping to the question at point, viz., the Preston and Flowers case, he charges others with trying to introduce a political controversy in the colnmns of CAGE BIRDS, he himself being alone guilty. In your issue dated April 23rd, A. R. C. continues his twaddle, which I do not think I am far wrong in stating is not of an interesting or elevating nature to us birdy men. I think Mr. Coe should seek other fields for his "political" fight, and I think I am voicing the opinion of most fanciers in saying that "C.B." has no space for idle twaddle on "class war," etc., such as A. R. C. has been giving us lately. I think I could sum up that gentleman in a few words; but "nuff said."

REGINALD HASSELL.

The Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter in last week's correspondence from one of the original members of the above club, Mr. T. H. Inman. Without doubt, this gentleman has done well for the club, and has worked hard, but at the same time I cannot quite agree with all he writes. In the first place, the club was not formed solely for Bradford or the Yorkshire Union Shows. Certainly I fully expected to see some Bradford Shows take the birds up. They did, and with some success, but having got the wedge in, the Britishers made the mistake of putting up the number of classes before they had got a hold upon the societies and fanciers, with the result that they were then dropped. Had the classification been left the same, Halifax would not have been the nearest show to our friend's address. Then he says, "Seeing we know British and Mules are strong outside Bradford, we ought to interest ourselves a little more at home." This, to me, is all the more reason why we should try and get these outsiders in with us. We in Bradford, barring one or two, are absolutely raw and unversed in the difficult art of keeping and exhibiting British, etc., and require these outsiders to join us, interest us, and instruct us in this great art, not to drive or keep them away, so that we can have all the "plums" ourselves. Another little cut of our friend is this: "I don't think we ought to go to the Zoo either." Surely our Mr. Inman does not think he can answer for all on this point? Some few weeks ago I mentioned that if the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. could get up a little trip to the Halifax Zoo it would interest, and perhaps instruct, some of its members and friends, besides getting a goodly number of fanciers together, and maybe add to the membership of the society. Several have informed me they would like to go, in company of fanciers. The British and Mule section is one that requires to be governed on broader lines than any other branch of the Fancy, so varied and different are its requirements, and any attempt to narrow its limits will cause destruction.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—When I sent you the recipe for a washable distemper I hoped it would be of use to fellow amateur decorators. I have made and used it myself and found it most successful for outdoor work and the inside of cages. I did not know there were two forms of size. On enquiry I find that ½lb. packet of "Groco" size powder equals 3lbs. of jelly size and would do just as well. This distemper costs about 1s. for 12lbs. of materials—considerably cheaper than those mentioned by Mr. John England—and is quite harmless to birds. Can Mr. England guarantee the same for those he mentions?

(Miss) M. LATHAM.

SIR,—As I noticed in CAGE BIRDS a recipe for making a washable distemper, I might say that no distemper will exactly stand the test of washing; and as regards the oil and turpentine, I have never heard of such a thing in my life, although it can be made to set very hard and fast. I hope Miss M. L. will not be offended at me for writing so, but oil will not mix—it floats on top. Now, this is a branch of my trade, and should there be any reader who does not know, I will give him a recipe to make his own at a very trifling cost—one which will look equal to any he can buy and will be as durable. And he can also make any colour he requires, and a disinfectant at the same time—just suitable for bird-rooms and bird cages.

W. WRIGHT.

The Cage Bird Fancy in Belfast.

SIR,—I was much interested in reading Mr. J. Barclay's communication under the above heading in your issue of May 7th, and with most of his statements I am in perfect accord. However, I do not agree with him that the subscription paid in Belfast for membership of the clubs is too high. In fact, in my opinion, it is too low, and would be raised, only we want to keep the membership open to any working-man fancier who likes to join. Mr. Barclay truly states the subscription is fixed at 10s. per annum, with 2s. entrance fee. The latter clause is liable to misinterpretation, as it may be thought that it applies to birds being shown, but it is only applicable to each new member joining. Now, judged by the regular rate of subscription paid in England, this may seem a high rate, but let us examine the privileges attached before coming to a conclusion. In the month of November each year the club holds a young bird show, which must consist exclusively of birds reared during the previous season by the members. The show generally consists of the following classes:—Crest and Crestbred, 4; Norwich Plainheads, 12; Yorkshire, 8; Mules, 2; British birds, 2—a grand total of twenty-eight classes. In each class a member is entitled to show two birds, for which no extra charge is made. Surely no one can say that that is not good value for 10s. After the show the club is wound up financially, and all the money in the treasurer's hands is paid out as prize money to the successful exhibitors, which reaches down to fourth prize birds, in order to ensure an equitable distribution of the funds. Now, I have given fanciers some idea of how our club is worked, and I will leave it to them to say how it could be carried on for a smaller subscription than 10s. per annum. I have now dealt with the principal portion of Mr. Barclay's letter, and a few words will answer the remainder. He speaks of lectures. But will any fancier who reads CAGE BIRDS say they have not got plenty of lectures. The Canary is not too prolific a text, and it has been so exhaustively treated these past few years that I think it almost impossible to find anything new to say on the subject. As regards strangers residing in Belfast for years before knowing there were Canary clubs in it—that statement requires to be taken *cum grano salis*. Considering there are two club shows and one large open show held annually, all well advertised locally, how anyone could be in Belfast for years without hearing of such passes my comprehension. In reference to the other matters in your correspondent's letter I am in entire sympathy with him, but I would suggest that he joins one of the clubs, where he will get favourable consideration for all his proposals and every opportunity for putting his theories into practice—nest feather shows, matched pairs, washing exhibitions, judging competitions, etc.

JAMES E. ADAMS
(President Belfast Norwich, Crest, and Yorkshire Canary Club).

To Sellers and Buyers of Canaries.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. W. H. Morris' note in your valuable paper, re Sellers and Buyers, I am also one who has been sent hens for cocks, and they were stamped with the sender's name on the wing. Being away from home all day, I put a pair I sent to Norwich along with a pair I had given to me, that I knew had bred (being a novice, I trusted him to send me a pair of Norwich, a Buff cock and Yellow hen). The result is, they are both hens; one has laid five eggs and the other four, and the one I had given to me has laid four. One has got two young, the others three each, and they are sitting again now, one with four and the other five eggs. I hope this will meet the eye of the seller of hens for cocks, as I paid him his price. I shall deposit with the Editor in future when I require more birds, as I am going in for show birds, having a room 12ft. square. So I think I have plenty of room. I have fitted a nine compartment cage at one end and am going to fit the other end with a flight cage. I wish your very valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success. I am having the plates for the last 12 months framed for my bird-room.

JOHN PYATT.

[Our correspondent apparently overlooks the fact that even the most experienced of fanciers cannot always accurately tell the sex of *young* Canaries (i.e., birds that have never been bred with); hence that he himself should receive a hen for a cock was most likely a pure inadvertence, and seeing that both the birds were stamped on the wing, we are of opinion that the seller would have put the matter right had our correspondent notified him of the mistake.—EDITOR.]

Novices at Yorkshire Union Shows.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a few words in reply to "Straight 'Un" as regards my remarks on the Skelmanthorpe scandal. To begin with, I am exceedingly sorry at having expressed my opinion; better if I had thought it only. However, I will give Mr. "Straight 'Un" the benefit, and admit that I am in oblivion as to management of shows and the routine, although I have been personally acquainted with a few judges, and visited shows invariably for 22 years; that will do for this part of the subject. Now, just before Christmas I was at a social in Bradford, timed to be there at 6.30, but I did not arrive till 8.30. In the passage I observed a large case, very large. Then I heard a few birds chattering. Of course, I was not settled till I was introduced to the owner of this case, and introduced in the usual manner. "I presume you have Canaries in this case?" "Yes, I have just been to a show with six." "My word! you have had some trade on; have you had success?" "No, not with one single bird; and, strange to say, three of them two weeks ago had both first and second. Can't understand it, just my luck; would not have cared if one had counted. What do you think about it, Mr. J.?" "Well, I am not in a position to explain the poor luck," I said, "but let us re-fill our glasses with peppermint, and join the merry throng; better luck next time, no doubt." Next, re novices being able to win medals right and left, that would not be right; nor would it be right to line their pockets with gold. Mr. "Straight 'Un" is correct there, decidedly. This rule will have to be enforced, and a most difficult rule to be observed it will prove. I should like to see this clause a little overcome, all the same, if it is possible. Would "Novice's" suggestion be of any use? If so, I would like to deal with the word. NOVICE: At all times it is not a very pleasing word. Would it not be better to have A Section, B Section, and C Section? It may sound more business and show-like. But perhaps, again, I shall be putting my foot in it; so in conclusion I will apologise for my simple-mindedness, and hope I have no wrong with anyone. If I have, I will do all in my power to try to put things right, and for all breeders (either in A, B or C Section) my wish is that they will have a good and prosperous season.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

Mainly Sentimental.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of Mr. John Hocking, I wish to state that I never sneer at religion. I have never yet treated a minister of the gospel with disrespect. He mentions the name of the Rev. C. D. Farrar. Now, this gentleman has no greater admirer than myself, and I remember once writing to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS saying how I enjoyed the interesting articles written by him, and I know others who love to read the articles written by this broad-minded minister of the gospel. And I always find the articles written by that well-known gentleman the Rev. Bernard Wilton, very interesting too. As regards parsons' wives, I mentioned that if they were not fanciers they should not be let inside the bird-room. Of these I could say hard things, but I will refrain. In answer to Mr. Hocking's query, "And what woman is not a fancier?" I say their number is legion, and I am sure that many of the opposite sex will agree with me when I say that a great number of women seem so ignorant as regards the beauties of Nature, such as birds, insects, and flowers, that one can hardly understand how it is. But to meet with a woman who is a bird fancier or a student of Nature, is to meet one of the most interesting persons imaginable, and she is often more enthusiastic than mere man. I stood amidst orange and lemon trees, on which hung rich-coloured fruit, and above towered some gigantic ferns. I did not stand alone; I was in company of a lady. She was a bird fancier, and a parson's wife had told her I was fond of birds. This was our meeting place, and we could meet here and talk about birds alone. She was so nice, I liked her; I more than liked her. Her father is now a Knight. He caught me with his daughter in her bird-room. I was helping her with her birds, of course. Tender affections have sweet remembrance. It was early spring, and I had been walking in company with a maiden. We were ever alert to catch the sight of any bird, or anything of interest. We enjoyed ourselves during this bright spring day. We stood looking at a tree where the Woodpecker had been very busy. While looking at the chips on the ground I saw flowers of that tiny messenger of spring the primrose. These I picked and gave to my fair companion. We wandered over fields, and at last came to a bed of clover, near a rookery where the rooks were very busy. She said that if anyone found a four-leaved clover they could have whatever they wished. I searched, but searched in vain. I have tried to breed hybrids, but in vain. She searched and found a four-leaved clover; she was pleased, and so was I.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

[Tender recollections of the fair sex are all very well to sigh over when one is alone and feels in the mood to entertain such disturbing fancies, but we must ask correspondents to kindly remember that ours is a sternly practical journal.—EDITOR.]

The Battersea and District Open C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—Allow me an answer to our friend, "Visitor" (although I would much rather address him in his proper name). I am sure he is endeavouring to point out something to our advantage, and we welcome it, and are pleased to think that there is at least one who is interested in our welfare. We can assure him that it is the wish of the Battersea Society to cater for all, visitors and exhibitors alike, and at the same time to save ourselves from being crushed out of existence. We admit there was a delay in judging, also that there were nearly 800 exhibits, but there is no guarantee that that number will not be reached this year because there are only two judges already appointed (for more information on this point see club reports column). Nobody yet knows where the specialist clubs' patronage will go. Catalogues were late, I am sorry to say. But whether judging be early or late, it is the difficulty experienced at many shows to be able to get a prompt and correct delivery of catalogues. We shall, however, as we go on, gain experience which will benefit all concerned; this is the hope of Battersea, which has to its credit two show innovations (which need not here be mentioned), and a third which is in view for our next show. "Visitor" says, "if there are any fanciers of the same opinion as himself, would they express their views?" I take it he would not think them unkind if they were not of the same opinion. I thank him very much for his thoughtfulness, and I shall for one do my best to make our show more comfortable for all our visitors; and I invite "Visitor' to assist us by becoming a member.

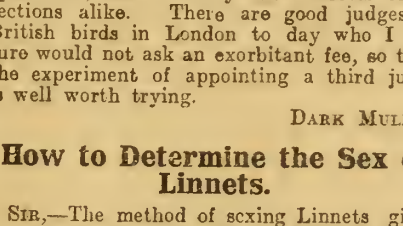
W. J. HONEYSETT.
Chairman Battersea Open C.B.A.

SIR,—With reference to "Visitor's" letter in CAGE BIRDS issue of May 7, re Show Judges, your correspondent's views, and those of myself, are akin. One would think that with only three short of eight hundred entries the Battersea C.B.A. could well afford three judges. Taking last year's catalogue as correct, we find Mr. Pattrick judging the Yorkshire and Mr. Robson all other varieties. This means that the former gentleman had 290 exhibits, and the latter 507. In my opinion there was plenty of work for a third judge, and when we find 205 entries in eleven classes of British and two classes of Hybrids, or an average of over 15 per class, one does not wonder that the British bird exhibitors ask for a special judge. Had a third judge been appointed last year, the classes could have been nicely divided as follows: Yorkshire, Mr. Pattrick, 290 entries; British, Hybrids and Foreign, Mr. "Another," 213 entries; all other varieties, Mr. Robson, 294 entries. I cannot help thinking that some officials look upon a judge more as a machine than a man, and that you have only to lubricate him to keep him going for as many hours as an eight-day clock. Now, sir, is it fair to the exhibitor, birds, or judge to find the latter at 7.30 p.m. trying with the aid of electric light to determine, which of two champion Goldfinches, or which of two champion Linnets, is the better in colour. I maintain that no artificial light can compare with daylight for judging purposes; therefore a judge should not be given more work than he can get through during the hours of daylight. In conclusion, I would advise the Battersea C.B.A. to be sportsmen, and to study the interests of all sections alike. There are good judges of British birds in London to day who I feel sure would not ask an exorbitant fee, so that the experiment of appointing a third judge is well worth trying.

DARK MULE.

How to Determine the Sex of Linnets.

SIR,—The method of sexing Linnets given by several correspondents I have found to be quite unreliable. Many undoubted cocks have very poor "whites" in their wings, and many hens have good wings. The distinguishing mark I always look for is the marking of



This sketch (drawn by Mr. G. E. Weston) depicts on the left hand a feather from the breast of a cock Linnet, showing the reddish "mooning" near the tip, and on the right hand one from a hen, showing the disposition of blackish colour down (round) the quill, these being distinguishing sexual markings. The shading at the top represents the dark "underflue."

the breast feathers (which Mr. G. E. Weston also advises in his answers to queries). On the cocks these feathers have a distinct thumb-nail mark, or, if you like, "mooning" of reddish colour. In the hen the shaft of the breast feather has a dark line, which runs through to the tip. This line is entirely absent from the cock's feathers. I forward a few specimen feathers taken from wild moulted birds, which you may be able to illustrate.

J. F. SMITH.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I notice in your valuable paper a lettor signed E. Thompson. I have carefully gone over it, and I call it "town jealousy of the Lizard," which is quite another thing altogether to the Lancashire. I see Mr. Thompson says it has come to be his turn to be amongst the slain." I fail to follow you here at all, Mr. T., as I have yet to see you amongst the warriors or those gentlemen whom you said you belonged to, the L. and L.F.A. I also see he asks why not try to get the confidence of the exhibitors? I may tell him I have got it by such good fanciers congratulating me on my appointment as specialist judge, as Messrs. John and Walter Dewsnap, John Smith, W. Lawton, and that old but true fancier John Wrigley; also the whole of the members of the L. and L.F.A., with the exception of you. Now, Mr. T., be a man, and try to be a fancier, and be true to yourself, as I know full well who wrote the letter signed "Lizard." I should have been very pleased to have seen you at our social at Hyde, which is only seven miles away, and not too far I hope for you to travel. Then you would have had the pleasure (I hope) of seeing the minutes passed unanimously as the L. and L.F.A. like the man and not the letter-writer. I will enlighten you here a little: I lost my noviceship 20 years ago at Manchester, by winning the special for most points in the show. I was breeding and exhibiting Lizards before you were born. Anyone who "knows the ropes" of showing has had my reason for not showing Lancashires—even your prompter. I do believe you when you say that if you have not a more successful career than me you will clear out of it. But I am not made that way. I have had my room cleared by fever; but what is that to a fancier? No, Mr. T., no clearing out for Teddy. It is my life study, and small things do not upset me. Now, Mr. T., in conclusion, you as a novice and youngster in the Fancy, don't quite see clear how you are being led by the nose by Mr. F. I have seen it for some time; when I won at the Palace, when I beat him at Glossop, where the local paper is his salvation, and now to elect me as judge, has done it! You kn he is a bad loser, but a good winner. J weigh things up a little, and you will between the lines, and come amongst truo fanciers and be a man. This is my l letter on this present correspondence to y or your friend, as you seem to be unkno out of Glossop.

E. FULLER.

SIR,—I am surprised at the attitude tak up by people calling themselves fanciers. think it would be much better if they wou leave personalities out of the question al gether, as I think there is plenty of sco in the Lancashire Canary; we can discuss t true type of the Lancashire without bei personal. If my memory serves me right, was our old and esteemed friend Mr. Ful who introduced this correspondence, and p sonally I think Mr. Fuller was right criticising judges who have put to the fro birds in Lancashire classes, showing "cre properties." The Lancashire Canary Ass ciation have a rule that all birds showi "crest properties" shall be disqualified, a yet at the last Rochdale Town Hall Sho a bird figured in the money which u doubtedly showed "crest properties," and th same bird stood first at Manchester. I w much surprised when I saw the bird at bo shows figuring in the honours list, at t same time both judges being specialist jndg of the L.C.A. and L. and L.F.A. I was su prised when I saw it at Rochdale becau Mr. House has repeatedly put down bir showing the least signs of "crest" blood their veins. The Lancashire Canary is bird wihch has been much improved sin the formation of the L.C.A., and every sho season seems to bring an improvement the type of the bird. It is very rare th we see those short thick-bodied birds, wi round heads, standing across the perch wi feather like a bunch of rags. These are n typical Lancashire birds. We want a La cashire standing well up on the perch wi good long legs and a broad, long, and fl head, with plenty of feather on it, goo thick neck, nice round back, with good wi carriage. The longer the bird the bette Its tail should slightly droop when taking side view of the bird. A good Lancashi should have plenty of feather, but it shou lie closely to the body, and not bulge ou like a newly-burst cotton pad.

J. OLDHAM.
Middleton Junction.

In Praise of the Bullfinch.

SIR,—The Bullfinch is a very beautiful litt bird; in fact, one of the prettiest of our En lish Finches. The food of Bullie consis chiefly of seeds, kernels, and buds. Th female is duller and paler in all her tint than the male. In its natural state, this bir feeds on seeds during the summer and autumn but in spring and winter it supports itse chiefly on buds of trees, especially those of th pear, peach, and plum, and is often the caus of extensive mischief. The eggs of the Bulfinc are generally five in number, are a bluish white in colour, spotted with pale orange brown. The young are hatched at the en of May or June, and there are often tw broods in the year. When reared from a nest it is very tame indeed, and can be taught to d tricks, and, therefore, makes a charming littl pet. Although the natnral note of a Bullfinc is only a soft twittering, it may be taugh to whistle musical airs with extraordinar precision and sweetness of tone, and a grea many are annually trained in Germany fo the purpose of sale, many being imported int our country. Some can whistle three distinc airs without confusing them, these fetchin a big price, but few can execute more tha a single air or a short prelude. I know Bullfinch belonging to a friend that coul whistle one verse of "Wait till the clouds rol by" and "Auld Lang Syne." But he was beautiful creature. Bullie should be kept i a roomy cage, which must be clean; the wate pots should be washed out daily, and, wit plenty of good seed he will live in perfec health, plumage, and song, to be admired b all who see him, especially his own mistress Bullie not only breeds with his own specie in captivity, but sometimes will cross with hen Canary, these hybrids being extremel rare; but they were obtained by Dr. Jassy, o Frankfort. A hen Bullfinch will more ofte cross with a cock Canary, as it also will wit a Redpoll, these hybrids being very beaut ful.

EMILIE ENGLISH.

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The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be? Some Opinions from Our Readers.

SIR,—I stated in my last letter (which you held over) that I did not intend to write anything further respecting Rule 22, but I feel compelled to again refer to it after reading a communication in your last issue signed "One Who Knows." This writer states, "as it stands, the rule at first looks unfair, and those who talk glibly and foolishly of 'coercion' and 'freedom' may fancy they have a case, but I can prove they have not." How easy it must be for anyone to write under cover of a nom-de-plume, and say that anyone else whose opinions do not coincide with theirs talks glibly and foolishly. Does "One Who Knows" never wonder how it is that those fanciers who oppose Rule 22 never say that those who favour it write "glibly" and "foolishly"? Shall I tell him? It is simply because we recognise that every man has a perfect right to his own opinion, and we do not think it right that because the opinions of those who favour the rule do not coincide with ours, we should turn round and say that they talk "glibly" and "foolishly." Then why should "One Who Knows" do so, especially when he has not the courage to sign his name, which makes his statement more contemptible still? I could say with perfect truth that in the opinion of many fanciers most of the suggestions of "One Who Knows" are utterly impossible, yet I certainly would not do so, simply because, as I said before, every man has a right to his opinion, and if "One Who Knows" believes his suggestions are practicable then he has a perfect right to voice them through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, but it would be much better if he were to append his own name to his communication, and let fanciers know whose suggestions they are considering. This Cage Bird Union is a public affair now, so far as the Fancy is concerned, and it is the opinion of a great many fanciers that those who take part in the discussion should put their names to their correspondence. If it is the wish of the Fancy that the Union should stand, is it not much better that the weak places which have existed during the past four years should be brought to the public notice, with the object of having the weak places either strengthened or entirely done away with? Is that not much better than trying to gloss over the faults of the Union, and building it up again without having the faults eradicated? "One Who Knows" states that he can prove we have no case when we object to Rule 22, but he forgets to prove it; in fact, he does not even try to prove it. No wonder! I think that those who have opposed the rule have conclusively proved over and over again that it is utterly unworkable, at least under the past management of the Cage Bird Union. Before I conclude, Sir, I would like to say that several fanciers have suggested that if "One Who Knows" does not care to sign his name he ought at least to add "very little" to his nom-de-plume.

W. REID.

SIR,—Mr. Reid says that I seem to have a certain antipathy to Mr. Crawhall. I am sure he is wrong, because, like Mr. Reid, I dont know him from Adam. But, as I said before, Mr. Crawhall was a strong supporter of the Union until they deservedly trod on his toes, when he turned right round and now openly abuses them. No, Sir, I have no antipatby to Mr. Crawhall, but I do like a man to be consistent. Mr. Reid says I am wide of the mark when I state that Newcastle seceded as a protest against the suspension of Mr. Crawhall. The mere fact of its being raised at a subsequent meeting of the society proclaims the fact that the seed of dissension was sown, and the antipatbic growth began from that time to reach a climax when the Executive Council couldn't see its way to be ruled by them. Mr. Reid seems to think that Mr. Crawhall didn't know when he made his entries that the said show was an unlicensed one. If it had been licensed, the Union rules would have been in the schedule, and surely to goodness anyone can see them; but the old proverb is perhaps appropriate: "There is none so blind, etc." If Mr. Crawhall had not been punished, couldn't every offender have adopted the same plea: "Please, Sir, I didn't see the Union rules in the schedule"? I still maintain that the Union did its duty, and that they would have been justified in giving Mr. Crawhall a longer sentence, not, Sir, *because* he was previously a strong supporter, but in spite of it. Mr. Reid says that other Union members offended in the same way as Mr. Crawhall without being punished, although, he says, the delegates knew very well what was going on; and then he asks if I don't think they ought to have been punished as well, and wouldn't I like to know why they weren't?" To both questions I answer "Yes." But it doesn't speak well for the honesty and straightforwardness of the delegates of No. 1 district if the cases were reported to them; and if the delegates now on the district have not the backbone in them to do their duty honestly and fearlessly, then they ought to be uprooted absolutely, and better and more capable men—men who will do their duty fearlesaly—be put in their places. What the Northern societies ought to have done, was not to have seceded, but to have had a general spring cleaning. Mr. Reid says it is cases like these that have made the Union a laughing stock among Northern fanciers. It is an anomaly to me why fanciers should vote for and appoint men as delegates, and because they don't do their duty, laugh at them. I think they themselves are the laughing stock. Who put them in their places? I don't see why the whole of the Union should be the laughing stock because of the incompetency of No. 1 district. With regard to the Birchley affair, I can assure Mr. Reid that I am fully conversant with the facts of the case. Mr. Reid seems to misunderstand me here. I want him to bear in mind that Mr. Birchley was not punished for staining the bird. I don't know very much about law (excepting that it is an ass), but I do know that the C.B. Union can't touch either Mr. Birchley, myself, or Mr. Reid, for staining a bird any colour we like so long as we don't cause it unnecessary suffering, and then the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals steps in. Now I hope he understands that Mr. Birchley was not punished for staining the bird, but for exhibiting a stained bird; and it makes no difference whether Mr. Birchley saw the bird before it went to the show or not. The fact remains, he exhibited it. He was the guilty party. Mr. Reid can think otherwise or not. If (I say if advisedly) Mr. Birchley had stained the bird, and not exhibited it, would he have been punished? Decidedly not. Then, Sir, the crime must have been for exhibiting the bird, and not for staining. It would be easy for anyone to dish up the defence that he had only just bought the bird and didn't know it was stained, if the Union were to let everyone off then. Therefore, I repeat, justice was done, and not "done brown." Anyhow, justice or not, I should think it will have taught Mr. Birchley two things for the future: Not to enter a bird for a show until it becomes his own bona-fide property, and not to send a bird to a show until he has seen it in broad daylight. I should advise him to go in for Canaries.

T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—Why the discussion on the Cage Bird Union should centre around the Newcastle Society I cannot understand, unless it is that your correspondents have had the courage of their convictions, and have opposed to the very last, as any honest society would do, an act of injustice; fortunate for them that they are a powerful society and able to stand in spite of attack. What would have happened if it had been a smaller club? I'm seriously afraid they would have entered oblivion ere now. Mr. Robson and I are old friends, and I owe him a debt of gratitude which I can never repay for all his kindness to me when I entered the Fancy, and I know that our slight differences of opinion will in no way sever that friendship. In my previous letters I have pointed out the failings of the C.B.U., but have not suggested any remedy, which was my meaning when I wrote that "neither your article nor the numerous letters throw any light on the subject," that is, the subject of reconstruction. The general concensus of opinion as expressed in your article and your correspondents' letters is that reconstruction is necessary if the Union is to live—by "live" I do not mean to exist merely, but to live a healthy life of usefulness to the Fancy. Mr. Robson is slightly mistaken as to my suspension. He says I deserted; but that is not correct. When I received sentence I considered that a person who was guilty of an offence such as deserved a six months' suspension was not fit and proper to be a member of any honourable society; I therefore sent my resignation to six societies of which I was a member, and they each and all refused to accept it, and expressed the opinion that the sentence was unduly harsh. Thereupon I resumed membership until some months afterwards, when, being a member of the Yorkshire C.C., and also of the Open Norwich P.C., and wishing to show under the rules at shows which were not affiliated or licensed, I had no other course but to resign from all affiliated societies or risk further suspension. And for this I am charged with being inconsistent. I did not appeal to the Executive Council of the Union, but I did appeal to my brother fanciers, and the secretary of the Union knew the result of the local society's opinion; so that the executive knew of the local feeling when they upheld No. 1 District Committee's decision. And I still feel the confidence placed in me by the local clubs is of far more weight in the eyes of the world than any damage done to me by the Union. Perhaps here I may explain that in the early days of the Union I always pointed out in defending the then Rule 17 that the wording of it was "shall be liable to suspension," not "shall be suspended"; thus leaving room for discretion on the part of the committee according to the gravity of the case. Further, I always recognised the individual hardship, but defended it on the strength of the power it gave the Union over defaulting societies. I recognise now more than ever the individual hardship to the honest exhibitor, as it has been proved that the unscrupulous can ride the proverbial "horse and cart" through it, whilst the honest man who shows in his own name and admits it in spite of the fact that there were many ways of objecting to the methods by which the case was trumped up, is severely dealt with. The latter part of Mr. Robson's letter is entirely impraticable; he is simply advising what has been found to be unworkable, only in a more aggravated form he advises the lowering of the income from the smaller societies and the increasing of the expenses by paying delegates' expenses, in spite of the fact that the once reasonable balance has now almost reached vanishing point. He would prevent non-Union members from showing at Union shows; in other words, Union shows would be putting the noose round their own necks and taking a leap which would be another case of suicide. Nay, that suggestion has come too late; had it been included in the rule at first it might have been workable, but not now. Clubs want all the entries they can get at their shows, and neither the Palace nor the tiniest show can afford to refuse entries. No, the Union has had its chance, which it has missed. If it has to live now it will have to live by good works, not by coercion. With regard to Mr. MacPartling's letter, that gentleman has suffered more from his *nom-de-plume* would-be friends than from his more or less ignorant opponents. Most people who know Mr. MacP. know that he is the essence of uprightness and honesty of purpose. Personally I regret very much that he should have taken the reference to him in my letter amiss. I am sure that he will believe me that I had no intention of belittling him or taunting him when I wrote it and purposely used the expression "our representative" rather than use his name. He has given his answer to the question almost verbatim, and still I contend that he evaded the question, and left the impression that it was not a universal decision. By "universal" I mean not a full meeting of the executive. We all respect our representative, and know that he does all for the best, but why not say how many there were present when the case was decided. He was our representative chosen by us; he gives us reports upon the meetings which he attends, most truthful reports even when the tale is against himself. A paragraph at the end of Mr. MacPartling's letter calls for a reply. He says before I can have his full confidence I will have to be more consistent. Sir, I contend that it is Mr. MacPartling who is inconsistent. He says the verdict was not in accordance with his sense of justice. Yet he advises us to hand the special over. Would that not be an act of injustice? Would it not be eating humble pie? Could any self-respecting man or society do a thing which in his conscience he believes to be wrong and retain his self-respect? Or perhaps his charge of inconsistency is because I was once in favour of the Union and am now against it? But I should not be against it if its actions were right. I could give still another case of a graver injustice done a fancier, but out of respect for our friend I will refrain. I am not vindictive because of its actions towards me personally, and if its present supporters can resuscitate it they will find in me a warm supporter. But it rests with them to make it acceptable to the larger body of fanciers. I purposely refrained from answering the letter of a gentleman who took to himself the *nom-de-plume* of "Newcastle's Motto," but whose writings are of a Scotch flavour, because as a general rule writers under assumed names are not worthy of a reply. But let me tell this gentleman that both Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. MacPartling are getting blamed for writing this letter; also some which appeared previously; but I for one know that these two gentlemen are far too honourable to resort to such a style of writing. Before closing I will briefly reply to Mr. Reid's questions: (1) April 15th received by me April 18th, 1910. (2) Yes. (3) Yes. (4) No. (5) March 24th, 1910. The show at which the dispute arose was held in October, 1907. Is comment necessary?

T. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden in his reply to me does not prove my statement in reference to himself and the London and Provincial O.S. incorrect. No one doubts that all his letters have been accepted as official communications, whatever notepaper they might be written upon. My statement was that the L. and P.O.S. beyond merely announcing their secession in the Press, had given no clue of their grievance, and that their delegate, who was a member of the executive, had made no suggestion to that body to remedy the trouble which caused his society's action. This was written April 11. I have no feelings whatever against Mr. Ramsden for doubting this, and if he can prove it incorrect, and say he had written the Union secretary with any clue of the L. and P.O.S. grievance or giving any suggestions, I shall be pleased, as the letters can be looked up, and we shall then know the reason of one society's withdrawal; to get this from all the seceding societies was one object of my original letter, with a view to the grievances being remedied. I see several further secessions announced, but in only one or two in-

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stances is any reason given. It would seem as if there were no valid reasons, but simply an attempt to end the Union, without any effort to mend it. The Union was thought a good thing for the Fancy two or three years back. Why not now? In reply to Mr. Reid's queries, they don't need any answer. It was the Council's decision against the Newcastle Society on the question of the Lister special which they could not accept, and not the fact that they laid themselves open to suspension. This decision was finally come to in August this year, after several considerations, and the Council couldn't very well enforce the decision until the 1910 show season arrived. Mr. Reid refers to this decision in his letter appearing April 16, as the origination of the crisis in the affairs of the C.B.U. in the North, and as I pointed out, here is a society apparently favourable to the Union, but rather than accept an adverse desision, resigns, although this decision only upholds the regulations appearing in all show schedules. Mr. Robson thinks the Council should have rectified the judge's error in awarding the special wrongly, but I believe the Council followed the universal practice, and followed the regulations no doubt laid down in the Newcastle Show schedule, viz., "The judges decision shall be final." Mr. MacPartling, although himself the only one against it, says if the case was plainly stated before the Fancy, he believed the Council would be upheld. He also asks the members to accept the decision. Still in face of all this, they resign, no doubt many other clubs in the North followed their lead, and according to Mr. Reid, originate the crisis in the affairs of the C.B.U. in the North. Several very valuable suggestions have appeared in your issue of the last two weeks, which should be considered, and I still would like an expression of opinion as to holding an adjourned delegates meeting, including the seceding socicties, when I believe all difficulties could be solved.

A DELEGATE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Grantham Cage Bird Society.

The breeding results to date are fairly good, viz.: Allen, 11 nice Yorks, doing well; Bond, 17 Norwich, some on the sticks; Lowther, 8 Norwich doing nicely; Ratcliff, 24 Norwich; Mann, 11 Norwich, also doing well; Craig, 2 Yorkshire; Waite, 9 Yorkshires; Messrs. Kirkby, Parson, Holmes, Askew have not started yet, but trust to breed a few good Mules and Hybrids later on.—W. RATCLIFF, secretary, Grantham C.B.S.

Glossop, Hadfield and District.

Having had a stroll round a few well-known fanciers' rooms in Glossop, I find the majority are doing very badly. No doubt it is the cold wintry weather that is the chief cause. On May 8th we had a very heavy snowstorm, and it looks as if we shall have more. The majority of fanciers are getting good eggs, but these generally won't hatch, and what young are secured are starved to death. I had a great surprise when I got into the room of Mr. Lawton's, the well-known Lizard breeder. He had over 40 young ones, and half of them doing for themselves. It seems he cannot go wrong. While I was in the room every hen was feeding, and "not half." It did not matter if I stood in front of the cage, they kept on feeding just the same. He told me he is using four eggs a day and biscuits. I notice Mr. Lawton is a great believer in dandelion. Well, the young ones are a really grand lot; they will make someone sit up this next show season if they have luck. He has plenty of size in his birds, which was always a good fault in his stock; and the colour is exceptionally good. The nest that took my fancy was one of four from the same parents as bred the last year's Manchester winner, which I bought from him. They are as nice a four as ever I saw, and ought to be heard of again. He has also a few Norwich, but they don't seem to be of the same class as his Lizards. As for myself, I have 16 hens and only six young ones. Yet I have had plenty hatched; but the parents have let them die through sitting on them too much. And clear eggs I have had. But I am hoping to do better as the weather gets warmer, as all my birds are in the pink of condition. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—HECTOR OLIVER (Glossop).

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[That well known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for CAGE BIRDS to visit within the next few weeks two or three prominent breeders North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby.—Editor.]

Mr. Alexander MacFarlane (Glasgow).

Mr. Alex. MacFarlane (among his birdy friends termed "Mac") is a well-known personality in Norwich Plainhead circles in Scotland, having been a fancier of the variety for over twenty years and won upwards of 2,000 prizes with his birds.



Mr. Alex. MacFarlane.

During my interview with him, Mr. MacFarlane showed me a number of the handsome cups he had captured, most of which had to be won three times in succession before becoming his property, and one at least seven times! He impressed me as being a true and keen fancier, ever ready to impart his knowledge of birds to others when desired, being straightforward and to the point when answering all questions put to him.

Mr. MacFarlane's room is really an ideal one for the Canary breeder who has to be content with living in a city. It is a well-ventilated, top-storey attic, facing south-east, enabling the birds to get the full benefit of the early morning sun, which (its owner holds) is most essential for the breeding of good, strong, healthy birds. The cages are arranged in tiers, and are of the usual "box" pattern, with sliding doors in front, seed-boxes and water-bottles fixed outside, and removable sand-drawers, and they are painted white inside and black out. The floor of the room is covered with oilcloth. There is never a fire (nor any other artificial heat) in the room, while the top half of the window is always kept down four inches or so, a piece of wire-netting being stretched over this opening.

Coming now to the birds, Mr. MacFarlane has twenty-four pairs of Norwich Plainheads, twenty of which at the time of my visit were sitting on eggs. Besides these he also has half-a-dozen muling pairs, from which he is expecting something good. He is a great upholder of the Bullfinch type of Norwich, always giving type first consideration, then quality, then colour.

What do I feed my birds on? Well! I give principally the best Canary seed I can buy, and egg-food, which I make up of boiled eggs and sponge biscuit. I give, too, a little dandelion; also rape and maw seeds.

How do I put my birds up for breeding? I generally put up a buff cock with a yellow hen; or, of course, vice versa. I believe, however, in double-buffing. Some of my best birds have been bred from two buffs. Yes; and I inbreed a bit too, but not much. I am not afraid to pair a brother with a sister, provided they have got the right qualities in them.

I noticed that Mr. MacFarlane had the nest-pan corner of his breeding cages (which, by the way, measure something like 22 x 14 x 10) sheltered with a piece of card-board; also that he used the round, shallow nest-pans. Questioned as regards the latter, he informed me that he did not believe in the deep pans, as the youngsters were not able to reach far enough up to drop their excreta over the edge; they were thus compelled to sit in dirty surroundings, and not infrequently died through the evil effects of this.

Up to the age of nine or ten days Mr. MacFarlane feeds the young on dandelion, and then gradually weans them off.

Colour-feeding? I don't like colour-feeding at all, but in these days one has to do it. I should like to see colour-feeding done away with altogether, as it not only harms the birds, but is very troublesome and expensive. I use a good brand of red feed, and start with it when the young are ten weeks old, keeping it up till they are finished.

I start training the young for exhibition when they are six weeks old. I like the round top show-cage, as it not only shows up the bird better, but enables one to see over on to the back. The square top cage tends to make the bird "crouch," also it hides many a fault in some birds.

No, I am never troubled with red mite. I don't see why anyone should be provided the cages are cleaned out regularly.

"Are you troubled with sweating hens?"—"Yes, sometimes; but I have a good remedy."

"Let me have it, please."—"I get a cork and shape it into a rounded form, a little larger than the young ones, and drop it into the nest, which makes it impossible for the hen to crowd up her young ones together and sit close on them. The cork is light and does not crush the young; as the youngsters grow I substitute a larger cork."

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Why so, why so, why so?
Because my heel is as long as my toe!

Sent by Leonard Green (age13), 14, Milburn Road, Gillingham, Kent.

*A Clever Polly.

A friend of ours has a Parrot that can talk beautifully. It will imitate, and calls out to passers by as if it were a human being. It has a grey plumage with a red hooked beak and claws, with a little piece of fringe on its head. Its owner has had it for many years and would not part with it for a great deal. It is a great favourite with all the customers of the shop where it lives, and never a day passes without someone bringing in a tit-bit for Polly.—Sent by Florence V. Tanner, 2, India Road, Diamond Road, Slough, Bucks.

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(Continued from page 395).

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To allow fanciers to see what they are using when administering this I give a list of its ingredients, omitting their respective measures and its method of preparation, as the compounding of these needs the skill of a chemist. Its ingredients are:—Chloroform, Ether, Tincture of Capsicum, Powdered Tragacanth, Morphine Hydrochlor, Atropine Sulphate, Extract Licorice, Oleum Menth Pip., Prussic Acid, and Treacle or Glycerine and Water. The term chlorodyne tells the novice very little, the same with many other preparations consisting of several ingredients. Its brown colour is due to the black treacle contained within it. A clearer preparation can be made by using simple syrup or glycerine in place of the treacle. Its uses are manifold. It is anti-dyspeptic, anodyne, astringent, hypnotic, and expectorant. Given for diarrhœa, from whatever cause, especially when accompanied by pain, in enteritis, peritonitis, etc., great relief is afforded.

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Tincture of Aconite, used largely in the Fancy for catarrhal conditions, and affections of the respiratory organs, is a very popular remedy, but needs great care in its use. There are two preparations, the one of the British Pharmacopœia, and another known as Fleming's Tincture; the latter is several times more potent than the former, so for safety's sake the former is preferable. It should be accurately measured, and should not be given to a bird that is in an advanced stage of disease, but only in the primary or fevered condition, when it acts by reducing temperature, increasing the secretion of the body, both skin and kidneys. It lessens the frequency and force of the heart's action, and is useful in painful conditions. If given in too large doses or too rapidly the effect is increased. Great weakness and muscular inactivity follow, and so reduce the strength of the patient. Three or four drops in the drinking water night and morning for two days are quite sufficient for the smaller cage birds.

Calumba Root constitutes one of the vegetable tonics, and is rather bitter, owing to its neutral principal calumbin, but not sufficiently so when its preparations, the tincture and infusion, are well diluted. It has the advantage of being readily compatible with many other drugs, which most of the other vegetable tonics have not; e.g. it is compatible with the salts of iron. In addition to its recuperative action, it is an anthelmintic, having the power of destroying threadworms, or small round worms which inhabit the intestines of birds. The infusion is made by steeping 1 part of the root in 20 parts of cold water for some time. The tincture is made from 1 part of the root to 10 parts of alchohol 60 per cent., but of course is dearer. It is a splendid tonic. Owing to its action on the glands and vessels of the proventriculus the appetite is increased, and weakly or debilitated birds rapidly thrive with its use. Ten drops may be given night and morning in the drinking water for four or five days, or it may be again continued by allowing a period of a week to elapse. Continued for too great a length of time it upsets digestion; a few days should suffice to bring about the desired result.

Like Calumba, orange peel made into a tincture, 1 part in 4 parts of 90 per cent. Alchohol, composes a really good bitter tonic; 10 drops may be given in drinking water night and morning, or the infusion made of 1 part of dried orange peel in 20 parts of boiling water. It has only a feeble bitter taste, which disappears on solution in the above proportion. The syrup made of 1 part of the peel to 7 of syrup in the same doses may be prescribed where inappetence is pronounced owing to its pleasant flavour.

Opium I note is a much favoured remedy, although I do not often use it myself, as its smell is most unpleasant, and there are many other drugs which are quite as useful and less expensive. Its active ingredients are Morphine, Codeine, Narcotine, Thebaine, and several others. It owes its action to these agents, which are at first excitant, and secondly hypnotic. It is principally employed in the form of the Tincture, made of Opium, Alchohol, and water, and is used for diarrhœa and dysentery. Its action on the bowels is distinctly sedative and relieves pain. The Ammoniated Tincture, known as "Scotch Paregoric," contains, in addition, Benzoic Acid, Oil of Aniseed, and Solution of Ammonia. Either may be used—the former 5 drops in drinking water night and morning, the latter in doses of 10 drops.

Quassia prepared as an infusion, 1 part of the chips in 100 parts of cold water, is another of the bitter tonics, but owing to its excessive bitterness, it is of no use for internal administration. As a surface dressing for destroying bird lice, acari, etc., a small quantity in the bath may be advantageously employed.

Oil of Eucalyptus, owing to its insolubility in water and its pungent odour, is not a suitable form of medicine for birds. Its action as an expectorant is over estimated.

Cinchona bark includes another of the more useful bitter tonics, due to its active principal, Quinine. The other alkaloids contained within it are Cinchonine, Quinoidine, etc. It is incompatible with Ammonia, lime water and metallic salts. Its principal preparations are: Tincture Cinchona Co., Sulphate of Quinine, Citrate of Iron and Quinine, and Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine the two latter of which have been previously dealt with under the metallic preparations. Their actions resemble those of Calumba and Gentian, inasmuch as they act as bitter tonics, improving appetite and aiding digestion, whilst in addition to this they play an important role in specific or microbial diseases, being credited with this specific action owing to the remarkable effect produced in malaria and other diseases.

Where contagious disease is imminent the administration of Cinchona as a precautionary measure often wards off the disease or fortifies the bird's system to resist contagion. It markedly lowers the body temperature; its action in this respect is unquestionable. This action is referable not to increased loss of heat, but to diminished production of heat in the body. The tincture may be given in doses of six drops night and morning in the drinking water, and safely continued.

The Sulphate of Quinine is insoluble in water, or only very slightly so, but is entirely so when a little mineral acid is added. To attempt to place this in the drinking water would be analogous to placing stick sulphur in drinking water (as is commonly done) when one might just as well try to dissolve a stone. Quinine and its preparations are amongst the most valuable medicinal agents we possess.

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June.

Most of the young birds should by June be on the perches, and doing for themselves. When they are about a month old I take them away from the old birds and put them in the flight cages. I still continue the egg-food, and supply plenty of crushed seed on the bottom of the cages for them to pick over; by this means I gradually wean them on to hard seed (canary seed only).

I discontinue giving green food to the young ones now, but keep them to canary seed till after the moult. I never give young birds any water in the raw state, but always dilute it well with Parrish's Chemical Food (a thing I am never without in the bird room). This I continue to do right up to the moult, as I find by this means I prevent inflammation setting in through the birds drinking too much, a thing which all young birds are more or less apt to do. I can strongly recommend this plan, as I have seldom lost any young when once on the perches since I adopted this method. If things have been going on smoothly, the second round should be hatching out now, and if the system laid down in the first round is followed out, good results should follow, failing accidents, of course, which cannot be foreseen.

When the second round batch of young can do for themselves, I transfer the lot from the first round from the flight cages to the aviary, and put the second lot in the flights.

July.

The third round should now be in progress, with the exception of a few backward birds. Any birds that are "run down," or showing signs of flagging, I take away and put in the aviary, as it is no good overtaxing their strength, especially if the birds are valuable ones; if you do so you will probably lose them in the moult.

I gradually break up the pairs at the end of August, and turn them into the aviary, so as to give them a little exercise before they start moulting. I now look over the young ones, and pick out the most promising, and cage them off in twos to moult. All the old birds I put through a treatment of weak Epsom salts and water for a week, so as to thoroughly cleanse the system; but don't overdo this or you will weaken the birds.

August.

Most of the birds will now be showing signs of moulting, and I again substitute saw dust for sand on the bottoms of the cages, not forgetting to give sand in a separate vessel. Any birds that are likely to be good enough for exhibition I cage off separately. Great care must now be taken to avoid draughts, as the birds are more susceptible to catching chills now than at any time, and if not properly looked after they will soon be taken off. Should any of my birds get wheezy I put two or three drops of eucalyptus oil in their drinking water, on alternate days, and I find this generally effects a cure.

In the meantime, I keep my eyes on the young stock, and should I see any looking "soft," I cage them off, and put them on a diet of bread and milk for a day or two, giving a pinch of maw seed on it daily. This will also apply to any of the old birds that are ailing.

September.

All birds should now be in a deep moult, and, as I use no artificial heat, I draw a curtain across them at night time, as the temperature fluctuates so at this time of the year, being hot in the daytime and cold at nights. So it is essential to keep them warm at night time to assure a good moult.

I now commence to give a little linseed in addition to the staple diet, as the oil from this imparts a gloss to the new feathers, and puts the finishing touch to the moult. This I continue till the moult is finished.

October.

The birds should now begin to fine down, and you can get some idea of how they are going to turn out. Any that I think are good enough for exhibition I run into a show cage frequently, to get them used to it, as nothing looks worse than a wild Crest in a show cage, because they are such feathery birds. As the birds finish moulting I scrub out the cages again, also nest pans, etc., and pack them away for the winter. I also look up the show cages, cases, etc., and give them all a good clean up, so that they may do service for the showing season. Any surplus stock I have on hand I now begin to advertise in Cage Birds, to help pay the expenses of the breeding season.

November.

I now cage off all the cocks singly, and turn the hens into the flight cages and aviary for the winter. In addition to the staple diet, I now give a little watercress or apple twice a week.

When my birds come back from a show I always give a dose of chemical food in the drinking water, as this acts as a pick-me-up, and prevents any ill-effects if the birds drink too much after travelling.

December.

Keep to the same diet as that prescribed for the preceding month, with the exception that you should give a little more hemp seed on very cold days, as this tends to keep them warm.

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Some Seasonable Topics Considered.

By F. J. WEAVER (Wolverhampton).

A Lecture delivered before the West Bromwich Cage Bird Society on April 12.

The West Bromwich and District C.B.S. had a very interesting lecture, entitled "Seasonable Topics," at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich, on April 12th, Mr. G. Ley in the chair. It was given by Mr. Weaver, chairman of our sister society at Wolverhampton, before a good muster of members and friends. There were not as many present as we should like to have seen, but I expect the wet evening kept a good few fanciers away. I can assure readers of CAGE BIRDS it was well worth coming out in the wet to have heard the lecture, and those members who were absent missed a treat not very soon to be forgotten. Mr. Weaver delivered his lecture with the utmost of freedom. He was speaking for well nigh two hours without a break, and if it were not for his having to catch a train I think he could have gone on all night.

Mr. Weaver received great applause on rising. He started with thanks for the society's invitation, and said it was always a pleasure to him, when he could, to do good for a sister society like West Bromwich, or, at least, to try to do good for its members.

Causes of Birds Not Mating.

The lecturer began by an onquiry into the causes of birds not mating—a very seasonable topic. There were many reasonable causes, he said, which could be prevented by a proper method of pairing-up. There are, he continued, many fanciers both novices and "old hands," who do everything that is necessary in the way of preparing the stock birds, the cages and the bird-room, but who make the one false step of doing just the wrong thing when actually pairing the birds up. Many keep their cock birds in the breeding cages. Quite right, too. It is my way. And the hens are kept in large flights. Right again, if you want to keep them in condition all the winter, and then build them up to commence breeding operations. When making up their minds to start the birds off on the season's work, some fanciers simply catch up the hens from the flights, put them into the cages with the cocks, put in the nesting material and the box or bowl, and, in effect, say, "Well, there you are; I have done my part, now get on and do yours." What is the result of that haphazard way of starting? They bring about the very thing they have been preventing all the winter round—the birds soon get out of condition through so much fighting; you soon see feathers flying about; and, what is more, valuable time is wasted through the birds not settling down perhaps for weeks.

I will next give you my method, and I can tell you I have found it quite successful too, for while you could hear most fanciers say they were doing "pretty fair," I have generally been able to say, I am doing "great," and when they have said they were going on "middling," I have generally had the pleasure of saying, I am going on "rather decent." That has been the state of things in our district, at all events, and I think my method well worth the trying; at least, it would do you no harm to try.

Here is my way: Put the hens in their breeding quarters for at least ten days; then slip in the sliding partition (I prefer to have the double breeding cages); run in the cock bird in the one side, and leave the hen in the other. Then I gradually pull out the slide and leave a small space at the back of the cage after they have been there for a day or two. Then as you see they are becoming acquainted with each other, you will also notice that they will be feeding one another through the ½in. of space which you have left them by pulling the partition away from the back of the cage; they will get on very comfortable terms by the time they have been so placed for, say, seven days. Weather permitting, etc., and all in their favour, the slide may then be drawn altogether, and the birds will invariably "go to nest" right away.

I have never failed to get my first eggs within a week by these simple plans. To my mind, if not to that of others, this plan is much more profitable in the long run, and, what is more, there are no feathers knocking about my room. Again, there is no loss stamina which the bird must keep if you are going to have a successful season both in breeding and on the show-bench.

Other Causes.

Now, which is the best and safest plan to adopt? Ask yourself the question. Of course, there are many other causes of the failure to mate-up. Some young fanciers, perhaps, have not the necessary breeding cages, and so have to adopt the plan of putting the cock and hen together straight away. I advise them in that case to get the proper cages as soon as possible, as it will be the cheapest in the finish.

Another cause is the bad weather, which none of us can avoid. And yet another cause is the cocks mating-up to other hens, the two constantly calling to each other. In this case I should advise you to remove the offending birds from the room when at all possible, or else you will find, at least in a good many instances, that they will scarcely ever do any good as long as they can hear one another calling. I will give you furthr advice: do not put your breeding cages where the birds in other cages can see them. I mean, get all your cages on the one side of your room.

There is one matter which I have omitted to mention, and that is, what is the cause of birds not mating properly? I have already said that the birds commence fighting if you adopt the old method of putting the birds together straight away; now, it is the loss of the feathers by the constant tugging at one another that puts the birds out of condition. That is the cause, and they are therefore not in a fit state for breeding operations. The effects of this trouble at this time are perhaps felt throughout the season, so that valuable time and great expense are wasted.

My method, if such proved to be the case, would be to get the birds into condition again. First of all part them and give them time. Perhaps you may do good later, but do not spare any pains in trying to get them into condition again.

Concerning Nests and Nesting Material.

With regard to nests and nesting material, this is a case of choice. For the nests some use boxes and some bowls. The lecturer termed this topic "boxes versus bowls." If I were to use boxes, he said, I should prefer to have them shaped in the inside so that all the corners were well filled up. You will sometimes find in the square box that the corners are not properly filled with material, and when the hen gets her brood of eggs in, and starts "riggling" round in the box, one of the eggs occasionally will be missing. What is the cause? Why, the boxes, not being filled in the corners with the material, the egg generally gets stuffed into that space and so is spoilt and probably a valuable youngster lost.

The lecturer related that he went into an old fancier's room in his own district and found that he was using the old-fashioned nest baskets, and with good results too. Do not depart from any method, we were told, if you find you are successful with it, as that is the point that it is our ambition to gain. If you use the boxes do not under any consideration use those with perforated zinc bottoms. These have been the cause of many a fancier's loss of valuable youngsters; the young birds get their claws stuck in the holes of the zinc, and perhaps break their legs, or die consequently of fright, not being able to release themselves quickly enough. I should advise you to have wood bottoms to the boxes the same as the sides; bore one or two holes in to allow sufficient air to pass through.

Nest-bowl Linings and and Covers.

I will now show you what I use. Mr. Weaver here fetched an unglazed bowl from his pocket and said there is nothing like the unglazed bowls for the hens, both for sanitary purposes and comfort.

At this point the lecturer gave us a very good illustration of the nest-bowl he uses. But I do not use the wires, he said, as I make them all like this (showing same), it is so easy for the novice to take the bowl away without fear of tipping up the eggs. This, I am sure (Mr. Weaver explained how he did it), is the simplest of methods:—Get a piece of wire the same size as the bowl; twist it round, and then solder it securely, leaving the two ends of the wire hook shape, so that they can be easily put into two staples or hooks that are fastened on the side of the cage for that purpose. I make these all myself, and so save time and expense. Some fanciers say, "Oh! I am not going to that trouble; I will get the wires already made." But you do not get them always made to your own liking; at any rate, they are not made to my liking. To make the nest-bowl doubly secure and very rigid, I place the perch directly underneath the edge of the bowl.

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Wild Bird Life.

May Bird Notes.

The weather is still cold and wet, and anything but pleasant for quiet country rambles, for one wants to stop and watch, and closely examine the doings of wild birds, especially at this season, when there is so much to see and interest. In spite of the inclement conditions, our resident birds have been busy, and nests in all stages of construction are easily located, besides others with eggs and young ones. Many youngsters are out of the nest and taking care of themselves. This remark applies especially to young Thrushes, some of which are almost as big as their parents, and are only distinguished by their more youthful appearance and somewhat shorter tail. Where young birds are located, either in the nest or perching, the old birds are very noisy and demonstrative, and anyone who is at all conversant with the doings of wild birds is soon made aware of the state of the domestic arrangements. Even the Finches are not able to conceal their feelings, and one can tell by the note and behaviour of the birds how matters are progressing. Of these, I think the Greenbird is the most easily understood. His long-drawn plaintive note and evident anxiety, as he keeps well in view of the intruder, show the merest novice that the nest is handy. Although the Greenfinch is such a plentiful species, and common everywhere, he is quite a favourite of mine, and I love to hear his song-talk along the breezy hedgerows in early summer. He is an exemplary parent and feeds his lusty brood to repletion. The nest is snugly lined with hair and wool, and generally placed in a well-sheltered position. The majority of birds have no doubt a liking for special sites to build in if obtainable, and I have frequently noticed the nest of the Greenbird so placed that the drooping foliage of the wild clematis effectually screens it from view, and also from heavy rains and wind. Such a position calls to one's memory the lines of the poem:—

"A cradle for the Greenbird's bed,
A flowery covert for her head,
A forked pine supplies."

Although the bird books tell us that the Robin's nest may be found in a variety of situations, I have noticed that he has a great preference for an ivy-covered bank, and of some half-dozen nests found this season, five of them were so placed.

The Jay in Scotland.

The Jay is an exceedingly local species in Scotland; so much so that many people say it does not exist in that country as they have never seen or heard of one.

Moving Northward.

The Hawfinch is moving northward. At one time it was almost unknown in Yorkshire, and now the Westmoreland County Council is obliged to include the bird in the schedule of protected species, to save it.

Great Spotted Cuckoo.

The only European breeding resort of the Great Spotted Cuckoo is the South of France, where it is parasitic upon various species of Crows and Magpies. The Blue-winged Magpie is most generally chosen as a foster parent, the Cuckoo often depositing several of its own eggs in one nest of the Magpie.

Variety in Sea Fowl.

The study of wild fowl is most interesting. Besides the different sizes and shapes and the various modes of living, there is an endless change of colour as the different species are seen. Black, white, and grey are common, and colours resembling the sea and rocks, besides some very brilliant metallic hues among the Ducks, Teal, etc., are to be observed.

The Little Owl.

The Little Owl was at one time only known as an occasional visitor to these shores, but many have been released and have done well, but unfortunately are killed on sight by the "man with the gun." The bird is no bigger than a Thrush, is somewhat spotted, and unlike most Owls flies by day as well as by night. It has, too, a very graceful and easy bight.

Feathered Gipsies.

The little Long-tailed Tits might well be called the gipsies of the feathered race. They are never in one locality for any length of time, and do not appear to have any homing instinct. As soon as the brood is large enough to travel, they quit the neighbourhood of the nest, and wander hither and thither all through the autumn, winter, and early spring, and wherever they are at the nesting time they seek a suitable site, and remain there just long enough to nest and rear a brood, when they are off again "to fresh fields and pastures new."

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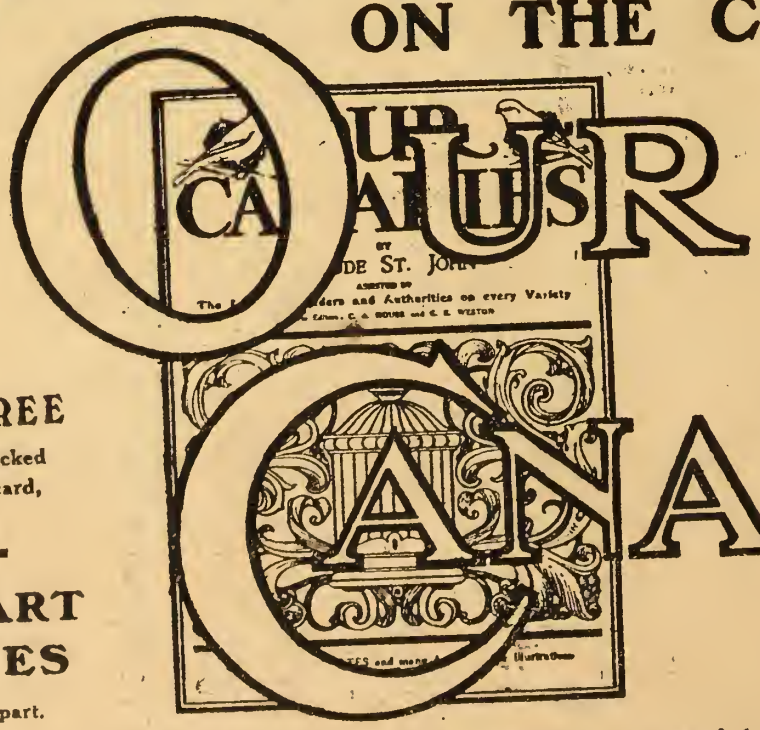
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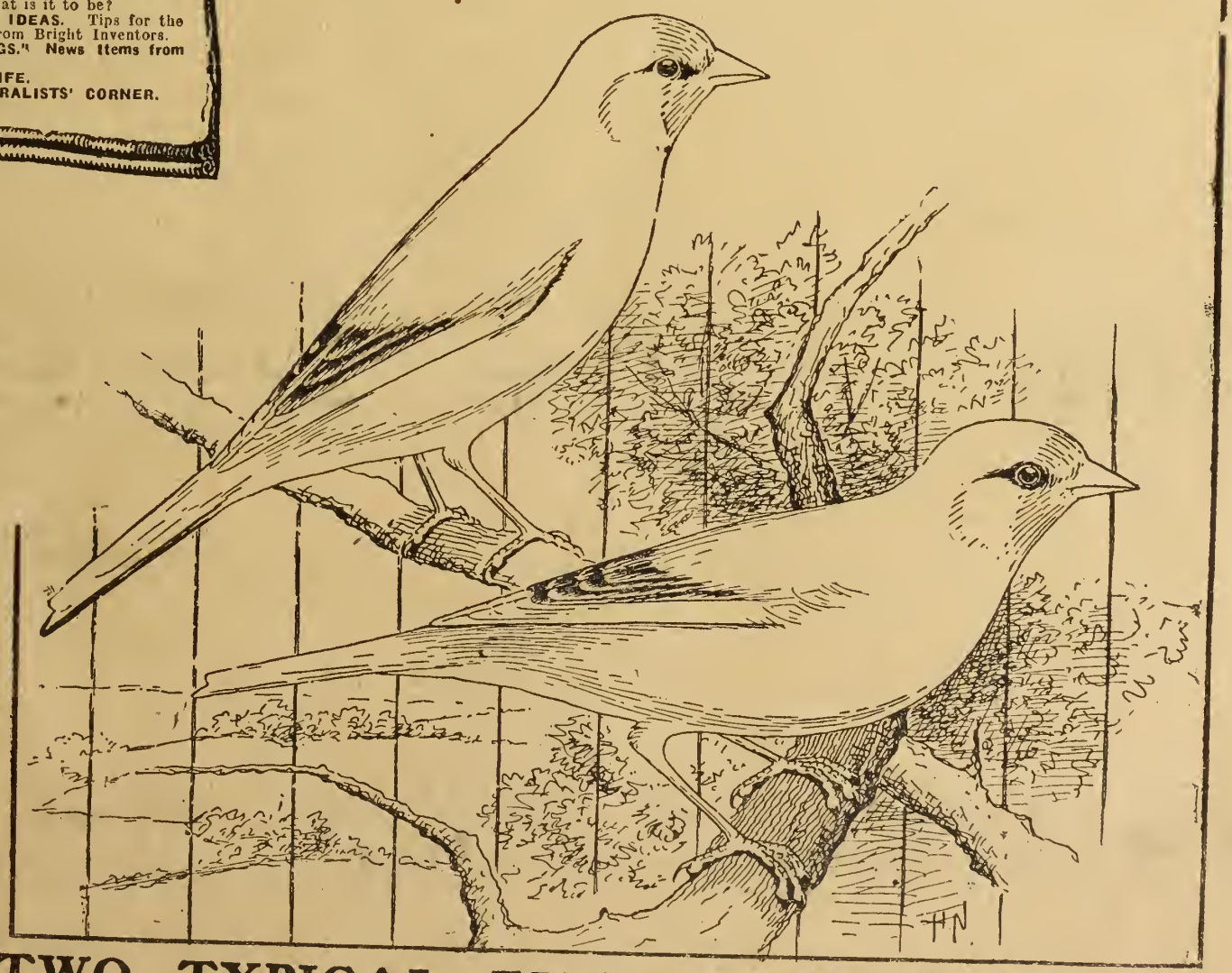
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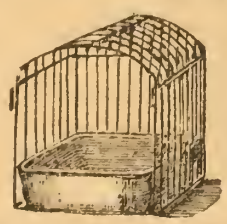
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LATE NEWS.

Being desirous of disturbing our readers' holiday arrangements as little as we possibly could, we last week made no announcement of the necessity for going to press with this issue of our paper one day earlier than usual—a necessity arising out of the arrangements made for the funeral of our late revered Sovereign King Edward the Seventh. Our plan of leaving them with Whit-Monday free and inserting such advertisements and news as reached us on the Wednesday morning under the respective special headings of "Late Advertisements (unclassified)" and "Late News," upon pages specially kept open for their inclusion, is one which, we trust, will prove an acceptable solution to the somewhat difficult position.—Editor.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. R. J. Adams, from Pickwick Street, to 109, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool.

At the time of going to press, but too late to effect the alteration, we are requested by Messrs. Ogden Bros., of Bradford, to withdraw from their advertisement, the two special Yorkshire cocks, priced respectively at 40s. and 35s.

We have engaged Messrs. Vardy and Houlton to judge at our open show on November 25th and 26th, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, hon. secretary, Sale and Dis. Open C.B.S. Also our subscription is now 4s. per annum instead of 5s. as before, all members to pay same, which is due before July 2nd. Intending members should write to me at 97, Cross Street, Sale, for particulars.

I have been appointed secretary of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., succeeding Mr. Putner, writes Mr. H. R. Heine, 11, Hardman Road, Charlton S.O., Kent. The annual country ramble of the society is to take place at Hildenboro', Kent, on Sunday next, the 22nd inst. Members and friends meet at New Cross Station (S.E. Railway) in time to catch the 9.25 a.m. train.

A Ramble at Torbay.

The Torbay O.S., writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, the hon. secretary, had arranged for a ramble on May 11th, but as it was abandoned, Mr. P. W. Mugford, the well-known Mule breeder and British exhibitor, and myself, decided to "do" the course. Leaving Paignton at 2.10 we reached Torre at 2.30, and continued on the Newton Abbot road as far as Laws Bridge, where we entered the grounds (a most lovely wooded estate) of Squire Brown, and emerged above the picturesque hamlet of Daccombe. Passing through this latter place we came to a stiff climb of half a mile, and after crossing the old Newton road, we made for Hacombe. This is undoubtedly one of the loveliest parts of Devonshire from a birdy man's point of view. Passing on the outskirts of Hacombe Woods we were attracted by a rather gruesome sight; we found suspended from a hazel branch and fastened in a horizontal position between two fir trees a Rook, a Kestral Hawk, and six Stoats. Having secured a wing of the Hawk, we continued our journey on a "carpet" of beech nut husks for several hundred yards. Having now reached a spot called "No Man's Land," we turned off in a grassy lane and came across several nests. A Blackbird brooding her young was most interesting, as she was loath to leave her brood. There were four young nearly a week old. A little farther on we came across a bird of the same species that had just left its nest, and we were able to get quite near them. Next we came across two fledged Robins who had evidently left their parents. We were now nearing Coombe-in-Teign-head, and quickly passed through the village on to Coombe Cellars, a famous hotel on the banks of the river Teign, for picnic and coaching parties to stop at, this being the place where our society had arranged to take tea. Having attended to the inner man and drunk to the health of King George, we made for Milburn Hill, and found Chiff Chaffs and Yellowhammers plentiful; and after a most lovely, if rather tiring walk, we reached Newton Abbot station at 7.30, and entrained for Paignton. We reached home just after 8 o'clock.

CLUB NOTICES.

Choppington C.B.S.—May 21, Railway Hotel. Last meeting to enrol new members, etc.—G. H. Seely.

Midland Roller C. May 26, Headquarters, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Translation by Mr. Jacquemin.—J. W. Willows.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Monthly meeting (Mr. E. Meades in the chair) held at the Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, East Greenwich, on 12th May, at 8 p.m., when a goodly number of members were present. Among the general business was the election of secretary to succeed Mr. F. Putner, who has found it necessary to resign owing to pressure of other engagements. Mr. H. R. Hearn, 11, Hardman Road, Charlton, S.O., Kent, takes over the office. Mr. Putner was thanked for the very capable manner in which he had discharged the duties of secretary. The annual country ramble takes place at Hildenboro', Kent, on the 22nd inst., when it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Those wishing to be present should send in their names to Mr. Hearn at once in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. The train leaves New Cross Station, S.E. Rly., at 9.25 a.m. The outing will be about 3s. inclusive. The return journey will be made by the train leaving Tonbridge at 8.9 p.m. J. H. Benn, Esq., M.P., has very kindly consented to officiate as president of the society. Young Bird show date, 21st July, Mr. Robson judge. As matters stand at present, the season promises to be a very favourable one.—H. R. Hearn, Sec.

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Club Reports.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held at "Lockhart's," May 7. There was only a moderate attendance of members, which is to be regretted, as Mr. C. Hunt's paper on "Britishers" was undoubtedly the most instructive lecture on the subject that has been given to the society of late years. The classes for table shows to be held on 4th June were arranged as follows:—Yorks 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Lin. 1, Gold. 1, A.O.S. Brit. 1. No schedules are to be sent out, and birds are to be entered same evening as show at 7 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. Hornby. The following four fanciers were elected members:—Messrs. Eastwood, Long, Waind, and Leahy. J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held on May 10th, Mr. J. W. Ford in the chair. Owing to local attractions on June 10th it was decided to alter the date of the first feather show to July 2nd. The classification was then proceeded with, and it was decided to give 34 classes. Two specials were given, one by Mr. D. A. S. Longden for the best British, and the other by Mr. E. M. Evans for the best Norwich; and there were promises of several by the next monthly meeting. The spirit of the meeting leaves the impression that our first feather show will prove one of the most successful the society has held. Two new members were made in Messrs. J. Mock and J. E. Jefferies. At the next monthly meeting the remaining classification of the table shows will be dealt with, judge Mr. H. Jenkins.—S. H. GEORGE.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. A discussion took place regarding a class for Crests and Crest-breds at our young bird show; and it was decided to provide one. Mr. Macgregor, our chairman, then called upon Mr. G. Gardner to give us his promised lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Gardner said he liked the Norwich to be perfect in shape and quality first, and then to possess good colour; also he did not like the body to be produced by a quantity of hemp seed. A marked improvement was to be seen this last season in the head of the yellows at the Crystal Palace, but the buffs were still very bad. A most interesting discussion followed, and many questions were asked and ably answered. A well-known N.P.H. breeder in the person of Mr. Curtis, was present, and made the evening very interesting.—G. HARWOOD, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held May 7th, at headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel, Mr. E. Ball in chair. There was a very good attendance. A very heated discussion took place over young bird show. It was carried that show be held on June 11th. The Cage Bird Union matter was up for discussion, and seeing the people at the head of affairs seem to be trying to straighten the tangle out, we decided to retain our membership. The secretary was instructed to pay fee for the year. A class each for Goldfinches and Bullfinches was added to young bird schedule. Four specials were promised by members present. We had a discussion on the merits of greenfood, its advantages and disadvantages; in which good old dandelion "held its own." After passing a vote of sympathy with the Royal Family in their great sorrow, a very pleasant and instructive meeting was brought to a close.—WM. DYER, Assistant Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Committee meeting held on May 14th, Mr. D. Black (President) in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Marlin (Vice-President), and a good turn-out of members of committee. The meeting was held to deliberate upon the business of the half-yearly general meeting on May 21st. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed to recommend to the general meeting that: "The meeting pass a resolution not to allow visitors to the hall on the Thursday previous to the show, and all exhibits brought to the hall on that evening be handled and staged by the officials in attendance for that purpose. That the staging be so altered that visitors may not be in such close proximity to the judges during judging." It was also agreed to recommend that an information board be erected. A long discussion took place on the classification, and it was agreed to recommend that in the Belgian section Classes 20 and 21 be made one; in Norwich section, that Classes 31 and 32, and classes 33 and 34 be made into two; that Classes 43 and 44 be made 4 instead of 2 as at present; that in the British section classes 84 and 85 be abolished, and a class substituted, namely, any other variety small British bird not otherwise classified; and that Class 91 be altered to read: "Foreign birds, small, not larger than Java Sparrow." The meagre attendance at our general meetings in the past year or two was commented upon, and the committee think it is not widely enough known; that the general meeting is open, not only to past members, but to all fanciers intending to join, and they appeal to all such to come forward and show their interest in this, the oldest society in Great Britain.—ALEX. MACDONALD, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

General meeting held at the Crown Hotel, May 12th, when there was a good attendance. Mr. Wells occupied the chair. The meeting passed a resolution of sympathy with the Royal Family on the lamented death of His Majesty King Edward VII. In submitting the first annual report, the Secretary took the opportunity of congratulating the club on the success which had attended their labours during the past show season. He pointed out the trying times experienced at the beginning of the club's history and the heavy amount of detail work necessary to get everything into thorough working order, but that thanks chiefly to a hardworking and conscientious committee these difficulties had been surmounted. The Secretary submitted the averages of entries at the shows which secured the club's patronage. These worked out at 13.79 for champions and 14.83 for novice sections. The clubs to receive the patronage last year were: Hanley, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, City of Birmingham, Tamworth, and Long Eaton; and the displays of the variety as seen at these shows have never been approached in the Midlands. The sectional winners proved to be Messrs. P. V. Williams in champion, and E. J. Evans, novice, to whom the Secretary offered congratulations, as well as to Mr. J. C. Caine, who, in his first effort with the variety, achieved the distinction of taking second place in the novice section. The probable winners in each section were in doubt right up to the last show. One point which is fully borne out by statistics is that clubs securing our patronage are secure against anything approaching failure in the section which has at the patronage shows been the feature of the exhibitions. The balance-sheet, showing a balance of revenue over expenditure of 7s. 4d., was adopted. The following office-bearers were elected; Mr. P. V. Williams (President), Mr. W. C. Wells (Chairman), Mr. A. Paddock (Hon. Sec. and Treas.), Messrs. Burke, Beck, Mole, Allen, Uzzell, and Steventon Birmingham representatives on committee, and Messrs. Foster, Evans, Raybould, Lawton, Hawley, and Tipping outside representatives. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the club promote a challenge trophy, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of the winner, and that Mr. P. V. Williams's success of last season count towards the three." About 40s. was given or promised in the room. The following new members were elected: Mr. T. Widdowson (Loughboro'), and Mr. W. Andrews (West Bromwich). Votes of thanks to Mr. A. E. Bishop and Mr. Webb concluded the meeting.—A. PADDOCK, Hon. Sec., 9, All Saints Road, King's Heath.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY.

On March last we sent out to nearly five hundred Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders—most of whom had exhibited during the season 1909—a copy of our membership ticket for this year, requesting those who intended joining to send in their reply by the first week in May. This was done with a view to save further printing and postages. Unfortunately this has not worked out as expected. So there had to be sent out a very large number of recall notices, and I am glad to inform you that from the satisfactory replies received up till to-day, the 12th, our membership is being well maintained with that of last year. The cards yet to be accounted for exceed 350. Now, we would appeal to these gentlemen not to return their cards without giving the matter their serious consideration, and they will realise it to be their duty to support this "Derby." I have finally decided to resign the secretaryship at the close of the season. It is for this reason that I am personally anxious, as regards my own official work, to make this year the best of the three. Can this be done? Yes. Out of these 350 there should be sufficient to bring this about.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

General meting held at headquarters on May 12th. Present: Mr. A. Leyer, in the chair, Messrs. T. J. Child, N. Caunter, A. Denny, W. Lucas, G. H. Phillips, W. Whitman, J. W. Jeffries, J. Clerk, A. Wood, J. Blackmore, C. Cornish, J. A. Roberts, and the Hon. Sec. The following were elected: Mr. J. Collins (Toubridge), Mr. A. Wood (Southwark), and the following nominated: Mr. A. Reggler (Deptford), Mr. R. Grant (Coventry), Mr. H. Clymber (Lewisham), and Mr. A. Beard (Bermondsey). The balance-sheet showed a cash balance brought forward of £24 15s. 9½d. the receipts totalled £98 6s. 10½d., while the payments were £69 13s. 7½d., leaving the cash balance in hand December 31st, 1909, £28 13s. 3d., with assets valued at £24 1s., totalling £52 14s. 3d.; liabilities to members for annual show prize money, £20 8s. 4d., leaving an actual cash balance in hand, £8 5s. 11d. The balance-sheet was accepted. The judge elected to officiate at the annual show, November 23rd, was Mr. J. Robson. Mr. A. Lever then appealed to the members on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. W. Westbrook (Rotherhithe), who died leaving eight children unprovided for. It was proposed and carried unanimously that 10s. 6d. be given to Mrs. Westbrook from the funds of the Society for her immediate needs.—G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in Clarendon Hall on May 13th, Mr. A. Miller presiding over a fair attendance. The President made reference to the death of our late beloved Sovereign, who was a lover of all kinds of birds and a true fancier; and from the office-bearers and members of this club our sincere and respectful sympathy goes out to-day to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, their Majesties the King and Queen, and all the other members of the Royal Family in their bereavement. The business was proceeded with. We were honoured by the presence of our Hon. President, Mr. Douglas Pearson, who is very enthusiastic in all that pertains to the Fancy, and was with us till the close of the meeting. A large amount of club business was got through in good time. Three new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. Hart, Munro, and Davidson. A letter was read from Mr. F. Bowman, secretary pro tem., on "Proposed Open Association" for Glasgow. Our delegates' report of the meeting of the Association held on 19th April, was also received and discussed. The model of prize cards for annual members' show was also decided on. The various other items relating to the annual members' show was left for the committee to arrange and submit same at next monthly meeting. The prize cards and specials were then presented to each of the winners at last monthly show. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and to our Hon. President brought the meeting to a close.—WM. PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C

Annual Meeting.

Third annual meeting held in the Market Tavern, Bradford, on April 30, Mr. D. Duncan, junr., in the chair. The secretary read the balance sheet and gave a resume of the year's work. He pointed out that we had run the season at a loss of about 36s., but a few fanciers instantly put their hands "down" and reduced it by about 10s. As to the show season, we, as a society, had done very well indeed, as at the seven shows where our patronage was given, a grand total of 285 entries was received for British and Mule classes, or an average of over 40 per show. Another feature was that the society which gave the best classification received the better support pro rata. This was considered very gratifying. We then elected officers for the ensuing year. Mr. D. Duncan was again elected president, proposed by Mr. Inman and seconded by Mr. Isherwood. The secretary then stated that he wished to retire owing to pressure of business. This was accepted with regret, and Messrs. J. Lane and P. Jowett were elected provisionally, on Mr. Lane seeing his way to accept office. I have been notified since that Mr. Lane is willing to accept the position along with Mr. Jowett. Messrs. Inman, Cowgill, Isherwood, and Archer, were elected vice-presidents; and Messrs. L. Bean, T. Wood, C. Ross, W. R. Myers (Bradford District), J. Wilson (Malton), B. H. Wilson (Bramley), J. Nicholson (Skipton), J. Bescoby (Doncaster), H. Stake (Brighouse), J. Thomas (Otley), J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), Potter (Hull), J. Beattie (Scholes), Wilkinson (Yarm-on-Tees), J. Woods (Pickering), outside Bradford district committee. Messrs. R. Halliday and S. Dean were re-elected auditors. Mr. Duncan proposed and Mr. Taylor seconded, that the best thanks be given to secretary for his past services, etc. Mr. Myers suitably replied. The rules were revised, but these will be given fully through the Fancy Press by the newly-elected secretaries. It was also decided, if it could be arranged, to have a table show for members only at one of the first feather shows. Mr. Myers said he would see the Great Horton O.S. re this matter. I may say that I think it will be held in conjunction with their first feather show.—W. RILEY MYERS, late Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The following are the members who have joined this year up to the 16th May:—Airdrie, J. W. Wynnes and A. Russell; Blackhall, W. Thornton; Broughty Ferry, R. Carmyllie; Cambuslang, W. Jenkins; Clydebank, R. Prentice and J. Hay; Corkerhill, W. Montgomery; Cowdenbeath, J. Cook; Dalkeith, J. Carson; Dumfries, G. Byers; Dundee, W. Beattie; Duns, Miss Brown; Edinburgh, C. R. Drysdale, W. Finnie, J. McMillan, and A. Stavert; Glasgow, E. B. Bullions, J. Calder, A. Galston, W. Lees, J. McMahon, James Orr, John Orr, J. Shannon, and T. Smith; Govan, D. Black, J. Gaw, A. McLauchlan, J. Miller, and J. Smith; Greenock, R. Wright; Helensburgh, H. Crawford; Kirkmuirhill, T. Jackson and L. Jackson; Lesmahagow, J. Burnside; Leith, J. Dalgleish; Maxwelltown, J. Ramsay; Mossend, R. Douglas; Musselburgh, R. Johnstone; Oakley, J. Hogg; Paisley, W. Hart, W. McArthur, and J. Kennedy; Rutherglen, A. Lang; Shettleston, A. Buchannau; Thornton, A. Leslie; Wishaw, W. Gibb; and Yoker, W. Prentice. A large number of gentlemen have to account for the tickets sent them, and I take this liberty of reminding them that the membership closes on 31st May. The executive will take it as a favour if those who have to account for tickets will do so before that date, and thereby avoid not only labour, but save expense in postage stamps. We confidently hope that the Fancy will make the membership of this year the record. Long live the Scotch Fancy Canary.—THOMAS SMITH, Secretary.

The Shows.

EAST HAM F.S.

Second monthly show held at "The Earl of Wakefield" on May 9th. Mr. Hammons judged cage birds. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Skinner. HARDBILL, BRIT.: (1): 1, spl. given by Mr. Blayton for best Goldfinch, Skinner; 2 (Linnet), Burton; 3, (Linnet) B. C. Smith; vhc (Bramble) Rutter; hc (Bullfinch), Culpeck; c (Linnet), Taylor; Nos. 34 and 35 empty, Arnett. Members please note that on May 23, 8 p.m., Mr. C. A. House will lecture on "Inbreeding."—H. RUTTER, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly quality Linnet contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, on May 15th, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. Results: Butler 1st, Chippendale 2nd, Sellars 3rd. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Dean; timekeeper, F. Callaghan. —A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Our All-England Whitsuntide contest took place at the Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, on May 14th, when 36 birds faced the judges. We had birds from Wigan, Atherton, Preston, Great Harwood; in fact, from places too numerous to mention. Result:—1st D. Bentley (Great Harwood), 2nd Barns (Wigan), 3rd Jones (Atherton), 4th Jobson (Blackburn), 5th Pickering (Preston), 6th W. B. Bentley (Great Harwood). Judges: Messrs. J. W. Barnes (Wigan) and R. Feuder; referee, Mr. E. Christopherson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater; birdkeeper, Mr. P. Blackshaw. —T. SLATER, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

We held an open Linnet sing at the Bath Inn, Wheldale Lane, on May 15th, when 14 birds were entered. 1, J. Higgins, 30 secs.; 2nd and 3rd shared between A. Longfield and W. Dobson, 25 secs. Also on May 16th, when we sang for the cup with 12 birds. W. Dobson was 1st, 43 secs.; 2nd, B. Nelson, 37 secs.; 3, B. Nelson, 31 secs.; 4, J. Higgins, 28 secs. There will be an open Linnet sing at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, on May 28th.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest held at Queen's Head, April 30th, when 51 birds faced the judge, and some good singing was heard. There were birds from all over the county, and strangers said they never saw a better conducted contest. Prizes: 1st £1, 2nd 7s. 6d., 3rd 2s. 6d., and 6d. entries. 1, 2, 3, Punten. Judge, Mr. R. Spencer; timekeeper, Mr. G. Miller; hookkeeper, Mr. J. Cope. At the Ship Inn, May 14; prizes: 1st £1, 2nd 7s. 6d., 3rd 2s. 6d.; entry fee 6d.; there were 33 entries. Mr. Spencer judged, and gave every satisfaction. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Jackson; bookkeeper, Mr. W. Day.—J. COPE.

CASTLEFORD.

Whitsuntide contest held at the Brittania Inn, Lock Lane; 33 birds sang for four good prizes and specials, there being the best attendance of the year. Result:—1, 2, Dobson; Caddy and Morley tied for 3rd prize, but they sang off and Caddy got 3rd and Morley 4th. Next sing at the Britannia Inn on May 21st. We hope all members will attend and bring friends.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

NELSON.

In connection with the Palatine Working Men's Club, Norfolk-street, Nelson, the 5th annual Lark singing contest was held on May 14th, when prizes to the value of £5 were competed for, which brought together 21 of the best singing birds heard for a good few years. There were birds from almost all parts of Lancashire, also some from Yorkshire. No fewer than 12 birds sang over 9 minutes and a half out of the allotted time, 10 minutes. 1, Airey (£2 10s.), 10min. full; 2, B. Sutcliffe (£1 5s.), 9min. 59sec.; 3, P. Pollard (12s.), 9min. 58sec.; 4, M. Brierley (8s.), 9min. 56sec.; 5, S. Bannister (5s.), 9min. 55sec.; also was good singing, 9.54, 9.49, 9.40, and 9.37. Judges, Messrs. J. T. Burnett and D. Greenwood.—J. LOFTHOUSE, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Kindly notify that I have removed to 193, Palmerston Street, Manchester. Will secretaries of societies please note?—J. SPENCER.

The show of the Ashford (Kent) F.S. will be held on October 20th, when the Cage Bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Will friends and fanciers kindly note that I have removed to 599, Duke Street, Glasgow, writes Mr. J. Brown, secretary of the Scottish Plainhead Club.

The lecture on the "Origin of the Yorkshire Canary," advertised for our last meeting, was postponed, owing to the lecturer being indisposed, writes Mr. F. Mitchell, hon. secretary, Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.

The Glasgow Southern (Confined) O.A. have had important additions to the membership roll, writes "Scotch Fancier," several very worthy breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary having become members.

Please convey my thanks to Mr. Yates (writes "Novice") for the splendid article on "Diphtheria in Birds," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS as a reply to the letter which I sent up to your journal.

We have received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden samples of the exceptionally fine peppers he is putting before the Fancy for the 1910 season, and shall have something further to say next week concerning these colour-foods.

The North London C.B.A. are holding a young stock show on June 25, at the Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington. Tickets and particulars may be had of Mr. R. P. Harper, the sec., 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, London, N.

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A smoking concert is to be held for the benefit of Mr. W. Bradly, of Chatham, who, through a long illness is unable to follow his employment. The event takes place on July 4th, at the Ropemakers' Arms, New Road, Chatham, and it is hoped all the tickets (threepence each) will be disposed of and a good attendance assured.

We regret exceedingly to hear of the serious illness of the only daughter of Mr. F. Armstrong, and the many friends of the popular secretary of the National Green-Marked Yorkshire C.C. will join us in wishing her a speedy restoration to health. Miss Armstrong is a keen bird-lover and a great help in her father's bird-room.

Three First Feather shows have been arranged for by the Shipley O.S. to be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Saltaire Road, Shipley (the society's headquarters), on June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th; and three Old Bird shows on November 1st, December 6th, and January 17th, 1911. A list containing the classifications and other particulars may be had of the secretary, Mr. H. Martin, 11, Marlborough Road, Shipley.

The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. extend a hearty welcome to all fanciers who would care to accompany them on their ramble through Epping Forest with Mr. J. S. Clarke as guide on Saturday, May 28th, write Messrs. Forse and Son, the hon. secretaries. The party will assemble at Loughton station between 1 and 2 o'clock, and a start will be made directly after the arrival of the train timed for 2.1 at Loughton. The ramble will finish up at the "Owl," where a substantial meat tea will be provided.

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May I thank you for your kindly interest in the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., by giving us the splendid report of my concert, writes Mr. H. W. Tomsett (Brockley). You will be interested to know it was quite a success financially, the room being crowded out. May I thank also those sterling fanciers who, not being members, patronised us and spent an enjoyable evening. The receipts amounted to over £5.

At our monthly meeting held on May 7th, writes Mr. J. A. Turnbull, hon. secretary, Headgate and Dis. C.B.S., it was decided to hold a young stock show on July 9th, Mr. Geo. Barkas (High Westwood) to judge. For our annual show on January 7th, Mr. R. S. Bewick (Newfield) was elected to judge. I regret to state we are having a poor breeding season so far, fanciers complaining of the cold and frosty nights.

I think one of the most interested parties in our paper, CAGE BIRDS, is a friend of mine, Mr. Waddington, hairdresser, 144, Barkerend Road, Bradford, at whose shop, writes Mr. John H. Jowett (Bradford), the paper can be taken up and read any day in the week, and he has always 3 to 4 of the coloured plates posted up in full view. Mr. Waddington is trying his patience with a few pairs of Canaries in his shop (not a very favourable place), but he is deserving of luck and also every assistance, and I shall endeavour to furnish him before long with a change of stock to encourage him in the Fancy.

The annual country ramble of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary, has been arranged to take place on Sunday, May 29th, to Dorking. The train leaves Peckham Rye, London and Brighton station, at 9.10 a.m. Members and friends joining the party are asked to take their own ticket, which is 2s. 3d. return. Luncheon will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel, Dorking, at 2s. 6d. each. I shall be pleased to hear, not later than May 26th, from any members or friends who intend going, as it will be necessary to let them know at the hotel the number for which to provide luncheon.

The "Preston & Flowers Fund."

We have received contributions of 5s. 6d. from the Clackmannanshire C.B.S., and 1s. from "Cock Robin," which bring the aggregate amount received in subscriptions up to £63 2s. 5d.

The "A.C. Dandie Testimonial."

Will all those having subscription sheets re the above please return same to me on or before May 26th, and will anyone willing to subscribe kindly send their mite to me and oblige, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, secretary, Scottish National C.B.S., 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

Northern B. B. M. and F.B.C.

Will societies desirous of having the patronage of the above club make applications stating classification, etc., judge (radius, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland)? Will also anyone desirous of becoming a member (sub. 2s. 6d.) please communicate with me—J. Bertram, 95, Gainsbro' Grove, Newcastle?

A Marriage at Newcastle.

On Wednesday, May 11th, the marriage took place of Mr. Wm. Farnborough, of Clapham Common, London, and Emily, the youngest daughter of Mr. James Shepherd, bird specialist, Stanhope Street, Newcastle, and late of Liverpool. Mr. Shepherd is vice-chairman of the Newcastle C.B.S. and of the Northern Yorkshire C.C.

Moving Day.

Owing to the making of a new road at Stoat's Nest (Surrey) recently it was found necessary to remove a ten feet high yew tree in which was a Thrush's nest containing a brood of young only a few days old. By careful handling tree, nest and fledgings were conveyed (according to a daily contemporary) without harm a distance of thirty-five feet, when the yew was replanted, the old bird actually sitting on the nest while the men carried the tree.

Midland Counties Y.C.C. Patronage.

The Midland Counties Y.C.C. invites applications for its patronage from societies within its radius, and the secretary takes the opportunity of pointing out that the clubs receiving the patronage last year had a most successful and paying section, and one which was, generally speaking, the feature of the different exhibitions. The committee will probably proceed to allot its patronage at the next committee meeting.—A. PADDOCK, hon. secretary, All Saints Road, Kings Heath.

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A Seeker After Light.

A Starling's nest has been built, it is stated, in one of the electric arc lamps on the Promenade at North Shore, Blackpool.

A Cream-coloured Sparrow.

A cream-coloured Sparrow, with a white tail, has frequently been seen of late near the villas at Peveril Point, Swanage, we understand.

Our Predominant Songster.

When John Burroughs was in England, the bird that impressed him most of our woodland songsters was the Chaffinch. He said, "Two-thirds of the music that ordinarily greets the ear comes from the Chaffinch." As a songster, this bird is very persistent, and where abundant his song would force itself upon the ear, for there is a rattle and a dash about it which compel one to listen.

Burns and the Skylark.

The Skylark is perhaps the most popular of all our song birds. He is known to everybody. In some parts of Scotland he is called the Laverock. The national poet sings his praises, and in a strain that clearly says the bird sings for everybody:

"The Laverock shuns the palace gay,
And o'er the cottage sings:
For nature smiles as sweet, I ween,
To shepherds as to kings."

She Had Her Way.

The story of a bird's persistency comes from the village of Ragnall, near Retford. The postman, in clearing the pillar-box, found that a Blue Tit had commenced to build a nest in the box. He promptly threw the latter out, but on clearing the box the next day he found the bird had commenced building again. The postman again threw it out, and this was carried on for eight or nine days. Eventually the postman began to respect the bird's persistency and perseverance, with the result that she was allowed to build her nest in peace, and this week it contained three eggs.

The White Wagtail at Home.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(*Concluded from page 410.*)

We have found that winged insects are the natural food of both the Pied Wagtail and its white relative, but (and this is the point), we have also found that when flies fail the former will do well on other fare, but the latter will not. Now, if we have a look at the breeding area of the White Wagtail on a map, we shall at once notice that it is practically restricted, at this time of the year, to the mosquito countries, and Great Britain, as we know, is practically exempt from this pest. We can judge of the quantity of mosquitoes in the extreme north of Europe from a remark in one of Seebohms' books to the effect that he found it impossible to shoot sometimes in parts of Siberia because the air was so thick with winged insects that he could hardly see the gunsights. Our guess therefore is that the White Wagtail requires a diet of flies, especially in the breeding season, and that it cannot find sufficient in our country.

When we come to think of it, what an infinite variety of flies this Wagtail must come across in its yearly journey from—shall we say?—Iceland to Upper Egypt! Although it knows nothing about Latin names, we may be sure that it classifies them in its own mind, and that it could tell us—what no entomologist could tell us—exactly what each variety tastes like. No wonder, as we have noted above, it does not swallow the first fly that comes along, but carefully examines each one first from an entomological point of view.

Let me suggest, in conclusion, that any of our readers who live near our Southern and Western coasts should keep a watchful eye on any Pied Wagtails that may be breeding in their neighbourhood, and note if any of their partners have light-grey backs. Although the crossing of these two species has been usually considered a rare ornithological event, I am convinced that it frequently occurs. I have noted two cases in Devonshire in the last few years, and I think we can easily understand how it happens. The males, as with other migratory species, arrive here before the females; they find unmated females of the closely related Pied Wagtail; they "pop the question," and, having once plighted their troth, they do not desert their fiancees when the females of their own species turn up.

Of one thing I feel almost sure, namely, that should our readers be fortunate enough to come across a White Wagtail in the breeding season, they will agree with me that they have seen the most artistically beautiful of all British birds, with the possible exception of an adult male Yellow Wagtail!

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Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
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Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Wh., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 8.—**Morriston.**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Road). J.W., J.R.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

A few results of breeders I visited in Bradford here. One is running 9 hens, with a total of 15 young thrown out, the hens failing to feed them entirely—only 8 on the hop with ma. Another: 5 hens, 10 bright eggs, 6 young on the hop and dry seed. Another friend lost about 4 nests entirely, and 12 successfully on the march about. Myself: 8 hens, 17 bright eggs to the basket, 13 young ones on the seed. These, the first rounds, are not anything to boast about. I wish Halley's comet would hasten through space.—JOHN JOWETT (Bradford).

I am a novice, and this is my first year of bird breeding. I have seven pairs and 44 young ones from them. The first were hatched on March 6th, and 32 are in a large aviary. I expect another 15 off next week. I think this is very good. I always take the eggs away till the fourth day; and I take the young birds away when they are three weeks old, and in two days they are feeding well. I might say that I find a lump of white wool or wadding, tied in a ball, is a good thing to prevent the hens from plucking their young ones.—T. CLARK (Gt. Yarmouth).

Glasgow Notes.

The Glasgow fanciers have had bad luck so far as the breeding season has gone. The common experience has been hens not laying and unfertile eggs, no doubt due to the cold weather which has prevailed in April and May. Mr. Black, the president of the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association, had 15 young Scotch Fancy Canaries some time ago from his best pairs. He is a most enthusiastic fancier, and we are pleased to hear of his success. Border Fancy breeders are doing well in the hatching and rearing. This class has more vitality than the higher class of Canaries. Norwich breeders have had their difficulties arising from unfertile eggs, and young not thriving owing to the cold weather. Hybrid breeding is just commencing, and should the genial weather which has set in continue, breeding operations should be a decided success, as May, June, and July are the best months of the year for successful hatching and rearing.—"SCOTCH FANCIER."

Pentre and District C.B.S.

A meeting of the above named Pentre society was held last Saturday, May 14, and it was proposed that the society be called as above, and that the meetings be held at the Queen's Hotel, Pentre, every Saturday until further notice. Any fancier wishing to join will be welcomed, and the fee is 1s. entrance and 1s. per quarter. It has also been proposed that we hold a table show for British birds in about a month's time. Anyone wishing further information please apply to the secretary pro tem.

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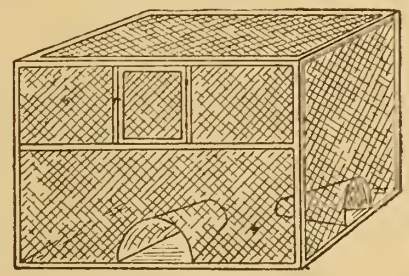
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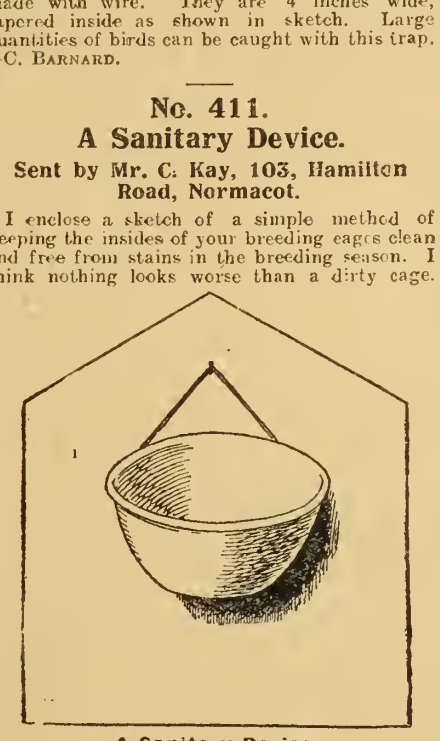
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A Sanitary Device.

Get a piece of white cardboard, say, about 8ins. square; make a small hole about half an inch from the top, and then hook the cardboard on to the nail. Then hook your nest pan over it, and you will find your cages at the end of the breeding season quite clean. A piece of clean cardboard is required for each nest.—CHARLES KAY.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Long-tailed Tit.

My name, if you'd know it, is Long-tailed Tit,
To tree after tree see me cheerily flit;
Though the roughest of breezes the branches may swing,
Head upwards, head downwards, securely I cling.

Into crevice and crack see me carefully pry
For the tiniest grub or scarce visible fly;
Each pest of your orchard to me's a tit-bit,
So welcome the coming of Long-tailed Tit.

What a workman I am, yet how few are my tools!
Come, fetch out your hammer, nails, chisels, and rules,
You great clumsy man; yet, t'will puzzle your wits
To build you a home like the Long-tailed Tit's.

Taken from the "Sunbeams" by D. Jempson (age 13), Soggs Cottage, Ewhurst, Hawkhurst, Sussex.

**A Blue-Tit Story.

A bird lover has told a true story of how a pet Blue Tit sought refuge in his house during a period of exceptionally stormy weather. It grew very tame, and was placed in the Canary's cage during the night and part of the day to their mutual enjoyment. It is amusing to hear how the Tit, who was of a far more restless nature than its companion, would punish the Canary for pecking it. He would wait for a convenient moment, and then jump on the Canary's head and slide down its back, and it did this ever so many times in succession almost before the Canary realised what was happening. The Tit was never happier than when foraging for itself. It tried everything, even down to a bar of soap, accepting or rejecting, as guided by its taste. The soap was not acceptable, of course.—Sent by E. Tilley, 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near Halesowen.

*A "Homing" Canary.

My daddy once had a Canary. One day he hung the cage in the garden, and somehow the door opened and the Canary got out and flew into some trees. We tried all we could to catch it, but could not. At last it flew over the house, and we thought it was lost. In the evening we went for a walk, and when we got home it was dark. My daddy went into the garden to bring the cage in, and there was our Canary inside, with his head under his wing fast asleep.—Sent by Ethel Bond (age 10), 82, High Street Eastleigh, Hants.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—May 24, Onward Hall, 8. F.F. show business.—J. Spencer.
Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—May 28, Foresters Arms, 7.30. Last meeting for joining.—G. Harper.
Brighouse C.B.S.—May 24, Wellington Inn, 8. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) will give a paper on breeding and rearing Yorkshires.—F. Mitchell.
Barrington and Choppington S.C.—May 21, Headquarters, 7. Nest feather show business.—W. Woollett.
City of Bradford O.S.—May 21, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Impromptu question night; fanciers and friends specially invited.—F. Rhodes.
Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—May 23, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Discussion on a summer outing.—W. H. Bray.
Crewe O.S.—May 24, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45.—Young stock and open shows, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.
Dalziel O.A.—May 21, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of judges.—J. Mathieson.
Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 21, White Hart Inn, Eccleshill, 8. Special meeting to discuss change of headquarters.—W. Nettleton.
Ferryhill C.B.S.—May 23, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting re classes for open show, etc.—R. Binks, jun.
Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 28, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Schedule for open show, Union, etc., business, and specials for F.F. show.—H. Chubb.
Green C.A.—May 26, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Special summons meeting to decide whether the Green Borders shall be taken in; also judge and schedule for young show.—G. Green.
Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—May 21, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judge, etc., connected with Nest Feather show; all wishing to become members must do so at this meeting.—R. H. Dixon.
Heywood C.S.—May 24, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. F.F. show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.
Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis.—May 26, Spencer Hall. British Bird Show. Open free at 8.30. Fanciers welcome.—C. W. Law.
Leicester C.B.S.—May 25, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. "Green Food: its uses and abuses," by Mr. J. Heighton; fanciers are invited, specimens can be brought for discussion.—J. A. Tyler.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—May 24, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Questions and answers.—J. E. Wood.
Morley C.B.S.—May 21, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Deciding number of special prizes to be given for points, etc.—A. Gledhill.
Morpeth C.B.S.—May 27, Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Question night.—E. Cowling.
Manchester and Northern Counties C.S.—May 23, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. show business.—H. Boothman.
Musselburgh O.S.—May 28, 83, High Street, 7, Visiting Committee, etc.; next meeting August 27.—W. Nisbet.
National Brit. B. & M.C.—May 26, "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Committee meeting. Mr. Trower will open a discussion on British bird laws and how they affect the bird keeper; interested fanciers invited.—Plumbridge and Carr.
North Manchester C.B.S.—May 24, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Re Nov. show alteration.—J. Davey.
Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—May 25, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Club patronage.—J. Bertram.
Oldham C.B.S.—May 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show and general business, meetings to take place weekly until date of show, June 18.—F. Steeple.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 23, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Business urgent.—H. Clayton.
Poplar C.B.S.—May 26, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. F. Easterling.—H. W. Cook.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 25, Temperance Club, 8. Committee, ramble, etc., will those going please send their names in? Particulars as to time will be sent to members going on ramble, Whalley Abbey district.—W. Adams.
Stockport B.F.A.—May 24, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Classification for F.F. show.—W. Stafford.
Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A.—May 28, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 6 30. Election of judges, etc.—J. R. Meikle.
West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 24, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Classification of Schedule of Nest Feather show, etc., business; subscriptions over due.—Jennings and Viles.
Warrington C.B.S.—May 26, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather show.—C. Dukes.
West Stanley C.B.S.—May 21, Com. Hotel, 7. Stewards for young bird show; also schedules.—W. Elliott.
West Auckland C.B. & P.F.S.—May 21, Talbot Hotel, 7. Finance.—J. Gill.
York C.B.S.—May 22, York Station, 9.40. Country ramble round Strinsall Common; members and their friends cordially invited.—A. Waud.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sitting without Laying.

Crested.—She is probably waiting for the spring, which seems very reluctant to come, unless, indeed, this pleasant mood of the weather clerk is it. There are many such cases about this year up to the present, and the weather is doubtless mainly responsible for them. If the hen has not shown any signs of starting when this appears take away the cock for a week or ten days, remove nest box and materials. Give hen ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and after that six drops of tincture of calumba and three of tincture of steel daily for four days. Feed on plain canary seed only as staple. Give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and give also on these days a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts black rape, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. If the cock is not in full vigour and song treat him simultaneously on same lines, and at the end of the time named mate them again if in good condition for mating, and hope for better luck next time.

Greenhouse Aviary and Herbs.

Beginner.—You omit to say whether you contemplate growing plants as well as breeding birds. If you do it will but add to your chances of failure, which are already great. However, if the structure is well shaded from the sun during the greater part of the middle part of each day, and get a few hours morning and evening, you may do tolerably well for the breeding season, but will probably be compelled to move the birds to another place for moulting and to keep over the winter. You should see there is ample top ventilation, in the shape of movable lights, which must be protected by half-inch mesh netting, and must also start with hardy birds, which have been accustomed to this kind of life. You would do best to keep the breeding birds in cages, and you might wire off one end of the greenhouse to serve as a large flight for the young. The presence of the latter would not affect the old birds. Altogether these structures cannot be called really suitable places for aviaries. (2) Shepherd's purse is a common weed. It is not easy to describe it so that one is sure of recognising it except by the seed stalk, which is usually less than a foot high, slender, and has flat, almost heart-shaped, seed pods, with the point towards the stalk, scattered all around the stalk for a few inches in length at the top, and the tip of stalk usually still bearing minute white flowers. You could easily recognise it from the illustration shown in "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which our manager would send you for 1s. 2d., post free.

Both in Trouble.

Kit.—(1)The hen has probably completed her clutch, and is sitting by this time. It is not rare for a hen to skip a day when laying, as she has evidently done. Do not interfere with the apparently painful leg. You might offer her a bath for a day or two if the symptoms have not quite disappeared, as they would probably do as soon as she had completed her clutch of eggs. (2) You should certainly have separated the cock from the hen as soon as she commenced to sit, as you will be able to treat him for the wheeziness far more successfully. If you did not do so separate him at once, but keep an eye upon the hen for an hour or two afterwards to see if she comes off the nest "bent on striking." If she does there will be nothing for it but to return him, and treat both alike, and trust to luck. If possible, when you move him put him right out of sight and hearing of the hen. See that he is quite free from draughts and chills, but at same time keep him in a pure and fresh atmosphere, and not near or over burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the usual seed diet give the prepared sponge cake as before every second day, a spray of chickweed daily, and in the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice daily for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and paragoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Is it a Singing Hen?

More Knowledge.—No, I do not expect the hen is a singing hen, and, if she is, that is no reason for her not breeding. Any hen worthy the name is often calling out now, but there is a great gulf between this calling and the performances of a singing hen. I fancy the real cause of your trouble is that the birds, especially the cock, are not in breeding condition. The cock should be in full song, although this is not absolutely essential. If they still show no signs of nesting when this appears separate them for a fortnight. Give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice in the drinking water for two days. After that give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel in the water every second day for a week. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately to each half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, millet, linseed, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed. On the alternate days give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and two leaves of dandelion each. Keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand, and see they are free from red mites, and out of draughts. At the end of the fortnight if birds seem in good condition put them together and try again.

Disappointment Writ Large.

Know Nothing.—It requires some pluck to listen to the rosy tales of your friend's great successes, when you are having such terribly hard luck. But you know, as a jovial soul once wrote, there's a deal of human natur' in man, and it is just possible your friends are only trying to console your loss by a spicy account of their own ripping success. Pay no heed to it. You may at least rest assured that you do not stand alone in miserable luck, so far. As you surmise, the weather has something to do with it, and I think perhaps your birds are trifle overfed, in addition. All that have just finished sitting, or are not about wanting to start again immediately, separate for a fortnight. For one week feed on plain canary seed only, with a liberal supply of green food. In the drinking water give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. In the second week feed and treat the same as advised to "More Knowledge," and then you may mate up again and try your luck for a last round.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Brevities.

Two-point Cinnamon (M. H. B.).—(1) Yes, it is quite possible for a buff pink-eyed cock to produce cinnamon-marked young cocks. (2) You make no mention of any marking on the pink-eyed cock in question, so I am surmising that it is a clear. In this case you should mate it with a cinnamon ticked yellow hen to produce the desired young.

Swelling on Neck (Mrs. M. Purser).—I should have been in a better position to help had you described the swelling fully, and also said how you feed and treat the bird. I rather suspect some physical injury may be the cause. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better then write again and give full particulars. Staple diet plain canary seed only. Every second day a half-teaspoonful of summer rape and a spray of chickweed. On the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and during the next week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. If the swelling has not dispersed paint it every second day in the first week with a feather dipped in colourless tincture of iodine.

Singing Hen and Erratic Laying (Postman).—You will probably do no good at all with this hen—not solely on account of her being a singer, but because, I fear, she is a "wrong 'un." Try what two or three weeks of the following treatment will do for her: Separate her, and remove nest box and material. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a spray of freshgathered chickweed, and on the alternate days about the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts black rape, teazle, linseed, and white millet, and a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea every second day for a week, and in the second week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. At the end of a fortnight return to the usual dietary, and try mating her again as soon as she is ready for mating.

Three-cornered (N. U. H. P.).—(1) It is quite possible for an egg laid the day after the cock is introduced, especially if the introduction is in the early part of the day, to be fertile. If birds are in good health and proper condition eggs laid from thirty to forty hours after cock is introduced may reasonably be expected to be fertile. (2) Send your Mule query again on a separate sheet, and do not omit to mention what sort of Mule it is, as you do this time. This question has to go to another authority. (3) See reply to "Homer" on Feeding Rollers in last issue, which will tell you all you wish to know on this point.

Not Laying (F. F., Bindoff).—Separate them for a fortnight. In the first-week limit the diet to plain canary and a fairly liberal supply of chickweed. In the drinking water give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days. In the second week feed and treat as advised to "More Knowledge," giving her also the gentian and steel as there advised every second day. Give her a mealworm a day if available, and stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for her to peck at. If she is quite well and active, you may try her again at the end of this time, but otherwise it is useless wasting time with her.

Young and Old (F. H. B.).—Am not quite clear whether you require to know anything about the young which have died. If you are in any doubt you had better look up the last few issues, wherein you will find a number of detailed replies on the question of young dying. If you refer to a single-compartment cage in your query as to running two hens with one cock I say decidedly, No. It will not be a success. You must keep the hens in separate cages, or you might keep one in each side of a double breeding cage with the slide separating them. Then mate the cock first with one hen, and after she has gone to nest, and commenced sitting, remove him, and mate with the other. When the second hen has gone to nest remove him, and keep in a cage by himself until the first hen is ready for the second round. If both hens are in equally high breeding condition, and the cock young and lusty, you might run him through the slide at midday, thus allowing him to run with each for half a day at a time, which will suffice to ensure fertility.

Laying One Egg (Erratic Laying).—You give no idea how old the hen is. If hatched last year she may be worth the keeping until next season, but if she is getting old. I would advise you to discard her without more ado. You will probably never do any good with her. To give her a good chance of proving her worth, separate her as soon as the fate of this sitting is determined, and for a fortnight put her on the treatment given to "Postman," but instead of giving the gentian, substitute the same quantity of tincture of calumba. In all other respects follow the treatment named.

Loss of Appetite and Bareness (M. A. P.).—The hens are so-called non-feeders. If they have gone to nest again, when the young are about to hatch give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day, and for a day or two after give her a bath in which you have dissolved a small teaspoonful of common salt. Remove the cock when she begins to sit, and leave her to hatch and rear the young herself. Read reply to "Homer" in last issue, and see if you go wrong in the feeding. You might hand-rear the young, providing the hen will keep them warm by moistening a little of the usual egg food until about the consistency of cream, and giving the young a feed every two hours for the first few days, increasing the frequency, and also making the food a little more solid, after the first week. You do not mention the age of the cock; if an old bird, the feathers will probably not be reproduced; otherwise, by encouraging a good and speedy moult, they will probably be placed all right. You can do nothing for them now.

Under Suspicion (Lilac).—I will not suggest the eggs were there all the time; I do not think they were. Certainly I would not hesitate to suggest what I honestly believed to be the true state of affairs. In this case I think an egg was laid on the Saturday morning after you had looked and found one still there, and another on the Sunday morning, and the interval between the first egg being laid and this Saturday morning in question had been drawn blank, so far as eggs were concerned. So you see the cock is not such a culprit as you thought. You make no mention of returning him at any part of the day after the first removal, and if this is the real state of affairs it is doubtful whether the eggs will be fertile, but let them sit the full time, and be on the safe side. If you are still doubtful of the cock it will be the most practical thing to remove him each night when an egg is expected, and not return him until the egg has been secured next morning, and transferred to a place of safety. When a third egg has been laid, or on the evening of the fourth day, remove him for good, and allow the hen to hatch and rear the young herself.

Owing to the regrettable circumstance which necessitates our going to press one day earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be given until our next issue.—EDITOR.

Young Yorkshires Dying (W. Hall).—I can quite understand the young dying on the fifth day when you say you began to give crushed hemp like the sample sent on the fourth day if the parents fed with it. The seed is absolutely rotten inside, and totally unfit for any feeding purposes whatever. You should not give pure yolk of egg for three days. After the first day begin to mix crushed biscuit or bread crumbs with it; and I do not care about giving crushed hemp until the young are ten or twelve days old, on account of the risk of making the hen want to start nesting again too early, with the consequent risk of plucking the young. Read reply to "Homer" in last issue, and follow directions as to feeding whilst rearing young.

Upturned Claw (J. Clephan).—I cannot advise you definitely without having a clearer knowledge of the case. Is it a front or hind claw, and is it only just the claw—that is, the horny part, or toenail, so to speak—or the whole toe? Your sketch seems to suggest it is only just the horny part, in which case, provided it does not revert to its normal position after having a thin perch for a few weeks, the best thing would be to clip off the claw just a little short of the fleshy part of the toe, and touch it with a white hot knitting needle to arrest undue bleeding. Give it only perches about the thickness of a lead pencil for a few weeks, and if the above surmise is incorrect write again, and give full particulars, before resorting to further interference.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Java Sparrows, etc.

A. S. P.—The unknown bird is either a Weaver or Whydah; either a female or a male out of colour; many of these are very quarrelsome in confined quarters. It is impossible to say what species it is while out of colour, at any rate, without seeing it. At the same time, while they are continually chaffering with their companions, I have never suffered loss from them. Put up one or two more nest boxes (Hartz travelling cages make favourite nesting receptacles for many species), several kinds are figured in "Foreign Birds for Beginners," and if you read this book carefully you ought to have no difficulty in treating your birds. Let them alone for, say, another fortnight, and then if they do not settle down remove the quarrelsome bird. But I have kept all the kinds you name in quite a small aviary, and they successfully reared young while so kept; that is, the Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, and Cutthroats did. If things don't improve, send me a rough sketch of your aviary, with dimensions, etc., and I will try and point out where you have gone astray. However, you must bear in mind Foreign Finches are not like Canaries; with the latter you pair up, and they breed forthwith, but with the Foreigners you often have to exercise patience, but rightly treated you get results in the end.

Virginian Nightingale, etc.

F. S.—It is the after results of the hardships of importation that you have to combat with, and a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia will be very helpful; at the same time the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose—you must regulate the doses by the condition of the bird. Also give Parrish's Chemical Food on such days as you are not supplying the magnesia. Diet: This should be liberal, and must consist of seeds, soft food, ripe fruit, green food, and live insects; the three latter items should be given *ad lib.* at this juncture. As regards insects, give two or three mealworms daily and any beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, wood lice, and any garden pests you can capture. Seed mixture: Three parts each canary and white millet and one part each oats, sunflower, rape, and hemp seeds. As regards greenfood: Lettuce, flowering (seeding) grass and chickweed, are about the best. It is a hardy species, but must be kept out of draught. The Indian Mynah is not a songster, though well trained they make good talkers. It is evidently the Shama you mean; these are fine songsters, and once established are long-lived. They are grand birds, full of character, and when kept in sufficient quarters to indulge in a little flight are altogether charming. My bird, which has been with me four or five years, and had already been in this country a fair period when it came into my possession, lives on soft food mixture, about a dozen mealworms daily and a very little lettuce. Glad to note the Cordons and Gouldians survived.

To go with 'Gales and Linnets.

A. G.—Of course the number of suitable birds is fairly large, but the following should meet your conditions, and make a very pretty series. In the first place I should put in a couple of hen Canaries (Norwich) to entertain the Goldfinches. Get as opportunity offers pairs of the following, some at any rate, of which should breed: Zebra Finches, Spice Birds, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Zebra Waxbills, Green Avadavats, Cutthroats, and Bengalese, all from 3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair. Long-tailed and Rufous tailed Grassfinches, Diamond Finches, Chestnut-breasted and Yellow-rumped Finches, 10s. 6d. to 21s. per pair. You have room in all for 12 to 15 pairs of birds not larger than a Norwich Canary—none of the above exceed this size, many of them being much smaller. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful (see advt.). If you supply white millet, also millet sprays, a few oats and flowering (seeding) grass, groundsel, chickweed, etc., as greenfood, with cuttlefish and a little of such ripe fruit as the birds will take, not omitting ample bathing accommodation, your birds should thrive and do well. The diet given is in addition to what you are at present supplying to the British Finches.

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Troupials, Conures, etc.

"Cockney."—I fear this is a large order. For instance, the number of Troupials is very large, and their size, colouration, etc., are very varied. They are handsome and striking birds, as a rule, of Starling-like form and demeanour. The body colouring is mostly glossy black, relieved with yellow, red, brown, and other colours. They are quarrelsome, and should be caged either in pairs or separately, unless you have a roomy garden aviary to turn them into. Conures are like Parakeets, rather noisy, and also quarrelsome, as a rule, with other Parrakeets; nevertheless, many of them are very beautiful, both in form and colouration. The species should not be mixed under any conditions, and should be kept singly or in pairs. Red-cheeked Bulbuls are handsome birds, full of character, very vivacious, and the charm of their movements makes them very entertaining and interesting birds, though they are not richly clad. Roughly, their plumage is chocolate-brown above, variegated with lighter brown, the underparts are white, with the ear coverts and undertail-coverts red. In form they are more elegant than, but very similar to, the Red-crested Cardinal. For exhibition purposes you would find the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul answer your purpose better; there was a figure of this species on a recent "C.B." coloured plate. Some of the rarer Troupials would also meet your need, but are not always obtainable. Of course the Gold-front is much more costly than a Red-cheek—thirty to forty shillings not being out of the way for a good specimen. I am afraid I cannot give you the numbers of the various issues, but if you look up about three years back, you will find my articles on Foreign Bird Keeping.

Brevities.

Parrot Query (E. Cooper).—Thanks for yours with remittance. Glad to note the bird is improving, and if you persevere with the treatment a complete cure should be the result.

Virginian Nightingale as a Songster (Soug).—This is a hardy species, once it has recovered from the hardships of importation; but while it has some merit as a songster, it is absurd to compare it to the English Nightingale, or even the Blackcap. There is not much variety in the Virginian's song, neither is it very sustained, though the notes are fairly sonorous and clear. I take it you are keeping it in a cage; this should be a roomy one; in such case, during genial weather its cage can be hung out of doors in some sheltered position. It is a hardy species, but the hardiest of birds will not survive draught for long. You will find diet and treatment given to another correspondent in this issue.

Plants, etc., for Parrakeet Aviary (W. A. Morse).—It is no use planting trees or bushes in such an aviary; they are straightly cut to pieces, but a very tidy and tasteful appearance can be got with gravel and turf, though the latter will need fairly frequent renewal. A patch might be reserved for the sowing of wheat, oats, etc., and if you had a few frames, with netting on to keep the birds off, till the growths were about three inches high, the result would be more pleasing. A couple of frames would keep the place fairly fresh and green, by changing them about a little. Get some spruce board 6ins. by 1in., fasten together with a few stretches, and cover with netting; make these of such a size that they can be conveniently handled and you should have no difficulty in keeping up a supply of growing grass, wheat, rape, canary, etc.

Tiny Birds: What Kind? ("Dodo").—You evidently misunderstood the man you purchased the birds from. I expect he said Orange cheeks, not Orange Tits. In other words your birds are Orange-cheek Waxbills. Cage your bird separately and feed it on spray millet, with flowering (seeding) grass as greenfood; also a little ripe apple for it to peck at; and if you can get it, a blighty spray of rose or fruit tree, or any blighty, non-poisonous herbage. Use a fine toilet spray and spray it with quassia solution, but remove all food from cage previous to doing so. The food and water hoppers can be replaced almost as soon as the spraying is completed. The Bullfinch query should have been sent to our Brit. Bird Specialist, Mr. G. E. Weston, and as I do not care to trespass on his territory kindly repeat query, and state whether you are keeping in cage or aviary. Put a few grains of Epsom Salts in the Waxbill's drinking water for one day only.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Obtaining a Starling.

Barry Dock.—To successfully rear the young Starlings, proceed on the general lines laid down by me in my answers last week (and this) concerning the hand-feeding of Thrushes, etc. I advise you to take at least two, however; it is far the best, and two (or even three) represent very little more trouble than does one "baby." It is generally best to take the whole nestful, as the youngsters keep warmer when all are together, and thrive better. You can occasionally moisten the food with water instead of milk. You must, however, give animal food of some kind, either mealworms or small garden worms (cut up to a suitable size), etc; or you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food frequently, or give a little grated dried liver. When it commences to feed itself, give a good insectivorous mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely minced lettuce or other green-meat or vegetable ingredient in liberal quantity. The Starling is fond of a little scraped raw meat, hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely chopped green stuff, berries, worms, snails, beetles, wasp grub, gentles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. You will have no difficulty in providing him with a good varied diet, on which he will live in health for a long period. Keep in a very large box-pattern cage, and clean out frequently.

A Yellow and a Reed.

Persimmon.—Neither the Yellow nor the Reed Bunting has any claim, strictly speaking, to be considered a songster. Their treatment in captivity I have often dealt with. Here it is again, in brief. The only "stock mixture" you require for Buntings is plain canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food

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(mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not very keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you happen to have in the place, and they will "chew oil" a little.

Young Skylarks.

Thomas Shannon.—Skylarks can be very successfully hand-reared by the methods I recommend for Thrushes, etc. See the many replies given last week. I have brought up many a one that way. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong youngsters, however, I prefer to proceed as follows:—Boil a fresh egg twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix it with a fork into 2 crushed Osborne bisenits; add to this a small teaspoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but often, from dawn to dusk; and to give a feed or two after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative to looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. As likely cocks choose the boldest (most forward) and brightest coloured (most yellowish looking) nestlings. Very young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings. When they come out of the nest (they do so at an early age), a good turf "run" should be provided for them to "exercise" on; it prevents cramp, a nasty complaint. The "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark (post free 2½d.) will tell you all you want to know about this bird.

Widowed.

H. A. Senior.—Am sorry to hear of your loss of the Linnet. The beginning of the breeding season, however, is a period during which British birds frequently "turn queer." You can safely reckon on pairing up its mate with the cock Goldie you have, which is at present running with the yellow Yorks. hen. A Goldie seldom troubles about a change or a plurality of wives, and the fact that one hen is clear and the other marked will make no difference to him. But because this is so in his case you must not lightly assume it true of other Finches. The Linnet, for instance, if not exactly "faithful unto death," is at least faithful for a season, and will but seldom tolerate being run with a second hen. The disposition of the average Greenfinch is very similar, and he generally lets the second bird have unmistakable proof of his adherence to the principle of monogamy. And as a "flayed-alive" hen is neither use nor ornament, one has to hurry up to remove her. Birds differ so in disposition, however, and behave so differently even under precisely similar conditions, that it is well-nigh impossible to forecast the result of any experiment with them. For instance, I have already this season changed the mates of a mulling Linnet and Greenfinch without trouble resulting. But generally speaking the feathers have been sent flying around when I have essayed to do this.

Brevities.

Two Wild Plants (Daffodil).—No. 1 is the ivy-leaved speedwell (Veronica hederifolia), and No. 2 the hairy butter cress (Cardamine hirsuta). I have never personally gathered either as a "wildfood" for caged birds; but No. 2 is a member of an order of plants (Cruciferæ) which contains many of the weeds widely popular with bird-keepers.

What Constitutes a Dark Mule? (Larkie).—An exhibition dark Mule must unquestionably be dark all over, i.e., have no light (foul) feathers anywhere, except such as come through characteristic markings found on the parent Finch. For instance, a dark Goldfinch Mule would run light in colour in the neighbourhood of the vent; this is natural and allowable, but even a single white feather in wing or tail would lead to the bird being "wrong-classed" by any specialist judge.

Paint and Paraffin (A New Starter). — The smell of paint, if strong, is most certainly harmful to birds. A newly-painted cage should be given an "airing" before birds are placed in it. Paraffin I have never found affect my birds. But I never use it *freely* in cages which contain birds; only small quantities inserted into corners, etc., on the tip of a brush should I suspect the presence of redmite, which pest it infallibly destroys.

Loss of Young Birds (E.E.).—The Goldfinch-Linnet couple will be sure to nest again. You might try taking the cock Goldie out when the hen Linnet goes to nest, though I question very much whether he was guilty of throwing the young from the nest. Are you sure mice could not get at them? These little nuisances can do a lot of mischief in an aviary if allowed in it.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Marked Birds (F. A.).—Paper duly to hand; thanks. We will conform to your wishes and return it in due course. The kindly expressions contained in your letter are much appreciated.

The Nearest Society (S.J.F.).—The nearest society to you would, we think, be the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; hon. sec., Mr. H. R. Hearn, 11, Hardman Road, Charlton S.O., Kent.

An Address (C. Tomlinson).—It is against the rules to divulge addresses of correspondents without their permission. If you will forward your communication in a sealed stamped envelope, we will with pleasure put on the address and post along the letter.

An Idea (J. H. Jowett).—We are indeed obliged to you for sending us this suggestion, which shall be carefully considered and acted upon if possible. Many thanks for your kindness. You are quite right in thinking that colour printing is an expensive process; it is, very.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 2ts. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss L. Parkyn.—Yorkshire cock Canary died in a fit. There was hemorrhage on the surface of the brain, and a large clot of blood enveloping the heart, the interior of which was perfectly devoid of contents. The lungs were pale in colour owing to their loss of blood. The whole condition may be summed up in the word "apoplexy," induced by the sudden spell of warm weather. He was a nice, robust bird, in a condition such as would predispose to an affection of this type.

CANARY QUERIES: Continued.

Answers received after previous page had gone to press.

Brevities.

Cure for Cataract ("Cataract.").—Am sorry to have to say there is not a ghost of a chance of curing the bird. Its only means of cure lies in a physical operation, which necessitates the substitution of artificial lenses afterwards in the shape of spectacles, which, of course, renders the operation impracticable in the case of birds. If you keep it in the same cage, and its food, water, and bath placed conveniently for it, it will get along famously, notwithstanding its loss. Do not attempt to breed with it.

Mousie Seed (Kit).—If the seed does not appear to have been fouled by the spoor or moisture of the mice, it will be quite fit for use after you have blown off the husk. You may, if you are in doubt, scoop off the top layer of seed and discard it. In a case of this kind, however, I should hardly think it is necessary, as the only real danger lies in the seed being fouled as suggested above. Do not wash it or heat it all all.

Shell less Eggs (J. Large).—You may let this hen go to nest again if she is strong and healthy. Feed her plainly, be sparing with soft food this time, give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the water daily for three days, and after that twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and twenty drops of gin on the alternate days until she is mating again. Then omit the gin, and give the chemical food daily, and half a teaspoonful of white millet every second day. Also smash up a little limey old mortar, and mix with the sand on the cage floor.

In Trim (Sulphate).—(1) When a pair have been left together whilst sitting and rearing young has been going on, it is not necessary to separate them to prepare them for the second round. In most cases the hen will be ready to start nesting quite as soon as the young are able to leave the nest, and sometimes earlier than that. (2) The seed you describe is probably red millet, which I have before this known supplied as gold of pleasure. The latter is considerably smaller, and is very little larger than maw seed, of somewhat similar shape, and a lustreless brown colour, rather than reddish. If you crack a few grains between your thumb nails it leaves an oily patch and an odour suggestive of onions. Taste a little, and it has a mucilaginous surface like linseed when moistened, and the suggestion of onions is more pronounced. This should enable you to recognise it quite easily. (3) In one ounce of water—i.e., two tablespoons—you may quite safely use a crystal of sulphate or iron the size of a split pea and pro rata when it is necessary.

Soft Moult (D. Williams).—Quite a number of remedies have been given for this trouble in the last few weeks in almost every issue. The birds are doubtless kept in an unsuitable place, and exposed either to cold draughts, rapid extremes of heat and cold, or damp. Look up replies to "A New Reader" and "G. C." in last issue, and "Soft Moult" and "R. R." in the preceding issue, and carry out suggestions as to general management given in those replies. Follow up treatment given in the first-named reply, and if that does not succeed in, say, a fortnight or three weeks, drop it, and try the course given to "G. C."

Hen with Cough (Caledonian).—As you make no mention about it, I presume the hen is not mated. See that she is kept free from all draughts and impure air. In addition to the usual seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a week. In the drinking water give first a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of a mixture of two parts each glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one part each of ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Any chemist will dispense you a few pennyworth of the mixture, and save you buying quantities of each.

Birds Dying (H. A. C.).—Thanks for particulars re purchase of bird. Should the test bird die, please note that I do not do post-mortems. See post-mortem columns for rules and address where parcels must be sent direct. As regards acquiring another Mule, perhaps you might meet with something you like at one of the principal shows in your town during the coming season, if you cannot meanwhile find a breeder who has what you want. The price would naturally depend upon the amount of light plumage, and may be anything from 10s. to 100s., or even more than that if very light.

LATE NEWS.

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PORTMADOC.

Show held May 14 at Portmadoc in the Park, a grand place, well adapted for the mixed show; the birds were shown in a marquee provided for the purpose. The weather was all that could be desired, the show being well attended by visitors, who took great interest in the exhibits. We hope the show will prove to be a success. The genial secretary, Mr. Humphreys, had everything well arranged early in the morning, and the exhibitors were admitted to the grounds early in the afternoon, which, no doubt, proved successful, for this show is especially for exhibitors from a distance; other fixtures would, we think, do well to follow their example. The stewards ably assisted in every section. The quality of the exhibits was good all through. Norwich were few in number, but very good in quality. Yorkshires were far more numerous, and the quality here too was of the well-known standard. Goldfinches were a really good class; the mules were very fair, and the British Hardbills A.O.S. contained some really fine species. Foreign and the "Novices," also the local classes, were well-filled. We were pleased to see Mr. Edwards, from Wrexham, at the show, with his good Bramble and Goldie, also Mr. Rowlands, from Pwllheli. Both were looking after birds from their quarters. Mr. J. Williams (Llangoed) took the cup and special for best bird with a typical clear yellow Norwich. Mr. Pritchard (Criccieth) won the cup for best Goldie, Mr. J. Roberts winning in the local class. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YEL., CL., ETC.: 1, cup, and special, J. Williams, typical, good col. and contour, topping exhibit; 2, withheld. BUFF: 1, J. E. Jones, nice Buff, in good form. NOR., A.O.V.: 1, W. H. Williams, well-known wing-mkd. Crest, not in his best form to-day; 2, Fawcett, typical cinn. variegd., also winning in the Novice Class. YORKS. BUFF, CL., ETC.: 1, Walford, old winner, wing-marked, grand length, best feathered bird in show; 2, W. H. Williams, good length, wing and tail, shade open to-day, otherwise hard to find a fault with; 3, J. T. Jones, true Yorkie of good position and feather; vhc, J. R. Jones. YELL.: 1, J. O. Williams, grand tick, ideal type, long and slim, straight on legs, good col. and feather; 2, E. Edwards, cl. yell., long and straight, fine quality; 3, vhc, Parry, very nice class of feather; hc, J. R. Jones, very fine bird. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, Lewis, very neat green Yorks, good quality feather, typical; 2, J. O. Williams, yell. variegd., one of the best Yorks. in the show, good length, stands well, wings well folded; 3 (no name in catalogue), variegd. Buff, nice quality, good feather. MULE OR HYB.: 1, B. J. Jones, variegd. Goldie Mule, good size and quality; 2, T. Owen, dark Goldie Mule, jonque, fine size and col.; 3, W. Jones, another jonque Greenie Can., in fine form; vhc, Robert, another grand variegd. Goldfinch-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1 and sp., and two hc, Pritchard; 2, fine size, grand blaze, tans and buttons, in capital feather; 3, E. Jones; 2, another nice one, close up in all points, shown "in the pink"; 3, good face, richly tanned, sound col.; vhc, Lewis; vhc, Edwards; hc, W. Jones; hc, Owen, all worthy of their cards. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Lloyd, good Hawfinch, not in the best of form, but nice size, colour, etc.; 2, W. H. Williams, clinking Bullie of rare size and substance, good cap, rich col.; 3, Salter, Yell. Bunting, good size and col.; extra 3, E. Edwards, good rich pencilling, grand size and col., very steady; vhc, J. Williamss, another good Bullie, fine cap and breast, large, very steady; hc, Pritchard. SOFTBILL: 1, E. Thomas, good Thrush, shown very fit; 2, Fawcett, very steady Skylark, well pencilled. FOR.: 1, Davies, very good Parrot, worthy of his position; 2, Roberts, monster Cockatoo; 3, M. Jones, African Grey Parrot, well shown; vhc, Isaac; vhc, W. P. Bell. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, NOVICE: 1 and sp., J. Roberts; 2, E. O. Jones; 3, T. Jones; vhc, W. Jones; hc, J. Jones. CAN., A.O.V., NOVICE: 1, Fawcett; 2, Isaac; 3, J. Griffith.

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SIR,—In answer to Mr. "Straight 'Un's" letter, I may say that I have not wanted the club to go on solely for Bradford, and for just the Yorkshire Union shows. "Straight 'Un" admits he expected to see some Bradford shows take the Britishers up. They did the first year, we know. Then he talks about the mistake of putting up the number of classes. But I fail to see where the mistake comes in. I think any society that gets a club's patronage should make the required classes, knowing that when they get the patronage the classes are a deal more likely to fill. How many Norwich had we before the Norwich Club was formed? Since the formation of this club we have without doubt seen some good classes. I should very much like to see a deal more interest taken in the Y.C.B.B. and M. Club. Mr. "Straight 'Un" also mentions something about wanting the "plums" ourselves. I think there have not been many ripe ones about. Now, what I want is to see more British at our Yorkshire Union shows. As I have said before, I think they would, without doubt, be a good attraction, seeing we have some good members outside.

T. H. Inman.

BIRKDALE.

Linnet contest held on the grass at Birkdale on Whit-Monday. Result: E. Buck, 100 secs.; R. Makinson, 91 secs.; W. Perry, 61 secs. Two gentlemen from Wigan (Messrs. Millingan and Macfarlane) timed the birds to the satisfaction of all. This is our first match, but not the last.—R. Makinson.

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An Appeal for a Chatham Fancier.

SIR,—Will you kindly place an appeal in your valuable paper for one of our brother fanciers, who has been ill for a very long time, and does not look like doing any more work? We fanciers of Chatham are getting up a smoking concert on his behalf, and I have got a few subscription lists for any secretaries or fanciers out of the district, who can have one by applying to me for the same. I hope you will let the Fancy know through your ever welcome paper. His name is W. Bradly (Chatham), and we want to try and get him a little business if we can to help support his wife and children honourably. (See notice under "Twitterings.")

H. WRAY.

22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.

Special Prizes at Dunfermline.

SIR,—In reading your issue for May 7th, I noticed Mr. Hutchison writing saying he did not get a special which he won at Dunfermline. I may say the special was not won by him, but by Mr. McDermid, of Stirling, who received the same within three weeks from the date of show. I quite sympathise with Mr. Hutchison over the way in which he was treated, but they are the real facts of the case. If he is taking the catalogue for it, there were a good few mistakes in it, and we paid the specials according to the judge's slips. This reply would have appeared last week, but I was leaving it for a more qualified pen than mine to explain. I hope this will meet with his approval, and clear any misunderstanding on his part.

ANDREW BUCHANAN.

A Green Border Section for the Green Canary Association.

SIR,—I should like to draw the attention of those who are interested in Green Border Fancies to the fact that the meeting of the "Green Canary Association on May 26th is to decide whether the Green Borders are to be taken into the association or not. It seems to me it will be a very good thing for us if they decide to accept the Borders, as we shall then have more classes provided at the different shows under the Green Club's patronage. It was most disappointing last season to find so many shows, even some of the largest—L.C.B.A., and Crystal Palace included—with only one class for Green Borders. I feel sure that if classes were provided, the birds would be forthcoming. Look at the splendid number at the International contest at Altrincham—70 greens in four classes; what could be better than that? Now, if those fanciers who would join the association, in the event of the Green Borders being taken in, would only let the secretary, Mr. Green have their names before the meeting, it might make a great difference in the decision of the Association. BORDER GREEN.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—Having read the letter by Mr. J. Oldham, I quite agree that there is plenty of room to discuss the type of the Lancashire Canary without being personal. But as nobody has been more personal than Mr. Fuller (he also making a personal attack on my honour after the letter appeared in CAGE BIRDS signed "Lizard" without proof that it was I), you will no doubt agree that I have equally as much right to expose his shortcomings as he has to try and expose mine. But I do agree with "Lizard" where he asks what is to become of the Lizard, after the appointment of these nearly all Lancashire judges by the intelligent members of the L. and L.F.A., and it does appear on the face of it that they, as a body, are prepared, in order to safeguard the Lancashire, to lose sight of the Lizard. I notice, also, Mr. Oldham, that you think that Mr. Fuller was right in criticising judges who have put to the front birds in Lancashire classes showing crest properties. Had he complained at the time these birds were exhibited, there would have been good ground to think that he understood what he has been preaching. But he attended Rochdale O.C. show, and assisted the judges at Manchester, but made no complaints about crest properties. It was not until somebody told Mr. Fuller about these particular birds, and an open confession appeared at the end of the past exhibition season by Mr. W. Adams himself, that Mr. Fuller did so. Mr. Fuller was then quick enough to spot his opportunity of pushing his claims as a Lancashire judge, so he sets the ball rolling by criticising the judging of such capable men as Messrs. C. A. House, J. Garner, and another, simply in order to make capital himself. It will be interesting in the near future, if the L. and L.F.A. ever selects him to judge the Lancashire classes at any of their coming shows this season for these condemned judges to pay a surprise visit wherever he has been appointed to judge and pay particular attention to the Lancashire-cum-Crests and the painted Lizards, which Mr. Fuller so seriously complains about. In reference to his last blustering epistle, it is hardly worth taking passing notice of, and certainly is not worth the paper on which it is printed. In Mr. Baker's words there was no doubt a great deal of truth. He stated "Those who know Teddy best simply laugh to scorn his blustering effusions." I notice that Mr. Fuller tries to mislead fanciers that he is a professional exhibitor by telling the Fancy that he lost his noviceship twenty years ago at Manchester by winning special for most points in the show. It is evident he does not yet understand what constitutes a novice, and for his edification I might tell him that point specials won at first feather shows have nothing to do with three first prizes won in open competition. However, knowing for a positive fact that he was "stretching the truth" when he stated that he had received the congratulations of Messrs. J. and Walter Dewsnap, J. Smith, and others on his appointment as specialist judge, seeing that he is prepared to do this about one thing, it is only likely that he will do it about others. Therefore (I should be very sorry indeed to further hurt his feelings by calling him anything vulgar), I will conclude by telling him that I don't believe that he is yet a pro. exhibitor. No doubt seeing that you, Mr. Fuller, are so "very well known" outside Glossop, there's no doubt a lot of the old fanciers will scratch their heads endeavouring to think if you ever won a first prize in open competition, except amongst the Mules at the Palace.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

SIR,—Allow me to say a few words in regard to the winning Buff Coppy at the last Rochdale and Manchester Shows. I should not have written a word through what Mr. Fuller said, because we know him; but now Mr. Oldham has entered the field, I thought I would just say a few words. I cannot see why Mr. House and myself should be attacked about the awards we both gave. Mr. House and myself will vie any day with Mr. Fuller and Mr. Oldham, I think. Mr. House says he has been selected for Rochdale a long way in the "teens" (to judge at Rochdale Town Hall). I have been selected for Rochdale about twenty times local, and one open, besides a great many times for other towns. You must, Mr. Oldham, allow us to have an opinion on our judgment, and you can certainly have yours. The bird we are being criticised over has been on the show bench for about four or five years, and has won about twelve prizes, the largest number being firsts to my knowledge—and all under different judges, too, except in one instance. He won a first and a second at Manchester Show, two firsts at Nottingham, besides winning at other shows. The breeder of this bird was a great Lancashire exhibitor, and he had no Crests; therefore, where did the crest come from? And after the bird came into his possession, Mr. Adams must have thought him all right, or he would not have exhibited him. I told Mr. Fuller about it, and he promised to write to CAGE BIRDS on the matter. I have been waiting six weeks for an answer from Mr. Fuller, but none has come yet. Now, Mr. Oldham, where does our judgment come in, for all the judges were well able to judge Lancashires. I am not afraid of any fair criticism on type in the Lancashire. Mr. Oldham says the Lancashire C.A. have a rule to the effect that all birds shall be disqualified that show crest properties. Now, rules are nothing to go by in this matter, for we should find more than one wrong if you worked to your rules; therefore, if our judgment was wrong, we have other well-qualified men wrong with us; and Mr. Fuller and Mr. Oldham must be right.

J. GARNER.

Glasgow (Confined) Derby Association.

SIR,—I have been a member of this association since its inception, and this is the first occasion on which I have not obtained a membership ticket, though I was a member in 1909. The Glasgow Derby should not be allowed to go down. Who is the secretary and treasurer?

A MEMBER.

A New Cage Bird Society for Eccles and District.

SIR,—At a meeting held on May 11th, it was unanimously decided to form the Eccles and District Cage Bird Society. The next meeting will be held in the Patricroft Coffee Tavern, on Monday, May 23rd, at 8 p.m. prompt, to elect officers, etc., and place the society on a sound footing. Will all fanciers and those interested kindly attend? All communications and enquiries to be made to

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Bullfinches and "Plenty of Good Seed."

SIR,—Being an admirer of the Bullfinch, I always look forward with pleasure to correspondence on this handsome bird. In the interesting contribution from "E. E." in May 4th issue I observe that we are advised to give Master Bullie "plenty of good seed." From my own observations I find that his lordship seems to thrive better (in cages) on a rather restricted diet, for should he have "plenty to go at," he seems to get altogether too fat, and loose in feather. NONENTITY.

Prize Money at Camborne Show

SIR,—In reply to a correspondent re the above, on behalf of the committee, I beg to state that they suffered a very heavy loss at the last show, and this, added to a previous loss, placed the committee in a serious position. The greatest part of the prize-money was paid within a fortnight of the show, and the remainder as funds allowed. The committee decided to do this and pay prize-money in full rather than ask successful exhibitors to accept a reduction. This will explain delay, and any exhibitor not having received same will kindly communicate with me.

CHAS. J. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

13, Trelowarren Street, Camborne.

White and Other Wagtails.

SIR,—I had my wish gratified when I read Mr. Teschemaker's account of his experiences and observations of the above species. I cannot remember whether I notified him of its occurrence here in Midlothian. I was fortunate to secure an adult male last autumn, and it was simply owing to the fact that I had made a careful comparison of the two species, pied and white, preserved in the Scottish Museum, that I was enabled to identify the latter. Briefly, my method was the same, viz., though an immature pied closely resembles a white in autumn plumage, yet there remains the unmistakable difference of colour in upper tail coverts; if these are light lavender grey you have a white Wagtail. But there is another method of setting all doubts at rest, and that is by drawing two or three feathers from centre of back, which will be reproduced in a week or two; then, if the specimen is a pied (say, immature in autumn plumage), and, therefore, having the grey back, these extracted feathers come in black. I have adopted the same method for ascertaining the sex of immature Chaffinches, Blackbirds, and Bullfinches, with this difference, that while I take the feathers from the breast of a Chaffinch or a Bully, it is advisable to take them from the back of a Blackbird, as young male Blackbirds are sometimes very rusty after the first moult. I may state for the benefit of those who wish to see the difference between white and pied Wagtails that there are four specimens of each in the Scottish collection showing the sexual, seasonable, and immature plumages. I notice the white specimen was got at Dunbar, in the adjoining county to this, as was also the Short-eared Owl, a species mentioned by Mr. T. in his article. Like him, I had some furious thinking before I hit on a plan to trap the wily Wagtail. I found that though he will gorge himself with mealworms shortly after being caught, he has a soul above them when at liberty. Perhaps this was due to the plenitude of insect life. I attributed it first to their distrust of the silk thread which adorns the tail of a captive mealworm, and connects to a trigger. But an experiment I made convinced me that he wasn't "having any," as the late Mark Twain would say, with or without frills. I was using the oval-shaped, invisible, Nightingale trap (no boards). A study of his habits gave me an idea. I observed that he had no objection to walking over sheets of sandpaper. Now I know Wagtails have a peculiar aversion to walking over dead leaves, or long grass. I therefore removed the triggers from my traps, and substituted a thin tin plate 6in. square which I prepared in the following manner: I punched two holes in edge, one inch apart, and bent a piece of wire like a hairpin, putting the two ends through the holes. I left about a half-inch of double part projecting up to form a loop, and soldered wire firmly to plate. I thus made two hooks of the ends of wire on the underside of plate, and gave the surface of same a coat of green paint, and while wet sprinkled it with sand. When it was dry I was ready. Proceeding to the burn where I had located the birds, I set two on the very edge of the water, bending back the net in the usual way. I caught the two hooks on underside of plate to the transverse wire which extends across these traps; then bringing over the long wire, which keeps trap set (fly wire), I passed it through the loop, and the trap was set. I had, before setting, scraped a slight hole in the sand, and by bending the loops of plate back or forward I found I could raise or lower the plate to any desired angle. This made it a simple matter to have the sanded plate level with, and to all appearance forming part of, the sand on water edge. Other two traps were set in the water, with the plates just showing above surface, and the remaining two I placed among some stagnant mud. When setting the under-water and mud traps I took the precaution to place some withered herbage round the plate to prevent the bird being made a mess of when trapped, and was careful not to leave them out of sight, so that I could at once secure the bird when I saw the net fly. I then made a trail of withered leaves from the water's edge, arranging same in such a manner that in avoiding these, and taking the apparently clear course up the water's edge, he had perforce to walk right into the trap, and sometimes his partiality for alighting on stones in mid-stream led him into the water trap. I had the mud trap set in a place where he was naturally desirous of something firm to stand on. I had previously stirred up that mud with a stick. There was food for reflection, and Wagtails there, larva of gnats, etc. I considered I had qualified, if not to command success, at least to deserve it. And success was mine. I never saw one out of over forty Wagtails which paid a visit to that favoured spot that managed to avoid all six; certainly when the trap sprung those in the vicinity sprung also, but I soon, by a flank movement, drove them gently up stream again. My captures included a Moor Hen, a Dipper, and an old lady's pug dog. Talk about owls' howling! My aim, however, was to obtain an adult male grey, good in size, colour, and, like Sairey Gamp, kinder disposed to confinement. Those who have seen my nephew's bird, first and special at Kelty, would hardly think that only a fortnight before that bird was being introduced to society for his debut. It was shortly afterwards I got the White in the mud trap. It is illustrative of the different dispositions of birds, that, try as I liked, I entirely failed to induce the White to become reconciled. I was reluctantly forced to liberate him. And I would add a word of caution here to those who have the sense to liberate these birds; take them out of town. The said specimen, though quite able to fly, and doubly desirous of flying, seemed to have lost his bearings, and blundered into a surveyors' office, where he was welcomed by the lady typist. I was asked next day to come and draw up a bill of fare for it, and, strange to say, it was quite tame, and eating out of her hand within a week. Feminine influence applies, perhaps, equally to Wagtails and War Offices!

J. STEEL.

Dalkeith.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I should be very pleased if Mr. Wright would let me have his recipe for making a washable distemper, as I should like to make my own. I have just become a reader of your valuable paper, which I find is the best paper for all lovers of birds.

G. WHITEFOOT.

Mr. T. Williams (Bolton) also writes asking Mr. Wright to be kind enough to supply the recipe referred to.—ED.

SIR,—I find there is a mistake in my last communication re washable distemper. I wrote ½lb. packet of "Groco" size powder equals 8lbs. jelly size—not 3lbs. as printed.

(Miss) M. LATHAM.

SIR,—In your issue of May 14th, your correspondent, Miss M. Latham, asks a question which I am pleased to answer. From practical knowledge and experience, I can guarantee that "Duresco" is quite harmless to birds. I also should like to say that "Duresco" is not a distemper really, although it is frequently called so, as it was originally named a washable distemper, notwithstanding there was no distemper in it. "Duresco" is, in fact, a metallic water paint; and the only one on the market up to now that is really and truly washable, and which can be varnished without any preparation just the same as oil painted work. I also wish, for the benefit of your readers, to point out that the binding medium of all ordinary distemper is size (note Miss Latham's recipe) made from animal or fish glue, and these from their nature are liable to rapid decay. If fresh when first laid on, under the alternations of the atmosphere of the bird-room or dwelling, they absorb the moisture of the atmosphere, and immediately a process of decomposition is set up, and fœtid odours are given off, to the prejudice of birds and persons who come within their range; therefore, it is absolutely necessary (to be on the safe side), if distemper is used, to wash off clean to the wood if in cages, and if on walls to the bare plaster. The distempers that I mentioned are quite as cheap as the one Miss Latham has made, as they require a large quantity of water in their mixing, which reduces the cost considerably. I am pleased to see that Mr. W. Wright in his letter on above, corroborates my statement that no distemper will stand the test of washing. They are called "washable" because they do not rub off with ease. "Duresco" can only be obtained from decorators. JOHN ENGLAND.

The Colour-feeding of Canaries.

SIR,—I should like to express my relief on reading the interview with Mr. MacFarlane (issue May 14th), where he says he "would like to see colour-feeding done away with; but in these days it has to be done, though it harms the birds." I am sure it is very encouraging for any one to read the details of management, so plain and simple and to the point. The chief thing, however, is this gentleman's opinion on colour-feeding. I am glad I have, for once, captured the opinion of a prominent gentleman; my idea on the matter is heartily in accordance with that of Mr. MacFarlane. If it ever was my luck to reach by vast experience the position of "A Judge on the Bench," it would be my first call for a show with Canaries in their natural feather, the true Canary neat and trim. It remains to me very curious as to why the Canary should be coloured in order to gain its high merits, and its extra money value; but, of course, as with the new flying machines, we must be ahead of the times, have something new and startling, some novelty, something that never has been before, at any cost, dangerous or not dangerous.

J. H. JOWETT.

Should the First Eggs be Taken Away from Hens?

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. Bashford's letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, I would advise him to remove each egg as it is laid, but to give the hen a dummy to keep her quiet. Only one is required. On the evening of the third day replace the three eggs, and on the following morning remove the cock. In this way you will find the hen will settle down; and if by chance she lays the fifth egg, this also would be good. In regard to hens sitting on and off, the eggs would not be likely to spoil, but the young would be hatched in most cases one day after the other, and instead of being a nice level nest of birds, they would vary in size. When hatched in this way they never do so well. The cock must not be returned until the young are out of nest. If you find the hen is eager to nest again, she should not be encouraged in any way. If you can keep her feeding the young until they are 28 days old, so much the better; but should you have to return the cock, the young must be partitioned off, so that the hen can feed them through the wire. When a cock has been paired to more than one hen, it is very rarely he will help to feed the young, and he cannot be trusted with them.

W. MINTY.

SIR,—I have a pair of Canaries in an outhouse constructed of wood without heating apparatus. They are in an aviary 6ft. 6in. long, 6ft. high, 4ft. wide, and have been in this place since April 1909—over twelve months. These birds were just as forward in laying as my indoor birds. When the hen commenced to lay, I took the eggs away, as they were laid, but I substituted pot eggs. She should have laid the fourth egg on the Sunday morning. She did not do so, so I took out the pot eggs, placed in the nest her three eggs on the Sunday morning, and on the Monday morning she did lay the fourth egg. So she missed a day before completing the nest of four eggs. When they were due to hatch they were all hatched in a day. Two were hatched on the Saturday afternoon and the other two before Sunday morning a fortnight later. So I believe in all the birds hatching on one day. But at the same time, it is not natural, although we do not always follow nature; for instance, fowls sitting. I have no trouble with my other hens, respecting the leaving of eggs. Mr. H. Bashford might study these questions: Is the cage clean, is there plenty of grit, and is the feeding proper? He should not interfere too much with the birds. And if he only keeps his eye on the advice given by Mr. Claude St. John, he will not have much trouble. The youngsters I referred to were all out of nest on the 18th day. They are framing well to feed, and nicely feathering. The hen has gone to nest again, and has not attempted to pluck them. I intend to put all my birds outside at the year end about August.

HEALEY DAWSON.

The Battersea Open C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—I always make it a practice not to answer anyone who uses a nom-de-plume, but seeing that our chairman replied to "Visitor" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and is not able to state the whole of the facts re the delay in issuing the catalogues (through his being unable to be at the show until late in the evening on account of business), I feel it my duty to lay before "Visitor" the actual cause of the delay. I admit we had a grand entry, and possibly had we known we were going to have such a large entry no doubt the committee would have engaged another judge; but the two named being the advertised judges, we were duty bound to abide by the conditions of the schedule. No doubt this year we will add a clause, if necessary, empowering the committee to engage another judge. Now, the delay in issuing the catalogues was caused by the late delivery by some of the railway companies (principally the Great Western), and I hope if the officials should read this, it will be the means of waking them up. In fairness to those exhibitors who paid their entry fees and railway charges I delayed the judging, which meant upsetting our arrangements, and hence the delay. If "Visitor" had attended a neighbouring show, where more than two judges were adjudicating, and with two hundred less entries, he would have found they had not catalogues on sale with awards as early as Battersea. Our catalogues were on sale at ten minutes to eight—in fact, we were paying prize money at the time they arrived. I think "Visitor" will admit there is no other society better conducts their show, or better tries to cater first for those exhibitors that help make the show; and second, for those friends that attend and help swell the gate, than the Battersea Society.

F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—"Dark Mule" seems very much interested in the working of Battersea shows, but his letter is dictated by nothing but jealousy. Personally, I have had no British bird exhibitor apply for a British bird judge other than the one appointed who seems always to give the greatest satisfaction. Certainly, I have heard a few British Bird exhibitors grumble (and who has not?), no matter who has been the judge (generally of one clique or kidney) if their own pal is not judging. When you infer that the judge was adjudicating on Goldfinch or Linnets at 7.30 p.m., I give you the lie direct, as far as the judging at Battersea went, though I am afraid such was the case at your own show, where more than two judges were engaged. The officials do not look upon a judge as a machine; take it from me, the members of this society are good sportsmen, none better, and I am proud of such good sports. Take my advice before trying to find fault with this society and its management—improve the one you belong to; it wants it. We do all we can to study the comfort of exhibits in our charge.

F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec.

"Domestic Bliss in Canaryland."

SIR,—Please accept my sincere congratulations and hearty thanks for the splendid treat you have given bird lovers with the Spring Issue of CAGE BIRDS. Each illustration of the birds depicted in the coloured plate, "Domestic Bliss in Canaryland," is true to life, and reflects the highest credit upon your artist, Mr. Norman, and marks him out as a true lover of Nature. The country is lovely just now in all its Spring freshness, when each birds is trying to eclipse all others in lusty full-hearted song. Nests are to be found everywhere, the hen sitting in happy bliss, while her lord and master, on a bush or tree near by, is pouring forth his song. A few young-fledged birds meet the eye—of some of the more early species, such as the Thrush, Blackbird, etc. Nearly all the Spring migrants are now here in their usual places, and many of them are looking the worse for their journey. No doubt it must be most trying on them to arrive in the cold weather we had in April, when all insect life was at a discount. The song of the Willow Wren is heard in the hedgerows. My delight in these tender migrants and their gentle ways seems to increase every year, and to listen to their clear, delicate, descending song, like a peal of tiny bells, fairly charms my inmost soul.j Let us think for a moment of the power of endurance they must have to face wind and storm, perhaps all the way from the other side of the Equator. No man can fathom that mysterious longing for their nesting sites when the Spring comes. There can be no doubt that many of them perish on their long journey in the chill sleet and cold east winds which sweep across our land. How happy they must be when that journey is accomplished. To the observant eye, the happy rendering of their song and their jaunty way denote they are so. Even down by the streams, where the graceful Wagtail is to be seen at every bend, one can notice that Spring time brings joys to these likewise. The amusing antics of the Dipper fairly puts Harry Lauder in the shade. Just watch the male as he advances to his lady love, who sits demure and, to all outward appearance, as unmoved and as solemn as a judge. He advances to her in short, jerky hops, singing his love song all the time. I have not the slightest doubt he is saying "You are my Daisy; you're as sweet as sugar candy," picked up, perhaps, from some of the young lads who also frequent such spots with their "best girl" by their sides. But I must say, if the "best girls" are as unresponsive as the lady love of the Dipper, well, I feel for them. She does not answer back, "I am very fond of you, Sandy"; indeed, one would think she is made of stone, so still and calm she sits, showing off her beautiful white breast and shining coat of black. I have watched them at their courtship in all its forms, and feel that every year I can learn a lesson from the life of our wild birds.

J. PATIERSON.

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be?

SIR,—Although I cannot see how a continuance of this discussion can be of any benefit to the Cage Bird Union, or of any interest to the Fancy in general, I would just like to put Mr. Johnson right as regards one or two statements appearing in his last letter. I have never questioned whether Mr. Crawhall knew the show was an unlicensed one or not; nor did I mean to convey that impression. What I said was that Mr. Crawhall "unwittingly made a mistake, and freely acknowledged it." To make my meaning clear, sir, I would like to say that the show in question was held at Stanhope (Mr. Crawhall's native place) on Whit-Monday, 1908. The show had about 94 classes altogether, only eight of which were for cage birds. Mr. Crawhall had been at home visiting his mother, who was ill at the time. His sister asked him if he would send some of his birds to the show, and if they won would he give her the prize-money? Mr. Crawhall said it would be against the rules, as they had not a license, but it being only a small show held during the summer, and not in the ordinary show season, he thought they (the Union) would not mind if he exhibited there, especially under the circumstances. That, sir, was where Mr. Crawhall "unwittingly made the mistake," and not, as Mr. Johnson appears to think, because he did not know the show was an unlicensed one, and I think, sir, that Mr. Johnson will now admit that his reference to the old proverb, "There is none so blind, etc.," is quite unnecessary, at least so far as Mr. Crawhall is concerned. Mr. Crawhall put himself to some trouble to oblige his sister in this matter, and took two birds which he could ill spare from the breeding room, and sent them to the show. He did everything quite openly, not even using a fictitious name, which I believe is more than some of the correspondents in this discussion can say. When he found he had done wrong he freely acknowledged his mistake; yet he was most severely punished, and Mr. Johnson thinks the Union would have been justified in punishing him even more severely, "not," as he says, *"because* Mr. Crawhall was previously a strong supporter, but in spite of it," which, in my opinion, amounts to the same thing. I cannot quite follow Mr. Johnson's line of argument here, for I fail to see what Mr. Crawhall's previous connection with the Union had to do with the severity or otherwise of his sentence. Taking Mr. Johnson's line of argument, it naturally follows that those who opposed the Union would be at perfect liberty to break its rules, without fear of the consequences, and as recent events have undoubtedly proved this to be the case, Mr. Johnson will probably admit that the more he writes the more he proves my statement that the methods of dealing out justice adopted by the C.B.U. were rather peculiar. In regard to the case of Mr. Birchley, I can assure Mr. Johnson that I did not misunderstand him in the least; it would be difficult to do so, his argument is so one-sided. I know as well as Mr. Johnson does why Mr. Birchley was punished, although I fail to see as clearly as he does why he should have been punished so severely, while the principal offender went scot free. Clause 1, rule 2 of the C.B.U. says the objects of the Union shall be, "The advancement and protection of the interests of breeders and exhibitors generally, and the suppression of fraud, cruelty, and dishonourable practices in connection with cage bird matters"; yet here we have a case where a bird is stained and sold to an unsuspecting exhibitor without anything being done to punish those responsible for the fraud, while the victim of the fraud is severely punished because he exhibited the bird. Yet Mr. Johnson says that is justice. If this kind of justice were to continue, where would the novice exhibitor ultimately be? He would be in the power of two of the most unscrupulous parties the Fancy has yet known, viz., (1) fraudulent sellers, (2) the Cage Bird Union. According to Mr. Johnson's idea, any unscrupulous person could dispose of a faked bird to a, let us say, novice exhibitor without any fear of punishment: but as soon as the novice exhibits the bird (perhaps the first time he has ever shown a bird) he is punished by the Cage Bird Union, the very body whose duty it is, according to the rule I have quoted, to protect and look after his interests. It is so directly opposite to what the aims and objects of the Union were supposed to be that one naturally wonders how such an argument could possibly be brought forward in support of the Union. Why should the innocent victim of a fraud be punished, while the perpetrator of the fraud goes free? Mr. Johnson has not yet told us why the Union cannot get at those who sell stained birds. Surely selling a stained bird to an exhibitor is fraud, and as one of the objects of the Union was the suppression of fraud, I again ask Mr. Johnson why the Union cannot take proceedings against these persons, and thus comply with the rules. I quite understand that staining a bird is not a legal offence, so long as it does not cause any unnecessary suffering, but I also quite understand that staining a bird and then selling it as a genuine natural coloured bird does constitute a legal offence. If Mr. Johnson doesn't think so, let him try it. He will then probably learn a little more about law (even though it be an ass). Now I hope he understands what I mean, and that he will answer my question. You will understand, sir, that I do not propose, as Mr. Johnson appears to think, that every exhibitor who shows a stained or faked bird should be exonerated from blame simply by pleading that they did not fake the bird. My idea is that the Union should not be unnecessarily harsh upon an unsuspecting victim, while allowing the real culprit to go free. I don't hold, as Mr. Johnson appears to do, that so long as someone is punished, justice has been done. I want the real culprits punished, even if that punishment does strike some fanciers high up in the exhibiting world. Mr. Johnson never made a greater mistake than to bring the Birchley case forward as a sample of Union justice, as it clearly shows what would happen to a novice if he should be placed in the same predicament, unless he has powerful fancier friends to support him. Of course, if it is Mr. Johnson's opinion that the sort of justice as meted out by the C.B.U. is correct, he is quite welcome to it, and it is no use our saying anything further; and I can only hope that he will never suffer from the justice which he upholds. In reference to my question concerning the Newcastle Society, "A Delegate" says they don't need answering. Rather strange, is it not? seeing that the Newcastle secretary himself has answered them. "A Delegate," however, admits that the 1910 show was to be the suspended one, and this admission, together with a glance through the answers to my questions (supplied by the Newcastle secretary), will at once explain to fanciers why "A Delegate" did not think it necessary to answer them, and also proves at once, as I said it would, who was right in his previous statements, "A Delegate" or myself. I stated that the Union had done nothing to enforce their decision when opposed by a powerful society, and here is the proof. Newcastle Society sent in their resignation to the C.B.U. on March 24th, 1910. Three weeks afterwards, viz., April 15th, 1910, the C.B.U. secretary sent an intimation to the Newcastle Society to the effect that they could not hold their show under the C.B.U. rules. As the Newcastle secretary says, "Is comment necessary?" Was it merely a coincidence, sir, that the C.B.U. secretary dated his intimation to Newcastle on April 15th, the same day that my first letter appeared, and was received by the Newcastle secretary on April 18th, or was my letter really responsible for the intimation at that particular time?

W. REID.

Mainly Sentimental.

SIR,—It is with much fear of our worthy Editor's wrath that I take my pen in hand to reply to Mr. W. P. Bell, in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS; but perhaps he will excuse me when I say that I have bought his paper every week (out of the none-too-large allowance of a schoolgirl) from the time I was about thirteen, so I can claim, I think, to have been one of his youngest subscribers. However, I don't dare to challenge all comers on the fact. I want to endorse every statement made by Mr. Bell. I think he is quite right in saying that very few women take an interest in nature study. They may, indeed, be kind to a bird or animal left in their charge by brother or husband, may gush, "Oh, the little darlings!" when one shows them one's birds; but it is the exception to find a lady who is really and sincerely devoted to nature study in any form. If they are fanciers, then I admit those I have met have been perfectly delightful; but that, I think, applies to nearly everyone fond of Nature. If you want really nice people, look out for bird, animal, or flower lovers (flowers in a lesser degree, as usually they are not quite so reliable a guide). Parsons' wives are, in my experience, very much given to the sentimental abuse of bird-keeping: "so cruel, so heartless! don't you know?" However, I make no sweeping assertions, and quite agree with Mr. Bell in praising the Rev. C. D. Farrar, etc.

CONSTANCE D. FITZMAURICE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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A Chat on Foreign Birds.

A Paper read before the North London C.B.A. by Mr. S. WILLIAMS, F.Z.S. on April 20th.

(*Concluded from page 447.*)

We now come to a smaller Australian bird, the Zebra Finch, one of the most charming little fellows. Sometimes this is called the Chestnut-eared finch. It is barely three inches long; the beak and legs are pink, with the upper parts of the body grey, and underneath white; the tail and chest are lined with black zebra-like markings. The chestnut patch on the cheeks and on the flanks is wanting in the hen, so the sexes are easily distinguished. These birds breed fairly well in cages, but, of course, do much better in an aviary. Usually from 4 to 7 white eggs are in each clutch, and they take twelve days to incubate.

An Equally Good Breeder.

Another equally easy bird to breed is the Cutthroat or Ribbon Finch, a native of Africa, which is a small bird of a pinkish-brown hue all over. The cock differs from the hen by having a band of red stretching from the ear under the throat, and meeting the ear on the other side. It is from this that it gets its not very inviting name of Cutthroat.

These birds are about the easiest of any foreigners to breed; at least that is my experience. A pair may be bought for 3s. 6d., and as soon as they settle down to their new quarters, if you supply a square box with a hole at one end, and some nesting material, they will not be long before they start house-keeping. They lay from 4 to 9 white eggs, and hatch in about 13 days, and four or five broods in a year is not uncommon.

Easy to Keep.

Another family of birds easy to keep and always in show form are the Mannikins, of which three or four kinds are frequently imported in large numbers—the Black-headed, Three-coloured, White-headed and the Bronze-winged. All these birds we get from the East Indian Islands.

The Black-headed Mannikin is a little bird with black head and breast, and the rest of the body a deep reddish brown, and a slate-coloured bill. Both sexes are the same colour, but the beak is usually a little finer in the case of the hen. No. 2, the Coloured or White-breasted Mannikin, has a white breast and underpart, but otherwise is similar to the first-named. The White-headed Mannikin is brown in every part except the head, which is a creamy white. The fourth, the Bronze-winged Mannikin, is a little bird with a rusty black head and upper parts, with a bronze patch on each shoulder, and the sides mottled with black and white. The sexes are very much alike; if anything, the hen is a trifle duller in colour.

Another little family are the Waxbills, among the more commonly imported being the Orange-cheeked Waxbill, the Avadavat (both the common and green varieties), the African Grey Waxbill, the Lavender Finch, and the Cordon Bleu. The only difference in the sexes of the African Grey Waxbill is that the hen is a little less pink on the under parts. In the case of the Orange-cheeks the orange is a little paler in the hen. In the case of the Avadavat, that is the common variety, we have a vast change when the breeding season starts; the cock then assumes a scarlet dress and the sides are spotted with white. In the Green Avadavat the hen is a little paler in colour, and the black stripes on the side are less black than in the cock. In the Cordon Bleu, the cock bird has a crimson ear mark, which is lacking in the hen.

Another frequently imported and hardy Indian bird is the Spice Bird, a dark brown body with a mottled side and flank of white and grey. I have kept these birds out of doors all the year round, but it is not always that you can do this. In any ordinary bird-room no doubt they would live for years, and might occasionally breed if given a small cocoanut husk.

Another African Species.

Another bird which arrives from Africa is the Whydah, two varieties, the Pintail and the Paradise, being fairly plentiful. To those who wish to keep only one pair, I would give the advice to buy a pair of these birds. The birds are blessed with two suits, which differ as much as an evening dress and a sweep's working clothes. The Paradise Whydah when out of colour is a fawn and brown bird, and when in full colour a black and fawn with a chestnut collar; and in addition to a black tail, it grows two centre feathers about 11 inches long, and two small ones shaped like black fans. Anyone seeing him in this dress would never connect him with the dingy little Sparrow-like bird he was before.

Another family of birds which undergo an entire change of colour every breeding season are the Weavers. These birds when out of colour do not cost more than 2s. or 2s. 6d. each. The Red-billed Weaver, a brownish fawn when out of colour, is mostly imported; when in colour he assumes a black mask, and an orange brown breast. The Orange Bishop Weaver assumes a lovely black breast and head, an orange hood, and longish hairy feathers on the rump. The Crimson-crowned Weaver and the Scarlet Bishops are also to be picked up out of colour for a few shillings.

With the few birds I have mentioned a useful selection could be made, from which anyone could make a start; he would find them all useful on the show bench in ordinary competition, and I should like to see some shows begin by having a novice class or limit class for foreigners, so as to keep the man with the long pocket from "swamping" the starter. Perhaps if this were done we should see more entries at our shows.

At the close of the paper a splendid discussion took place, the lecturer being plied with questions, which he ably answered.

It soon became apparent that several recruits had been secured for this section, and several pairs of birds which the lecturer had brought up to demonstrate upon, changed hands; and others asked the lecturer to obtain other species for them. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Williams concluded a very pleasant evening.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

EXPERIENCES IN BIRD KEEPING.

A Paper read before the Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S. by Mr. Tait.

The following account of his experiences in the keeping of both Canaries, British and foreign birds, was given on May 5th by Mr. Tait, before the members of the Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S.

It is not my intention, said Mr. Tait, to try to teach you anything in connection with bird-keeping, either Canaries or British birds, but to give you some of my experiences in the keeping of birds of both sexes. To begin with, the first bird that I ever possessed was a Redpoll, or what is commonly called a "Frenchy"; why "Frenchy" I cannot tell. This bird was bought by me as a Brown Linnet for the handsome sum of threepence. Now this bird I had in my possession for at least eight years; I think I was about ten years old when I made this large purchase. A more taking little chap I never had, for as soon as I got him I set about taming him down; and, my word! he did tame! The little rascal would fly out of his cage on to my shoulders and sing most merrily. After getting him nicely tame I set about hand washing him in such a fashion as to cause me to blush with shame now that I have learned better. But he survived it all. I had heard that to be a good birdkeeper and exhibitor one had to be experienced in the methods of hand-washing, getting up, etc., for, bear in mind, this bird was going to win all before it, but unfortunately it never was shown.

The First Canary.

Having one I wanted another, so I had to get the consent of my parents, and a "sub," of course, to buy a Canary. I bought what I was told was a cock, but it never sang. I tried all sorts of things—sugar, milk sop, potato, bits of meat, etc.—but no; no song was forthcoming. I sometimes think that had it been a cock and able to sing it would soon have lost all his song under the above treatment.

The next thing to be done was to sell this one and purchase another; but as for selling, why, bless you, I couldn't give it away, so it had to live on.

The next bird that came into my possession was an Indian Parrakeet. Ah! now I had something that could talk; it could say any mortal thing, according to what I was told; but it never said a word. I had heard tell that to train a Parrot to talk one needed patience, and should come down every night when all was quiet and then set about the task of "Pretty Polly," "Pretty Polly," "Pretty Poll." Well, believe me, I said "Pretty Polly" until I was nearly black in the face; and this, bear in mind, was done while I was in my night-shirt; and many a time I returned to bed too numbed to sleep. However, after a lot of perseverance he started to whistle; he could whistle almost anything: he never spoke a word.

The next in my list was a Cockatoo. I should like to point out before proceeding that these latter birds were brought over by my uncle, along with two monkeys, a mongoose, also two tortoises, of which in due course I became the happy possessor. The Cockatoo was a black one—as black as a nigger's head—but when moulting time came round it started to moult white. This I could not understand, so I had to remain patient until my uncle returned home again, and then the problem was soon solved. It appears that the cabin boy was particularly fond of this bird, and used to handle it with his greasy hands, until the bird was absolutely set in with black fat. This bird I actually sold for ten shillings, and speaking to its purchaser one day, he informed me that he would give me ten shillings to take it away, as it was that destructive.

Starting in Earnest.

A few years had rolled by, and I thought I would start birdkeeping and breeding in real earnest. I had a little pocket money now, so I saved up and bought a pair of Canaries, and thus I started off. I didn't know how long a hen had to sit, or anything else about it. I think the poor beggar of a hen must have sat for nearly a month, for the eggs were clears. I had another try, but to no good. So I "chucked up" for that year with nil for my labours.

I waited till the next year, and bought a Goldfinch and two hens. I put Mr. Goldie along with his lady friends and watched their performances. I noticed he made a lot to do over one, so I whipped out the other, and let the two go on house-keeping. Behold my surprise when she had laid four eggs and began to sit tight, with Mr. Goldie feeding her. I watched day after day, until the eggs were hatched. There were two—two little bits of skin and fluff. Ah! I had it now—I could breed mules with anyone. I watched for about twelve days, and then I thought of a Mr. Marshall. So off to his house I went, and brought him up to see the youngsters. He looked and looked, and then what do you think he said? "How much for them as they are?" "Nothing will buy them," I said. "I will give you half a sovereign." "You won't. Why do you want them so badly?" I asked. "Well, don't you see," he said, "there is a clear yellow, and the other is just ticked." Of course, I saw it; but, believe me, I knew no more about a clear yellow bird than the man in the moon. Mr. M. kept coming, and at last induced me to part with the prize. With his half-sovereign I bought some more birds, and kept on with Canary and Mule breeding for some time; and then I had a severe check. The gas fumes got into my room and seven birds were laid stiff. I sold out what I had left, cages and all. All I kept was my little "Frenchy" and the Parrakeet.

A year or two elapsed before I again ventured. This time it was with a nest of young Thrushes. I reared them successfully, and then a Blackbird's nest. Of course, I couldn't sell, so they had to be given away. Then I went in strong for Linnets. A Linnet always appeals to me. Such merry little chaps they are, and always ready to sing. I have kept scores of these little brown pets. I might also state that I bred a good many Mules, for a boy, for, bear in mind, I had to pick up nearly all I know from personal experience. I have not had many to help me, for my parents were averse to my keeping so many, but gave way under the impression that I was not in bad company when among the birds.

More Recent Years.

Now we will leave those little items behind and come to more recent years. I might state here the different birds I have kept. They include Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings, Larks, Pipits, Redstarts, Blackcaps, Whinchats, Stonechats, a Nuthatch, Wagtails, Tits, Linnets, Goldies, Chaffies, Greenies, Brambles, one Hawfinch, Yellow Buntings, Bullfinches, Siskins, Twites, Redpolls, and one Jackdaw. Of course, I am speaking of Britishers. I have kept a few hardy foreigners. My ambition has always been to be a successful exhibitor. I have paid for my knowledge,—and dearly at times. Of course, when a chap is known to be a little desirous of getting good exhibition stuff, there are heaps of winners brought to him as sure winners, could not be beaten, won every time out, etc. And, of course, one is tempted to plunge, and when he gets the birds, what disappointments; and he is heart sick and out of pocket. I have had some of the above, and have never got a right one yet. My contention is that when the majority have won several times and something has come out to brab them, the exhibitors of the former want to "get through them," and then it is they look for "green-horns" like myself to palm them on to.

In conclusion, let this be a lesson to us all. My advice is, when getting the stuff, pick out your winners and moult them yourselves; and then, if these birds are worth selling or buying, make a bargain. But I do not believe in old fanciers wearing the new suit, as it were, and when the birds are threadbare palm them on to some poor novice for a new prize, and then go and buy some more winners. This, to my mind, is a crushing blow to a novice. I have myself been disheartened many a time. Let us help one another as a society: let old fanciers help young ones and not be selfish. Then, I feel sure these old friends around us will never be forgotten. It is good to think that So-and-So helped me up, not that So-and-So robbed me, and put me down. Now, gentlemen, in thanking you for your kind attention, I wish you all every success in breeding, and I sincerely hope that our next show will be a record one.—J. W. LOWES, secretary.

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Fitting Up and Stocking a Birdroom.

By H. C. BROOKS (Horsham.)

(*Concluded from page 426*).

A sieve for sifting sand, and tins or boxes for the storing of seed and sand are also necessary, and if the room is furnished with a cupboard this will be very useful for storing seed hoppers, nest pans, and other utensils in when not otherwise in use. In the absence of this a nest of drawers or some suitable boxes should be provided. Some fanciers also have a seed mill, but I have managed very well without; what cracked seed I want I crack with a rolling pin, which I use also for crushing biscuits for the soft food. The hard boiled eggs I press through a piece of perforated zinc fitted over a box about eight inches square by four inches deep.

Lastly, a good firm table completes an outfit which will answer well for any bird keeper. Of course, I am well aware that many fanciers manage with fewer articles than I have above enumerated, but I don't think I have suggested anything but what will be found of real use.

Hints on Buying Birds.

So much for the fitting up; now for the stocking of the bird room. On this head I daresay my views will not quite coincide with those of some other fanciers. The advice generally given to beginners desirous of purchasing Canaries, with the object of endeavouring to breed winners, is to go to some successful fancier—one who breeds his own winners—and place themselves in his hands entirely, to give them the best value he can for the money they are prepared to give.

This would be alright if it were stated how one is to tell which of the many fanciers advertising in the Fancy papers do actually breed their own winners. But as they nearly all claim to do this, and as others advertise stating that they have supplied hundreds of winners, how is the beginner to know which are the genuine breeders? And it sometimes happens that the man who claims to have bred and sold "hundreds of winners," in another column advertises for birds ("must be cheap," his advertisement generally runs), and the inference to be drawn is that he is really a dealer. So unless one can be sure of getting into touch with an exhibitor who is also a breeder of exhibition birds, I think the beginner would be better advised to buy from one of the smaller men. He would probably get better value for money, and if he had the birds on approval, and deposited his money with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, he could guard against fraud.

Of course, one must not expect exhibition birds at 25s. a pair, neither can one expect birds by any means so true to type as those portrayed week by week. I always think that artists flatter the birds. I have never yet seen a drawing of a winning Yorkshire showing any frill, or with crossed wings, yet these failings are often possessed by winning birds if the show reports are accurate. Neither have I seen a Norwich drawn showing any browing. They always have such nice heads and beautifully short tails and flights. But are the winners so faultless? I think not. No! The beginner must look upon these drawings as depicting ideal specimens, and endeavour to get and to breed birds as near like them as possible.

The chances are that the fancier will have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS some little time before he makes up his mind to "go in for" Canaries, and he should look up his back numbers and read the articles on the particular variety he fancies, and so get acquainted with the good points of that variety (and the bad also—for it is as necessary to know what to avoid as what to obtain). And if a good show can be attended he should make a study of the type of bird that wins, and compare the winners with the losers, and try and see where the former excel. By so doing he will be the better able to judge whether the birds sent him on approval are of the right stamp, and likely to make a good foundation for building up a strain of his own.

Finally, to achieve success in the Fancy, one must be possessed of rather more than an average amount of patience; but this, coupled with a strong determination to succeed, has enabled men of all ages and temperaments to get over even greater difficulties than the breeding of a Crystal Palace winner.

Raising Young Canaries in the States.

How an American Fancier solved the problem of mortality amongst young birds.

By JAMES M. ADAMS (Hartford, U.S.A.).

Through the kindness of Mr. James Bunting, of Macclesfield, Eng., I receive CAGE BIRDS every week, and you may be sure it is a welcome visitor. A dozen or so years ago I raised a few birds one season. Then my time being taken up with the care of my own little ones, I dropped it for six years, and then began anew. Quite a number of my friends were raising a few, and, of course, that gave me the fever; and with five females I raised some 40 odd birds.

Not Deterred by Difficulty.

My stock I procured from a dealer in German or Hartz Mountain birds, but the colours did not suit me, and I determined to get bright coloured birds as well as good singers. I saw a green male, and made up my mind to get some myself. No dealer could get me any, and I could not procure them in New York at any large importing house; but that did not deter me. I heard of Mr. So-and-So having Greens, but often after travelling 15 or 20 miles found the Greens, dark birds, but more the colour of one of your English Sparrows, which was not my idea of a "Green."

I kept on, and two years passed before I got just what I wanted. These I procured from a Polish man who was in the Spanish-American war, and who remained in Cuba long after it was over, and he bought them from a sailor who brought them to Cuba, from some island near the coast of Africa. I said they were green, and green they surely were, no brown tint at all on their heads, wing or tail feathers, and I felt satisfied. Afterwards I procured others, so as not to inter-breed, and thereby weaken my stock. Of course, I was not satisfied, but set out to get Cinnamons and Norwich, and have since succeeded in breeding some fine birds of both breeds. I have tried to get some good Yorkshires, but have never succeeded in getting any that came anywhere near the standard in shape or carriage. A friend bought a pair of yellow Yorkshires from a Mr. Oliver, in Macclesfield, but not succeeding in raising any, desired me to try, but I found they were in no condition to breed, being allowed to hang in a very draughty room—they were suffering with asthma.

Solving the Problem.

There is a loss of 50 per cent. of young Canaries in this country mostly before they are feathered out; almost invariably, on meeting a fancier and asking him how many young he had, he will say, "Well, I had two or three clutches, but have only one nest now." And enquiring what the trouble was, one would receive the reply, "The mother would not feed them. She left them just as they were feathering out." Now, I had had the same trouble, and I made up my mind that something was wrong, and felt that it was not natural for a mother bird to let her young starve, so I began to study the young more closely, and came to the conclusion that there was a cause for the mother's seeming neglect.

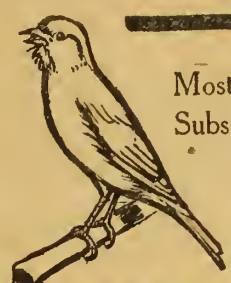
Believing I had discovered it, I tried a simple remedy. That season I hatched 135 young and raised 125; last year I hatched 102, and raised 98; and this season, not having the room, as I had to move, I only let nine hens sit, and only once each, and hatched out 39 birds. One fell out of the nest and broke its legs and wing, so I mercifully put it out of its misery, and the other 38 I reared, and out of them got 23 males and 15 females. So I believe I have solved one difficulty in raising young Canaries, though, being a novice, I don't pretend to know as much about them as any of your English fanciers.

The Why and the Wherefore.

Now I am going to tell you how I reasoned it out. Perhaps all Englishmen do it, but here the breeders who live in this vicinity tell me I would kill my young if I tried it. Now some of them wonder how I have such luck. But I merely smile. Well, I figured it this way. About the time the mother bird would forsake her nest of little ones was generally when the pen feathers began to show through the skin of the little ones. I noticed the mothers trying hard to feed the little ones and also that the little ones appeared weak and that it was with an effort they raised their heads to eat. After a while the mother would leave them to die. I made up my mind that the young were sick, and that the sickness was caused by inflammation, which was the result of the birdlings' flesh being dry and the inability of the feathers to readily come through the skin. One particularly good mother who had a great liking for her bath-dish I picked out to experiment with, and when she hatched her second nestful and the young were seven days old or thereabouts and began to show signs of weakness, I put a dish of water in her cage. It was hardly in when the mother got in and drenched herself, and then popped on to her nest, and standing over them let the water drip on her young. Then she sat down on them and seemed to be so pleased. The next morning the little ones were much stronger and eager for their breakfast, and it seemed as if you could almost see the feathers grow.

This I repeated for five or six days, and the results so pleased me that I have tried it on all the others the past three seasons, and I firmly believe it has been the reason of my good luck. I would like to know what the readers of CAGE BIRDS think. Let them criticise or laugh, or agree with me, I believe it the thing to do, and want to know what others think. I have found it much better as soon as cool weather comes to put all females in a room away from the males, and after making up my mind which males I want to mate them with, put them in the breeding cages all on the same day. By so doing I have found the birds do better work and will much more readily mate with the ones I desire them to mate with, than if I had left them where they could see each other all the time.

I often wish I were living near so many fanciers as you have in England. Here there seems to be so much jealousy among the few breeders we have, a condition to be deplored, as a greater interest could be created if it did not exist. I send best wishes for a successful season in 1910 to all readers of CAGE BIRDS.



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(That well known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for CAGE BIRDS to visit within the next few weeks two or three prominent breeders North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby. Last week's subject was Mr. A. McFarlane and his Norwich Plainheads.—Editor.)

George G. Henderson (Glasgow).

Mr. George G. Henderson is known as one of Scotland's most prominently successful exhibitors of British birds. He has been a fancier of British birds all his life, influenced greatly by his father, who, despite being now in his seventy-seventh year, is still very keen on birds.



Mr. G. G. Henderson (Glasgow).

Mr. Henderson keeps his birds in an aviary erected in his back garden. It can be removed bodily from one place to another, is constructed of wood, and has a sloping roof. Its measurements are:—Seven feet broad, nine feet long, height eight feet at back and six in front. The whole structure is raised about a foot from the ground. The bottom of the aviary is sheeted with zinc, over which is a layer of soil about three inches thick. The "bad" air is carried through an opening (which is covered with fine wire netting) in the top half of the back wall.

This aviary has two doors; an outer entirely of food and fitted with a burglar-proof lock (which is obvious!) and an inner of the sliding pattern, the top half of the latter being netted over with fine wire netting. There are no windows. The skylights in the roof admit plenty of light, and these face due south. The aviary is painted white inside, and a nice dark green out.

Several empty wicker cages (such as German Canaries are imported in) are nailed up on the walls for the birds to roost in or perch on. Two perches extend across the whole length of the aviary, one at each end, fixed a little over half the height up.

The roof is covered with zinc, and this (Mr. Henderson says), although dearer, is preferable to most other coverings that fanciers are accustomed to use for the roofing of their aviaries.

At the time of my visit Mr. Henderson had in his aviary between twenty-five to thirty birds, comprising Hawfinches, Bullfinches (hens only), Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, several kinds of Buntings, and a Siskin. On the floor were two or three large rectangular pans for the seed, and a large earthenware vessel full of water for the birds to drink from or bathe in.

Do you keep your birds in this aviary the whole year round?—Yes; with the exception of those I intend colour-feeding for exhibition.

What do you feed your birds on?—I give a mixture composed of Canary, English and German rape, teazle, sunflower and hemp seeds; also wild seed mixture. In summer I take away the sunflower and hemp, and give all the fresh wild seeds I can lay hands on. In winter I give pieces of apple, as well as thistle (and other) heads, which I store away during the summer.

I only colour-feed Yellowhammers and Buntings, using cold pepper with a very little hot.

I like to keep away hemp seed from all my Finches during the moult, as it has a tendency to darken the colours, especially the blaze of the Goldfinch.

What is a good thing to brighten the blaze of the Goldfinch? There is nothing to beat groundsel. Give it to Goldfinches, not in handfulls, but armfuls.

Where do you get your British birds from?—I get them from all parts of the country. For good big Linnets you can't beat Scotland; also Greenfinches for colour-feeding. For natural colour classes, however, one must get his Greenfinches from the south of England. Cornwall for the biggest Chaffinches.

How do I treat my fresh-caught birds? Well! when I get them I turn them into a large flight and feed chiefly on inga and teazle, withdrawing the inga altogether when I get them on to seed. Then I single them out. I think teazle is as grand a seed for British Finches as one can get.

I don't like keeping my birds in the house, as not only are they troublesome and messy, but they don't do near so well as when kept outside.

Bramblefinches never do well when kept singly in cages. If gloss and polish are desired on a Bramblefinch it must be constantly in the aviary.

What are the chief essentials for successfully keeping British birds?—Plenty of sunshine, fresh air, and adequate ventilation.

What bird should you recommend a novice to start with in the British bird hobby?—A brown Linnet; I started with one.

Wild Bird Life.

Summer Birds.

One of the earliest of the migrants to arrive here is the Ring Ousel, but he simply rests a few days in the South before continuing his journey to the Northern moors and uplands. He is so like the Blackbird in shape and colour that he passes through many countries without attracting more than a passing glance. Strictly speaking, the Wheatear is the first migrant to put in an appearance. He may be seen some time before the tinkling notes of the Chiffchaff are heard in the copse. The Wheatear is always an attractive bird; his colouring, bold appearance and habits of seeking some mound of earth or small elevation, compel attention, especially when he is flitting from clod to clod upon a recently ploughed field.

Just now we are interested in the doings of more recent arrivals, and in our rambles we listen eagerly to strange notes. The majority of the Warblers love the thicker foliage, and it is by their song we frequently identify the birds before the shy ones come into the open. The restless Willow Wren may haunt the thicket for days without our once obtaining a glimpse of his slim little body, his delightful song falling from the tree tops like summer rain each time we pass his domain. The passionate song of the Nightingale, throbbing out of the dark in broken but melodious music, may enthral us night after night, and his superior notes in the broad daylight catch the ear among those of the dozens of other songsters, without our once seeing the sober-clad performer; and it is only by diligently searching each bush from which the song proceeds that we are able to admire his graceful contour. The Warblers are not wild and mistrustful, but they love seclusion and the quiet of the woods, and have a great dislike to being disturbed, but if one seeks a suitable spot and remains perfectly quiet, the inmates of the surrounding bushes will readily expose themselves. The Willow Wren will hunt the leaves within arm's length, the Whitethroat will sing from the nearest bramble and the Nightingale, with swelling throat and drooping wings, will "jug jug" and "water bubble," and with long drawn out notes of exquisite sweetness, amply repay us for the time and trouble taken to make such close acquaintance with the "King of Songsters."

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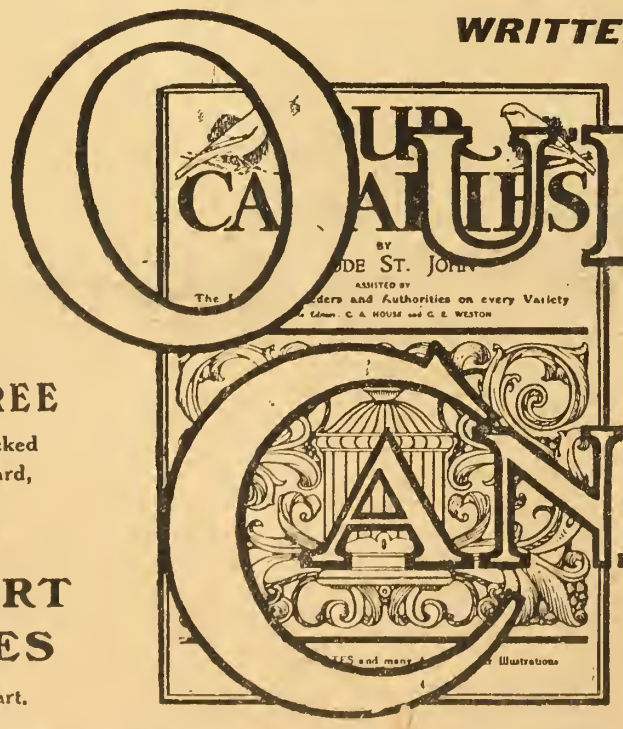
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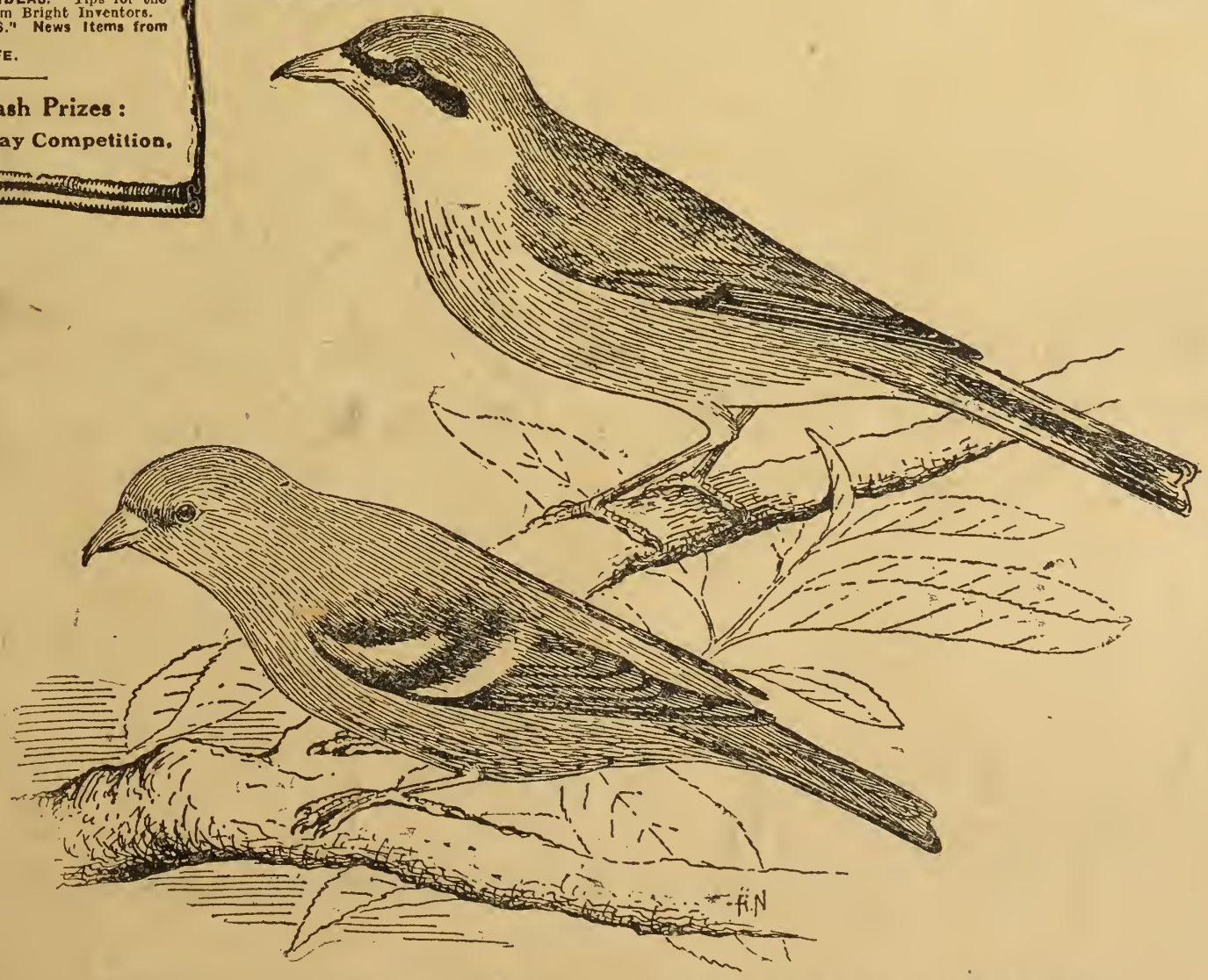
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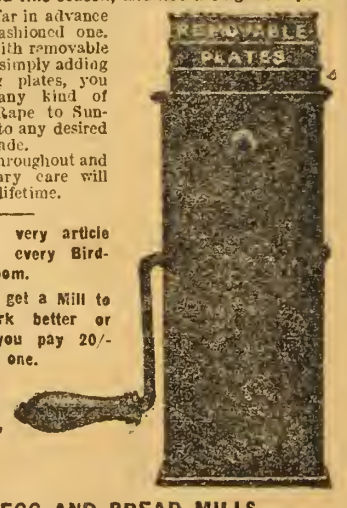
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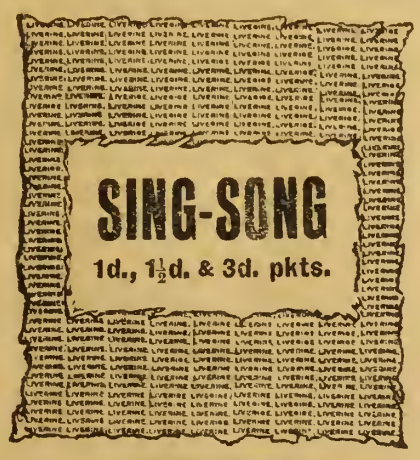
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Singing Contests.

NEWSHAM.
Result of sing held at Market Inn on May 14th: 1, 2, 3, Moore.—S. LAWS, Sec.

BROOMPARK.
Linnet singing contest, held at Love's Hotel, May 21st, when 28 birds faced the judge, and some of the best singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, 3, Brady. J Robinson, judge.—Black and Tan.

DURHAM.
Linnet sing held at the Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, on Whit Saturday; 30 birds entered for the four prizes. Mr. G. Reed (Brandon Colliery) judged. Result: 1, Brady, 2 Walker, 3 McQuirck, 4 Plews.—W. FAIRLESS, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.
Usual Linnet sing, held at the Rock Inn, on May 22nd, when B. Nelson and J. Ramskill tied for 1 and 2, 31 secs.; 3, S. Scott, 17 secs. B. Nelson and J. Ramskill sang off, when B. Nelson won. On June 4th, there will be an open Linnet show at 2 o'clock, for the best all-round bird.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.
Usual Linnet sing held at Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, on May 21st, when 25 of the best birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1 Caddy, 61; 2 Dobson, 49; 3, Ramskill, 31. Our birds must sing a five-sec. break every time to count. We are having an open sing at the Britannia Inn on May 28th.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW S.C.
Usual contest held 21st May, at Mr. Andrew Muir's, Saltmarket, for a copper kettle and three money prizes. Mr. W. Christie judged. Result: 1, Graham; 2, Henderson; 3, McCallum. May 28th usual weekly contest, and in addition a match between Graham and Henderson for a money prize.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

GATESHEAD.
On Whit Monday, at the Gloucester Inn, 48 birds competed, this being one of the best contests ever heard. Heat 19 was a treat, both birds singing full time, hung up by Brady and Guttery, the judge having to give a "dead heat." Next time up Brady won. A large company was present, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all. Result: 1, 2, spl, Brady; 3, Wilson. Mr. G. Reed (Brandon) judged. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Stout and J. Gray. Winner of best outfit, Mr. A. Bailes (Brandon Colliery) Judges, Messrs. Eadington (Gateshead) and G. Reed.—W. FAIRLESS, Sec.

YORK.
Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, on May 21st, when 24 birds faced Mr. J. Andrews, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1 Limbert, 2 Harrison, 3 Oldroyd, 4 Perry, 5 Markham. Timekeeper Mr. Jas. Limbert, Sen.—WM. EMPSON.

The 33rd annual Whitsuntide Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms on Whit-Monday, when 26 birds entered for competition, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, W. Perry; 2, Markham; 3, Limbert; 4, Huntley; 5, Laverick. Judge, J. Andrews; timekeeper, J. Whitehead. Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held on May 14, when 26 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Moore; 3, Perry; 4, Limbert; 5, Wickham. Judge, J. Andrews; timekeeper, J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

LEEDS.
Annual Whitsuntide Linnet contest, held on Whit Tuesday, at Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, when some good singing was heard. Results: 1 Soloman, 2 Madden, 3 Farrar, 4 Butler, 5 Soloman, 6 Lupton. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and W. Fanson. Usual weekly contest held at above house, on May 22nd, when fourteen birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1 Chippendale, 2 Sellars, 3 Johnson. Judged to perfection by Messrs. Binns, Wood, and Smith.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A.—All-England Whit-Tuesday quality singing Linnet contest held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, a large company coming from Hull, York, Pontefract, etc. Twenty-five birds sang for four good prizes. Result: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Richardson; 3, Cooper; 4, shared between Stead and Clegg. Judges, Messrs. A. Nicholson, C. Cooper, and W. Sissons. Also on May 21st, when 24 birds sang before a large company. 1, Soloman; 2, Butler; 3, Bland; 4, shared between T. Soloman and W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Hayes, Wood, and W. Naylor. Also on May 22nd. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes, W. Naylor, and H. Robinson Thirty birds sang to a packed room: 1, 3, Soloman; 2, Whitfield; 4, Butler. Next week we start at 12.45 p.m.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual All-England contest, held at King's Head. Visitors were there from all parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Smith, and Johnson. Thirty birds were hung. Result: 1 Wingfield, 2 Grant, 3 Bland 4 and 5 Soloman, 6 Cooper, 7 Topping (Blackburn), 8 and 9 Hardcastle, 10 Topping, 11 Stead, 12 Sissons, 13 Jones (Leigh), 14 Wigfield, 15 Sissons. Usual quality contest, King's Head, Shannon-street, May 14th, when 22 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Madden. 1 Soloman, 2 and 3 shared between Soloman and Bland. Also May 15th, when 40 birds sang for four good prizes. We had visitors from Lancashire and Yorkshire, and some very good singing was heard. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Hohan. 1 Soloman, 2 Christopherson (Blackburn), 3, Soloman, 4 Topping.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

I have had a splendid season so far. I have 3 pairs of Norwich, 1 pair of Cinnamons, and 2 pairs of Borders. From these I have 16 young ones in the flights, and 9 in the breeding cages (from the first round), and 4 pairs away again from a second turn.—J. DIXON (Choppington).

I have had a splendid first round of 50 youngsters and nearly all away from the parents; and I have about 50 full eggs to hatch out in the second round. I can see some Palace winners amongst the youngsters; anyway, I hope there are. I am still greatly interested in your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, and it still has my best recommendation to all fanciers.—A. BROWN (London, N.).

Rumour has it that three promising Scotch Fancy Canaries are on the perch in Whitechurch, and that the fortunate owner has only recently joined the Fancy. Complaints are numerous about empty eggs. Two months of the breeding season are over, and little progress has been effected. Talking to a gentleman, who is a keen observer of wild bird life, he stated that they are later than usual in nesting. Scotch Fancies are in demand, particularly hens.—SCOTCH FANCIER.

Bathgate and District.

Mule and Hybrid breeding in Bathgate and district is forging ahead to some tune. Pioneers again, of course. However, some of the fanciers hereabouts have the required knowledge and experience of the art, and somehow seem to get young birds whenever they try for them from this most interesting branch of aviculture. One fancier in particular has no less than 17 young Mules from a Greenfinch, Siskin, Linnet and Goldfinch, all doing for themselves. This same fancier has other 20 eggs set from the same crosses. Also a clutch of Greenie-Bullie eggs hatching under Canary. Another fancier has three fertile eggs from Goldfinch and Linnet just about to hatch; while another fancier of my acquaintance has set his first clutch of Greenie-Bullie eggs; also a nest of Goldie-Canary eggs is hatching. On the whole there are some splendid pairs put up for Mule and Hybrid breeding in this district this season. —A. T.

Codnor Park and District C.B.S.

Having visited some of our members' rooms I find the majority are doing badly, with the first and second rounds, which no doubt is owing to the severe weather we had in April and May, with very sharp frosts at night. The cry of all has been "cocks not filling eggs" and "dead in the shell." Mr. W. Holmes, our worthy treasurer, has the best of luck, however, for when I visited his rooms my eyes sparkled to see 17 grand young ones (Norwich and Yorkshires) on the sticks, and 13 others in the nests. He is a novice, but some of these will be heard of later, if luck favours him in moulting them. Mr. B. Simpson has had the reverse of luck; he has only 6 young (none on the sticks yet). "Clear eggs" has been his cry. Mr. R. Vertijan has 9 young, some doing well, but he has had several dead in the shell; also mice in the room have spoiled one nest of good eggs. Messrs. C. Martin and J. W. Martin are both doing well with Norwich, some very promising young being amongst them. Mr. Williamson is the proud possessor of one young a week old. There were five pairs sitting when I entered his room, but when I left he had the one young one to console him. I found the five nests all clear, bar one, and that had a young one, but dead. But try the next round, Jack. Mr. Hickson (Yorkshires) is doing badly, as his hens will not feed. Mr. Hubbard has lost 22 young owing to the hens not feeding. As for myself, I have had nothing to complain of seeing that I removed from one house to another just as I had paired up. I lost the first round with one hen, but have got 3 very nice young ones from her the second round. I have three on the sticks doing for themselves, and 6 in the nests, also some good eggs from the Goldfinch and Canary. Mr. Barlow has had the same set-back as the rest—young dying in the shell. I had an invitation over to Mr. J. Driver's room three weeks ago to inspect his noted stock of Norwich, which I heartily accepted. On my arrival we were soon amongst the stock, and what an eye-opener! And the cages, too, were grand, and everything was perfectly clean. I was sorry to see no more young. There were only 7 young from 23 pairs of grand birds. Mr. Driver stated that he couldn't get good eggs owing to the cold weather we were having then; but I hope better luck favours him now the warm weather has come.—J. H. MITCHELL, hon. sec., Codnor Park and D.s. C.B.S.

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The Shows.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The best table show of British birds ever held by the society took place on May 11th, when 33 birds were staged. Mr. Hayling acted as judge, and his awards met with general approval. Considerable interest was taken in a judging competition, ten members entering for it. The winning Goldfinch was so far ahead of its rivals that everyone put it in its right place. Mr. Pounsett is to be congratulated on owning such a Finch, which is, we understand, destined for muling; we wish him luck.

GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Pounsett; 2, Pope; 3, Stevens; vhc, Febery; he, c, Hiles. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Brown; vhc, Stevens; he, Price; c, Elstowe. LINNET (7): 1, Febery; 2, Price; 3, Smith; vhc, Stevens; he, Elstone; c, Brown. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Pounsett; 2, Hiles; 3, vhc, Scrivens; he, Lewis; c, Pope. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Stevens. MULES: 1, Child; 2, Bramley.

WEST. COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth)

First of the three annual Nest Feather Shows, held at Boro' Arms Restaurant, Plymouth, on May 18th. Points gained count towards Nest Feather Cups, the two other shows being arranged for June 22nd, and July 20th. Entries numbered 80, being slightly less than at corresponding show of last year, the falling off being in the British section. Norwich were strongest, there being 24 staged, the judge (Mr. Tucker) particularly admiring the 1st and 2nd in clear yellow class. Yorkshires were not up to the average, and most of the Crests could have done with another fortnight to be their best. Mr. Dyer judged Yorkshires, Mr. Tucker Norwich, Mr. J. E. Rowe Crests, Mr. Dart Cinnamon, A.O.V. and Mules, and Mr. Pridham British and Foreign.

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Country Rambles

Hull Cage Bird Society.

The annual ramble was held on May 21st, Barton-on-Humber being the destination. It was only a small party consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Calam, Harland, Pepper, Potter, Longhorn, Barwick, Stamford and Son, Parkes, Clayton, Smith, Meadley, Phillips, Calvard, and friend, which crossed the Humber, being met at Barton Station by two Barton members of the society, Messrs. Beeeb and Pettit, who had arranged to pilot the Hull members round the district which abounds in bird life. We found Thrushes' and Blackbirds' eggs and young innumerable, the other species being very scarce, only an odd Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Tom Tit, Whitethroat, or Hedge Accentor's nest being come across. A very beautiful find was a nest of the Missel-Thrush containing 5 eggs, and as very few of the party had had the pleasure of seeing this before we were all charmed by the grand colours. One of the members made a unique discovery, this being a Thrush's nest containing 5 eggs, and another complete Thrush's nest built on the top, the eggs in the bottom nest showing clearly through the bottom of the top nest, both being newly-built nests. Tea was taken at the Red Lion Hotel, full justice being done by fourteen hungry fanciers. Mr. Pepper proposed, and Mr. Stamford seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the splendid repast provided. Mr. Oliver proposed, and Mr. Harland seconded, a vote of thanks to the Barton members of the society who had so ably piloted their Hull friends round the district, thus giving them the opportunity of passing one of the most pleasant afternoons possible. General regret was expressed that more members were not present, but this was accounted for by the fact of two holidays in one week, Messrs. E. R. Ridley (hon. secretary) and Messrs. D. McKay and Bray being thus detained.—GEO. HARLAND.

Hartlepools C.B.S.

Annual outing held as usual on Whit-Monday to Wynyard Park. On this occasion the members were joined by fancier friends from the Stockton C.B.S., and one of the most successful gatherings ever held in connection with the society was the result. Through the kindness of D. W. Meiklejohn, Esq., the party was again met by the keepers, and forming into four groups, spent a right royal time exploring the beautiful woods. Prior to this, however, everyone looked their best whilst under the gaze of the camera, which was most successfully manipulated by Mr. Broadbent, of Stockton. The ladies of the party were granted the privilege of viewing the Italian gardens, vineries, and hot houses, which were splendidly stocked. The sterner sex the meanwhile were using their best endeavours to creat an unusual appetite for the good things to follow at Walviston, which were provided in Mrs. Balmer's usual sumptuous manner. After between four and five hours' hard work in the woods, the weather being glorious, the gathering of the clans revealed some very interesting "finds." Birds, nests, eggs, and young, of the following species were notified:- Green Woodpecker (whose depredations were a marvel to the unmitiated), Sandpiper, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Robin, Treecreeper, Blackbird, Thrush, Plover, Partridge, Pheasant, etc. The keeper stated that the Kingfisher was again nesting on the shore of the lake, but none of the party were priviledged to see him as in previous years. After tea the whole party—numbering fifty-two—spent the remainder of the evening in pleasant harmony. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Papple, Miss Ward, Messrs. Grieg, Appleton, Robinson, Gowing, Marwood, and Woodhead. Messrs. Robinson, Freeman, and Woodhead spoke of the friendly feeling that such gatherings were calculated to promote, and suggestions were made that would further cement the friendship begun in May by competitions, etc., in the dark days of December. Mr. Ford was the accompanist.—E. WOODHEAD.

Under the White Rose.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. held their annual general meeting on May 14th. The balance-sheet showed that the year had been an exceptionally good one; 250 fully paid up members are in the books, an increase of about 100 on any previous year, no doubt accounted for by the great attention that has been paid to novices. The society looks for further increase in this direction.

IT was with great regret that the members accepted the resignations of the secretaries, Messrs. Garnett and Towers, as these gentlemen have done much for the club, but no amount of pressure could induce them to continue, and for a time the meeting was at a deadlock. Eventually, however, Messrs. Graysbaw (of Spen Valley) and F. Allen were elected as joint secretaries. No doubt these gentlemen will be good workers (and they are in a good district) for the club, and uphold the position to which it has attained.

NOVICE members of the Yorkshire Union have now every possible inducement held out to them to join the various specialist clubs, the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., and the N.G.M.Y.C.C. having each and all decided to run competitions at Yorkshire Union shows in *novice classes*. So they have now the great advantage of being able to compete for special club prizes at the same time and at the same shows where they are competing for Yorkshire Union novice medals. Hurry up, novices, and let the various clubs see that you are alive to these inducements. There never was such a time for novices, so don't delay joining, and then say "there's nowt for us."

ONE of the most enthusiastic fanciers of the Yorkshire Canary in the East Riding is Mr. J. Wheldrake, of Goole, and on Whit Tuesday afternoon I had the pleasure of visiting this gentleman's room, and to say that I was delighted would be "drawing it mild." The room is situated at the top of the house, and has a very large window facing south-west, with a splendid view over green fields for as far as you can see; quite an ideal place, no hills like we have in the West Riding, but all level and good walking. The cages are in two or three sizes, good roomy ones for breeding, then some a little larger for the youngsters to romp about in, and also a quantity of nice single holes for old birds (this is where he keeps the show birds, eh?). All have whole 3-ply boards for backs; no red-mite lodging houses here.

THE birds are nearly all Yorkshires, and although not doing as well as Mr. W. would like, were not doing badly; there were some promising birds amongst the youngsters at 5 weeks old or thereabouts. Mr. W. is also keeping two or three Norwich cocks over that should do well. A few good nests were getting on towards 3 weeks old. Altogether the birds are a nice lot, and a credit to their owner.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. had a most enjoyable ramble on Whit-Tuesday. About 40 members and friends, including many ladies, formed the party, and they travelled by train to Wilsden, then went by way of fields and woods to Harden, where tea was partaken. Many nests were found, some with eggs and others containing young. After tea, tracks were made for Bingley. The trees (and there are some very fine ones) and fields being at their best now in this district, make one wish to tarry. The riverside hereabouts is exceptionally well wooded and quite a bird paradise. It was being said that some of the members are doing well at breeding, and that there are some "clinkers" out already; lucky fanciers!

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Club Reports.

NEWMILNS.

At our annual meeting, Mr. R. M'Dowall was appointed president, and Mr. R. D. Mair, secretary. The annual show was fixed for the usual date, the 24th Sept. The show will be run the same as last year—on the sweepstake principal. The judges are not yet fixed.—R. D. MAIR, Sec.

CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 21st, at Railway Hotel, H. Seely in the chair. Four new members were enrolled. As the majority of our members are novices, Messrs. Seely Bros., will not show at our First Feather show on June 11th. Mr. H. Seely will judge the above, and Mr. Alf. Grey (Morpeth) our annual show on November 12th.—G. H. SEELY, Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held May 21st, at the White Lion Hotel, M. Dixon in the chair. It was decided to hold our Nest Feather show on June 18th, and Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) was selected to judge. The schedule was gone into, and it was decided that the two first classes for Norwich read "clear or invisible tick," and that we give a medal for the best young bird in the show. Decided to have our next meeting on June 11th, when it is hoped members will give us as large an entry as possible, each exhibitor being only allowed three entries on the morning of the show. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—R. H. DIXON, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 12th, Mr. McKenzie in the chair. It was decided that the picnic this year be to Bothal and Morpeth, and that the secretary write to Rev. Ellis and Mr. Sample, also to Mr. Luckey, to obtain permission to visit the grounds of Bothal Castle and Bothal Haugh. It was decided that Mr. Vanner be added to the committee. Decided that we adhere to our previous classification for Crests subject to any alteration thought necessary at the monthly meeting. Decided that the resolution re a member's suspension be not rescinded. It was also decided that we advise the monthly meeting to leave the formation of a Northern Federation in abeyance.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, on May 14th, Mr. W. Spence (president) in the chair. Agreed to give Kelty Co-operative Society the cup to engrave. The secretary stated that the following societies had applied for club's patronage: Kelty and Blairadam (October 23rd, judge Mr. Watson, Kilmarnock), Lochgelly (October 15th, judge Mr. Smeaton, Prestonpans), Cupar (December 3rd, judge Mr. Smillie, Kilmarnock), Lochcraig (December 3rd, judge Mr. Ferguson, Glasgow), and Bowhill (December 17th, judge Mr. Hampton, Forfar). Other societies should write to me before next meeting. Three new members joined. I may say the club is in a very flourishing position, and this is only the second year.—A. DICKSON, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Meeting held May 11th at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place, Mr. C. Pearson in the chair. It was arranged to hold an annual open show on November 9th and 10th; judge to be appointed. Secretaries please note date, and do not clash, as this is our initial venture. A judging competition was then held, the following being the number of points gained towards the judging specials at the end of the year: Akehurst 31, Hollingshead 30, W. H. Gibb 32, Roast 27, Sharpe 25, Campbell 26, Flook 20, Cadman 20, Bozall 19, Pearson 13, H. T. Gibb 10, France 7, Dandridge 6, Comber 5. Mr. Burtenshaw was the final judge, his awards giving general satisfaction:—Yorkies: 1, H. T. Gibb; 2, C. Pearson; 3, A. H. Campbell. Norwich: 1, W. H. Gibb; 2 and 3, A. H. Campbell. British: 1, C. Pearson, Goldie; 2, E. Cadman, Goldie; 3, G. France, Goldie. Mr. Burtenshaw then read a very interesting paper on the correct way to hold a bird for washing, which was very much enjoyed, and created a lively and instructive discussion.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting held on May 14th, president (Mr. W. Richmond, Rodley) in the chair. The Secretaries presented the report and balance-sheet, and same proved most satisfactory, the year being a record one in every respect. The introduction of Novice Classes caused a great advance in the membership. These two classes received a total entry of 360 birds, giving an average of 30 per show. The four open classes received a total entry of 607, with an average of over 50 per show. The competition in both sections was very keen, and in the open section the result was in doubt right up to the last show. The high standard of excellence in the exhibits was maintained throughout the season. The increase in membership was most pronounced, as is shown by the following figures: 1906-1907, 138 members, 1907-1908 156, 1908-1909 162, and 1909-1910 250. The year was commenced with a balance in hand of 1s. 4½d. The sum of £4 13s. was subscribed as a "Specials Fund," the following being the contributors: Messrs. A. Cooper, Ogden Bros., W. H. Shackleton, R. Garnett, H. H. Towers, P. Drake and Son, Halliday and Chittenden, W. Richmond (Rodley), W. Crabtree, W. Gledhill, A. Hirst, T. Bentley, Lingard, and H. Simonette. The members' subscription realised £18 15s.; adverts. and breeders' cards, £2 5s. 6d.; bank interest, 5s. 3d., and other items brought up the total received to £28 1s. 7½d. The expenditure included grant to Secretaries (previous year), £1 10s.; Year-books, £3 10s.; cash special, £3 10s.; half loss on Novice Classes, 18s 3d.; trophies, etc., £14; postages, etc., £1 8s. 10½d., and other small items, 10s., leaving a balance in hand of £2 14s. 6d. The balance-sheet was passed with loud applause. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley); secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. S. Grayshon (Heckmondwike) and F. Allan (Cleckheaton); vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Garnett (Windhill) and H. H. Towers (Glusburn); trustees, Messrs. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill), and W. Gledhill (Huddersfield); auditors, Messrs. S. Dean (Bradford), and H. Simonette (Bradford); committee, Messrs. W. Crabtree, A. Cooper, T. Ogden, P. Mason, J. Greaves, H. Martin, F. Hammond, P. Drake, W. T. Hall, F. Armstrong, W. Cowgill, W. Richmond (Rodley), R. Halliday, A. Brown, W. H. Shackleton, E. Johnson, A. Hirst, E. B. Denton, and T. Bentley. The resignation of the retiring secretaries (Messrs. Garnett and Towers), owing to business pressure, was accepted with regret, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the retiring officers, on the motion of Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Cowgill. The following additional rule was made: "Any member wishing to resign from the Club must notify the Secretaries to the effect, and such resignation will not be accepted unless all dues are paid." It was decided to grant patronage on application to any Society holding an Open First Feather show, providing two Cinnamon-marked Classes are made, and the following specials are offered for competition amongst the Club's members: 2s. 6d. for the best 4th prize bird; 2s. 6d. for the best vhe bird; 2s. 6d. from the Club, 2s. 6d. from the Society holding show, for most points gained by a novice. No member to win this special more than once during the season. Passed that we have Open and Novice Competitions (winter shows), and a special Novice Competition to run through the Yorkshire Union shows, where societies make two novice classes, according to our classification. The latter competition caused considerable discussion. It is formed with a view to catering for the very large numbers of novices who are competing for the Union Novice Medal. This competition to run concurrently. Passed, that we have the same classification as last year, viz.: "Cinnamon Ticked or Variegated Yellow Yorkshire, ditto Buff, ditto Yell. hen, ditto Buff." Passed, that whilst any member may show as many birds as he chooses, only three birds may count points for the various club specials, such birds to be "starred." Passed, that we give cash specials for most points with 4th prize birds. Passed, that we give patronage to 12 shows, four of which to be given to representative shows outside Yorkshire, which shall have preference on allotment. Passed, that Rule 13 does not apply to Crystal Palace show. (This rule is in regard to one judge one show.) A generous offer by Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) of £1 1s. for most points gained by unflighted birds exhibited by the "breeder" was accepted with thanks. It was decided that the details for the various competitions and specials be left over for the committee to arrange. A grant of £2 was made to the retiring secretaries for services rendered. The next Committee meeting will be held on June 11th at 6 p.m. Application for patronage should now be made to the new secretaries, Messrs. Grayshon and Allan, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike, who will be pleased also to give full information to any intending new members. May we appeal to all members of the Club to use every endeavour to assist these gentlemen as much as possible, and thereby make the coming year even more successful.—GARNETT AND TOWERS (late hon. secretaries).

WEST COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth).

Monthly general meeting held at Boro' Arms, Plymouth, on May 17, when Mr. R. Browning gave a very instructive paper on the Goldfinch. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Browning on the proposition of W. Pope, seconded by Mr. White. At the monthly meeting on June 21 Mr. Border will give a paper on "Colour Feeding."—T. POPE, Sec.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Lochrie's, St. James Street, on May 21st, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the secretary of the society, Mr. Ritchie, who is going over to America. Mr. J. Gillies presided. A handsome travelling bag, a pipe and a pouch were handed to Mr. Ritchie by Mr. T. Hamilton, the society's oldest member, on behalf of the society. Songs were afterwards rendered by Messrs. Meickle, Mason, Livingstone, Ferguson, Fleming, Forsyth, Hamilton, Allison, William, and R. Neil, and the evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "He's a jolly good fellow."—J. STEWART.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Special meeting held at headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel, May 21st, Mr. E. Ball in chair. Date for old show fixed for November 25th and 26th, also report from secretary of the Cage Bird Union, which our secretary had not previously received, and which caused much disappointment. Mr. Nuttall suggested there should be a union for all Lancashire clubs, but this was left over, pending a reply from C.B.U. Messrs. Christy, Monks, and Alston were elected members, and a very interesting meeting was brought to a close by a discussion on breeding cages; it seemed to be a general opinion that breeding cages were fresher and birds bred freer when the cages were left exposed to the elements between the breeding seasons.—W. DYER, Asst. Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.C.B.S.

General meeting, held on May 12th. The following office-bearers were elected for this year: President, Mr. J. Cram; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Watson, Muir and Adamson; treasurer, Mr. J. Latta; committee, Messrs. Noble, Johnstone, A. Watson, McCaw, Blair, Jamieson, Thornton, Train; auditors Messrs. Blair, and A. Watson. Agreed, to hold a one-day show this year, on November 19th. We have secured the services of a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Crests to judge the Crest section, which we hope will give entire satisfaction to exhibitors of that variety. The rest of judges later. Will all interested in above society kindly note that I have been appointed secretary.—WILLIAM GUTHRIE, 10, Hood-street, Kilmarnock.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

General meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on May 14th. The election of office bearers: Mr. J. Noble unanimously elected president in place of Mr. G. F. Adamson, who wished to be relieved of that office; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Cairns, C. Campbell, H. Moreland, J. McLay, J. Kirkwood, and W. Paul; committee (elected by ballot vote), Messrs. J. Noble 26, G. F. Adamson 23, A. Chalmers 22, G. Shilliuglaw 22, J. McLay 22, J. Young 22, C. Camphell 21, W. Cairns 19, W. Paul 19, H. Moreland 15, J. Kirkwood 15, J. Cram 15, R. Whitton, G. Smart 12, and J. Lappin 12; auditors, Messrs. J. Young 18, G. Smart 11. Mr. J. Young was appointed secretary and treasurer in place of A. Chalmers, who declined to accept that office. Venue for club show: Broxburn and Perth had 7 votes each; on a vote Broxburn carried. Mr. F. Taylor was appointed auditor in place of Mr. Young. Revision of rules: That No. 1 be altered to read S.C.C.C. instead of S.C.C. as formerly; that Rule 9 remain as it is; that Rule 12 have added to it, "except at club show where young birds may compete for gold medals." "What constitutes a novice?" was discussed, and ultimately Mr. G. Smart's proposal was carried, "that a novice is a person who has not won 3 firsts in open competition previous to 1910 season." A silver medal was offered by Mr. J. Sanderson and accepted for best young Crest out of the money tickets at Broxburn. Two new members were admitted on the proposal of Mr. W. Paul, namely, Messrs. G. Wotherspoons (Uphall) and J. Veitch (Winchburgh). A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. CHALMERS, Secretary, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—May 31, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Paper on colour food, by W. Wilkinson, confirming of revised rules, etc.—P. Drinkwater.

Ashington Hirst C.B.S.—June 4, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. New members can still join up to June 4th; election of subscription committee for specials, etc.—J. Miles.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 30, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Paper on British Birds, by Mr. Allan, Cassidy (New Prestwick).—C. C. Irvine.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 1, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Classification for F. F.and Brit. Bird Shows; Mr. J. Fletcher's paper on Hybrid Breeding; visitors welcomed.—Miss L. G. Byerley.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—June 2, Raikes Hall Hotel, 8.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show.—J. R. Crossley.

Bramley O.S.—May 30, New Inn, 8. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and Colour Food; owing to the Carnival, the meeting will be held as above, instead of 28th inst.—W. Maltby.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—May 31, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Arrangements for members' F.B. Show, etc.—F. Gelder.

Barnsley C.B.S.—May 28, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather Show arrangements.—F. C. Sims.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—June 1, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8.—A. Lupton.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—May 29. Second ramble of season, destination, Howmill and District, train leaves 2; all fanciers welcome. June 1, general meeting at headquarters, 8.15 p.m.; business, final drafting of schedule, etc., etc.—J. C. Bell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Application for more open classes, also members' classes, etc.; fanciers given a hearty invitation.—G. Havver.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—June 4. Members' F.F. Show, exhibits to be in the room 6.45 p.m.; judge, Mr. J. Driver; judging competition, ent. fee 2d.; agenda for meeting; selecting stewards for F.F. Show (open), also arrangements for starting Crystal Palace Club.—J. H. Mitchell.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—May 30, Chequer's Hotel, 8.30. Will all members wishing to go to summer outing to Pailton, on June 26th, give their names in by Monday next?—W. H. Bray.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 6, Avondale Hotel, 8. General show business; Mr. J. Robson kindly consented to give a lecture on the Norwich Canary; fanciers invited.—A. C. Askew.

City of Wakefield O.S.—May 28, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Coventry O.S.—June 1, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedules for annual Nest Feather show.—J. Shaddock.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 1, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. First young bird show; judge, Mr. Kilmister.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—June 1, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Venue open show, etc.—J. H. de Maillet.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 28. Annual outing in conjunction with N.B.B. & M.C., to Effingham, Surrey; morning party leave Waterloo 9.20, and afternoon party 1.37; each take their own return ticket (2/-).—V. Wynn.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 2, Maskell's, Queen Street, 8. Young Bird Show, C.B.U., also cup business.—J. W. Dunmett.

Dalkeith C.C.—June 3, Ship Inn, 7. Select judges for show.—J. Ewing.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—May 28, Headquarters, 6.30.—J. Lindsay.

Derby C.B.S.—May 28, Derwent Hotel, 7. Nomination of young birds; shall be pleased to see any intending new member.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—June 1, George Hotel, 8. Paper on Colour Feeding and Classification for F.F. Show.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling B.F.A.—May 28, St. John's School, 7. Arrangements for F.F. Show, Colour Food, etc.—L. Booth.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—June 4, Airlie Arms, Kirrimuir, 5.30. Business of the utmost importance.—W. Grewar.

Grangemouth O.S.—June 3, Boilermakers' Hall. Last night for enrolling members; also [illegible] petition.—G. Smith.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—May 28, Hall, Ingram Street, 6.30. Show, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, and Bullfinch.—T. Drysdale.

Glasgow—Queen's Park C.B.S.—May 27, Maria Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8.—R. Heggie.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—May 31, Lellow, 7.30. Arrangements for Y.B. Show.—W. Simpson.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 1, Y.M.C.A., Whitby St., 8. Lecture by Mr. E. Woodhead; fanciers welcome. E. Woodhead.

Leek C.B.S.—May 30, 7.30. Show business. Hall and Fowler.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 4, Miners' Hall, 7.—J. Pollock.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—June 4, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Nominations of young birds for cup classes.—A. Wigginton.

Northern Lizard Club.—May 28, Fawcett Street Cafe. Important business.—G. Davidson.

Nelson C.B.S.—May 31, Bull Hotel, 8. Important show business, and other very urgent matters. J. England.

Newcastle C.B.S.—June 2, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Schedule for open show.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—June 1, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newsham L.C.—May 28, Miner's Arms, 7. Club sing.—S. Laws.

Northern Crest Club.—June 1, Sunderland, 7.30 Club's patronage and new members.—J. G. Hutchinson.

Preston O.S.—May 29. Annual ramble; route, Longridge, via Higher Hodder; train leaves Preston 9.30, Deepdale 9.34.—R. Taylor.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 28, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Rochdale O.C.—May 30, Club, 8.30.—Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 28, St. George's Hall, 7. Classification of schedule for Nest Feather Show, and subscriptions overdue, etc.—G. Oakes.

Rochdale Good Intent.—June 1, Temperance Club, 8. Schedules and entry forms will be handed out.—W. Adams.

Reading C.B.S.—June 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Moulting and Colour Feeding, introduced by R. J. Locke.—W. H. Pyke.

South Manchester C.B.S.—June 2, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Important business to be brought forward.—F. Washbourne.

Swansea C.B.A.—May 28, Market (usual meeting place), 8.30. Special meeting to fix room for our F.F.Show.—S. H. George.

South Shields C.B.S.—June 1, Lockhart's Cafe, 8.—J. Barrass.

Stirling O.S.—June 4, Douglas Hotel, 8.—W. Bishop.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 28, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8.—W. Reid.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—June 2, Leeds Hotel, 8.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale and District Open.—May 30, Technical School, 8. F.F. Show business re specials, etc.—J. Irlam.

Southall C.B.S.—May 30, St. John's Schools, 8. Balance-sheet, auditor's report, schedule young bird show.—T. G. Jeffery.

South Metropolitan F.A.—June 1, Clarance Hotel, Jeffrey's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. General meeting; and lecture by Mr. P. H. Bayliss, "The Growth of the Chick from Six Weeks to the Show Pen."—J. A. Roberts.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of young birds for novices.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Uddingston O.S.—June 2, Reading Room, 8. Intending members must be fully paid by last day of June; all welcome.—J. Dunlop.

Wrexham C.B.S.—June 3, Royal Oak, Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for the Nest Feather show.—B. Bennett.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 4th, Legs of Man, Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wombwell B.F.S.—June 4, 49, Park Street, 7. Selecting committee to carry on show business.—J. Hudson.

West London F.A.—June 2, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8. Lecture and Young Show business.—J. Denhurst.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—May 31, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, 8.—F. Bowman.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on May 14th, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a splendid attendance. Several letters were read. The classes for the three table shows for young birds, it was decided, should be: Norwich, A.V., Yorkshire, A.V., Border, A.V., Lizards, A.V., Cinnamon, A.V., Crest or Crest-bred A.V., British, A.V., and Mules, A.V. Also decided, that only two prizes be awarded, and that they be paid on the scale of two-thirds for most points throughout the three shows, and one-third for second most points. The full class awards will be given at each show, viz., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, vhc, hc, and c, and at the conclusion of the shows the points gained will be totalled up, and the prize money awarded to the winners of the most, and 2nd most points, on the above scale. After the business a discussion took place upon various subjects, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. I should be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join us.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

ENGLISH AND WELSH B.F.C.C.

Points gained throughout season 1909-10:—Northern Division—Cash specials: Hopper Bros. 119, Wilson 101, Large 59, Thomas 55, Hawkins 53, Poole 50, Woodman 35, Clinch 28, Hudson 25, Swarbrick 21, Levason 16, Hay 16, Gore 10, Hadwin 9, Cubby 8, Cherry 5, Smart 5, Andrews 4, Mossop 1, Wagstaffe 1; Cup: Hopper 101, Wilson 81, Large 58, Hawkins 52, Thomas 47, Poole 49, Woodman 35, Clinch 28, Hudson 25, Swarbrick 21, Levason 16, Hay 16, Gore 10, Hadwin 9, Cubby 8, Cherry 5, Smart 5, Andrews 4, Mossop 1, Wagstaffe 1. Southern Division—Cash specials: Bayley 126, Dr. Bowes 88, Roberts 63, Richards 37, Mrs. Fildes 35, Hammacott and Card 36, Williams 28, Mrs. Drinkwater 24, Smith 19, Middleton 18, Saytch 17, Blackshaw 16, Hancock 9, Jenkins 7, Taylor 7; Cup: Dr. Bowes 88, Bayley 65, Roberts 63, Richards 30, Mrs. Fildes 31, Hammacott and Card 28, Williams 26, Mrs. Drinkwater 24, Smith 19, Middleton 18, Saytch 17, Blackshaw 16, Hancock 9, Jenkins 7, Taylor 7. Will members please check these figures, and if not correct communicate with secretary? Novices at the commencement of the year remain novices throughout the year. Will all those who have not paid their subscriptions, or given a donation to the specials, please do so at once, so that the cups and specials can be paid out? Will secretaries of societies please note that all applications for patronage must be in by July, when same will be considered by the committee.—S. HADWIN, Sec., 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 11th. In his opening remarks our President made reference to the loss we have sustained in the death of our beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII., and moved a resolution of sympathy with the Royal Family, which was carried, the members rising to their feet. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership: Messrs. Watson (Gateshead), J. Petch (Newcastle), T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), and A. Gray (Morpeth). Correspondence was read. Judges for annual show were elected. Alterations to rules, balance-sheet were uext gone into, and after a lively discussion, were carried. First Feather Show was left over until next meeting. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due, to be paid before the end of May.—A. HOLDEN, Ass. Sec. (Kindly write on one-side of the paper only.—Editor.)

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held on May 5th, at 142, High-street, Mr. Welsh (president) in the chair. It was intimated that the following gentlemen had agreed to act as judges at our annual show, to be held on 19th November, in Buccleugh Parish Church Halls, for Norwich Section, Mr. Adams (Dundee); for Border Fancy Section, Mr. Patterson (Chirnside); for British, Foreign, and Mule Section, Mr. Crossley Sykes (Musselburgh). Also that the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club and B.F.C.C. had been applied for. In connection with First Feather show to be held in same hall on 9th July, Mr. Colin Millar (Leith) has kindly consented to act as judge in all classes. Will all members please note that the ramble for Saturday, 4th June has been cancelled, as permission has been refused to visit the grounds proposed, also that no meetings will be held in June, July, and August?—JAMES FINNIE, Sec.

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I was greatly surprised on receiving CAGE BIRDS last week to see the picture of my six-point buff Goldie Mule appearing on the front page, also to see that you had done me the honour of producing such a life-like picture of him, writes Mr. F. Collins (Camborne). Also please convey my best thanks to your artist, Mr. Norman. I have taken CAGE BIRDS ever since it came out, and would not be without it for anything.

I received the painting (won in CAGE BIRDS Essay Competition) safely, for which I return my very best thanks. It is a very beautiful and exquisite piece of work, and I must congratulate Mr. Norman on the faultless manner in which he has shown the blending of the parents in the different crosses. How happy I should be to be the possessor of such an ideal team in real life, for then I should soon reach the goal of my ambition—to put down a winning team of hybrids at the "Great Glass House." My hybrids have secured nearly forty prizes at the leading Western shows, but it is my hope and ambition to win at the Crystal Palace with a bird bred by the exhibitor—a hope which was almost realised at the last Palace Show, when my Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrid secured the vhc. card in a strong class of eighteen birds. Again thanking you for the beautiful painting, and wishing CAGE BIRDS all the success it so richly deserves.—E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

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Twitterings.

Will members of the North London C.B.A., writes Mr. R. P. Harper, kindly note that the last day for ordering colour food is May 28th?

The King's Lynn F. and F.S. one-day open show (£5 limit) for cage birds, will, write Messrs. Barron and Targett, the joint secretaries, be held on October 19th.

Will fanciers and secretaries kindly note my change of address from Moor Street, to 55, Earlsdon Street, Coventry, writes Mr. J. Shaddock, hon. sec. of the Coventry O.S.?

Will members of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland kindly note, writes Mr. F. Bowman, hon. sec., that the annual pic-nic to Lochwinnoch takes place on Saturday, June 4, train at 2 p.m. St. Enochs?

Our annual young bird show will be held on July 9, at Old Boar's Head, writes Mr. Jos. Oldham, secretary of the Middleton C.B.S. We have appointed Mr. W. Hardy, of Oldham, to judge.

We are holding our annual show on November 11th and 12th, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, secretary of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. Will fanciers and other secretaries kindly note?

The Eastern Counties C.B.S. are holding their young bird show on July 16th, at their new headquarters, "Crown and Sceptre," High Street, Ipswich. Judge, C. Simpson, Esq., writes Mr. W. Barrett, the hon. secretary.

Owing to the poor results of the breeding season, writes Mr. J. Moor, assistant secretary Morpeth C.B.S., we have altered our first feather show from June 25 to July 9. Mr. H. Seely (Seely Bros.), of Choppington, will judge.

Will Mr. A. L. Walters, jun., who sent us an order last week-end for a copy of Claude St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners," but omitted, it appears, to enclose his address, kindly communicate his address to us, when the book will be forwarded to him?

The London and Counties O.S., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, are having their annual outing on Sunday next, May 29th, and are going to Chipperfield Common. The train leaves Euston Station at 10 a.m. We have amalgamated with the Watford Society.

Kindly note my change of address from College Street to 105, Randolph Street, Buckhaven, writes Mr. W. Foster, secretary, Buckhaven and Dis. C.B.S. The judges for our show on October 15th are Messrs. Thos. Arnott, Allan Chalmers, and Peter Pettigrew.

Kindly note that Mr. J. Lane and myself have been appointed joint secretaries of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club on the retirement of Mr. W. R. Myers, writes Mr. P. Jowett, 27, Derby Street, Great Horton, Bradford.

The Poplar and District Cage Birds Society's country ramble takes place on Sunday, May 29; train for Chingford Station leaves Liverpool Street at 9.12, and Hackney Downs at 9.25 a.m., writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the Hon. Secretary.

The 17th annual young bird show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec., will be held at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, on June 7. Mr. T. Heath will judge Canaries, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell the British and Foreign birds.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen to judge our show on October 22 next, writes Mr. W. Grewar, secretary and treasurer of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.; Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen) for Norwich; Mr. H. Wilson (Bannockburn) for Borders; and Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart) for Mules, British and Foreign birds.

The Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their annual nest feather show in the Friends' Adult Schools, Attercliffe, and not at the vestry hall, as in other years, writes Mr. W. Richinson, the secretary. We have already got a good number of specials promised us, and a member is giving a special, value five shillings, for the member selling most admission tickets.

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Mr. J. R. Meikle, the secretary of the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A. (51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh), writes appealing to Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders to support his Association by becoming members, fee 3s. (entitling to ten entries at this show), the time for joining expiring on May 31st next.

The London and Counties O.A. have arranged to hold their meetings in future at the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., nearly opposite Old Street Tube Station. Trams pass the door from all parts, and it is easily reached from all the tube stations. The monthly meetings will be held on the third Wednesday in each month. I shall be pleased to forward any information to any who may wish to become members.—W. GILBERT, Hon. Secretary.

The Derby Cage Bird Society has weathered two years of misfortune and debt, writes Mr. Henry Wharam, the assistant secretary, and we now find ourselves with a balance in hand, increased membership, and prospects brightening considerably, so that we are looking forward to better times. We ask all fanciers in the locality to join us and help our hobby to go ahead. I will gladly give all particulars if they will communicate with me at 18, Colyear Street, Derby.

We have been afforded an opportunity of inspecting the King anti-mite perch, an advertisement of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. The claim made for this handy little appliance is that it will speedily clear red mite from any cage, thus greatly adding to the comfort of the birds. It is adaptable for both breeding and drawing-room cages, and any of our readers who are troubled with this very common little pest would do well to give the perch a trial. It is well made and finished, and is obtainable at all seed merchants and bird stores at a figure which puts it within the reach of everybody.

We regret that Mr. H. J. L. Williams, of Hartlepools, has had to undergo an operation to his right arm, and that it may be a long time before the proper use of the arm is restored to him. On that account he has unfortunately had to dispose of some of his birds (which he is advertising in this week's issue). He writes: The doctor has ordered me away; so as soon as I can arrange to get someone to look after my remaining birds, I am going to take the wife and family into the country. It is hard indeed to have to part with the birds, especially after getting such a nice lot together. I have had good luck, having obtained nearly 40 young Canaries, which are all doing well.

It has been arranged that the Clapham and District C.B.A. have their first outing on Sunday, June 5, the rendezvous being Ashstead Woods and district, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, the secretary. The friends are meeting at Balham Station (L.B. and S.C.) at 9 o'clock, return fare about 2s.; also from London Bridge or Waterloo. A hearty welcome will be given to any fanciers or friends who would like to join us. It is desirable that the secretary have all names by May 31, so that an arrangement can be made for the number for cold lunch, etc. This is an important item; most fanciers find a good appetite on these rambles.

"The Transfer of a Choice Collection" is the title of an article in this month's issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—by Mr. H. Goodchild, dealing with Mr. Millsum's stock of foreign birds, which have been transferred to the aviaries at Everberg, near Belgium. An excellent half-tone illustration (by the author) of Brown's Parrakeet and the Bengal Pitta accompanies these notes, and forms the frontispiece to the issue. Mr. W. T. Page writes on "The Aviaries and Birds at Benham, Valance," and "Foreign Birds"; Mr. A. Sutcliffe on "A Holiday in the West Indies," and Mr. R. Suggitt on "Breeding the Goldfinch." There are besides other interesting articles, notes, reviews, etc.

I was pleased, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery (Paignton) to read the report in CAGE BIRDS of the ramble by Mr. P. W. Mugford and myself, but regret that I am stated, owing to my little girl using an old memo. form, to be the hon. sec. of the Torbay O.S. I do not hold that position, having resigned same last year through family bereavement, and consequent illness; but I am glad to say I am now in my usual health. Our sec. is Mr. C. Parnell, of Palace House, Paignton; while my son Jack is still the asst. hon. sec.. Mr. P. W. Mugford and myself are on committee only, I having consented to act on same, as the members kindly stated, owing to the state of my health at the time that they were prepared to accept me without expecting me to work. I suppose they knew I cannot help working for the Fancy. Anyhow, it was very kind of them.

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The summer weather being now with us, there is little fear of destructive frosts, and the work of planting out one's garden with bedding plant may be done with all safety. Mr. Harry Barker, F.R.H.S., Rosemount Nurseries, Whittlesford, Cambridge, and Mr. E. A. Bannister, Nurseryman, 5, Grotto Road, Twickenham, whose advertisements will be found in other columns of this issue, can supply fine plants in any quantity. These firms are both well-known, and our readers may place their orders with them with every confidence.

We have received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.) samples of his pure tasteless pepper and pure hot Natal pepper. These peppers for colour-feeding cage birds (they are also used with great success by many noted poultry exhibitors) which have been specially selected from the finest crops of the chief growers in the world, are of magnificent colour and quality, and make it self-evident that Ramsden's peppers will during the 1910 season easily maintain their wonderful reputation for turning out exhibition birds with that intense colour and attractive bloom so necessary to the attainment of the highest honours of the show bench. Both are sold with a guarantee of absolute purity under the Food and Drugs Adulteration Act. The colour of the tasteless (or "sweet") sample is astonishing, and it should be in great demand. A sample of either or both can be had, with full directions for use, from Mr. Ramsden by sending him a penny stamp to defray the postage.

OBITUARY.

Mr. C. A. PRENTICE (Hyde).

I am very sorry to inform you of the death of one of our members, Mr. C. A. Prentice, who held the position of treasurer to the society, writes Mr. Fred Barraclough, secretary of the Hyde and District C.B.S. Mr. Prentice was a sterling fancier. I am sure all who knew him will feel deeply grieved, and their sympathies will go, along with ours, to his wife, whom he leaves with one child.

Mr. G. FRANCIS (Lowestoft).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Frodk. Rackham, hon. sec. Lowestoft and District C.B.S., that I write to inform you of the sad death of Mr. George Francis, of Cleveland Road, Lowestoft, which occurred on May 14, by the capsizing of a sailing boat on the river Waveney. He was a very ardent fancier of the Norwich Plainhead, to which his fine stud of over 50 birds bear full testimony. The Fancy has lost in him one of its most promising members, one who spared neither trouble nor expense in trying to reach the front in the breeding and exhibiting of this variety that he loved so well. He was the principal promoter of the Lowestoft and District C.B.S., and many will remember the fine show of cage birds held by this society (Mr. Francis as secretary) the first year of its formation, over 400 birds being staged—the largest number ever seen at one single show in Lowestoft. To the novice he was always ready to give help and advice in whatever form it was required. His kind and genial disposition made him many friends. The funeral took place on May 21 at the Kirkley Cemetery, and the large concourse of people showed how well liked and respected he was; many members of the society were present at the ceremony. To his sorrowing wife and two little children, also to his parents and relatives, the Lowestoft fanciers wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy, for truly he was one of the best.

Sandiford's "Royal Red Feed" and "Champion Hot Natal Red Feed," samples of which have come to hand from Mr. T. Sandiford, Colour-Food Importer, Preston, Lancs., have a reputation of many years' standing, and inspection of these samples shows that they should more than live up to this during the 1910 season. It would not be easy to imagine anything deeper and richer in colour than this year's "Royal Red," and it looks well able to put that "red-hot," fiery tone into the plumage which is so much sought after by exhibitors. The hot Natal carries also the same remarkable colour properties. A sheaf of recent testimonials from well-known fanciers who have used of these colour-foods, accompanies the samples sent us. Samples (and directions for use) can be had by readers on making application to Mr. Sandiford.

National Green-Marked Y.C.C.

A committee meeting of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C., will be held on Saturday, May 28th, 6 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Business Important: allocation of patronage, new members, etc.—F. ARMSTRONG, secretary.

British Roller Canary Club.

The following alterations have been made in the judging standard of the British Roller Canary Club, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec.: Point value of tours: Water glucke points to 3 increased to 5; points to be deducted, high schockel, to 6; sharp and nasal flutes, to 6; Litt and chop, expulsion.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.

Will secretaries requiring our patronage kindly write me, giving classes and judges? Those wishing to join the club should forward their names as soon as possible, as June 30 is the last date for joining. The first table show will be held on June 8: judge, Mr. Ellwood. I have just heard from Mr. Cowgill, of Bradford, that he will be pleased to come and give us a lecture on preparing Yorkshires for exhibition and staging them. This is a treat in store for us, which I am sure our members will greatly appreciate. The meeting will be held sometime in September.—T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Ashe Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown).
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8 ,Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue).
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hilluwen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B., R.T. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Eric Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooks, 102, Norfolk Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester). H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailiet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street).
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Gulsborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Raudolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow).
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. G. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.)
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street).
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 4.—Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.; Radford (Notts) C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.
June 7.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
June 11.—Bradford East O.S.; Choppington (Old) C.B.S.; Northampton (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wigan C.B.S.
June 18.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Battersea C.B.A.; Crewe O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Huthwaite C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Otley O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Bankfoot C.B.S.; Gt. Horton O.S.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.
June 22.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
June 25.—Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Heywood O.S.; North London C.B.A.; North Manchester C.B.S.; Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.
June 27.—Southall C.B.S.
June 29.—Brighton C.B.A.
June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Codnor Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Dysart C.B.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.
July 2.—South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Rochdale O.C.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Cardiff C.B.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.
July 25.—Barrington, etc. (Soc. Club) C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.

Advertisers Appreciate "C.B."

I thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds"—fifteen in number.—F. A. PHILLIPS (Howden).

I have had so many replies to my advertisement in "Cage Birds" that it is impossible for me to reply to all individually.—F. COSIER (Redhill).

I am glad to inform you that through the advertisement in "Cage Birds," all the stock of Mr. Forbes is now sold.—JOHN ROWLANDS (Pwllheli).

I have had such a quantity of orders through my advertisement in "Cage Birds," that I find it very difficult to keep up with the demand.—S. DRAKE (Halifax).

I am quite pleased at the number of birds already sold—about two-thirds of the whole collection—through my advertisements in "Cage Birds."—W. DENHAM (Burnham, Som.).

Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," last week, as I have been well suited. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—A. W. LEWIS (Kettering).

I beg to thank the numerous applicants for my clear yellow Norwich cock, advertised in "Cage Birds" issue of April 23rd. The bird was sold immediately.—MR. WATSON (Shepsted).

The advertisement which appeared in your columns recently, of the spare stock I had for sale, had the desired effect; indeed, I could have sold them over and over again. "Cage Birds" is read everywhere.—THOMAS SMITH (Glasgow).

I received between 30 and 40 offers for my birds (either sale or exchange) from a single advertisement in "Cage Birds," which speaks well for good old "C.B." I should have required a secretary to have answered them all; still, I thank them all.—J. HEATH (Birmingham).

I had so many replies from my advertisement in "Cage Birds," of April the 16th, that I could not answer them all, so I take the opportunity of thanking them through your valuable paper, wishing them all a successful breeding season. If I have any more birds for sale, I shall use your paper.—W. H. MORRIS (Builth Wells).

Your Summer Holidays Free of Cost.

GREAT £20 CASH PRIZES COMPETITION FOR READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

In order to stimulate interest in "Cage Birds" between now and the first week in August we have decided to institute a competition on the undermentioned lines and offer £20 in cash prizes upon the following scale:—

First Prize	.. ..	TEN POUNDS.
Second Prize	.. ..	THREE POUNDS.
Third Prize	.. ..	TWO POUNDS.
Fourth Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
Fifth Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
Sixth Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
Seventh Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
Eighth Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.

Also Twenty Consolation Prizes of a Bound Volume or a Framed Plate, at the Winner's option.

In every copy of "Cage Birds" published from now till July 23rd next, we shall print a triangular coupon. This coupon (see below) is provided with a panel upon each side, each panel must be filled in with the name and address in full of a new reader of the paper. One panel, one name and address, three names and addresses complete each coupon. The prizes will be awarded to the readers who send in to us by July 27th at latest the largest number of coupons properly filled in.

For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that—

1. Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers).
2. The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
3. The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
4. The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

Thus it is possible for a competitor to obtain without any expense at all on his part a large number of coupons which also in their turn may be the means of obtaining further supplies of coupons.

As a further reward to readers we will give a free advertisement in "Cage Birds" to the value of 1/- for every fifty (50) coupons sent in which are eligible for the competition, the said advertisement being available for any issue within three months of the date of the competition closing, viz., July 27th next.

No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrange with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions;—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Norwich Unwell.

Moulder.—You ought to have said whether he was with the hen whilst the young were being reared and also whether he is now breeding again. If the latter is not the case, you should separate him, and cage him alone for a week whilst you treat him properly. During this time, feed on a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a supply of chickweed daily. Limit the diet strictly to this for a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb for two days, and for the next week after this give twenty drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of encalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three. See that you have not been keeping the bird in a draughty or overheated fluctuating place. Look up replies about feeding, and see also if you have been going wrong there, as I think this is very likely.

Young Canaries Ailing.

Novice.—You are not treating them quite correctly. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately about half a teaspoonful of summer rape to each, and on the alternate days allow the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, crushed plain biscuit, or bread and milk, sprinkled with a pinch of maw. Do not give these all together, but first one and then another on the days, alternating with the supply of rape, so that each of these items will fall due about once a week. Do not make them very moist or sloppy, either. Add no moisture at all to the two first-named, and drain off all surplus moisture from the bread and milk before giving it. Give a pinch only of hemp twice a week. It is not necessary to crack any of the seeds now. Stop all green food for a week, then you may give a half-ripe plantain stalk daily, and gradually go on to other green food. Stop giving drugs of any kind. If birds are too loose in bowels dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the water for a day or so; but the above diet should correct this without any further help. See that all your seeds and foods are perfectly sound and fresh; keep the vessel scrupulously clean, and the cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand.

Varied.

Disappointed.—It is quite likely the chief cause is your disturbing the birds too much. You did wrong to think of giving the bird exercise by letting it out of its cage just when you thought it was ready to mate. I cannot quite see what you could done for this bird now. The fright would in many cases be quite enough to put the bird off breeding. All you can do is to wait for Time to cure the shock, and not let the bird renew the acquaintance even at a distance, if avoidable. There is little to find fault with in your feeding, but you might have given the egg food quite three times as often to the hens when preparing them for the first round, and the mixed seed might have contained three times the quantity of inga. Separate them now, and in addition to the staple seed diet, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every day for a week, and a little chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel for three or four days. Then, if in good condition, you may try mating them again. Seeds and grit are all very good and clean; the latter, however, would be improved by having a proportion of gritty sand. As it is, it is practically nothing but material for shell making. If the Roller cock is a good singer, he will make a far better tutor for the young than either a Blackcap or Nightingale.

Further Details.

G. Smith.—Your feeding would be better if you give a plainer mixture consisting of three parts canary to one part summer rape in the hoppers as a staple and reserve the more elaborate mixture with egg flake for special occasions, such as giving a teaspoonful about twice a week as a tit-bit. After the young are three days old, begin to give green food daily, or better still fresh twice a day, in very small quantities at first, but increasing it gradually as the young get older. I prefer chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, or even watercress at this season. The only ingredients really necessary for preparing egg food are an egg, or eggs, boiled until quite solid (about fifteen minutes is ample) and stale bread crumbs, or, as a substitute for bread, crushed Osborne or any other good plain biscuit. Remove shell of egg, and press egg through a perforated sieve or chop very finely, put in a basin, add twice the bulk of bread crumbs, or biscuit powder, as the case may be, and blend well together with a fork. Use the yolk of egg only for the first week, after which you may use both yolk and white if you wish. Now the cock is separated, clean sand tray when hen has sat twelve days, put in a good covering of clean sand, and do not clean again until young are about a fortnight old. Beyond supplying the necessary foods and water regularly, make a point of leaving hen and nest severely alone this time. Will reply to your last letter next week.

On Strike.

Hilda.—Am afraid this bird intends to rest on his laurels. It might help to bring him back to his vocal duties to supply him with a mate, or to let him hear another singer for a short time, but on the whole, when they take up these trivial dalliances they generally mean to retire from very active vocal performances. Continue to give the same staple as previously advised. Twice a week give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on two other days each week a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, black rape, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a spray of chickweed daily. Allow it to bathe freely now. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and after that give a crystal of sulphate of iron, the size of a split pea, twice the quantity of sulphate of soda and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. You might place a piece of rock salt in the wires for it to peck at for a time. If, as you say, it will sing as long as there is an apple or orange within view, keep an apple or orange within view until he has gradually worked himself up, but be very sparing of these dainties until he is really in full song again. Give green food as a substitute for these things during the summer months.

Dietetics.

H. J. Norman.—You will find details on feeding in several replies almost every week for some time past, and also in the book you have. Limit the diet to seed almost entirely whilst hen is sitting, and give a little soft food, whatever kind you favour, only about once a week. On the evening of the twelfth day of incubation, give a morsel of soft food, and from this time a fresh supply at least twice a day until young leave the parents. Give only very small quantities, about half a teaspoonful to a teaspoonful, each time at first, and gradually increase the quantities from day to day as the young

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grow and require more food. Aim at giving just as much as the birds quite clear up shortly before next supply is due. As green food, you may use chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress, and give a fresh supply twice a day after the young are three days old. In buying seeds, get a fair supply of canary, summer rape, and hemp, and smaller quantities of inga, linseed, black rape, maw, gold of pleasure, sesame, teazle, and millet—the last four in quite small quantities. You will then be able to concoct practically any mixture you see advertised. A mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape should form the staple.

Brevities.

Blood Feather (Burnley).—Run a drop of Friar's Balsam about the quill from the end of a small feather once a day for two or three days. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and add enough permanganate of potash crystals to the bathing water to colour it light pink. Examine bird and cage well for the presence of insect pests, and if any are found exterminate them. These pests are not infrequently the indirect cause of these troubles.

A Shock (J.W.L.).—You omit to say whether any injury at all resulted from the cat's attack upon the cage. If not, you can only wait and trust to time to remove the shock. You should also endeavour to keep any cat quite out of sight of the bird until it has recovered its usual spirits. If it appears at all dull, you may give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and one drop of tincture of nux vomica in each ounce of water for three days. It is quite possible that if you hung it beside a smart young hen who was wanting to nest, it would go far towards removing the effect of the shock, and the bird may soon be fit to mate.

Canary Breathes Heavily (Miss Davidson).—It is always best to give full particulars respecting feeding and general treatment. Had you done this I should have been better able to tell what was wrong. Try following: First see he is quite out of reach of draughts; do not hang him in a window, nor in the hot sun, nor near burning lights. Keep in as equable a temperature as possible, but not necessarily a very warm one. For one week feed on a staple of plain canary only. Give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice during the week, and a little chickweed or lettuce daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day. For the next fortnight continue the same staple, but give the rape every second day, and on the alternate days give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and strewn with a pinch of gold of pleasure and inga. In the drinking water during this time give six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and the next week twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day.

Eggs Not Hatching (C.H.).—I take it the eggs were clear, and had no signs of embryo in them. In that case the fault probably lay with the cock, who would, perhaps, not be in good condition, or, if he appeared to be so, the unfavourable weather doubtless prevented his filling the eggs. You may let the hen go to nest again if she wishes to do so, and the result will probably be different next time on account of the more favourable conditions. To ensure this give the pair a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, sesame, and gold of pleasure. Give a supply of chickweed or dandelion heads daily, and add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the drinking water daily for three days.

Out of Condition (Larkspur).—Are the Canary and Goldfinch both in the same cage? If not, I scarcely see how the latter can bully the Canary to affect him harmfully. In any case, I do not think this could possibly be the cause of the Canary's condition, which is far more likely to be due to a draughty position, or to an extremely fluctuating temperature. Look to these things. In addition to staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts, and ten drops of dandelion juice for three days, and after that six drops of tincture of gentian, and a few crystals of citrate of iron and quinine—about as much as will just cover a threepenny piece—two days in every three for a week, and every second day after for another week. Continue treatment for a fortnight.

A Middlin' Wheezer (Novice).—You will probably do no good with this bird, and it is altogether a most unwise policy to try to breed with such. Still, if you do not mind the risk of establishing a strain of chronic invalids, he will doubtless fill one clutch of eggs all right, but by the time these are reared, it will be too late to start again for a second nest. Before mating him give in additiou to the usual seed diet a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of mixed seed. Give two leaves of dandilion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards six drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week. See that he is quite free from draughts and vitiated air.

Crest-bred Hen Not Laying (Novice Crest).—Separate her from the cock for a fortnight, and remove nest and all nesting materials. For the first week feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give every second day a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give a good spray of chickweed and a whole flowerhead of dandelion broken open daily. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day. In the second week continue the same staple, and every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it. On alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture hemp and millet. Give a free supply of dandelion daily. If available, also give two mealworms daily. In the drinking water in the second week give ten drops of glycerine and five each of tincture of steel and tincture of myrrh every second day. At the end of fortnight mate her again, if ready, to a lusty young cock, and try again.

A Mixture (Redcar).—You should not mix Canary and Mule queries on same sheet, as the latter have to go to a different authority. See Mr. Weston's replies for reply to your third query. 1. This depends solely upon your own taste and desires. The cost of starting with a pair of common Canaries need not be more than a couple of shillings or so above that required to start with a Linnet-muling pair, that is, the difference in price between common Canary and Linnet cocks, which would not be very great. 2. You will find this fully dealt with in the book you have, and in more detail than it is possible to do here. 4. A Yorkshire hen would give you the smartest looking birds, and if mated to a Roller cock would also produce some very fair singers.

Prolapsus (Worried).—This is what troubles your bird, and it required immediate attention to stand a fair chance of cure. Now, after this lapse of time, and with the bird still further injuring itself, inflammation must set in, and I expect all is over by this time. If not, dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in half a teacupful of warm water, allow it to stand until cold, and well bathe the protruding part with the solution for a minute or two. Then, holding the bird on its back in your left hand, try to gently work back the protrusion within the vent. If you succeed in doing so, insert a scrap of nut-gall ointment about the size of a canary seed. Keep the bowels free for a week or so, and if the protrusion re-appears, repeat the bathing and return it at once, inserting a scrap of the ointment each time you have to do so. After the first time you may use a little cold tea for the bathing. It will not be safe to try to breed with her again this year.

Deformed Claw (J. Clephan).—I think I am right in assuming that the whole toe, and not simply the claw, is involved. If you have not already given the thin perches advised in last reply, do so at once, and take particular notice for a few days whether the bird, when it settles down for a rest, and especially at night, after a short time, gradually works the hind toe over the perch, so that the foot grips perch in something resembling a natural position. If you find it does so, keep the thin perches in for a few months, and the deformity will disappear without further intereference. But if the bird persistently keeps the toe turned underneath when roosting, catch it, and having cut an eighth of an inch off the end of a piece of rubber tubing, as used on feeding bottles, pass the ring then made over the three front toes, which are being held together, and then hold the hind toe back against the leg and pass the ring on upwards until near the end of the toe. Leave it there, and let the bird wear it regularly for a month, when you may remove it, and see if the toe then maintains its proper position. If not, return the ring for a few weeks longer. There will be no necessity to cut off the claw in a case of this kind.

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A Peculiar Case (I. Blythe).—You do not say whether the egg-binding occurred immediately her full time had elapsed. She then commenced moulting, then laid two more eggs, and is now so bare that you wonder if she will have feathers enough to cover the eggs if she wants to sit them. Candidly, I cannot answer your question, not knowing to what extent she is bare; but would point out that the heat for the incubation of the eggs must come from the body, not the feathers. Anyway, it does not matter much either way, as she probably will not want to sit, and if she does, the chances are all against the eggs being fertile. Still, you may try them. You can give the hen nothing at all to force feathers on in such a short time as you require. Your only plan at this season is to wait patiently until the bird moults. Feed her well with a good supply of green food in variety, but do not make her overfat; then she may moult very early, and come out in good feather. Examine the cage well and see if red mites are causing any of the trouble.

The Red Enemy (Dubious).—It is not very likely the birds you purchased introduced the red mites. It is far more likely the nucleus of the attack was already there though unsuspected by you. You must find the principal hiding places. Scrape out all the mites you can and destroy them, and then flush all these places, and any other likely harbours, with a solution of camphor in methylated spirit—one ounce to half pint. Run it into the cracks, etc., off the tip of a camel hair pencil, so that it does not come in contact extensively with the varnish on the surface. If allowed to do so the varnish will be spoilt. Still, if the pest is very troublesome it would pay you to apply it freely without regard to the varnish, which can easily be renewed after a thorough overhaul at the end of the season. Allow the bath freely, and twice a week add a few drops of essence of quassia to it.

Trouble with Young (Bad Luck).—In your first round of nests I imagine you miscalculated the time, and thought the hens had sat a fortnight when in reality they had been doing so a week only. That is the only explanation, I think, of the circumstances. In the second round your feeding was rather faulty. Next time when the young are hatched, give a little yolk of egg twice on the first day only; next day add half the bulk of bread crumbs or powdered biscuit; next day make it equal parts; and on the fourth day two parts bread or biscuit to one part egg, or equal parts crushed sponge cake, egg, and bread. The latter is a good inducement to poor feeders to work better. On the fourth day also give a little chickweed, lettuce, or groundsel, and continue giving a little fresh twice a day thereafter. Also give the egg-food fresh twice a day. Begin giving cracked hemp when young are ten or twelve days old.

Cause of Death (F.D., Macclesfield).—It is too late to speculate on this point now. Only a post-mortem could have revealed it with certainty. If the deaths occurred on the advent of one of those bitter cold snaps recently, I should suspect pneumonia, and begin to look out for draughty spots where that cage is. There is only one other cause I feel inclined to suspect in your case, and that is septic fever. Therefore, I strongly advise you to keep that cage under close observation, and if another bird should die in a similar way, send the remains at once for post-mortem, and so settle the matter. Your feeding seems quite correct. See that all food and water, and also the vessels, are kept scrupulously clean, and make the egg-food fresh at least twice a day.

Two Sick Rollers (C.E.B.).—Seeing the birds have been suffering so long, I can give you extremely little hope of making any material improvement in them. Now you have placed them in a room where the temperature will be more unvarying, see it is well ventilated, but at the same time guard strictly against cold draughts, and do not place the birds too near a window, or in a current of air between door and window. Continue your present staple diet, but give the mixed seed once a week only, and every second day for a fortnight a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it instead of any other soft food. After the fortnight substitute a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and give only twice a week. Give a little chickweed daily. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards twenty drops of a mixture of two parts each glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and one part each ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne, daily for a week, and every second day for a week or two after. Any chemist will mix you a few pennyworths of the mixture ready for use.

Bare Skin (T.A., Carlisle).—Feed on a diet of plain canary only as a staple. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days a scrap of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. Continue this for a fortnight, then reduce the bread and milk to twice a week, and dust with sulphur only once a week, for a few weeks longer. Give a little green-food daily in variety. Allow the bath freely. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon-juice twice a week, and on two other days give twenty drops of chemical food. Paint the bare places twice a week with a feather dipped in tincture of perchloride of iron, just moistening the skin each time. If it is not better in, say, a month, write again and give some particulars as to how you have been feeding and treating the bird.

Not Singing (C. R. Airs).—The bird ought to have been in song before now if you are sure it is a cock. As you give no idea how you feed and treat I cannot suggest the cause, unless I take it that the clicking noise is significant. See the bird is kept quite free from cold draughts, and impure air, such as the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and is not over heated. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure seed. Give a little dandelion or chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon-juice for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of encalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

An Outdoor Aviary.

H. A. Hamilton.—I am afraid that to give full details of the building, arranging, and managing of an outdoor aviary is a matter quite beyond the scope of these query columns. A book could be written on such a theme; indeed, Cage Birds already publishes a book dealing thoroughly with outdoor aviaries and birdrooms, and I am sure that your best plan would be to consult its pages. You will find it gives photographs and designs of many pretty and easily contrived aviaries, and you will be sure to find one suited, to your needs. The fitting up is also described at length. It is, generally speaking, better to keep seed-eating birds by themselves, especially if the place is but a small one. Bullfinches (in fact, any of the Finch family—this includes the Buntings) will certainly do well in Scotland. Robins are not good aviary birds, being pugnacious and dangerous. Shall be glad to advise you on any particular point concerning the projected place.

Young Starlings.

R. A.—You surely must have overlooked the fact that last week (May 21), in the answer I gave Thomas Shannon, most of the questions you now ask were fully dealt with, i.e., how to hand-rear a Starling, and the best way to feed it. My own nestlings I always keep in a ventilated, but cosy, basket, and throw a piece of flannel over them at night; they require, of course, to be kept warm, and a bed of short pieces of hay is suitable to keep them on. Never let their surroundings get dirty. As the youngsters grow, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill tooth-pick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl) and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas, though. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

Early Treatment of Softbills.

Nestor.—To obtain a good insight into the treatment of newly-taken small Softbills, I advise you to purchase a copy of Mr. Frostick's "Meating-off and Feeding Softbills" (sold by Cage Birds, post free 6½d.). This is a thoroughly practical and helpful work. Briefly put, live food is the best for all newly-caught small insectivorous birds; it is, in fact, essential to their successful "meating-off." One can manage very well with mealworms only. But more variety is helpful, and live ants' eggs especially, or flies, wasp grub, aphides (or smother fly), smooth caterpillars, and any of the crawling things found on garden plants are excellent, according to season. At first the bird should be put in a quiet corner in a suitable cage (a light cover, if necessary), and have a free supply of mealworms or live ants' eggs; also the other things mentioned, as obtainable. Pin a few mealworms to the perches, at front of cage,

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and put a supply inside in a shallow earthenware or glass dish. The general feeding should be on the following lines:—As a stock mixture: Powdered Osborne or other suitable biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; ground silkworm pupae one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. I take the quantity required of this and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, watercress or chickweed (use young leaves only). It is necessary, of course, to give in addition all the live insect food one can possibly obtain. To the above stock mixture I add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely-scraped raw lean mutton or beef. To get the bird on to the stock mixture cut up a number of mealworms, and well rub the pieces into the daily food allowance (after, of course, it has been prepared for use). Gradually lessen the supply of live mealworms. The bird will pick the cut pieces out of the food mixture, and gradually get to eating the latter. Many small softbills (the Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Whitethroat, for instance) also like ripe fruit.

A Trio.

A.S.T.—(1) Sea sand is much esteemed by fanciers for use with their birds, and I know many who go to considerable trouble and expense to get it. I have never heard that it "causes the feathers to fall off the birds," neither do I credit the statement. (2) Larks do not bathe, but should be sprayed frequently. They delight in a fresh grass turf, which has been well sprinkled with water. (3) Of course, it is possible. Soaked chicken-meal (without grit) is excellent for Thrushes if a little of a good mixture specially designed for insectivorous birds is mixed in with it, and some suitable live foods given, also fruit and berries, according to season. But the best (though not the cheapest) method is to feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries, frequently, and according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished. Get the "Nutshell" booklet (post free 2½d.), dealing with the Song Thrush and Blackbird.

Feeding Young Mules.

Bermondsey.—Rearing young Canary Mules is certainly no more difficult than the rearing of young Canaries; in fact, I should say that it is easier, for the Mules are generally more precocious and sturdy, that is, grow more quickly, and can look after themselves at an earlier age. All Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats (or coarse oatmeal) shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water, or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. You could turn the Mules into flight cages, but they are apt to be mischievous, and pluck one another, however, when kept in numbers together.

Brevities.

What Canary (A. McK.).—You cannot do better than obtain a nice yellow Border Fancy hen Canary as a mate for your Grey Singing Finch; either variegated or clear. This should be easy, seeing that you live in the "land o' cakes," where Borders are also much appreciated.

Management of the Goldfinch (R.N.S.T.).—I advise you to send to Cage Birds for a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Goldfinch. It is only 2½d. (post free) and gives full and thoroughly reliable and up-to-date information about the caging and feeding, delicacies (wild seed), etc., best suited to this favourite Finch. You will be pleased with your bargain.

Breeding Skylarks in Captivity (J. G., Hyde Park).—Quite a number of people have succeeded in breeding Skylarks in captivity. I refer to aviaries, both large and small; but as regards doing so "inside a breeding cage," as you put it, well, I dunno. There are breeding cages *and* breeding cages; some which I have seen would hardly hold two Skylarks, much less their nest. I once saw a nestling Skylark at Clapham Snow which I was given to understand, had been bred out in an ordinary back-yard, in a kind of small butcb-shaped cage.

Hen Greenfinch Feeding Young (W. T. Best).—You have no need to worry over the non-availability of a hen Canary; you can with fair certainty rely upon the hen Greenfinch bringing up any Linnet-Greenie hybrids which hatch out of the eggs she is incubating. A hen belonging to an esteemed friend of mine has hatched five Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids and reared every one; a bonny lot. You are feeding most excellently, and nothing can be lacking on this score. The seeding green food (shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc.), should be given very freely.

Two Questions (E. M. M. C.).—(1) Why anyone should have told you that both cock Goldfinch and hen Linnet are "sure to pine and die if left together," and that they will not breed, is beyond my comprehension. Both statements have absolutely no truth in them. At least, I hope so. What I mean by this is that if either should unfortunately depart this life it will not be merely because you had them paired up, and if they do not breed, it will not be because young cannot be produced from a cock Goldie and a hen Linnet. (2) It is a very good sign when birds behave in the manner you describe. Your feeding is excellent.

Selling Young Thrushes (Rather Afraid).—I think you must surely be mistaken in stating that Thrushes are not protected in Suffolk; they may not be during the autumn and winter, but I should feel inclined to wager that they are during the breeding season. Anyway, if the eye of the law discovers you trying to sell young (nestling) Thrushes in London, then I am quite sure trouble will follow, and most likely that "fine" of which you are "rather afraid." Bird-keepers can only break the law at their peril, just the same as other people. Don't do it; and sleep in peace.

A Cinnamon-Coloured Mule (Old Standard).—A cinnamon-coloured Mule is entered in the dark Mule class (that is, of course, if a self-cinnamon, i.e., providing no white or foul feathers appear amongst its plumage). If it is a good big shapely specimen, and a nice tone of colour, most judges would put it somewhere in the prize list, but precisely where depends upon the merits of the bird (of which I cannot judge without seeing it), and the keenness of the competition. Just an ordinary cinnamon Linnet Mule would be worth only a few shillings (as a curiosity); a show specimen one to two sovereigns, or thereabouts.

A Siskin Sheds Feathers (Old Soldier).—The bird has not suddenly commenced to moult. Had this been the case, you would not have found wing feathers strewn about the cage in such quantity, and all in the course of a few hours. To be brief, the bird has met with an unfortunate accident; has "flighted" himself, as fanciers term it, that is, knocked all the flight feathers out of his wing. How this happened I can only surmise. A bad fright will bring it about (especially one at night, when the bird dashes madly around in the dark) or a struggle to free the wing if a bird happens to get it locked between the cage wires. It is an accident which is liable to occur in the best-regulated bird-room. The feathers will be fully grown again in five or six weeks' time. Are you sure the Linnet lost no feathers?

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A Feather Puller.

"**Phœbe.**"—This annoying habit is very difficult to cure (in some cases it is never entirely given up), and the only thing for you to do is to continue the treatment advised in our previous reply in its entirety. Use the following simple seed mixture: one quart each canary and white millet, and half pint each hemp, oats and sunflower seed, well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Let it have the ripe fruit, also plain biscuit and nuts (shelled walnuts are best). It should have cuttlefish, cotton reels, and a piece of a branch to play with and cut up. Keep the bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia. I do not know of any specialist who would call and see the bird; I do not think there is any danger of your losing it, so far as I can gather from your details. Persevere with the above for another month, and then report progress, unless there should be further complications.

Young Tiels Plucked by Parents.

F.W.B.—This is the first instance of the kind I have met with. It will not materially affect the young; the adult birds evidently want the nest to themselves for rearing another brood. I should advise you in this case to remove the young as soon as you see them eating heartily of the seed mixture themselves, though I expect the parent birds will feed them till the next brood is hatched; the feathers will soon grow again as soon as the youngsters are left alone, which will be as soon as the full clutch is laid, and they are incubating again, when the young birds will, I expect, be driven from the nest. Unless carried to too great lengths there is not much to worry about; the only other course to take would be to get a roomy box, with a wire front, and hang this up in aviary. The wires should be about one inch apart; put in food and grit. The water tin had better hang on the outside, and with the bottom of box extending in front of the wire, forming a platform, the old birds would feed their progeny through the wires; then as soon as their plumage is renewed, and they are able to look after themselves, you can remove the wire front and give them their liberty again. You might try putting another nest alongside your present one, and put the young birds in that; the old birds should soon find them out. They will not need brooding this kind of weather.

Parrot Picking Out its Feathers.

H.H.—It is the table food (scraps) that is doing the mischief, and you must stop these at once and confine your dietary as under: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuits, green-food, and cuttlefish. A crust of dry toast can also be given; this can be slightly moistened with water if the bird so prefers it. The above give you ample range for a varied diet, and you need not go outside same. If you wish the bird to keep in condition, do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. To allay the irritation, give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia

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(one part magnesia to three parts of water) at intervals according to the bird's condition; the bowels must move freely, but there should be no appearance of diarrhœa. Foment the swollen foot with hottish water into which has been put a little Condy's Fluid, and after allowing it to dry, paint with whisky. If there are any signs of matter, the foot must be regularly cleansed with the warm water (as above), and as soon as the swelling appears ripe, it must be pricked and the pus got rid of by gentle pressure, and again well cleansed. After all humour is got rid of, a little healing ointment can be applied.

Budgerigars and Finches.

"**Lemberg.**"—(1) As much flowering (seeding) grass as they will eat, together with canary and white millet seed, with a few oats and cuttlefish. A millet spray may be given as a change; also supply cuttlefish and a piece of old mortar rubbish. (2) You do not give me any idea of size, and "large" is a very comparative word, according to the uses of it. Providing you do not overcrowd you could keep Budgerigars, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, Cockatiels, and Rosella Parrakeets together. A general seed mixture of canary and white millet in bulk, and hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds in more limited quantities, with ripe fruit, green-food, grit and cuttlefish would meet the needs of all the above. I am afraid if you attempt to keep Budgerigars, Finches, and Waxbills together, though harmony may reign for a time, it will not be long before you pick up first one and then another of the Finches' and Waxbills' broken wings or legs, and if you keep them together the risk must be your own. (3) Half or three-quarter-inch matching would do, providing you keep a watch on the weather opening up the joints; but the more satisfactory method is two thicknesses of rough planking (half-inch), with a layer of felt between, and the cost is but little more. However, the matching will answer if you cover up all cracks as they appear.

Brevities.

Parrot Nipping Off Its Feathers (J. T. Ives).—This habit has not yet become pronounced with your bird, therefore there is hope of a cure. Spray it twice weekly with quassia solution, and keep its bowels well regulated with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts of water). Its diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, green-food, plain biscuit, or stale crust of household bread. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. There are several replies to other querists which will help you.

Budgerigars (Bird Lover).—There are several other replies re these pleasing birds which will help, and you will find general directions in your book. All birds should be at least a year old before being allowed to breed; under the conditions of captivity some precocious youngsters may attempt to do so, but it would only ruin them, and their progeny would be of poor stamina. Procure a pair of adult birds, and as soon as they have become steady and thoroughly used to you, they will settle down and breed; the length of time before they breed is very variable, it depends on the individualism of respective pairs. Handle them as little as possible; you will mostly get a sharp nip when you do, and the needle point of a Budgie's beak soon draws blood.

Birds for Indoor Aviary (A.W.T.).—Weavers, Combassous, and Whydahs would really need a few live insects during the moult and seasonal change of plumage, and should regularly get a little live food to keep them really fit, and the Weavers and Whydahs would quarrel, I think. I should really advise pairs each of Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Magpie Mannikins, and White Java Sparrows. For the sake of its bright colour when in breeding plumage an odd Madagascar Weaver could be kept with the others, and if Hartz travelling cages, with the fitting removed and a bar cut away for entrance, are being about, all of them are very probable breeders. If any young are hatched, a little of some good soft food mixture (see advertisements) should be given daily in addition to the regular diet.

Budgerigars and Finches in a Cage (Pat).—I will not take any responsibility of your keeping Budgerigars and Finches together in a cage; though they are so kept, and for a time all seems to go well, but sooner or later first one and then another of the Finches will be found with broken leg or wing. Java Sparrows and Weavers (cocks only) would be the most likely to hold their own. If you want the Budgerigars to breed, I should advise you to leave them in sole possession of the cage. The hen Black-head has a narrowed and more pointed beak, and is not quite so rich a colour as the male. You must repeat this query to our British Bird expert (Mr. Weston) next week; in the meantime, put a few grains of Epsom salts in the drinking water and supply as much fresh green-food as the bird will eat.

Budgerigars Not Breeding (Railway Engine).—Your information is quite correct; they will soon breed, but from your own details the birds are not yet accustomed to you, but flutter about when you go near them; be as steady as possible when attending to their wants; also avoid anything likely to scare them in their vicinity. They are not likely to breed till they have become fairly steady; they will ultimately settle down and breed. For diet see reply to "Lemberg" in this issue. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (see advert. in this column) very helpful. Your Canary queries should have been on a separate piece of paper; they have been passed on to our Mr. C. St. John, and answers will appear next week.

What Parrot? (Collier).—It is the Rosebill or Rosella Parrakeet, a hardy Australian species, which is a fairly free breeder in a roomy outdoor aviary. Its value is 20s. to 35s. a pair. It should thrive and do well on a seed mixture of canary, white millet, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds, half the bulk of the mixture to consist of the two first items; ripe fruit, green-food, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. However hardy a bird may be, it must not be subjected to draughts. It is a restless, active species, and if kept in a cage it should be a roomy one.

Parrot Pulling Out Its Feathers (Peggie Wilson).—You must tell me how you have been feeding and treating this bird before I can properly answer your query. In the meantime, give it one or two doses of Dinneford's magnesia (see other replies), and do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. I shall be pleased to advise you further on receipt of the above particulars.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. Petford.—Infectious pneumonia is causing the loss of your birds. This disease is of very common occurrence this season, and is generally brought about by the introduction of a diseased bird or birds into one's premises. Several of my recent correspondents have incurred large monetary losses through this same disease, and in each instance it has been traced to this cause. The great mischief is done by allowing the disease to extend too far before advice is sought, the disease not only spreading, but increasing in severity the longer the delay. It appears to attack hens more frequently than cock birds, and to be very sudden in its approach and rapid in its cause. Apparently well one day, they are found to be mopish and dull the next, with symptoms of disturbed breathing, and dying during the course of the day. The lungs in all cases are badly inflammed; in fact, almost black, which seems to mark it off from the ordinary pneumonia occurring in inclement weather, and hæmorrhage, or blood spots occurring on the surface of the coverings of the brain. Recovery sometimes occurs, but not often. Prevention by isolation of sick birds (early carried out) is effectual, but unfortunately the disease is allowed to run its course, and is not investigated until several deaths have occurred and the whole place becomes contaminated.

D. Forrest.—There was no possible form of treatment that would have helped the cock Canary. The disease was of too serious a nature. A blood vessel had given way on the brain, due to increase of blood pressure, owing to the warm weather, and excitement occasioned by its removal from hen. Ultimate handling caused its sudden departure. Both lungs and brain were engorged with blood. Such accidental occurrences are common at beginning of warm weather.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Club Notices (A. S. Treasure).—We have had a supply of cards sent along to you. Many thanks for your appreciative letter.

Photographs (E. Collins).—These came safely to hand, and are in every way admirable.

Recipe for Egg Flake (J. H. Bennett).—We shall be pleased to repeat the recipe if you can give us the title of the article in which it originally appeared, or the name of the author. Otherwise we have no means of tracing it.

Wild Seeds (A Reader).—We already publish an illustrated handbook which deals with all the wild seeds and plants (thistles, shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc.), which are so useful to bird breeders and keepers; price 1s. 2d. post free (vide advertisements). Its title is "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds." Evidently you have overlooked it. Coloured plates are enormously expensive things to produce

"**The Comet**" (J. H. Jowett).—We read your poem with interest, but dare not send it to our printers. They would most certainly have said: "Don't come-it on us"; and then there might have been bloodshed.

Correspondence.

Special Prizes at Cowdenbeath Show.

SIR,—In class No. 111 of the bird section at the last Cowdenbeath Show, I won a 2s. 6d. special, but have never received it. After writing three times to the secretary and receiving no answer, I have made up my mind to communicate with your paper and "show them up," for writing to the secretary seems of no use. Two years ago a party I am very familiar with alleges that he also won a special at the same show and never received it. Such treatment as this does not encourage the patronage of bird fanciers.

ALEXANDER GRAY.

Proposed Specialist Norwich Canary Club in the North.

SIR,—Having been asked by some well-known breeders of the Norwich Canary to try and form a specialist club for same, on similar lines as the other Northern specialist clubs, I will be pleased to hear from fanciers in the Northern Counties, when I will let them know when the first meeting takes place, for the election of officers and the drawing up of the rules to govern same. So, fanciers, please send your names on as soon as possible, and let us have a club worthy of the North. The proposed subscription is 2s. 6d. per year.

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An Appeal to Lovers of the Scotch Fancy.

SIR,—As membership of the above Association closes on May 31st for year 1910, I earnestly appeal to the lovers of the "bird of circle" around Glasgow for support. This Association was instituted as far back as the year 1884, and is open to all fanciers within a radius of five miles from Glasgow Exchange. The membership fee is only 3s., which entitles the member to stage eight birds at our show, which falls to be held on Saturday, September 10th. A meeting of the members will be held in the Grand National Hall, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on Friday, June 3rd, at 8 p.m. Election of judges and other competent business. Committee meet at 7.30 p.m. same evening. I trust that a large attendance will be the outcome of this appeal. Fanciers rally round the confined Derby, and place the bird of circle in its wonted place, viz., on the highest rung of Canarydom.

E. B. BULLIONS, Sec.

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The Battersea Open C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank Messrs Honeysett and Easterling for answering my letter. I am quite sure by their replies that both gentlemen will do their best to persuade their society to engage a third judge should the number of entries at the nest show be anywhere near the number of last year. I am afraid I cannot accept Mr. Honeysett's invitation to become a member, as I live too far away to attend the meetings and help in the work, but I will promise him (if my birds permit) that I will send an entry for every class the society gives in my section, and when I go to see them in the afternoon I hope to find the judges finished and the catalogues out in good time, so that I can enjoy the show.

VISITOR.

SIR,—I am very much afraid that sight influence has affected friend Easterling's power of penetration, for judging from his reply to my letter of last week, one cannot help thinking that Mr. E. would have us believe that he can at sight tell by whom a letter is written, and so sure of his man is Mr. E., that in the very first paragraph he attributes my remarks to jealousy. If friend Easterling is desirous of becoming a champion shot I would advise him to take a few lessons to enable him to hit the bull's-eye, for at present he is right off the target, or in other words, Mr. E. is giving some one the credit for doing that of which he is innocent. I am not interested enough in the affairs of the Battersea C.B.A. to be jealous, and I would like to state here that my remarks were not intended to convey the impression that the judges' awards were not satisfactory, and I have no hesitation in saying that not a word reached my ears that the awards were not well received. Don't try to switch me on to the judges, Mr. E. I will be honest and tell you that I was not at the show during the time the British were being judged, and what I wrote about the Goldfinches and Linnets was word for word what I heard pass from the lips of a gentleman who was a total stranger to me; probably he may have been one of the grumblers referred to by Mr. Easterling. With regard to his attack on another society, of which Mr. E. would have your readers believe I'm a member, I can only say it is very unsportsmanlike to jump at such a conclusion when not sure of your ground. It is also bad form to bring in the question of another society's business in order to try and make a mistake of your own management appear infinitesimal. I am truly sorry that a letter of mine should draw a confession of bitterness of feeling towards another society and one of its members. I have no knowledge as to what society, or which member Mr. E. refers to; I am quite satisfied that his reference is not applicable to any society to which I have the honour to belong. That Battersea at their next big show may have an increased entry, with an additional judge to share the work, is the worst wish of

DARK MULE.

On a Ramble.

SIR,—A friend and I had a ramble on May 20. We entrained at Bradford for Shipley, making our way to Shipley Glen and Baildon, to study the ways of the birds. The first nest we found was a Song Thrush's, on the top of a bank; it contained four young about five days old. Then we went up a small gully and found the Pied Wagtail's—four unfertile eggs and one young. Further on a Thrush's nest contained four eggs. Going along towards Baildon, we came across the Snipe's—four eggs, also a Yellowhammer's. Next to take our eye was a Ring Ousel's nest with four young; and they looked a treat. Going along the moor we found two nests of the Twite, with four and five eggs respectively; also another Snipe's—four eggs, hard sat. I nearly trod on this one, and she didn't half "go," I can tell you. I may say that I have read a lot about the Chaffinch copulating while on the wing, but I think it is a great mistake. We watched them pair many a time on the branch of the tree near the nest. I hope this will make the matter clear, and I hope others will give their views.

P. JOWETT.

What is the Object of Prize-giving at Shows?

SIR,—In a lecture delivered by Mr. L. J. Richardson, before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., on May 3rd, he is reported to have said: "I have been round with a judge who said, 'This is the best bird in the show, but I cannot give it the first prize because the bird wants a tubbing.'" Now, Sir, I should like to know what is the object of prize-giving at shows? Is it to enable exhibitors of birds to show good birds or good specimens of bird-washing? I buy prize birds for breeding purposes to try and produce the best young birds, taking the opinion of the judge as an expert's on the subject; and I daresay other amateurs are influenced in the same way. In the above-mentioned case an amateur would doubtless have bought the 1st prize bird for his bird room thinking he had bought the best bird in the class. My excuse for taking up your valuable space is that I am very interested in breeding good first-class Plainheads for beauty of shape, colour, etc., and I try to get the best stock birds for that purpose.

H. S. SCHOLES.

A Nest that Served a Double Purpose.

SIR,—In your issue of May 14th I note a correspondent draws your readers' attention to the above. A similar incident came under my own observation during the past week, but in this case it is a Thrush that has taken possession of a Blackbird's nest that had been robbed of one egg a few days previously. Such incidents are caused, no doubt, by the birds being disturbed too much or their nests repeatedly robbed. Not only can boys do this, but I have also seen girls take the eggs away. During a ramble on a recent Saturday I came across quite a lot of nests that had all been robbed, including Thrushes, Blackbirds, Green Linnets, etc.; but in spite of all this I heard a number of the Thrushes singing strong, and being anxious to know where their nests could be, I had another look round, and this time observed they had built on the top of the highest and thickest hollies. I could not but admire such wisdom on the part of these birds, as nothing short of a long ladder could reach their nests. A few weeks ago, at this same spot, I laid my cap on top of a fine young Thrush, and in less time than it takes to write this I was surrounded by, I suppose, all the birds in the vicinity, including the parents of the youngster I now held in my hand. There were quite a number of other Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Green Linnets, besides very many other birds. They all sat on the trees near me, and the chattering they kept up all the while I held the youngster was really most interesting; but as soon as I let go the youngster all was peace, and I was, as I hope to be for writing this,

ABSOLVED.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I notice a letter in CAGE BIRDS from our old friend Mr. Garner. He seems to be at a loss to understand why he and Mr. House should be attacked about the awards they both gave. I think we are justified in making the attack, because the bird in question does not answer to the type of the Lancashire Canary, and therefore ought not to have been in the honours list. Mr. Garner seems to know how the bird has been bred, because he says the bird was bred by a well-known Lancashire breeder and he had no "Crest." He may not have had, but there must have been some "Crest" blood somewhere in his stock, or it would never have come up and shown itself to the extent it has done in the Buff Coppy in question. He says the bird has been on the show bench about four or five years and has won about twelve prizes. He may have done, but that does not say he is a typical Lancashire Canary. In my opinion he ought never to have won a prize in Lancashire competition, because he distinctly shows Crest properties in his head formation. The bird was shown at Middleton last December under one of our most modern judges, Mr. Hardy, of Oldham, and was forthwith immediately disqualified. Why? Because it does not answer to the type of the Lancashire Canary as arranged by the Lancashire Canary Association, and this show being held under the patronage of the L.C.A., also of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., Mr. Hardy acted up to the instructions from the specialist society and at once disqualified it. Mr. Garner seems to think that rules are nothing to go by. I think, John, that you are going a step too far when you set at defiance the rules of our specialist society.

J. OLDHAM

Proposed New Open Cage Bird Association for Glasgow.

SIR,—A general meeting of the fanciers of Glasgow and district was held on May 17th in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, to finally consider the proposals made by the delegates re the above Association being formed. About seventy fanciers were present at the meeting. The Chairman (Mr. R. B. Jarvie) explained the object of the meeting. Mr. J. Roulston eventually moved, and it was seconded by Mr. J. McLeod, "That this meeting decide to form an association to run an open show, annual subscription to be 2s. 6d. each person." An amendment to this was moved by Mr. W. Hutchison and seconded by Mr. H. F. Hutchison "That we do not form such an association," the motion being carried with applause by 36 votes against 5. The election of office-bearers was then gone on with, the following gentlemen being successful for the various positions: President, Mr. R. B. Jarvie; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Hutchison and R. Jeffrey; Secretary, Fred Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. Heggie; Treasurer, Mr. A. Malcolmson; Committee, Messrs. Godber, D. Graham, R. B. Gibb, R. Thomson, A. Maxwell, J. Henderson, A. Roulstone, T. Drysdale, H. Jamieson, J. Dunlop, A. K. Chalmers, Mitchell, H. Appleyard, C. Martin, Faithweather, T. Forrest, Skinner, S. F. Wood, Yates, Paling, and Grainger. It was decided that the new association be known as the "Glasgow and District Cage Bird Association." To avoid clashing with any other club's date it was finally decided to hold a show on Friday and Saturday, January 13th and 14th, 1911. The following gentlemen were then appointed to look for the most suitable hall for holding show: Messrs. Graham, Chalmers, Maxwell, and Paling, and to report same at next open meeting. The next meeting of the committee was decided on for May 24th. After the Secretary had been instructed to write the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club, accepting the loan of their staging, the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

FRED BOWMAN, Sec.

Fanciers Go A-Visiting.

SIR,—I herewith send you a short account of a visit paid to Messrs. Charlton and Anderson, of North Seaton, by a few of the fanciers of cage birds from the Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S. a few Sundays ago. Mr. Charlton in person conducted the party to the residence of his feathered pets, which one can call an ideal home. Owing to lack of room they have used part of the River Blyth! They have fourteen piles sunk into the bed of the river, and the bird room is built partly on the piles and partly on the quay wall, and they inform me that it frequently happens that the high tides reach within eighteen inches of the floor, rather too close, I should think, to be comfortable. It is built of well-seasoned wood on the outside; in fact, from the remains of two or three old herring fishing boats that were given to them. The room is 70 feet long, 13 feet wide, and 11 feet 6 inches high, and is properly ventilated, and lighted splendidly, also heated with hot water pipes (the water being heated from another room built outside of the bird room). The cages are in racks running along one side of the room, and on my visit they had 24 pairs of Canaries, Yorkshire, Norwich, and Borders, and about 14 pairs of British birds, and I must say, if they have any success from the latter, they will have, as we say in the North, some "funny beggars." After we had spent an hour and a-half amongst the feathers Mr. Anderson came with the welcome news that tea was ready; and such a tea, with real girdle cakes and every dainty possible. Mrs. Anderson being one of those "canny bodies," we were soon at home, and doing ample justice to the good things she had provided. One of the visitors (Judge Dixon, of Bedlington Station) stated he was like the youngsters he had a full crop and could not make a squeak. We gave our thanks to Mrs. Anderson for the kind manner in which she had entertained us. She promised, if we would go again, when the tide was coming in, that she would catch us some fish, as they can always catch a "fry" from the bird room! After spending more time among the birds Messrs. Charlton and Anderson proposed a walk to Newbiggin, by the sea, which is only a short distance from North Seaton, and a splendid hour was spent at this little fishing village. We took train for home after enjoying a splendid day's outing.

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12 New Blue do.	6½	6 Xd. Rudbeckias	6½
18 Best xd. Sweet Williams	6½	3 Giant Red Phlox	6½
12 New White do.	6½	3 Giant Lilac do.	6½
12 New dark Foliage do.	6½	3 Giant White do.	6½
10 Best Tree Lupins xd.	6½	3 Giant Pink do.	6½
8 Best White do.	6½	3 Giant Mauve do.	6½
20 Pink Silene	6½	4 Best xd. Campanulas	6½
25 Best xd. Wallflowers	6½	4 Campanula Carpatica	6½
18 Giant xd. Daisies	6½	5 Do. New Buckhouseii	6½
3 White Japanese Anemones	6½	6 Xd. Flag Iris	6½
3 Pink do.	6½	4 New White do.	6½
10 Fine Shasta Daisies	6½	4 Fine Bearded Iris	6½
5 Do. King Edward VII.	6½	3 New Orchard Iris	6½
6 Blue Michaelmas Daisies	6½	4 Variegated do.	6½
6 White do.	6½	6 Giant Polyanthus	6½
6 Mauve do.	6½	5 Brilliant French Pyrethrums	6½
12 Yellow Alyssum	6½	2 Double White do.	6½
6 Rose Campion	6½	2 Double Pink do.	6½
10 Coreopsis Grandiflora	6½	2 Double Red do.	6½
6 Best xd. Jap. Chrysanthemums	6½	2 Double Mauve do.	6½
6 Broad Variegated Grass	6½	2 Double Flesh do.	6½
6 Narrow do.	6½	18 Hybrid Cornflowers	6½
6 Lovely Delphiniums	6½	6 Lovely Centaureas	6½
5 Aster Alpinus, xd.	6½	4 St. John's Wort	6½
10 Lovely Gypsophilla	6½	10 Pink Thrift	6½
3 Monks Hood	6½	6 Cerastium	6½
6 Anchusa Italica	6½	3 Alpine Phlox	6½
1 Hardy Bamboo	6½	8 Double White Arabis	6½
4 Eryngium (Sea Holly)	6½	8 Single do.	6½
6 Erigeron (Lilac Daisy)	6½	4 Fine Auriculas	6½
6 Best Perennial Sunflowers	6½	12 Fine Honesty	6½
3 Bronze Day Lily	6½	4 Epilobium (Rose Bay)	6½
6 Xd. Lychnis	6½	2 Heuchera	6½
6 Scarlet do.	6½	20 Giant Forget-Me-Nots	6½
		10 Iceland Poppies S.	6½
		6 Welsh do.	6½
		12 Evening Primroses	6½
		4 Orobus (Bitter Vetch)	6½
		12 Best Saxifrages	6½
		1 Red Hot Poker	6½

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HARRY BARKER, F.R.H.S.,

ROSEMOUNT NURSERIES 12

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGE.

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

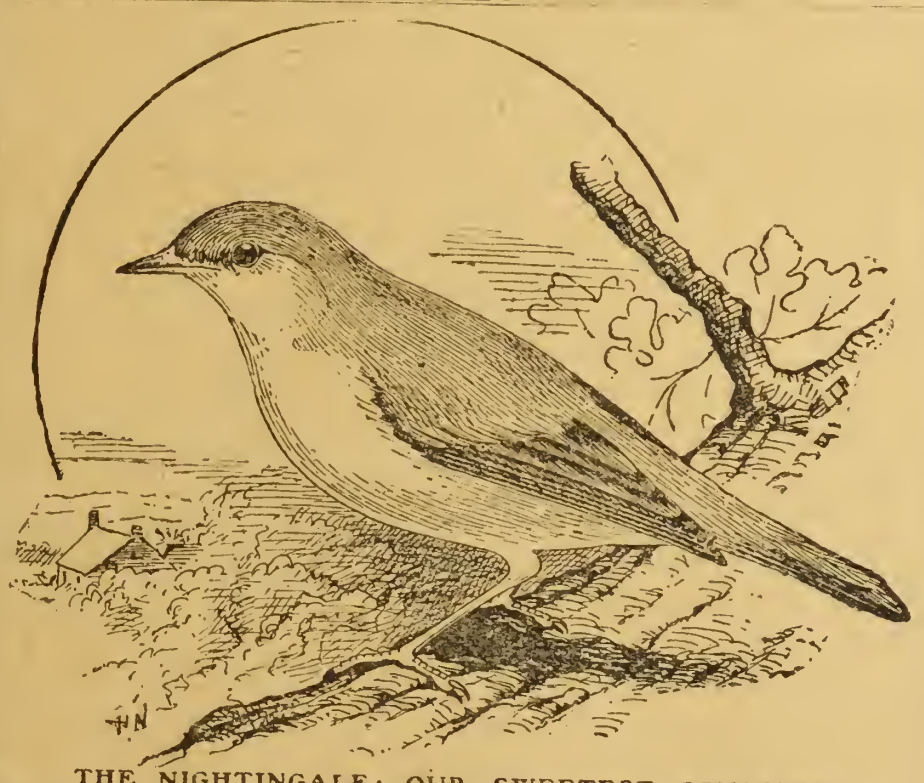
What is it to be?

SIR,—I thank Mr. T. C. Crawhall for the public reference he has made to my character, and while I appreciate to the full extent the effect such utterance may have on the back of recent events, I must tell you that though there is no personal animosity between us, I resent the injury he has been instrumental in bringing on the Union in the No. 1 district, by his conduct; and when I think of the high principles with which he entered the Fancy being undermined by the exhibiting of Canaries, it does not lessen the grievance. He admitted his knowledge of the rule when he entered his birds, but considered it a very slight offence—one that might well be allowed to pass. However, the district delegates thought otherwise, and so did other exhibitors, for at the meeting of Newcastle Society previous to the case being considered, there was considerable noise raised to think that Mr. Crawhall should be summoned on such an offence; and Mr. Maddison told me openly if Mr. Crawhall was allowed to break the rule and not be punished, he would exhibit at every show whether under the Union or not. He would not be the only one to do so. You will see from this that exhibitors were crying for action on the one hand, while others thought the matter too trifling to be noticed. I was in favour of a small fine of seven and sixpence being imposed, or the alternative of two months suspension. The mention of a fine startled some of the delegates, but as that would not have desired effect (Mr. Crawhall would never miss seven and sixpence), and the question would be too easily settled, it was decided to suspend him. He expressed his intention to appeal to the Council, which he ought to have done as a sincere and honest member of the Union. But, not he, he sent his resignation to six societies to seek their support; and got it, and expected the district committee to go down on their knees before them and obediently squash their former decision, and retain their "self-respect"—"eat humble pie"—forsooth! Then, as to being inconsistent. He stated before a company of fanciers, of which I was one, that as far as the Cage Bird Union was concerned he took a neutral position. A few days after, as the secretary of Newcastle Society, he opposed the Union for all he was worth, when the last vote was taken which ended in a majority for leaving; the first majority after many attempts. Now, as to my action. If, in an assembly elected by the people to acknowledge a decision, practically unanimous, after striving manfully to avert it, and then to recommend its acceptance in the interests of fellowship in the Fancy, as well as the members directly concerned in the decision, is to be inconsistent, then where are we to find self-respecting men? But, since justice is a matter of opinion, I don't consider myself debased by stating the case for the opposition and advising acceptance rather than have the whole of the members of the Newcastle Society punished for the false pride and self-conceit of a few. The only writer that I noticed that could be looked on as a "would-be friend" of mine did me no harm whatever by his reference to my bits of fossils and fancy plates, and he helped to revive a chilled regard for exhibitors during a time of forced idleness. His consideration was not thrown away. Sir, I am under the impression that Mr. Reid, of Sunderland, has something rankling in his mind in connection with district 1, and myself as its late representative. If so, it will be well to "have it out," as he either knows a great deal, or, Parrot-like, repeats a lesson. I am wise enough to be aware that I know very little, though I have been in touch with the Fancy for over twenty years, and my actions have ever been prompted by a desire to make things better socially than I have found them during that time. How is it those clever and prolific writers have not taken the place of incompetency in the official ranks of the Union? No, it suits better, is easier, and more popular to stay outside to find fault, to ridicule and condemn the work of better men, though perhaps not so capable at writing letters. I am sure Mr. Reid would have been an important addition to the committee of No. 1 district, and the whole division would have received Mr. Crawhall with open arms as the district representative, and being a member of six societies, he would exercise more influence than a man who is a member of only one. As these repeated hints of "something that is being kept back" cause much doubt in the minds of fanciers, I must request Mr. Crawhall to place all he knows before the readers of your journal, and not to allow his regard for my feelings to place innocent men in the position of being condemned without a hearing, on pure supposition. He is not likely to upset any movement that is on foot to present the representative with a testimonial for his faithful and unremitting services, carried out at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience to make truer and purer what some people consider their hobby! I don't mind my feelings getting ruffled by any one, so long as fanciers are placed in a position to judge between them and me, which can only be done when a case is definitely stated above the name and address of the writer. I bid ye, in the words of Fitz-James who—when he found himself surrounded by the followers of "Black" Rhoderick in the Highland Glen—placed his back against a rock and cried: "Come one, come all! this rock shall fly, From its firm base as soon as I."

G. W. MACPARTLING.

SIR,—Mr. Crawhall says I am mistaken if I think he deserted. What can we call it when a man leaves his comrades, turns round, and fights against them? I never suggested lowering the Cage Bird Union's income. The C.B.U. does not pay delegates' expenses to district meetings; the present low subscription does not allow for everything. I only suggested that the railway fares should be shared by the district, or meetings should be held consecutively at each town. Mr. C. says no society can afford to refuse entries, and that we would be putting the noose round our own necks by refusing entries from non-Union members. I would like to ask, what are we doing by refusing entries from affiliated societies? Who is putting the noose round our necks? Mr. C. says in his first letter that he has given great thought to the reconstruction of the Union on workable lines, but is still in the dark; yet at the last meeting of the Northern British Bird Mule and Foreign Bird Club he was asking someone to stand for secretary of the Northern Federation. No one volunteered. Mr. Brunskill, of Darlington, said he was too busy to be secretary, but he would do all he could to help it, if it was started. Mr C. again brought the matter forward at the committee meeting of the Newcastle C.B.S., and said he would like to save time by writing to Northern Societies at once asking them to meet for the purpose of forming the Federation. We were told it would be built on C.B.U. failures. Now, why not call the meeting to try to reconstruct the C.B.U.? It will amount to the same thing. Societies will send representatives as before to arrange show dates, etc. Do not forget that all suspensions, just, or otherwise, have been meted out by your local men, call it Federation if you like. It is really amusing to hear the opponents of the Union are so willing to help a Federation. Who was the originator of the idea? Was it a sincere wish, or simply a card played for another trick? There will be no coercion—join for love, or not at all; as you like; in fact, the Fancy is so pure round about here that there is no need for a Federation. Fanciers need no rules, or ruling! That is, if we are to believe all we are told. Mr. Crawhall finishes his letter by saying—"Is comment necessary?" Yes. Most necessary, Mr. C., when you will write such things, knowing at the same time you are taking an unfair advantage. The Fancy don't know all about the notice of motion by your own representative to re-open the case, and such things make me think you still decline to bury the hatchet, though you say you are not vindictive for any harm done to you. In reply to "A Delegate," the judge made no error. A steward told him that the young Crest could not compete. Therefore he awarded it to the bird standing second on the bench. Is that fair to the exhibitor? Look at it from his point of view. Here is a special according to schedule and catalogue awarded for the best bird in the section. And the judge said over and over again it was the best bird. It was awarded the Northern Crest Club medal for best in the section, and the win was witnessed by fanciers of the variety from all parts. Mr. Heath brought it out for the bowl and said on behalf of the young Crest: Look here, my young bird is first in its class, and beats all the old ones. You bring a bird out second in its class, beaten by an old one. But for all the decision of the Council was unjust, I have come to the conclusion that we, as loyal members, should hand the special over, and more weight should be placed on the fact that Mr. Taylor has returned it to the Newcastle Society, who have no right to it at all.

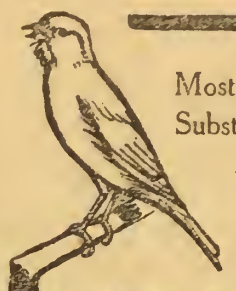
THOS. ROBSON.



THE NIGHTINGALE: OUR SWEETEST SONGSTER.
Drawn from the specimen which won the first prize at Clapham Show for Mr. A. Jackson (Bawtry, Yorks.)

SIR,—Through some unfortunate circumstance, I didn't get last week's CAGE BIRDS till Monday morning, and consequently have not had much time to reply to Mr. Reid in this week's issue. I at first had unkind feelings towards my newsagent, but since reading Mr. Reid's letter I am not sure if I am not just a trifle grateful to him. Coming so soon after the holidays, before one has got into the old way of things, as it were, I don't know if Mr. Reid's long line of arguments hasn't left me with an impaired digestion. As Mr. Crawhall is in some way responsible for this unfortunate contretemps, perhaps he will prescribe for me. However, that has nothing to do with the C.B.U. Mr. Reid lets us have this week a full account of Mr. C.'s "unwitting mistake." If it be true, and I have no reason to believe otherwise, Mr. Crawhall is to be complimented on inventing so good an excuse; I couldn't have done better myself. It appears Mr. C. did everything quite openly. He might have written for the Union's permission to show, but for the fact that he knew perfectly well that he wouldn't have got it; so he took French leave, and was punished for it—Mr. Reid says harshly; I differ from him. But I don't see any use in falling out about it; let us agree to differ. With regard to the paragraph where Mr. Reid says, "that, taking Mr. Johnson's line of argument, those who opposed the Union would be at perfect liberty to break its rules without fear of the consequences," he purposely misunderstands me. Mr. Reid knows quite well what I mean; I will give him that credit. My argument is this: If the Union had let Mr. C. off, or had given him only a light sentence, there would have been a fracas amongst the lesser lights of the Fancy. Not the Newcastle section though. I imagine I can hear a few of their utterances now. "Why! Crawhall's got off!" "Oh, aye! he's one of the big-uns!" "He's well in with the officials!" "Those sort always get off!" These are the sort of expressions we should have heard; and I am not quite sure if Mr. Reid himself would have been quite innocent of them. Perhaps he can see now why I think he wasn't treated harshly. Mr. Reid says that Mr. C. didn't even use a fictitious name, "which is more than some of the correspondents in this discussion can say." This latter sentence struck me all of a heap. I think that must have been what made me feel not quite well. However did Mr. Reid guess that I wasn't writing over my own name? I didn't know that, in addition to his other qualifications, he was gifted with that of second sight. I am sorry Mr. Reid thinks my line of argument in the Birchley affair so one-sided. It is one of my failings; in fact, of Northerners generally. There seems to be only one point between us, that is, which is the principal offender? I maintain that Mr. B. was; Mr. Reid thinks that the perpetrator of the fraud was. Don't let us call it a fraud, nor him a perpetrator. He is an artist (anyone who paints is), only he doesn't quite mix his colours right; and I don't see that it is a fraud to sell a stained bird, unless the seller gives a written guarantee that the bird is in its natural colour, which I am sure not many sellers would be fools enough to do considering to what extend it is practised. I am sure Mr. Reid will admit that to spray a bird with glycerine and water is quite legitimate; yet if we were to add just a tinge of Condy's or Saffron (for sanitary reasons, of course) we become, to quote Mr Reid, the perpetrator of a fraud. To conclude, I would inform Mr. Reid that, because he and I were charitable enough to give Mr. B. the benefit of the doubt, it doesn't follow that the C.B.U. Council were of that opinion. I happen to know there are some fanciers who are so uncharitable as to believe that the seller was not the "perpetrator." Although I can't (it seems) hoodwink Mr. Reid, I might as well still sign myself

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A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of May 24th Mr. John England states that "Duresco" is the only preparation which can be varnished. There is another distemper on the market named "Walpamur," to which the same statement applies. I have even seen doors and skirting boards done with this stuff and varnished, and this by a high-class firm of painters at a bank. However, both the above-named are somewhat expensive, and, as Mr. England states, the ordinary size distempers are insanitary and are a great bother to wash off the cages, and if they have to be washed off one might as well use ordinary whiting which comes off a great deal easier. I send a recipe for a cheap paint which may be used for cages or walls either inside or out, and is a good rust preventer; it is especially good for damp walls, and may be painted or varnished or tinted and left at that, and for rooms that show the damp through the paper a coat, or better two of this will put them right for good and all: 2½ pints paraffin, 2 pints benzoline, 2lbs. pale resin, and ¼lb. stone best whiting—buy this at a chemists, and not in ready put up packets which are usually rubbish. Melt the resin and pour into the benzoline, and stir in two pints of the paraffin. See that the whiting is dry and finely powdered, and mix in the remaining half-pint of paraffin till thoroughly saturated (no hard lump), then mix all together. It should be kept air-tight to prevent drying too quick. This dries very hard. To colour it, any of the dry powder, as bought at the colour shops should be well mixed in. To prevent wet from soaking into outside walls, the following is very good, and does not discolour the walls: Melt ½lb. tallow and stir into 1 quart of paraffin, and soak well into walls on a dry day. A little Brunswick black added to this will tone new walls to match the colour of old ones. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that the mixing of the above is best performed in the open air.

S. ROBINS.

The Redpoll in New Zealand.

SIR,—Could anyone through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, enlighten a Colonial reader on one or two points concerning the Redpoll? The Redpoll was, I believe, originally brought to New Zealand many years ago from England, but as it keeps to the open country it is not very well known here. It would be surprising if you could see people, when shown one in a cage, ask what it is, and when told, exclaim "I have never seen one before." Although such a quaint and amusing little bird, it has some peculiarities which I would like to know more about. A good specimen for colour has a red breast and red on the top of the head. Well, when caged the red disappears off the breast at the first moult, and leaves the breast a light brown shade—something after the colour of a Goldfinch's breast. The head remains red for another year, and at the second moult it also disappears, and the red head is replaced by a light shade of yellow. Several fanciers here have suggested that the breast was coloured by the bird frequenting plants that have a red flower or a red dye in them; others have said it was through the particular food the bird has been living upon, and when caged it loses these things, and so loses its colour. As no one I have met has any certain knowledge about its losing its colour, I thought some reader might be able to enlighten me on the subject. I do not know if this is a characteristic of the bird, but it is just as I have found them. The food I have fed my Redpolls on, prior to this strange occurrence, is canary seed as the principal, with hemp, maw, millet, and rape seeds on alternate days, and two or three times a week a bunch of groundsel or chickweed for green food. Another interesting point about these little birds—and I do not know the cause of it—is that they are subject to taking fits. The first time I noticed it was about three years ago, when I was cleaning out my aviary one afternoon. When it happened I was stooping down gathering up the waste seed that was scattered on the floor, when all at once I heard a thump on the floor at my back, which made me turn round. I soon discovered it was a Redpoll, but when I went to pick it up it went through a series of antics that at once suggested an acrobatic or a contortionist turn at the theatre. At first, before I went to pick it up, it was leaning well back on its tail, with its head thrown right back as far as it would go, and reminded one of a Ponter or Fantail pigeon trying to hide its head. I was so amazed at its unnatural position that I did not like to pick it up, not knowing what was going to happen, but I thought it could not stay there, so bent down to pick it up, when it rolled on to its back (not over its side, but over its tail) two or three times, and took up other queer positions before finally exhausting itself. When I did pick it up, it lay quite limp in my hand, and I thought it was dead, until I saw a slight movement in the body, which made me at once give it a tonic of sherry and water, which had the effect of bringing it round to life again. I had it in my hand for about ten minutes, when it became quite lively, so I caged it by itself, and covered it well up, not going near it again until next morning, when I had a peep at it without taking the cover off. It then seemed all right, so I uncovered the cage, when it immediately went through the performance again. This went on for three or four days every time I went to the cage. As I knew of nothing I could do to help the poor little sufferer, I put it back into a big flight cage with some other birds, when it speedily seemed to get better. Nothing happened for about three months, when I saw it go through these performances again. This time I did not attempt to touch it, as it seemed to me it was better where it was, and I was not far wrong, for in five minutes it was flying about as lively as ever. The same bird lived for over a year after its first fit. Since then I have had fully eight or nine Redpolls that have had this trouble. In the same flight with the Redpolls there are about a dozen different kinds of small birds, but none of them have ever been taken the way the Redpolls have. Can anyone explain the cause, and say if there is any cure? Another interesting point about Redpolls that I have noticed is that the birds become very tame, and seem to lose the power of flying, about a month or six weeks before they die. To look at a Redpoll when it gets this way, you would not think there was anything wrong with it; they are not puffed up at all, but hop from perch to perch, and will readily come to you when the flight is entered, not showing the least bit of fear. They will even allow a stranger to touch them whilst sitting there. These are interesting points which I cannot account for, and I would be very pleased if a reader could throw any light on these peculiar happenings of the Redpoll.

J. R. SCOTT.

Dunedin, New Zealand.

A Notice to Members of the Yorkshire Union.

SIR,—If the Show which was announced in the column headed "Twitterings," in May 14th issue, to be held at the Great Horton Working Men's Club is going to be run on lines that might involve members of the Yorkshire Union in serious trouble if they participate in it, please allow me to direct the attention of members of the Y.U. to the matter. Apparently, according to the information I have received, the Show is open to the members of this working men's club only, but the said members are to be allowed to borrow birds from whom they wish, in order to compete in the eight classes that are being provided. It is in regard to these alleged conditions that I desire to issue a warning to members of the Yorkshire Union against lending any birds they possess for the above purpose, as I know that some have already been approached in the matter. If members of the Union will just read Rule 17 in the general rules, it distinctly states: "That no member of the Union be allowed to borrow or lend birds for exhibition at any show. Any member so offending shall be liable to such penalty as the Council shall decide." Surely the cases that have been dealt so stringently with by the Council of the Union just recently, which imposed such severe penalties on the parties concerned, ought to be a sufficient warning in themselves to anyone who desires to see the business of the Union carried out in a thorough manner, and I hope that no member will thus far forget himself as to risk the Council inflicting such a penalty for lending birds to compete at this show. Of course, members of the Union who are members of the club as well, are perfectly at liberty to show their own birds if they desire, and if the management of the show had made this stipulation with regard to exhibitors who are likely to compete, then it would not have been necessary for me to have issued this warning against a practice which the Yorkshire Union have fought so strenuously against in order that the Fancy, which we so dearly love, may be purged from anything that may lead up to fraudulent practices. My desire in issuing this warning is not to put any stumbling block in the way of those who are desirous of holding a show, but simply to point out to any management the fallacy of holding a show under such a condition as this (if such a condition be contemplated). Let the prizes that are given be won by the men who have had to struggle hard to breed the birds. This will be helping to cultivate a hobby that has done much good for the working men of this county of ours. In conclusion, let me once again warn members of the Yorkshire Union to beware of borrowing and lending.

H. HILL,
Secretary, Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

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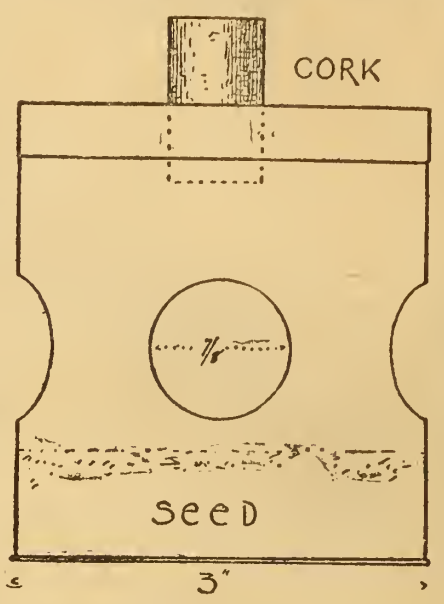
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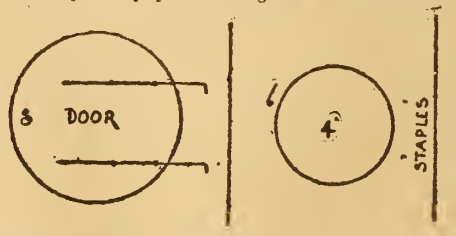
A simple contrivance, to obviate seed litter, which I have used with success. It is made out of a round tobacco tin, in which I cut out six



holes equal distances all round. I cut them with an ordinary ½-in. centre bit. When the tin is finished I can put it anywhere in the bottom of the cage.—FRED. E. HORNER.

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Sent by Mr. J. Higgin, 11, Leopard Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.

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Y.C.C. of Scotland.

Will secretaries of Scottish clubs wishing the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland please note same will only be granted to those clubs giving no less than four classes (confined to Scotland); also that a club judge must be appointed, the club appointing same to be liable for expenses only? Full conditions may be had from me—F. BOWMAN, secretary, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

A Presentation at Larne.

The committee of the Larne and District C.B.A. met on May 19, in Magee's Temperance Restaurant, to bid God speed to their chairman, Mr. S. Magee, who was leaving next morning for America. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Smith, who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to the qualities of Mr. Magee as a fancier. He then called on the secretary (Mr. W. Geddis) to read the address and make the presentation on behalf of the committee. The secretary, in his remarks, said that by the departure of Mr. Magee, Ireland has lost one of its best fanciers, and the association one of its founders. No one took a keener interest in the Fancy than Sam. He then read the address and presented to him (on behalf of the committee) a handsome cup suitably engraved. Mr. Magee, who seemed much affected, read his reply, and supplemented it by a few remarks, in which he referred to the harmony that existed in the committee, and expressed his regret at being compelled to sever his connection with the association. Songs were sung by Messrs. Gilchrist, Gettenby, and Mann, and short speeches by Messrs. Harte, Crooks, and Owens. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." I understand that Mr. Magee handed over to the treasurer the sum of 7s. 6d. as a special for next show, to be competed for by Larne fanciers with birds bred and reared by them in 1910.—WM. GEDDIS, Hon. Sec.

Wild Bird Life.

Wild Birds Among Old Trees.

Summer has advanced rapidly the last few days, the extra warmth and sunshine having effected a marvellous change in the growth of trees, bushes, wayside plants, and grasses. The hedgerows have suddenly become secure hiding places for the many bird homes now under construction, and others containing eggs or young ones. The bird life of a district is mostly regulated by the amount of cover afforded it for the rearing of young in safety, and tho food supply is sure to be greater where the hedgerows and small plantations are more numerous, and old trees are dotted here and there over the meadow lands and parks. These isolated trees harbour more bird life than most people are aware of. Near here we have some grand old walnuts, elms, and oak trees, and a fine avenue of beeches. The walnuts are favourite resorts of the Cuckoo's-mate, or Wryneck, and we can hear his cry daily as he flies from tree to tree in search of food and a secure nesting site. These same trees afford many a cosy place for the slovenly nest of the Starling, and one can generally hear the noisy nestling clammering for food, especially during the early morning and evening hours. In a big hole in one of the elms a pair of Jackdaws have nested for several years. Some Woodpigeons have taken possession of a neighbouring one. Several Blackbirds and Thrushes have built upon the lower branches, and the gay Chaffinches have a felted home somewhere among the higher ones; but it so closely resembles the surroundings that up to the present we have not been able to locate it, although we have watched the old birds daily gathering food in the garden to convey to the nestlings. A good deal of this fare is evidently insect life, as the birds may be seen quite plainly picking up something from the recently turned up soil; but at the same time they do not disdain a handful of plump Canary seed when it is thrown to them.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Brave Robin.

While walking with my brother on a country ramble I came to an old tree and saw a little Robin's nest with two eggs in it. We waited a short time and saw the Robin go in the nest. We went up to the nest, but the Robin would not fly away; it seemed to sit closer on its nest. —Sent by Walter South (age 10), 30, Melbourne Road, East Ham.

**Just in Time.

A hut in the garden got on fire, and we all ran to see it, and to our surprise there was a bird's nest on a ledge with four young ones in it. Father got the nest off just in time to save the young birds' lives. Then he threw water on the burning hut and put the fire out. He placed the nest in the hedge close by, and the birds seemed to like their new place. The old birds fed them as we were watching them. —Sent by Atty Mason (age 10), Victoria Street, Withington, Manchester.

*Good-bye, Little Birdie.

Goodbye, little birdie,
Fly to the sky,
Singing and singing
A merry goodbye.

Tell all the birdies,
Flying above,
Nell in the garden
Sends them her love.

Tell how I found you
Hurt in a tree;
Then, when they're wounded,
They'll come right to me.

I'd like to come with you,
If I could fly;
It must be so beautiful,
Up in the sky.

Sent by H. V. Bobbett (age 10), Lynch, Walton, Bridgwater, Somerset.

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"Thank God We Can Still Have Lark Pies!"

Brutal Result of the Sensational Test Case Under the Wild Birds' Protection Act.

Adverse Decision. Appeal Dismissed with Costs. *FRESHLY CAUGHT* Birds from Unprotected Areas cannot be retailed or be taken to Protected Districts outside those areas.

The eagerly awaited result of the law action which has such important bearings upon the British Bird Fancy is now known, and readers will learn with astonishment and regret, we feel sure, that the decision has gone against the Fancy.

To recapitulate the main facts of the case: The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it will be remembered, last autumn took out summonses against two London bird-dealers, Messrs. Preston and Flowers, for having in their possession Larks and Chaffinches, the said birds being protected all the year round by the County of London Act relating to wild birds. The fact that the said birds were legally taken in an open county during the open season was not contested by the Society, who held that the birds could not be taken into any protected area and exposed for sale. The case came before Mr. Biron (the Old Street magistrate), and his decision upheld the R.S.P.C.A. contention.

Realising the seriousness and wide-reaching effect of this new reading of the Act (that newly-taken British birds could not be offered for sale in any protected district), we placed the facts before our readers, which resulted in a sum of money being subscribed to enable Messrs. Preston and Flowers to have (in the interests of the British Bird Fancy) the magistrate's decision tested in the High Courts of Justice. As the legal point involved was the same in both cases, the case of Mr. Flowers alone was taken to appeal (this procedure also, of course, reducing the expense), and the matter, after several delays, came before the Divisional Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice of England, Mr. Justice Channell, and Mr. Justice Coleridge, on Wednesday afternoon last, May 25. These legal luminaries indulged in some caustic comments concerning the anomalies presented by the Wild Birds' Protection Acts, Mr. Justice Channell going so far as to say that without the help of his brother, the Lord Chief Justice, he would have been unable to get any meaning out of them which would have enabled him to arrive at any decision; but in the end after protracted discussion amongst themselves, the members of the Court decided that the magistrates' view of the Act was correct, consequently the appeal was dismissed, with costs.

A Startling Effect.

The effect of this decision from the public point of view is pretty startling. It means, if it means anything, that when Larks are caught in Cambridgeshire they may be *slaughtered there with impunity*, and may be sent up to London in thousands dead for eating purposes; but if a single Lark is sent up to London alive with the object of cheering up some dweller in a dismal alley, or bringing the soul of the country into the slums, the vendor of that Lark, or the man who has it in his possession, unless he can prove that the Lark was not "recently taken" (whatever that may mean), can be prosecuted with the utmost rigour, and no doubt will be. All that the R.S.P.C.A. have thus gained by their action in this case is to put A PREMIUM UPON THE INDISCRIMINATE AND WHOLESALE KILLING OF LARKS AND OTHER BIRDS, an object which we respectfully submit is entirely contrary to the principles upon which their society was founded, and for which they receive public subscriptions. We do not say that in taking this case up they had that intention in their minds, we simply point out that that is the effect of the decision and the result of their action. For ourselves, we know very little of law, and long ago came to the opinion that the less we had to do with it the happier we should be and the less out of pocket we should find ourselves; but we flatter ourselves that we do know something of common sense, and if this decision is not entirely contrary to the first principles of logic, we have never met any decision that so nearly approached the idiotic.

The original intention of the legislature is perfectly clear. They have given local authorities power to protect their local areas. As the counsel who represented the bird Fancy pointed out, *a mere train journey converts a lawful act into an unlawful one.* It was perfectly legal to take these birds in Cambridgeshire, but when such birds were brought to London, the exposing of them for sale, or having them in one's possession in London, immediately became illegal. To use the Lord Chief Justice's own word, this is an "ANOMALY" of the most ludicrous kind.

The strictures passed by Mr. Justice Channell on the chaotic and confused state of this branch of the law must be cordially indorsed. His lordship remarked that he found himself quite unable to come to any decision on the point by himself, and that he relied in this decision on the superior brain of his brother the Lord Chief Justice.

What we must work for.

There thus remains only one object for bird-keepers to work for, and that is the amendment of this particular branch of legislation dealing with the Wild Birds' Protection Act. With that object in view, we have decided to immediately draw up and print a petition praying for the amendment of this particular law relating to the protection of wild birds, and we shall be glad to distribute copies of these petitions for signature all over the country. We require as many agents as possible who will undertake the collection of signatures from all sympathisers, and we hope that the secretary of every society in the country will apply for a petition and induce all his members to sign same. We are now engaged in endeavouring to enlist the sympathies of several influential members of Parliament, and personally we shall leave no stone unturned to secure amendment and alteration of this particular Act. We have the Judge's own comments upon the Act to support us, and to justify us in our claim for a revision of its terms, and we only need the strong and whole-hearted co-operation of every one of our readers to bring about the desired result.

This is a matter that affects, and affects gravely, every bird-keeper in the United Kingdom. It is nothing else but THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE FOR THE TOTAL ABOLITION OF KEEPING BIRDS IN CAGES. It must be remembered that in the United States, they have made it illegal to keep any native domesticated bird in a cage, and that it is not lawful to catch or have in one's possession any native wild bird, and this seems to be the legislative tendency all over the world. It remains for the bird-keepers of England to organise themselves properly and to establish the principle that bird-keeping is not the barbarous pursuit these faddists and cranks would have the public believe it is, but a humane and dignified hobby followed by men of conscience and backbone. Unless the bird Fancy can show a firm front to the attacks of these pseudo-humanitarians, who simply defeat by their bigoted zeal their own aims, then we may look for a return to an era of savagery, when the only object of a bird will be its slaughter for eating purposes. How wicked it is to keep a Lark alone merrily singing in a cage, but, thank God, we can still have our Lark pie!

How the Bird Trade is affected.

The effect of the decision upon the bird trade is this:

In a protected area no *recently-taken* British bird can legally be offered for sale at any shop, or by any person whatsoever, and no person can legally have such bird in his possession.

Thus the situation now turns upon the legal interpretation of the term "recently-taken"; and this is a knotty point. The only case we can trace which has any bearing upon it is one in which Mr. Castang was summoned respecting some Ravens, and the legal view then was that birds which had been in captivity three weeks and over did not necessarily come into the category of "recently taken birds." Therefore it would seem that any person residing in a protected area who desires to keep, or to offer for sale, any species of birds (even though the said birds were caught in the open season in an open district) must be able to say that these birds were caught a month (or thereabouts) before they came into his possession, and, if summoned, must be in a position to produce the party who caught the said birds to depose to the exact date of their capture.

To put it another way: a dealer (or any other person) living in London, or any other district wherein birds are protected all the year round, can only have in his possession, or expose for sale, British birds which he can prove were caught in an open district and during the lawful open season at least a month (or thereabouts) before they came into his possession.

That, at any rate, is the position of affairs to-day, as it presents itself to our view.

On leaving the court we overhead one barrister say to another, "Thank God we can still have Lark pies."

It is a curious fact, and not a little saddening, that under this interpretation of the law Larks and Linnets, Goldfinches and Chaffinches, and the various other beautiful feathered creatures which delight those of us who indulge in the legitimate hobby of keeping British birds, can be slaughtered with impunity and brought into protected areas *dead*—when the life-breath has been beaten out of their little bodies.

In the very brief space of time at our disposal between the hearing of the case and the necessity of sending this issue of CAGE BIRDS to press, we have not been able to deal with all the various aspects of the matter that present themselves to us, but in our next number we shall hope to deal with any such further points likely to interest British bird-keepers.

The following report of the case has been supplied to us by the "London News Agency," and as the arguments of the counsel engaged concerned only legal points, the effect of one Act upon another, and so on, it will doubtless on this account seem more or less involved and unintelligible to the lay mind.

In the King's Bench Division on Wednesday, the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Channell, and Mr. Justice Coleridge, sitting as a Divisional Court, heard an appeal by John Flower, a dealer in birds, of 88, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, E., against a conviction under the Wild Birds' Protection Act. The complaint was preferred by Charles Watts, an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., and set forth that on November 12th, 1909, Flower had in his possession at Sclater-street, thirty-six Larks which had been recently taken.

MR. COTES PREEDY appeared for the appellant, and Mr. BEVAN for the respondent.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE asked Mr. Preedy what point he was going to raise.

MR. PREEDY: That the words "killing and taking" in the London Order made by the Home Secretary under the powers given him by Section 8 of the same Act, do not include all the offences in Section 3 of the Act of 1881. He proceeded to read the case submitted by the magistrate, which was as follows: "At the hearing of the said information it was proved or admitted that at 8.35 p.m., on Thursday, November 11th, 1909, a case containing 36 Larks and Linnets arrived at Liverpool Street Station from Barnwell Junction, Cambridgeshire, consigned to the appellant; that the appellant admitted to Watts the following day he had sold some Larks, while the others were in a cage in his window, and that the Larks had been freshly caught in Cambridgeshire; that in the opinion of the Inspector and the person who accompanied him the birds were freshly caught; that the Wild Birds' Protection (administrative County of London) Order, 1909, made by the Home Secretary in July, 1909, in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by the Wild Birds' Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, and upon application by the County Council of the administrative County of London, prohibited during the period between August 31st in any year, and February 1st following, the killing or taking of certain species of wild birds, including Larks and Linnets; that the Wild Birds' Protection (County of Cambridge) Order, 1907, made by the Home Secretary in May, 1907, in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by the Wild Birds' Protection Acts, 1880 to 1904, and upon application by the County Council of the administrative County of Cambridge, prohibited the killing or taking of certain species of wild birds which did not include Linnets or Larks. These facts being proved or admitted, it was contended on behalf of the appellant that, inasmuch as the birds were caught and taken in an area where the taking of such birds was lawful, no offence had been committed by the appellant against the provisions of the Wild Birds' Protection (administrative County of London) Order, 1909, which did not apply to birds lawfully taken outside the administrative County of London, and my attention was drawn to 44 and 45 Vic., chap. 51. It was contended for the prosecution that the order referred to made it an offence for a person in London to have in his possession any wild bird recently taken, notwithstanding the fact that the taking of the bird was lawful in itself in the district where it was caught, and that the provisions of 44 and 45 Vic., chap. 51, did not apply to the possession of live birds. And, therefore, I, the undersigned Stipendiary magistrate, being of opinion that the latter contention was right, did adjudicate and determine that the said John Flower had committed the said offence."

Continuing, Mr. Preedy said that Section 3 created a number of offences which he would divide into three groups. There was, first, killing; second, taking; and, third, exposing or offering for sale, or having in control or possession. They did not come within the dates of that section, and if any offence had been committed, it must come within the London Order. That Order was framed under the powers conferred by Section 8 of the same Act, and the point he wished to make was that that only covered the first two groups of offences under Section 3.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE: Then you say that illegal selling in the County of London is still limited to these days, namely, March 1st to August 1st?

MR. PREEDY: I submit it is perfectly lawful except where excluded by the Act.

MR. BEVAN contended that the Order was properly framed in the terms of Section 8 of the Act. Section 8 gave power not only to extend the time, but to vary the time, and, of course, in varying the time it would be open to the Secretary of State to contract the time, and substitute three months for six. If Section 8 did not refer to all offences in Section 3, they would have the extraordinary position that while it would be no offence to shoot a bird during three months of the six, it would at the same time be an offence to be in possession of the bird.

MR. JUSTICE CHANNELL: There is a rather more absurd case. If you shot a bird and I picked it up, I am liable, you are not? (Laughter.)

MR. BEVAN said Mr. Justice Channell's illustration at once showed how absurd it would be to read the meaning into the Act that his learned friend referred to.

MR. JUSTICE COLERIDGE pointed out that there would be no offence in having possession of birds if they were dead.

MR. BEVAN said it might seem strange why the Legislature had drawn a distinction, but possibly some of the birds were used for the purposes of food.

At this point Mr. Justice Channell leant over and made some comment in an undertone, which brought a broad smile to the face of the Lord Chief Justice, and he immediately remarked: "We shall still be able to have our lark pie, Mr. Preedy" at which there was considerable laughter in court.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, in delivering judgment, said that the question raised in this case was to his mind one of considerable difficulty. The summons was for being in the County of London knowingly and wilfully in possession of 36 Larks, the same having been recently taken. The Larks had been caught in a county where they might lawfully be caught, and the question really was whether it was an offence to keep recently-caught Larks in London, or whether they must be released when they came to London. Section 3 of the Act of 1880 made it an offence for a person between March 1st and August 1st to wilfully shoot or try to shoot, snare or try to snare, expose, or offer for sale. As regards having in control or possession from March 1st to August 1st any wild bird recently killed or taken, Section 8 provided that one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State might by Order extend or vary the time during which the taking of wild birds might be carried on, and that the penalties imposed by the Act should apply also to offences committed during the time specified in such Order. Mr. Preedy contended that there was no power in the County of London Act except in respect of the "killing and taking" of wild birds. The words "killing and taking" did not appear at all in Section 3 of the Wild Birds' Protection Act. It would seem somewhat strange that a variation of the time for killing and taking should make it impossible to convict for exposing or offering for sale or having in control or possession birds recently taken during some portion of that time. Dealing with Section 3 compendiously, Section 8 did intend to say, and it was provided that, if the time for killing and taking had been extended and varied, the offences under section 3 should also be offences in the altered time. Or, in other words, it was not meant that there should be no power to alter the time for any of the offences other than killing and taking, but that the extension of the time of killing and taking should also extend the time during which the other penalties imposed by the Act for other offences in respect of such wild birds could be enforced. That being so, they then had Larks included in the section by virtue of Section 2 of the Act of 1881, and they had the time extended by virtue of the Order in Council, which, so far as Larks in London were concerned, protected them alive during the whole period of the year. It was suggested that the alteration of the proviso in Section 3 of the Act of 1880. (the altered words in sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 in Section 1 of the Act of 1881) created a difficulty, because "taking" was not there referred to. It seemed quite possible that the Act was intended to extend the right and power of possessing dead Larks, provided one was able to prove that they were killed at a lawful time and place, but not to extend the power of possessing live Larks, so that it protected live Larks further. It seemed to him, therefore, that taking together the Act of 1880 and the schedule of the Order in Council of July 7th, 1909, it was an offence at any time of the year to have in the County of London live Larks recently caught. The other point suggested by Mr. Preedy was that these Larks were lawfully caught because they came from Cambridgeshire, and the Order there did not prohibit the catching of Larks. It seemed to him that larks legally caught in Cambridgeshire could not be sent in alive to the County of London. This was an anomalous state of things but it might be the Legislative thought they ought to be killed and then they could be sent up. For these reasons he thought the decision of the magistrate was right.

MR. JUSTICE CHANNELL: I have great difficulty in interpreting this legislation. I think the amendments that have been introduced make an Act that was extremely difficult to understand when it was first drawn almost impossible to understand. My lord has succeeded in bringing an intelligible meaning out of the words, and I do not differ from it. I am glad he has been able to do it, for I do not know whether I should have been able to do it myself. (Laughter.)

MR. JUSTICE COLERIDGE concurred.

The appeal was accordingly dismissed.

An Expert's Talk about the Goldfinch.

An Interesting and instructive paper read by Mr. R. BROWNING (Lydford), before the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth) on May 17th.

Mr. Chairman and fellow-fanciers: In answering Mr. Pope's request for something connected with our hobby, to be read to the members of the Western Counties O.S., I think I said: "I hope to tell you something about our native British bird, the Goldfinch." After I had sent this reply, I began to think how much easier it was to promise than to fulfil. So much has been written and said about the bird, and this by so many of our greatest Finch fanciers, that I feel it is hardly possible to carry out this promise. However, we will try, and if my experience with the bird is the cause of others understanding him a little better, and treating him nearer the natural way than is done at present, it will not be time quite wasted or thrown away.

A Favourite with Many.

There is hardly a fancier of our feathered tribe, no matter what particular species he takes a special liking to, but what at some time or other gets a Goldie or two; and as we get to known our bird better and understand him a little more, it is not to be wondered at that he is such a favourite with so many fanciers.

Ever sprightly he is, and elegant, a good songster, adopting himself to almost any surroundings, interesting in his every movement, in the aviary, large flight, or breeding cage, where he can fly, perch, cling, etc., in so many natural or semi-natural positions, or in one of those small hop cages or prisons, where he, poor fellow, can only just manage to spread his short tail and swagger his defiance and "sir-whiddies" when another Master Goldie is held in close proximity.

I would like here to say a word for our bird by way of protest against his being kept in those miserable little hop cages, in which he is so often imprisoned. I would like it to become law that every bird that is caged should have no less than a foot square of cage space. Not even our smaller birds, such as the Redpoll, etc., should be allowed to be kept in a cage smaller than a foot square. The Goldfinch should never be caught earlier than October's end.

To see Goldie in his natural life is to see him at his best, and to do this you cannot do better than find out where a pair, or two or three pairs, are nesting, locate the spot, and hide in whatever you can; get into a room where you can see them through the window, or hide in some thick thorns, holly, or whatever commands a view of their nesting place, and then watch! You must not mind a few scratches. Half-an-hour's study of the bird should lead you to love him ever after. I have thus watched the species a good many times. Although I have seen some in my time that with good attention and the pepper pot, and some nice dark green enamel on their show cages, etc., have looked nice indeed, they do not compare with the Goldie in his natural haunts, with a holly bush for a background, in the springtime, when he sings his love song, and when to him, no doubt, as to us, the sun shines brightest, the leaves seem the greenest, and everything seems fairest.

From conversation with many keepers of Goldfinches, I find all, or nearly all, are agreed that he is by no means an easy bird to keep in health and bloom. Some have said he is more difficult even than some of our delicate Softbills are.

Goldie at Home.

Now, let us follow our bird from the nest and see how he comes along in his natural state, or as near as we can follow him, and let us see if it is any wonder he does not do well on the fare we want him to. Let us contrast the natural with the unnatural, and see if any of the Softbills would do better if we treated them accordingly.

Not far from some cottage or other inhabited house a nest of young Goldies take wing, likely enough into a meadow where the grass is growing for hay. Here are not only scores of different sorts of grass, but weeds, with seeds ripening in all stages from green soft pulpiness to those which have the brown of ripeness, and the seed consequently harder. Here the old birds are busy from dawn to well into the gloaming—eating, partly digesting, and regurgitating a pulpy, creamy substance into their young's crops every few minutes throughout the day; and they thrive apace and soon get a sample of most of those ripening weed and grass seeds for themselves, and so gradually come to do for themselves, as there is abundance of natural food, plenty of flying room, and fresh air.

Now, along comes a catcher and traps one or two, perhaps the whole brood. How do they do now? They are caged up, hemp and Canary seeds are placed with them, and water, too, may be had. But what can our Greypate do with these? He cannot crack the hemp or any hard dry seed, even if he is wise enough to know that it is food at all; and some (many hundreds yearly) never seem to feed at all, and so "go over" before the first 24 hours of their captivity is past. Others drag along a miserable existence for a time. Few, very few, come on to be of any use or pleasure to themselves or to anybody who possesses them; and we cannot wonder at it. We might as well expect an infant to thrive on beef pudding and mustard, as a five or six weeks' old Goldfinch to live on hard, dry Canary and hemp seeds.

Follow our brood now a bit further. So far all is well. The meadow grass is cut and carried, but there is a great variety of wild seeds in our hedgerows, and in the pasture fields too; ripening grasses contain a good supply for our Goldies, and all around corn fields by the hedges there is sure to be a lot of good things for them, as well as the root crops; in fact, anywhere and everywhere that weeds have a chance to grow, there you find Goldies in broods, and later on in flocks of various sizes or numbers.

Feeding chiefly on wild seeds and weeds, and not forgetting the insect life which invariably accompanies weeds, young Goldies have such a variety of food that they need not yet trouble about anything very hard to crack or digest. They come on to the harder seeds such as hardheads, buttonwort, batchelors' buttons, etc., as they (the birds) come to adult size and strength.

As Winter Approaches.

As winter approaches, causing a scarcity of the softer foods, and when winter proper covers the ground with his icy hand, Master Goldie takes to the woods and trees, and any neglected hedgerow or spare corner where anything like docks, nettles, tall grasses, and many of our winter berries are still yet uncovered by snow or battered to the ground by wind and rain. The trees, too, such as elms, ash, sycamore, and firs of various sorts, seem to be able to afford Goldies a living, for they seem to be living in such places for quite a time.

Gradually Goldie gets used to such seeds as hardheads and thistles (many sorts of the latter); batchelors' buttons, too, are a bit hard to crack if dry. You see, by the seeds of sow-thistle, shepherds-purse, chickweed, perhaps a bit of groundsel, and other soft stuff, Goldie gradually fits himself for harder fare, and about the beginning of August he will follow up those seeds I have just mentioned; and at times he will take a dip at the Scotch thistle and hardheads, then later is driven on to still harder stuff. And be it ever so sharp a time, even when snows are thick about us, Goldie manages somehow to find an existence, and hardly ever starves, as he may do in a cage with plenty of hemp and Canary seed before him.

I do not claim to be against catching our Goldies altogether, for I hardly think I should care to be without them; but I do think we should never buy or catch them until they have moulted out in their natural state, or at least are partly moulted. Then we should be well into October, and the birds would be better able to stand the sudden change of food and environment.

Goldie at the Shows.

There are various ways of procuring our Goldfinch for show. Some of our noted exhibitors, I know, buy the article all ready to go out and win. Others catch their birds. Others buy a quantity of the best they can get during the autumn and winter and moult them. Whatever is most convenient, you will adopt, no doubt. I have tried them all, and the most pleasurable to me is to get them in October or November, put them into as large quarters as possible—a spare room or part of one, or as large a flight cage as I can. In any case, don't cramp them into too small a cage with the idea of taming them quicker thereby, for I don't think you will do it that way; at least, I cannot. Put them into a roomy place along with an old stager or two, and feed on a mixture of Canary, hemp, inga, teazle, and small cracked sunflower; and if you can get some winnowings from the farmer's threshing machine, so much the better. Add to this all the wild seeds you can get at, only don't rely too much on any particular seed to give your Goldie a winning colour, for I have found variety is the thing—and the seeds that are in season.

(To be continued.)

Medicines for Cage Birds: Their Application and Doses.

By GEO. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

(Concluded from page 466).

BENZOIN.—From Benzoin (a balsamic resin) is prepared the Tincture Benzoin Co., or Friar's Balsam, also a very popular remedy. It is safe, pleasant, and may be continued over a long period. It is not only adapted to acute disease, but chronic affections also. It affords relief from asthma, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, and parasitic infestation of the windpipe and bronchi. Perhaps its greatest utility is in chronic and recurring respiratory disease, rather than in the early acute stage. It is prepared from Storax, Balsam, and Tolu Aloes, and Alcohol. Ten drops in two ounces drinking water, freshly mixed twice daily, can be repeatedly given. For chronic bronchitis, when the bronchial products are abundant, thick and possibly foul, and the mucous membrane chronically inflamed and weak, it is particularly adapted.

As a local application for ulcerations, sore parts in connection with the skin, and to prevent feather plucking due to parasites, it is at once antiseptic and disinfectant, allaying pruritis, or itching. For this purpose take one part of Benzoin to one hundred parts of lard; or better in proportion, fifteen grains to every ounce of lard. This is intended only, of course, for localised application, and, like all ointments, must not be applied over too great a surface at once, as greasy applications too extensively applied interfere with respiration of the skin, producing a condition known as Apnœa.

GLYCERINE: Glycerine obtained by the interaction of alkalies, or of superheated steam with fats, a clear, odourless, syrupy, sweet fluid, provides us with several really useful preparations, viz.:—

Glycerine of Phenol (or Carbolic Acid); Glycerine of Tannic Acid; and Glycerine of Boracic Acid, employed as local applications in the larger birds by means of a fine camel-hair brush for ulcerations and inflamed condition of mouth and throat, occurring in some of the specific diseases, as roup, etc.

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A Useful Tonic.

GENTIAN ROOT: Gentian root provides us with an infusion and a tincture possessing the action of other bitter tonics. It is perhaps the most extensively used and most popular of all bitters, because it is agreeable, being very slightly aromatic. Its bitterness is not intense, and its astringency is but slight. And it is more stimulant to the bowels, and more disinfectant than some bitters. The infusion is prepared by taking:

Dried orange peel, 1 part.
Fresh lemon peel, 2 parts.
Boiling water, 2 parts, and
Gentian root, 1 part.

and the tincture:

Gentian root, 10 parts.
Bitter orange peel, 3¾ parts.
Cardamon seeds, 1¼ parts.
Alcohol, 45 per cent. to 100 parts.

To assist birds during the moult, to improve condition, and raise the general tone, in preparation for show, and for combating the results of debilitating disease, both the tincture and infusion are worthy of attention. Both may be given in doses of ten drops to two ounces of drinking water, repeated fresh twice daily for a week; they can be again repeated after an interval of a few days, if necessary.

INFUSION AND SYRUP OF RHUBARB: The former is prepared from one part of the root in twenty parts of boiling water, and given in doses of from 20 to 30 drops in the drinking water; and the syrup is made with one part of root, two parts of coriander, twenty-four of sugar, eight of alcohol, and water twenty-four. Dose, ten drops in the drinking water. They stimulate the movements of the intestines and liver, and so act as purgatives. They may be repeated until this effect is obtained. Smaller doses have an opposite action, causing constipation due to the contained tannic acid.

A Warning.

SYRUP OF SQUILLS is perhaps the most convenient form of administering squills to birds; similarly oxymel of squills, which disguises its bitter glucoside scillain by the added sugar, or honey, of each, respectively. Syrup of squills is prepared from twenty parts of acetum scillæ and refined sugar thirty-eight parts.

Oxymel of squills is prepared from squills five parts, acetic acid five parts, water sixteen, and clarified honey about 54 parts.

Either preparation may be given in doses of ten drops twice daily in the drinking water. It invigorates the action of the heart. *It must not be given continuously*, but with intermissions; otherwise it becomes irritant to the proventriculus and kidneys. Its remote action is that of an expectorant, and it resemble Ipecacuanha, acting on the bronchial membrane during its excretion, and so promoting discharge and phlegm. It must not be given to feeble subjects or to birds that are in an advanced stage of disease, but in the commencement of catarrhal affection such as common colds and bronchitis.

COD LIVER OIL (extracted from the fresh liver of the cod) I see often recommended. If a bird can be made to partake of it by admixture with bread sop it will be found an exceedingly useful recnperating agent in wasting disease, such as tuberculosis, chronic forms of septic fever, chronic bronchitis, etc. Passing into the tissues, it is a nutritive of the first importance, whilst the traces of iodine, bromine phosphates, and other salts doubtless produce a slight specific action when the oil is given continuously; the latter effects, however, are quite secondary to those of the oil proper, that is to its effects as a food. It has an advantage over other oils in respect to the ease with which it is digested and absorbed. In convalescence from acute illness it is of great service. In every instance where cod-liver oil is indicated, the first point to be determined is whether it can be taken and digested. In addition to the unpleasant odour and taste, other conditions contra-indicate its use, particularly where diarrhœa and considerable fever participates.

This completes the list of medicines available for the treatment of the small cage birds, and it represents but a small portion of those in general use for other purposes; *e.g.*, other and more potent drugs may be given to the domesticated fowl, duck, etc., without danger, but great care is needed in selecting those for the smaller species.

The reader will now be in a position to interpret the meaning of what is known as rational treatment and empirical treatment. It is said to be rational when it arises from our knowledge of medical science, based on natural laws which are known and understood. Empirical treatment, however, is founded on experience only, and obeys no law yet known; frequently it is as successful as rational treatment, but whether successful or unsuccessful no reason for it can be averred. Experience has shown that a particular form of treatment was beneficial in a former case, and therefore it is expected to be beneficial again. When the reasons for these effects are properly understood they will be transferred from the empirical to the national group. Therapeutics will become a perfect science when empiricism has thus without exception given way to rationalism.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Some Seasonable Topics Considered.

By F. J. WEAVER (Wolverhampton).

A Lecture delivered before the West Bromwich Cage Bird Society on April 12.

(*Concluded from page 467.*)

We come now to the question of the lining. You see this bowl already lined ready to fix in your cage; now what could be better, or what could look better? It is lined with swansdown bought by the yard. Some say it is going to cost a fancier some hard cash if he is to get everything of this description for his use. Now, what expense is there in this? I buy one yard of lining and make 28 covers out of it for a paltry 8d.

At this point Mr. Weaver showed us the size of the cover he uses for his bowl, and how to cut them so as to cause the least possible waste. When you have got them cut, he said, fold them up like this into four (the lecturer folded the covers over once and then again). Cut the outside corners off about ½in., leaving eight v-shaped cuts, so as to enable it to be stuck into the bowl without being creased up.

This is the way I fix the lining into the bowl:— I get a pennyworth of rye flour and mix with cold water; it will stick like glue. You can get it from any well-known paper-hangers, as it is what they generally use for the pasting of very strong wall paper; or you can get it from your baker's—a pennyworth would last you all the season.

Now as to the material; get the ordinary cow-hair and moss, and see that the birds have sufficient. You should see some of my nests now they are finished; they are a picture—nice and round, and firm too, and there is no fear of my getting the eggs tucked underneath and spoilt.

Coming now to another topic, that of soft-shelled eggs, I strongly condemn the sawdust-bottom with the tin of grit for the birds to peck at when at liberty to do so. Get your tray well covered with grit, especially at this time of the season, as it is most essential for the purpose of forming shell for the eggs. There are plenty of well-prepared grits now on the markets, with other ingredients mixed that are necessary for the birds' health in the way of tonics. Another way is to get the ordinary (fowl) egg-shells, well bake them in the oven (do not burn them, but bake them sufficiently so that they will easily grind up), and you will find a skin. After you have broken them up, take that away and then mix with the ordinary red sand; add crushed cuttlefish-bone. This makes a good preparation.

Touching on the irregular laying of some hens, do not let that worry you to any great extent, for it is caused by the cold weather generally, and so long as the birds are healthy, keep them quiet and comfortable, which is the main point. Do not let too many visitors come and see your birds at this time of the season. I do not, and I do not trouble them myself any more than I can help.

I have not been troubled much with either soft-shelled eggs or irregular laying. I have only had one case of soft-shelled eggs in my whole experience, and not many cases of delay in laying, except through the cold weather.

Another cause for the delay in the laying of eggs is that the hens are over-fat. I recommend getting very vigorous cocks for these lazy things; they are lazy, no doubt, and that is what makes some of them so fat. If a cock is very strong and vigorous he will race her around the cage a few times, and that will soon fetch the fat down.

Egg Binding and Its Cure.

A very important topic is egg binding. I recommend the old-fashioned steam cure. Place a piece of muslin over a jug of boiling water and hold the bird towards the steam for a few minutes; then put her back into the nest and place a warm flannel over her.

Another method is to put two drops of olive oil in beak and vent; that is a cure in itself; it eases the poor creature. I know of a case where the whole of the brood of eggs were laid in the afternoon, and with good results, and that was through egg binding. What does it matter when the eggs are laid, so long as they bring forth the desired result? But, of course, we all begin to feel anxious when the hen seems broody. We look forward for the egg the first thing in the morning, and if it is delayed we naturally try to find out the cause.

Incubation and Treatment.

My method of treatment during incubation is not to drop the stimulating food altogether and put the birds straight on to the prison diet again. It is quite essential that they should have some nourishing foods for the strain they undergo by the continual sitting. I give them egg-food of good quality about three times a week during incubation, with a few titbits of seeds. I adopt a method of covering over the cage front with a piece of card-board just in front of the nest-box or bowl, especially in the case of nervous hens; if you don't it is often the cause of the eggs being shattered and broken.

Now some ask, what is the best treatment when the eggs are about to hatch? Some fanciers recommend the baths for the hen and others prefer to take the eggs out and wet them well on the night before they are due to hatch. I don't recommend either method, not as regards the first round, at any rate, as there is sufficient moisture in the atmosphere for what is wanted. In the case of the later rounds I give the birds baths in the usual way. We have a big difficulty before the novice in this respect, and that is that some hens lay eggs that have very tough skins, which causes the chick a great deal of difficulty to free itself. You must be guided by circumstances. Do not tamper with the eggs any more than is necessary unless you see that the chick is poking its beak out and cannot get any further; to tamper with them often-times causes many cripples.

Feeding the Young.

As for the foods for chicks after incubation, I prepare the yolk of egg only for the first few days, but I do not know if that is the best method. I have always had good results that way. Then I gradually tone it down as they get on with good plain Canary seed as a staple diet. When you give them hemp do not crush it as some are in the habit of doing; there is a certain amount of poisonous matter in the shell, and you cannot help getting it into the nut if you crush the two together. Soaked rape is another good seed, but see that it is well dried before using it.

After the chicks are about seven days old prepare your egg-food and put a little maw seed into it, as it is a very good seed when you see the chicks are going on first-rate. I do not use it before as it is very hard compared with the egg-food and is not so easily digested; often-times, too, it causes the throats of the young to be very sore, and you may wonder what is the cause of your youngsters not thriving so well as they might do.

Now comes a big point: which is the best time to start feeding operations? I will tell you how I go about it. I make a practice of feeding my birds five times a day. First of all I prepare two eggs a day. I give the birds the first feed as soon after six o'clock at night as I can about two days before incubation, and I make sure I get it good and fresh. If you follow my method you will not be far wrong. Next I go into the room just before I go to bed and remove the tops of the food and fill the vessels again with fresh; that will last them till the next turn—when you rise in the morning, about 6 or 7, not later if it can be avoided. Another plan I adopt is to have a slate and pencil in my room and jot down notes of what is to be done during the morning while you are at business; of course, I presume you have some one to look after them while you are away. Number your cages so that your notes may read "Cage No. so-and-so: drop green-food"; "Cage No. so-and-so: take egg-food away"; and "at 10 o'clock supply all cages with fresh egg-food and at dinner-time supply more fresh food." That is if you do not put down notes to alter the usual run of arrangements, and you go on in a like manner all the season through. Work regularly with feeding when at all possible. If you see the young are not getting on as they might do, change them from cage to cage if circumstances will allow. I have done it with good results with young in which there is a difference of two or three days in age—no more, as they would be too large for some youngsters, and that would "back" them again. Of course, that method would only apply when you have bad feeding hens.

Another thing I recommend for those hens that do not feed as they might do is to take the cocks away and see if that will entice them to feed. It often-times makes them get from the nest when they have no mate to wait on them. It keeps them from being so idle and also prevents sweating.

Nesting Diarrhœa.

Nesting diarrhœa is invariably caused through stale food, bad greenstuff and unfavourable weather. It is often-times the first-round results that are marred by birds not getting good green-food. When you have this difficulty it is not easy for you to save the hens, and when they are getting into condition again you often-times get bad eggs from their next round; and sometimes it spoils them for the rest of the breeding season.

For preventing mortality amongst the young after they leave the parents I recommend you to keep on with the egg-food as long as possible. Let them gradually wean themselves off the soft-food and let them get on to hard food by themselves. Do not on any account force them to it, or you will soon know the result. Give them a little soft-food right up to the time of the moult, as it will encourage them. When you are feeding them for colour use rape seed, as mentioned before, soaked well and allowed to become thoroughly dry after they are swelled; they are then much easier to crack. Do not allow them to drink too much water; you can prevent them from so doing by putting three drops of tincture of gentian in their drinking water twice daily. Do not get them on to milk sop diet unless it is absolutely necessary.

Now this, gentlemen, is very important: in time of trouble members of societies should support the officials and lighten their duties by attending meetings. What is better than to have a discussion of the different views of members? With regard to the "close season," as some members term it, some go so far to say: "Oh, it is the time of our close season; I need not bother to attend meetings, our officials can attend to all the business that is necessary at present." But we should have no "close season." There is something to be done all the year round.

I have a point now that I can raise with our sister societies in this district. I would like to see something done to make kindred societies—Birmingham, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich—more prominent. Let them do something in the way of supporting one another, as from what I can see it is our only chance of success, for we have to rely mainly on our district clubs for support at the shows. Another road to success is by amalgamation at the shows, a matter which I mentioned to your late secretary two years ago.

My last subject—and a very important one, too—has reference to the Cage Bird Union crisis. I think a great deal of good can be got from it. We should support it and do our utmost to put it into a more satisfactory state. Your secretary and Mr. J. H. de Maillet (secretary of the Birmingham C.B.S.) and myself attended the delegates' meeting in Leicester of District No. 7 a few weeks ago, and we were quite convinced that some good is to be got from it, if we only do our best to support it in the proper manner. It is essential we should have a Union of some description, and it is our duty to see that the C.B.U. is put on a sound basis.

At this point Mr. Weaver thanked all for their attention. A few questions were asked. One was by Mr. Groves: What is your remedy for nesting diarrhœa?—I put a little salts into the drinking water, and prepared chalk; see that it is well mixed, as it settles very quickly; and serve three or four times a day. I also recommend Parrish's chemical food, a plentiful supply of maw seed, and plenty of cuttlefish-bone. Be very careful with the salts, as it is very binding after being used. Mr. Groves also made a few remarks as regards the C.B.U., and Mr. de Maillet suitably replied, stating that it was a resolution passed at our delegates' meeting of District No. 7 at Leicester that caused the executive council to meet and thrash out one or two matters that were passed at the annual meeting held at the Palace. Mr. Jones spoke in reference to nesting diarrhœa, and said he thought it was the fancier's own fault. I condemn, he said, the use of yolk of egg only, as it is far too rich for the youngsters' organs; and that is the cause of most of the nesting diarrhœa, together with the use of stale foods and bad green stuffs. The richer the egg the more bread I put with it. I rear a good proportion of young by that method of feeding. Mr. Andrews questioned the lecturer as regards the main seeds to be used. Mr. Weaver said plain Canary as the staple diet, and a little whole hemp; not much rape, a pinch of inga seed occasionally, and a fair supply of maw seed, but not in the egg-food until the young were about seven days old. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Weaver for his lecture, the best many of our members had ever heard, and some of them are not young fanciers either. Mr. Weaver suitably replied.—JENNINGS AND VILES, general secretaries.

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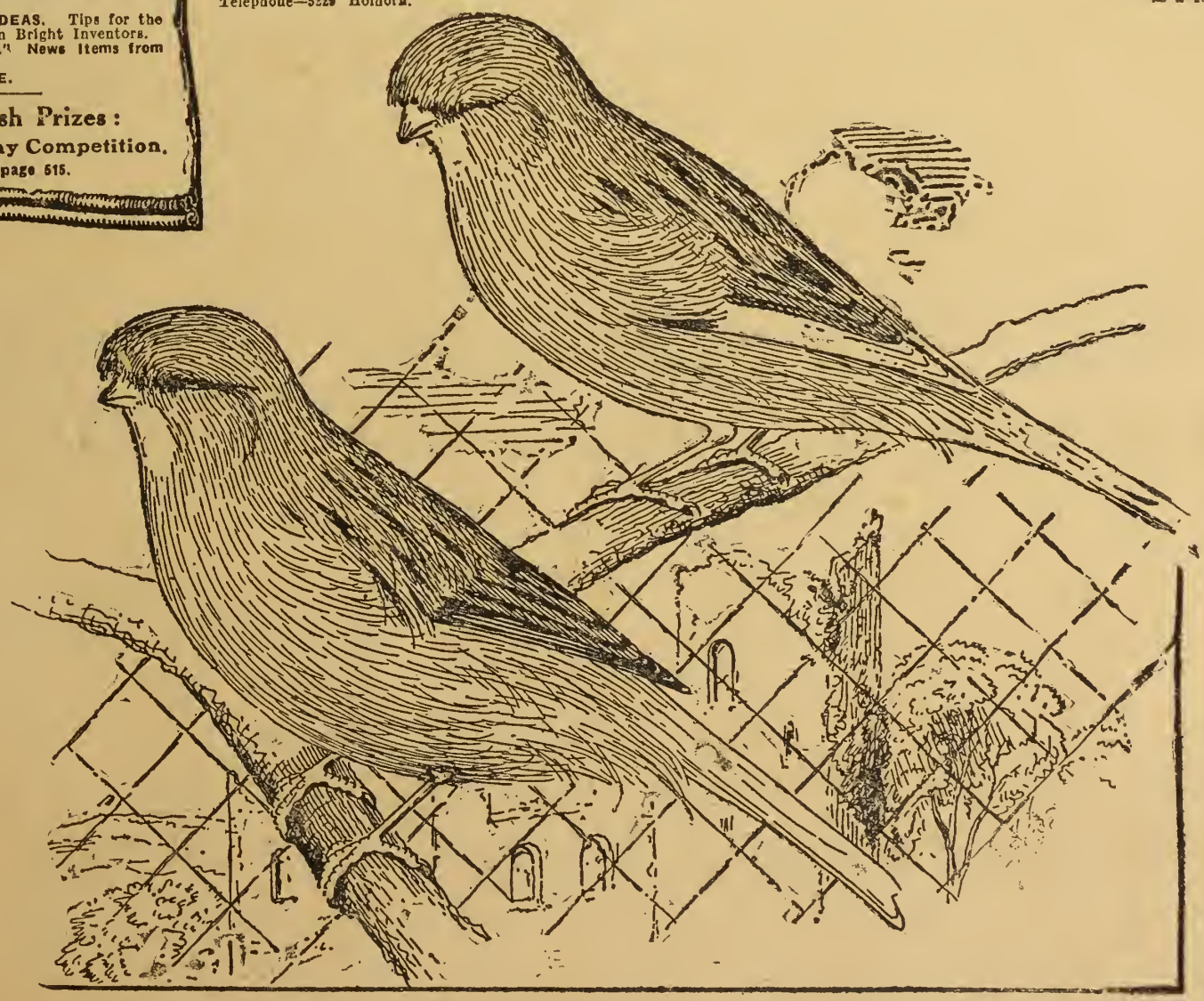
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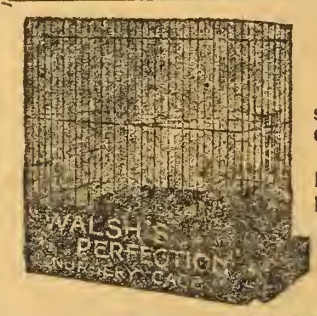
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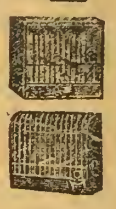


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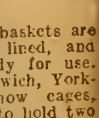
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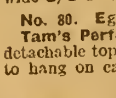
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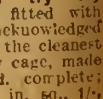
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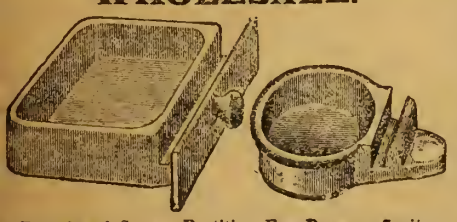


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WANTED best cash offer for stock of British birds; full list, stamp; must be sold; owner removing.—Jackson, 23, Nelson-st., South Bank.

WANTED, Jays, Magpies, Jackdaws, Hedgehogs, dormice, puppies, or anything alive: Agricultural Aviaries, 352, Upper-st., Islington, N.

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Mainly Canaries.
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EXCHANGE 2 pair of Borders for fishing tackle, camera, or anything useful: Williams, 11, Belle Vue-st., Manchester.

THREE pairs of Canaries and cock Mule, full song, 20/-; bargain [illegible] bicycle wanted: Nowell, Cropwell, Notts. [illegible]

NORWICH cock Canary, with two hens, 12/-, or exchange Cockaticls; approval: J. Machin, Ismeer, Ottlands, Surrey.

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THREE proved Muling cock Linnets, 6/- each; housemoulted hens, Brambleſinch, Greenfinches, Linnets, 6 Muling hen Canaries, 2 hen Siskins, 2 hen Bullfinches, 1 good yellow Yorkshire hen, a grand cock Wheatear to moult, sell, or exchange Mules or Canary songsters: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE, 2 pairs Javas, 2 pairs Cutthroats, ready nesting, fur cock Canaries, or sell 14/-: Fraser, Alderson-st., South Shields.

WHAT offers in live stock for a genuine South African Grey Parrot, enclose stamp for reply: Adams, 109, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.

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BULL Terrier bitch, maiden, pure white, splendid pedigree, 10/6; or travelling bag: R. Dawes, 25, Oaklan-ter., Darlington.

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HOUSE-moulted 1908 Goldfinch cock, Goldfinch Mule, robust song, Budgerigar; offers, no live stock: Perkins, Boot Shop, Bromyard.

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HANDSOME well-bred fox terrier bitch, eight months, good follower, guard, 20/-; three-compartment C.P. aviary, cost 25/-, good condition, 12/6; exchange either cage birds: E. Satterthwaite, 43, Courtland-avenue, Ilford.

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FULL song, Pea-throat Goldfinch, 6/; brown Linnet, 5/-; Crested cock, 8/-; German cock, 6/-; Yorkshire hen, 2/6; wanted, Linnet or Goldfinch Mule, wild note, fowls: Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

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*A Tame Sparrow.

One day I found a Sparrow which had fallen from its nest. I caught it, fed it, and let it go again. After this it used to come in my window every day for food. One day it came in with a broken leg, so I put it in a cage, and in a fortnight it was quite well. I let it out in the garden, and now it comes in every day for food and sleeps in its cage at night. It is turning quite white in colour, and is very strangely marked for a Sparrow.—Sent by Phœbe Philcox (age 11), Pre Fleuri, Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

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A pair of Starlings have built their nest in a hole in the roof of our house. One day while they were away a strange Starling happened to pass by, and seeing the hole thought what a nice place it would be for him to build his nest in. So he went in to investigate it. Then the two owners arrived upon the scene, and seeing a stranger in their nesting site, became very furious. One of them dashed in at him. Then followed a great deal of squeaking and squalling, and out came the stranger with every feather pulled out of his tail, and some out of his wings.—Sent by J. F. Huckvale (age 14), 35, Rother Street, Stratford-on-Avon.

*Perhaps.

I watched two Sparrows in the plot
Of ground before my flat
First build their nest, then raise their brood
Of fledgings brown and fat.

Now pretty soon these fledgings spread
Their wings, and off they flew;
And straightway the parent birds
Began to build anew.

"The foolish things to move!" I cried.
"They ought to be content!"
"Perhaps, my dear," my wife replied,
"The landlord raised the rent."

Sent by Edward M. Jury (age 9), 39, Craigmore Street, Belfast.

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I have some grand Norwich Canaries, writes Mr. J. Burrows, of California, U.S.A., bred from stock imported from Mr. W. A. Gibbins, President of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society. I also am trying a few crosses with Californian Linnet and Goldfinches and Norwich hens. If I succeed I suppose it will be the first time such Mules have been bred. The Linnets here are red-headed and red-breasted all the year round, and the Goldfinches are black and gold. I have at present a nest of each variety; the hens have just commenced to sit.

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Twitterings.

Kindly note that I have removed to 70, Entwistle Road, Rochdale, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.S.

The Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. are holding their First Feather Show on June 18, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, hon. secretary.

Address of A. and G. H. Edwards, the bird food specialists: Vaughan Road, Camberwell, London.—(Advt.).

Our First Feather show has been arranged to take place on July 9th, writes Mr. Henry Wallworth, hon. secretary of the Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.

Messrs. C. A. House and T. Heath will judge the cage birds at our next show on October 26th and 27th, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, hon. sec, of the Bristol F.A.

Our Nest Feather show, writes Mr. F. Hawkes, secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A., is to be held on June 25th, when Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) will officiate as judge.

Owing to ill-health and other circumstances I am reluctantly compelled to advertise my birds for sale in the columns of this week's issue, writes Mr. E. Hurdley (Madeley).

We are holding our Nest Feather show on June 23rd, write Messrs. Moore and Harding, secretaries of the Grimsby and Dis. O.S., when Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull) will judge.

The Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S. Nest Feather show is to be held on June 25th, judge Mr. J. Wilson (Bedlington Station), writes Mr. W. Woollett, the secretary.

Our annual show of cage birds, etc., will, writes Mr. Charles Keene, secretary of the Weybridge and Dis. F.S., be held on November 8th and 9th, at the Holstein Hall, Weybridge.

The first table show for young birds of the Bolton and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the secretary will be held at the Joiners' Arms on June 8th, at 7.30—2 classes Norwich, 2 Yorkshire, 2 A.O.V. Canary. Mr. J. Hopkins will judge.

Will fanciers and secretaries please note my change of address from 244 to 265, Broad Street, Mile End, Glasgow? writes Mr. T. Drysdale, secretary of the Glasgow and Western Counties N.M.B. and F.B.C.

I have been appointed secretary of the Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S., in place of Mr. Fielding, writes Mr. W. T. Mattinson (Gt. Harwood). Mr. Fielding has been compelled to resign the office owing to business pressure.

Will readers please note that a printer's error unfortunately occurs in Mr. H. Lewis's advertisement, under the heading of Foreign Birds, in our last issue? The Rosella Parrakeet offered at 10s. should read "Rosa's Parrakeet."

The Poplar and District C.B.S.'s country ramble will take place on Sunday next, June 5, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the hon. secretary. The train leaves for Chingford 9.12 a.m. at Liverpool Street, 9.25 a.m. at Hackney Downs.

We have engaged Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy as judges at our show on Nov. 2 and 3, and Mr. W. Kilmister has kindly consented to judge the First Feather Show on July 16, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

I was surprised to see the reproduction of the picture of my Red-backed Shrike on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, and I think it is a credit to the artist (Mr. Norman). I am pleased to say that I have already got the bird through the moult.—A. HOYLE (Musselburgh).

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I have removed, writes Mr. John Allan, secretary of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, to 13, Elm Place, Leith, and all communications for the club should be sent to me at that address. Subscriptions are now due, and I should be pleased if members would kindly send them.

The Swansea and District C.B.A., writes Mr. S. H. George, the secretary, have been compelled to alter their F.F. Show room from the Mackworth Hotel to the Plymouth Hall, Plymouth Street. The date of the show is July 2, and the judges Messrs. D. Jenkins and W. T. Kirby.

Our annual Nest Feather Show, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, secretary of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., has been fixed for July 2, and members who intend to show are required to guarantee, time for which closes on June 7. The medals won at the table shows held during last show season will be given to the successful competitors at our next meeting. Will all members kindly make an effort to attend on June 7?

I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and I can tell you I often find very valuable information in it. The picture of the Hill Mynah is a good one. I used to have a grand Hill Mynah when I was in India. They make splendid talkers.—H. SHERBROOKE (Whitchurch, Salop).

Will members who have not paid their subscriptions please do so as soon as possible, writes Mr. Chas. W. Law, hon. secretary, Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., as the "specials" at the Young Stock Show, to be held on July 9 (judge, Mr. Dobson), largely depend on the balance in hand?

A special meeting will be held of the Barnsley C.B.S. on June 4, at Clarence Hotel, at 7.30 p.m., writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the secretary. All interested in birds are heartily invited to attend this meeting. Anyone can come, and all are welcomed, especially novices in the Fancy. The Nest Feather show will be held on July 2, at Clarence Hotel.

The many friends of Mr. H. J. Hawes, the well-known Metropolitan lover of British birds, will be interested to hear that he has received a berth with a world-famous Royal Mail Steamship Company, and is making his first journey on one of their liners running to South American ports. He will carry the good wishes of fanciers for success in his new career.

The Clapham and District outing will be held on Sunday, June 5, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, the secretary. The friends meet at Balham Station at 8.50, the train being timed to leave at 9 o'clock for Ashtead. Fanciers or friends cordially invited. Cold lunch will be served at the Leg of Mutton Hotel, 1.30. We hope to make this instructive as well as enjoyable to all.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. have decided to have an outing to Pailton on Sunday, June 26th, the start to be made at 10 o'clock, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary. Will all members who have not given in their names and are desirous of going, please let me have them by Monday next (June 6th) for certain, so that I can arrange for the dinner at Pailton. Will all members kindly attend meeting on June 6th?

I was surprised on opening my CAGE BIRDS last week, to see a drawing of my Nightingale. I must congratulate your artist, Mr. Norman, on producing such a fine delineation. I may say that though exhibited many times our 'Gale has never been beaten by another of the same species. He is in fine form, and we hope to again exhibit him in the coming season.—A. JACKSON (Bawtry).

On Monday next (June 6th), Mr. R. L. Crisp has promised to attend our meeting, if health permits, to speak on breeding Yorkshires, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. I feel sure fanciers in this district will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this well-known authority on the Yorkshire variety. It is hoped there will be a record attendance.

I have sold two pairs of Scotch Fancy Canaries to a fancier in South Africa, through a mutual friend, Mr. A. Fearon, who has been home for a long holiday on account of his health, and who returned last week, taking these birds along with him, writes Mr. J. Ellwood (Cockermouth). I hope they will land safely, and give their new owner every satisfaction. The birds are my own breeding, and one of them is a winner of numerous prizes.

We have been fortunate, writes Mr. C. Lugton, the secretary of the Galashiels O.S., in securing the services of the following gentlemen to act as judges at our annual show on Nov. 19: Messrs. J. Watson (Glasgow), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), H. Bennet (Kelso), J. Pringle (Selkirk), J. Stevenson (Beith), T. Brown (Duns), R. Sharp (Newtongrange), and A. Currie (Galashiels). This being the fiftieth annual show held by the "Braw Lads o' Gala Water," the committee are making every effort to ensure an unparalleled success. The above shows that the cream of the Fancy have been chosen to award the tickets. I hope all true fanciers will rally round this old fixture, and make it once more "the Palace Show of the Borders."

The fifth annual report and balance-sheet of the Wimbledon and District C.B.S. disclose a very healthy state of affairs, upon which the sec., Mr. H. Smith, and his fellow officials are to be heartily congratulated. The Pair, Young and Annual Shows all resulted in balances to the society's credit, and the general account shows a balance in hand (£12 16s. 1d.), which is £7 11s. 5d. better than the amount brought forward from the previous year. This is a distinctly good result, which, taken in conjunction with the fact (as stated in the report), that the past year was the most successful yet experienced by the society—there being a net gain of 18 names to the roll—should give the members every confidence in its officers, and intending members every encouragement to join the society.

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Mr. W. B. BENTLEY (Great Harwood).

I regret to have to announce the death of our esteemed member, Mr. Walter Brown Bentley, of Gt. Harwood, writes Mr. T. Slater, secretary of the National Quality Linnet Singing Association. On account of this our cup contest (for members only), which was to have been held on May 28th, has been postponed, and will be held on June 4th. The members wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to his wife and relatives, for truly he was one of the best. The society was represented by Mr. W. H. Topping.

Mr. T. J. RICKARD (Redruth).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Collins, chairman of the Camborne and the Redruth Fanciers' Associations, that I have to record the death of one of our members, Mr. T. J. Rickard, of Southgate, Redruth, at the age of 58. He was a very ardent fancier of the Norwich Plainhead, of which he had a fine stud. The Fancy have lost a good practical fancier, and one of those unselfish men so rarely met with, his service being always cheerfully given. The funeral took place on May 29th, at the Redruth Cemetery, and a very large concourse of people showed how well respected he was as a member of the Camborne and Redruth Associations; the members of both turned out well to pay their last tribute. We are sure all will join with us in sympathy with his four children and in their sad bereavement.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

May I remind those societies who desire the patronage of the above-named, that the committee meet very shortly to allot same and that therefore applications must be sent to me at once? I should just like to say that at every show where our patronage was allotted last season, the Norwich section was the strongest section in the Show every class without exception (practically) being well filled, in many instances upwards of thirty per class.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

Will societies desiring the patronage of the cinnamon marked Yorkshire Canary Club kindly apply? Our society are offering their patronage to four representative shows outside Yorkshire. Also, we are running a special novice competition in the Yorkshire Union novice classes to enable novice members to exhibit their cinnamon marked specimens to assist in gaining their novice medals. Shall be pleased to hear from any fancier desiring to join the club.—GRAYSHAW AND ALLEN, secretaries, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike.



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(*Concluded from page 502.*)

Hints on Wild Seeds.

Get these seeds, if you can daily, as you use them. Storage is all very well for thistles, hardheads, and such things, but I find Goldies like the different seeds as they come nearly ripe each in their season, and this seems natural, and is a natural way of dealing with the bird. To convince myself of this, I have seen Goldies in flocks fly right over and past ripe thistles, and drop into an airsh field, or where root crops are, and feed off the seeds of chickweed, groundsel, and the numerous small weeds and grasses, which such places contain; proving that, like ourselves, Master Goldie appreciates his different foods in season.

You can, of course, give them colour food. I have moulted out birds a splendid colour with the above-named treatment, and the addition of a little colour food daily. The bath must be given every day, and if clear rainwater is used, all the better. I don't think it possible to have the winning bloom on, at any rate, you won't get it very early after the moult, if you withhold the bath. As the moult is finishing, you should give some extra large linseed. Some birds won't eat it, but most will, and to make sure, you can put a teaspoonful into a cup and pour on boiling water, and when cold, give them this water to drink; or buy crushed linseed (and be sure it is crushed, not ground, as all the oil should be left in the meal), and a pinch of this along with your egg and colour food will help to put on that satin-like bloom on your birds so much needed if you are to win at any show nowadays.

Of course, you will require a bird capable of turning out a winner. I say "capable," because there is a lot of difference in Goldies as there is in other birds. You want to get the large rich coloured bird; I like a dark ground-colour, a bird showing none of the foreign element—none of the very dead white marking behind the head nor about the upper and under tail coverts, nor the wide white collar, which some judges will go for. But the bird which is fairly large has a good dark under-colour throughout, with extra chestnut on breast, and all the prominent parts, such as blaze and wing bars, buttons, etc., sharply shown up; or in other words the colours to be clearly defined, not running into each other as is the case with some.

I know the birds differ, or vary, muchly, and some of our true British are as pale and white in some parts as any alien, and it is hard for a real good British bird to be made to stand down on account of such light plumage. But we have a standard, and should go by it, and as this dead white collar, etc., denotes foreign characteristics, such birds should not stand over a bird of higher standard merit in this respect. I don't think there are ten good exhibition Goldies to be found in each hundred taken.

Study the Show Points.

And before you commence to moult your birds for show, you should compare specimens and carry in your mind's eye what is wanted to win. Visit a good show and compare the few first birds in the class with those at the other end, and you will soon see if you have any worth getting to moult out winning coloured birds or not.

I remember nine or ten years or so ago, when Mr. G. E. Weston won 1st at the Palace in a class, I think, of 70 or 80 Finches. Our late friend Halse had seen my team a few days before that show, and he expressed himself satisfied that any of the three birds I was seeking his opinion on, was good enough to win at the coming event. They got in, I think, but somewhere else other than 1st instead. We must know a show Finch when we see one if we expect to win. On the occasion I am mentioning, that good fancier, Mr. Baldry, was much concerned at his non-success with a Goldie. Catching up his cage, he put it in front of Mr. Weston and myself, saying: "There; you can't beat that for quality!" appealing to us for so long that at last Mr. Weston said: "Yes; the quality is all right, but something more than quality is wanted." And he pointed out the defects in the Finch until we (or, at least, two of us) agreed it was not a show bird at all. I don't think the discussion was wasted, for since that time, I think the loser there has won more than one prize with Goldfinches.

My connection with the Fancy has brought its unpleasantness at times; and there are some who are ever ready to shy a stone at a fellow should he be given the chance to take one as a target. But on the other hand, I have made many friends, and some of my best friends of to-day are old friends of a while back, when I first began to exhibit. And I can truly say I appreciate such friendship muchly. I can also say I have no particle of envy or bad feeling toward a single fancier, however much we may have differed at times. When I think of the many pleasant meetings with old friends and the many kindnesses shown to Mrs. Browning and myself by fanciers, we are more than compensated for any other than pleasant episodes through which we have come. I consider the fact of being asked to write something for this Society's meeting all sufficient reward for my years of interest in its doings, and only wish I had something more enlightening and instructive to give you.

The Discussion.

After the delivery of the above lecture, Mr. White asked why boiling water was put on linseed, seeing it was soluble in cold; and, seeing linseed contained no oil, only water, why give it?—I have moulted Goldfinches without linseed and found the feather dry and colourless, but the same bird, although he would not eat the seed, had to drink the water or extract, and came out with a splendid colour and sheen; therefore, what I found to serve me well I advocate for others, and maintain that linseed does contain oil, and a good lot, too, and very good for birds moulting or finishing the moult.

Mr. Pope referred to a certain Goldfinch which had been kept in a small cage for years and never given a bath, yet had won 1st prize where Mr. Browning was judging. Mr. B. said he well remembered the bird under discussion, and found the bird the best in the class, and although there were several Goldies there, none were considered to be in show condition; even the winner could not expect to win in anything like competition. The bird was practically ruined by being kept in such a small cage; and it could not fly far if given the chance, as it had lost the power of flight and was quite crippled in this respect. Had this bird been used to rational treatment it would have made a good winner, but it was too late.

Mr. B., we learned, has bought Finches thus crippled by too small a cage, and almost lost. Some when put into a flight were afraid or unable to get off the perch at first. Yet, by gradually getting them to move about, he regained for them the use of their wings. One such bird won 1st at Cardiff in a class of about 40 entries. Mr. Clarke thought the bird mentioned by Mr. Pope had come out in fair face colour owing to its being kept in a light, sunny position, in a railway signal-box.—Mr. B.: I have moulted scores in the very same sort of place, and although I like plenty of fresh air and light, I don't think even a signal cabin will bring out the colours without feeding for it, and bathing, with good healthy surroundings.

There appeared to be no more questions when the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Browning for his trouble in coming to Plymouth to give them this paper. This was seconded and carried unanimously, the Chairman remarking that it was one of the best papers the Society had had for a long time. Thus ended a pleasant evening, Mr. Browning saying that, although he could not tell them the names of many of the seeds, etc., eaten by Goldies, he would send them in some samples so that they could see for themselves what seeds to gather for their Goldies.

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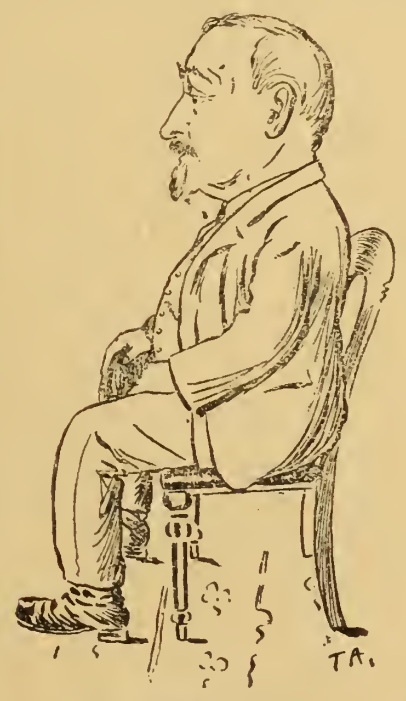
(That well known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for Cage Birds to visit within the next few weeks two or three prominent breeders North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby. The last subject was Mr. George G. Henderson and his British birds.—Editor.)

Mr. William M'Clure

(Glasgow).

Mr. William M'Clure, who can claim to be the best known Scotch Fancy breeder in Scotland, is approaching now his sixtieth year, and is as hale and hearty a man of his age as one could wish to meet. He (as many readers will remember) was the proud owner of the birds which two years ago were claimed at Paisley show at the catalogue price of £100.

Mr. M'Clure keeps his birds in a room 15ft. by 9ft., this being devoted entirely



Mr. William M'Clure.

to the birds and their belongings. It has one window (which faces south), and is fitted with a heating apparatus.

Ten pairs of Scotch Fancies, twelve pairs of "feeders," with eleven young (four of which are on the perches), comprised his stock of Canaries at the time of my visit. His cages (all wire, 22 by 14 by 10) are shelved off in rows one above the other, lengths of thick plate glass fitted between the cages acting as partitions.

I noticed Mr. M'Clure used the ordinary wooden nesting platforms, which most Scotch Fancy breeders adopt. He stated, however, that he preferred the earthenware pans favoured by Norwich Plainhead, etc., breeders. The latter he considers much cleaner in use, the only advantage of the platforms being that they save many a youngster from a fatal fall from the nest.

That noted Scotch Fancy breeder, Mr. McLennan, of Edinburgh, was visiting at Mr. M'Clure's place at the time I called, and he endorsed these statements. His own method of feeding and keeping his birds were practically the same as Mr. M'Clure's.

How do you feed your birds, Mr. M'Clure?—I feed on plain Canary seed, with egg-food, to which in the morning only I add a little boiled rape. This I leave in the cages till mid-day, when all that is not eaten I throw away, as it would sour if left longer.

How do you pair up?—I usually put up a yellow cock with a buff hen, or vice versa.

Do you double-buff at all?—I do not.

What sort of birds do you put together in order to obtain exhibition specimens?—My word! if I kent how to do that my fortune would be made. One never kens what like of young ones a pair is going to throw.

Do you inbreed?—No; but I believe in pedigree breeding. Scotch Fancies are too delicate to stand any inbreeding.

Yes; I introduce Belgian blood into my birds.

You don't breed all your birds?—No; I get in from three to five new birds every year. I could never do unless I introduced fresh blood.

I put all my Scotch Fancy eggs under "feeders." This is more or less just a habit of mine; in fact, I might say of the majority of Scotch Fancy breeders. Most Scotch Fancies are excellent feeders.

How do you train your birds to show off?— Training! it's a piece of nonsense. There's na such thing as training a Scotch Fancy; at least, I dinna ken any method of training. If you hae a guid young yin, you hae a guid yin, and it requires na trainin'. You canna vera weel train a bad yin into a guid yin. Maybe if a bird's a wee wild—that is, flies up into the wires of the cage when handled (which is a fault)—it will need to be taken up in the cage occasionally, so as to make it hae a wee bit confidence in ye.

I keep my birds in the breeding cages all the year round, occasionally letting them into the flights. These flights are about six feet long and are wired only in front. During the show season I put the birds into the show cages only a day or two before the show is held to which I intend sending them.

How do you suggest a novice should start breeding Scotch Fancies?—He should, after a year or two at breeding common Canaries, invest in a pair at a fair price, say £10, from a reliable breeder whose stock is known. It is fatal to invest in, say, a cock from Tom, a hen from Dick, and another cock or hen from Harry. Of course it all depends on the bulk of the purse of the individual concerned. If he can afford to pay more than the sum mentioned, certainly he should do so. I myself pay as much as £12 for a single bird; never more.

MEALWORMS: HOW TO KEEP AND BREED THEM.

[We have recently received from readers many requests for information upon the breeding and keeping of mealworms, and print below part of a paper upon "British Birds," written by Mr. C. Houlton, which deals with these subjects; the said paper was published in Cage Birds during the early part of 1909.—Editor.]

With regard to mealworms, these are so well known and extensively bred and advertised that little need be said by me respecting them. Of course, almost any British cage bird will devour a mealworm; but there is no necessity to give these to the seed eaters proper. Part seed eaters may have them freely. Insectivorous birds, both large and small, may also have them, but for the smaller species, the worms should first be rendered *hors-de-combat*, so to speak, by wounding them behind the head, just over where the legs are, and then when the birds swallow the worms there is no chance of internal damage to the crop, as there might be if the worms were swallowed alive and whole. The flesh maggots of the fly (gentles) are also better killed by scalding just before being given to the birds—just enough for one meal at a time.

My method of breeding mealworms was as follows: I procured two very large boxes or tea chests, about 2 feet 6 inches square, and 3 feet high. I had close fitting lids to these, and in the centre of the lid was a piece cut out about 4 inches square, and a piece of perforated brass plate, or brass wire gauze, was fastened over this opening. This was for ventilation.

At the bottom of the box I placed a false bottom inside, about an inch less all round in dimensions. The false bottom had two ribs nailed across it underneath about an inch thick, which left a space between it and the box bottom proper. All over this I would spread a piece of old flour sack, cut to size (flat). A thick piece of brown paper formed the next layer. Then I would put in some crushed oats, bran, and meal (such as barleymeal) about an inch thick. Another piece of sack, and a piece of brown paper saturated with black treacle and brewers' ale I put next. This should be soaked and left to dry pretty well before being put in the box. Another piece of sack is put on this soaked paper, and on top of this some more crushed oats, bran, and meal.

Don't, when doing this, put any flesh, meat, or dead birds in. I put in another piece of sack and brown paper next, and some more oats, bran, and meal; and on top of these I placed a piece of sack which had been soaked with black treacle and beer. I took care not to put too much treacle and beer, but just enough to allow of its being well absorbed into the dry sack. I always had a good supply of mealworms after I had established the box by this method.

I used to take my mealworms out of one box at a time, allowing the other time to replenish the stock. If kept in warm places, the worms will rapidly thrive and increase.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Typical Yorkshires and How to Train Them.

By W. DOWNING (Manchester).

It is the writer's hope that in a few years our lovely Yorkshire Canary will have become a bird much in advance of our six-and-three-quarter-inch beauty of the present day. I like Yorkshire cocks to be a wee bit over the standard length, both for breeding and exhibiting purposes, and so do the judges. And rightly so. But I think there should be a limit; a quarter of an inch over the standard length should not be exceeded, and similarly, a quarter of an inch under ought also to be alright. But to use an "Irishism," the judges adjudicating round the standard six-and three-quarter inches are all "one-sided," for most of them go for the "big 'uns" every time, and I have seen some "rough 'uns" at the top of the class with frills like dandies, while smaller birds, with breasts as smooth and as shapely as an egg, bodies clean cut and feathers as close as a well-fitting glove—take a much lower position. Personally I don't like the birds too big, as I think that when you get them over seven inches in length they lose in gracefulness and are not nearly so smart in action as the medium-sized birds.

The big cocks I pair up to those of my hens that are a wee bit on the small side, and if one of the pair has a tick or a mark or two about its body, I think they are likely to throw birds with good colour. And if out of two imperfect birds I can breed youngsters a point or two nearer perfection than their parents I am well satisfied with the progress made. Then if "a gem" should happen to come my way—well, it helps to cheer us on our way, and we try again.

I mated a pair as above—a long, raking, marked buff cock (a bit rough in feather, but in other respects a decent stock cock), to a yellow Cinnamon hen (very small, but a gem of the first water in all other respects)—and got from them a nest of three. Two of these were yellow Cinnamon cocks, but they were only a little over six inches in length, the other bird being a green hen. Each of the three had one or two light feathers in the tail.

How to Breed Long Birds.

I gave one of the cocks to a friend and the other one I paired up with an extra large clear buff hen; but I had wretched luck with them until July, when I got a nest of two from them, only, however, to find the hen deserted the young on the third day, and wanted to go to nest again. In disgust I put the cock back into her cage again, and after a few days she again went to nest and hatched out two more youngsters; this time she fed them admirably until they could do for themselves. Both birds were good. One is a Cinnamon-marked buff cock, only an eighth of an inch short of seven inches, possessing beautiful feather and of fine quality, and now almost through his moult, and singing. The other one, a hen, was also a cinnamon-marked, a likely one for turning out very good in length.

We managed to rear the first nest by putting the eggs in other nests, but we had to change them several times, and then had to finish up by hand-feeding the young. The two birds thus hand-reared are also a little longer than the father. One of these two is a marked buff cock, intensely deep in colour, and carries a wealth of "frosting." This I set down to the mixing of cinnamon and green blood in the grandparents.

I have also reared a cinnamon-marked yellow hen that is fully six-and-three-quarter inches in length, and is the product of another small cock and large hen. So I have proved to my own satisfaction that we can breed long birds from little cocks if they are mated rightly. The big hens, as a rule, are sluggish, and are not so full of activity as the smaller ones, but, if you do happen to possess a big hen or two that will feed, I feel sure you are as likely to get good length youngsters as you are from the opposite mode of pairing.

But I must confess that my favourite pair are: both cock and hen of medium size, and "breedy," with plenty of leg, clean cut away underneath, good heads, etc., not too much shoulder, and a proud stand on the perch.

Training for "Position."

The Yorkshire has been bred for generations with an eye to its upright position and boldness, and I think this is its chief charm, both at home and on the bench. I have heard some of the older breeders of the Yorkshire say that you cannot permanently improve this position by training, but I humbly beg to differ. You can improve the position of your birds if you begin at the right time and with the right stuff.

If any of your stock birds stand across the perch like a Norwich, get rid of them. Breed only with birds of good carriage. Breed for position and then improve the youngsters by education when they come. One of the easiest ways I know for getting a young Yorkshire to crouch is the having your perches too near the roof of the cage. I have seen such birds in more than one room. Keep your perches down as low as ever your cages will allow. Give the birds plenty of head room; the more they have the more likely they are to cultivate a bold upright carriage.

I use good, lofty, double breeding cages, ten inches deep, twenty inches high, and each compartment two feet wide. I use a movable wire partition to divide the cage off at the centre, then if I am using a hen that is likely to pluck her young when they are about thirteen days old, I remove them just as they are in the nest-box into the empty half of the cage, hanging it up close to the partition at a suitable height to prevent plucking; and I have always found the old birds to feed well through the bars.

Feeding and Training Young.

Then when the young ones are out of the nest and beginning to pick up for themselves I give them crushed hemp, and milk sop, made in the following manner: first I set the milk on one side until the cream rises; this I remove, and then boil the milk; I put stale bread into the hot milk and let it stand a short time, and then I remove from the bread as much of the milk as possible and heat up with a fork, adding (if I think fit) a wee bit of maw seed. To begin with I put a little of the crushed hemp on the top of the bread, and I know I will soon have the pleasure of seeing the youngsters "going for" it and enjoying it too. You may also sweeten it a little with sugar.

My birds have this food for a portion of every day, with a little egg-food in addition. Then I gradually get them on to white Canary seed, and drop the egg-food; but I continue the bread and milk right up to the time of putting them on colour-food.

Also when the young have left the nest I hang a show-cage on the front of the breeder and keep it there, removing the wire partition and putting in its place a sheet of glass of the same size, the bottom half of the glass being painted over to prevent the youngsters seeing through, and the top portion I leave clear. Then I arrange the perches so that the young birds can see into the next compartment as they flit from perch to perch. I drop the perches a little at a time, until I get them so low that the birds have to stand up on the perch to look over the painted portion. Take care in doing this not to make the young stretch themselves too much, for fear you make them hollow in the back.

I also hang up a small looking-glass at each end of the cage, manipulating the perches near these in the same manner as for the centre glass. It is most amusing to see the birds straightening up to admire themselves presumably in the glass. These glasses are also most useful in single breeding cages and long flights. But don't place them too near the front of the cage. I use the same methods when I have young birds in each end of the cage, and all the year round my cages are thus equipped; and I can assure my readers that if they try this method, or something similar, they will soon see a marked improvement in their stock. I venture to say they will also find the improvement to be permanent.

Some breeders pooh-poohed the idea when they first saw it acted upon in my bird-room, but they are now using it, and several of them have told me that the idea has made a marked improvement in all their stock.

I stretch a stout cord across a corner of the bird-room and fasten it to the wall, bending bits of cage wire to form hooks for the purpose; and when the birds are in the show cages I hang them up all in a row. One bird moves and he sets the whole row of cages vibrating. Occasionally I take a stick and draw it along the bottoms of the cages, and it is surprising how soon the birds become steady by this plan. I also keep changing their positions on the line by lifting them from one hook and putting them on another, changing each bird.

Give them food and water, and you can leave them on the line as long as you care to. Mine are sometimes left on for days at a stretch.

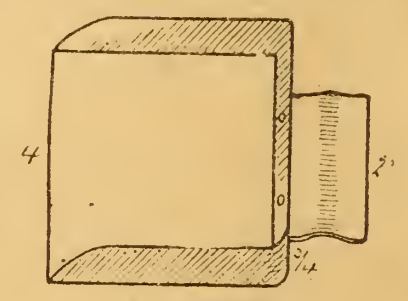
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A Useful Cage Scraper.

Sent by Mr. R. G. Bremner, 44, Roslea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

I enclose a sketch of and particulars for making a cage-scraper, which may be used to advantage during the breeding season when one does not want to unnecessarily frighten the birds by withdrawing the sand-drawer. First procure a tin box about 4ins. by 3ins. by ¾in., and take off the lid; cut off one side and trim it as in the fig. Then make a wooden handle about 2ins. long and ¼in. thick, and screw on to the back of the tin, which completes the idea.—Robt. G. Bremner.

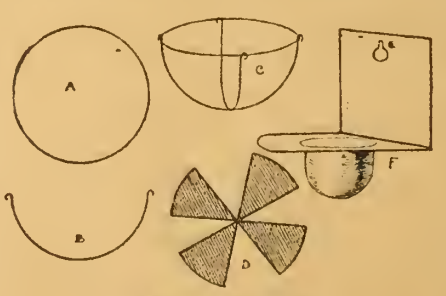


A Tin Scraper.

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A Home-made Nest-pan.

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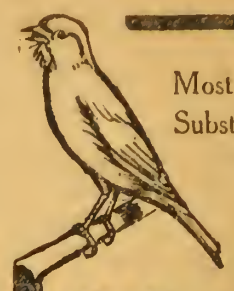
This nest may be of some use to breeders. I think the earthenware pans are too cold, especially if we have a dull Spring. Procure a piece of wire about 15½ inches long, and bend round to make a circle (A), leaving about half an inch to solder. Next take four wires 8 inches long, and bend them round (B) to form a half-circle, with hooks to be bent over the rim and soldered. Place the four equal distances apart and bind some thin wire round the four at the bottom to keep them in their place (C). Put the hooks outside; the young ones will not then get scratched. Cut a piece of felt to the shape of "D" to fit inside, and tack it to the wire with needle and cotton, so that the old birds do not pull it out. This makes a nice warm lining, and affords plenty of ventilation. Cut a piece of wood 6 inches by 7 inches, and round off two of the corners; cut a hole in the centre to receive the nest, and fasten same with a couple of staples. Cut another piece of wood 6 inches by 6 inches, and make a hole in it as at "E." This is the back, and should be fastened to the bottom with screws. This completes a nest (F) which will last a lifetime, and is very cheaply made. L. C. Gibbs.



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Wild Bird Life.

Concerning the Cuckoo.

One of the most familiar and pleasing sounds just now of the countryside is the call of the Cuckoo. The birds appear to be very plentiful, and the note strikes the ear wherever there are fields, woods, and commons. The other morning I counted five of them together, not flying in a compact flock as other birds do, but spread out considerably, although evidently in attendance upon each other. And when they settled they were all in different trees some distance apart. One can only conjecture that these were males in attendance upon a female; unfortunately we have no ready means of distinguishing the sexes, or we should be able to solve many problems relating to Cuckoo life, which are at present somewhat mysterious. The birds were evidently in a state of great excitement, and their continued calling caused quite a bubbub. Out across the breezy common where the bright sunshine seemed to give additional colour to the golden gorse a single bird could be heard in the distance, but each call sounded nearer. The Cuckoo at large is not by any means a graceful bird, and he looked particularly ungraceful trying to balance himself on (of all places) a telegraph wire. When we caught sight of him, his immediate attendant was a very small bird, probably a Linnet or Pipit (for these birds abound in this spot); which had a rather odd effect, the smaller bird looking quite a midget as he sat two or three feet away from the larger one. Continuing his journey across the open, he was accompanied by all the small birds in the immediate neighbourhood, so that he eventually had quite a big following. It is still an unsolved problem why the smaller birds have such an apparent aversion to the Cuckoo, and unite in worrying it until it is well away from the vicinity of their nests. Evidently they look upon it in some way as a common enemy, that is of no use to them, and therefore is likely to do them or their charges some injury. Every species is more or less ready to drive off an intruder from the immediate neighbourhood, and it may be after all only the ordinary habit of doing so which causes them to be so ready to mob the Cuckoo. His strange likeness to the more deadly Hawk no doubt assists in causing them so much uneasiness.

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Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast).
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 4.—Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.; Radford (Notts) C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.
June 6.—Hull C.B.S.
June 7.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
June 8.—Bolton O.S.
June 11.—Bradford East O.S.; Choppington (Old) C.B.S.; Northampton (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wigan C.B.S.
June 16.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
June 18.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Battersea C.B.A.; Crewe O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Huthwaite C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Otley O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Bankfoot C.B.S.; Gt. Horton O.S.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.; Chesterfield C.B.S.
June 22.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
June 23.—Grimsby O.S.
June 25.—Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Heywood O.S.; North London C.B.A.; North Manchester C.B.S.; Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.; Liverpool B.B.A.; Barrington and Choppington (S.C.) C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.
June 27.—Southall C.B.S.
June 29.—Brighton C.B.A.
June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Codnor Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Dysart C.B.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.; Manchester & N. C.O.S.; Rochdale O.C.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Barnsley C.B.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Cardiff C.B.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (½-day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Musselburgh O.S.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.
July 25.—Barrington, etc. (Soc. Club) C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.
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In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 506

The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

I have two pairs of Yorkshires in a cold room facing north. One pair brought up three cocks and two hens in the first round. The second round they have five youngsters, and are now building again. The other is sitting on four eggs, one being clear. Am I doing well enough? S. SNAPE (Preston).

I have had splendid luck with my birds. I have 4 pairs of Canaries (all Norwich) and 15 young ones on the sticks off the first round—9 in the nest and 8 eggs incubating in the second round. I have one hen with 8 eggs in one nest. I think that is a record number for one bird to lay in one nest. And I have one double-yolk egg in another nest. All are outside bred.—E. PLAYER (London, E.).

Loughboro' and District C.B.A.

Some of the members are very busy now. Here are a few of the results: Mr. Foster 30 youngsters, Mr. Sharp 28, Mr. Morris 16, Mr. Green 28, and Mr. Jeffery 10, all doing well. A number of members have not done so well in the first round owing to the severe weather we have had, but are now having better results.—G. JEFFERY, secretary.

"Our Canaries"; Parts 1 and 2 of the best book ever published about domesticated Canaries are now on sale. Post free, 7d. each part.

In the Courts.

Taking Young Birds and Eggs.

Two summonses were heard at the Bath Police Court on May 21st, under the Wild Birds Protection Act. Walter Dowding was summoned for having in his possession on May 14th two young Thrushes, which had been recently taken. The defendant admitted having the birds in his possession, but said he was ignorant of the law. The magistrates said they appreciated the straightforward way in which the defendant had stated his case, and discharged him on payment of 5s. costs.

The second defendant was Arthur Pope, who was summoned for having two young Blackbirds in his possession, under similar circumstances. The defendant said that about ten weeks ago a blind man came to his house and offered the birds for sale. He said they were about a month old. He paid 1s. 6d. for them. The defendant said he was not aware of the Act prohibiting the buying or taking of birds between March 1st and August 1st. He was discharged on payment of 5s. costs.

At Carlisle on May 28th, B. B. Mewburn, coal exporter, Sunderland; J. Lee, coalminer, Haltwhistle; and W. Raw, signalman, Langley Park, Durham, pleaded guilty to a charge of taking forty Redshank and Skylark eggs from Rockliffe Marsh, near Carlisle, on May 1st. The Superintendent of Police produced the order of the Cumberland County Council under which the eggs of these birds are protected, and each defendant was fined 10s. and costs.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see page 514 last week.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**C. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

RULES.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Court of Appeal.

S. Campbell. Glasgow.—Theoretically, it is true, if a pair of birds perfectly matched are put together, and several unions have taken place, that it is possible for the whole clutch to be fertile, even though the cock is removed as soon as the first egg is laid; it sometimes occurs in actual practice, and there is authentic record of a hen having been placed with a cock for a few hours, and then removed before the first egg had been laid, and yet the clutch of four proved fertile. On the other hand, it must be admitted this is the exception rather than the rule, and more frequently one finds frequent unions taking place apparently successfully right up to the evening when the last egg of a clutch is laid, and yet all the clutch may prove unfertile. It is not essential for a union to take place for each egg, yet it by no means follows that if such unions do occur the eggs must necessarily be fertilised. It would be courting failure to act on your friend's advice, and remove the cock as soon as the first egg was laid. The safer plan is to let him remain until the evening of the day the third is laid. If he is then removed, and the hen lays five, there is every probability of the fifth being fertile.

A Late Start.

J. C. Gallowgate.—You must have got a little mixed concerning the proper diet. If you give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape in unlimited quantity during the breeding season that is sufficient for a staple, and the extra box containing plain canary only is superfluous. In addition give a small teaspoonful of soft food with a pinch of a mixture of maw, and gold of pleasure added to it every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two or three dandelion leaves daily. Continue this treatment until the complement of eggs has been laid, then drop all the extras, and give the staple seed diet only whilst the hen is sitting. The food you use serves a useful purpose when there is no time to prepare ordinary egg food. As regards whether it is quite as good, I have nothing to add to the opinion frequently expressed. I am not clear whether the cock you call a "variegated Cinnamon dark" is really Cinnamon or a variegated green; and you do not say whether the hen is a Cinnamon or not. It is impossible to give any definite reply without exact particulars. If the cock is a variegated Cinnamon and the hen not a Cinnamon, the young would probably be variegated Cinnamons, green, and green-marked. All birds showing Cinnamon colour would be hens.

A Young Invalid, etc.

R.C.—(1) There is no reason why you should not be able to use this hen again for a single nest provided she is fit. If she has not laid any more eggs since the shell-less one, take the nest out for a day or two, and give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it each day for a week. Give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts white millet, inga, and gold of pleasure every second day. See she has a supply of cuttlefish. Return nest box in three or four days. (2) Its outlook is not very rosy. It may quite possibly be congenital, but I am rather inclined to think your birds are exposed to very unfavourable influences—damp, draughts, or extreme fluctuations. I really cannot tell you whether the fault lies with the father. There cannot be much the matter with him to behave as you say he does, and you give no other possible clue to anything which lays him open to suspicion. You would do best to look well into your general management, and see if you cannot find some way in which the birds are subject to such bad influences as named above. There can be little good in dosing such a young bird, but if you like you can try the effect of giving half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake daily for a fortnight or so, and mix with it three drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion. Instead of plain water for drinking give this decoction every second day for a week, and if bird shows an improvement continue giving it until well. Decoction: Put half a teaspoonful of linseed into a cup, add a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a large pea, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge; pour over it half a teacupful of boiling water, stir until all is dissolved, allow to stand until cold, then strain off enough to fill the drinker, add six drops of glycerine, and give instead of pure water.

After Many Years.

J. McElroy.—It is always well to stick to the method that has carried one through successfully for a long period, and not throw it over for something fresh at the first failure without very good cause. One of our oldest and best authorities laid down the dictum that there was a period of good and bad luck for every fancier if he only stuck to his guns long enough for both to come. Your friend must not let a trifle like this count much. His own method of treatment must be good to have succeeded so long, but you give absolutely no details about it, so I am at a loss what to suggest. In a general way feed and treat from the time the young are hatched, as has been repeated almost weekly in these columns. Do not give large quantities of egg food at a time, and see it is perfectly fresh and pure, and made palatable. See also that your eggs are from perfectly healthy fowls, and preferably those having a good free run. Do not add any moisture except what is already in the egg, and try after the second day equal parts egg, bread-crumb, and stale sponge cake crumbs, with a pinch of maw seed mixed in. The first and second day use two parts egg to one part each bread and sponge cake. Use only good wholesome stale wheaten bread, made without the use of alum and such "improvers." On the fourth day begin to give a little crisp lettuce, or chickweed, fresh, at least twice daily, and if there are any signs of flagging add a little soaked rape in a separate vessel, and just a pinch of crushed hemp on the fifth day. Do not, however, begin to give hemp freely until the young are ten or twelve days old. When first hatched add a small pinch of Epsom salts to the water each day, until midday, then throw out and give fresh, pure water for the rest of the day. As twice daily, and if there are any signs of flagging give them a bath with a small teaspoonful of common salt dissolved in it.

Brevities.

Returning Cock (G. Smith).—Sorry your last letter did not reach me in time for reply in last issue. You should not return the cock to the hen until the young are beginning to leave the nest, if she does not start nesting earlier. If she is wanting to begin again very badly at the time, you may return him when the young are twelve or fourteen days old, and give the hen another nest box. But do not do this unless it seems absolutely necessary. By keeping him away until the young can leave the nest, they can be immediately transferred to a nursery cage should he maltreat them; and thus be kept quite safe from injury, whilst the parents will go on feeding them through the wires.

Birds Ailing (J. S. Burgess).—You should not use sawdust on the floor during the breeding season; clean, gritty, calcareous sand is much better. Your feeding is not correct; you give too much hemp, and should not give this seed regularly at all except when young are being reared. You should also omit the gold of pleasure from the soft food, as this is only suitable for use on special occasions. See that all your seeds and other foods are quite sound and sweet. In addition to your present staple diet give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and a spray of chickweed or flower head of groundsel daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after that six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Enfargement (Sparrow).—You do not say whether the bird has been mated or not, but I am rather inclined to think she is suffering from prolapsus, which most frequently occurs after egg-laying. Still, I cannot be quite sure from your description, and would advise you to show it to a veterinary surgeon if possible, or your own medico. If the former is the case you should well bathe the exposed portion with a fairly strong solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in half a teacup of hot water, and allowed to stand until cold before use. After bathing a few minutes try to gently work the protrusion within the vent, until it is as near as can be a normal size. Then insert a piece of nutgall ointment the size of a hemp seed. If it returns bathe at once with a little cold tea, and put it back again. Repeat this each time it returns, and insert a scrap of the ointment each time. Keep bowels free with an extra supply of green food for a time. Do not try to breed with the bird this year, if at all again. To ensure successful treatment these cases should be attended to immediately they occur.

A Clear Nest (Dishcartened).—There was really no necessity for you to separate the birds again. It is possible the weather was the chief cause of the first round of eggs being clear, or even, as the hen appears to be such a virago, that this was the means of banishing courage from the crestfallen Benedict. Feed as advised to "J. C. Gallowgate," and for soft food give either a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or a small teaspoonful of egg food. After a few days of this, if the birds seem ready, mate them again, and continue feeding as advised until the hen has gone to nest again. The birds would probably do better in a cosy room where no fire is kept, than in the kitchen. You can do nothing for the bare patch whilst birds are breeding. If they are not troubled with insect pests let them alone, and the thing will probably come all right when the birds moult.

A Sleepy Head (Joey).—Am doubtful whether this bird will do any good at breeding or anything else. Still, you can but try if he comes into condition. See all your seeds and foods are sweet and sound. In addition to your staple diet give a piece of bread, the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and twice only during the next week, and on the alternate days a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts white millet, inga, linseed, and gold of pleasure. Give a little green food—chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or dandelion—daily. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and every second day for a week afterwards. During the latter period give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid on the alternate days, and continue giving it every second day for a fortnight.

Green Roller Ill (I.M.D.).—I have very little to form an opinion from, but unless the illness was of recent origin I should hardly expect anything so serious as you suggest. If that opinion was correct with the few symptoms you give, the bird is doubtless beyond help now. If not, see that it is in a cosy place, quite free from draughts and extreme heat and cold. Put it on a diet of plain canary seed only as staple for a week, and during the time give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar each day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and every second day for the next week give six drops of tincture of calumba and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this treatment put the bird on the diet advised to "Alice," but let the staple consist of two parts canary to one part summer rape.

Breeding with Bald Hen (Tollcross).—I do not approve of breeding from birds physically defective, as the chances are all in favour of producing a number of delicate, weakly specimens which are a constant worry and disappointment; and if you dispose of them they bring your stock into ill repute. It is just possible the bareness may be due to insect pests; examine bird, cage, and nest to see. Turn the hen into a large flight, where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise; allow unlimited bathing facilities, feeding rather liberally on a varied seed diet, with a good regular supply of various green stuffs and fruit and berries in season, but little of any other soft food. Limit the latter to a small piece of bread and milk twice a week, dusted slightly with chlorate of potash, and flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Slightly moisten the bare place twice a week for a month with a small feather dipped in tincture of perchloride of iron and glycerine mixed together in equal parts; keep her on this treatment until she has moulted, when she may come through in perfect plumage. You could then breed with her next year.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

For Nest Making.

Stonechat.—Moss, bents, tiny twigs or rootlets, dried grass, hair and wool, are all that any ben British Finch requires to choose from in the way of nesting materials. Most of these are conveniently supplied by the well-known "medicated nest-bags" sold at the bird-shops and seed dealers. The other things can easily be gathered in the lanes. Personally, I find the best thing is to get old (first-round) Linnet, Greenfinch, Hedge Sparrow, Blackbird, etc., nests, and pull them to pieces, after stoving them in a moderately hot oven for twenty minutes or so. The nest of practically any small species will answer, and after the wild bird's first brood is out and about will be quite early enough for the average Hybrid couple to have nesting material. If you cannot by any means manage the above (some country fancier would doubtless oblige you), then Bullie hens will do quite well with nothing but short-cut lengths of dry hay, supplemented with the fibre obtained by cutting up a cheap (or old) cokernut fibre doormat. The latter is very much appreciated. Hen Bullies don't care for moss at all, as a rule.

Muling Hens Not Nesting.

Novice, Jersey.—It is not easy for me to say why your hen Canaries have not yet showed signs of nesting. It may be any one of several possible causes. Young (late-hatched) hens of the previous year are often late in starting (I have one myself now which has yet to commence); so are old, almost worn-out, hens; or hens which have been weakened by over-laying or too late breeding the previous season; or which had a bad lingering moult; or hens which for some other cause (such as recent illness) are in a low way and cannot be screwed up to concert pitch. Likewise hens bought late in the spring are often upset by the change of quarters, and so fail to breed. Hen Canaries in high breeding condition simply insist upon going to nest. Have you got hold of some old hens, maybe worn out? As I have said, not being able to see and examine the birds, I don't find it easy to advise you. If you could obtain a young loud-singing cock Canary and put with the hens for a week or so this might result in their getting to business. I hope you are not making the mistake of interfering with the birds over-much, or of continually chopping and changing the cock bird about with different partners.

Pet Bird with Red-mite.

Troubled E. T.—If any red mite are about, they increase at an astonishing rate during the hot weather unless effectually checked. The latter cannot be accomplished unless the bird affected is moved into a temporary cage whilst the old one is cleaned. Any cheap small cage will do, if clean, of course. The operations are easy enough, and need not occupy much time. You should catch the bird and dust plenty of Keating's insect powder thoroughly amongst its plumage, seeing that it goes well down to the skin (a soft camel-hair "mop" brush is handy to use). Then wrap the bird for five or ten minutes in a piece of clean cloth (old, soft calico, for instance), leaving the roll open at the head end, of course. After unwrapping the bird, give another light dusting and return to the temporary cage. The old cage should be thoroughly gone over (every crevice, joint, and wire hole, perches as well) with a brush soaked in turpentine; stand in the open to dry for a few hours. There will be no red mite left on it then. An all-wire cage could be placed in boiling suds, if preferred. Afterwards spray the Mule daily with water made bitter by the addition of a little infusion of quassia (from a chemist) or let it bathe in such water. A hand wash (with soap) by a skilful fancier is very helpful in ridding a bird of red mite.

Hints about a Nightingale.

Novice, Molesey.—Yes, the general feeding you outline will answer admirably, and you should have no difficulty in keeping your Gale in good condition providing it is in good order when delivered to you by the fancier who has undertaken to hand-rear it. You can easily tell when young Nightingales are in their nest feather, for then they are spotted all over. As they moult into the adult garb (plain brown, broadly speaking), these spots, of course, disappear. As regards the winter, our English Nightingale, I am sure, does not relish the cold in a snug indoor room, unheated, these birds suffer during cold damp weather, and visibly so during hard frost or a spell at a very low temperature. There is no special treatment required during the moult, so long as the bird keeps in condition (or health). It is a safe plan, however, to mix three or four spots of the finest cod-liver oil in their daily food supply thrice a week; oftener if they show signs of drooping. But don't overdo the quantity of oil, or the bird may turn against its food. Get the tasteless oil. Of course, I look upon it as almost unnecessary to say that the moult is the period when the best of food only should be supplied, with insect life in every possible variety; keep up the live ants' eggs for so long as you can obtain them.

Non-success.

Merthyr.—I am sorry to hear of your failure. Still, I adhere to my statement of last week that young mules are easier to rear than young Canaries. If one's hens feed properly I am sure there is no excuse for losing young Mules. I reared a good number last season without any loss worthy of mention, and with very little trouble. The chief thing (in my opinion) is to arrange for a constant supply of seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, and these can be grown in profusion in any back garden or gathered in practically every country lane. I prefer egg and good home-made bread (crumbled), with a little castor sugar dusted amongst it; nothing else (seed, etc.) with it. In addition, I give Canary and summer rape (mixed) in the seed-hopper, with cracked hemp in a separate dish, with a little crushed safflower or sunflower seeds, or a few crushed groats or a little coarse oatmeal amongst it. I give a few young and tender sprays of chickweed when the "babies" are two days old, and quickly increase the quantity until I am giving this ad libitum, with seeding shepherd's purse in addition. Some of my hens feed almost solely upon these green-foods. Boiled seed is quite unnecessary. An occasional dose of sulphate of soda in the drinking water (as much as just covers a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls) is a grand thing to revivify a hen flagging at her duties. If the nest gets badly overrun with red mite, this will often cause a hen to "chuck it up," as you put it.

Another Pet Bullfinch.

Miss Reed.—In this case your friend was quite right. Hemp seed is a favourite delicacy with Bullfinches, but should be given sparingly; reserve it, in fact, for your taming experiments. These birds are apt to get fat and wheezy if given hemp without stint. I have found that safflower and sunflower seeds are far better than hemp, as a regular thing, for the Bullfinch. The following would make your bird an excellent stock mixture, and any good seedsman would put it up for you: Canary and teazle two pints of each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each, safflower and sunflower a quarter pint of each. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw one part, and give a pinch twice a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed, and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. For green foods give any of the following, according to season: Shepherd's purse, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of mar[illegible]berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hardheads, and many other wild seeding plants these birds are also very fond of; likewise, an occasional mealworm.

Caging Finches.

Tynesider.—Am glad to hear that Mr. Browning's remarks have done good; I quite agree with all he said regarding these tiny cages—they are unfitted to keep birds in as a regular thing, and their continued use should be discouraged. I can quite understand that you have erred in ignorance, however, for a good number of "back cages" are to be seen. The cage I use myself (and most well-known fanciers of my acquaintance) is that which has now come to be widely known as the "Finch Stock Cage." It is made and stocked by all up-to-date cage-makers; you could get one from most of those advertising in our columns. My own are 16 and 18 inches long, by 11 high and 8 and 9 wide. The front bottom rail is made very deep (not less than 3½ inches) and a hole is cut in this, through which the seed-drawer runs, to the back of the cage. The perches are two in number, and they rest on the bottom rail. In position, one should be on the wire next the water-hole, and the other about 3 inches from the seed-drawer. This gives a jump of about nine inches in the smallest size of cage. In shape they should be square underneath, rounded at the top—one rounded to a half-circle, the other only the corners taken off. One perch should be a full three-eighths wide, and the other a full half-inch; thickness, about three-eighths of an inch. Variety in the size and shape of the perches prevents clipped claws, stiff claws, and other similar troubles. As a colour for the insides of stock cages, a very pale blue cannot be beaten; a very pale green, however, is just as suitable.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

Waxbills Dying.

W. E. S.—(1) There is little doubt but that this bird died from the hardship of importation, or from some infection, contracted during that period. Care should be exercised in giving birds both sand and water, which have come a long journey, as after being without both for a time, they take to excess to their own hurt. Only permit newly-imported birds to take a few sips of water straight away. Then a little more after a short period, and so on, till their thirst is satisfied, when the water can be left in the cage as usual, and sand must be introduced with the same care. (2) I should make the drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts till relief is given, then afterwards a little Parrish's Chemical Food could be given. If you have a garden, and can give the bird a small spray of blighty foliage from any non-poisonous plant or bush it will help greatly; at this period of the year supply flowering (seeding) grass liberally as greenfood; mix just a pinch of blue maw seed with their ordinary seed mixture every other day for a time. To prevent discouragement I may say that even with experienced aviculturists a certain percentage of losses are unavoidable when purchasing newly-imported birds.

Cause of Death?

Alnwick.—Your bird died from a blow on the back of its crown, possibly by flying upwards against some sharp corner, but more probably by a blow from the bill of one of its fellow-captives; the latter I think is the real cause, and the Budgerigars I take to be the culprits, though it is possible a Saffron Finch might be the guilty one. A pair of Zebra Finches may take possession of the whole place and blow his own little penny trumpet sort of call. They may disturb, but I do not think they are responsible for the Avadavat's death. Again, you must note that when you turn a fresh pair of birds into an existing community it always causes more or less of an upset of tranquility, but as a rule they soon settle down, though in the temporary bickerings which occur a mishap may occur as in your case. To the list of birds you supply you could add Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Chestnut, Yellow-rumped, Sharp-tailed, and Striated Finches, White Java Sparrows, Green Avadavats, Gold-breasted (Zebra) Waxbills, and a pair each of Diamond Doves, or some other small species (peaceful), and some small species of Quails; these two latter would give variety, and be a change from all the other Fluch-like birds.

Dullness in Small Finches.

Lanark.—If you had given an idea of what bird it was, I could have probably been more helpful, instead of treating it generally. Small Ornamental Finches have a bad habit of plucking at each other's feathers, and while they are so indulging themselves you think they are merely preening each other's plumage. So long as the birds remain in good plumage no harm seems to result, but once let a bird become a little bare, all the flock labour diligently to keep it so! The only remedy is to cage each bird so affected up separately. See that they get a daily bath, once a week put a little Dinneford's Magnesia in their drinking water, give them a liberal diet of white millet, and canary seed, also keep a millet spray in their cage, supply a little ripe fruit if they will take it, and if you can, obtain blightly foliage, let them have a spray daily from any non-poisonous plant or bush; supply grass in flower (seeding grass) liberally as green-food. If the skin appear dry and hard on the bald parts, rub in a little clean vaseline, but not sufficient to make the plumage greasy. On no account return them into the mixed company again till they are in full plumage. If you suspect lice, then wash them in quassia solution; this can be done by holding them gently but firmly in the hand, and well soak their plumage; use a mop camel-hair brush.

Songsters or Otherwise?

St. Quintin.—You simply say: Hardy enough to be kept out of doors. This gives me no clue as to how you intend to keep them, and this makes a definite reply rather difficult. In a roomy garden aviary they can be kept out of doors all the year. In cages they must only be hung out in genial weather, and then not in a draughty situation. They can be kept either singly or in pairs. Madagascar Weavers can make a noise, but I should never call it a songster; it is so screechy, but once at the Zoo, while several of these birds were setting my "teeth on edge," a lady and two boys were looking on, and they exclaimed, "Can't they sing?" I kept my thoughts to myself! Green and Grey Singing Finches are good songsters, and their notes are very [illegible] Red Tiger Finch (Common Avadavat) is a merry little fellow, with a sweet little voice, which he is very fond of using, and if his little lay is not very varied, he makes up for that by repetition; nevertheless it is not monotonous, and their cheery vivacious demeanour soon endear them to their owners.

Foreign Bird Queriists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Brevities.

Cockatiel not Incubating (M.V.).—Try the hen with another clutch, and if she still refuses to do her share of incubation, there is nothing to do but get rid of her and get another hen, but some hens of this species are very erratic with their first nests, and settle down all-right afterwards. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" very helpful.—See advert. in this column.

What Birds for Aviary? (W.T.S).—I really cannot give you a satisfactory reply without I know whether it is indoors or out, and some idea as to its construction. Please give me these particulars, and I can then really help you. If when you see this you send a letter to me through the Editor of this paper, I will with pleasure reply per post, so as to save you loss of time.

Crossing Sparrow with Canary (Curious).—It is rather an improbable cross; nevertheless, I have seen so many improbables succeed that I never use the word impossible. Being rather a small species will make your success the more probable. I should secure a robust Norwich hen for the purpose, and the usual Canary diet should suffice for both birds. I should certainly consider it worth the trial, but as you know, the element of luck enters largely into all hybrid breeding.

Virginian Cardinal (E.M.K.).—I expect this bird will much improve in depth of hue at the next moult, as it is evident he was in anything but a robust condition when he last moulted. Diet: Canary and millet two parts each, oats and sunflower seed one part each; well mix, and this will suffice for its seed mixture; also continue your present soft-food; supply ripe fruit ad lib; lettuce is appreciated as green-food, and live insects, now these are plentiful; do not depend upon mealworms, but give cockroaches, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders; in fact, almost any garden pests you can capture. He should by the time moult comes round be in a very healthy and vigorous state, and moult out a good colour.

With Budgerigars and Cockatiels (B.H.S.).—It is unsafe to keep Parrakeets and Finches together as a rule, but I think the Cardinals will be able to take care of themselves. Am not allowed to give names of individual dealers, but if you either watch the adverts. or insert one yourself, your requirements will be soon met. I think Red-rump and Many-colour Parrakeets would suit you as well as any. Both species are larger than Cockatiels, and the Many-colours are the smaller of the two. You could also keep a pair of Red Rosella Parrakeets. I have found these very suitable with other species, but they are practically double the size of Cockatiels. You could also keep Black-cheek, Madagascar, and Blue-wing Lovebirds in your aviary—you have room for all.

Food for Songster (Alice).—A mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. In addition, give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture two parts each hemp, inga, black rape, and teazle, and one part each maw, gold of pleasure and millet. Give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar once a week, or a few crumbs of sponge cake, or plain crushed biscuit, or ordinary egg food. You may give these last-named in rotation, one each week, to make more variety. Give a little green daily in summer, and in winter when this is not fit for use substitute a little fruit or raw carrot.

Long-tailed Glossy Starlings (A.J.C.P.).—More than one species of Glossy Starling has been bred in captivity, and if you have a pair of this handsome species I should certainly give them an opportunity of doing so. As regards Blue-bonnet Parrakeets and other species, too, for that matter, if you have a true pair they should certainly settle down and breed in such an enclosure, but all Parrakeet breeders are compelled to admit that mostly they take a "cussed" long time to think about it, and patience is often severely tried. There is no reason why the Cuban Finches should not breed in the same aviary as Diamond Finches, but here again I must confess that very small success has come the way of those who have attempted to breed this species; this, however, only acts as an inducement for greater effort. Many thanks for appreciative remarks.

Budgerigars not Breeding (P.R.J.).—You cannot improve on the diet given in your booklet, but at this period of the year, when it is plentiful, give them as much seeding (flowering) grass as they will eat. In addition to this Canary and white millet seed, also millet sprays, and a few oats are all that they require. Also keep them supplied with water, grit and cuttlefish. Apart from this, you can only exercise patience; they will, I should say, settle down and breed before the year is out—they practically breed all the year round, except when moulting. Keep them in a light and airy position, not a draughty one, nor yet a hot one. I think you can safely leave them to themselves as to husk choosing; they will chase each other, but once they settle down much of this will disappear.

What Bird? ("Talking Bird.").—It is simply barbarous cruelty to cut birds' tongues, and it will not increase their talking capacity one iota. The only method is to first tame it, then keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach them by the constant repetition of short phrases or single words; it is best to keep on one till it is learned, and not run through a number at once. As to whether they are a talking species or what they are I cannot attempt to say till you describe their size, colouration, etc.

An Aged Cockatoo (Cinder).—It is by no means unusual for a Cockatoo to visit the coal vase and chew up a piece occasionally; in fact, almost daily, and I don't anticipate any harm from yours taking a little cinder. All Cockatoos, while in full health and vigour, have the powdery bloom in or on their feathers—it is natural to them. Now the time for genial weather has come, I should spray this bird frequently, that is every two or three days, with tepid water, and keep it out of draught till dry. While it will take no harm from chewing up a little cinder, I should not permit it to have access to same ad lib. Many thanks for your good wishes.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F.J.W.S.—Your birds are, and have for a long time been, suffering from a contagious disease, or bacterial disease, the contagious element being taken in during the act of feeding, food or water possibly becoming contaminated by the excreta of diseased birds. The trouble you say has been existing for a very long time; this I can quite understand, for the longer its continuance, the more severe becomes the disease, owing to the microbe gaining in virulency whilst undergoing passage from bird to bird. You will, of course, understand what I mean by the word "contagious"; it does not carry the same meaning as "infectious," the latter indicating that the causal microbe is carried in the air, and the former that actual contact by direct or indirect means is its mode of spreading, although at the same time many infectious diseases are similarly contagious. The bird you sent me was rapidly undergoing decomposition. The bowels were badly inflamed, the lungs were both similarly affected, and there were hæmorrhages on the surface of the brain—all symptoms indicative of contagious disease. You must look upon your aviary as a diseased area, and introduce no more birds into it until you have remedied the present evil; disinfection must be thorough and complete, at the same time removing a layer of the earth flooring. If possible, remove your birds to another aviary, or temporary place until the other is rendered habitable. It is difficult for me to prescribe for you without knowing the number of remaining birds; if you will do this, I will at once help you.

W. A. Broadley.—Death in the case of Yorkshire hen was accidental, due to the obstruction in the oviduct, with consequent rupture of a perfectly-formed egg, the contents of which had escaped into the body cavity. This was not a post mortem accident, for the surrounding tissues gave evidence of this having existed previously. From the history of your prior losses, I should conclude you have contagious disease amongst your birds. The death of the hen is but a coincidence, and has no connection whatever with your other losses.

Mrs. Cottrell-Dormer.—The Chinese Painted hen Quail died of double pneumonia. In all other respects it was quite healthy, nor was there any evidence of anything pointing to contagion. The recent variation in temperature due to sudden weather changes, is quite sufficient to bring about this affection.

T.H.—Your birds are suffering from a contagious disease of microbic origin. The cock Canary you sent me had an enlarged, fatty liver, inflammation of the proventriculus (true stomach), and in part the bowels. There were also hæmorrhages on the surface of the liver, and the spleen was enlarged. Each symptom is a part of a contagious disease, and is possibly an auto-infection, as in the case of "F.J.W.S.," which read. Have you introduced any fresh birds lately into your bird room? I should like to know a little more detail. Your diet I can find no fault with, nor is the disease, in my opinion, a dietetic one, but due to contagion only.

W.S.L. ("B'ham.").—No, it is not necessarily a bad sign in young birds, but would prove suspicious in adults. No need to apologise for lengthy report: it is often a considerable help in the elucidation of disease. Your method of feeding is good, and leaves nothing to be desired. Your birds are very forward, and reflect great credit on a beginner. The young Canary was, if anything, a little too robust, and doing perhaps a little too well. Death arose from cerebral hæmorrhage, evidenced by a large blood clot on the brain, probably induced by sudden fright or undue excitement, and was unavoidable. As you are again continuing the egg food, it would be a good plan to give the magnesia a little more frequently. Keep your young birds in a warm place, and free from draughts, as the present windy weather is very trying for them.

R. F. Wilton.—The young cock Canary died of acute pneumonia, induced by the present spell of cold, windy and damp weather. You need not feel alarmed, for there is nothing infectious. The present weather is most critical for young birds, even though well housed. You must keep your remaining birds warm, and feed liberally until the weather becomes settled. Should you have another ill from same cause, at once place it in the warm for a few days; artificial heat is very beneficial in such cases.

Richard Anderton.—Death arose from apoplexy or a congested state of the lungs, with hæmorrhage and consequent collapse from loss of blood. It sometimes occurs in healthy, robust birds, cock birds particularly, as in this case, and death in a manner is accidental. The same thing might have occurred even under its owner's care, so that you need feel no anxiety on this account. He gave every appearance of having been well fed, and properly kept. Excitement or sudden fright is occasionally accountable, but I have known it often occur irrespective of such causes.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Mealworm Breeding (H. E. Rose, S. H. Love, Ilex, etc.).—We are this week reprinting Mr. Houlton's advice upon mealworm breeding, and no doubt in it you will find all the information you need.

Illustrated Ideas (F. A. Phillips, E. Binding).—We will inquire whether our artist has your "ideas" waiting their turn. (G. V. Souter).—We have given a very similar idea before. (E. Harrison).—We are afraid that the average fancier would find it beyond his powers to make this.

Sketches (H. Dawson).—Thanks; will see what we can do to illustrate this ingenious arrangement.

A Suggestion (G. R. Ashman).—We are very much indebted to you for this excellent suggestion, which shall be carried into effect.

A Leeds Contest (Vox Populi).—It has always been against our rules to publish criticism of judge's decisions where no dishonest motive for them is alleged; and you say that you do not wish to impute any. Judging is in any case only the expression of a personal opinion; further, the judge is the final arbiter, and no amount of letter writing can affect the situation once his awards have been made.

Illustrations of Parrots (Pierre).—"Illustrations of the Family of Psittacidæ," by Lear, was published in 1832, so your only chance of getting a copy would seem to be through the dealers in old or secondhand books. The author was a painter, and his plates have been much praised for their fidelity to nature and artistry. Probably the price of the work is high.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.A.—June 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of Canaries for novices.—W. Richinson.

Ardwick C.B.S.—June 7, Onward Hall, 8. F.F. Show business, etc., commencing early.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—June 7. P.S.A. rooms, 8. General business and open question night; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—June 7, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Nest Feather Schedule and nominations.—Elliott and Wood.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 4, Bord Inn, 7. Stewards for F.F. Show, and judge for annual show. — M. Crosby.

Brighouse C.B.S.—June 7, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bournemouth C.B.S.—June 8, Headquarters, 8. To arrange schedule for Annual Show.—W. O. Brooke.

Bolton O.S.—June 6, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. To discuss Cage Bird Union.—H. Parkinson.

Bradford East O.S.—June 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for July F.F. Show, etc.—H. Hill.

Batley O.F.S.—June 4, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Classes for F.F. Show, and other business; all members please attend.—G. G. Stafford.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 6, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Mr. J. Robson's lecture on the Norwich Canary; fanciers cordially invited.—A. C. Askew.

Chester C.B.F.A.—June 7, Nags Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Nest feather business; pay subscriptions; consideration of rules.—J. Swindley.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 9, Beunett's Tea Rooms, 8 o'clock. To decide if the society gives any medals and to what classes. Members' subs. are due. Show, July 2nd.—J. Southworth.

Crewe O.S.—June 7, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. Young Stock and Open Shows, Society's ramble; members' subs. now due.—T. L. Hancocks.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 4, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Discussion on the Cinnamon-marked Canary will be opened by Mr. P. Mason, of Windhill; fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

Consett, Blackhill C.B.S. — June 4, Corporation Buildings, 7.30. Young Stock Show.—H. J. Smith.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 7, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 7.30. Young Bird Show, Brit. and For. birds; judges, Messrs. Heath and C. T. Maxwell; admission free.—W. Hodson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—June 4, McGillivray's, 7. Final arrangements of Nest Feather Show and ramble (11th June).—R. Camphell.

Darlington C.B.S. — June 8, Half-Moon Inn, 8. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and judges for open show.—H. Todd.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 4, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Classification of schedule for Nest Feather Show, etc.; subscriptions overdue, etc.—W. Hinchliffe.

Denton C.B.S.—June 6, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on colour-feeding, by H. Fairclough, also half-year night, and arrangements for picnic.—W. Hopwood.

East Ham F.S.—June 6, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Election of chairman; rep fund committee's report; A.O.B.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 4, White Hart Inn, Eccleshill, 8. Members' show arrangements.—W. Nettleton.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—A. Holden.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—June 10, Clarendon Hall, 8. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. C. C. Campbell.—W. Proudfoot.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. — June 9, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, E. Greenwich, 8. Fix date for Annual Show.—H. R. Hearn.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—June 9, Wadsworth View, 8 Show business. S. Mathers.

Hull C.B.S.—June 6, Oddfellows Hall, 8. First Nest Feather Show; judges, Messrs. T. Perkins and Calam.—E. R. Ridley.

Hamilton (C.C.) O.S.—June 4, Lesser Town Hall, 6.30. Table show, F.F.; judge, Mr. Reid (Glasgow).—A. Cant.

Halifax O.S.—June 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. A. Ross will read a paper written by Messrs. Mallinson and Son, of Huddersfield, on the Cinnamon-marked Canary; all welcome. J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 4, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 6, Methodist Schoolroom, 8.—R. Greensmith.

Hyson Green (Notts) C.B.S.—June 7, Cricket Players, 8.—W. Cottingham.

Kent County C.B.A.—June 8, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.30. Patronage, correspondence, and general.—G. Sanderson.

Longton C.B.S.—June 7, Castle Inn, 8. Arranging schedule for open show; discussion on colour feeding, and making new members.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—June 6, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. F.F. show business, etc.—F. Rackham.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—June 4, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, 6. Special business.—J. Rukin.

Leadgate C.B.S.—June 4, Church Square Hall, 7.30. —J. A. Turnbull.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 8, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms for forthcoming show; also new rule books.—P. Hart.

Leyton C.B.A.—June 4, Constitutional Club, High Road. F.F. show, open at 4.30.—Forse and Son.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 11, Mason's Arms, Loanhead, 7. Consider F.F. show.—W. B. Smart.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show of Brit., entries close 7.30; judge, Mr. J. Bretherton, medal most points novice; see schedule of night shows; also good list of specials.—F. E. Hawkes.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Show business; fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 4, Lockhart's, Briggate. Birds staged 7. F.F. Table Show; classes: 2 Yorks, 2 Nor., 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Lin., 1 Gold., 1 A.O.V. Brit.; judge Mr. W. Hornby, 4 half-crown specials; resignations of hon. sec. and hon. treas.—J. Chambers.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—June 7, White Swan, Market Place, 7.15. Lecture by Mr. E. Noakes; distribution of medals.—J. E. Wood.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—June 11, Crown Hotel, 8. Arrangements for next pic-nic.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—June 4, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Time of staging birds for F.F. show, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 6, Old Boar's Head, 8. Y.B. show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—June 9, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Show rules, F.F. show business, entry forms and schedules.—H. Wallworth.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 4, Darix's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. To fix date for members' show; will every fancier make an effort to attend?—G. Yeo.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—June 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Northern Y.C.C.—June 8, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Nest feather table show; judge, Mr. G. S. Ellwood; election of new members; other business.—T. C. Crawhall.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—June 6, Headquarters, 8. F.F. show and purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Partick C.B.S.—June 3, Trades Hall, Anderson, St., Partick, 8. Usual business and discussion on the proposed Open Association.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 13, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Motion to abandon show, etc.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—June 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Questions and answers.—J. C. Birch.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 7, Baptist School, S.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—June 6, Club, 8.30. Election of judge F.F. show.—J. Butterworth.

Shipley O.S.—June 4, Prince of Wales Hotel. Members' show, birds to be staged by 2 o'clock latest; entries Friday morning.—H. Martin.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—June 7, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting, regarding members' show.—S. Edmondson.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—June 4, Institute, 7.30. Date for F.F. show, etc.—J. Pickering.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 11, Fawcett Street Cafe, Table show, F.F., 8 classes, 3d. per cage; entries taken from 5.30 p.m.; judging commences at 6 p.m.; important announcement after show.—W. Reid.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 6, Commercial Hotel, 8. Discussion on colour food.—J. Lewis.

Stockton Heath O.S.—June 9, Mr. Moore's (Chemist), Studio, 7.45; new members, correspondence, schedules for F.F. shows; election of judge; all cordially invited.—J. Bretherton.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—June 11, Royal Oak Tavern, 8. Revising rules; members' subs.; intending members invited.—W. Melvin.

South-West London C.B.S.—June 8, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Young bird show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—June 4, Headquarters, Nest feather show; judge Mr. McGregory.—F. Elliott.

Stockport B.F.A.—June 7, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Show rules and arrangements for F.F. show.—W. Stafford.

S. London Col. & F.A.—June 9, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8. Evening show; fanciers invited.—G. A. Jefferys.

Stratford and East London F.S.—June 9, Headquarters. Election of new members; presentation of points medal; arrangements for cage Birds, etc., show, July 14th; presentation of certificates and prize cards won at last two monthly shows.—W. Maxey.

Treharris F.S.—June 9, Navigation Hotel, 7. Contributions due.—W. J. Davies.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 6, 6, Broadway, 8. Mr. R. L. Crisp on "Yorkshires"; judging competition, young birds bred 1910; final judge, Mr. R. L. Crisp.—H. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 7, Dartmouth Hotel, W.B., 8. Schedules of 1st nest feather show ready.—Jennings and Viles.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—June 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for nest feather show; schedules ready for that night.—J. R. Evans.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—June 4, Blue Bell, Hotel, 8. Winter show business.—Garnett and Cook.

Walkden C.B.S.—June 7, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil St., 8. F.F. show; selecting judge.—H. Howard.

West of Scotland Club.—June 4, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30.—G. Smart.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for rambles, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

Wandsworth F.S.—June 9, Red Lion, 8. Judging competitions; judges, Messrs. H. P. Bayliss and J. Clark.—W. Lightfoot.

West Auckland C.B.S.—June 4, Talbot Hotel, 7 To settle about the drawing.—J. Gill.

Correspondence.

Two Chicks from One Egg.

SIR,—I should like to know if any of your readers have had two birds hatch from one egg? I may say that I have had three eggs this year with two chicks in each egg. None of them have got away from the shell, having apparently died the day before hatching. If possible, I should like a reader to let me know the reason of this through the medium of your valuable paper, from which I have gathered much useful information.

C. W. LILL.

How are Close and Compact Tails Obtained?

SIR,—I have been keeping birds for the last 12 years as a hobby, and for the last two years I have gone in for showing or exhibiting (Border fancies). I started exhibiting publicly last year, and after going to the show, I was disappointed to see the tails of my birds lacking very much, being too wide as compared with the winners. The tails of the winners were close and compact. I have tried hard to get the tails of my birds the same, but I have failed. As a novice, I shall be immensely obliged if any fancier will kindly help me. How can I get the tails of the birds close and compact?

NOVICE.

Experiences of Canary Breeding.

SIR,—The "Jeromo" pattern breeding cage, as far as my experience goes, is one of the best for the purpose of breeding Canaries. Being open wired, it is easily kept clean, the birds get plenty of air, and to protect them from too strong a light, I have found it a good plan to hang a linen cloth over one end of the cage and let it extend along the front and back as far as the board which forms the nursery, so that it is not too dark, and the hen sits in comfort in subdued light. Then the upper side doors enable a small, well-sanded tin tray (the lid of a box answers admirably for the purpose) to be placed under the nest each morning, and this without frightening the young, so that they are easily kept clean; and as I have two trays for each cage, I am also able to give the birds a clean floor with the greatest expedition and ease, and it avoids being too long near the cage or disturbing the hen. This I do twice a week during the breeding season. I am an advocate for the wire-frame nests, which I line with felt, and since using them, have had no trouble with red mite. The board which forms the floor of the nursery is, I consider, one of the great advantages of the "Jerome" cage, as, should any young be thrown out of the nest, they cannot fall far, consequently are less liable to be injured, and they can easily hop to it when first leaving the nest. When the breeding season is over, it can readily be removed and the cage used as a flight. Last year, with two pairs of birds, I reared twenty healthy young, only allowing the old birds three nests each. All moulted well and were in splendid condition through the winter. Before closing, I will add, they were reared on Hartz Mountain bread, with fresh groundsel three or four times a day, and, of course, the usual seed. Trusting my experiences may be useful.

A. G. B.

[The "Jerome" pattern open wire breeding cage is, we believe, sold by many of the large advertisers using our columns.—Editor.]

The Hand-rearing of Hawfinches

SIR,—I read with interest "Salopian's" letter in your issue of May 14 respecting the hand-rearing of Hawfinches; and I have been awaiting a reply from one of your numerous readers. As, however, none seems to be forthcoming, I venture to draw "Salopian's" attention to the fact that in the issue of CAGE BIRDS dated May 2, 1908, there appears an article upon the Hawfinch, by Mr. S. Hakes, which I have found to be very useful. Perhaps, sir, you may see your way to reprint that part of it which deals with the hand-rearing of the species; I feel sure your correspondent will find it very useful and a sufficient answer to his questions.

——— JAS. POWNEY.

The section of the article referred to we have pleasure in reprinting. It is as follows:—

"Take the young Hawfinches when 11 days old. If you find them older, and they scuttle out of the nest, go to where they are seen to drop, and you will discover them in a sitting position with their mouths open. They will not move for hours from the spot where they drop. Now you have got them, get them home the best way you can, perhaps in a camera box, which makes a splendid disguise when nesting. I will give now my method of hand-rearing, which has never failed me for 20 years. To make the food, take 1lb. of hemp seed and 1lb. of Canary seed, and crush separately in a mortar. Next sieve the husks out, and you have about a pound and a half of meal; mix together and put in a tin. Now boil ½ pint of new milk and ½ pint stale breadcrumbs and beat up well. Add two ounces of the above seed, ½ ounce oatmeal, one ounce of hard-boiled egg, ½ ounce peaflower, and mix well together. If a little too stiff, thin it with water. Mix quantity of food, according to number of birds you have. Keep it in a cool place, and mix fresh every day. Give three bits each about every hour. Start early in the morning, and slacken off in the middle of the day, then giving the same quantity every two hours. When the young birds are starting to fly, give crushed hemp seed, mixed Parrot food crushed, and don't forget green peas, but don't overdo them at first, or inflammation will follow. If so, give crushed hemp, and Indian wheat steeped in milk. Keep on this diet for about three days, and give milk to drink until the droppings are firm again. Then take care, and look at the cage bottom every night to see they are not scoured. When they are reared and flying about, fanciers will call round to have a look at them. In selecting cocks from hens, the cocks have plenty of yellow on the breast and are black on the short flight feathers; the hens are striped yellow on breasts, and pale blue on short flights."

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I have been interested recently in the correspondence regarding a washable distemper. I noticed in your last issue that Mr. Robins mentioned "Walpamur" as a distemper which could be varnished. If this preparation was better known among bird fanciers I think it would be much more extensively used. I have used it for the inside of my own breeding cages, and can say from experience that it will stand any amount of hot water and soap without peeling off, whether varnished or not. It is the best preparation I have come across. As regards expense, it is put up in 7lb. tins at 2s. 6d. each, but it can be procured in lesser quantities from any oil stores where it is in regular use. It is considerably cheaper than enamel; it goes further, and is non-poisonous.

C. W. LILL.

Stockton Heath and District O.S.

SIR.—At a meeting held May 22nd, it was resolved to convene a special general meeting of members of the Stockton Heath and Dis. O.S., to be held on Thursday, June 9th [see Club Notices in this issue]. It was decided that Mr. J. Bretherton be elected secretary. The Fancy in this district is in a rapidly growing condition, and we make a special appeal to all who have not yet joined us to do so at once. We are now arranging for the first feather shows; also drawing up a special agenda for meeting nights. Our Society is open to all, and the secretary will be pleased to furnish particulars. It was also decided that Mr. T. F. Moss be elected chairman. We have a good list of members and patrons, so we are going to make things "hum" a bit up here. We finished up last year very satisfactorily. Will fanciers please make a note of the meeting?

JAMES BRETHERTON, Sec.

7, Farrell Road, Stockton Heath, near Warrington.

A Green Border Section for the Green Canary Association.

SIR,—At a well-attended meeting held on May 26th, and called to discuss the above question, it was decided to accept the Green Borders; and this variety having been taken into the Association, it is hoped that fanciers and exhibitors will come forward from all parts of the country and join the Association, which has for its object the advancement of the Green Canary. A silver cup will be offered for competition throughout the coming show season, together with cash specials, and a gold medal. It is also probable that other specials will be provided. It only remains to be said that no stone will be left unturned in an endeavour to make a success of the undertaking. The annual subscription is only 2s. 6d., and the secretary will be pleased to receive the names of applicants for membership between now and June 22nd, so that they can be brought up at the June meeting; together with any suggestions tending to benefit the variety. What is required is a good send off. Lovers of the "wee gem" have now a splendid opportunity of popularising their favourites. Grasp this opportunity with both hands, and its success is assured. Societies willing to put classes on at their shows should make application to the secretary, and same will receive every consideration. List closes July 16th. Secretaries please note. A meeting will shortly be held to arrange the details, and the result will be announced through CAGE BIRDS.

GEO. GREEN, Sec.

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The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—It was with surprise on reading the discussion on the above in last week's issue that I noticed Mr. Oldham's statement that my bird was disqualified at Middleton Show in December. I must admit that it was at the bottom of the class, receiving only hc, but when it comes to saying that it was disqualified, I think it time I wrote and said that up to the present time I have never had an exhibit disqualified, and I think I have shown and won more than any Lancashire exhibitor these last two or three years. I did not intend to write at all on this question, as to me it seems a waste of time, because not one of the writers of the letters on the above subject has enlightened anyone, as we are where we were when it started. They seem to lose sight of the fact that others have won with the same type of bird at both Rochdale Shows, Manchester, Nottingham, etc. But perhaps they will look round next season at them all, and that they will find them I am certain. I shall not reply to any of the letters till I see that the writers know what they are writing about, and have the courage to mention that I am not the only one by half-a-dozen who has been "on the bench" with these birds this last season.

WM. ADAMS.

P.S.—Since writing the above letter I have found my catalogue of Middleton Show, which I enclose to you to prove that I am correct in my statement as regards any disqualification of the bird in question, which was in the members' section, class 17 (Lancs., Coppy, any variety), and was No. 1, and stood at the bottom with a "highly commended" card.—W.A.

SIR,—I am sure most of your readers are of opinion that Mr. Fuller has missed his avocation. Just fancy what a price he could have commanded if he had hired himself to one of the political parties to tour the country with a van! I have known Ted Fuller for many years as a hard hitter, and one who does not mind receiving a hard knock from anyone who will come in front. He was not trained in that school which teaches that speech was given to man to hide his thoughts. I am not an apologist for Mr. Fuller, and I hold no brief for him. I am inclined to think he would be a client hard to keep in hand. In this discussion there has been a lot said which might have been left out, perhaps; but no harm has been done. It appears to me Mr. Fuller's intention when writing to you was to draw attention to birds not of the true Lancashire type being placed in the money at important shows, and mentioned one bird in particular, and two capable judges. I did not notice that his letter challenged the capabilities of either of the judges; I think the opposite. But he thought the judges had made a mistake in that particular instance. The owner of the bird had stated the same. My name has been mentioned more than once during the controversy about the type of the Lancashire, and two standards have been published side by side, giving the points allotted for special properties in the bird. The first standard is the one I made, and does not differ very much from the second or later one drawn up by a committee. In the original standard five points were given for wings meeting at tips; that was to encourage a good wing carriage. Five points went for quality of feather. The Lancashire has a type of feather differing from other Canaries, and five points were allowed for colour. A brighter coloured Canary looks better than a dull one, and a Lancashire, clear or slightly ticked, is better than a variegated one. The new standard knocked off all the points I have mentioned, and allows a Lancashire with very badly crossed wings to be as good as another with the best of wings. Quality of feather is ignored, and colour has gone. I am not discussing the advisability, or wisdom, of altering the standard; I only mention it in order to draw attention to what has become of the points or marks taken away for those qualities. Out of a total of 100 points I gave 25 to head, or coppy; 20 marks for length of bird, and 10 for upstanding position. The newer standard say 30 points for head, or coppy; 25 for length and substance, with 15 marks for upstanding position and type. I had originally put down 25 points for length, but when the draft copy of the standard was placed before the members it was suggested that too much stress should not be placed on the length and size of the bird at that time, as it would discourage many a younger breeder who had not got hold of the big ones; and our late friend, Mr. Stanley Robinson, moved a reduction of the number of the points for the reason stated. The present standard having gone five points better for coppy, the same for length and substance and upstanding position, one would conclude that a bird to win should excel more than ever in the particular properties that the Association has seen fit to further emphasize as the special characteristics which distinguish the Lancashire Canary. Was Mr. Fuller wrong when he drew attention to a certain bird winning that could not score by those properties the specialist club had said a winner should possess? During the discussion we have read about some persons speaking or writing about the Lancashire Canary who have little experience as successful breeders and exhibitors. There is not much in an argument of that kind in a newspaper controversy. Breeding is more or less of a lottery; accommodations and circumstances of environment in various ways conduce to or tell against successful rearing for exhibition. One person possesses better powers of observation than another, and can more quickly note points and properties about birds and animals. It does not necessarily follow that because a person is old in the Fancy he can judge birds better than a younger fancier. The older one has the advantage of experience; and if he has made use of his opportunities he should know more and judge better. I have digressed from the subject only to draw the attention of correspondents to the fact that there is no argument here, nor any need for reference to the length of time a man may have been a breeder and exhibitor, whether successful or not. I have had some experience as a breeder, exhibitor, reporter, and judge of Lancashires, and know the difficulties surrounding all the departments. Judging is the most trying of all of them, if done conscientiously. I notice a remark of Mr. Garner's to the effect that a judge cannot follow rules; this remark seems to startle Mr. Oldham. In forty years' experience of attending shows of various kinds I have never yet seen the judges engaged with pencil and paper figuring up points—allowing so many for this and knocking off a number for that. The standard at its best is only to act as a guide to which the judge must pay attention. To argue, as some do sometimes, that a judge must follow a hard and fast rule and a set of figures is wrong. It would not do in practice. I remember Mr. Jos. Bexson, one of the best judges, being faced with a bird deformed and crippled on one foot. He put it up. Someone grumbled about this and said it ought never to have had a card. Joe answered that if the bird had no foot at all it was the best Lancashire in the class, and asked what the standard said about a crippled foot. No man can judge Lancashires just according to a written standard. That Lancashires are improving there should be no doubt in anyone's mind. Some think otherwise, but they are like the old soldiers who fight their battles over again for the entertainment of the company over pint pots. They did fight in those days, and they did breed Lancashires. The judg[illegible] it was, and there are quite as many capable of judging and every bit as honest. We are getting a more level type of Lancashire. The Crest properties are disappearing, and nothing does more to help in driving it off the Lancashire show bench than a good heated discussion such as the one we have been having lately; it will remind all who judge Lancashires that the two associations that specialise in Lancashires are determined to keep the type to what it should be, and any judge who gets far away from it must expect to hear from somebody. Exhibitors will pardon me for putting in a word for the judge. I have said the judge cannot follow a hard and fast rule, but will be guided by the standard. A judge is compelled by the nature of his office to give his awards, and in coming to conclusions he has many more things and points to weigh up than most exhibitors seem to be aware of. A bird may have a perfect coppy and have length and substance. These two properties carry more than half of the whole points. The bird might be entirely out of condition and very dirty, yet, according to rule, only 10 points could be knocked off for those faults. However well a judge knew the standard, he would hardly put such a bird in the money under any circumstances. Another exhibit may have all the good points except a roughness behind the coppy. For that roughness someone would say the bird should be put down. I would not discard the bird for that fault alone. The fact of its having the Lancashire body, feather, and position as it stood on the perch would be conclusive proof to me that there was not much Crest blood showing in such a specimen. I know too well how the roughness can be produced behind the coppy, and how easy it is to conclude that every bird that does not possess the proper one has been bred from Crests. You published a good plate of Lancashires some time ago. Space will not allow me to touch the Lizard question at present, but I have not forgotten some of the points that have been mentioned, and may find time with your permission to put in a bit for the spangled ones.

S. R. COMPSTON.

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Hen which Bite Off Young Birds' Toes.

SIR,—As I am a lover of birds I have tried my hand at breeding, but with bad results considering my last year's success, I am only able to manage one pair, as I have no time to attend to more. Well, the hen laid and hatched four fine youngsters, but to my grief five days later I found all the young birds' toes were bitten off. Is this a rare case? I should like to hear from any other fanciers whether they have experienced the same.

G. BAILEY.

The Battersea Open C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—Allow me to thank "Visitor" and "Dark Mule" for their kind wishes and promises for our future shows. I am sure Mr. Easterling will do his best in the matter. Although we welcome any correspondence on the point raised by "Visitor," I am sorry to see the only too frequently adopted method of wandering away from the point at issue. "Other Societies" and "sight influence" are out of the question. I hope "Visitor" will be rewarded by first prize, and I also hope "Dark Mule" will moult out a better specimen, and take a first and special at Battersea's next show.

W. J. HONEYSETT.
Chairman, Battersea Open C.B.A.

Green Food or No Green Food?

SIR,—Could any fancier tell me if it would be safe in the breeding of Canaries and Mules, when the old birds are feeding young, to give no green food at all, only seed and egg food? I had a pair of Norwich Canaries last year; they hatched two young ones, and when these were three days old they had a little chickweed given to them twice a day. Young died when about a week old. The old birds gave them too much green food, till the poor little things fairly burst open; they hardly got any egg food.

ERNEST FOLKARD.

[It may interest Mr. Folkard to know that one of my own hens (a 1909 Norwich Plainhead) is at this moment rearing young without any green food, which she leaves absolutely untouched, using only egg food and seed. This is the first case of its kind to come to my notice. The young are fat, healthy, and on the point of leaving the nest. I have, on the other hand, had many hens successfully rear fine broods on little else but seeding green food (chickweed, shepherd's-purse, etc.). —Editor.]

Proposed New Open Cage Bird Association for Glasgow.

SIR,—Re Mr. Bowman's letter in your last week's issue, I noticed an item: "To avoid clashing with any other club's date it was finally decided to hold a show on Friday and Saturday, January 13th and 14th, 1911"; and after I read the contents of the letter I thought that those fanciers who were present at the meeting were very much absent-minded to say that they couldn't keep mind of one of the last, but not the least, Bathgate, which has been held on that same date for the last five years, when I was first appointed secretary.

R. BALD,
Secretary, Bathgate and Dist. C.B.S.

SIR,—A general meeting of fanciers interested in the new Association (the Glasgow and District C.B.A.) will be held on Tuesday next, June 7th, in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow Cross, at 8 p.m. Business: Rules, classification, etc. Membership cards will be on sale at the meeting, or may be had at any time, from the secretary or members of committee. A good attendance is requested.

FRED. BOWMAN, Sec.

Proposed Specialist Norwich Canary Club in the North.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS last week a letter by Mr. Curry re the formation of a Specialist Club for Norwich in the North. I should be glad if you would allow me to point out that I do not consider there is any necessity for the suggested club, as the Norwich Plainhead Club (of which I am secretary) is open for any Northern fancier to join, and was formed with the intention of its being the Specialist Club for Norwich Plainhead breeders in every part of the United Kingdom. The Norwich Plainhead Club caters as well for the Northern fancier as for the Midland fancier, but I am sorry to say that for some reason or other we have not many members in the North, although we have granted our patronage to shows in their district; and about 12 months ago (when the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club was disbanded) I wrote to as many Northern Norwich fanciers as I could get on the track of, and asked them to join the N.P.C., but with very poor results. Personally, I do not think that the suggested club would be a success, as in my opinion it is an impossibility to run a Specialist Club and give decent specials on a subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum, unless there are a large number of members, more, I think, than would join the suggested club. My only object in writing this letter is to suggest that instead of forming a new club Mr. Curry and the other gentlemen who have approached him, together with every other Norwich Plainhead fancier in the North, should join the N.P.C., and so strengthen and uphold the old club, and I have no hesitation in saying that if they do this they will not regret it, as they will get more satisfaction and greater benefits than they will by proceeding with the suggested new club. We have, I can safely say, one of the best lists of specials it is possible to have, and we cater equally as well for the amateur as for the champion. On behalf of the N.P.C., therefore, I offer a hearty welcome to every Norwich breeder, no matter in what part of the country he resides, and shall only be too pleased to send him full particulars.

JNO. HOPKINS.

The Breeding of "Mules" from Mules.

SIR,—In your issue of April 30 a correspondent stated that he had bred some Mules from a Mule Linnet. I am very pleased to hear it. I have myself bred some Mules from a Mule. I have a Goldfinch-Canary hen, which would not breed with a Canary. I tried a Linnet with her with which she paired up. She had two eggs, and both came off on May 13, and they are getting on all right. But I had to take the Linnet away on account of his being so cruel to the young. Now they are both getting on all right with the hen. If any of your readers living anywhere near me wish to see my birds and will write and let me know, I will make arrangements with them.

A. BARDRICK.
16, Appleford Road, Westbourne Park, W.

A New Society for Chopwell and District.

SIR,—A meeting was held on May 28th to form the Chopwell and District Fanciers' Society for Cage Birds, etc. J. English, Esq., was asked and consented to become President of the Society; Mr. H. Griffiths, chairman; Mr. W. Carr, treasurer; and Mr. J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Ebchester, R.S.O., Co. Durham, secretary. It was moved and seconded that we hold our first show on October 8th. Moved and seconded that the subscription be 2s. 6d. per year. I might say that we have got the football pavilion free of charge in which to hold our meetings. We have started our society with fifteen members and ten vice-presidents. Will all fanciers and those interested in the new society kindly attend the next meeting, to be held in football pavilion on Saturday, June 11th? All communications and enquiries to be made to me.

JOS. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

Bird Life in Peckham Rye Park.

SIR,—May I advise any of your readers who have not already done so, to take an early opportunity of having a walk round Peckham Rye Park. During the last few years I have visited most of the parks in London, but I do not think there is one which can compare with Peckham for its wealth of bird life. The ground on which this park is situated is heavily timbered, and was for many years private property. Since the park has been laid out a lot of alterations have been made, but a large proportion has been left in its natural state and forms an ideal home for the birds. In the early morning especially the park is full of song, and to anyone who knows where to look for them, a large variety of British birds can be seen. I recently had an opportunity of walking through the park early one morning. After crossing the Rye I entered by the gate opposite the bandstand. This brings us to the lake, where a large number of ducks, etc., are taking their morning dip. I noticed a large number of youngsters, some evidently only recently hatched, who, despite the cold and wet weather, seemed strong and healthy. Leaving the lake on the left, I entered a path where the ground has been left in its natural state. The wild parsley was a mass of bloom, and the trees, which are very thick here, were covered with blossom. Lilac, hawthorn, and chestnuts made a fine show, and the place teemed with bird life. Blackbirds and Thrushes could be seen by the dozen, and the song of the Linnet and Chaffinch could be heard in all directions. Several Robins were hopping about, and the Wood Pigeons were busy on the tops of the trees. Two stately Peacocks crossed the path further along, and at another place a pair of Golden Pheasants were after breakfast. The Moorhens seem to prefer the grass to the water, as they can be seen a considerable distance from the lake. The humble Sparrow is naturally very much to the fore, and his impudence in snatching the bread thrown to the ducks is most amusing. Altogether a walk round is most instructing, and to anyone interested in birds forms a very pleasant morning's recreation.

S. STEPHENS.

Egg-laying Records of Bullfinch Hens.

SIR,—Would you be kind enough to ask your advisory expert on British birds, Mr. G. E. Weston, if he will state a few records of the laying qualities of Bullfinches while in captivity. I myself had the unfortunate "luck" to have a Bullie hen laying 43 eggs in one year, and 34 the following year. Afterwards it died from sheer exhaustion. While last year I had another Bullie hen lay 32 eggs, and she died also. Of course, such laying qualities as these are held to be out of the question by some of the old experts in this district (Bathgate), and that is the reason I am asking you, sir, to state a few such egg-laying records which other fanciers have had from the same species of bird.

WM. SHARP.

(My own "record" is held by a British hen Bullie, which laid in one season 29 eggs; she commenced with two regular clutches of five eggs each, then laid almost daily on the cage floor until she had presented me with the aforementioned number. Her greatest unbroken run (one egg daily) was seven. She was paired to a cock Siskin; all the eggs were unfertile. This hen failed to survive the moult. I have had a hen Bullie lay nine eggs on nine successive days (a Siberian). I see no reason to question Mr. Sharp's figures; indeed, I have heard of hen Bullies exceeding fifty eggs in a season, but cannot vouch for the accuracy of the statement. Perhaps other readers will give their experiences.—G. E. WESTON.)

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be?

SIR,—When Mr. MacPartling tells the Newcastle Society how many were present at the executive meeting, which decided their case versus Lister, I will give him a full reply to his letter. Meanwhile, mutual recriminations can do no good either to the writers or to the cause of reconstructing the Union, which your correspondents seem to have forgotten in the hope of covering up its past misdeeds and omissions.

THOS. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—As a recommendation for the strengthening of the Cage Bird Union, I believe a central Council to be necessary to give that adhesiveness required in a large and scattered body. Let the local societies around the headquarters of the Union (at present in Manchester) collectively elect six fanciers to form this body, nominations to be sent to the general secretary (within 30 days), who shall then send a list of the names to the elective societies to choose therefrom the six required Councilmen, such candidates as do not receive a clear majority over all the others to be re-voted on. Possibly the election can be accomplished in less than thirty days. To this Council the representatives shall be elected from the several districts as at present, the chairman or secretary (who may not be the representative) to attend Council meeting as substitute in the interests of such district when the representative cannot be present. The local Councilmen to meet fortnightly to advise the secretary and forward the interests of the Union.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

A Northern Federation.

SIR,—I must protest against Mr. Robson's misrepresentations in his letter of this week re the above matter. I did not ask anyone to stand for secretary of the Northern Federation, but I did ask Mr. Storey if, in the event of a Northern Federation being formed, he would be willing to act in that capacity, as I had been approached by Mr. Thos. Taylor, secretary of Gateshead C.B.S., as to the advisability of forming one. I stated then, as I did at the Newcastle Commitee meeting, that I did not think it possible to work one, but if it was the general wish for one I would give it all the help I could. I also stated my opinion as to what it should do to be a success; but I saw so many difficulties ahead that I could not advise it. My only object in proposing a general meeting of all Northern fanciers was that if it had to be formed to do any good this coming show season, it should be done at once and not left until too late to get it into working order. Mr. Robson does not say that I asked Mr. Brunskill to act as secretary, yet from the wording of his letter that inference has been taken as his meaning by some people; such an absurd notion never entered my head. Darlington is no centre for the Tyne and district. I am not the originator of the idea. Mr. Hutchinson proposed, and Mr. Robson seconded, an amendment (which was carried) at a meeting previous to my taking office re a circular letter to Northern societies, in which the following occurs: "If they decide to resign from the Union, then the question of establishing a Northern Union can be considered." Is that an answer to your question, Mr. Robson? Please do not try to misrepresent my views again, as over and over again I have said that I am not in favour of a Northern Union at present, though willing to help such an organisation if formed, which is very different to being anxious to form it. And please remember I am not playing cards, but am as anxious as you for the welfare of the Fancy, especially in this district. And also please remember I cannot admit a thing to be unjust and yet advise its acceptance on the plea of loyalty. I shall certainly —in the words of the Scottish bard—stand with my back to the rock and fight with all my strength the black hordes of unjustness, and I believe that they will quail before the light of publicity. All I ask is that when I am quoted I may not be misrepresented.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—I regret to learn that Mr. MacPartling is under the impression that I have something rankling in my mind against him as the representative of No. 1 district, and why he should be under that impression I cannot understand. In my letters to CAGE BIRDS, I have only alluded to him once, and that was not in connection with No. 1 district, but in my remarks upon the constitution of the Executive Council. Even then his name was not mentioned, and as I said at the time, I certainly did not mean to be disrespectful towards him, but merely stated what were known facts. I can assure Mr. MacPartling that I have no animosity against him, for the simple reason that I have no cause for any. On the contrary, I think that some of his intimate friends could tell him that I have always given him credit for being upright and honourable in his actions, and my only cause for regret is that we cannot see eye to eye in regard to C.B.U. matters. If I had had anything against him in the sense that he implies, he would have heard about it before now, he can make quite sure of that. Mr. MacPartling says that he is wise enough to be aware that he knows very little, although he has been in touch with the Fancy for over twenty years. From what I have heard, sir, that fact is well known to many northern fanciers, and why Mr. MacPartling should farther exploit his own ignorance is quite beyond me. Would it not be much better if *he* were to take a few lessons, and Parrot-like, repeat them? Let him, for instance, learn that it appears rather ludicrous for him to write one letter complaining that no one has a good word for the "poor representative," and in the next one to be calling loudly, "Come one, come all, this rock shall fly, etc." Many fanciers, methinks, would go a long way to see Mr. MacPartling dressed in kilts, his back placed against a rock, with his arms full of C.B.U. rules, howling defiance at all opponents of the Cage Bird Union. Further let him learn that this correspondence was begun by the Editor, who invited the opinions of readers as to what causes were responsible for the dwindling away of the Cage Bird Union, and also suggestions for the strengthening of the Union. I gave my reasons, and apparently this has offended Mr. MacPartling. I also offered a suggestion which I thought would be good for the Fancy, and be the means of placing the Union upon a sound basis. Now, sir, instead of Mr. MacPartling indulging in mock heroics, let *him* bring forward a suggestion by means of which a Union could be formed that would be of real benefit to the Fancy; and I am sure that all fanciers will wish that the suggestion may bear fruit. Mr. MacPartling states (sarcastically) that I would have been an important addition to the committee of No. 1 district. It may interest Mr. MacPartling to know that I could, if I had wished, have represented my society on the District Committee for the last two or three years, and the only reason that I did not do so was through (as I told our members) not being quite in accord with the Union, for reasons well known, so I did not feel justified in taking any active part in it. On the other hand, sir, I might inform Mr. MacPartling that, although I have taken no active part in Union matters since the discussion took place in CAGE BIRDS three or four years ago, I have never (in the interval that has elapsed since that and the present discussion), either by word or deed, done anything that could be termed detrimental to the Union, and if Mr. MacPartling had been as consistent in his efforts to make the Union more popular as I have been in my endeavour to allow it a fair trial, perhaps a different tale would have to be told at the present time. Mr. MacPartling harps a great deal on men staying outside to ridicule and condemn the work of better men. There has been no need to ridicule and condemn the work of the Union. The Union has accomplished that for itself. Our object now should be to remove the causes and place the Union beyond ridicule and condemnation. Mr. MacPartling need not look to Sunderland to find the men who are trying to break the Union; there are none here, not even myself. He knows per-

CORRESPONDENCE: continued.

fectly well that to find these men he must look nearer home. Sunderland fanciers have nothing whatever against the Union other than rule 22, and I have no hesitation in saying that many more societies are of our opinion. I firmly believe myself that, if that rule had never been in existence the Union would have been in a flourishing condition to-day, and although Mr. MacPartling once told me personally that the Union could not stand without the rule, I beg to differ with him. I would like it to be clearly understood that I am not in favour of a Northern Federation . With me it must be a National Union or nothing at all, and I quite agree with Mr. Tom Robson, that if a meeting of representatives of the Northern societies be called. it should be for the purpose of reconstructing the Union—in a proper manner, and on popular lines. In refcrence to Mr. Johnson's letter, he evidently, for obvious reasons, prefers to be humorous and sarcastic, rather than undertake the more difficult task of answering my question. I quite understand what he means in regard to Mr. Crawhall's case, and I quite agree with him as to the expressions one would have heard if Mr. Crawhall had escaped punishment. But, sir, doesn't all this go to prove that Mr. Crawhall was not punished solely for breaking the rule, but rather because he was at one time a strong supporter of the rule? It is clearly apparent from Mr. Johnson's argument, that, had Mr. Crawhall just been an ordinary member of the Union, instead of at one time being a red-hot enthusiast, he would not have been so severely punished for the offence that he committed. That is why I say he was treated harshly. Mr. Johnson thinks otherwise. However, as Mr. Johnson says, there is no need to fall out about it, and as it is simply a matter of opinion, we may as well, as he says, agree to differ. In regard to the other affair, I know quite well that many fanciers hold different opinions to Mr. Johnson's and mine as to whether Mr. Birchley was guilty (of staining, I mean) or not. But that has nothing to do with the question that arose out of Mr. Johnson's bringing this case into the discussion. The question now under discussion is that if a man paints a bird and sells it to a novice, and the novice exhibits it, who should be punished? Mr. Johnson says the novice should be punished, because he exhibited it. I say that the man who stains a bird and sells it to an exhibitor (novice or otherwise) as a genuine natural coloured bird, is the principal offender, whether he gives a guarantee or not, and he is the one who should be punished. And I want to know why he cannot be punished. Surely, sir, that is plain enough for Mr. Johnson. He stated in a previous letter that the Union couldn't get at the seller of the bird (he was presuming, of course, that he had stained it), because he hadn't exhibited it. But he has not yet told us why the fact of the man's not exhibiting the bird prevented the Union from "getting at him," according to the rule that I quoted in my last letter.

W. REID.

SIR,—I see Mr. Crawhall purposely ignores my letter in reply to his, as he considers writers under a nom de plume are generally not worthy of a reply. Let me tell him I am as particular about my character as he is, and that it was through being a novice writer that I claimed the privilege of the nom de plume. Mr. C., you threw the glove down for anyone to pick up, and it was not gentlemanly to shirk the fight when your challenge was accepted. The truth hits hard, Mr. C. Your ignoring of my letter does not alter the fact that the minority would not have received justice, or that you had set a bad example and was the first betrayer of the C.B.U. in the North. Your actions have borne much fruit. But why have you turned your coat and deserted us? You said after you were punished you were still in favour of the C.B.U. and would do your best for it. Is "doing your best" deserting and trying to start a Federation? The C.B.U. is not dead yet by any means, and its objects are the same as the Federation you are striving to get up. Mr. Robson hits hard when he says the C.B.U. failures in the North have been by local men. I expect they were the best the district could select, and if they cannot run the C.B.U. successfully with others to guide them, how can they run a Federation by themselves? Is comment necessary? You say others are being blamed for my letter; that is all right. Both the gentlemen you name know the writer, and everyone knows they sign their names, having confidence in their ability. I would like an explanation from Mr. Reid, who said on May 7th that he questioned very much if Mr. C. knew he was doing wrong when he made his entries, and then on May 21st he says he knew and told his sister it would be against the rules. It seems, Mr. Reid, as if you don't know what you are really writing about. On May 21st you are a wee bit off again; you say Mr. C. thought he would not be punished. How does this agree with Mr. C.'s statement that he was prepared to bear the punishment, if any, that the C.B.U. would mete out to him? There was no "unwitting mistake" there! Only Mr. C. got a bigger hiding for being a bad boy than he expected. Have the C.B.U. Executive no suggestions to make for the future? The future is being sadly left out; it seems to be all a wrangle about the past. Why not raise the subscription to 1s.? The present small sub. is not one earthly bit of use; it is like a drop in a bucket. I would suggest that of the 1s., 3d. go to the Executive and 9d. to the district; this would pay the district representatives' expenses and would leave a small balance which might buy cups, say, one for most points over the district shows for champions, and one, the same, for novices. Might not the C.B.U. arrange a district inter-club show for C.B.U. members, say, to be held in middle of January? Everyone then has his birds through the moult and all are in fine fettle. The club which gained most points to carry the title of club champions and to hold some trophy as a tangible expression of same. I am sure if a show of this kind was held, the clubs would present trophies for each section to still further add interest to the show; and as years rolled by I have no doubt that the fight would wax hot. Of course, members of more than one club would have to declare which club would count his points. Might not the C.B.U. arrange table shows on much the same lines? All this would strengthen the hands of the C.B.U. and promote a brotherly feeling between clubs, and would all be for the betterment of the Fancy. Could not the C.B.U. give medals or some small trophy as C.B.U. section specials, just to let people know the C.B.U. is alive? One thing more. As to the insurance scheme, might that not be brought more prominently before the members before the show season starts? I know nothing about it until the present crisis. Lastly, are the Executive asleep; is no one awake to defend their cause? Shame on you one and all to leave a cripple to fight for you.

FORTITER DEFENDIT TRIUMPHANS.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Shows.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting of the Glasgow and Western Counties N.M.B. and F.B.C., held in the hall, 122, Ingram Street, Mr. King presiding over a good attendance. It was carried unanimously that our annual show be held on the 17th December, and our ramble (to Calder Estate) on Saturday, 11th June; train from Central at 2.55 p.m., when it is expected that all members will turn out. Specials for our show were handed in by Messrs. Reid, King, and Cant. Mr. Cant and Mr. Reid were appointed to judge. Classes for next meeting: Yellow Bunting, Bunting. A.O.V., Light Mule or Hybrid, Dark Mule, A.O.V., Large and Small British Bird.

CHAFFINCH: 1, Connelly; 2, 5, Martin; 3, 4, spl, Small; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Renfrew. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Small; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Renfrew; 4, Munro; 5, Johnston; 6, Drysdale. BULLFINCH: 1, Liddell; 2, Small; 3, Malcolmson; 4, Renfrew; 5, Thomson; 6, Drysdale.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

At a meeting held on May 26th, Mr. A. Towle, in the chair, it was decided to again hold an open cage bird show on October 26th and 27th next, at the Foresters' Hall, and arrangements will be shortly completed for the engagement of a first-class judge. We elected seven new members, viz., Messrs. Clews, Townsend, and Ellender (whom we are pleased to have again amongst us), and also Messrs. Harland, Pepper, Calam, and Ridley (Hull), whom we welcome to our ranks. Mr. W. Clews very ably judged the nest feather show, for which a vote of thanks was given him. Messrs. Moore and Son (2), Towle Bros. (2), and Robinson, junr., carried off the specials with some nice exhibits.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Moore, senr.; 3, Moore, junr. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Moore, senr. YELL. (NOVICE): 1, spl, 2, Robinson, junr.; 3, 4, Anglise. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Angliss; 2, 4, Robinson, junr. LINNET: 1, spl, Towl Bros.; 2, Bowden; 3, Moore, junr. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Towle Bros.; 2, Booth. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Booth; 2, spl best hen, vhc, Moore, junr.; vhc, Towle Bros.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

HIGHGATE HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

British bird show held May 26th at Spencer Hall. There were 44 entries. The birds were in good condition and well staged. Mr. W. Shakespeare judged, and gave general satisfaction. It was no light task, as the running for honours was extremely close. While the judging was in progress Mr. G. Gardner made some very interesting remarks on "How to obtain colour," which were most useful and instructive, and were greatly appreciated. The following members were elected:—Messrs. Spencer, Evans, Hardiman, Smith, and Mrs. E. Hawes; and Mr. H. Hardcastle was nominated for membership. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. W. Shakespeare, thus closing a very pleasant evening.

GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Abrams; 2, 3, Cowie and Elton; vhc (2) Tatten; hc, Mrs. Giddy, Dewbury; c, Street. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 3, Kent; 2, vhc, Mrs. Giddy. LINNET (9): 1, Tatten; 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, vhc, Kent; vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Dewbury. BULLFINCH (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, vhc, Dewbury. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Kent; 2, Street; 3, Mrs. Giddy. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Street; 3, Kent; vhc, Cowie and Elton; hc, Dewbury. A.O.S. SEEDEATING (1): Knight. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Knight; Mrs. Giddy absent. A.S. HENS (5): 1, vhc, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Johnson; 3, Kent. Specials: Mr. D. W. Tatten, best first year novice, very nice Linnet; Mr. I. Abrams, best bird shown by a novice, grand Goldfinch; Messrs. Cowie and Elton, best second and third in show, two very nice Goldfinches.—C. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

LOUGHBOROUGH & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held May 25th, at the Chainwood Coffee House, Mr. F. J. Green in the chair. A good muster of members turned up. Arrangements were considered for the nest feather show, which will be held in July; the date will be finally settled upon at our next meeting on June 22. Members requiring colour food should send in their orders at once to the sec.—G. JEFFERY, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall on May 28th, at 7.30, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. The business of the evening was deciding prize and special cards for first feather show, and the enrolling of five members. Owing to the secretary leaving the district, it was left to the Association to decide whether he should still hold the office of secretary, or not. It was moved and seconded that the secretary keep the appointment, and this was unanimously agreed to. His present address is 10, Bayne Street, Stirling.—W. CLUBB, Sec.

ECCLES AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our meeting held on May 23, it was decided that the subscription be 1s.; entrance fee, 4s. per annum, with an open radius. The officers elected were as follows:—President, Mr. G. Wilson; chairman, Mr. J. Dawson; vice-chairman, Mr. Astley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jones; and a committee of five fanciers (pro tem.) to draw up rules for our next meeting on June 6th, at 8 p.m. prompt, at Patricroft Coffee Tavern, when we elect committee, etc. All fanciers are invited to give us a hearty send-off and a successful meeting.—H. W. JONES, Hon. Sec., 29, Parrin Lane, Monton.

CHESTERFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 21st, at headquarters, Queen's Head, Gleeman Gate. It was decided to hold a members' nest feather show on June 18th, at headquarters, classes as follows: four classes for Norwich, four for Yorkshires, one for any other var. Canary, one any variety Mule or Hybrid, a 7/6 selling class, one for any var. any age British adult, and one for Foreign (adult). All birds to be staged by 4 o'clock prompt; entry 6d. per cage, open to public at 5 o'clock. We shall be pleased to see any intending members. General meeting after show for open show business and admission of members.—CHAS. H. NAYLOR, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at a meeting held on May 25th, to hear a paper by Mr. Edmunds, of Swindon, on "Foreign Bird Keeping, Starting, and Onward." The essayist, who proved himself as successful in the role of lecturer as he is keeping Foreign birds, gave a most interesting paper full of sound, practical advice. Starting from the time the birds arrive, Mr. Edmunds gave his methods of treating them, and getting them into exhibition trim. Dividing them into two groups—seedeating and insectivorous—the lecturer dealt at some length, on the feeding and general management, and gave many little hints, that not only Foreign bird fanciers, but Canary breeders will find useful. At the end of his lecture, Mr. Edmunds showed a number of stuffed specimens, pointing out the difference in the sexes, and answered a string of questions, put by various members. A hearty vote of thanks, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—A. S. TREASURER, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

First monthly meeting, held in the Fawcett-street Cafe, on May 23th, Mr. Reid presiding over a good attendance. Some useful work was got through. A set of working rules were discussed, and finally adopted. Classification for club patronage was then considered, and it was decided to patronise three Northern shows. All members' subscriptions must be paid by July meeting, to enable them to compete for club specials, and birds competing must be bred by exhibitors. Mr. Jeffrey proposed, and Mr. Davidson seconded the following resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm: "That the members of this club desire to place on record an appreciation of the splendid work of Mr. Reid, whose labours on behalf of the Lizard Canary in the North have been so fittingly crowned by the successful issue of the Northern Lizard Club." Mr. Reid suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very pleasant meeting. I shall be glad to hear of any intending members.—G. DAVIDSON, Sec., 10, Royalty, Sunderland.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held May 27th, in the Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. The usual correspondence was placed before the members, after which preparations were made for the holding of the first of the young bird shows on June 11th. Points will count as follows: 1st, 6; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 4; vhc, 3; hc, 2; c, 1. First, second, and third prize winners will not be allowed to compete at subsequent shows, so that the winners at each of the three shows will be all different birds. One class each will be provided for the following varieties: Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Lizards, Cinnamons, Crest, or Crest-bred, British, and Mules, eight classes in all. The secretary will be in attendance at 5.30 p.m. to receive entries, and all exhibits must be staged to allow judging to commence at 6 p.m. prompt. Judge, Mr. R. H. Dixon. No charge will be made for admission to the show, which will be held in the smoke-room of the Fawcett Street Cafe, and all fanciers and friends will be heartily welcomed. I would be glad to see a large turn-out of members, as a very important notice is to be given at the conclusion of the show.—W. REID, Hon. Secretary.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Brown's Rooms, 83, High-street, President W. R. Dunn occupying the chair. After the usual routine of general business, a proposal was made to hold a First Feather Show on the 9th July, and that each member be limited to four entries, for which the sum of threepence per entry be charged. It was left with the president and secretary to arrange with the proprietor of the hall for that day. The show will open at about 2 o'clock, when judging will start. All exhibits will require to be in the hall at not later than 1.30, so as to give the committee time to arrange the tables and fix the labels on cages. Mr. W. R. Dunn (President) volunteered to judge the Norwich, Yorkshires and Mules, and Mr. J. G. Lumsden (Vice-president) the Border Fancies; Mr. J. Smeaton to act as referee. The classification was arranged as follows: Yorkshire two classes, Norwich two, Borders two, and Mules one class. The Visiting Committee appointed for the season are: Messrs. C. Watt and A. Fleming, Portobello and Newcraighall district; J. Smeaton and J. Pearson, Musselburgh and district; J. Barr and T. Storie, Prestonpans and district. Messrs. C. Webb and A. Fleming were appointed extra members of committee.—WM. NISBET, Sec.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, the Queen's Hotel, Pentre, on May 25th, when four new members joined. It was decided to hold a table show for British birds on June 23rd, when Mr. G. Watkins (Trehetbert) will judge. The society are giving a silver medal as a first prize in every class. Any member wishing to join can do so by attending a meeting to be held at the headquarters on June 4th, as all fanciers are heartily invited. Anyone wanting any information can have same by writing to me. W. THOMAS, Sec., 24, Llewellyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 28th at headquarters, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. We would like to see a few more members at our meetings. The cup and teapot were drawn for our first feather show, the former going to the British birds, and the latter to the Canaries. It was decided to get four medals, two for Canaries, and two for British, for second and third prizes. Members please note that their subscriptions must be paid up before they are allowed to exhibit. Decided, to hold a meeting on June 18th to receive entries for above show; entries close Monday's post June 20th. Will members please rally 'round and give us a record entry for our show? We are pleased to hear our worthy chairman, Mr. G. Barkas, is down to judge Consett and Leadgate first feather shows.—J. LINDSAY.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Special meeting held at the Duke of York Hotel on May 26th, Mr. F. J. Weaver in the chair. After a little discussion about the progress of the breeding season, real business was gone into. It was decided that we hold three First Feather Shows this year, for which two dates were fixed—June 16 and July 16. For the first the following classes were drawn up: Nor. yel., cl., or variegs.; ditto buff; Yorks. yell., cl., or varieg.; ditto buff; A.O.V. Canary; and a mule or hybrid class. Mr. Crundell was elected to judge. Annual Nest Feather Show, 16th July, a specialist judge is being sought for to judge. Also decided to go in for the inter-Club cup competition between Birmingham and West Bromwich; the three delegates were elected as follows: Messrs. Weaver, Garfield, and Gibbons. This brought a businesslike meeting to a close.—J. GIBBONS.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, Mr. Max Jacquimin in the chair. Before the business of the evening commenced a vote of sympathy with the Royal Family was moved from the chair and passed in silence, all present standing. After the routine business a short paper was read—a translation from one of the German papers—by Mr. Jacquimin on the value of rape seed as a food for our variety, and was very interesting and instructive. Breeding operations are in full swing. The majority of our members seem to be doing fairly well. A good many of those present had from 20 to 40 young birds. A few of our members are doing rather badly, not being able to muster 10 young, but they hope to do better the next round. A great many birds died in shell, and bad feeding hens seem to be the general complaint. But with more settled weather a great improvement will take place without doubt. Two new members were elected, making a total of nine new members recently joined.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

Special meeting held at the Market on May 28th, to consider where to hold the first feather show. The Secretary said he was unable to obtain the Mackworth Hotel stock rooms as on former occasions (owing to the lease on [illegible] expired), but with the help of a brother fancier—Mr. G. Balsh—had obtained the Plymouth Hall, Plymouth Street, for the occasion. The room is situated in the centre of the town, is well lighted, and capable of staging over 200 birds. Several members stated that the Society had been very fortunate in obtaining such a splendid room, and being in the centre of the town they considered the Society would be greatly benefited by the change. It was resolved that we accept the offer of the room, and that the best thanks be accorded to Mr. G. Balsh and the secretary for their services in obtaining the same. The Secretary also stated that Mr. W. S. Kirby had kindly consented to give a lecture at the next monthly meeting on "The Norwich Canary and its management." It is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend.—S. H. GEORGE, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held at Oldham Hall, Liverpool, May 26th; Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The following were elected members:—Messrs James, Hughes, and Rumsby, and Mr. A. Brown was nominated for membership. It was decided to hold the Annual Nest Feather Show on July 23rd, and Mr. Thornton was elected to judge. A long discussion took place re the forming of a Green Border section. It was finally decided that they should become a recognised variety and he taken in on the lines of the Yorkshire and Norwich. Several specials were promised, and it is practically certain there will be a cup for competition. At time of writing there still remains a lot of details to be arranged, but everything will be done in due course. In the meantime exhibitors and breeders of Green Borders in all parts of the country are invited to join the society. Re patronage, it was decided now that there are three varieties to cater for that application be invited for 4, 8, or 12 classes. Will secretaries please note? Every consideration will be given to applications when they come up at the July meeting. July 16th is the latest date for receiving applications. Members are requested to pay their annual subscriptions, viz., 2s. 6d., as early as possible, and the secretary will be pleased to receive specials for the Nest Feather Show.—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

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THE RECENT SENSATIONAL LAW CASE.

Working for the alteration of the Wild Birds' Act: The strong co-operation of readers required.

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Since our last issue appeared conveying the full result of the test case in the High Courts in which a decision adverse to the British Bird Fancy was arrived at, we have received a very large number of letters from readers proffering help in obtaining signatures to the petitions we are having prepared to support an endeavour to secure the amendment of the present Wild Bird Protection Acts, or an amelioration of the clauses under which the Lord Chief Justice and his two brother judges came to the decision which, as we pointed out, places a premium on the slaughter of birds. We have succeeded in enlisting the sympathies of several influential gentlemen, and are pressing forward our campaign with all possible speed. But, as readers will understand, such a matter takes time, and careful consideration needs to be given to the question before the definite course of action to be pursued is decided upon. Therefore we do not propose saying more under this head now, though next week we hope to be in a position to give the Fancy full particulars of the course of action it has been decided to follow—a course of action in which we shall need and ask their fullest and heartiest co-operation to enable us to carry it to a favourable conclusion. That this co-operation will be widely and wholeheartedly forthcoming we have no doubts whatever. Copies of the petition, for instance, will be distributed all over the country, and we want as many readers as possible to undertake the collection of signatures, while we hope that secretaries of societies will furnish their members to sign the same.

There is one point we wish to deal with, a point upon which there seems to be misunderstanding. Some who have written us seem to be under the impression that the decision means that keepers of bird-shops and bird dealers generally who reside in any protected area cannot legally have British birds in their possession for purposes of sale. This is not so, however. As we stated last week, the decision affects *recently-taken* British birds only.

Dealers *everywhere* can most certainly have British birds in their possession for purposes of sale; but in protected districts the said birds must not be *recently-taken*. That is the full and only effect of the decision of the Appeal Court.

So far as we can ascertain, the term recently-taken may be held to cover a period of three weeks and over. Putting the period at one month, this means that dealers in London (or other closed areas) could not offer British birds for sale until one month after the close season had expired in the district wherein the birds were caught. Thus, if caught in Cambridgeshire on August 15, the birds could not be sent into London for sale until September 15 (or thereabouts) without risk of prosecution being incurred should legal action for a penalty be taken.

If dealers conform to this rule, and are in a position to produce the actual catcher of the birds if necessary (i.e., if they are summoned), then they can depose to the actual date of catching, and then they can, so far as we know, keep and sell British birds without there being any infringement of the law upon their part.

Some Opinions from Readers.

SIR,—I shall be pleased to receive petition form from you for the use of the Swansea C.B.A. We in Swansea (being in a hot bed for British birds) feel the great injustice which the new interpretation of the law will have upon us, and we are already taking steps to petition to our local representatives to use their influence on behalf of the British bird fanciers of the country, and letting them know how the true bird fancier keeps his birds.—S. H. GEORGE, secretary, Swansea C.B.A.

SIR,—I note in CAGE BIRDS the result of appeal, which I think a bad decision, and it is past my understanding. The old saying goes: "Don't rob the poor man of his beer," but I am sure there are hundreds of men who would rather be robbed of their beer than their birds; and it don't hold good that because a bird is kept in a cage it is treated badly. On the other hand, I have found that those who take up the Fancy try to get their birds to perfection, as near as possible. Listen to the Larks hung out at the windows in places like London, Birmingham, etc.; surely this is proof enough.—E. HURDLEY (Madeley).

SIR,—With the deepest regret I have read the Court's decision in CAGE BIRDS of May 28th, and feel compelled to take up an agency to collect signatures for the amendment of the Act. Therefore, I should be very pleased if you will send on two petitions to me, as I wish to place one at the club; the other will be in my possession wherever I am, and since I travel a great deal, I think I can do well in collecting signatures, and trust we shall soon alter the decision.—J. H. ALFRED (Cardiff).

SIR,—I notice that you are having petitions printed, which you propose sending to the secretaries of the various cage bird societies all over the country, with a view of getting an amendment to the Wild Birds' Protection Act. May I suggest further that every person who considers such an amendment necessary, write to their sitting Member of Parliament, calling attention to the result of the recent test case, and asking his interest and support in the matter? Personally, I propose waiting upon our M.P., taking with me a copy of last week's CAGE BIRDS, at the same time asking him to interest himself in the question, which I feel sure he will do, as he is President of our local cage bird society, and, moreover, a lover of birds. I have an idea, sir, that letters of this kind, and personal interviews will have even greater weight than petitions. I thank you for championing the cause in the way you are doing.—J. C. WILMOT (Bedford).

[We hope Mr. Wilmot's splendid example will be widely followed.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—I was very much disappointed at the result of the Test Case. Every effort must now be made to get the law altered, so one can feel safe in keeping our British birds. There are always plenty of "goody goodies" on the prowl to get a case when possible, particularly those who don't understand birds. In some cases I know there is cruelty, which should certainly be stopped; but to endeavour to prevent anyone keeping our native birds in cages under proper conditions, is monstrous. Every representation should be made to our M.P.'s to get the law altered; and a petition should be signed by all lovers of birds and presented in the proper quarter, so that this law be altered. —T. H. KINCH (Ramsay).

The National British Bird and M.C. Call a Meeting.

SIR,—The Committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club are calling a meeting at the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, on Thursday, June 9th, at 8 o'clock, to consider the best means of protecting our hobby, which has been placed in jeopardy by the verdict given by the Lord Chief Justice in the appeal case of Messrs. Flower and Preston. The committee are desirous of this meeting being supported by delegates from every society that can possibly send—singing clubs, catchers, and dealers included—so that every branch of the Fancy can give their views, with a view to the amendment of the Wild Bird Protection Laws. Steps must be taken at once in this very important decision, which gravely affects every British birdkeeper throughout the country. Therefore, we appeal to every British birdkeeper to give this meeting every support. —PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, hon. secretaries.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

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Country Rambles

The National British Bird and Mule Club.

An ideal outing in every way was enjoyed by the members and friends of the National British Bird and Mule Club on May 28th to Cobham, Effingham, and Horsley. A lovely day it was, warm and dry, and the way led through lovely country including low land, by riverside, and higher land, across common, and through woods and lanes, all which were teeming with bird life. We started from Cobham station (L. and S.W.R.) about 10.30 a.m., took a short path at once to Cobham and Stoke d'Abernon, and on through a straggling village to Cobham Church. Before going through the churchyard, we passed an old dwelling-house with the date 1433 (as far as my memory serves me) on it, having been repaired later and being still inhabited. The most unusual bird we identified in this part of the walk (distance about a mile) was the Reed Warber. Almost immediately after leaving the churchyard we came to the bridge over the Mole. Here we saw a pair of wild duck, but no young with them. Then we walked down the side of the river for perhaps fully two miles till we came to road again.

In this portion of the walk we identified many species, including the Blackcap, Nightingale, Willow Wren, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo, Pheasant, Redpoll (a single one), Whitethroat, Bullfinch, etc.; the least frequent being the Long-tailed Tit, of which we saw a pair of old ones and a brood of young flying about, and could easily note the distinctive markings of the young ones. We also found many nests during this part of the walk. One of the first was that of a Waterhen with one egg (in a hush and higher up than usual for this species). We also found Blackbirds', Chaffinches', Thrushes', and other nests of the commoner species. One of the prettiest and most interesting was that of a Chaffinch on the bare trunk of a large tree supported by a ledge in the middle of a field. Although most of us had passed by the nest pretty closely, the hen still sat, and even after several had returned and were looking on while photographers were busy, she remained undisturbed.

After leaving the riverside and the meadows we looked around along the edge of a wood, and here we saw the Nuthatch, and some Nightingales were singing. We also in the same corner identified the Blue Tit, Flycatcher, and Goldfinch. Then we turned the corner into the road from Cobham to the "Black Swan" (our rendezvous for lunch), and in this portion some of us had a good view of the Garden Warbler. Also we found the nest of the Willow Wren. Then we all had a good view of a White Sparrow (nearly clear) perched on the roof of a barn, and were told that it had been there for over two years. Near our hotel, where everyone did justice to the good things provided, we found a Blue Tit's nest, also a Tree-creeper's nest. The last-named was a puzzler to get a look at, but keen Mr. Carr (who had recently joined us) spotted it in some wood baulks forming the stable wall. It contained three young well forward.

From the "Black Swan" we took a lane which led to Effingham Junction station, to meet the afternoon party. We had not gone far before a nest was found by a certain gentleman (got up in a long-tail coat—quite in the West-End, Hyde Park style)—and who carried a sack of dandelion, etc., over his shoulder! This nest was first said to be a Wren's, but the construction was not right; then it was said to be a Willow Wren's, but the colour of the eggs was not right. And so, notwithstanding Mr. Trower's remonstrances over the delay, some of the cognoscenti were determined to remain and see the bird; when quick! presto! it came! It was neither the one nor the other, but a Chiff Chaff! A Wood Wren and Crossbill were also identified here.

We rather hurried over this part of the walk to Effingham station. However, the afternoon party did not have long to wait before we joined forces. The first thing then was to take the photograph of the party. We had now got on ground a good deal higher, and Effingham Common was in front of us with the usual accompaniment of furze bushes, etc., but for all that a lot of "damp" on it. Here we soon identified the Yellowhammer, Stonechat, Snipe, Peewit, Red-backed Shrike, Lesser Whitethroat, Partridge, etc., and nests were found of Linnets, Thrushes, Stonechats, Snipe (one nest with four eggs), and at the far end of the Common a Hedge Sparrow's in a rather high position with a Cuckoo's egg in it.

After leaving the Common, we split into two or three parties, and amongst the finds from there to the Railway Hotel at Horsley were the Green Woodpecker, also nests of the Wren, Robin, Whitethroat, Wood Pigeon, etc. A very interesting Wren's nest was on the trunk of a tree; also a Robin's (with six young) on a bank at the side of the road. At the Railway Hotel we saw Gulls flying overhead, which were considered to be Common Gulls. In all we saw 51 kinds, as follows:—Starling, Sparrow, Swift, Blackbird (and nests), Wild Duck, Lark, Rook, Swallow, Martin, Robin (6 young, 6 eggs, etc.), Redwing, Chaffinch (1 nest, and we think we saw several others), Sand Martin, Pheasant, Reed Warbler, Wren, Jackdaw, Thrush (and nests), Water Hen (one nest), Blackcap, Nightingale, Greenfinch (and nest), Willow Wren (and one nest), Turtle Dove, Redpoll, Whitethroat (and nests), Bullfinch, Long-tailed Tit (and young), Nuthatch, Blue Tit, Flycatcher, Goldfinch, Garden Warbler, Peewit, Cuckoo (egg in hedge), Hedge Sparrow (and nests), Great Tit, Tree Creeper, Chiff Chaff (and nest), Wood Wren, Crossbill, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Whinchat, Snipe, Red-backed Shrike, Lesser Whitethroat (and nest), Partridge, Wood Pigeon (and nest), Green Woodpecker, and Common Gull.

We were all safely in the train at 7.45 p.m., before any rain came on. Many were very much interested in insects, butterflies, dragonflies, etc., and we saw several very pretty deep blue dragon flies, and orange-tipped butterflies; and some turned their attentions to plants and flowers, several taking home bunches of purple orchis, etc.

The party included Messrs. T. R. Trower (and three friends), Shepherd, Picard, J. Tyson (and son), Harper, Silver, Weston, Thurling, Askew, Mugford, Goymer, J. Robson, G. Crabb, J. Dewhurst, J. P. Carr, C. Cooper, W. H. Vale, C. T. Maxwell, Burton, Saunders, and others—a merry party of twenty-nine all told. Mr. Trower was responsible for the arrangements (route, refreshments, etc.), and earned the goodwill of everybody present by the admirable manner in which he carried them through, the hearty thanks of the gathering being conveyed to him for doing so much towards ensuring the general enjoyment of the outing. Mr. Tyrrell (a genial relative of Mr. Trower's) and his good wife also played no small part in the success of the day, the former piloting the party over ground with which he has been familiar for many long years, and his good lady providing us during a pleasant break in the "tramp" with some most acceptable refreshments. The "high tea" at the Railway Hotel, Horsley, was a really splendid "spread," and did the proprietor of that hostelry great credit—a fitting climax to a grand day.—G. CRABB.

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Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 28 birds sang to a packed room for three good prizes. Result:—1, Caddy; 2, Ramskill; 3, Caddy. On June 11th we shall have an open sing at the Star and Garter Hotel, Aire Street, Castleford, when we hope to see some of brother fanciers from Leeds and Sheffield to give us some idea of what the best birds are capable of doing. CAGE BIRDS is doing us a great deal of good in this district, as we see fresh faces every week, and they say: "Well, I did not know, until I saw in CAGE BIRDS that their was a Linnet club for Saturday singing."—W. DOBSON, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual weekly singing contest, held May 28th, at King's Head, Shannon Street, when 20 birds sang:—1, Soloman; 2, 3, Bland; 4 shared between Butler and Solomon. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes, T. Summers, and W. Naylor. Also on May 29th, when 30 birds sang; visitors from Wakefield, Ardsley, Morley, etc.:—1, 3, Bland; 2, Butler; 4, Solomon. Judges, Messrs. Hoban and W. Naylor. Linnet fanciers invited to join our club.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly singing contest, June 4th, at King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. Result:—1, J. Bland "La Harry"; 2, T. Solomon; 3, T. Solomon. Judges, H. Hayes, W. Naylor, and G. Towers. On June 5th, 18 birds sang for three good prizes:—1, J. Bland; 2, Wm. Sissons; 3, shared by A. Butler and H. Wigfield. Judges, W. Naylor and J. Thompson.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, May 28th, when 20 birds entered for competition, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, Limbert; 2nd, Oldroyd; 3rd, Empson; 4th, Laverick; 5th, Gurden. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

LANCHESTER.

Lanchester and Dis. Workmen's club Linnet contest, held May 28th, when 56 birds entered. Result: 1 Brady (Brandon), 2, 3, Smith and Montgomery divided. Mr. G. Wilson (Lanchester) judged; bookkeeper, Mr. Graham. Mr. A. Brady, of Brandon Colliery, Co. Durham, is open to sing any new-caught bird in the county (red birds).—A. BRADY.

ATTERCLIFFE.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held May 22, at Royd's Inn, and a grand show of Linnets it was. Mr. Blackadder having drawn with that well-known bird of Mr. Coles, this was a good contest. Result: Mr. Cole beating Mr. Blackadder by four points: 1 Cole, 2 Blackadder, 3 Albert. On May 28th Mr. Blackadder was "sitting in the background" with his noted bird for a catch, and being drawn with Mr. Lammey, managed his point, and would have won easily, if the marking down had been right. Result: 1 Calligan, 2 Blackadder, 3 Lemmey. On May 21st. Result: 1 Calligan, 2 Blackadder, 3 Driver. On May 30th: 1 Blackadder, 2 Herbert, 3 Thompson. Mr. Blackadder had £1 offered for his famous old bird, but he would not sell.—AN ONLOOKER.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly contest, held May 14th, when fourteen birds faced the timekeepers. Worrall 70 secs., Thompson 46 secs., Burton 44 secs., Driver 40 secs., Worrall 32 secs. On May 15th, sixteen birds entered, and some good singing was heard. Palfreyman 102 secs., Palfreyman 90 secs., Thompson 80 secs., Thompson 70 secs., Worrall 60 secs., Brown 47 secs., Driver 46 secs., Worrall 40 secs. Also on May 15th, a variety show was held, when twelve birds faced the judge:—1 Smith (Goldfinch), 2 Watson (Greenfinch), 3 Wilson (Linnet). Whit Tuesday contest seventeen birds entered: Cisby 78 secs., Worrall 68, Williamson 68 secs., divided 1st and 3rd, Baker 73 secs. 2, Worrall 53 secs., Thompson 51 secs., Fenn 51 secs., Worrall 57 secs. On May 21st fourteen birds entered: Callaghan 65 secs., Blackadder 62 secs., Thompson 46 secs., Worrall 46 secs., sung off for 3rd prize. Thompson won 68 secs., Worrall 50 secs., Worrall 38 secs. Lammey 37 secs., Callaghan 33 secs. On May 22nd, a variety show: 1 Smith (Goldfinch), 2 Driver (Linnet), 3 Smith (Greenfinch). May 28th, twelve birds entered: Callaghan 84 secs, Southen 76 secs., Lammey 58 secs., Thompson 40 secs., Robinson 37 secs., Thompson 36 secs. On May 29th, eleven birds entered: Thompson 84 secs., Worrall 52 secs., Worrall 43 secs., Lammey 39 secs., Thompson 39 secs., Lammey 36 secs. On May 29th, a variety show, eight birds entered: 1 Smith (Goldfinch), 2 Smith (Linnet) 3, Ritson (Titlark).—A. THOMPSON, Sec.

WITTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Mr. Hutcherson's, Witton, Halfway House, on June 4th, when 36 birds faced the judge, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st and 2nd, Boyd, Nettle-oldpit; 3rd, Brady, Brandon Colliery. Judge, Wilson; timekeeper, Adams.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Linnet sing held at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton on June 5th, when S. Scott was 1st (66 secs.), B. Nelson 2nd (40secs.), 3rd A. Longfield (36secs.) Also on June 4th we held our open Linnet show. The judge was Mr. B. Nelson, of Pontefract, and his awards gave entire satisfaction:—1st A. Longfield, 2nd J. Caddy, 3rd W. Nelson. At night we had a supper, when 15 sat down. Mr. B. Nelson proposed and Mr. A. Longfield seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Wainwright, Morgan, and Atkinson. Altogether, it was a very enjoyable evening.—A LONGFIELD, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Cup contest at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, took place June 4, when 24 birds faced the judges. We had some very good singing, as the birds were in grand condition; in fact, it has been the best contest for singing. Result:—1, cup, Joseph Dobson (Blackburn); 2, W. H. Topping; 3, D. Bentley (Great Harwood); 4, W. H. Topping (Blackburn); 5, R. Topping; 6, T. Staham (Leigh). Timekeepers, T. Slater (Blackburn); birdkeeper, P. Blackshaw. After the contest we had a most enjoyable evening, consisting of songs, and the cup was filled to overflowing. The next contest, June 18, is for members' consolation prizes, for those who have never won prizes this season.—T. SLATER, Sec.

NEWSHAM.

The Newsham Linnet Club next contest, June 11th, at Miners' Arms at 7 o'clock. Result of club sing, held May 28th, when 44 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, 3, Soulsby; 4, Duffel. Open sing to be held June 11th.—S. Laws, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing held at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 23 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, J. Caddy; 2, J. Ramskill; 3, W. Caddy. We have an open sing on June 11, at the Star and Garter, Aire Street, Castleford, and hope to see a good number present.—Walter Dobson, Sec.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Mr. W. D. Hogg, of Oakley, has had the good fortune to have 3 Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids. One succumbed, but the other two are doing well. The second round of eggs got broken; but there are good prospects of more. I wish him every success.—SCOTCH FANCIER.

I have some Yorkies on the sticks doing well, and others in the nests, but find hens are feeding very indifferently this season. Have consequently lost a great number of youngsters through this cause, but the second round (now due) will, I hope, give better results.—H. E. PARROTT (Weybridge).

Some Ashington and District Results.

Jos. Armstrong, 31 Bor., Nor., and Cinn.; R. Rowell, 40 Nor., Bord., Crests, and Cinn.; R. Richardson, 12 Nor. and Bord.; F. Baker, 10 Nor. and Mules; I. Tomlinson, 10 Nor.; J. King, 12 Nor. and Yorks.; S. P. Lackey, 18 Nor., Cinn., and Mules; Mr. Middleton, 16 Nor., Bord., and Yorks.; Jos. Graham (Newbiggen), 50 Bord.; Mr. Garside, 11 Nor. and Bord.; Jas. Clavering, 4 Nor.; Mr. Gardner, 26 Bord.; Mr. Hancock, 24 Nor., Bor., and Mules; E. Clark, 4, Mules; Jos. Graham (Hirst), 9 Nor. and Bord.; H. Wallace, 9 Nor. and Bord.; F. Barron, 22 Nor. and Cinn.; G. Hall, 26 Yorks.; Miles Bros., 16 Nor.; W. Hall, 9 Nor., Bord., and Mules; S. Thompson, 26 Nor. and Cinn. The remainder of our members not being at the meeting, I was unable to get a complete list.—JAS. MILES, secretary, Ashington and Dis. C.B.S.

Crest Fanciers in the North.

After the termination of our last meeting, writes Mr. Hutchinson, hon. secretary of the Northern Crest Club, those present were anxious to learn how each one was progressing in the breeding room. The majority, I am sorry to say, have up till the present only done badly; some have eight or so, some a few more. The best I have heard of are Mr. Winter, of Tyne Dock, who has got about 40, and Mr. Lister, Gateshead, who has about 30 youngsters. Mr. Farrow, Sunderland, has gone into the teens; Mr. Swan has only got 8 on the sticks as yet. Mr. Almond, Gateshead, has only got one so far; some of his hens have not gone to nest yet. And I hear that Mr. Taylor, Gateshead, is only doing badly as yet. Mr. Thos. Robson has got 16 or 17 doing well, and well he deserves them to compensate him for the great loss he sustained last year, when he lost his whole stock. But he never seemed to get downhearted, although I'm afraid it will take him a long time to build his strain up again to what it was. Generally speaking, breeders in the North are doing very badly this season, so far. The weather we have been having is wretched; dark days and cold nights which cause the hens to feed badly and to sit so close upon the young ones at nights that a good many die through suffocation. But, like all true fanciers, we hope for better days.

CLUB NOTICES; continued

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 15, Temperance Club, 8. Closing night for entries for F.F. Show, no entries received after 9. p.m.; will members please rally round? other important business.—W. Adams.

Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.—June 13, Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, 8. Business: election of judges, etc.—T. Smith.

Sale Open S.—June 13, Technical School, 8. F.F. Show business.—J. Irlam.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—June 11, Wharfe Hotel, 3. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. S. Hirst (Halifax).—A. E. Morton.

South Manchester C.B.S.—June 16, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Orders for colour food, and F.F. Show business.—F. Washbourne.

Swansea C.B.A.—June 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8 sharp. F.F. Show, final arrangements, Table Show, also lecture by Mr. T. W. Kirby, on "The Norwich Canary and its Management."—S. H. George.

Stoke Newington F.A.—June 14, Headquarters, Amethyst Club, Church Street, 8. Annual show.—H. A. Cooper-Bogley.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 11, Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. A. W. Varley; birds staged at 3 o'clock.—E. W. Johnson.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—June 16, Duke of York Hotel, 7.30. F.F. Show; birds to be staged at 7.30 sharp; now, members, bring up your first round.—J. Gibbons.

Windsor C.B.A.—June 9, Star and Garter Hotel, Windsor, 8.15. Arrangements for F.F. Show, on July 7.—E. A. Shirland.

Wombwell B.F.S.—June 18, 49, Park Street, 7. Date of F.F. Show, July 16.—J. Hudson.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—June 14, Headquarters, 8.30. Table show and lecture, "Rabbits"; members requested to send annual subscription, now due.—W. G. Bruce.

Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C.—June 18, Market Tavern, 7.30. Re patronage of shows, business important.—Lane and Jowett.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—June 14, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Notice of motion re open show; all members please attend.—P. Drinkwater.

Batley O.F.S.—June 11, Talbot Hotel. F.F. show; all birds to be staged at 3 o'clock; judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—G. G. Stafford.

Bradford East O.S.—June 11, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Members' F.F. show; judge, R. Halliday, Esq.; birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt, valuable list of specials to compete for.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 11, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton), on "How to Train Young Birds to the Show Cage, and colour feeding."; all fanciers invited.—F. Western.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 12. Ramble, Train leaves at 2 p.m. for How Mill.—J. C. Bell.

Bolton Roller C.S.—June 14, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30. Show business.—W. Massey.

Bury C.B.S.—June 14, Textile Hall, 8. Business: F.F. show; all members please attend.—H. Jameson.

Bingley O.S.—June 14, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important.—A. Livesey.

British Roller C.C.—June 14, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Important business.—J. W. Norris.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 11, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show held on June 18; all entries to reach headquarters not later than first post on day of show.—Parker and Parkes.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—June 18, Headquarters, 7. Special business.—J. H. Mitchell.

Chopwell F.S.—June 11, Headquarters, 7. General business; all fanciers are invited to this meeting; subscriptions 2/6 per year.—J. Brown.

Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire C.C.—June 11, Market Tavern, 6 prompt. Granting of club's patronage and arranging of special prizes.—Grayshon and Allen.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—June 15, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business, re Table Show; all members urgently requested to attend.—Brown and Horner.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 15, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. To arrange for annual outing on June 25, and other important business.—A. S. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Definition of a novice in the British Limit Section at the annual show, and the drawing up of the Y.B.S. schedule.—Victor Wynn.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 16, Maskell's, 8. Final arrangements for young bird show; subscribers to cup fund please attend, to select cups; all fanciers invited.—J. W. Dummett.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—June 11, 2.15. Ramble, meet at top of New Road.—R. T. Campbell.

Dalziel O.A.—June 18, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell.—J. Mathieson.

East Ham F.S.—June 13, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Arrangements and entries for F.F. Show, 2/6 spl. best Canary given by Mr. Rutter, and 2/6 for best British given by Mr. Yale.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 11, White Hart Inn, Eccleshill, 2.30. Members' F.F. show, birds to be staged by 2.30; Mr. W. Richmond, judge.—W. Netleton.

Gt. Harwood and Dis.—June 13, Cottier's, Town Gate, 7.45 prompt. To consider Young Bird Show, etc.—W. T. Mattinson.

Great Horton O.S.—June 11, Butcher's Arms, 8 prompt. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 18, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3 prompt. Members' F.F. Show; judge, A. Jowett: extra special for most points, with 3-starred birds; also for heaviest loser; birds must be staged by 3 prompt.—H. Chubb.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 11, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—June 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Table Show, 5 classes Nor., Tkd., or Variegs.; Yorks ditto; Border Fancy ditto; A.O.V. Canary (all young birds), Goldfinch, Bullfinch; J. Gillespy, judge.—R. Blore.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—J. Binns.

London and Counties O.A.—June 15, The Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., 8.30 sharp. Lecture on "Canaries' Heads and Canaries' Tails," by G. Gardner; fanciers and friends will have a hearty welcome; please ask the hall porter for number 10 room.—W. Gilbert.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 11, Railway Hotel, 2 Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. L. Ogden (of Ogden Bros.); entries on Friday night from 8 to 10.—J. E. Hudson.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—June 22, Charnwood Coffee House, 8. Special meeting for fixing date for members' Nest Feather Show; will every fancier make effort to attend? subscriptions due.—G. Jeffery.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 18, Miners' Hall, 7. Reconsider date of Young Bird Show.—J. Pollock.

London and Provincial O.S.—June 16, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8.30: Mr. F. Finn will lecture on "Foreign Birds"; all visitors welcomed.—J. W. Ramsden.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 14, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Allotment of specials; all subs. must be paid before entries are taken.—J. Davey.

North London C.B.S.—June 18, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Paper on "British Birds," by G. Mortlock, Esq.; a hearty welcome to all.—R. P. Harper.

Newcastle C.B.S.—June 16, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8 p.m. Classification for annual show; good attendance requested.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—June 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. Show and general business.—Fred Steeple.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Owing to Hall being occupied, next meeting will take place different night; notice by post.—W. Pawley.

Portobello C.B.S.—June 14, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. General business and paper by Mr. W. Leckie.—Buchan and Hogg.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 13, Chapel St. Hall, 8. Motion to abandon show; F.F. business, important.—H. Clayton.

Pentre C.B.S.—June 11, The Queen's Hotel, 8. General meeting.—W. Thomas.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 11, Baptist Schools. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Wilman; birds to be staged not later than 8 o'clock.—W. Jagger.

Reigate F.A.—June 13, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. Chat on Canary Breeding, and results; young bird show will be held July 11, at Mutton's Hotel.—A. W. Bacon.

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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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The "Avicultural Magazine" for June is a number of considerable interest, containing articles on "The Royal Pheasant" and "Two Rare Eastern Importations" (F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.), "My Hoopoe" (Miss E. F. Chawner), "Notes from North West Africa" (T. H. Newman, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.), "Nesting of the Grey-headed Sparrow" (W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.), and "Ornithological Rambles" (H. Goodchild, M.B.O.U.). There are also some good photographic illustrations, valuable notes, correspondence, etc. The price is 1s. 6d.; publisher, R. H. Porter, 7, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. F. Easterling is judging Southend Young Bird Show on July 6th, also Reigate and Redhill on July 11th.

The Pendleton and Salford O.S.'s First Feather Show is fixed for June 25, 1910, at the Chapel Street Hall, Salford, writes Mr. H. Clayton, tho sec.

Mr. John Goodfellow, of Edinburgh, writes, Will secretaries and fanciers please note that I have removed to 12, Violet Terrace, North Merchiston, Edinburgh.

Bury and District Cage Bird Society have decided to give a gold medal for the member scoring most points this season, writes Mr. H. Jameson, tho sec.; this means first feather show and autumn show combined.

The judges for our next annual show are: Belgian and Scotch Fancy, James Watson, Glasgow; Norwich, and Yorkshire, A. Wellings, Prescot; and Mules and British birds, P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, writes Mr. Robert Trimble, secretary, Ulster O.A. show.

The Great Horton O.S. First Feather show is to be held on June 18th, with Mr. E. B. Denton as judge. The venue is the Congregational School, High Street, and there are 12 classes for Canaries, 4 for British, and 1 for Hybrids.

We are holding our First Feather show at the Angel Inn, Colne, on July 2nd, Mr. Mundell being appointed as judge, writes Mr. Wilkinson, the secretary of Colne C.B.S. The classes number about a dozen.

Our Nest Feather show is to be held on Saturday, July 2nd, and Mr. R. Taylor, Preston, will officiate as judge, writes Mr. F. Houldsworth, assistant secretary, Dalton-in-Furness C.B.A.

We have elected Mr. T. Dixon as judge at our Nest Feather show to be held on June 11th, and Mr. A. Brown as judge at our annual show to be held on January 21st, 1911, writes Mr. Wm. Elliott, secretary, West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.

The Denton and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged a picnic for Saturday, June 11th; leader, Mr. W. Medgley. Meet at Crown Point at 1.30 p.m., or High Street, Manchester, at 2.15 p.m. All fanciers and friends invited.—W. HOPWOOD, secretary.

Kindly notify alteration of date of our young bird show, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, secretary, Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., which will be held a week earlier, on June 29th, instead of July 6th. Will members please note this, and attend next meeting, June 16th?

Penzance and Dis. F.A. are holding a First Feather show for members on July 1st, with Mr. W. J. Kilynach as judge, and are holding their annual show on November 9th and 10 h, and have elected Mr. J. H. Rce judge, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, the hon. secretary.

The excellent rule-book of the Ashington, Hirst and District C.B.S. (the radius also covers Pegswood, Bothal, Ellington, North Seaton, and Newbiggin), has reached us from the secretary, Mr. Jas. Miles (55, Chestnut Street, Ashington), who will be glad to hear from fanciers desirous of joining.

On receiving my CAGE BIRDS last week I was very much surprised to see an illustration of one of my winning Crestbreds on the front page. I congratulate the artist, and can assure you the drawing has given me great pleasure. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.—MRS. E. L. A. CROW (Lowestoft).

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The schedules for our First Feather Show, July 2, are now ready, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, hon. secretary Codnor Park and Dist. C.B.S., and will be sent to anyone applying. Judge, Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton). Visitors will find every accommodation at our headquarters, and the railways are very convenient, the G.N.R. station 30 yards from club room. Visitors travelling by the M.R.Co. can either book to Pye Bridge or Codnor Park Station. Will local secretaries drop me a card stating when their next meeting is, so that I can send a few schedules, and I am open to do what I can in return for any other society.

Allow me to express my appreciation of your new works, "Our Canaries" and "Cage Bird Hybrids." I hope they will have the good sale they so richly deserve. They are without doubt the best works of the kind that it has been my pleasure to see. I have succeeded, too, in getting you a half-dozen subscribers. I sincerely hope that CAGE BIRDS may long prosper to cater for our wants.—J. G. HUTCHINSON (Newcastle).

The London and Counties O.S. is being favoured with a lecture on "Canary Heads and Canary Tails" by Mr. G. Gardner, on Wednesday, June 15th, at 8.30 p.m., at their new headquarters, the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C. (nearly at the corner of Old Street), writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary. Fanciers and friends wishing to attend should ask the hall-porter for No. 10 room. They will receive a most hearty welcome.

The Redpoll is to be found in nearly every aviary this side the border, writes a correspondent from Scotland, and is mated with the Canary, the Bullfinch, the Siskin, the Goldfinch, etc. He is attractive and a free breeder. The Greenfinch's favourite in confinement I find to be the hen Bullfinch. The Linnet's is the Canary. We are just commencing hybrid breeding with the advent of this glorious

The Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. C.B.S. are holding two First Feather shows (June 18th and July 30th), and three Second Feather shows (October 29th, November 20th, and December 26th), at the Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, Stanningley. A leaflet containing particulars of the shows, together with the classification for same, may be had of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Butler, Sydney Place, Farsley.

I have changed my address, writes Mr. W. Reynolds, from Birkin Avenue, Nottingham, to Farm House, Derby Road, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. Will friends and fanciers please note? I may say that I was the first secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S., and am very pleased to see that they are making such headway, and wish them every success. Though far away from them, I scan CAGE BIRDS every week for some news of my old society.

A lecture upon Foreign Birds is to be delivered by Mr. Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., before the L. and P.O.S. at headquarters, "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Thursday, June 16th, at 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed, and that they will spend an enjoyable and instructive evening, the name of the talented and learned lecturer is a sufficient guarantee. Bird lovers should make a note of the date and place.

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Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.

Societies requiring the above club's patronage should please communicate with me, stating judge and classification; radius, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland. —J. BERTRAM, 95, Gainsbro' Grove, Newcastle.

Fanciers Honoured.

At a largely attended meeting of the Cheltenham C.B.S., Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, and Mr. Edmunds, of Swindon, were unanimously elected honorary members, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, the hon. sec., as some slight recognition for the many valuable services they have rendered the society.

Yorks. County British Bird & M.C.

Will societies who desire the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club please send in their application, as our committee meet shortly to allot same? Shall be pleased to hear from any fancier desiring to become a member. Also will present members please send in their subscriptions as they are now due.—LANE AND JOWETT (hon. secretaries), 15, Aberdeen Terrace, Bradford.

Kent County C.B.A.

Kentish societies desirous of availing themselves of the association's patronage are reminded that application must be made to the hon. secretary not later than June 30th, 1910. Members who have not already paid their subscriptions for the current year are respectfully referred to Rule 7, and attention at their earliest convenience is urgently requested.—GEO. SANDERSON, hon. secretary, 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover.

A Scottish correspondent writes that there are indications of the price of the Scotch Fancy Canary advancing, and adds that in his opinion this augurs well for the future of the "king of cage birds."

Guisbro' Priory and Dist. C.B.S.

A capital ramble took place on Whit-Monday in Whiley Wood, through the kind permission of Colonel Chaloner. The day being fine, there was a good attendance. The ramble started at 1 p.m., and the friends got back to headquarters at 6 p.m., and finished up with a good tea provided by Mr. Wears.—H. MAYS.

Under the White Rose.

BRIGHOUSE O.S. had their annual outing on May 29th, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The party numbered about 20, and they left their headquarters en route for Mytholmroyd, at which place the journey was continued on "Shanks's pony" to Bell House, and then through the woods and fields to Cragg Vale, where dinner was provided and eaten with a relish. Next they proceeded over the wild moorland district to Soyland, where rain fell and necessitated a stoppage for shelter; then onwards to Ripponden to take the train for home, which was reached shortly after dusk, just too late to be able to see to feed up for the evening. The day was voted the best ever spent by the society. I am pleased to see that the annual open show is to be held as usual. Good old Brighouse!

BRADFORD WEST have arranged a series of members' shows, lectures, etc., and to-day (Saturday, June 11th) they have invited Mr. S. Dean, of Great Horton, to try and entertain their members with a paper on "Training young birds to the show cage and colour-feeding." The society hope that their members (and the novices in particular) will attend.

THE Specialist Clubs are now getting the arrangements well in hand for next season's competitions, and any society wishing to have the patronage of any of these clubs should make application at once. The following is the number of classes required by each club, which is the only stipulation they make except where the classes are named:—Y.C.C., 6 classes; C.M.Y.C.C., 4; Y.C.B.B. and M.C., 4; O.N.P.C., 6; N.G.M.Y.C.C., 4. Any society making the above classification (as required by the respective clubs) will do well to ask for patronage. It ensures better entries, and the quality of the birds on view will be the highest obtainable, and will give great pleasure to the visitors to the show.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Notes from Erin.

IT is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. Keating, dearly beloved mother of Mr. William Keating, of Dundalk, the well-known and respected Yorkshire enthusiast. The deceased lady always took a keen interest in her son's hobby, and we are sure all will join in sympathy with Mr. Keating and family in their bereavement.

DUNDALK C.B.A. held their annual meeting on May 27th, Dr. J. P. Lavery in the chair. A vote of thanks was accorded the outgoing secretary, Mr. P. J. Gaskin, for the valuable services rendered during his term of office. The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. J. D. Rowe; vice-presidents, Dr. J. P. Lavery and Mr. S. H. Moynagh; hon. sec., Mr. Thomas Walters; hon. treas., Mr. W. Keating; committee, Messrs. McCardle, McEnteggert, Byrne Grims, McKeown, McKellerick, and Duff.

A VOTE of thanks was accorded Dr. Lavery for having so kindly allowed members of the committee to hold their meetings at his private residence. Dr. Lavery has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the society and its success is due in no small way to his untiring efforts. As is well-known, this busy gentleman is not a figure-head, but a real hard worker. The annual show will be held in November, and Mr. H. W. Battye is appointed to place the cards.

BREEDING operations have been brisk for the past few weeks, the weather having proved more favourable, and reports are generally more encouraging. At Dundalk Mr. Keating has 20 young Yorkies, including some very promising young birds doing for themselves. Mr. Gaskin has also about 20, and Dr. Lavery 30 young Yorkies, Mr. McEnteggert 20 Yorkies, all doing well, Mr. Duff about 18, and Mr. Walters close on a dozen Yorkies. Mr. Coyne has several promising young Yorkies and this season has tried his hand with Muling pairs with success. Mrs. Taylor, of Portrush, is doing well with her Yorkies, Norwich, and Muling pairs, and I hope will be successful in moulting out a few winners. I understand she has reared a few youngsters from her well-known Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire cock.

SLIGO fanciers are all doing well, and no doubt Messrs. Mulligan, Devins, Tighe, Osborne, etc., will have some to come forward and cause keen competition. The Dublin men, too, I hear, are not behind in numbers. I have not heard from Mr. McQuade, of Enniskillen, lately. Belfast and North of Ireland results are not yet known to me. I understand our Cork brethren are doing well. Lurgan and Larne fanciers have several Hybrids and Mules doing well.

"CLOSED RING."

The Skylark: The "Prince of Songsters."

By S. WOODROFFE (London, N.E.)

The Skylark is, in my opinion (and I believe I shall have the support of the majority of bird lovers on this point), "The Prince of Songsters." I know many place the Nightingale and Blackcap first, but their song is not so dependable, nor so constant, being heard only occasionally for a small part of the year, whereas the Skylark (that does sing) is a constant and incessant performer. His voice is melodious and robust, and his notes most pleasing in their utterance, and varied.

Those fanciers who like a robust, bold, freely delivered song, day or night, should give the Lark a trial. There are light and heavy singers, and those whose voices are too loud indoors for one's nerves, will form a great attraction hung outside, such birds being found throughout all Britain livening up many a poor street and squalid court in our towns, and seeming to bring the country into the minds and lives of those upon whose ears the beautiful song falls.

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There are two ways of securing them—hand-rearing a nest of young, and purchasing caught birds from a dealer.

Taking the case of the hand-reared bird first. The Larks are common throughout the whole length and breadth of the British Isles. Their colour, etc., are too well-known to need description here. There is very little difference in plumage 'twixt male and female, but the latter as a rule is greyer on the back and more spotted on the breast; and if they are compared side by side, the cock will be found to be longer from tip to tail, taller on leg, longer in spur, longer in ear feathers, and bigger to feel if handled; he is generally, however, very hard for a novice to pick out, I am afraid.

The birds nest on the ground, generally in a depression on cultivated land, among the growing corn or grass, or sheltered by a tuft of coarse grass, etc. The eggs are four or five in number, and of a dirty white colour, thickly spotted and speckled with brown or brownish grey. They hatch at the fourteenth day.

Hand-rearing Young.

The nestlings, or Larklets, should be taken about the tenth day. To successfully rear young birds, they should always be taken before becoming fully fledged, as they will gape more readily than when they have once left the nest. They should at first be placed in basket, or old top hat, made comfortable with moss or hay, and covered with a piece of flannel, and kept in a dark corner of your kitchen or living room, being brought into the light every hour, or at the most two hours, to be fed from earliest morn till evening. Give them a feed before you go to bed.

After some days, when the birds are well used to you and your handling, they may be placed in a close-wired cage, of good size and netted or padded top. By this time they should look for you, and readily come to the end of the cage to be fed, by means of a small stick, making the food (which I will deal with later) sloppy moist.

When about four weeks old they should be caged separately, and if handled often they will not become wild. They should feed themselves when six weeks old, and at this time they will require careful watching, as sometimes after a day or two they go off their food, and seem to go back. A drop or two of warm milk on end of stick given frequently is then a good thing. Once more for a few days feed them by hand. Do not be in a hurry to leave the water glass on all day, or they will overindulge. Once they are over the moult, you are on the road to success, *providing* you have been rearing cocks.

The food for hand-rearing young should be the same as they are to receive later on, with a little larger quantity of egg and insect food, and should be made wet enough to drop off the stick readily.

The Shop Bird.

Wild birds are netted in very large numbers, and may be purchased cheaply from the shops, or catchers, during the winter months. They will be found difficult to steady, and I here appeal to every fancier never to keep a Lark which does not quieten down to cage life in a week or two, but give it its liberty; it will never sing in captivity, and a wild Skylark is a painful sight to any lover of birds.

When purchasing Larks always wait and watch the birds (if needs be for an hour); look out for the largest, steadiest, but sharp and alert-looking bird, one whose wings reach well down the tail; then you may have hopes of carrying home a likely singer. The bird that flops up and down and round and round its cage — on the "go" all the time—it is a waste of time, trouble, and good food to keep. I may say that, in my opinion, the percentage of good singers is not large taking shop-sold birds as a rule.

A good cage, to my mind, should be one twice as long as those offered in some shops. Remember, this bird depends for exercise on its running from end to end of its cage. I suggest 20ins. to 24ins. by 8ins. by 8ins. as being a good size, though hundreds of first-class birds are kept in the ordinary 12in. cage, or the bow-fronted cage. So if means do not allow you to have a larger one, don't despair. The top should be netted, or covered with canvas (netting is less likely to harbour insect pests) for the bird will often attempt to rise when in full song, and may be injure itself.

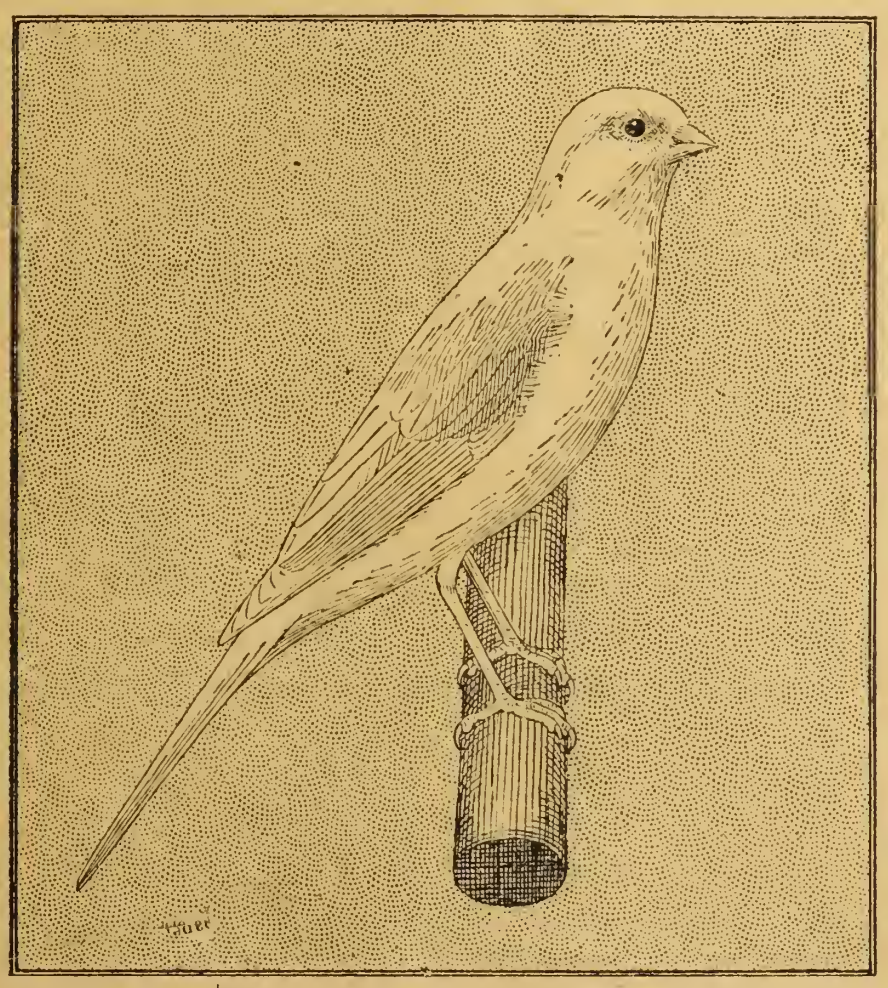
Food and water (the latter in a glass vessel) must be placed outside, or the birds will soon be soiled. The Lark does not bathe, but cleans himself like fowls, etc.—by means of a dust bath. So spread the floor of the cage with a quarter-inch of road grit, bird sand, and little insect powder mixed; also gently spray your bird once a week.

Cages should be cleaned out twice weekly and you should place a small tuft of grass inside each time. The Lark is a very hardy bird, and may be kept in captivity for many years upon ordinary food.

A Matter of Opinion.

But on the question of feeding fanciers differ. I will not dictate, but give my method. I use two different sorts of food alternately, viz., No. 1: Peameal, Indian meal, crushed sweet biscuits, 1lb. of each; soft sugar, German rape, turnip seed, crushed hemp, ¼lb. of each. Mix well, place in baking tin, add two eggs and ¼lb. beef dripping, and bake half an hour. This will keep in closed tin well. No. 2: Trower's Cecto (or other good insect food) 1lb., crushed hemp ½lb., maw seed and ground rice ¼lb. each. Mix well and keep in separate tin.

For use, take a small quantity of crushed puppy meal, dog biscuit, or Melox, soak well, and add sufficient of either of the above foods to make crumbly (almost dry) moist. Three times a week I use chopped lettuce or carrot to moisten the food instead of the soaked biscuit. Three or four mealworms I give daily to each bird, and a lettuce or cabbage leaf two or three times a week. Twice a week I give a spoonful of Canary seed and crushed oats, sprinkled on floor of cage, and other days the same quantity of dry ants' eggs. On this method I am amply repaid for my trouble with beautiful, melodious song, winter and summer. I hope this account of my treatment will induce some more readers of CAGE BIRDS to take up with this species, and thus become, like me, a Lark lover.



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The Budgerigar: A Charming Aviary Bird.

By A. GREEN.

Aviculture has greatly increased during these last ten years in this country, and the interest in foreign birds has grown rapidly amongst all grades of society, so that it is becoming the rule rather than the exception to find persons of good social position in possession of birds of some kind. CAGE BIRDS is no doubt doing a great work on behalf of aviculture, and is raising it to a higher standard than it has ever before reached.

A Charming Little Parrot.

Foreign birds stand at present in the front rank for outdoor aviaries, and the Budgerigar is perhaps the most kept bird of any. This charming little Parrot, so beautiful in colour and marking, so symmetrical in form and vivacious in manner, with a sweet miniature song and a good breeder in captivity, is a great favourite of mine.

My experience is that its aviary should be outdoors, as large as possible, and designed to suit the peculiarities of the bird. For instance, it is a mistake to put glass in the roof, as the Budgerigar is extremely afraid of the feline species, and the passage of a cat in its nocturnal rambles over the glass is liable to set the whole aviary in a state of panic.

A Suitable Aviary.

An aviary of the following dimensions I found very suitable: 36ft. long, 10ft. wide, by 10ft. high, with span roof, and one-third of solid material. If of wood it is best to have it lined and the walls sandwiched with thick paper covered with coal tar or linseed oil. This prevents draughts, which Budgerigars cannot endure with impunity.

To exclude mice (which these birds detest) a 6in. board running parallel with the ground and below the wirework should run all round the aviary, including even the door. When the mouse ascending the outside of aviary reaches this blockade he stops, as he cannot imitate a fly by walking on a ceiling, as it were.

The foundation for the aviary is an important matter; it should be of concrete, 3ins. thick, and made of five parts sand and one Portland cement, with broken brick or stone thrown in as "plums." To make the aviary complete, the wirework on the roof of flight should have a second wiring raised 4in. above the first, which makes it cat-proof. Here let me say that although the cat is so much dreaded and even detested by the aviarist, it is really his best friend if his aviary is only made Cats do not go where birds are out of their reach.

Quite "At Home."

The Budgerigar in such an aviary is perhaps even more happy than those living in a wild state. Budgerigars left without food for some hours do not shell the seed, but swallow it whole, as a soft-billed bird does. But they have the power of regurgitation.

A remarkable proof of the intensity of the love and attachment of the male to the female is the fact that if a number of these birds run out of food, all the cocks die first, which proves that the hens are fed by the cocks in the last extremity by regurgitated food. On three different occasions I have proved this beyond all doubt. On the first occasion there were five pairs, and five cocks lay dead. The hens all recovered and bred young. Second case: three pairs; result, the same. Third case: seven pairs, with all cocks dead and one hen only dead: the others recovered. Each case was caused by inevitable absence from home.

Individual Budgerigars are tricky and dangerous to small birds, but I found the Skylark which was with them quite safe. Perhaps he was treated as a musician, for he sang lustily. Cockatiels, Lovebirds, and all the Cardinals are safe with them. An insectivorous bird is less likely to be attacked than a seed-eater, and my Japanese Robin "dodged" them easily. However, all the small Finches are best in other aviaries.

I never take Budgerigars indoors, as they stand our coldest winters if only the food is suitable. Food: Canary seed, two parts, white millet one part, grit, fresh water, seeding grass, and household bread soaked in cold water, when breeding.

The Marked Bird: Its Uses and Breeding.

By F. ARMSTRONG.

A Lecture delivered before the Halifax Ornithological Society on May 7.

At the special invitation of your esteemed President and Secretary, I will endeavour to the best of my ability to give you a paper on "The Marked Bird: Its Breeding and Uses." As many of you are aware, the "Marked Bird" has always been a great favourite of mine, although at one time there was only slight encouragement to fanciers to breed the beautiful green-marked variety, as form had to be kept up as well as beauty and correctness of marking. This, I think you will agree with me, was a double difficulty, but one which I think, with judicious care and mating, could be overcome. Now, thanks to the National Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club, of which I have the honour to be the Hon. Sec. and Treas., every encouragement is given to its breeding from the Open Champion (as he is termed) down to the Junior Novice, and by the latter I mean one who has not won a first prize in open or Yorkshire Union Novice Gold Medal competition. Every encouragement is now given to the latter by the Club, as they allow them to count their points in the marked classes (novice) whilst competing for their Novice Gold Medal, so that they have two chances for one entry fee at shows.

The "Marked Bird" Described.

Perhaps I had better here explain, as far as possible, what I mean by the "Marked Bird" (green or cinnamon, Yorkshire, Norwich or Border). The marked bird, as we now know it, is one which has two or more technical marks, and these are to be found only on the eyes, wings or tail. Here again arises the difficulty especially for the novice what the term "technical marks" means. These are marks produced or brought forth in distinct particular positions.

I am afraid many have an erroneous idea that a "cap-marked bird," whose cap extends down to or even below its eyes, or a whole dark-tailed bird, possesses the particular technical marks. I wish to impress upon you here that this is a mistaken conception. The markings must be clear and separate on the particular points mentioned, and the tail on both sides only.

Again, another great difficulty appears to exist as to what is really meant by a "foul-marked bird." A great difference exists between what we term a "foul-marked bird," and what the Green Canary Association terms a "foul mark." The definition, as we know, is that a foul-marked bird is one which has a splashed or marked breast. It must also possess, in addition at least two technical marks to be eligible to compete for the National Green Marked Y.C.C. specials, or in the classes provided under their patronage.

The Highest Form of Variegation.

Having now somewhat cleared away the misunderstanding respecting these particular terms, I will endeavour to deal with and explain (seriatim) each of the three subdivisions into which the marked birds are divided. First and foremost, in my humble estimation, as well as in the opinion of most of our prominent noted judges is the "evenly-marked variety." This is the highest form of variegation; it is therefore extremely desirable that the object of breeders should be to try for the nearest approach to evenness in marking whilst still retaining all the essential qualities (type, position, feather, etc.) of the particular variety to which their breed belongs. You will see that while form and approximate excellence in markings count above equally good form, and merely irregular markings or vice versa, superior form must come above everything. Still, I am sorry to say that many of our judges are so attracted by the beauty of the markings that they overlook form altogether.

The evenly marked is the most beautiful and attractive sub-division of any variety, even superior, in my humble estimation, to the noted clear yellow, on account of its double difficulty in breeding; and it should take premier position. At one time this variety was much more common than is the case at present in both the Yorkshire and Norwich varieties, scarcely any typical birds of either variety existing. The only variety I know of where this particular class of bird is to be found is in the smart Border Fancy. And why? Because they are particularly catered for by those fanciers. I am pleased to say that this variety is now being encouraged and catered for in the Yorkshire variety by the National Green Marked Y.C.C. Many now even go so far as to object to them on the grounds that it is a temptation to be dishonest and to fake their specimens. Still, I can see hope, as there is no distinct class for them and no advantage thereby to be gained. I also think you will agree that the Fancy of to-day, compared with that of 15 or 20 years ago, is by far more enlightened than in those days. Faking would be pretty soon discovered by some one, and woe betide to the individual caught, as his reputation, etc., would be doomed at once and his punishment severe. The risks, in my estimation, are far too great for the advantages accruing, and may be dismissed to a large extent.

The Evenly Marked Bird.

An evenly-marked bird must be what is termed four-pointed (both wings and both eyes), or six pointed (both wings, both eyes, and both sides of tail). The more precise the markings the better. Those on the eyes should go round like the rims of a pair of spectacles. The underflight feathers (green or cinnamon) should be light, and the short flight feathers dark, according to the variety. The markings must be level in a sense, and as only these technical markings count, these should be clearly defined in outline. There must be no other markings on the body. Underflue is not taken into consideration; but points are deducted if it is conspicuous.

One eye and one wing mark, although two marks, would not be counted as two-pointed. Remember, that in this variety and the next to be considered the beauty of the markings consists in the exquisite form and exactness as well as in depth of colour. We differ in this respect, as we have allowed one eye and one wing, or wing and tail mark to count as technical markings. For scale of points in this variety see CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 15th. This includes both the Cinnamon and Green variety.

Unevenly Marked Birds.

Now, the word "unevenly" more or less explains this variety according to the experience of the breeder. For the benefit of the younger fanciers, however, I will explain its difference from the former variety.

This term only applies to the distinct markings, and a bird may have either two, three, or five technical marks (on eyes, wings or tail), separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body. A bird with four or six marks will also come under this variety if variegated on the head or body. Should a class be only formed for "ticks," and unevenly-marked birds, then the standard they are judged from is that of the clear birds, with deductions for markings. This, I think most of you will agree with me, was decidedly unfair and detrimental to the interests of this variety, and one of the great reasons which led to the formation of the National Green Marked Y.C.C.

The objects of this club in the Yorkshire variety is to encourage both its breeding and exhibiting. If an unevenly-marked class was given in the schedule before, it always read "Yellow or Buff," again putting the premium on the yellow bird; but as often, perhaps, as not it read "Ticked or Unevenly-marked." Some may say I had no cause to complain, as my old champion often took premier position even in that class, including first prize at the Crystal Palace Jubilee Show. Why? Simply because he won on form (type, quality, position and colour). This is, to my mind, one great reason why this variety was neglected. Unfortunately, the formation of this club only took place on May 22nd, 1909, after all fanciers had commenced breeding; with the consequent result that the classes under its patronage only averaged about 12 per class. This year I have every reason for believing that the entries and competition will be much keener, as breeders have made preparations and included these in their stock.

The Foul-marked Bird.

This, the last sub-division, is looked upon with some amount of contempt by some breeders, exhibitors, and judges. They argue that nobody breeds for them, and that, therefore, they should be found only in the breeding room. I fail to see eye to eye with them on this particular point. If a bird is valuable in one thing why debar it in another? It may possibly be equal or even superior in form to any of the others; yet because of its markings it is tabooed. Still, according to the rule, form must supersede inferiority in this respect. If the foul is accepted (Greens, Yorkshires, or Norwich), why in one branch of a variety and not in another? I fail to see. I was always of opinion that form had its beauty, and that colour was more or less a secondary consideration. Apparently the latter is of vital importance in the estimation of some of our judges and fanciers. Still, I beg to differ. The only way to overcome this prejudice is for fanciers to write and compel the judges to accept them, and not let the Fancy be governed by a few. It is this apathy and indifference of fanciers at the proper time that retards progress, and often leads to complaining.

The Uses of the Marked Bird.

This, I consider is a matter of vital importance to the new beginner in the Fancy: why do we use certain birds for certain objects? As you are all well aware, the depth of colour is obtained from a proper green-marked bird. You may say, what am I to do to obtain a proper green marked bird? I should suggest your getting a typical yellow grass-green cock and pair it to a clear buff hen of both type and quality; you would then obtain darker eyes and wing markings, especially if you intend going in for evenly marked birds. You will get depth of colour much greater this way than from the Cinnamon, as the latter always gives a bronze cast. The Cinnamon always gives a fine texture to the quality of the feather, and this is one of the reasons for its introduction into the Yorkshire. There is scarcely a bird which does not possess traces of Cinnamon blood in it. Once in, it is never eradicated.

(To be continued.)

The Washing of Birds for Exhibition.

By ALBERT BURTENSHAW.

A Paper read before the members of the Brighton C.B.A. on May 11th.

In response to the invitation of the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. T. Riddles, the members of the Brighton C.B.A. met in large numbers at their headquarters, the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, on May 11th, when several well-known lady fanciers were present. This society is making rapid progress and has every prospect of becoming one of the best on the south coast. Mr. C. Peirson acted as chairman.

I have selected for my subject, said Mr. Burtenshaw, one whose discussion will prove

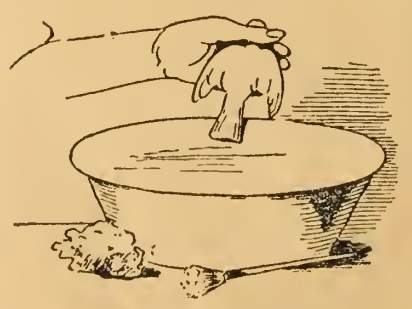


Washing Wings and Tail.

useful to those who wash their birds for the show bench. I will endeavour, with the aid of the pen and ink sketches (these had been most ably drawn by Miss J. Burtenshaw) to make clear to you my process of holding and washing a bird. It is a somewhat difficult job to bring anything fresh before you, as there are so many articles in the Press on the washing of cage birds for the show bench that one is at his wits' end, as the saying is, to bring anything new to you. And we have also had many lectures on the subject. It has struck me, however, that a paper on how to hold a bird to wash it would be welcome, also useful.

We all well know that our birds must be clean before they are sent out to shows. If they are not their chances of success are few. I am not an expert at bird-washing, but I am always pleased with my birds when they are washed, and they hold their own with others.

The first sketch is of a basin, two brushes, and a sponge. The one brush is an ordinary camel-hair one. No. 2 brush is a very small one for the face; this brush I tie up, so as to make it a little stiff and pointed, in order that I may work around the beak and eyes.



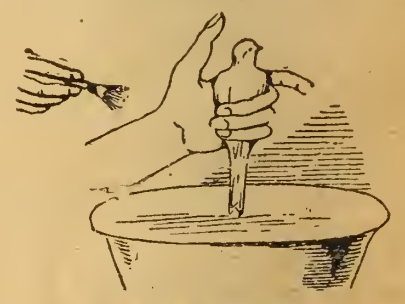
Washing the Back.

Before you start washing a bird, have everything by your side—your three basins, the brushes, sponge, strips of flannel, drying cage, and also a soft towel. Choose a time for the process when you have a nice fire, and, if you can, be by yourself. Start by washing (as in sketch 2) the tail and flights. Should they be very dirty, place them on the side of the basin, and rub them well with plenty of soap, holding the bird as sketched. Sketch 3 shows the process of washing the wings. Spread them on the side of the basin and work the brush downwards. Sketch 4 shows the turning of a bird over ready to wash the neck, and Sketch 5 depicts the washing of the face, which is the most difficult part. This is where the small pencil-brush plays a successful part; you cannot use a large one unless you smother the bird with lather; and this is dangerous to the eyes.

Sketch 6 shows my method of washing the sides, and Sketch 7 how to wash the back. The last sketch, No. 8, is a most important one; it shows how to rinse the bird. It is not necessary to "drown" the bird with water. Squeeze the sponge with clean water below the crown of the bird's head; it is not necessary for all the rinsing water to flow over the head. Be as quick as you can in doing the work. Take care and finish well.

After the rinsing, dab the birds in a nice soft bath towel, in order to get as much water out of them as you can. Roll them up in the strips of flannel that have been previously warmed by the fire. Roll them up in it, just leaving the beak out. Place them in the drying cage, which must be clean and dry, with their tails towards the fire. The heat from the fire then has a tendency to draw the feathers in the direction they should lie. I use a Yorkshire show cage for my drying cage. Place two thin pieces of board on the bottom perches; by doing this you will be able to get them through the door. And the same cage makes an ideal spraying cage, as the bird can stand on the top perch when being sprayed, and the pieces of board will prevent the bird from going on to the bottom of the cage.

About three days before sending the birds out to a show, spray them with luke-warm water, and add a teaspoonful of glycerine to a quart of water for the purpose. Send them out in clean cages; not that the cages are



Washing the Neck.

judged, but they have a marked effect on your bird. I might say that for British birds I have not found anything equal to rain water for washing them. I do not care to wash with soap and water any British birds except their feet, flights and tail. Spray them, rather, with clean rain water, and I feel sure from experience you will be pleased with the result.

I hope that my few remarks will prove to have benefited someone; if they have, I shall be amply rewarded for my trouble. In conclusion, I thank you for your kind attention. I shall be pleased to answer any questions as best I can.

Mr. Roust: Do you give any stimulants to your birds after washing them, or give them baths after washing?—No, to the farmer; and if the bird is not clean I wash it again. Mr. Gibb: How long does it take you to wash a bird?—About ten minutes. Mr. C. Peirson: Do you think that an old tooth brush is as good as anything to wash a bird with?—I have never tried one myself, but I should say that it was much too stiff. An old badger-hair shaving brush will do. Mr. Bicknell: What temperature do you have the water for washing birds?—So that you can bear your knuckles in it. Mr. Gibb: Would you advise putting a bird right into the water at once?—No; should a bird be a bit "fitty," it is a dangerous thing to do, and in most cases proves fatal. I soak their feet and tails first, then sprinkle a little water over their heads with my fingers. Mr. C. Peirson: Do you think that a dry sponge is good for getting the water out of the bird?—I like to use a warm bath towel, as it is nice and soft.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Roust and seconded by Mr. France; and Mr. Burtenshaw's reply concluded a most enjoyable evening.

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*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
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*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
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Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
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Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
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Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street).
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 11.—Bradford East O.S.; Choppington (Old) C.B.S.; Northampton (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wigan C.B.S.; West Stanley C.B.S.
June 16.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
June 18.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Battersea C.B.A.; Crewe O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Huthwaite C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Otley O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Bankfoot C.B.S.; Gt. Horton O.S.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.; Chesterfield C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Great Horton Good Intent O.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.
June 22.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
June 23.—Grimsby O.S.
June 25.—Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Heywood O.S.; North London C.B.A.; North Manchester C.B.S.; Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.; Liverpool B.B.A.; Barrington and Choppington (S.C.) C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.; Pendleton and Salford O.S.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Preston O.S.
June 27.—Southall C.B.S.
June 29.—Brighton C.B.A.; Cardiff C.B.S.
June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 1.—Penzance F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Cod-Sun-Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Hamilton O.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.; Manchester & N.C.O.S.; Rochdale O.C.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Barnsley C.B.S.; Colne C.B.S.; Dalton-in-Furness C.B.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Southend O.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (2-day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.
July 11.—Reigate F.A.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.
July 25.—Barrington, etc. (Soc. Club) C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.
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(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

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No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrange with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 539
The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

In the Courts.

Cruelty to Swan Goes Unpunished.

The interesting question, whether a Swan is to be regarded as domesticated or not, was raised in a case just heard at Keighley, in which Alfred Peake, a labourer, of Steeton, was summoned by the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty to a Swan. For the prosecution it was stated that defendant was seen by three witnesses to go to the bank of Messrs. W. and J. Bairstow's mill dam, at Steeton, and attack with a hay fork a female Swan, which was then on its nest. The male Swan, which was swimming about, was beaten also, but not to the same extent. The female bird was later found dead.

Mr. C. P. Cass, for the defence, contended that no charge of cruelty could lie in the case of a Swan, as it was not domesticated. The Act of 1849 gave a list of domestic animals, and the Act of 1854 extended its operation to any other domestic animal not mentioned in the previous Act, by the words "any other kind or species whatever, and whether a quadruped or not"; but he contended that this really meant any kind of species of "domestic" animal. The Swan was a migratory bird, and was free to come and go. It was not fed or looked after by anyone in particular. He had gone to the trouble of looking into Morris's "British Birds," in which the Swan was treated of under the terms "wild" and "savage."—The Chairman (Mr. Jno. Sugden): So is a goose, in the first instance.—Mr. Cass replied that unless something was done to domesticate such birds, they remained wild, but if a man took a duck and fed it in a poultry yard, it became domesticated. Later on Mr. Cass said he had evidence to refute the case that had been set up in the evidence given.

After further argument, the Chairman said that if the birds had been looked after by some individual on a regular system he should have been inclined to stretch a point, and call them domesticated, but seeing that they had only been casually fed, and in view of the advice tendered by their Clerk, the Bench could not hold that they were domestic animals, and the case would therefore fail.—"Newcastle Chronicle."

Bird-Nesting in Liverpool Parks.

On May 18th G. Crew (13), D. Kennedy (15), E. Roberts (14), and C. Large (14) were brought before the Stipendiary magistrate (Mr. T. Shepherd Little) charged with bird-nesting in Sefton Park. Evidence was given that this offence was frequently committed, and that although repeated cautions had been given no good effect resulted. It had therefore been decided to prosecute, and informations had been duly laid by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Two boys were fined 2s. 6d. each. Roberts had been cautioned before, and was now fined 2s. 6d. and costs; Large had been cautioned, and was fined 10s and costs.—The magistrate said that unless this thing were put a stop to it might be necessary to impose the full penalty of £5 and costs.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Doing Nothing Businesslike.

Uneasy.—You say nothing about the cock, whether he is in good condition or song. And I note you give 10ft. as the width of the window in the room. If this is correct, it is practically the whole length of one side of the room, and if there are one or two hinged sashes to open as desired there should be no necessity for keeping the door open all day. The prolonged moulting points to the presence of draughts, although you say they are non-existent. You should look well into this question. If the birds still show no signs of nesting separate them to single cages. Place them so that the hens will be in view of the cock. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every third day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, and every day a good-sized spray of chickweed and two leaves of dandelion each. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Continue this for a week, and give nothing else. After that, for the next week, in addition to the same staple, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and gold of pleasure seed. On alternate days give half a teaspoonful to each of the same mixture as mentioned above, and two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. At the end of this course you may try mating them again. Put the cock with only one hen at a time—not all three together.

A Bad Outlook.

T. R. Baker.—I am afraid you have septic fever among your stock, and would strongly advise you to send the next that dies for post-mortem, to put the matter beyond doubt. Meantime look well into all your seeds and other foods, to see if they are all perfectly sound and sweet. Keep the cages and perches scrupulously clean; cover the floors with a good layer of pine sawdust, and remove it, burn it at once, and replace with fresh at least every second day for a time. Give a plain seed diet as already advised a little crushed plain biscuit, given dry, and a free supply of green-food. For a few days whilst the birds appear to eat but little seed give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, but stop this as soon as they are eating seed freely, and do not give any moist soft foods freely. Remove all the apparently healthy birds to another room quite isolated from the sick birds, and keep the two groups totally isolated. Should any of the healthy ones begin to show the same symptoms at once remove it, or them, cage and all, back to sick group, and let it take its chance with them. Any cage that becomes vacant through deaths should be taken right away and not used again until it has undergone thorough disinfection. Of cure, there is none; but to tone up the birds and perhaps help them to win you may add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week. After that alter it to six of gentian and four of acid every second day for another week or two. Do not introduce any fresh birds into your stock until this disease is thoroughly eradicated.

Losing Young.

J.R.—I take it that the hens feed the young up to the ninth or twelfth day, and then cease doing so. Do you leave the cock with the hen or take him away when she commences to sit? Try the reverse method the next round—that is, if you have been leaving him with the hen, next round remove him as soon as the hen commences to sit, and leave her to bring up the young by herself; but if you have already been doing this, try leaving him with her the next time. Feed on plain canary seed only whilst sitting. When young are hatched give a small quantity of egg food fresh two or three times a day. Give very small quantities at first; let little and often be the rule, and fresh each time. On the fourth day begin to give a little chickweed, lettuce, or flower heads of groundsel, fresh and often, in the same way as egg food. Do not begin to give hemp until the young are twelve days old. A separate saucer of soaked rape may be given when they are a week old, if hens show signs of flagging. Also mix a pinch of maw in the egg food in that event. Make your egg food with equal parts egg, crumb of stale bread, and crushed stale sponge cake. Add no moisture other than that contained in the egg. Should signs of flagging appear, at once add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water for one-half of each day. Allow them to have it until midday, then throw out and give pure water for the rest of the day. Also offer a bath daily, in which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of common salt. Finally, and most important, interfere with the hen and nest as little as possible.

An Old Friend.

W. D. B.—Do not give any pure yolk at all when young are hatched, but start mixing with it an equal quantity of crumb of stale household bread from the first, and gradually bring it, by the fourth or fifth day, to consist of equal parts of egg, bread crumbs, and crushed stale sponge cake. Do not add any moisture to it other than that which is in the egg yolk. When the young are a week old you may begin to use both yolk and white of egg. If hens show any signs of flagging sprinkle egg food with maw seed from the fourth day, and at a week old add a little soaked rape daily in a separate vessel. When twelve or fourteen days old, not earlier, begin to give crushed hemp. Start with green food on the fourth day; give only a little at first, fresh, twice a day, and after a few days give quite liberally. Use chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, or lettuce. Egg food also give in limited quantities, and fresh at least twice a day. Aim at giving just as much as the birds will clear up just before the next supply in due. Offer a bath daily if the weather is warm, and dissolve a teaspoonful of common salt in it. If the hens then show signs of flagging dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water each day, and let them have this until midday, then throw out and give fresh pure water for the rest of the day.

Encouraging, Isn't It?

Silk.—Not very, "Silk"; though I expect that remark was "writ sarcastic." Your record is truly a most unhappy one, but take heart of grace. Your feeding arrangements are doubtless the chief cause of your trouble. Now, when your hens have laid their complement of eggs, and began to sit, cut off practically all the extra items, and limit the diet to a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Give a pinch of hemp now and again only in the event of a cold spell of weather coming on, and a teaspoonful of egg-food between a pair not oftener than twice a week. A tiny scrap of green-food—not dandelion—may be given now and again. On the day young are due to hatch give a small quantity of egg-food. Continue giving this in small quantities, fresh, at least twice a day—not once only—three times would be better; aim at giving only just as much each time as will be quite cleared up just before the next supply is due. On the fourth day begin to give a little green-food—lettuce, chickweed, or groundsel—but no dandelion at all. Give this also in small quantities, fresh, twice a day. You may add a sprinkling of maw seed to the egg-food when about a week old, and if hens show signs of flagging, give also a little soaked rape in a separate vessel. Do not begin to give crushed hemp until the young are twelve days old. If any signs of flagging appear add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the water for one half of each day, and give the hens a bath each day for two or three days in which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of common table salt.

Brevities.

Sore Feet (Paradox).—In the first place I cannot see the necessity for taking the bird out of the cage to clean it, if by this you mean to clean the cage. Your treatment would do very nicely. But if the sores are not quite well by now bathe them for a few minutes in a solution of horacic acid, dry gently, and anoint with zinc ointment for a few days. You might advantageously use sawdust in cage until feet are well. Give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed every second day for a week. If quite bright and active there is no reason why you should not mate him. You say your perches are 1¼ins. diameter; this is surely a mistake. Trim them down to a flattened oval shape, ¾in. by ½in.

Defective Beaks (Mandibles).—These cases sometimes occur as a result of injury to the mandibles during the feeding process, whilst the birds are very young. The beaks are occasionally nipped, either accidentally or otherwise by the cock. As the birds appear to have appreciable amount of upper mandible, I do not think there should be any necessity to destroy them. When they leave the nest, and for some time after leaving the parents, give them all their food in vessels in such a position that they can dig their beaks amongst it deeply enough to get a grip between the mandibles. If they feed themselves all right in this way, it is possible that the mandibles may become equal in length in a few months time.

Lump on Head (H. Spooner).—The small lump is probably a vesicle filled with air. Prick it with a clean needle. Press gently to see if any fluid escapes, and, if so, gently press all out and anoint the spot with carbolised vaseline. If no fluid appears the bleb will disappear in a few hours most likely. Should it reappear in a few days repeat the pricking. The lice would not cause it, but they tend to show that the bird is not in a very robust condition. Give it a good dusting with pyrethrum powder, then roll up in a handkerchief for a quarter of an hour before you allow it to shake off the powder. Let it bathe freely, and add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water twice a week. Add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water every second day for a week or two.

Slow Starters (W. H. D.).—It is not unlikely that the pair you say have torn the lining out of the nest pan are settled down to business by the time this appears. Have you offered any nesting material? You must provide a little cowhair, or some substitute, for the hens to line the pans independently of the lining you find fastened in them. If they are not yet gone to nest give a piece of bread and milk rather larger than a hazel nut with four drops of cod-liver emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and teazle, and one part each maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. Give two or three crisp leaves of dandelion daily. See Mr. Weston's replies for answer about Linnet, which should have been written on a separate sheet to avoid delay.

Too Early Nesting and Clear Eggs (Amateur).—Sorry your query reached too late for reply to get in last issue. You ought to have said how you feed and treat the birds. The cause is undoubtedly injudicious management. I note you say the hens go to nest again when the young are a fortnight, yet you do not return the cocks until the young are a month old. This may account for you having so many clear eggs. You will find one or two detailed replies this week about the proper feeding when young are being reared. If you are still in doubt write again, and give particulars of your treatment, when I shall be pleased to advise you.

Clear Eggs (Novice).—I am not clear what you mean by saying the birds are kept in a "cold room, but interrupted." If the room is dry and free from cold draughts there is no reason why the birds should not do all right in it. The clear eggs may arise from a variety of causes quite independently of the room, although it is quite possible the cold snaps of weather were the cause. Give the birds a crystal of soda the size of a split pea in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel. In addition to the usual staple seed diet give a small piece of bread and milk with four drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture, minus the hemp, advised to "W.H.D."

Dallying Yorkshires (Heathen).—You only want to exercise a little patience, although rather late for the display of this virtue. The hen will probably go to nest all right very soon, but you can only expect to get one nest from her now this season. You may treat the pair for a week the same as advised to "W.H.D." As regards your second question, I have had no personal experience with that particular article, so prefer not to express an opinion. A really good feeding hen, however, will rear a brood on almost any of the prepared articles, or even on seed and green food alone, if limited in choice.

Young Dying (Disheartened).—When the young are taken quite away from the parents, which will be at about a month old, you should give an unlimited supply of good sound Canary seed only as a staple. Continue to give a little egg food daily, consisting of one part egg to two parts bread crumbs, sprinkled with a little maw seed, until you find the birds cracking the Canary seed quite easily, and in sufficient quantity to support themselves. When this happens you should reduce the quantity of egg food to about a small teaspoonful per bird twice a week, and once a week give a little bread and milk. When first removed you will also give a little cracked hemp and summer rape daily, separately, until they are well on Canary, and then gradually withdraw this. At the end of weaning process the diet will therefore consist of—staple, unlimited Canary daily, egg food or bread and milk in quantity named, every second day; on alternate days half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice each week, and similar quantity of hemp on other two days. Give no green food for first few days after removal, then use such things as seedy spikes of shepherd's purse, and plantain stalks to begin with, and use sparingly.

A Question of Fertility (Lilac).—Many thanks for your letter giving account of hatching of eggs. Glad to hear they all hatched successfully. It would be interesting to know the total length of time the cock was wholly separated from the hen before the last two eggs were laid.

Eggs Dried Up (Railways).—The reason is that the shells are slightly imperfect, being of too porous a nature, and thus allowing the moisture to evaporate. If the hen has not gone to nest again, when she is about doing so you might add twenty drops of chemical food to the water daily until she has laid her complement of eggs. Also get a little limely old mortar and smash up to coarse powder and mix with the sand on cage floor.

Scalped Canary (A New Beginner).—You charge "Master" Bullie with the mischief, but if you have not quite unquestionable proof of it I should be more inclined to suspect his missus. If the scalp is not healed as you seem to imply, wash it clean with a lukewarm pink solution of permanganate of potash crystals, dry gently, and anoint with a little zinc ointment. Repeat the anointing daily until healed. If cuticle is seriously damaged, it is very doubtful whether any more feathers will be reproduced. She should still be good for breeding, but you cannot expect her to do so until the scalp is well. It is just likely she may be able to have one brood this year. Staple diet should be three parts Canary to one part summer rape. A little hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and maw in equal parts may be given separately every second day, and a scrap of egg food on the alternate days to bring them on for breeding. Omit the linseed altogether.

Deformed Toes (H. C. E.).—It is impossible to give you any definite advice in the absence of any knowledge as to which toes are deformed, and this you quite fail to convey. If a hind toe, put on a rubber band made by cutting in eighth of an inch from rubber tubing as used for feeding bottles, and give thin perches. The method of putting on the bands you will find fully described in several replies just lately. If one or both of the side fore toes, bring them forward and tie firmly, but not tightly, to the centre toe. If the centre toe also is turned under, then you can do nothing, but trust to the thin perches to gradually effect a cure, unless you looked up some back numbers and tried the effect of two mechanical contrivances which have appeared in the Illustrated Ideas for this trouble.

Wheezes and Squeaks (L. P.).—Look well into the position and surroundings of the bird, and see that it is quite free from exposure to cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold, foul air from burning lights, etc., etc. Does it hang in a window? If so, remove it at once to a position further in the room. When you have seen to all these points you may give in addition to the ordinary seed diet a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod-liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give a small pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of a mixture of two parts each glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and one part each ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne, every second day for a fortnight. Any chemist will mix you a small quantity of the above mixture ready for use.

Non-feeders (Troubled, Leeds).—I think you probably overdo the egg food at the beginning after the young are hatched. For the first day or two give this in quite small quantities, and fresh twice or three times every day. You do not say how you make your egg food, but you might with advantage try a mixture of equal parts egg, crushed stale sponge cake, and stale wheaten bread crumbs. You will find detailed instructions for rearing the young from time of hatching in one or more replies every week for several weeks past, which you might read with profit. See reply to "W. D. B.," also that to "J. McIlroy," last week. You make no mention of green food. You should begin to give this—not dandelion—when the young are three or four days old, and give it fresh, in small quantities at first, at least twice a day.

Sneeze and Scratch (Anxious).—Judging from your sketch the cages seem to be favourably placed, but whether this is so or not depends upon whether they are box cages, and also whether the doors open to the outer air or not, and you have not indicated this. The size of the kitchen is also omitted, and this, too, would affect the question, especially if small, which would bring the birds within range of the fire. I have little doubt the birds are either too near the fire or are in a draughty position. If the arrangement is feasible have the cages on the wall immediately opposite the fire, midway between the two doors, but you must have box cages and no others. Examine your cages well for red mites in the crevices and joints. Then give each pair a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage with six drops of sherry and four of cod-liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, to the drinking water, and shake well together. It is useless trying to breed with them until they are well.

Cocks and Hens (Railway Engine).—Am inclined to think the two birds mentioned are both hens. You should be able to tell now by the shape of the vent—that of the hen is flat and almost in a line with the abdomen, whilst that of the cock is prominent and pointed. You do not mention whether either of them sings or not. Your best method of telling which of the young Yorkshires are cocks is to observe them carefully, and note which make attempts at singing. The young cocks will begin to warble in an undertone almost as soon as they leave the nest. You would find "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, very useful to clear up these points. Sib hens are hen Canaries which have been bred together for several generations on lines of consanguineity—that is, by mating together blood relations. As regards price of birds, personally, I should expect nothing worth having at that price.

The Proper Thing (Lumen).—No, it is not essentially the proper thing to cover a bird's cage when gas is lit, but in your case, with the bird hanging in the window, it is probably just the thing which has preserved its life so long. By all means move it permanently to another position which is free from draught, and extreme heat and cold. The way it behaves when you go to cover it is simply due to increasing tameness. It would probably play with your finger if you offered it at such times, and would take very little trouble to tame thoroughly now it has reached this stage. The "cries" you say it gives when not covered as usual, are in all probability the sounds of chronic bronchial troubles, due to its position in the window. Try what twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in its water, every second day for a week, will do for it. There is no necessity whatever to cut the nails as long as they are not overgrown so as to be an hindrance to the bird's freedom of movement about its perches.

The Reason Why (Blue Egg).—The only reason I can give for the behaviour of the hen which rejected the abnormally coloured and shaped egg, and persistently turned it out of the nest, is that some subtle instinct convinced her it was a waste of time to sit upon it, as, indeed, the chances of such an egg hatching and producing a normal chick are quite infinitesimal. Some hens have idiosyncrasies of this kind and refuse to have anything to do with such abnormalities. As yours is evidently one of these cranky individuals, take the hint and leave her severely alone when the other eggs are hatched, or you may find that she refuses to have anything to do with the rearing of the young.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Curious Trio.

A. Jay.—Your questions astonish me. 1. It is sheer nonsense to say that a Cuckoo cannot be hand-reared to the age of three months. Only quite recently we published letters about, and photographs of, Cuckoos which were hand-reared, and lived and thrived for vastly longer periods of time. Why not "settle" your friend, and the wager, by showing these to him? Further, a Cuckoo was so hand-reared at my own house last spring. 2. I have myself frequently found Goldfinches' nests in trees other than the pear and the apple; oak, spruce, fir, and beech trees, also evergreens. 3. I thought the "old woman's tale" about the Cuckoo turning to a Hawk in winter was long ago effectually scotched. Most decidedly it is untrue; doesn't it sound like it? Your friend must have "rummy" ideas about bird life; I would suggest that you make him a present of a cheap handbook on British birds. 4. The egg you sent was not in a condition to be identified; it was smashed, and contained an embryo in a state of decomposition, so that I held my nose and hadn't the courage to approach it closely. You say you got them at Whitsuntide; I believe this.

Rearing Young Magpies.

Elvidge Bros.—I dealt very fully with this matter only some two weeks ago. Briefly, in hand-rearing a Magpie, if you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince it up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds), for I am certain it upsets the stomach

of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much is used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Keep the bird very clean.

Hen Bullie and Young.

J.W.S.—If the eggs hatch out, give the hen, to feed with, plenty of canary and summer rape seeds and lightly cracked hemp and sunflower seeds. Offer ripe seeding green foods, such as chickweed, shepherd's-purse, and groundsel, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked (just sprouting) rape. I don't use scalded rape; only that soaked in cold water, frequently changed. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day. Egg bread, made by well mixing an equal quantity of crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with a minced hard-boiled (twelve minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered if the hen shows a liking for it, and most of my own hen Bullies do so. Some of mine, too, like live ants' eggs, and a few mealworms now and again, while any branches of fruit, etc., trees covered with "smother fly" will be eagerly accepted.

Handrearing Greenfinches.

J. A. Edge.—This is also a hand-feeding question I have dealt with fully several times quite recently. Note back numbers. Briefly: I don't believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. I would sooner have to "cram" them at first. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. Mince the egg up finely and the whole can be passed through a potato "squeezer" (or masher). When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is

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always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg-food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food.

Brevities.

A Loss of Flight Feathers (Old Soldier).—Pleased to hear that my opinion as to the cause turns out to be correct. The birds will suffer no lasting ill-effects from the accident.

A Muling Matter (Paradox).—Let the hen Canary have the same seeds as the Goldfinch until she commences to sit. The method of proceeding with the Finch, which you outline, is correct.

Was it a Gale (A. Holloway).—I do not know any other bird than the Nightingale which answers to the description you give. The nest is built close to, or on, the ground, at foot of a thick bush, or in herbage, or among dead leaves, in spinneys, and is chiefly made of dead leaves (oak being the favourites) with dried grasses, rootlets, etc. The eggs are generally five in number (I have found four, and heard of six), and plain olive-brown in colour. Some have a bluish tinge.

Finch Eggs and Canaries (G.R.).—Yes; eggs of the Chaffinch, Greenfinch, etc., can be put under hen Canaries, and the latter will rear the young Finches on the same food stuffs as are used in the rearing of young Canaries or young Mules.

Bullfinches Eggs (C. R. Carr).—The eggs of the Bullfinch are greenish-blue, spotted, and sometimes blotched with dark brown to black, mostly at the large end. Books, with full coloured plates of eggs, are not exactly cheap; one of the latest published, and one of the very best, is "Eggs and Nests of British Birds," by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., price 5s. CAGE BIRDS would send you a copy; or you can get one through a bookseller. There are 32 plates of eggs in this, and many photographs of nests, etc.

A Lark (Novice).—It seems evident that the bird is falling into a moult, and you can do nothing beyond feeding it well and waiting patiently until it has assumed a new coat. The change in condition which you mention is doubtless the cause of the trouble. The bird will come into song again afterwards. For 10 or 12 days stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food (obtainable of any chemist) into the bird's drinking water, giving fresh twice daily, and in a glass or pot (not metal) vessel only.

Hen Chaffinch Sitting (Leinster).—If the pair are alone in the aviary, the hen Chaffinch will be quite likely to rear the young, especially if you offer her a good insectile food (with a little egg-food mixed amongst it), and plenty of seeding chickweek, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and the like, also live ants' eggs, which are now plentiful, and grand things to use. If there are many other birds in the aviary it would be safest to transfer the eggs to a hen Canary.

A White Dove (Nero).—Doves are not included in the list of exhibition birds published by the specialist British bird clubs; consequently, you would have to run the risk of getting your white, pink-eyed Turtle Dove "wrong classed." It is rare, and certainly interesting. You would be more likely to get light Mules (if at all) with a clear Norwich cock bred from clear parents; a variegated bird is not so suitable, being obviously full of green blood.

Insect Life (J. H. Bennett).—Earwigs are very good things to offer soft-billed birds, and you can also safely give them a chance to make a meal off any of the small crawling things you find about your garden plants; about the only things barred will be hairy caterpillars. You can depend on it that the birds will reject whatever they do not fancy; some, for instance, will eagerly eat live nuts, whereas others won't touch them.

Ants' Eggs (T. H. Welch).—The live ants' eggs sent are a good sample, quite up to anything I have seen. In the early nests the eggs are always very much larger than those obtained later on. I can quite believe that you enjoyed your outing in the woods; I would sooner have been with you than sweltering here in Fleet Street, you can bet on that. The recent decision in the law case will not stop the exhibiting of British birds; it is not quite so bad as this.

Identity of Egg (P.P.).—I must give it up. The egg is too large for the Hedge Sparrow (unless abnormal), and looks like the Whinchat, for though it is badly smashed, I seem to discern the very faint characteristic mottling; but, then, this bird does not build in a tree 12 to 14 feet from the ground. It is a matter of impossibility to identify many eggs; one needs to see the nest, and often the birdy owner, to make certain. It is not the egg of any Finch. I have known both Blackbird and Thrush to lay unspotted eggs.

Identity of Bird (Curious Querist).—This bird is the Lesser Whitethroat, one of our smallest Warblers, and, of course, an insectivorous bird. They make nice cage birds, and are not difficult for anyone to keep who has had experience of such Softbills as Nightingales, for they require feeding on the same lines, but with the addition of more ripe fruit. I do not advise you to try hand-rearing this species if you have had no experience; it is a delicate and tiresome task, for the youngsters are tender little things. Live ants' eggs would be the best food on which to rear them easily. The Lesser Whitethroat is not of much account as a show bird, being beaten by the rarer species.

For Woodlark's Cage (J. Walters).—I can quite believe that you find grit useless as a floor covering for the Woodlark's cage. Try either granulated peat-moss (broken up very small), obtainable from most corn and forage stores, or cocoa-nut fibre, obtainable from florists or seed merchants. You will have no trouble then, I think, through clogged feet. A dust bath should be provided, of course.

A Linnet (W.H.D.).—You can safely try the cock Linnet with one of the Canary hens, as from your description he seems to be in breeding condition (examination of the vent will soon decide this for you). Leave the hen without a mate for a few days before introducing the Linnet. Get the "Nutshell" handbook (post free, 2½d., from this office) on the Linnet, and this will tell you all about the correct feeding, tit-bits, etc.

Thrush Which Makes a Noise (S. S.).—Your query makes me smile. Really, having never kept fowls, I do not know what sort of a noise it is which a Hen makes when she "has the pip"—poor thing. It is difficult to advise you, but I presume the bird has a cold, in which case you will be likely to cure by stirring in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water 8 drops of tincture of benzoin. This must be given in a glass or pot vessel, and mixed fresh twice daily. You must take the bird indoors during damp weather; also at nights until cured.

Linnet and Chaffinch for Muling (Dick Williamson).—You should buy the "Nutshell" booklet No. 2, which will tell you all about the correct feeding of the Linnet for song and breeding, at far greater length than I can do here (only 2½d., post free, from this office). You ought to get Mules from the Linnets if they are in the requisite high breeding condition. I question whether you will do any good with the Chaffinches, however, which are very doubtful Mule breeders with a Canary. I have never yet seen a Mule from Chaffinch and Canary, anyway. If you want to experiment, it would be interesting; but you appear to be out after "good eggs."

Cock or Hen Greenfinch (Anxious).—I suppose you mean by "green cock Linnet or hen," cock or hen Greenfinch. There is no such bird as a "green" cock Linnet; but the Greenfinch is commonly, but erroneously, termed the Green Linnet. The easiest way to breed Mules with a Canary is by means of the cock Greenfinch, which usually pairs very readily. The hen will also breed in a cage, but not with the same certainty, or ease of management.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

British and Foreign Hybrids.

Oiseaux.—I cannot call to mind any similar case. Leave them together just as they are, and if the young are hatched supply green food ad lib., such as chickweed, lettuce, grass in flower (seeding grass), and any non-poisonous weeds, also the usual seeds, a little soft food and some mealworms and gentles, and any other insects the garden supplies or you can procure for them. The main thing is to leave them as undisturbed as possible. Quite apart from the question of value, it is worth while making the attempt to bring off the cross, as it would be of great interest; but their method of feeding is rather dis-similar, and I fear complete success is somewhat improbable. Nevertheless, I should certainly make the attempt.

Aviary for Beginners.

Shepsliedite.—In an aviary of this size I should cover in 6ft. of the roof and also arrange for a 3ft. shed, which can be easily made by extending a partition from back to front, at the boarded-in end. I do not care for lilac in any aviary, but the privet and clematis can be left to grow inside, or a plant of each planted inside. I should fix up nest boxes, etc., under the roof, both in the shelter and covered portion of flight; suspend some from the roof, hang others on the walls. Well furnish the back of aviary, shelter and flight with twiggy branches, and so arrange baths and food vessels that the branches do overhang same, or their contents will be quickly fouled. You will have accommodation for about 30 birds the size of a Canary. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," from CAGE BIRDS office, will give you full directions as to feeding and treating, etc. As opportunity offers get pairs of the following: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Zebra Finches and Cocks of Madagascar, and Napoleon Weavers. All the above will agree with Canaries. The best Britishers to put with above are Goldfinch, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Linnet, and Bullfinch. If you only put in hen Canaries and cocks of the British Finches you may get some interesting hybrids.

Nesting Receptacles for Cardinals

B. H. S.—You can leave in the breeding cage, but the Blackbird's nest would have been better fixed in the branches; however, leave it as it is now, and hang up a few moderate sized travelling cages with the wire front removed, also one or two Hartz travelling cages, with the fittings removed, and one or two bars cut away, to afford an entrance for the birds, and you can then safely leave them to choose for themselves. Why not fix a shallow box on the ledge in the roof of inner house, if they have a predilection to build there, the box would give them a base to build upon, and they would then make their nest secure. Success in breeding Foreign species is often attained by observing the birds, and helping them out when they appear in difficulty, as indicated above. I do not expect they will accept a ready-built nest, but will construct one for themselves once they have fixed upon a suitable site, according to their own ideas. There is another reply in this issue on rearing Cardinals, which will meet your need.

Budgerigars, etc.

Howard White.—(1) You have accommodation for about 30 Budgies in your aviary, but I should only advise you putting in four pairs for breeding purposes. (2) Yes, I think the White Javas would be able to look after themselves. In such an aviary if they help themselves to each other's dietary, it will do them no hurt. (3) Yes. (4) I prefer the ordinary soft food mixture to the one you are using. (5) Turn into the aviary an equal number of each sex, and leave them to sort themselves out. No, but they should not have access to the cages, or their choice may rest on the caged bird. Put them into the aviary straight away, and leave them to pair up for themselves. (6) Unless you keep so many Budgies that they simply swamp the place, I think the Javas will be able to look after themselves.

Breeding Red-crested Cardinals.

L. K. T.—You must be ready with a supply of live insects by the time the young birds are about due to hatch. These can consist of mealworms, gentles (well scoured), and live ants' cocoons (eggs). You can also give any spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, or other garden pests you can capture for them. In addition you must supply the usual dietary, viz., seeds, soft food, ripe fruit, and green-food. It will be better to give a supply of live insects about every two hours rather than leave in a large supply at once, though you could leave a fair supply of gentles about in a glazed vessel. The pupa or crysalis, is just as useful as the maggot for feeding purposes, but in hot weather the flies soon emerge once the pupa stage is reached. If there are not many insect-eating species kept with the Cardinals, it should not be much trouble to keep up a supply of live food, and the young should be successfully reared. I opine the eggs will be fertile. The kitchen blackbeetle (cockroach) will be greedily eaten if your kitchen is blessed (?) with these pests—put in a deepish glazed vessel very few will escape, and they can be offered at intervals. Kindly send an account to CAGE BIRDS for publication if you succeed.

Parrot with Parasites.

J. H. B.—I should give several doses of powdered Areca nut, about as much as would thinly cover a sixpence, with an interval of two days between each dose. But you must also use judgment according to the condition of the bird; and if the voidings become too loose and watery, you must lengthen the period between the doses. For a bird that will let me handle it, I always give it direct to the mouth, made into the form of a pellet, with a little jam, of which most Parrots are very fond. Failing this, there are two other methods, either damp a small piece of sponge or madeira cake with water and pick up the areca nut on this, or the cake may be smeared with a little jam and the areca nut will adhere thereto; or, again, I have stirred the powder into a little boiled maize, but either the cake or the pellet are the best methods.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free, a mine of information of use and interest.

By one of the above methods you should have no difficulty in inducing your bird to take the remedy. After three doses you had better report progress. The voidings should be at once removed and destroyed, burnt if possible, and the most scrupulous cleanliness practised. Even if it occasions a little waste, the bird should be prevented from picking up food from the sand tray; this can be accomplished by closely wiring the cage grating. The cage should be thoroughly washed once or twice weekly with a five per cent. carbolic acid solution.

Brevities.

Budgerigars Not Agreeing (Henpecked).—I should certainly procure another hen, and not put them together till the cock is in fair plumage again, though it will be as well to keep them in sight of each other while he is coming into condition. With such weather as at present it should not take long for him to reproduce his plumage. Part them at once, as probably she is also pulling out the pen feathers as they appear, and it will only prolong matters to let this go on.

Keeping Grey Parrots Together (Mann).—I cannot advise the practice of keeping two Parrots in the same room; they are of such jealous dispositions, and I fear it would spoil the temper of both birds, though I am bound to admit in one case I have seen it done with fair success. If you make the attempt you be careful and give the precedence always to your first bird, and by this means you may avoid undue jealousy. It was by this arrangement that the above-mentioned instance was successfully carried out. I should not purchase a bird at all troubled with asthma; it will get worse as the bird increases in age, and should advise you to have nothing to do with such a bird.

A Showy Bird (Mrs. H. B. B.).—The Blue Grosbeak is a handsome bird, yet not gorgeous, and would do well on much the same treatment as the Green Cardinal. I do not think a Troupial would quite meet your case, as set out in your query. I really think a Gold-fronted Green Bulbul would suit you best, and I should suggest your purchasing it at once, so as to have an opportunity of getting it really fit and steady for the show season, but I rather doubt your getting one for 25s. Failing this, try and get either a Maroon, Blue, or Tri-colour Tanager. Tanagers should have a diet of ripe fruit, soft food, and a few live insects, with the addition of milk sop; this would suit the Bulbul also—whichever you are able to procure, the sooner you get it the better. Re your "P.S.," a Troupial is more an aviary than a cage bird, and some individuals never become really steady.

Grey Parrot in Poor Plumage (Ayr).—It is your diet that is at fault. I write almost every week—Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops (by this I mean bread or biscuit moistened in same), table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts (walnuts are as good as any), plain biscuit, any kind, and it can be moistened with water if the bird so prefers it; keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and mingle a little grit with its seed mixture. Give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts water) with a couple of days between each dose, though the bird's condition must regulate this. Paint any bare parts with Spratt's Pennacura, and spray twice a week with quassia solution. Baize or cretonne makes a good covering for a cage; it should be covered all round the sides, but a good portion of the top should be left uncovered for ventilation. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some little time.

Parrot with Heated Skin (T. H. Harrell).—It is the diet that is wrong—"a bit of everything at mealtimes"—will soon upset any Parrot, and it will take some time to right the mischief. Give every other day at first, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one part magnesia to three parts water), but you will have to let the state of the bird's bowels regulate the period between the doses—the bowels must be kept moving freely. After the first week, on the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Paint the bare parts with compound tincture of benzoin. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, and a little plain biscuit; this may be moistened (not saturated) with either plain water or the chemical food water only. Tea, coffee, or milk sop, table scraps, or animal food of any kind must not be given, or you will merely aggravate the trouble.

Amazon with Swollen Tongue (W. Kent).—Another case of wrong dietary; give a bird tea, coffee, and milk menus, etc., and it will soon go wrong. Keep its bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia; see other replies for dose, etc. Its diet should be confined to boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and it need not be given every day), seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts in variety, and plain biscuit; this can be moistened with plain water or water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. The bird must be gradually accustomed to water; give it a few sips several times daily, gradually increasing the quantity you permit it to take, and when you see it will only drink a normal quantity it can be left continuously in the cage. Paint the tongue twice daily with honey and borax (from any chemist ready mixed); use a camel-hair brush for the purpose, and it must be well cleansed after each occasion.

Is It Moulting? (Mrs. Maconechy).—Many Parrots are moulting at the present time, and this is probably the case with yours. Your diet is not varied enough, and I should persevere with the effort to induce it to take fruit—try it with apple cores; also give it plain biscuit, and I think if you get a few shelled walnuts the bird will soon appreciate them. It is altogether wrong to feed the bird entirely on sunflower seeds; give the following mixture: Two parts each canary and millet seeds, and one part each hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds. Fill the tin up each morning, and do not give a fresh supply (that is on the same day) so long as any seed is in the tin. You have done quite right to regulate the bowels with Dinneford's Magnesia, and you had better continue to do so. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Rearing Pheasants.

Cymro Bach.—Pheasants should be reared on the same lines as chickens, allowing for the fact that greenmeat and animal food are more indispensably necessary. At first give a mixture of hard-boiled egg (pressed through a sieve or piece of zinc) with stale bread or biscuit crumbs, dried ants' eggs, and dried flies, and chopped lettuce, watercress, or onion tops; also canary and millet seed. Then, in two or three weeks, as they get older and stronger, some less expensive food, such as chopped "cat's meat," boiled crissel, and poultry meal made up crumbly, can be gradually used, and the smaller sorts of grain. Green food must always be given, unless they are kept on grass; and if you can supply some well-scoured gentles, these will be of great use in helping them along. Remember that the eggs take two or three days longer than hens' eggs to hatch, and clip the birds' wings when fledged if in an open run.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E.A.W. (Plumstead).—Your birds have been dying of a contagious disease. Read answer to "F.J.W.S." in last week's number; it is a parallel case. Your losses have been indeed heavy, and you have left it rather late for treatment to be of any benefit. It is scarcely worth while attempting treatment with the three remaining birds. If not of much value I should destroy them, disinfect cages, etc., with pure carbolic acid, five per cent. solution, and thoroughly scrub with boiling water and soap. Then place them by to commence with a clean sheet next breeding season. On no account buy any fresh birds, for so long as you do you will be carrying on the disease. If, however, you think my treatment too drastic, and feel inclined to doctor them, then I shall be pleased to advise you further.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Bird Photography (Bird Photo).—We published a lengthy article some years ago dealing with bird photography, but the numbers containing it are now out of print, unfortunately. Thanks for your kindly remarks.

Outsides of Cages (Novice).—Any quick-drying black varnish, obtainable from good oil and colour stores, is excellent for renovating the outside woodwork of cages of all kinds; directions for use will be found on the bottles. It is quite easy to apply.

Article and a Plate (Julius).—(1) The article was concluded in our issue dated Jan. 22, 1910. (2) The coloured plate "A Group of Gems from Foreign Climes" was presented with our last special Birthday Number, dated Jan. 15.

A White Thrush (H. D.).—A white pink-eyed Thrush is certainly unusual, but many similar cases have been known, and many white Thrushes have been exhibited at the shows in various parts of the country. Its value depends largely upon its condition; anything from a sovereign upwards might be obtained for the bird.

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Correspondence.

The Early Moulting of Goldfinches.

SIR,—Would any reader tell me how to moult Goldfinches to get them into full song by the middle of Septembre.

NOVICE.

Appeal for a Chatham Fancier.

SIR,—Will you kindly give in your valuable paper, the subscriptions up to date for the fund being got up for Mr. W. Bradley, viz., G. F. Hohlor, K.C., M.P., £1 1s.; Canterbury Fanciers, per Mr. Sargent, 14s.; Poplar Cage Birds Society, per H. W. Cook, 5s.; a Bristol fancier, M. Sherwell, 2s.; Gordon Roberts, Esq., 2s. 6d.; total, £2 4s. 6d. All subscriptions will be thankfully received by,

H. WRAY,
22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.

Canaries Which Have Bred for Fifteen Years.

Is it a Record?

SIR,—I am a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, but I have nover seen it stated that any man has got a pair of Canaries 17 years old, which have been breeding for 15 years, and have young ones now. I don't know if that is a record or not. This pair are to be seen any day in Ramsey.

JIM MOORE.

Ramsey, Hunts.

Egg-laying Records of Bullfinch Hens.

SIR,—I may inform readers that egg-laying records, like Mr. Sharp's, have been quite common in the past. I have had several that laid from 30 to 40 in one season. I had one that laid 38 the first year, and 30 the second. On the third and fourth 8 each, and out of all these eggs there was not one fertile, although I tried her with the best breeding Finches I had. In my experience hens that lay so many eggs are useless for hybrid breeding. I find the ones that lay from 10 to 15 are the best. I had one last year that laid only 7—4 in the first nest and 3 in the second, and they were all fertile. I also remember that famous breeder and judge, Mr. Robert Smellie, having a Bullfinch hen that laid 46 in one season. That was nearly 20 years ago.

JOHN GOODFELLOW.

Mule Breeding with American Birds.

SIR,—I saw a paragraph in CAGE BIRDS last week from the pen of Mr. J. Burrows, of California, U.S.A., in which he says he has some grand Norwich Canaries. I wish him every success with them. He also goes on to say he is trying a few crosses for Mule breeding from Californian Linnets and Goldfinches with Norwich hens. He says: "If I succeed, I suppose it will be the first time such Mules will have been bred." It might interest Mr. Burrows to know that such will not be the case, as both of the above-mentioned crosses have been bred at Nanaimo, B.C., Canada. The Goldfinch he speaks of as being black and gold in colour is a very beautiful little bird, about the size of the European Siskin; it also has white bars in wings and tail, with a black cap, all body feathers being a bright yellow, legs and beak yellow, and is the best songster I have heard in Canada. It has a very wide range. In all its habits it resembles the Goldfinch, feeding on thistles, etc. The nests I have found were built in maple trees, in the forks of the branches, and they are very plentiful on the mainland in and around Vancouver City. Two friends of mine obtained this cross from Canary hens in the above-named city in 1907 and 1908, and I may say the Mules were very pretty, and good songsters. With regard to the Californian Linnet or Purple Finch, which is its proper nafe, it is another very interesting bird, and very numerous all over Canada and the U.S.A. It is about the size of a British Greenfinch. Its colours are brown back, wings and tail, with blood red breast and head in the male birds. The hens are grey breasted. This birds also has a little song, but nothing to recommend it as a songster. A cross was obtained from one of these in Nanaimo, B.C., in 1906 or 1907 (I am not certain). It was paired up with a small crested German or Chinese Canary hen. They hatched and reared two Mules, one of the young Mules having a small crest, same as the mother. I have at the present time a cock Purple Finch or Californian Linnet flying in a large outside Aviary along with hen Canaries, hen Bullfinches, and hen Chaffinches, and hen Bramblefinches, and he is paired up to a hen Canary. I will let you know later on if there is any result. I shall be interested to hear if Mr. Burrows succeeds with his birds, and wish him a successful breeding season.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Proposed Specialist Norwich Canary Club in the North.

SIR,—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at 8 p.m. prompt, in Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, 65, Grainger Street (near Monument), ro forming the above specialist club for tho Northern Counties, when I hope every fancier interested in the Norwich will attend, if possible. Those who cannot attend, and wishing to join, if they just send their names and addresses to me, and any suggestions as to the working of the abovo club, I will only be too pleased to lay them before the meeting. I have already over 20 names as joining same.

W. CURRY.

60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A Remedy Wanted for Asthma.

SIR,—Some time ago (six weeks) I bought a pair of Yorkshire Canaries, paying as good a price as I could afford. A week ago the cock developed what appeared to be asthma, and the next morning was dead. Two days after the hen had the same disease, and is only just alive at tho time of writing. I have noticed that your readers are always ready to give advice to novices like myself, and I thought perhaps someone would tell me a remedy for this peculiar and evidently contagious disease, as I am at a loss to know what to do. The bird afflicted seems troubled in its breathing, and occasionally chokes, and makes a wheezing noise.

CAPTAIN STARLIGHT.

Mules Bred from a Mule.

SIR,—A few weeks ago there appeared in CAGE BIRDS a letter from Mr. John M. Murray, Sunderland, stating that he had succeeded in bereding from a cock Linnet-Canary mule paired with a hen Canary. I have seen Mr. Murray, and have arranged with him to have the young birds bred from the above pair on view at our Young Bird Show, which is to be held on Saturday evening, June 11, in the smoke-room of the Fawcett Street Cafe, Sunderland. I have not seen the birds myself, so I cannot offer any opinion on them; but Mr. Murray informed me, after I had questioned him closely, that there was no doubt about the case being genuine. However, the birds will be examined at the show, and, as a show-room is a good place for the purpose, I cordially invite any fanciers who are interested in the case to visit the show, which is free of charge. I might add that I shall probably arrange to have the father of the birds (the cock Linnet-mule) on view at the same time.

W. REID,
Hon. Sec. Sunderland C.B.A

Can Hybrids be Produced from Softbilled Birds?

SIR,—For many years I have given this subject my serious thought—Can Softbilled birds be induced to breed in confinement with other species of their kind? Larks and Nightingales have been bred in aviaries with their species. Could they be induced to breed with others? I dare say this subject has not been thought out by aviculturists, as they have not often the convenience to try these birds, or there are now so many of them kept in confinement for show purposes only. A trial might be made with some of the most likely ones to get them to mate in large outdoor aviaries. The Blackbird and Thrush, or vice versa, have, I believe, crossed in an aviary, so it is quite possible some of the smaller birds would so so, as their food is somewhat similar when at large. Take for instance the Wagtails; these birds are easily kept in cages, and if given plenty of room might cross with each other—the Grey or Pied with the Yellow, or vice versa. Then there are the Redstart, Nightingale, Blackcap, and Warblers. Those who have females of any species might give them their liberty in an aviary for the season, starting in May when the weather is more congenial. The Bunting might also be tried, and the Larks. A start might be made in a small way with one or two pairs, and the results published to give others a guide. It would interest a large number of your readers to read the results of these trials. Some years ago I tried a Robin and a Hedge Sparrow with a large number of mixed British birds, but tho results were nil, as the aviary was much too overcrowded to secure any breeding results. It would always be advisablo not to overcrowd in any way. I hope these few lines may bo the means of opening up a discussion on the breeding of these birds in aviaries. Some 3 or 4 years ago I was told by one who well understands birds, that he had seen somo wild hybrids of the Reed Sparrow and House Sparrow, flying about where he was at work, but I could not take that in, as hybrids with birds in a wild state are extremely rare, and most improbable. I thought at the time that they were immature young.

HYBRID.

A Wonderful Napoleon Weaver.

His Twentieth Birthday.

SIR,—It is exactly twenty years to-day (June 5th) since I purchased my little Napoleon Weaver, and he is still in my possession, well and happy. I take this to be a long life for a small bird in captivity, especially one of foreign extraction, and I, therefore, thought it might interest somo of the readers of your valuable paper, at all events those in the "Foreign Fancy," and I should much like to know if any can beat the record of my old Bishop.

E. G. WATTS.

Green Food or No Green Food?

And Six Young Out of Three Eggs.

SIR,—Respecting the letter about the rearing of young birds without green-food, from Mr. Folkard, it may interest readers to know that I have successfully reared young birds for many years without any green-food. Attention and common sense go a long way towards success in this. I live in the country, and have an unlimited supply of such food. But it seems to me a great many might have young birds if they studied the real wants of their birds and were not led by so-called experts' writing. It may be interesting to know that I had a hen with 6 young ones out of 3 eggs.

WILLIAM BRIDSON.

[We are sure readers will be very interested to hear full particulars of Mr. Bridson's methods of feeding.—ED.]

Breeding with Budgerigars and Cockatiels.

SIR,—Some time ago I wrote you an account of my early breeding experiences with Budgerigars and Cockatiels. I have had many correspondents who have mentioned that letter, so I thought perhaps a few notes on my doings since then might interest some of your readers. I think, up to the present, this has been one of my worst years, so far as breeding is concerned, but from the number of eggs I have found about to-day I stand a fair chance of making up for my earlier misfortunes. The old cock Cockatiel which I mentioned before has been nesting for weeks now, but his mate has not laid yet, although (this will surprise and interest many) two pairs of newly-imported ones, purchased about six weeks ago, will both have young ones by the time this is printed I hope. They are both sitting very steady in the same large aviary, together with other Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Lovebirds, Ringnecks, Doves, Mandarin Ducks, etc. My three Indian Runner Ducks have laid four eggs in one day on more than one occasion.

H. LEWIS.

Notes for Beginners in the Canary Fancy.

SIR,—A new beginner in the Canary Fancy usually wishes to start as cheaply as possible. As regards the fitting-up of either the attic or spare bedroom (away from the sleeping room) with breeding cages. I am myself rather extravagant; I believe in double compartment cages, and, curious to say, I like to put one pair only in a double compartment cage. Then when successful in rearing a few young off that pair (say, nearly a month old), I open the slide door and let the young go through; thus they will have a sort of fresh department to go into—newly sanded, with seed box and water. Then it is a very easy matter to spend half-an-hour in thoroughly cleaning the first breeding place out, and allowing the same mother to occupy the same compartment again for her next venture for young separated from her offspring. Long before she has another lot of young you will have cleared the others to some other cage and prepared it again for the next brood to go through. Some fanciers may ridicule this idea; nevertheless it is my routine. Now, say our new beginner with Canaries obtained 4 double-compartment cages (perfectly new from some good maker; not secondhand ones), there then comes the little matter of placing them in the room. Here, again, I shall differ no doubt from other writers. I recommend four stone jam jars, large ones (paint them over if you wish); place two under either end of your first cage; then if you can afford it, obtain a sheet of good strong tin the size of the cage top, to project out only at the front 2 inches or more. Then place on top of this your second cage, and do the same again with another sheet of strong tin. Then, when your four cages are fixed up you feel somewhat proud all at once. Next comes your decision as to what particular breed of Canary you are really to give your mind to; be careful and let it be the final choice of your fancy. Then by enquiries and looking round your own town or countryside you will succeed in finding a breeder who will do all in his power to fit you up with 2 cocks and 4 hens. Then I think you will be in nice position for a good start when the breeding season is at hand, say, at the beginning of March. Then, to be successful, it mostly depends on the hens for their feeding qualifications, as is the case even with the oldest breeders we have to day. As for feeding your Canaries, I am a believer in white Canary seed and a little rape seed mixed always (I do not care for mixed seeds of five or six varieties). Also, as regards your water glasses; try to let them have fresh water every morning; wash out your water glasses once a week thoroughly with aired water; then rinse them through with cold, and refill them on your cages. Have your floor covered with oilcloth, and once a fortnight have the same washed with a solution of carbolic proper and water. I will say in conclusion that I think it is one of the most pleasant hobbies anyone could have, and if the beginner would take in my paper, CAGE BIRDS, every week, he would get every detail about them it is possible to wish for.

COCKATOO.

Seven Eggs in Seven Days.

SIR,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should like to know if any of your readers have had the following experience in Canary breeding. I have a Norwich Plainhead hen that has laid 7 eggs in one week, and is now sitting on them. They are due to hatch on the 12th. I used no egg food, but only Spratt's cod-liver oil food, with a pinch of German rape, haw, sugar, and salt, and also plain canary seed. I would like to hear from any fancier who has had a like experience of 7 eggs in 7 days.

ARTHUR DOWNS.

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Call Birds and Trap Cages.

SIR,—I would like to ask Mr. C. Barnard a question re his bird trap, a sketch of which appeared in CAGE BIRDS a fortnight back. Does he use a call bird for such a trap; if not, what bait is required? I should also like to ask the same gentleman, or any other person who is familiar with the art of bird catching, if it is practical to catch Linnets with a call bird and trap cage.

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The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be?

SIR,—Following my letter, which appeared in your issue of May 7th, I have addressed one to all societies affiliated to the Union last year, and who have not renewed their subscription, asking for their support, and also for suggestions for the betterment of the Union, either by modifying the rules or otherwise. The same letter has been sent to those societies also that have notified their secession, but also asking them to reconsider their decision, and to acquaint me with the reason of their withdrawal, with a view to the causes being remedied. I have already received a number of subscriptions and encouraging replies, tending to show that the Union has not come to such a crisis in its career as would appear from the correspondence appearing in your paper. I also intimated that I hoped to be able to come to same arrangement with the Yorkshire Union, and am now in communication with the secretary of this body, and trust before long to be in a position to announce a satisfactory arrangement with them to have the Y.U. shows open to our members. I have carefully noted all the letters on the subject of the Union which have been written recently, and intend to lay any proposals given before the Council for their consideration.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Secretary.

SIR,—The Newcastle Society has no right to expect, much less demand, to know how many of the Council were present when my notice of motion was taken. As a Councilman I was only answerable to the District Committee, and to the Newcastle Society as their delegate on the District Committee. If the Council consider the existence of the Union depends on Newcastle being gratified (I don't), then they may supply the information. Mr. Crawhall says mutual recriminations can do no good. Recriminations are part of the means whereby we find the true state of society, and the character of the individual. As to the Union's misdeeds, I have requested Mr. Crawhall and Mr. Reid to lay them bare as far as No. 1 District is concerned, and myself as representative. I have gone through Mr. Reid's column, and can find nothing but two points which may bring what he knows. The one is, he "merely stated what were known facts." The other, "had Mr. MacPartling been as consistent in his efforts to make the Union more popular as I have been in my endeavour to allow it a fair trial," etc. If he will be good enough to state plainly and precisely what he has in his mind, instead of generalising, I will be in a position to answer for the district and myself, as far as I can. As he says he has no ill-feeling toward me, I will allow his banter to pass. G. W. MACPARTLING.

SIR,—I am surprised at Mr. Crawhall's reply to my letter, especially after telling me that he owed me a debt of gratitude he could never repay. I have not misrepresented Mr. C. in any way, and if this is his method of repaying a debt, it is risky to give him much credit. With regard to asking Mr. Storey to stand as secretary for the Northern Federation, my account of the proceedings at the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. meeting was quite correct, though I did not mention Mr. Storey. Mr. Crawhall said, "The difficulty is to get a secretary. If we could get a secretary he could call a meeting of the different societies." Addressing Mr. Storey he said, "I thought you would be the very man to take it." Now I will take Mr. Storey's word for it, and ask him to correct me, if the above is not as accurate as possible. I am quite aware Mr. Crawhall was not the originator of the Federation idea, but there can be no harm in asking who was? The proposers of the scheme have a right to take office, and it would be much fairer than trying to put it on to Mr. Storey. Mr. C. must mean the originators of this Federation when he mentions "the black hordes of unjustness," and though he holds the light they will not leave their darksome caves to take the post of secretary. As Mr. C. has it, "They quail before the light of publicity." Now Mr. Crawhall, taking into consideration the long friendship you wrote of, and that little debt of gratitude, whatever it may be, would it be too much to ask you to be reasonable? If they do not mean business, will you, as secretary of one of the leading societies, call a meeting of Northern secretaries to see if it is not possible to reconstruct the C.B.U. so that it may be acceptable to the majority? Mr. Taylor has approached you, Mr. Reid is willing, and you are anxious to have a ruling body, whether C.B.U. or otherwise. Newcastle, Gateshead, and Sunderland, the three leading societies, and Wallsend and Blaydon, were always in favour of C.B.U. till recently, and I am sure would send representatives to any meeting called for the purpose of reconstruction. If a satisfactory arrangement could be come to, it would be the means of overcoming many difficulties, and establishing a bond of interest in the welfare of each successive show, besides healing old sores, which only need a commonsense treatment to ensure a complete recovery. THOS. ROBSON.

SIR,—In that part of Mr. Reid's letter which refers to myself, there is not much which calls for an answer. He says that I prefer to be sarcastic and humorous rather than answer his direct question re staining. I thought I had answered it, but perhaps I did not fully explain myself. However, here goes for another try. To prove my assertion that it is no crime to stain a bird, I am quite willing to confess that I have a bird in my possession at the present time which has been stained. Why it is stained, and for what purpose, I, for obvious reasons, refuse to say. If it is a crime to stain a bird, I stand self-confessed, waiting for Mr. Reid to take action. Further, to prove my assertion that it is no crime to sell a stained bird, I am quite willing to sell the said bird to Mr. Reid; but I shall not be fool enough to give a guarantee that it is a natural plumaged one. Mr. Reid wants to know why the C.B.U. can't get at the seller of the stained bird to Mr. Birchley. I will give him five reasons why they can't touch him. First, because the mere fact of a man having a stained bird in his possession is not a crime. Secondly, the selling of a stained bird, as long as he doesn't give a written guarantee that it is in its normal plumage, is no crime. Thirdly, because he, like Mr. B., could swear that the said bird came into his possession in the state in which it was found when disqualified—that is, failing eye-witnesses to the faking process. Fourthly, because the crime is not in the selling of a stained bird, but in the exhibiting of a stained bird with the intention of taking advantage over other and more honest exhibits. Fifthly, because in all probability, the seller at the time (being a non-exhibiting fancier) wasn't a member of the C.B.U. (if he was, more fool he, considering the present rule 22); therefore the C.B.U. had nothing to do with him. The only person to get at him was Mr. B. himself, through the law courts. Then he would have to produce his written guarantee. I hope I have satisfied even Mr. Reid. The facts are incontrovertible. I have offered to sell Mr. Reid a stained bird to prove my assertion that it is no crime, and have confessed (although it is not a thing to proclaim from the housetops) to having one in my possession. It is lucky for me I am using an assumed name, else my character is gone. But I warn Mr. Reid that if he exhibits this stained bird, he will come within the law of the new Northern Federation which I see is in the process of hatching. Whether it (the Federation) will be reared till it gets on hard seed, or whether it dies of inflammation, remains to be seen. Anyhow, I hope the C.B.U. will still go on without the Northern section. Perhaps they will pull through, perhaps not. Anyhow, they will be free from at least one contaminating influence. I have answered Mr. Reid's questions at some length without being either sarcastic or humorous. I have confessed to dishonesty, and have given away my character; but I will be hanged if I will submit to the dastardly attack on my honour and reputation without a murmur. I refer to Mr. Reid's accusation that I am humorous. I would remind him that I am in the way of being a Scotsman. I have the blood of some of the best Scotch families in my veins through my wife's maiden aunt. Fancy anyone accusing a Scotsman of being humorous! Ugh! It's enough to drive one to matrimony. T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—There does appear to be a slight discrepancy in the two statements referred to by "Fortiter Defendit Triumphans," otherwise I would not have referred to Mr. Crawhall's case again. I think, however, that a perusal of my letter of May 21st will convince your correspondent that the discrepancy is more imaginary than real, for I clearly stated that where Mr. Crawhall made the mistake was in "thinking that the C.B.U. would not mind him showing at that particular show," and not because he did not know that the show was an unlicensed one. Your other correspondent, Sir, Mr. Johnson, evidently understood what I meant, and apparently he thought I knew what I was writing about, otherwise I feel sure that he would not have allowed to slip any possible chance of catching me tripping. The second question raised practically answers itself, and to most of your readers the explanation will be quite obvious. When Mr. Crawhall made his entries he thought the Union "would not mind," etc., and it would be after he found that the Union did mind, and that his case had to be brought forward, that he would say he was prepared to bear the punishment. That is all the explanation required, and I trust your correspondent is now satisfied, and I regret his inability to place a correct construction on a sentence should lead him to say that other writers "do not seem to know what they are writing about." As I stated in a previous letter, these expressions are bad enough when the writer's name is signed, but they are much worse, and far more contemptible, when written over a nom-de-plume, and, I might say, Sir, that for the future I do not intend to reply to any letters that are written over nom de-plumes, whether their tone be friendly or otherwise. In regard to the C.B.U., may I offer another suggestion? Rule 22 has been given a fair trial, and in the opinion of many fanciers has not been found satisfactory. May I suggest that the Executive Council seriously consider the advisability of trying the Union for at least two seasons without the rule. It would at least prove whether or not the Union could stand without the rule, and I am sure that if the Council would recommend such a course to be adopted it would be conducive to much greater harmony and good feeling than at present exists among fanciers, and would be the principal means of bringing the seceding societies back into the Union. This would also remove the chief obstacle which prevents a working arrangement being come to with the Yorkshire Union. The e appears to be a proposal on foot to allow C.B.U. members to exhibit at Yorkshire Union Shows, but I question very much whether the C.B.U., as a body, will sanction this. C.B.U. members residing in other counties have just as much right to be released from the strictures of Rule 22 as the members of Yorkshire societies, who desire to show at Yorkshire Union shows, and it would be obviously unfair if Yorkshire Union shows were to be open to C.B.U. members, while other unaffiliated shows in other parts of the country were not. Should the Executive Council wish to test the feeling of their members before taking the step that I have suggested, they could easily do so by forwarding a sheet to each society, and requesting the secretary to see that every individual member records his opinion of the rule. It will, of course, be clearly understood that I am referring only to the latter part of the rule. W. REID.

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Club Reports.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A meeting was held last Saturday night, June 4th, when we had three new members. The society wishes to call a general meeting for Saturday, June 11th, at 8 p.m., and we trust that we shall be favoured with a few more members. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. THOMAS, Sec., 24, Llewellyn Street, Pentre.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held last Saturday night, when there was a fair turn out of members. The members decided to have their first feather show in the Bisley Hotel on Saturday, July 16th, birds to be staged by 1 o'clock, judging to commence at 1.30 prompt; also that there be sixteen classes, entries taken up to one o'clock on date of show, the entrance fee to be sixpence per cage, and J. Hands, Esq., to be the judge. The members report a very unsatisfactory breeding season so far. There was also one new member proposed.—GEO. HAVVER, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

At the general meeting held June 2nd, a letter from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union was read to a large meeting, and after a little discussion it was unanimously decided to continue our support of the C.B.U. The postponed ramble was arranged to take place ou Sunday, June 19th, weather permitting, when the same route was decided upon. Reports of poor breeding results were fairly common amongst the members, who, however, are determined to show a bird or two if possible at our first feather show, to be held on the last Saturday in June, when Mr. P. Waring is to officiate as judge.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

General meeting held June 1st. The members cup (given by secretary) was discussed, and it was proposed by Jos. Robson, and seconded by J. Robson, scn., "That such be given to best exhibit by member." As an amendment, F. Bell proposed, and R. Thomlinson seconded, "That the cup be given for most points gained by a member." The amendment was carried. After further discussion on the first proposition the Secretary suggested that if another cup was needed this should be got by subscription among the members. This was carried. The list being opened 21s. was promised right away. Correspondence was read from N.B.B. M. and F.B.C., J. T. Porteous, ard from CAGE BIRDS. One new member was elected. The schedule for Open (October 26th and 27th) Show was drafted as follows: Scotch Fancy, 2; Border Fancy, 12; Norwich, 9; Crest, 2; Yorkshire, 5; German Songster, 1; A.O.V., 2; Mules or Hybrids, 3; British, 12; Foreign 5. The judges are John Robson, London; J. H. Battye, Huddersfield; and William Nicholson, Stockton-on-Tees. Owing to small turnout on May ramble, due to the inclement weather, it was proposed that another ramble take place on June 12th, Howmill being the place selected as a starting point, and that no ramble take place on June 26th.—JOHN C. BELL, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership list continued:—Alloa, F. Strathearn; Airdrie, A. Murdock; Bargeddie, J. Young; Barrhead, Wm. Neil, R. Neil, H. Moore, J. Little; Cambuslang, J. Pollock; Coatbridge, J. Fairley, H. S. Fairley, J. Main, J. Prentice; Campheltown, D. McCallum; Catheart, J. A. Stewart; Carluke, G. Reid; Baillieston, D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldicott; Dumfries, G. Byers, W. Edgar; Dundee, R. Thoms; Edinburgh, J. B. Kerr, G. C. D. Hope; W. Allan, R. Menzies, J. McLennan; Bonnybridge, W. Muirhead; East Kilbride, J. D. Brown; Earnock, J. Higgins; Glasgow, J. Fleming, J. F. Renwick, J. Ward, M. J. Reid, W. Wilson, J. Phillips, C. Bine, J. J. McIlwain, W. Gray, H. Hunt, G. Fulton, J. Muir, W. McClure J. Morrison, A. Orr, L. Scott, P. Craig; Hamilton, S. Ramage; Howwood, J. Smith; Govan, J. Park; Grahamston, W. Niven; Falkirk, J. D. Maxwell, P. Maxwell; Jamestown, P. McAdam; Kirkmuirhill, J. Cbalmers; Leith, J. Begg, D. McEachern; Leeds, W. Cobb; Maryhill, J. W. Anderson, A. Jardine; Motherwell, J. Frail; Muirkirk, D. Holden; Musselburgh, J. King; New Lanark, J. Black, Newmilns, H. Mitchell; Neilston, M. Frew; Paisley, J. Allison, J. Gillies, J. Struthers, J. Kennedy, W. A. Livingstone, N. O'Donnell, J. Fulton, A. M Baird; Rutherglen, A Lang, R. Hamilton; Oakley, W. D. Hogg; Slamannan, T. Smith, W. Hutchison; Renfrew, A. Ferguson; Uddingston, C. F. Dunlop; Wishaw, W. Hunter. Those who have not accounted for tickets might kindly do so on or before Monday, June 13th.—THOS. SMITH.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED C.C.

Committee meeting, May 28th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mr. W. H Shackleton in the chair The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. Thornton and Bower, Sandy Lane, Bradford; A. Price, Idle, and J. Farrar Bowling, Bradford. The resignation of Messrs. M. Peel, Skelbanthorpe, and D. Hollas, Gt. Horton, were accepted with regret, the latter gentleman, we learn, is retiring from the Fancy. It was unanimously decided to grant the club's patronage to Gt. Horton O.S. First Feather Show on June 18th, and that the club offer 3s. cash for most points, and 2s. each second most point, gained by a member in the Green marked classes. The following firms be asked to tender for club handbooks, which will be quite up to date, including the scales for marked birds (with kind permission of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.), together with a plate of marked bird, the block for same being kindly lent by our president, Mr W H Shackleton—Messrs. L. Hodgson, Jackson and Clayton, Moorhouse and Co., and Fur and Feather, the same to be sealed and endorsed "Tender for Handbooks." Moved that we have ten club patronage shows, as last year. Owing to the clashing of dates, we have still three vacant, which we trust to hear during the patronage will make early application for. The following societies were granted patronage —Oct 8, Shipley O.S. (W. Cruse, Esq.); Oct. 15, Easterdkye (A. Biret, Esq.), Oct. 21st, Nea ithe C.B.S (J. Bailey, Esq.), Nov. 15, Liverpool O.S (H. W. Battye, Esq); Dec. 9-10, Halifax O.S (J. Bennett, Esq), Dec. 17, Bradford East (F. Armstrong, Esq.); Jan. 7, Queenbury C.B.S. (H. Sutcliffe, Esq.) Moved that the president, Mr W H Shackleton, and secretary, Mr. F. Armstrong, be the club's representatives on the CAGE BIRDS prize competition committee. Moved that all competitors must mark entry form with N O if novice, Novice N.G., and J N in V I novice classes, only three to be then marked. All breaches of the rule will result in loss of points, which will be strictly enforced. All advertisements in Handbook to be at the same rate as last year, and that donors of special prizes for the various competitions be granted a free advertisement.—F. ARMSTRONG, Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, June 1st. Decided to hold the First Feather Show on June 15. A table show for Yorkshires, any colour, was held. Mr. Lockton judged, but before he gave his awards members had a voting paper given them to vote for which they thought were the best birds. Three placed them same as the judge, and a few only made one mistake. The awards were:— Allen, 1st and 3rd; Waite, 2nd. Next monthly meeting first Monday in July; table show for Norwich and Linnets.—W. RATCLIFF (chairman).

ASHINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

A good muster of members at meeting on June 4th, nineteen being present. Owing to extra classification for our next show it was decided that if not more than five entries in any class, first prize money be withheld. Messrs. Dunn, Gardner, and Gilholme were elected members, which brings our total to 43, and clearly shows things are booming in our district. Mr. Joseph Miles kindly consented to read a paper on colour feeding at our next meeting. Let us have a record attendance!—JAB. MILES, Sec.

LONDON & COUNTIES O.S.

We have a nice lot of specials for our Young Bird Show, which will be held on July 9th; judge, J. S. Clarke, Esq. A silver cup is being given for most points in the Canary Section in the Young Bird and Autumn Shows by Mr. W. Gilbert. Members competing for the cup must only have three exhibits in the competition, and must put a cross denoting for the cup special, so as to give all members a chance, and a run for their money. The society is being favoured with a lecture on "Canary Heads and Canary Tails," by Mr. G. Gardner, on Wednesday, June 15th, at 8.30 p.m., at their new headquarters, the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., nearly at the corner of Old Street, E.C.—W. GILBERT, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the City Hotel, Wine-street, June 1st, Mr. W. Manley presiding over a splendid attendance. The classification for the first feather and British bird show, to be held at headquarters on July 2nd, was decided on, viz., 11 Canary, 3 Mule, and 8 British—22 classes in all. Four silver medals were promised to be awarded to the best in each section, and 2s. 6d. special for best novice. It is boped that the members will give as large an entry as possible. Mr. A. Poole and Mr. C. P. Telling are the judges. For the annual show, Saturday, November 12th, the hall adjoining the Ship Hotel, Redcliff Hill, was decided on. Through the partnership of Messrs. Tristrem and Taylor having been dissolved, considerable discussion ensued. re the Norwich cup, which was adjourned to the next meeting. Mr. Fletcher then read a very interesting paper on his experiences of hybrid breeding, which was very much enjoyed, and an instructive discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Fletcher, on the proposition of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Tilly.—MISS L. G. BYERLEY, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Half-yearly general meeting took place last month, Mr. Black, president, in the chair, supported by Mr. Geo. Marlin, vice-president, and a fair attendance of members. The principal business was the classification and election of judges. Mr. Jas. McFarlane moved that the Scotch Fancy classes 1 to 16 be under two heads—8 classes for young birds and 8 old birds. After a long discussion it was carried that the classes remain as at present. Agreed that the Belgian classes be reduced to two, namely, cock and hen. A long discussion took place on the nonfed Norwich classes, with the object of reducing them to two instead of four, but Mr. Marlin very pluckily guaranteed four classes, and they were retained. In the unflighted classes it was agreed that we make them into four, two for cocks and two for hens. Agreed that we add a class to the Yorkshire section, and proposed that classes 87 and 88 be amalgamated, but Mr. Malcolmson promised to guaranteed them, and they remain. Judges were then nominated, and the acceptances are: — For Scotch Fancy: John Hannah, Dumfries; John Dalgliesh, Leith; James Carlaw, Falkirk; James Ward, Glasgow; Geo. Fulton, Partick; John Park, Govan. Norwich Plainhead: A. G. Cameron, Kelso; and Alex. McFarlane. Glasgow. Crest and Crest-bred: John McLay, Kirkintilloch. Mules, British and Foreign: Peter Pettigrew, Glasgow; and Robert Bald, Bathgate. Border Fancies: William Haddow, Hamilton; and Wm. Mossic, Ambank, Ayr.

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NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Mr. Thomas Robson presided over meeting held at Sunderland on June 1st. The minutes were confirmed. Letters applying for patronage were read from the Newcastle and Scottish National Societies. It was decided our patronage be given these societies' shows, also that we give two silver medals at each, one for best current year Crest, and one for best current year Crest-bred, one member to be allowed to win only one medal in each section. J. Ford Maling, Esq., has kindly consented to become our president, and the members were unanimous that he should be elected; and W. J. Taylor, Esq., was elected vice-president. It also pleases me very much to be able to give such a grand list of new members who were proposed and accepted, viz., Messrs. Currah and Son, Gosforth; Matthew Peel, Coxlodge; Thos. Jones, Gosforth; Thos. Bewick, Windy Nook; Wm. Hanson, Aldin Grange, Durham; Wm. Heslop, Newcastle; David Scott, Newcastle; Hugh McColl, Wallsend; and Dr. O'Neil, Fulwell. It was decided that the 5s. given by Mr. T. C. Crawhall be divided into two specials to be awarded at our Club Show for the best current year Crest and best current year Crest-bred, exhibited by a member who has never won a first prize in open competition in Crest sections. Voting papers relative to the patronage of the Club Show must be sent in to the Secretary on or before the 30th June; members are also reminded that their subscriptions are due on that date, and as I am anxious to get the membership cards printed, I shall be greatly obliged if members will forward their subscriptions at an early date. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of becoming a member. Entrance fee 1s., subscription 2s. 6d. per annum.—J. G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec., 72, South View West, Newcastle.

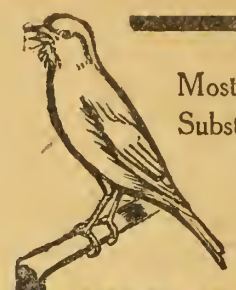
Country Rambles

Great Harwood & District C.B.S.

We had our annual ramble on May 22nd, when about forty members and friends turned out. Leaving the town gate at 9 a.m., we were soon passing the cricket ground and out into the fields. The first nest to be found was that of the Thrush with four eggs; next the Meadow Pipit's, Blackbird's, Peewit's, Waterhen's, Common Wren's, Willow Wren's, Redpoll's, Chaffinch's, and a Snipe's. We were now nearing "Old Langho," where we partook of a little refreshment. Resuming our journey, we crossed the Ribble at Dinkley Ferry and on to Hurst Green and Stonyhurst. After staying a little while at this historic place with its world-famed college, we resumed our journey through Winkley Hall Grounds, where the Peacocks were greatly admired by the party. Recrossing the Ribble at Hacking Boat and leaving Whalley on our left, we had a stiff climb before reaching home at about 7.30, bringing to a close one of the best outings we have ever had.—W. T. MATTINSON, secretary.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Annual country ramble took place on May 29th, to Dorking and the surrounding country. The morning broke damp and cloudy, but 23 enthusiastic bird lovers met at Rye Lane station, and travelled to Box Hill in a special reserved carriage attached to the 9.32 train. On reaching Box Hill an hour or so later, a start was at once made for Ranmore Common, Mr. Botting leading. The first bird to be seen on the way was master Greenie, whose nest was soon found with 5 eggs. On reaching the common the party the party spread out amongst the bushes and trees, and many of the more familiar birds were soon seen and their nests found. Many nests of the Linnet were found in the gorse bushes. We also came across the Chaffinch's nest, also those of the Hedge Sparrow, Blackcap, Turtle Dove, Thrush, and Blackbird, most of the nests containing eggs or young ones. The Yellowhammer and Wood Warbler were heard, and a pair of Jays and the Cuckoo were seen; and one portion of the party came across a nest of young Pheasants. It was now close on 1 p.m., when a halt was called for the purpose of photographing the party, the picture being taken by Mr. Reeks. After we had all faced the camera, a start was made for Dorking, where lunch was waiting. What a splendid panorama spread itself out before us on our way into Dorking! Probably no spot in all England has more natural charms than this particular part of Surrey; the scene that met our eyes was simply entrancing. A cold luncheon had been provided at the Temperance Hotel, to which the party did ample justice. The ramble in the fresh country air had whetted the appetite. At 3 p.m., a start was again made for the fields and bushes, Mr. Botting leading the party by way of the Redlands to Holmwood Common. The Common was simply "alive" with birds, hardly a bush being found without a nest of some description. Other nests seen, mostly containing eggs, were those of the Whitethroat, Blackcap, Red-backed Shrike, Bullfinch, Willow Wren, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, etc. The Nightjar was heard, and the Cliff Chaff, Green Woodpecker, Pied Wagtail were seen. It was with reluctance the party had to leave this lovely spot, but the clock in the old church tower close by striking six reminded us that time was getting short. Striking the main road, the party were soon back in Dorking, and repaired once again to the Temperance Hotel, where mine host had provided a splendid tea which, after a wash and brush up, the party thoroughly enjoyed, and were freshened thereby for their journey to town, after one of the most thoroughly enjoyable, interesting, and instructive outings ever organised by the society. The gentlemen present were: Messrs. L. J. Richardson and Son, C. Botting, H. W. Tomsett, H. Brown, J. Cole, D. Reeks, J. Johnson, W. H. Smith, H. S. Grahame, C. Austin, G. Nichols, W. B. Cracknell, A. Cunningham, W. Hodson, J. Robson, G. J. Warley, W. Draxler, J. Silverthorn, J. Hazell, E. S. Lugg, M. Wickens, and a friend.—W. HODSON, hon. secretary.


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The Shows.

HAMILTON (C.O.) O.S.

Monthly First Feather Show, held in the Lesser Town Hall, on 4th June. Mr. Reid judged. There was a very small turn out of birds, young ones being scarce this year so far.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Cant. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Cant. BORDERS, CL.: 1, 2, Hamilton. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, J. McIntyre. Nomination of judges for annual show on Nov. 12th and First Feather Show on 2nd July then took place.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held June 4. Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Class 1: 1, L. Dykes; 2, E. Goodwin; 3, Chittenden. Class 2: 1, J. Martin; 2, Kershaw; 3, Atkinson. Class 3: 1, 2, L. Dykes; 3, Kershaw. Class 4: 1, F. Brook; 2, E. Goodwin; 3, Atkinson. Class 5: 1, Cooper; 2, H. Bryant; 3, F. Holmes. Class 6: 1, Goodwin; 2, L. Dykes; 3, Boocock. Class 7: 1, M. Skirrow; 2, Ellis; 3, M. Skirrow. Professional Cup Points: Goodwin 18, Dykes 16, Martin 11. Novice cup points: Cooper 13, Atkinson 12, Kershaw 11: 3 starred birds to count.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE (Sutton-in-Ashfield) C.B.S.

This was a very nice little first feather show, held at the Masons' Arms, on June 4th. Everything passed off in a very successful manner, thanks to the untiring efforts of the hon. sec., Mr. J. Carlin. The quality of the exhibits staged was good. Mr. J. Richards judged.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Smedley, nice type, grand colour and quality; 2, Vardy, good type and colour, but not the quality of winner; 3, Carter, too young; vhc, Caunt and Keeling; hc, Brown. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Caunt and Keeling, large, good in colour, but rather too long in body, still a good win; 2, Vardy, better type and quality, but not so large; 3, Wright Bros., good size, but rather loose in feather; vhc, Smedley; hc, Smith. TICKD. OR VARIG. YELL. (6): 1, Carling, Variegated, in good form, nice quality and colour; 2, Vardy, eye tick, not so large as winner, grand quality and colour; 3, Smedley, good; vhc, Nuttall Bros.; hc, Ward. BUFF (3): 1, Vardy, Variegated, nice size and quality; 2, Smedley, another Variegated, not the size of winner; 3, Tomlinson, very nice. HEAVILY MKD. OR GREEN (2): 1 and 2, Carlin, both good, the winner a yellow green of good type. CRESTS (5): 1, Osborn, good Green, nice crest, or good size and quality; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Nuttall Bros., a grand team, all good birds in grand form. C.B. (4): 1 and 2, Nuttall Bros., winner large, with grand head and plenty of the best quality of feather; 2, not so good in head; 3, Osborn, rather narrow in head; vhc, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, Rowlings, nice Border, in grand feather. BRITISH (2): 1, Smedley, grand Goldfinch, good blaze; 2, Vardy, nice Hawfinch, close up. NOVICE CLASSES, MEMBERS ONLY.—NOR. YELL.: 1 and 2, Wright Bros. BUFF: 1, Wright Bros.; 2, Hawksley. CREST: 1, Wright Bros. C.B.: 1, Wright Bros.

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CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members F.F. Show, held June 4th. A splendid lot of young birds were staged in the Norwich classes. Mr. R. Vertigan put down a very nice team, also Messrs. W. Holmes, C. H. Martin, J. Martin. Mr. J. Driver judged, and gave general satisfaction. It was no easy matter to divide the first four in the Norwich classes, which contained youngsters that will be heard of later on.

NOR. YEL.: 1, Barlow; 2, Vertigan; 3, Holmes; 4, Martin; vhc, Holmes; hc, Martin; c, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Vertigan; 2, Holmes; 3, Martin; 4, Martin; vhc and hc, Gibson. YORKS: 1 and 2, Mitchell. BRIT. HARDBills: 1, Goldfinch, Turner; 2, Bullfinch, Glasby; 3, Greenfinch, Williamson; and res., Bullfinches, Alossenden. The judging competition proved a most interesting item of the evening, for Mr. Driver did not think there was a member who could place the winner in the Norwich classes, as it was so keen; but there proved to be one member who did place one winner, Mr. Holmes, who succeeded in winning the prize; Mr. Simpson came second, 3 points behind the winner; T. Barlow and J. H. Mitchell tied for third honours, 4 points from the winner.—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

First nest feather show of the season June 6th, at the Oddfellows' Hall, a grand entry of 93 being received. Mr. T. Perkins judged champion classes, and Mr. Jesse Calam the novice, both gentlemen's awards seeming to give every satisfaction. But with such a large entry very little time is left for members to look at the exhibits unless they stay until the early hours of the morning, as it was impossible to get the judging over before 9.45. Some grand specimens were on view, and it was one of the most successful nest feather shows ever held by the society.

NORWICH, YELL. (Champ.): 1, 3, vhc, Harland; 2, c, Calam; hc, Precious. BUFF (Champ.): 1, 2, 3, Harland; vhc, Pepper; hc, Barwick; c, Calam. YORKS., YELL. (Champ.): 1, Oliver; 2, c, Precious; 3, vhc, Stones; hc, Barwick. BUFF (Champ.): 1, 2, Stones; 3, hc, Precious; vhc, c, Barwick. NORWICH, YELLOW (Novice): 1, vhc, Bray; 2, Dunn; 3, hc, c, Calvard. BUFF (Nov.): 1, 2, Ridley; 3, c, Potter; vhc, Bray; hc, Hogg. YORKS., YELLOW (Nov.): 1, Lightfoot; 2, Hinson; 3, Kemp; vhc, Sowden; hc, F. F. Potter; c, Howe. BUFF (Nov.): 1, F. F. Potter; 2, Carter; 3, hc, c, H. Sowden; vhc, Parkes. A.O.V. CAN. (Nov.): 1, vhc, hc, P. Potter; 2, Hinson; 3, F. F. Potter. HYBRID (Open): 1, 3, Hogg; 2, vhc, hc, c, Marshall.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL CORNWALL (St. Ives).

This the most popular of the far Western summer shows was this year held at St. Ives, on June 8th and 9th, and attracted a good average entry of high-class exhibits. The Norwich were a capital lot for type, whilst quality of feather was also well represented, especially in the exhibits of Messrs. Trevenna, Collins, Ferrill, and Strout. Yorkshires made a nice show, and some very racy, typical birds were shown by Messrs. Thomas, Wills, and Boundy. Scots were just fair in numbers and quality, but the Cinnamons were of high merit. In Mules Mr. Collins' splendid team kept quality at high-water mark. The British were a grand collection, especially the Goldfinches and A.O.V. small. In the Goldfinches all three prizes went to exhibitors outside the county. This is somewhat an unusual occurrence at Cornish shows, as the local fanciers usually hold a very strong hand in Goldies. The total entry was 172, being slightly in excess of the figures at St. Columb in 1909. Mr. W. A. Sandrey, the hon. sec. of the section, was most energetic and courteous, and he and his committee were most assiduous in their efforts to do all they possibly could for the benefit of exhibits and exhibitors. The sectional committee was composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. L. E. Comley (chairman), R. Chard, T. Honey, J. Nicholls, R. Stevens, A. Ward, H. Couch, W. Pearce, W. P. Uren, and Brooks. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Trevenna, lovely colour and shape, beautiful soft silky feather, nice style; 2, Ferrill, rare colour, nice head, in good form, built on slimmer lines; 3, White, for quality, sheen, and colour a beauty, not so stout; vhc, Dunstan; hc, Kemp. TKD. (6): 1, 2, spl, Collins, very chubby, compact-bodied Buff, nice level colour, well mealed, lovely feather; 2nd, Yellow, for colour and quality a gem, both thigh ticked; 3, Kemp, good shapely thigh tkd. Buff, hardly so fit; vhc, Dunstan; hc, Rowe and Richards. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Strout, neat, shapely head and body, soft silky feather, sound and level in colour; 2, Ferrill, a regular Bullfinch, grandly feathered, nice quality, not so tight in wing; 3, Trevenna, lovely quality, shape, colour, and meal, crosses his wings a bit; vhc, Rowe and Richard; hc, Price; c, Kemp. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, 2, spl, Thomas, two long shapely birds of rare colour and quality, plenty of style, and very nicely shown; 2nd, hardly so neat in tail as winner; 3, Wills, neat, shapely body, plenty of style and nice feather, not so shapely in head; vhc, hc, Webb; c, Rowe and Richards. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, Wills, two long, racy, stylish birds, lovely feather, shown in grand form; 2nd, a trifle paler in colour than the winner; 3, vhc, Thomas, lovely colour and feather, not quite so slimly built, grand style; hc, c, Oatey and Son. TKD. (9): 1, spl, Boundy, thigh tkd. yellow, long, finely drawn, gets well up on leg, capital shape and feather; 2, hc, c, Thomas, wing mkd. Yellow, nicely feathered, plenty of style, hardly so neat in wings; 3, Rowe and Richards, another long-bodied, stylish, wing-mkd. Yellow; vhc, Oatey and Son. BELGIAN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, spl, Richards, clear Yellow, and foul-headed Yellow, Scots, nice heads, necks, and shoulders, and plenty of nerve; 3, Roberts, foul-headed Buff Scot, nice stamp of bird, but not enough of him; absent, 46, Richards. CINN. (4): 1, vhc, spl, Burton, big, good shaped, sound coloured, nicely-feathered Buff; 2, Trerise, nice quality, sound-coloured Yellow of good shape and size, and a nice stamp of buff, beaten in quality. CREST (4): 1, 2, spl, Temby and Bellman, wing mkd., grand shape and droop, nice dense feathering, well staged; 2nd, also wing mkd., nice veiny feather, capital droop and front; absent, 53 and 56, Rabey Bros. MULES, LIGHT (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Collins, well-known four-pointed buff, light Linnet, and variegated buff, a grand team, and shown in lovely fettle; absent, 60 and 61, Uren. DARK (7): 1, spl, and spl best bird in the show, Davies, very rich coloured, close-feathered Canary-Bullie, shown in grand form; 2, vhc, hc, Collins, big, good shaped, nice quality Greenie-Bullie, nice colour; 3, Rowe and Richards, big dark jonque Goldie of nice shape and feathers. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, vhc, spl, and Trower's spl, Harris, very neat shape, lovely quality of feather, rich blaze of good depth; 2, 3, Jupe, two gems for colour, shape and feather, grand faces and bars, capital cheeks and buttons; hc, Bell, c, Rowe and Richards. BULLIE (5): 1, spl, Jupe, a gem for colour and feather, very glossy clean cut cap, rare breast and back, staged in fine form; 2, Harris, larger and somewhat more chubby, nice back and bars, not quite in such good fettle; 3, Liddicoat, wonderful colour and feather, grand back and bars, not so large; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Oatey and Son. A.O.V., SMALL (10): 1, spl, Bell, large, well mkd. Hawfinch, beautiful bib, back, and wings, grandly feathered, in rare form; 2, hc, Collins, Snow Bunting and Bullfinch, two fine large birds of capital colour, marking, and feather; 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, very handsome Cirl Bunting, grand colour, marking and feather; c, Allen. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Rowe and Richards, very handsome Redwing, lovely colour and marking, in grand feather; 2, Maddern, nicely marked, good-coloured Thrush; 3, Dale, rich, deep coloured, well-feathered Blackbird. FOR. (5): 1, [illegible]ies, very handsome King Parrakeet, lovely colour and plumage; 2, Dow, very nice Corilla Parrot, grand head and feather; 3, Maddern, very nice Blue-frouted Amazon; vhc, Rowe and Richards; absent, Roberts. SELL., 20s. (5): 1, spl, Thomas; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Kemp; vhc, Roberts. 12s. 6d. (7): 1, Thomas; 2, Coad; 3, Brooks; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Roberts; c, Cock. LOCAL NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, spl, Brooks, two nice shapely birds of good colour and quality; 3, Pearce; vhc, Uren. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Brooks, grand shape, colour, and feather, in nice form; 2, Ward, nice shape, not so rich in colour; 3, vhc, hc, Pearce. TKD. (5): 1, vhc, spl, Uren, very handsome thigh tkd. Buff, nice shape and quality; 2, Brooks, head and wing mkd. Buff, nice quality, smaller; 3, Pearce; hc, Roe. YORKS. (7): 1, spl, c, Uren, takes spl best local exhibit, very smart, shapely, stylish Yellow; 2, 3, hc, Brooks, nice style and shape, not so much colour; vhc, Honey. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, Brooks, very smart Yellow Cinnamon; 2, 3, hc, Pearce, very useful Buff Scot, and Buff Cinnamon; vhc, Chard. GROUP (5): 1, 3, spl, Brooks, 2nd Chard, three nice groups of Yorkshires, very promising; vhc, Richards; hc, Roe. CRESTS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Ward, nice Green Crest and two Crest-breds. MULES (6): 1, 2, spl, Ward, very neat, rich-coloured jonque Goldie, and a neat Greenie-Canary; 3, vhc, hc, Chard, nice buff dark Goldie; c, Uren. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Uren, capital rich blaze, good chest, bars, and buttons; 2, Ward, lovely colour and shape, very neat and smart, a good Finch; 3, c, Brooks, another well mkd., good-coloured Finch, not so steady; vhc, Curnow; hc, Stevens. SELL., 7s. 6d. (5): 1, spl, Uren; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pearce. GOLDFINCH, WILD MOULTED (5): 1, vhc, spl, Stevens, rare shape, capital colour and marking; 2, hc, Honey, very fine Finch, lovely face, rare colour and feather; 3, Ward, good colour and marking, smaller.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting June 4th in the Co-operative, Mr. J. Rawlins (president) presiding. First feather show Classification: Scotch Fancy, two classes; Norwich, two; one each Crest and C.B.; Borders, two; A.O.V., two; Dark Mule, Light, or Hybrid; British, larger than Lark; do. smaller. Sixpence per entry. Seven medals are given as specials over the classes. Prize money paid from entries. Judge, Mr. W. Cullen. Final arrangements of ramble, June 11th, were given out. The members meet at top of New Row, thence by car to Holheath, take the waggon road, and right through Pitreavie estate, making the terminus at Inverkeithny, where tea will be served about 6.30; train leaves at 8.17. We hope to have the pleasure of Willie Malcolm as leader.—R. T. CAMPBELL, Sec.

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Note: Rule 1 last week read: "Essays should not exceed," etc., which ought to have been, "need" not exceed, as the length is optional, though we do not necessarily want long articles.

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We have to acknowledge the receipt of 6s. 6d. from the Darlington B.B.F.A., being a donation to the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund." This brings the total subscribed to £63 8s. 11d. to date.

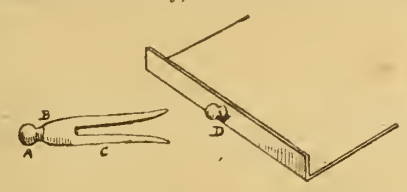
We were hoping to be in a position this week to say something concerning the course of action to be followed in endeavouring to safeguard the position of British bird hobbyists, and in combating the peculiar decision given in the recent law case, but circumstances which have arisen during the last few days render it inadvisable to do so just at this juncture. The matter is having close attention, and at the earliest opportunity readers will be made acquainted with the progress of events.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

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A Sand-tray Knob.
Sent by H. Price, 3, Gaut's Gate, Middle Cotcha, Blaenavon, Mon.

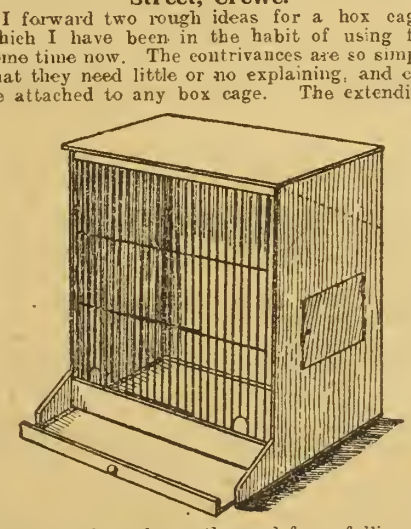
The enclosed is a simple way to make a neat knob for cage drawers, etc. Get a dolly peg (commonly used everywhere to peg clothes on lines). Cut off knob at B. Bore a hole through A, and with a nail or screw attach it to the centre of sand tray, as at D. Then when



enamelling the cage inside, put a bit of enamel on the knob, which will set it off all right. I may say that the remainder of the peg, viz., C, can be used for its usual purpose. So with the exception of one nail and a small touch of enamel, they cost nothing.

No. 417.
Two Ideas for Box Cages.
Sent by T. Lubbathan, 124, Market Street, Crewe.

I forward two rough ideas for a box cage, which I have been in the habit of using for some time now. The contrivances are so simple that they need little or no explaining, and can be attached to any box cage. The extending



drawer at front keeps the seed from falling on the floor, and the sloping roof throws more light into the bottom of the cage, and also makes a receptacle to receive the nail without the latter being seen. The top being flat will allow of another cage being placed on the top if needed.

Wild Bird Life.

Notes on the Nightingale.

Once more our district has been [illegible]voured by the "King of Songsters," a[illegible] two particular spots his glorious [illegible] be heard at irregular intervals [illegible] write "irregular" because [illegible] no fixed time for commencing [illegible] ances. I have heard him sing [illegible] whole of a long May day, [illegible] whisper from the leafy copse [illegible] At times he sings mostly in the [illegible] of the night, and again just [illegible] break. At one time I was under the impression that his music was regulated [illegible] way by the state of his domestic [illegible] ments, but after several years' [illegible] watching I am still unable to [illegible] formances into any tabulated [illegible] conditions of the weather, food [illegible] each, or all, affect him, or his singing [illegible] simply the natural outburst of [illegible] spirit, regulated by nothing else. [illegible] well-known writers take quite opposite [illegible] respecting this glorious songster. [illegible] "The male members of this species [illegible] upon our shores from ten days to a [illegible] night earlier than the females, and [illegible] night, in order to attract the latter, [illegible] travel during the hours of darkness. [illegible] other authority, after writing of the [illegible] arrivals, continues: "Several males [illegible] heard singing in the same wood in answer [illegible] one another throughout the whole day. [illegible] soon, however, as the hen birds have [illegible] building operations are commenced, and [illegible] male sings more frequently towards night [illegible] fall, continuing at intervals throughout the [illegible] night, if the weather be fine." The latter [illegible] remarks can hardly be regarded as strictly [illegible] accurate, for on warm, wet, or showery nights [illegible] the Nightingale will sing incessantly; if he [illegible] did not, he would be totally distinct from all [illegible] other species, which appear to delight to fill [illegible] the air with their melody on wet summer [illegible] evenings. At no other time does the full rich [illegible] music of the Blackbird, or the mellow piping [illegible] of the Blackcap sound so rich and full-throated as when the hedgerows and trees [illegible] are laden with moisture. They have [illegible] plenty of time to spare for music and relaxation, for rain brings forth the fat worm and slug—an easily gathered feast.

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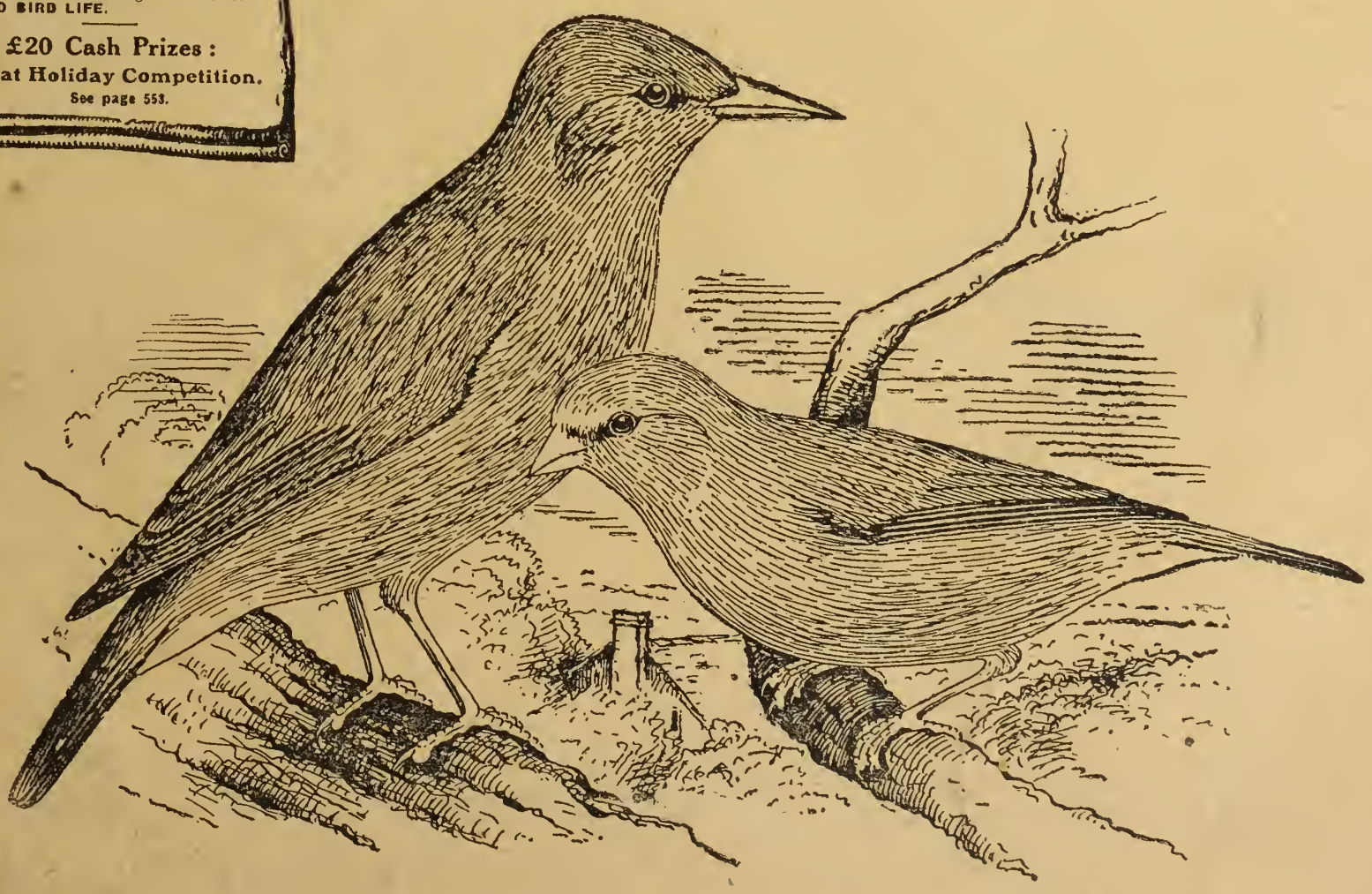
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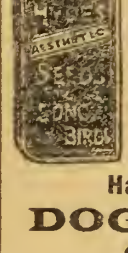
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CLUB REPORTS.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Meeting, held June 7th. It was decided to have 14 classes for the young bird show, held on July 9th. Mr. Walton, of Leicester, to judge. Members competing for challenge bowl must make their nominations to the secretaries not later than June 18th. A ramble was arranged, weather permitting, for Saturday, June 18th. Those wishing to go to be at the station at 2 p.m. prompt. A present of a handsome teapot was given to Mrs. Elliott, in recognition of her services during the late successful show season.—ELLIOTT AND WOOD, Secretaries.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 11th; Mr. Robson, vice-president, in the chair, and a fair attendance of members. The following were admitted as members:—Mr. E. Atkinson (Low Fell), Mr. Tindle (Gateshead), and Mr. W. Smith (Gosforth). Patronage for specialist clubs was next gone into; two classes were put on for the Northern Lizard Club. Will members please note that at our next monthly meeting Mr. E. Floyd, of Ashington, is to give us a lecture. Let us try and have a good turn up of members, to give Mr. Floyd a hearty welcome amongst the Gateshead fanciers. Committee meeting, Friday, June 17th; business: to go into schedule for annual show.—A. HOLDEN, Assist. Sec.

SOUTHALL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Monday, May 30th, when a good number of members were present. In the absence of Mr. A. E. Argyle, Mr. S. A. Neal was elected to the chair for the evening. The auditors, Messrs. Kidd and Morgan, reported the balance-sheet to be all in order, showing a deficit of 11s. 9d. on the society's first year. The schedule for the Young Bird and Finch Show, to be held on June 27th, was settled upon; copies will be sent to members in due course. We have six cash specials and one special in kind for competition. It is to be hoped members will bring out their birds and make a good show. Mr. J. Robson is the judge, and he will speak a few words on the exhibits. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held in the Grand National Halls on 13th June, Mr. Wright, president, in the chair. Minutes read and approved; the report on tickets sold was submitted. The President announced that Mr. Brown, of East Kilbride, had most generously bestowed a handsome donation to the funds of the society. The members highly appreciated his kindness, and wish him every success. The judges were selected, and as soon as their acceptances have been received their names will be intimated through the columns of CAGE BIRDS. In addition to the members already published, the following gentlemen have joined:—Gatheart, W. Baillie; Barrhead, James Price and Richard Price; Falkirk, Mr. Carlaw; Greenock, Mr. Archibald, T. Beckett, J. Glover, J. A. Wright, R. Wright; Paisley, W. Hart. If those who have not already accounted for membership tickets sent them will kindly do so now, they will confer a favour upon THOMAS SMITH, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 2nd; Mr. J. Mackenzie in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Mr. Pitch (Newcastle), and Mr. Buck (Gateshead). Letters were read from Rev. W. Ellis granting us permission to visit his gardens at Bothal Haugh, and from Mr. Lackey, who offers to act as guide on the occasion of our trip on race Thursday. Train leaves Newcastle (Central) at 1.30. Will all those who are going please notify me early, so that I can get tickets for them at reduced rates (2/-); tea will cost 9d. or 1/-, at Morpeth. It was decided to adopt the committee's recommendation that we take no action in forming a Northern Federation this year. Mr. W. Curry presented his report on the social, showing a balance of £1 11s. 3d., which was put to the cup fund. Votes of thanks were given Mr. Curry and the social stewards, and a committee was appointed to buy a cup for the nest feather show, Canary section. This gives us two challenge cups for that show. It was decided that the judges take alternate classes, and decide at the show who takes class 1, and so on. The rules for the open show were then taken, and the meeting adjourned to June 16, when the open show classes will be taken. Rule cards and schedules for the nest feather show are now ready, and anyone who has been overlooked please communicate with me. We have engaged the large Co-operative Hall, and hope to have as good a show as many of the smaller open shows. Please note the date, July 9th. I made a slight error in schedule:—Cardinals should be in large foreign class, not small. —T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, W., on June 13th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Mrs. Thynne was elected a member. Letters were read from Mr. W. T. Page, the N.B.B. & M.C. and Mr. Sidney H. Harris (offering a special prize for Y.B.S.). A schedule consisting of 51 classes was drawn up for the Young Bird Show, taking place on July 3rd, and Messrs. G. Saytch, B. Parkhurst, and A. H. Curtis offered their services as stewards for the same. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. G. E. Weston for the gift of a silver-plated cup for competition amongst the novices in the British limit classes at the annual show. This gift was conditional on the understanding that a novice should be clearly defined. Taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Page (who should have given a Cage Making demonstration) a long discussion took place as to what should constitute a novice in the British limit classes, with the following result: A novice is one who has not won a first prize at three separate shows in members' classes, or one first in open competition. Complaint has been made in respect of the irregularity of reports of meetings sent to the Press, and coupled with this it is felt that sufficient publicity is not given to those lecturers who, from time to time, and at great inconvenience to themselves, visit us. To obviate this blemish, the services of a reporting official has been enlisted, through the generosity of Mr. W. Shepherd. Mr. Weston (as representing the Association) then gave us an account of the recent outing in conjunction with the N.B.B. & M.C. The outing, he said, was one of the most enjoyable possible to imagine. There they saw bird life, consisting of over forty species, in the smallest space he had ever known, the party having only walked two to three miles. The outing was admirably organised by the Association's old member, Mr. T. H. Trower. Special prizes for the young bird show were presented by Messrs. A. W. Curtis, W. Shepherd, T. Pickard, W. Prance, G. E. Weston, Mrs. Stevens, and F. Knight. A vote of sympathy was directed to be conveyed to Mr. T. Kelly, at the loss of the whole of his winning medals through the work of a callous burglar. Mr. T. Yeo accepted the office of staging steward, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Shepherd to fill the office of scrutineer, the same giving every satisfaction. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall, President Robert Dickson in the chair. Six new members were accepted. It was agreed to leave the placing of specials for nest feather show over till the day of show. A table show of British birds was held, and Mr. H. Moreland placed the awards:—1st and 4th, Millar and Eadie, well-known Yellowhammer leading; 4th wants size; 2nd, 3rd, 5th, Robertson, 2nd Yellowhammer, could do with more size, and scarcely so hot in colour as winner, 3rd Linnet, good colour and lacing, 5th non-fed Siskin.—R. HAMILTON, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in the Miners' Hall on 4th June. It was decided to close the membership for young bird cup competition on July 2nd, and to again confine the show to members. Mr. Chalmers, Kirkintillock, will judge the Canary section, and Mr. Alston, Darvel, the British, etc. A new cup for best young bird bred by a member has been purchased, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming exhibitor's property. The date of show is fixed for October 29th. The society has a good balance in hand, and it is hoped that fanciers in the district will rally round the club and make the 1910 show a record success. Full particulars as to membership can be had from James Pollock, Sec., 30, Marshall Street, Larkhall.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 30th, Mr. Richmond presiding. Resolved that the next meeting night be Friday, June 24th, for entries for first feather show. Members should note that no entries will be taken after Friday night. This rule will be strictly enforced. Also the Y.U. pattern water tins must be used, and no others. Samples of colour food are to hand, and those requiring same should give their orders at this meeting, so that it can be got at once. It was decided that the three highest birds in each variety count for the section specials, which consist of silver teapots, tea urns, copper kettles, and a dozen or so other specials, including silver medals, etc., so it is hoped fanciers will roll up with their entries. Two new members were accepted. We are holding two first feather shows, June 25th, July 16th.—WM. MALTBY, Hon. Sec., 11, Cross Bath Road, Bramley, Leeds.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held June 8th; Mr. Atkinson in the chair. New members:—Mr. Brydon and Miss K. Haggie (Gateshead). Correspondence was read from Mr. Cowgill and Mr. Cuthbertson. Decided that Mr. Cowgill's lecture be on September 19th. Decided that the secretary write the secretaries of the other Yorkshire specialist clubs, Southern, Midland, and Scottish, to get their opinion re an inter-club trophy. Decided that the secretary get a further supply of colour-food for the members from Mr. Sandiford, as last year; the profits are given to the club's funds. Also that he obtain a further supply of standard show cages for members, and those who require any should let me know early, as we must take 3 dozen to get them at reduced prices. I have 26 bespoken for now. Decided that the next table show be held on June 30th; Mr. Davison judge. A successful table show was also held; 29 birds in the two classes. Mr. Ellwood judged, and gave great satisfaction. CLEARS: 1, Brydon; 2, Dix; 3, vhc, hc, Tomlinson; 4, Hutler; c, Coomber. TICKS, ETC. 1, hc, Hutler; 2, 3, 4, Tomlinson; vhc, Wigglesworth; c, Leach. Subscriptions are due now, and should be sent to me before the end of this month. —T. C. CRAWHALL.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Palmer Hall on June 1st before a very fair attendance. The minutes being confirmed, several little details in connection with the First Feather Show on July 13th were settled. Mr. R. J. Locke then read a short paper on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," showing us the methods he had found gave him the best results. One striking fact was that he did not believe in rape seed, and did not use it at all. As he has the reputation of being a practical fancier, his paper was listened to with close attention, and several of our prominent breeders taking part, led to a good discussion. The novice members ought to turn the knowledge gained to good account this season. One interesting fact was brought out, viz., that every member taking part in it was using Spratts' Cod-liver Oil Food, but they all used a small quantity of egg with it. At the finish a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Locke. He briefly replied, saying that although he had only just come to Reading to live, he was glad to be amongst us, and he was glad he had joined. A very pleasant evening then came to a close. Our next meeting will be on July 13th, and not the first Wednesday as usual.—W. H. PYKE, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held June 2nd, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. Secretary read a letter from Mr. Lythgoe, asking if we would elect a delegate to attend a suggested meeting to discuss the agenda of the late annual meeting of the C.B.U., also if we would send on to him any suggestions that would benefit the C.B.U. It was decided that our delegate go to the proposed meeting, and we suggest that it be held at Derby. Decided that the following recommendations be sent to Mr. Lythgoe:—(1) That in future a delegate have a card vote to represent all the members of his society; (2) that the duties of the various delegates to the shows be altered; (3) that rule 22 be deleted; (4) that the annual meeting of the C.B.U. be held at shows other than the Palace. The following is the result of the table show, open to novices, for young birds:—YORKS., YELL.: 1, 4, Tomlinson; 2, Lockwood; 3, Crapper; vhc, Lawton; hc, Smith; c, A. Hobson. BUFF: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Scott; 3, Smith; 4, hc, Webster; vhc, Lockwood; c, Crapper. NOR. BUFF: 1, Dobson; 2, 3, Scott. Next meeting a lecture and table show of British birds, and, in addition, Mr. A. Hobson will open a discussion on the rules of the society. The nest feather show will be held on June 25th in the Friends' School, Prospect Road, Heeley. The secretaries will sit on Monday, June 20th, from 8 till 9 o'clock p.m., at Wentworth Cafe, to receive all entries. Mr. P. Walsh has kindly promised two prizes, one for most and the other for second most entries in British bird classes, donor not to compete. Mr. C. Bacon was elected a member.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—June 21, Onward Hall, 8. Paying out prize-money; all ticket money to be paid in. —J. Spencer.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—June 18, 340, Battersea Park Road, 4 p.m. Young bird show; all are welcome; admission free.—F. Easterling.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—June 18, headquarters, 7. Nest feather show, June 25th.—W. Woollett.

Brighouse C.B.S.—June 21, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Barnsley C.B.S.—June 25, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Entries for nest feather show.—F. C. Sims.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—June 25, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. Business, important.—G. Harper.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—June 23, Raikes Hall, Hotel, 8.30. Business: Entries for F.F. show, etc.—J. R. Crossley.

Bramley O.S.—June 24, New Inn, 8. Entries for first feather show, on June 25, at 2.30; judge, Mr. A. Chew.—Wm. Maltby.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—June 21, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Discussion on Norwich, by "A Novice." All fanciers invited to a good meeting. Young Bird Show, July 16th. Judge, A. Wellings (Prescot).—A. E. Lloyd.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 18, Bankfoot Schools, 3. Members' first feather show. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton). Entries may be made Friday night, or Saturday.—F. Gelder.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 18, The Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show: 8 Yorks., 6 Norwich, 2 British classes. Judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley, of Great Horton. Birds staged not later than 3 o'clock.—F. Rhodes.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S. — June 22, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. Members' first nest feather show. Fanciers and friends invited; free admission.—J. H. de Maillet.

Choppington C.B.S.—June 18, Payment of first feather show prize money; other business.—G. H. Seeley.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 18, Crown and Anchor Hotel, F.F. show. All birds to be staged at 3.30 p.m. prompt.—Parker and Parkes.

Coventry O.S.—June 22, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Tickets, bills, etc., for nest feather show.—J. Shaddock.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 18, F.F. show, Savile Hotel, 4 o'clock. We give fanciers a special invitation, as it is the show of the season.—W. Hinchliffe.

Derby C.B.S.—June 25, Derwent Hotel, 7. Norwich and Crest cup business.—W. Stevens.

Dalton C.B.A.—June 23, in Mr. Quinlan's Rooms, at 7.30 p.m. Closing date for nest feather show. All members please attend.—W. Swindells.

Dalziel O.A.—June 18, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

Derwent Valley.—June 18, headquarters, 6.30. To receive entries for first feather show.—J. Lindsay.

Ealing, Hanwell, F.S.—June 22, St. John's Memorial Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing, 8. Evening show. Members requested to make entries by post; in no case can entries be accepted after 7.30. Members' attention is drawn to Rule 5. Admission free. —W. Herd.

Green Canary Assoc.—June 23, Oldham Hall, Liverpool. "Care of young birds in general."—G. Green.

Great Horton O.S.—June 18, Open first feather show, at the Congregational school, Great Horton, 17 classes; admission, 3d.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow, Queen's Park, C.B.S.—June 25, Maria Stuart Halls, Queen Mary Avenue, Crosshill, at 3.30. First feather show.—Robt. Higgis.

Glossop, Hadfield, C.B.S.—June 21, Howard Arms, 8 p.m. Classes for first feather show, July 16.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.—June 21, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Fixing classes and election of judges for annual members' show, also other special business.—R. Watson.

Hanley C.B.S.—June 22, Boro' Hotel, 4 o'clock. First feather show, and other important business.—B. Peake.

Heywood O.S.—June 22, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To receive entries for show and other important business. Please note change of meeting night.—W. H. Meadowcroft.

Hull C.B.S.—June 20, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Committee meeting. Classification open show.—E. R. Ridley.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 22, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Colour Feeding, by Mr. T. H. Ride; all fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Liverpool O.S.—June 21, 64, Shaw Street, 8. C.B.U. matters; important business re the two Border clubs; allotment of gold medals. Also ruling of same, and urgent show business.—Metcalfe and Hillman.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 22, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Last meeting before show; all entries to be made. Hope to see all members there.—P. Hart.

Lancaster C.B.S.—June 26, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final meeting before nest feather show; every member expected to attend.—C. J. Cafferty.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 21, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. Noakes. Clearance night.—J. E. Wood.

Morley C.B.S.—June 18, Sycamore Hotel. First feather show; all birds to be staged at 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke).—A. Gledhill.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 25, Danix's Temperance Bar, 7. Appointment of judge for members' show. Fanciers kindly attend.—G. Yeo.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—June 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. show; specialist club patronage, etc.—H. Boothman.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—June 22, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Club patronage.—J. Bertram.

Otley O.S.—June 17, Queen's Head Hotel, 8.30. Business, entries and subscriptions; all members please attend.—J. Thomas.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 18, Liberal Club. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. H. Charlsworth. Birds to be staged at 2.30 prompt. Valuable specials.—S. Morley.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 25, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Important open show business. All members will be notified by post-card.—W. Reid.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 20, Commercial Hotel, 8. Taking entries Friday night, close at 10 o'clock. —J. Lewis.

Tong C.B.S.—June 18, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3 p.m. Members' F.F. show and monthly meeting. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 21, Dartmouth Hotel, 7 sharp. Judging at 7.30. Members' first feather show, 20 classes. Judges, Mr. G. Key (Yorkshires), and Mr. A. Broadhurst the remainder. Admission free. Fanciers and ladies specially invited.—Jennings and Viles.

West Stanley C.B.S.—June 18, headquarters, 7.30. To arrange for table shows; new members wanted. —W. Elliott.

Walkden C.B.S.—June 21, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 8 prompt. Business important. All members please attend.—H. Howard.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest on June 11th, at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 22 birds sang for four good prizes. Result: 1st, T. Solomon; 2nd, J. Ward; 3rd, T. Solomon; 4th, A. Butler. Judges, J. Melia, A. Nicholson, J. Naylor. On June 12th, 18 birds sang for three good prizes. 1st, Wm. Sissons; 2nd, J. Chadwick; 3rd, shared by T. Stead and W. Sissons. Our Canary Club has opened; all invited to join.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing held June 11, at the Star and Garter Hotel, when we had a record entry, there being 37 birds hung to compete for three good prizes. Result:—1, J. Biggins (Pontefract); 2, D. Dodson (Castleford); 3, shared between D. Dobson and G. Hodgkinson (Glasshoughton).—W. DOBSON, Sec.

BRANDON COLLIERY.

Linnet sing held at Workmen's Club, Brandon Colliery, June 4th, when 40 birds entered. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3, Brady. At Half-way House, Witton Gilbert, June 4, 36 birds entered, Result, 1, 2, Boyd; 3rd, Brady. A pleasant evening was spent by all.

(We have received two acceptances of the challenge of Mr. A. Brady, which appeared in our last issue, but we cannot give publicity to these until the senders communicate to us their addresses (not necessarily for publication).

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on June 4th, when upwards of 20 birds entered for competition and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Mick Limbert; 2, Fred Abbey; 3, Wm. Empson; 4, A. Oldroyd. Judge, Mr. J. Andrews. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, Sen. Contest, June 11th, when 20 birds entered. Result: 1, A. Oldroyd; 2, Mick Limbert; 3, Robt. Harrison; 4, Jas. Moore. Judge, J. Andrews. Timekeeper: J. Limbert, Sen.—WM. EMPSON.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet Singing Society, at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common. Weekly contest, June 4th, when Mr. Cole took first, second, and third prizes with his famous Linnets. June 5th, 26 birds entered, 2 minutes sing: First, Baker, 65 sec.; Watson and Thompson, 54 sec. each, divided second and third. June 11th, 26 birds entered.—Palfreman (Blackhadder), first prize with 76 sec.; Baker, 65 sec., second; Albert 52 sec., Fenn 52 sec., sung off for third prize; Fenn won. Thompson 49, Albert 46 sec., Callaghan 36 sec., Albert 37 sec. June 12th, 16 birds entered: Thompson first and second prizes with 94 sec. and 51 sec., Williamson 46 sec., third. All Linnet singers can depend on a week-end contest until further notice.—H. GRUNDY.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Linnet sing, at Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on June 12th, when B. Nelson was first, 55 sec.; J. Wainwright, second, 44 sec.; S. Scott third, 34 sec. On June 19th there will be a general meeting at one o'clock; all members are requested to attend.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

Crewe and District C.B.S.

The members of Crewe and Dis. O.S. were favoured with beautiful weather on Saturday, June 11th, when about fifteen of their members met at Crewe railway station to make the journey to Audlem, which is surrounded by glorious Cheshire scenery. Upon arriving at our destination we were met by Mr. W. Bowker, the society's British bird enthusiast, who had proceeded earlier in the day to make arrangements for the party, and also to obtain permission to view the gardens and grounds of Shavington Hall, the seat of Captain Heyward-Longsdale. The party at once repaired to the fields, and passed along the banks of the river Weaver, which abounds with bird life. They soon came across the nest of the Reed Bunting containing eggs, and here a number of members indulged in the chase and capture of a number of dragon flies of all hues and shades (one of the party being a naturalist). The nest of the Greenfinch was found containing one egg; and in rapid succession the nests of the Chaffinch, Blackbird, and Hedge Sparrow. Hereabouts a section of the party faced the camera. On again, the party found the nests of the Wren and the Greater Whitethroat containing six young ones. The party now had an exciting experience, coming in contact with a bull (not a Finch) who chanced to "look," and then there was a general stampede, headed by the veteran treasurer, who easily "did even time." The grounds of the Hall and the hot houses were inspected and in the gardens the nests of Goldfinches were found in the apple trees. In the grounds a large number of nest-boxes had been placed upon the trees, and on our guide taking one down it was seen to contain the nest of the Great Tit with four young ones. At the home of Mr. Bowker a first-class spread had been provided, after partaking of which the party extended their best thanks to the host and hostess for their thoughtfulness and kindness, also for music provided. The party then started on their homeward journey, and the first nest to claim our attention was that of the Magpie, which we had some difficulty in reaching; then came the nest of the Moorhen with three eggs; the Lark, and Chaffinch, and then on to the station to book for home.—J. C. HEATON, assistant hon. secretary.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Thomas Todd writes that he has removed from Watson Crescent to 100, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh.

Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, will judge our young bird show on July 9th, writes Mr. J. Chambers, hon. secretary, Leeds C.B.S.

Kindly notify my change of address, writes Mr. Wesley T. Page, to "Glenfield," Graham Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

Birkenhead C.F.A. young bird show is fixed for July 16th, with Mr.A. Wellings as judge, writes the secretary, Mr. A. E. Lloyd.

Mr. G. H. Billett is, we learn, to judge the cage birds at Luton open show on November 10 next.

The Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. First Feather show is fixed for July 2nd, writes Mr. R. Watson, tho secretary.

Mr. H. Tams (Longton) judges our First Feather show on July 9th, writes Mr. H. Evans, secretary, Tunstall and Dis. C.B.S.

Our First Feather show date is fixed for July 30th, writes Mr. W. Clubb, secretary Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.

Guisbro' "Priory" and Dis. C.B.S. First Feather show is to be held on July 2nd, writes Mr. R. Mays, the hon. secretary.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. are holding their young stock show on July 16th, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary.

Mr. Alec. Donnelly, of Swinton, will judge our First Feather show on July 16th, writes Mr. H. Howard, secretary, Walkden and Dis. C.B.S.

The address of Mr. J. H. Alfred, who wrote a letter concerning the decision in the recent British bird law case, was published as Cardiff, but should have been Pontlattyn, near Cardiff.

Mr. Mennard (Leeds) will judge our first feather show on June 18, and Mr. F. Farrar (Leeds) that on July 23, writes Mr. P. Parker, hon. sec., City of Wakefield O.S.

Kindly notify my change of address from Darley Street, writes Mr. Robert Dewhurst, to 120, Beverley Road, Halliwell Lodge Estate, Bolton.

Our headquarters are the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Market Square, writes Mr. H. Evans, secretary, Tunstall and Dis. C.B.S., and our young bird show is fixed for July 9th next.

Wigan and Dis. show is fixed for November 25th and 26th (under C.B.U. rules), writes the secretary, Mr. W. Ridge, with Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, as the judge.

I am judging cage birds at Eastbourne October 19th, Dover November 2nd, Canterbury December 7th, writes Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester).

Our First Feather show is fixed for July 7th, and I have been selected to judge, writes Mr. A. Lewin. Our Cage Bird Society is quite a success; we have over 50 members, including two M.P.'s.

We are holding our First Feather show at the Railway Hotel, Leigh, on June 25th and 26th, with Mr. G. H. Massey as judge, and classes numbering about 15, writes Mr. P. Hart, the secretary, Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

The Darlington C.B.S. have elected Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) to judge the Canaries, and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) the Mules, British, and foreign birds, at their show on November 26th, writes Mr. H. Todd, the secretary.

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Readers intending to compete for the £5 cash prize we are offering for the best essay on the subject: "Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages," should remember that all attempts must reach us by Wednesday next, June 22, on which date the competition closes.

We have been favoured with the services of Mr. J. Wilson (Sandy Lane) as judge for our First Feather show to be held this Saturday, June 18th, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. secretary, Spen Valley C.B.S.

My new price list is now in the printers' hands, writes Mr. W. Pimm, the well-known Birmingham dealer, and will be sent to all applicants in a few days' time. The demand for my list is very heavy.

We have engaged Mr. C. A. House to judge our annual show, writes Mr. A. T. Riddles, hon. secretary, Brighton C.B.A. (29, Inwood Crescent). Any fanciers wishing to join us can do so as membership is open.

On receiving my Cage Birds last week I got a pleasant surprise to see the illustration of my champion yellow Border hen. I congratulate your artist, Mr. H. Goodchild, on his work, and I wish Cage Birds every success.—James Hamilton (Eskbank).

At the monthly meeting of the Longton and Dist. C.B.S., it was decided to postpone the first feather show from June 18 until July 2, write Messrs. Nallam and Lovatt, the hon. secs. We also elected three more members, viz., Messrs. Ritchford, Child, and Mullock.

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged a fine list of members' shows for the 1910-11 season, three First Feather and five Second Feather fixtures, and some grand prizes are to be won thereat. The secretary is Mr. J. Smith, 7, Rose Terrace, Tong Street, Bradford, who will be glad to hear from fanciers desiring to join.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. has arranged two young bird shows, for June 23rd and July 21st, at "The Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, when 3 cups and a silver-plated tea-pot are to be competed for. The secretary, Mr. G. Harwood (9, Frere Street, Battersea Park Road, S.W.), will be glad to enrol fanciers as members of the society.

Fanciers sending parcels, etc., to any parts of the world will find the "A.B.C. Tariff of Rates," issued by Messrs. Neale and Wilkinson (colonial and foreign shippers, 32, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.), very useful, as the various tables therein give the carriage rates and rules of shipment to practically every quarter of the globe.

Will members of the Musselburgh O.S. take notice, writes Mr. W. Nisbet, the secretary, that the date of the First Feather show has been altered from July 9th to July 23rd, owing to the hall being otherwise engaged; also that the classes read: Yorks. two, Nor. four, Borders four, and Mules one, in place of those that appeared in last week's issue of Cage Birds. The schedules will be out shortly.

I am pleased to see your Summer Holiday Competition, writes Mr. John H. Jowett (Bradford), and I shall be more pleased still to read in the future of the successful competitors. Readers ought to be thankful of so good an opportunity, and make good use of such a competition. The £10 alone should be a grand "week off" for Mr. and Mrs. Someone, away to the bracing air at the seaside.

The Barnsley C.B.S. has made arrangements to have a country ramble on Sunday, June 19th, writes Mr. H. Sims, the secretary. Anyone who would like to take a part in this will, I venture to say, find it a very interesting one. Meet at Stainboro' Inn, at 10 a.m. We shall then proceed through Stainboro' Park on a splendid route for bird life. Anyone interested heartily invited. Members please turn up to time, and make this venture a success.

Glorious success. Record sales. Ramsden's pure peppers for 1910. Finest on the market. Mr. Spillman, of Devonport, in ordering, says: "I have pleasure in predicting a record sale for you in Plymouth." Mr. Colton, of Sheffield, writes: "Your peppers are better than ever this year." Messrs. Hopkins, of Bolton, write: "We may say that we used your feed last season, and were successful in winning the tea urn presented by Mr. J. E. Davies to the Norwich Plainhead Club, the tea service for best Norwich at Gateshead, the Whitehead Challenge Cup of the Bolton Ornithological Society, besides firsts at every N.P.C. Club show. This testifies to the quality of your feeds, as colour is one of the principal points with Norwich Plainheads." Quality tells. Buy Ramsden's peppers and know you have the best the world produces.—(Advt.)

I note you are inserting our Nest Feather show in two places, writes Mr. W. Woollett, secretary, Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S., but June 25th is our show date, and I wish you would mention it, as I am afraid that it might lead some of our members in the outlying districts astray. We have got our society on to a very sound footing, and we are looking forward to having good times at our shows. Most of our members are now doing well, breeding, and we are doing everything in our power to make our society a huge success. We have special classes, as our headquarters are at a social club, and some of the members desired to be members of the bird club, so that we put classes on for them, and we hope to get them to breed their own some day. We have been promised a good lot of specials including a gold medal.

The following are the judges, writes Mr. George Brown, the secretary, for the Leith O.S. annual show, to be held in Junction Road Church Hall, on October 22nd: Scotch Fancy, John Pringle (Selkirk) and C. Caldwell (Ballieston); Norwich, John Adams (Dundee); Borders, Joseph Thomson (Newtongrange); Brit. and Mules, Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow).

I received the painting (won in your Essay Competition) safely, for which I return my very best thanks, writes Mr. E. Collins (Barnstaple). It is a very beautiful and exquisite piece of work, and I must congratulate Mr. Norman on the faultless manner in which he has shown the blending of the parents in the different Hybrids. How happy I should be to be the possessor of such an ideal team in real life, for then I should soon reach the goal of my ambition—to put down a winning team of Hybrids at the "Great Glass House." My Hybrids have secured nearly forty prizes at the leading Western shows, but it is my hope and ambition to win at the Crystal Palace with a bird bred by the exhibitor—a hope which was almost realised at the last Palace Show, when my Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid secured the v.h.c. card in a strong class of eighteen birds. I again thank you for the beautiful painting, and wish Cage Birds the success it so richly deserves.

Challenge Cup for Perth.

At the last monthly meeting of the Perth City and County Ornithological Association it was intimated, we hear, that Sir John A. Dewar, Bart., M.P., had agreed to present a challenge cup for annual competition. The cup will be competed for among the members only, and will be awarded each year for the best young bird bred by a member in that season.

Inquest on a Canary.

An inquest on a canary is shortly to be held at Charing Cross Hospital, says the "Daily Mirror." It is in connection with the mysterious case of poisoning which occurred on Friday last in Neal Street, Long Acre, where eight persons narrowly escaped with their lives. Mme. Guillet, one of the residents, was roused to a sense of danger by the fall of her Canary from its perch, apparently overcome by fumes, and a careful examination of the bird may, it is thought, lead to a solution of the mystery. A report of the result will be forwarded to Sir Shirley Murphy, the medical officer of the London County Council.

Lancashire Gossip.

Mr. John Rukin, hon. sec. Lancashire and Lizard F.A., writes: Our late tea and social has already borne fruit, as at our society's last meeting one of the members told us that since the social, his wife has turned over a new leaf, and is now always giving a helping hand. Mr. White gave us a racy tale or two regarding the bird-men of long ago, one in particular about a report that all the entries in the first feather classes had escaped through the water holes, being especially laughable. We also had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a gentleman who solemnly informed us that he had learned everything regarding Canaries years ago, so that Hyde at any rate holds a champion bird expert. We might possibly solve the matter of judging Lancashires, which is so much on the carpet just now, and by doing so provide satisfaction for all, for a man who "knows all about Canaries" cannot fail, surely, to give satisfaction.

Is It Coming to This?

The court was packed. Women with set, white faces glared down at the unfortunate prisoner. Men stood appalled at the enormity of the crime.

The inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Plants was speaking.

"I saw accused, your worship," he said, "deliberately, and in the most brutal manner imaginable, hack a splendid head of cauliflower from its parent stalk."

Men groaned in anguish.

"What was the instrument of the crime?" queried the J.P.

"A rusty table -knife, your honour," responded the S.P.C.P. inspector.

Women shrieked and fainted.

"This is a crime of unparalleled brutality!" gasped the J.P. "Nothing more cowardly or callous could possibly be perpetrated on a dumb, innocent plant! The prisoner must be committed for trial."—*Answers.*

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Important Notice to Show Officials,

With the object of stimulating interest in First Feather (young bird) Shows, and of increasing the attendance thereat, and consequently helping onwards the Societies holding these fixtures, we have decided to accept advertisements of these shows at the reduced charge of *3s. 6d. per single column inch* (2s. the half inch). And we will present a special prize of a framed plate to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns. Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Fifty Years in the Fancy.

An interview with Mr. William Shakespeare, of Kentish Town (a descendant of "the Bard of Avon") who relates interesting reminiscences concerning the "good old days" of the hobby, and the men who then played leading parts in the Fancy.

Sometime since, as I sat discussing ordinary Fancy topics with Mr. W. Shakespeare, formerly of Birmingham, but now of London, and who, by the way, is a descendant of the great poet of Avon, after whom he is named, it occurred to me that it might interest the readers of CAGE BIRDS if some of Mr. Shakespeare's reminiscences were published. To think was to act. I asked him to grant me the privilege of an interview. It was granted, and recently I learnt from Mr. Shakespeare a few of the events which have been retained in his memory after fifty years of the Fancy.—C. A. HOUSE.

"Fifty years. That's a long time!"

"Yes, it's a long way to look back, and yet I remember as though it was only yesterday how I commenced in the Fancy."

"I can quite believe it. Early impressions fasten themselves on one's memory, and though they may be followed by others which are far more important, far more epoch-making, and fraught with results of far greater moment, yet those early impressions retain their hold. Can you tell me about your first Canaries?"

The First Pair.

"My first pair. Ah! only too well do I remember them. They cost me 6s., cage and all complete. They were two heavily-marked birds. The cage was an old clothes' box, with a front composed of the bottom of an old wire riddle. Not a very artistic affair, you will say, but young fanciers are easily satisfied, and my converted box pleased me more than a most elaborately finished breeding cage would to-day."

"You are right. The enthusiasm of youth can put up with much that is inconvenient. But how did the birds go on?"

"How did they go on? How did they not go on! They went to nest and laid nine eggs."

"A good start that."

"I thought so. It was a surprise, I can tell you. Then they sat. I inquired from a friend how long Canaries sat, and was told seventeen days. Seventeen days passed, and no young appeared, so I inquired of 'a local know-all.' He said 'Three weeks.' At the end of twenty-one days I was still without youngsters. I got in company with an expert, or one who had the reputation of being such. He said, 'A month, the same as ducks.' I waited in fond expectation, but the young birds came not, and I was doomed to disappointment. The hens deserted the nest."

"The hens?"

"Yes, I had got two hens. I took them back to the man I bought them from. He had a jolly good laugh, but he gave me my money back. I set to work and made a cage after the style of the other one, and purchased another pair from a dealer in Birmingham for 7s."

"Did you make sure of a pair?"

"You may depend I did. I heard the cock sing before I left the place. These did well. I reared fifteen young ones the first year. I began to wonder what to do with them. I had no cages, and the expense of keeping them appeared to me enormous, and left me no money for luxuries. I therefore decided to sell out, and purchase a better pair with the proceeds. The dealer offered me a price, something about the value of White Mice, but I let him have them."

"What did you do with your bird money. Did you start again?".

Then—And Now.

"No, I waited a little while. I thought I would try and pick up a bit of knowledge and experience before I made another start. It was hard to do so. We had no books or papers in those days. We used now and then to get a little news in "The Journal of Horticulture," and it was from that I got my first information. It was not much we got, but those little items were treasured, I can tell you. The 'Exchange and Mart' also used to give a few notes now and then, and occasionally the report of a show. Then as Canary-keeping became more popular, the shows became more numerous, and other papers came along, the 'Fanciers' Gazette,' 'Live Stock Journal,' 'Stock-Keeper,' 'Poultry,' 'Fur and Feather,' and last, but not least, and champion of all, CAGE BIRDS, the first paper to be devoted entirely to the interests of bird lovers. You know what it used to be like in the old days."

"Yes, I do know what the Fancy used to be like in the old days, and those of us who remember those days must feel thankful they no longer exist."

"You are right. If we wanted to know anything we used to have to find it out ourselves, and pay for it by bitter experience. We had no 'Answers to Correspondents,' free of charge. No cheap hand-books. Fanciers of to-day indeed ought to be thankful that they can get such a budget as CAGE BIRDS gives them every week for a penny, and thank their lucky stars they do not live in 'the good old days.'"

"Now about your second start?"

"Well, I waited a bit, I searched round and made the acquaintance of a few fanciers, and attended some of the local shows which were all held in connection with some public-house or the other. The club I joined was held at the Broad Street Tavern, Birmingham, which was kept by J. Royal, the brother of the noted pugilist of that name."

"What breed did you take up?"

"I commenced with Norwich, and having bred a few really classical birds, I was induced to join the club I have mentioned. When the time for the show came round, I was induced to make a few entries, and did fairly well."

"Can you remember any particular incident about this show?"

"The one great incident of the show was that the principal exhibitor was Mr. W. Smith. He made a large entry and captured all the prizes. His success caused so much doubt and dissatisfaction that it led to the breaking up of the club."

"Can you tell me anything about your first open show?"

"Yes, it was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Temple Street, Birmingham. There I first saw any good birds, and also there I first set eyes on a Crested Norwich. The Show was an annual in those days."

The Old Time Crest.

"Those Crests were very different to what we see now. Eh?"

"Rather! The birds were very small in body, with neat little daisy crests, but they were very nicely marked, and were of beautiful colour and quality. They were shown by a local fancier, Mr. J. Turner, but hailed, I believe, from Nottingham."

"Can you remember any other of these early shows?"

"One which made a great impression upon me was held at the Globe Tavern, Great Hampton Street, which was kept by Sam Brown, who was well known as a keen Belgian fancier. This show was much talked of before hand, and was advertised as 'a grand show,' even though it was only a public-house show, and a grand show it was. It was here that I first saw a really high-class collection of the cream of the Fancy—Belgians, Lancashires, Lizards, Norwich, Cinnamons, etc."

"Do you remember who were the exhibitors?"

"Amongst others were Messrs. J. Corbett, J. Turner, A. Hamer, J. Brown-Weeks, the four Derby B's—J. Bexson, G. J. Barnesby, Sam Bunting, and E. Bemrose, of whom only Mr. Bexson is left to us. There were others whose names I cannot recall now, but who are to-day known to the exhibiting fanciers."

"This is the saddening part of looking back. It recalls old scenes which are to memory dear, but it also brings to one's recollection dear old friends who have passed into the great beyond."

"It is so, and it does indeed make one feel the advance of years."

"Such a show as this no doubt served to increase your own enthusiasm, I presume?"

"It did, indeed. Those birds are in my mind's eye now. I shall never forget. Never had I seen such beauties. They stirred me up to greater efforts. I got quite mixed up in the Fancy, and caught the bird fever properly. So much so that I thought it about time to get paired up myself. I was not long in finding a suitable mate. When we started housekeeping I had a room to myself for the birds, and at one time and another kept most of the breeds."

"Which breeds were most largely kept in Birmingham in those days?"

"All breeds had their followers, but Belgians were the principal favourites, I should think. About this time a show was announced to come off at the Exchange Rooms, New Street. I entered four of my birds and got two 3rds, and two vhc's, which was not bad against such men as Adams, Athersuch, Bexson, Silk, and other cracks. We had no novice or amateur classes in those days, and the young fancier had to take his chance on the open sea, sink or swim."

"Whilst you were in Birmingham, you ran several shows on your own responsibility, didn't you?"

"Yes, I promoted several local shows, and I did fairly well. I must say, however, I had a good backer behind me."

"Did you not on one occasion promote an all-England show?"

"Yes, that keen fancier, Mr. J. Bastock, and myself once went into partnership and ran an open show, and we secured a really good entry of some of the best birds of the day. Messrs. Mackley Bros., who were then at the height of their exhibiting form, made twenty entries, and other leading fanciers supported us well."

(To be continued.)

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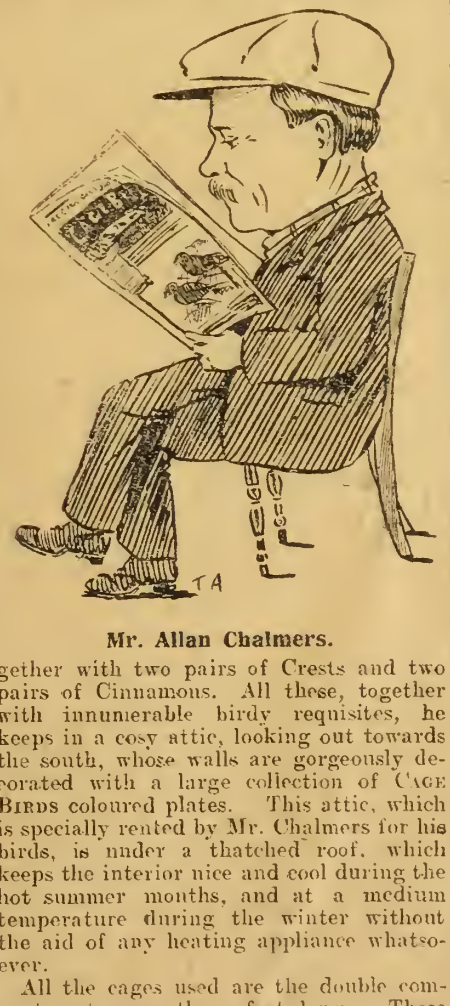
And How I Got There.

(That well-known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for CAGE BIRDS to visit within the next few weeks several of the prominent fanciers North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby. Previous subjects have been Mr. A. M'Farlane (Norwich Plainheads), Mr. G. G. Henderson (British birds), and Mr. W. M'Clure (Scots Fancy).—Editor.)

Mr. Allan Chalmers
(Kirkintilloch).

Mr. Allan Chalmers formerly specialised in the breeding of Crests and Crestbreds. Only in recent years has he taken up the breeding of Norwich Plainheads, in which variety he has made a name for himself.

He had at the time of my visit nine pairs of Norwich, with several young, to-



Mr. Allan Chalmers.

gether with two pairs of Crests and two pairs of Cinnamons. All these, together with innumerable birdy requisites, he keeps in a cosy attic, looking out towards the south, whose walls are gorgeously decorated with a large collection of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates. This attic, which is specially rented by Mr. Chalmers for his birds, is under a thatched roof, which keeps the interior nice and cool during the hot summer months, and at a medium temperature during the winter without the aid of any heating appliance whatsoever.

All the cages used are the double compartment ones, three feet long. These are painted white inside, and have seed and water vessels fitted outside.

What are your methods of feeding your birds, Mr. Chalmers?—I generally feed on a mixture of canary, hemp, and rape seeds. In spring, just before the hens are coming on to lay, I give them inga, as I believe it is a preventative of egg binding. During incubation I feed the hens on nothing but plain canary seed, and just one day before the eggs are due to hatch I give egg food composed of sponge biscuit and egg, three biscuits to the egg.

In pairing up I usually mate yellows to buffs. I put as typical and cobby a hen as I have with as large a cock as I can get—no matter what type he be, so long as he is large and in condition. In the offspring I rely on the hen for type and the cock for size.

I have put up two yellows together, also two buffs, but merely, I might say, as an experiment. The yellows produce good stock birds, but I have never had a show bird from them. I have had very good ones from two buffs.

Now how about your methods of treating your young birds?—I separate the cock from the hen until the young are about eight or ten days old. During the first four days of their childhood the young are given only the yolk of the egg mixed with an equal amount of biscuit; after this age they get the white also. Directly they are on seed I put them into cages by themselves, occasionally running them into show cages.

Do you prefer any special form of show cage?—Oh, no! just any ordinary show cage does me; when I want to see the points of a bird I look at the bird, not the show-cage.

When do you start colour feeding?—I start at the end of July, no matter what age the young are. At this time, also, the old birds are about to start into the moult. I never use hot pepper, only cold, giving it with egg foods, every day, regularly.

I breed most of my own winners, but introduce fresh blood every year.

Have you anything to say to the novice?—A novice should never take up breeding Norwich with the idea that he will at once breed exhibition birds, and so beat Mr. So-and-So, or Mr. So-and-So. If he does he will make a sad mistake. Only if he has a very great interest in the variety will he develop the faculty of seeing the good and bad points of the birds, and only as this gradually develops will he gradually succeed.

In the Courts.

Important Judgment Affecting Show Societies.

This case (report taken from the "Auckland Chronicle") arose out of the exhibiting of pigeons, but the point involved is one of general interest to show officials and exhibitors..

Judge O'Connor, K.C., gave an important judgment at the Auckland County Court on June 7, affecting the payment by show societies of money prizes to successful exhibitors. Mr. John Greenwood, fruiterer and newsagent, Bishop Auckland, was cited as defendant in an action brought by Mr. F. A. Metcalfe, photographer, Barnard Castle, for the payment of £1 1s., balance due on the full amount of prize money won by him as an exhibitor of pigeons at last year's show held under the auspices of the Bishop Auckland Horticultural and Live Stock Society. Mr. Greenwood was financial secretary to the society, and was sued in that capacity.

The action was brought, said Mr. Dowling, who appeared in support of it, at the instigation of the National Homing Union. The pigeons exhibited by the plaintiff won certain prizes to the total of £1 8s. at the show held on July 31, 1909. He received 7s. together with a letter stating that the show had not been a success, and that the society were only paying a quarter of the prize money. He wrote back accepting the money under protest, and informing the society that if he was paid in full he would certainly, under the circumstances, return them something. He did not, however, approve of the way in which they had acted.

Mr. Wood (for the defence) asked the plaintiff: Don't you know that similar payments were made in over three hundred cases?—Witness: That does not concern me.

Asked by the judge what the defence was, Mr. Wood said there was really no defence, except the plaintiff's conduct in taking the 7s in satisfaction of the claim.

Judge O'Connor: The society invited people to exhibit and held out certain inducements. Why haven't you paid him?

Mr. Wood: Simply because we had no funds.

Judge O'Connor: But you warranted them. This inducement was held out to people to come and exhibit and expend money and strenuous labour to send their stock in order to help you to get the money from the public. The prizes were a consideration which helped them to come and do that which you invited them to do. Otherwise it might be regarded as obtaining money by false pretences. The plaintiff seems to be entitled to judgment, and no objection has been taken to Mr. Greenwood being made the defendant.

Mr. Wood stated that the committee had already paid £2 each into a guarantee fund to be able to pay the quarter of the prize money to each winner.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff.

PART III. OF "CAGE-BIRD HYBRIDS"
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The Commonsense Treatment of British Birds.

By R. W. VANDERBEN (South Shields).

This article is the one awarded first prize by the judges in the British Bird Section of our recent Essay Competition.—EDITOR.

Though not a young one, I am, and always have been in regard to bird-keeping, an amateur, and it is to amateurs in particular that I would address myself. By amateurs I wish it to be clearly understood that I do not necessarily mean beginners, though the word is too often used in that sense. Nuttall's Dictionary defines an amateur as "one who does a thing *for the love of it*, and not for pecuniary reward." Nevertheless, bird-keeping as a business can only be profitably conducted by those who are sufficiently "amateurs" at heart to base their proceedings primarily on "the love" element, for unless birds are kept under the best available conditions, their profit must be curtailed; and such conditions can be ascertained most effectively by the bird lover.

My remarks, therefore, do not apply to mere dealers; they are not of much use to professionals or even to true amateurs of experience, but are a plea to those who keep birds, as they say, "just as pets." Now, if one keeps a pet, surely there cannot be much pleasure unless the pet is happy. One sees so many so-called pets in so many differing degrees of misery, most of which could be avoided by a little thought and trouble, that one is led to speculate as to what object their owners can have in spending any time or money on them, for a result so far removed from the accepted idea of a pet.

I take it that one of the most popular of pets is one or another of our common British birds; and deservedly so. They are cheap, hardy, beautiful, interesting; are not troublesome, and are long lived if caged, tended, and fed on the lines of common sense prompted by love.

Let the Home be Spacious.

Taking these essentials seriatim, it seems only rational, before getting a bird, to procure a suitable cage for it. Now, with a moment's thought, it is obvious that the best space we can give is so inadequate in comparison to natural conditions that the cage should be as large as possible. Also, though it may seem a trite remark, a bird has wings. Yet, in spite of these obvious facts, how often do we see birds in cages of absurdly small dimensions, and even then the small space available so crowded with perches as to suggest that the cages are designed to accommodate not a winged creature but one that needs a step ladder.

I would not myself keep the smallest British bird in a cage less than 18ins. by 9ins. and 13ins. high. A larger one is better, and if really a good cage for one bird it will equally well accommodate several. In fact, I have found it preferable to do this, for in spite of their reputation for peace, most birds are fond of an occasional "scrap," which is not generally of a harmful nature, but one of their joys of life, and which induces them to take more healthful exercise, if only in hustling each other about. Consequently they feed better and are, I think, more interesting than single birds. Most small Britishers commonly kept caged are more or less gregarious, and travel two or three together, or in large flocks, so there is good natural reason for getting better results by caging with companions. Only mind how you mix the species.

I advise sufficient perches for comfortable roosting accommodation only, placed as far apart as possible, so that the birds may at least need to open their wings to get from one to another. These should be of such a size that the claws and not the toes are used to grip them. The nails are thereby kept in good order, and the feet are not cramped. I prefer square perches with corners rounded off, made of clean grained deal. I like to see a cage with plenty of head room over the perches, as I find that when in health the birds will fly back and forth in this clear space from sheer joy of exercise.

It would be useless waste of space to try to describe cages for various birds. All the small British Finches will do well in a cage of dimensions not smaller than I have given. Cages for the Thrush tribe and Starlings are well known, but in choosing, let them be big. A query sent to CAGE BIRDS will elicit information as to any special class of bird you may wish to cage. Never use a cage without a sand tray. Have some arrangement for an outside bath. Let the cage be as plain as possible, with as few lurking places for parasites as possible, and in every way as accessible for cleaning as is practicable. It may be painted as prettily as you wish, but it must be washable.

Where shall the Home be?

An important consideration is where to hang. Wild birds are used to low temperatures, but not to violent changes, or to draughts, and they breathe the free air. When kept as pets they are naturally mostly kept in a living room which is heated, and the risks of draughts are thereby increased. Even at the sacrifice of some light, keep your bird on a wall as far from the fire as possible, and clear of draught either from door or window. In summer there will be light enough, and in winter the day is so lengthened by artificial light as to be quite long enough.

When possible hang the cage below the level of your head; this keeps the bird out of vitiated and heated air, and is very important for taming. Let your pet get used to people about him. When you are quiet let him be beside you on the table as you work or read. In the summer you can take him from room to room with you if you like. He will soon get so steady that he will be pleased to be in company. When he is quite steady you can let him stretch his wings by an hour's liberty in the room. He will soon learn to come from his cage for a bath on the table. This is the best way for a bath; he can get a good splash (lay an old cloth on the table) and does not soak the cage, and he gets a good dry by flying afterwards.

I use inside feeders; they are better to induce a wild bird to feed and do not spoil the neck feathers. I like, too, to get the birds used to my hand in the cage, and they do so more quickly if its entry is a signal for fresh food. I use the hand and perhaps a small piece of rag for a cage brush. It is efficient, and though I never handle a bird unnecessarily (even the tamest resents it), should the need arise for handling, they by these means take to it better. Until the bird is used to you, go about it deliberately. If when he sees your hand he should dash about, do not jerk your hand away, but stay still and he will settle; then go quietly on with what you wish to do in the cage. Soon he will be so reconciled that you may move as quickly as you wish, and he will, if you present his favourite foods, even come to your hand to receive them.

Three Important Things.

In connection with feeding there are three things of as supreme importance as the food itself. These are: gravel, lime, and salt. All have seen poultry cleaned, and a glance at their gizzards will tell you how a bird makes up for lack of teeth. One might almost think they lived on stones. You may use sand or sawdust to keep your trays clean, if you will. Personally, I use water twice a week, and on replacing the trays after drying I sprinkle them with about a tablespoon of clean stony gravel. I don't think birds mind what they walk on; the wild ones seem quite impartial: whether mud—puddles, twigs, grass, or earth, so only it be towards food, or away from an intruder, they will walk over it. But keep your trays clean, and give small stones somehow, even in a separate tin if you like.

It is open to everyone to know that the excreta of birds consists largely of lime, and as it is voided unchanged, it can only have been used as an aid to digestion. Many of the Thrush tribe when in captivity develop a fatal habit of swallowing their excreta, due, I feel sure, to their endeavour, in the absence of a fresh supply, to utilise the lime again.

Cuttlefish bone is the best form of lime to use. Fix it firmly; pass a wire through it (a hairpin will do) close to the hard shell, and interweave the outstanding ends of this in the cage bars. These big birds will consume astonishing quantities, either of cuttlefish or chalk. Try them with some broken in small pieces and see; but by fixing a large piece they get a bit of exercise as well in consuming it, and the beak is kept in better order. For the small birds there is enough lime in the prepared shell gravels; but for the sake of their beaks and for the exercise afforded, I also use cuttle.

All animals need salt in some form, particularly those which subsist wholly or in part on a vegetable diet. Personal observation first led me to realise the birds' need of it. I had noticed a wall which was patronised by large numbers of Linnets and other small birds. Similar walls were near, but the birds did not go to them. I found that the wall so exclusively patronised was that of a shed where salt had been stored for a long time, and the structure was so impregnated with the salt that it glistened in the sun. Between the stones it had been furrowed by the birds, which had utilised it as their source of supply.

One may see them also at the salt which is put in the fields for cattle, and all sorts of birds whose feeding grounds are distant from such locality resort to the seashore, probably for salt, perhaps also for lime. My own tame birds when flying in the room will attack the salt cellar on the table. With my shell gravel I mix salt, about a teaspoonful to a pint of gravel. The birds will make the best of their food if these essentials to digestion be given.

(To be continued.)

Southampton O.S.

On June 1st the Southampton Ornithological Society held their second annual outing. About thirty members and friends left headquarters at Shirley Road in a four-horse brake, and drove to Rufus Stone, in the Forest. The weather was all that could be desired. They partook of a meat tea on arriving, and then had a ramble in the Forest. Nothing was wanting, for the hon. secretary, Mr. Parmiter, and members of the committee did all that was possible to make the day enjoyable, and downright well did they do it. We started to return about 7.30, all having enjoyed a jolly good outing.—W. H.

Torbay O.S.

The annual ramble of the Torbay Ornithological Society took place on June 1st. The party started from Paignton at 2 p.m., going as far as Torre by train, when the journey by foot to Coombe Cellars was facing them. By the kind permission of C. E. Browne, Esq., a walk through the magnificently wooded grounds of Barton Hall was much enjoyed. At about 5.30 the destination was reached, when tea, very ably provided by Mr. Stigings, was partaken of, after which photographs of the party were taken by Mr. F. S. Collings. Some of the senior members of the party here realised the fact that they can be beaten at walking (if not on the show bench) by the juniors, so they returned by the shortest route, via Newton Abbot, the juniors returning through St. Mary Church to Torre, thus making it a circular trip. Home was reached about 9.30, after a very enjoyable outing. Amongst those who took part were Messrs. A. N. Innes, P. W. Mugford, J. N. Jeffery, Jack Jeffery, J. H. Elliot, W. Hodge, C. Parnell, W. Parnell, F. S. Collings, A. Mudge, H. Binmore, W. Rossiter, W. Webber, and E. Fogwell.—C. PARNELL, secretary.

Denton and District C.B.S.

The first ramble of the season was held on Saturday, June 11th, when a nice company assembled at the meeting place, Crown Point. We went by car to Victoria Station, Manchester. Here we were met by our leader, Mr. W. Midgley. The day was glorious. From Manchester we took train to Eastwood, and had a look round the village, then walked up the stepping stones to the top of the moors. While going up one of our party had a "slip in the river" while nesting, but was quickly rescued by the other members. He escaped with "just a little bath," which no doubt would have been more refreshing had he had a change. The diversity of nesting places was frequently remarked on. We then crossed the moors to Hardcastle Craggs, where a good tea awaited us. Leaving Hardcastle Craggs we took the road to Hebden Bridge. One of our party (Mr. J. Harrison) kept the company alive by his old-time skits. On our way to Hebden Bridge we had a look for wild seeds, which one of our party explained to us. The call of the cuckoo was often heard. Arriving in Hebden Bridge we caught the 9.11 train back to Manchester; one of our members had to come home without his hat, having lost it on the way. We left our leader, Mr. W. Midgley, in Manchester after thanking him very much for his services in choosing such a grand ramble. We arrived home about 11.30, having spent a most pleasant and instructive day amongst the birds we love to see, hear, keep, and study.

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Wild Bird Life.

Young Fledglings.

The bird population has increased immensely during the last few weeks. As one rambles through fields, and over the breezy downs, young birds of the year may be noted on every side. It is astonishing how helpless some of these young things appear to be. Fortunately for them, whenever danger approaches their first instinct appears to be to get to cover, and how firmly this desire is bred in them, is easily demonstrated by one's trying to get them into the open. They seem to know that out in the fields they are at the mercy of any enemy that sees them, immature wings and want of power prevents their flying any distances.

The other day we attempted to get a young Song Thrush into the open, as I wished to examine him. With a little trouble we managed to get him to leave the hedgerow and felt sure of catching him, but a barbed wire fence, intervening at the opportune moment gave him time to gain sufficient strength to get back to cover. He very quickly saw where the danger lay, and try as we would we could never again succeed in getting him to leave the security of the hedgerow.

I believe the easiest young birds to catch are Starlings, especially where they have been reared in the old trees. As soon as they are able to leave the nest they flutter to the ground, and may be seen at almost any time in the long grass. We have had several in the garden this year, out of the elm trees in the park. I caged one recently to see how the old ones would behave. At first they were rather suspicious and walked round and round the "prison" with a beak full of grubs, and then flew off without feeding the little one. Each parent in turn visited the spot and at last answered his pleading call for food, but the difficulty of feeding him at the side was great, for the bars were close together. After one or two attempts, one of the old ones got over the difficulty by dropping the food through the bars at the top of the cage, into his open beak. For experiments sake, I repeatedly moved the cage, and I believe they would have followed it all over the village! This action of the old birds, however, is not very surprising when one considers how they sometimes have to hunt round for the youngsters which have moved during their absence for food.

Is the Landrail Disappearing?

A daily paper affirms that the Landrail is fast disappearing in consequence of the deaths of many from overhead wires, and the destruction of whole broods from the quickly-moving mowing machine.

For Good or Ill?

The appearance of one or more Magpies is differently construed in different parts of the country, for while in parts of Scotland and the North of England two Magpies are said to bring luck, while one brings sorrow, the following rhyme holds good in a few other localities:

One is joy, two is grief,
Three is marriage, four is death.

The Effect of Cold on Birds.

In consequence of the cold spring weather, small clutches of eggs, small broods of young, and in some cases a single chick, have been much more frequent in the hedgerows than in other years. Possibly full broods of second nests will make up for any deficiency in numbers.

The Strength of a Bird's Egg.

A bird's egg must be wonderfully constructed and the shell exceedingly strong, for when we consider that an unfertile one will bear the strain of several young ones scrambling about over it for at least a fortnight and still remain intact, we can only marvel that it survives such rough treatment. No doubt the shape is its real strength.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

The breeding season here is fairly good, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream, N.B.). Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gilchrist, and myself are having good rounds of Borders so far.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.

I am pleased to hear that many of our members are having a good breeding season. Mr. Lawton was telling me at the last meeting that he had about 60 young, from 10 hens. Friend "Teddy" Fuller was also telling he did not know where to put his young ones, but as I believe he said he had 65 or 85 hens breeding, he ought to reasonably expect something. Mr. Salway has also about 50 young, and several others are doing very well. Mr. Hampshire is only doing fairly well. Mr. Barnes, of Grantham, is also again in luck's way. My own lot are doing better than usual, but hardly what I should like to see. Mr. Hordern is in luck's way with his Lancashires, but Mr. John Vickers is only doing badly.—JOHN RUKIN, hon. secretary, L. and L.F.A.

Under the White Rose.

MEMBERS' First Feather shows were in full swing at a large number of societies' headquarters on Saturday last, and reports reach me that most of them were fairly successful, a good number of birds being put down, and some real good ones amongst them. Many of the winners are expected to be on duty to-day (Saturday) at Great Horton open show, and prove their superiority or otherwise against all comers.

AT Bradford East Show a novelty turned up in a "White Canary," which I am informed is pure white and pink-eyed, and is much cleaner in colour than the bird which was seen at the Crystal Palace Show. What bothers me about it is, whose colour feed is the owner going to use, or will he keep it on Paris white during the moult?

THE C.M.Y.C.C. and the Y.C.C. both held their committee meetings on Saturday last, the principal business being the fixing of the competitions for the coming season. Will secretaries please look up the reports of the meetings, and work accordingly? Each of these specialist clubs is making a bold bid for popularity, and providing plenty of specials of good value for competition amongst their members, the novices in particular being very well catered for. It is quite evident they mean to scure their fair share of support for the 800 odd novice members of the Yorkshire Union.

BRADFORD WEST had not such a very big turn-up of members at their meeting and lecture on Saturday last, but the few that were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the discussion afterwards being very interesting. The lecturer, Mr. S. Dean, closed his remarks by inviting Mr. W. A. Cowgill to give some details and experiences in regard to colour feeding before the times of pepper feeding. This was readily responded to by Mr. Cowgill, and proved a most instructive addition to the evening's entertainment.

WILD birds this season seem to be having a fairly good time. In Wharfedale from Boston Spa away to Grassington, which includes Otley, Ilkley, and Bolton Abbey and Woods, the birds are in great numbers—Kingfishers, Dippers, with great host of Chaffinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and such like. Then the Sand Martins in the river banks are busy breeding, and to see them skim the water in search of insect life is indeed a treat, by comparison making the flying of mere man an ugly and strenuous show. Starlings—nests full of them—scream from every hole in tree or wall, whether near human habitations or not. These birds, to my mind, must have increased tremendously during the last few years. But to hear sweet music from birdy throats, give me the evening twilight, when the Song Thrushes and Blackbirds vie with each other in song across the river, and from tree to tree.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

MR. ROOSEVELT AND THE BIRDS.

Mr. Roosevelt is indeed a many-sided man, and besides his liking for lions and tigers and other denizens of the jungle, is passionately fond of bird-life. Indeed, so keen is he on ornithology that he spent the last twenty-four hours of his visit to this country in the New Forest, in company with Sir Edward Grey (the Foreign Secretary) studying British birds in their native haunts, and the ex-President, despite being caught in a heavy rainstorm and getting soaked through to the skin, stated that it was the "grandest experience he had had during his sojourn in Europe." The following interesting account of the genial "Teddy's" country ramble is taken from the "Daily Express":—

"That walk through the New Forest was the crowning pleasure of my three months in Europe," said Mr. Roosevelt, with his characteristic smile. I am very fond of outdoor life, and have always taken a great interest in ornithology, so I wanted before I left to see and hear your British birds. I know the birds of my own country, but until now I have only known of English birds from books.

"Sir Edward Grey asked me if I would like to explore the New Forest with him, and I jumped at the chance. So we caught the train to Basingstoke, and got there about one in the afternoon. From then until a quarter to nine, when we reached the Forest Gate Hotel at Brockenhurst, we had a perfectly lovely time. A motor-car took us to the edge of the Forest—up the valley of the Itchen, the most gloriously wooded country—and then Sir Edward and I rambled about just as the fancy took us. We didn't go in a straight line, or along any particular road. We zigzagged about and cut across country, and wandered into copses and thickets, where the song birds are.

"Sir Edward and I saw and heard many different kinds of birds, which were a delight to me. We knew them by their different songs. I heard your beautiful English Lark, and I saw many British birds that were new to me. I saw the Tufted Duck, the Chiff Chaff, and some old English Owls. I did not hear the Nightingale on this ramble, but I have heard it in England at other times."

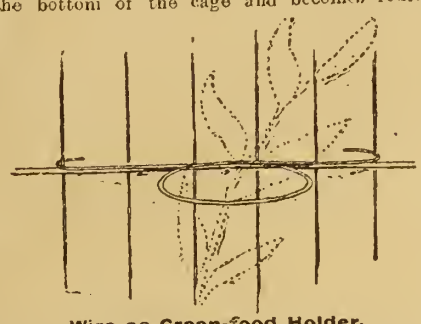
Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 418.
A Green-food Holder.
Sent by Mr. E. Kelly, The Green, Pembroke, S. Wales.

The accompanying sketch shows a little device which when made properly will be found extremely useful to all keepers of birds. When birds are given natural food such as groundsel, hardheads, plantain, etc., it is usual to place it between the bars of the cage, but, as many fanciers are aware, the birds begin picking it, and in nine cases out of ten it drops down to the bottom of the cage and becomes fouled.



Wire as Green-food Holder.

To prevent this, take a piece of fairly stout wire, of suitable length, and bend it as shown. The loop can easily be formed by twisting the wire round a cylinder. Then bend the one end but let the other be at right angles. Hook the bent end round one of the bars of the cage inside. Next bend the other end round the most convenient bar, and the job is done. The cage is fitted with a very useful holder for all natural foods, which will be found to save a deal of trouble and will prevent waste.

No. 419.
Shelf for Egg, etc., Pots.
Sent by B. Wharton, 51, Parrott Street, Longsight, Manchester.

To make this shelf for egg pots, get two pieces of wood, 3 feet 6 inches long, by ⅜ inch thick, one piece 3½ inches and the other 2½ inches in width. Nail or screw the narrow one to the other, to form a back. Then get some ¼-inch square lengths, and nail on to the larger widtb to make divisions—3½-inch division for



A Useful Shelf.

large pots (double feeders) and 2⅜-inch for small, as sketch. Then put two brass ears on the back so you can fix the shelf up on the wall in your bird-room. A side view is given in the small sketch. This size is for six of each kind; of course you can make it any length to suit the number of pots you have. My own is 5 feet long, and holds 22 pots. If painted black and numbered to your cages, it is very useful during the breeding season.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Blue Tit and Canaries.

My father keeps a lot of Canaries, and there is a little Blue Tit which comes to our window every morning and tries to get in with them. I throw out a few crumbs for it occasionally. It has now found a little mate, and has made a nest in the window-frame. It is a dear little creature.—Sent by W. H. Mayhew (age 7), Upwell, Wisbeck, Cambs.

**The Happy Wren.

A little Wren sat on the twig of a tree,
A-swinging and singing as glad as could be,
And shaking his tail and smoothing his dress,
And having such fun as you never could guess.

And when he had finished his gay little song,
He flew down in the street and went hopping along,
This way and that way with both little feet,
While his sharp little eyes looked for something to eat.

Sent by H. Edmondson (age 13), Newcroft Meadows, Urmston, near Manchester.

*Clever Birds

We have an aviary with thirteen birds in it. They are all wild birds, but it is wonderful how tame they are becoming. There is a Greenfinch called "Kelly" and a Bullfinch called "Billy." They know their names, and when you call them they come over to the wire and wait till you give them a seed. They will take nothing but hemp from your hand. I think it very clever of them as we haven't had them very long.—Sent by John Simpson (age 12), 70a, Napierston Terrace, Jamestown, Dumbartonshire.

The Shows.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

On May 25th the society held a very successful first Feather Show; about 30 birds were staged. NOR. CLEAR: 1 and 3, J. Ransom; 2, H. Pennells; vhc, Upton and Button; hc, T. Veness. TICKD.: 1 and 3, Upton and Button; 2, J. Ransom; vhc, J. Ransom. VARG.: 1, H. Pennells; 2 and 3, J. Ransom. YORKS CLEAR: 1, E. Dann; 2, F. Slack; 3, T. Veness; vhc and hc, T. Veness. TICKD.: 1 and 2, T. Veness; 3, C. Nagel.—A. E. GODDEN, Sec.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members of the above society held their fourth annual nest feather show on June 11, at Railway Hotel, Choppington Station, where some very nice birds were on view. Mr. H. Secly, of Secly Bros., judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, Clark; 2, Jobson; 3, Fairbairn; vhc, Summers; hc, c, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Clark; 2, Rigg; vhc, Summers; hc, Jobson. BORDER FANCY YELL.: 1, Jobson. BUFF: 1, Fairbairn; 2, 3, Rigg. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Fairbairn; 3, vhc, Smith. BRIT., A.S.: 1, hc, Atkinson; 2, Rigg; 3, vhc Smith; c, Edwards.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

This association held their first show of the season at their headquarters, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, on Saturday. Mr. L. Ogden, of Tong, was the judge. Awards:—

Class 1: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, L. Casey; 3, Shoesmith. CLASS 2: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Bateman; 3, Oddy. CLASS 3: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Coates; 3, L. Casey. CLASS 4: 1, Oddy; 2, Parker; 3, Coates. CLASS 5: 1, Bracewell. CLASS 6: 1, Shoesmith. CLASS 7: 1, 2, E. Craven. CLASS 8: 1, 2, E. Craven. CLASS 10 (Novice): 1, Robson; 2, Kitson; 3, F. Stebbins. CLASS 11: 1, Brown; 2, Kitson; 3, Robson. CLASS 12: 1, Redshaw; 2, Kitson; 3, West. CLASS 13: 1, Walker.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 4th. A table show of first feather birds was held, but owing to the early date, and also to the fact that a lot of our members are only doing poorly, there were only 28 birds shown in the eight classes provided. There was a very good attendance of members and friends. Messrs. J. R. Beckwith and A. Ellis were elected members. The points specials for table show were won by Messrs. J. Owen (British), E. Norton (Yorks.), and W. A. Wilson (Norwich). Mr. W. Hornby judged.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, hc, McDade; 2, vhc, E. Norton; 3, Burns. BUFF (5): 1, 3, E. Norton; 2, Burns; vhc, McDade; hc, Crossley. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, W. A. Wilson; 3, Medley; vhc, Oakley. BUFF (5): 1, Medley; 2, hc, Child; 3, Oakley; vhc, W. A. Wilson. LINNET: 1, 2, J. Owen. GOLD.: 1, 2, J. Owen. A.O.V. BRIT. (5): 1, 3, vbc, hc, J. Owen; 2, Flint.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' first feather show, held in the Baptist School, Saturday, June 11. Fifty-four birds faced Mr. J. Wilman, who gave every satisfaction by placing the awards as follows:—

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, J. McDonald; 2, J. Nichol; 3, Nichol; 4, Briggs and Jagger; vhc, H. Grundy; hc, A. Craven; c, Myers and Lumb. BUFF (10): 1, J. H. Fowle; 2, J. McDonald; 3, J. H. Fowle; 4, J. Nichol; vhc, A. Hartley; hc, Kirkbright Bros.; c, H. Smith. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, H. Smith; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, J. Thomas; vhc, A. Deighton; hc, J. McDonald; c, H. Grundy. BUFF (10): 1, J. H. Fowle; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, H. Smith; vhc, Briggs and Jagger; hc, A. Hartley; c, H. Pearson. UNEVEN OR FOUL MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Joe Thomas; 2, A. Jowett; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, J. Nichol; vhc, J. Nichol; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, W. Barrett. BUFF (12): 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, H. Smith; 3, J. Nichol; 4, A. Craven; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, A. Craven; c, H. Smith.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Seventh annual young bird show, held at the Reindeer Hotel, on June 7th, when, although the date fixed was very early, close upon 100 birds were staged. The Norwich were the strongest section, some grand youngsters being staged, both in the Champion and Novice classes. The Yorkshires were not so strong, many of our members having had a lot of clear eggs on the first round with this variety. In the A.O.V. classes some very fine Cinnamons were shown by Mr. H. E. Tringham, and some very nice Yorkshire Greens, by Mr. Reeks, and Mr. Cunningham put down a very nice team of Borders. Mr. C. Botting took the medal for best bird in show with a very fine Bramblefinch. A large number of fanciers visited the show during the evening, and the catalogue with awards, which Mr. Cole, with his usual smartness, had ready a few minutes after judging, was over, were soon sold out. The secretary, Mr. Hodson, with the help of the committee, had everything well in hand, the show proving a complete success. Mr. T. Heath judged Canaries, and Mr. E. T. Maxwell British, their awards being well received. The committee have decided to hold a second young bird show in July.

CHAMPION NORWICH CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 2, Matthes; 3, vhc, Richardson; 4, Mazzoni; hc, c, Thomas. VAR.: 1, Thomas; 2, 4, Matthes; 3, hc, Richardson; vhc, c, Mazzoni. YORKS. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Tringham. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Tringham. NOVICE NORWICH. CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 4, Tomsett; 2, 3, spl, Cole; vhc, c, Morgan; hc, Cracknell. VAR.: 1, Tomsett; 2, Cole; 3, Cracknell; vhc, Morgan. YORKS. CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, Carpenter; 2, 3, Reeks. VAR.: 1, spl, 2, 4, Reeks; 3, spl, vhc, Carpenter. BORDER: 1, spl, 2, Reeks; 3, spl, vhc, Cunningham. A.O.V.: 1, Reeks. BRITISH: 3, vhc, Cunningham. A.O.V.: 1, Reeks. BRITISH: GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Freeman; 2, vhc, Botting; 3, Mazzoni; c, Morgan. LINNET, ETC.: ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Botting; 2, Freeman. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Botting. SOFTBILL: 1, Botting. SELL., CAN OR MULE: 1, Tomsett; 2, Richardson. SELL., BRIT.: 1, Freeman.

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SHIPLEY O.S.

On June 4th, we held our first young birds show of the season, the exhibits being judged by Mr. E. Grange, Saltaire, who appeared to give general satisfaction. YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Long; 2, Batty; 3, Tillotson; vhc, Long; hc, c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Batty; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Denby; vhc, Hudson; hc, Crossland; c, Brigg. TKD. YELL.: 1, c, Crossland; 2, Batty; 3, Martin; vhc, Long; hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, 2 Parker; 3, Long; vhc, Parker; hc, c, Martin. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Denby. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Hudson; 2, c, Tillotson; hc Batty. BUFF: 1, Ranson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Ranson. SELL.: 1, Ranson

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual show of Canaries, bred in 1910, and British birds, at Headquarters, on June 11. The show proved in every way a success. Canaries only turned up in small number, owing to members' bad luck with breeding. But the British were very strong. There was a good attendance of fanciers and other visitors during the afternoon. Messrs. Rutherford and Bright judged, and gave entire satisfaction. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wm. Underwood. NOR.: 1, W. Crossling; 2, J. Kearton; 3, M. Corner. BRIT. GOLD. AND BULL.: 1, H. Todd; 2, Wm. Lawrence; 3, J. Lumley. LINNET: 1, W. Gregory; 2, J. Lumley; 3, J. Forster; 4, H. Todd; vhc, M. Corner. SIS., REDPOLL AND TWITE: 1, 2, H. Todd; 3, J. Lumley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, H. Todd; 2, J. Forster; 3, W. Gregory.—HY. DODD, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The first of the three young bird shows held under the auspices of this society was held on Saturday, June 11th, in the Fawcett Street Cafe. There were eight classes provided, but owing to the wretched breeding season experienced by the majority of the members, four of the classes had to be cancelled, viz., Yorkshire, Crest, or Crestbred, Cinnamon, and Mules. The remaining four were, however, well filled, and some very nice birds were staged in each section, competition being very keen. Mr. R. H. Dixon judged, and his awards were:—NOR., A.V. (12): 1, 2, J. Machin; 3, vhc, hc, A. Elliott; c, J. Riseborough. BORD. (9): 1, 2, hc, c, A. Walker; 3, vhc, J. Copeland. LIZARDS (7): 1, vhc, J. Jeffrey; 2, hc, R. Haswell; 3, J. Riseborough; c, W. Reid. BRIT. (6): 1, vhc, hc, c, C. Waters; 2, 3, J. Riseborough. Next show Saturday, July 11th, at the same time and place.—W. REID, Hon. Secretary.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

The above Society held its First Feather show at the Talbot Hotel, when 44 birds were staged in 5 classes. Mr. T. Bentley, of Cleckheaton, judged, his placing of the cards giving entire satisfaction. A lot of good birds had to stand cardless

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL (11): 1, P. Imeson; 2, vhc, W. Bedforth; 3, Dean; hc, F. Hird; c, W. Kershaw. BUFF (16): 1, W. Bedforth; 2, vhc, J. Dean; 3, P. Imeson; hc, c, Hird. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, W. Bedforth; 2, J. Dean; 3, Stafford; vhc, J. Martin. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, P. Imeson; vhc, hc, c, Kershaw. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, P. Imeson; 2, J. Dean; 3, Stafford; vhc, c, Pickles. Next show July 9th, when Mr. Sam Willcock, of Eccleshill will judge.—G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Held on Saturday, June 11th, at Park Chapel Schools, when Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, officiated as judge, with an entry of 102 birds. His awards gave every satisfaction. Thirteen classes were provided, and some very nice young birds were staged. This is the first of a series of six shows to be held during the present year, when an extensive list of valuable prizes will be competed for. Most points in their respective sections were gained by Messrs. Stables, Northrop, Farrar, in the champion section; Messrs. Riley Bros., C. Walker, W. Brooke, in the novice section; Messrs. F. Cruise and Myers, and Lightowler, in the extra novice section. CHAMPION SECTION.—YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Stables;; 2, Briggs; 3, c, Northrop; 4, Cruise; vhc, Priestley; hc, White. BUFF: 1, 3, Northrop 2, vhc, Stables 4, White; hc, Cruise; c, Dinsdale. EVEN, UNEVEN, OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 4, Farrar; 2, Stables; 3, hc, c, Briggs; vhc, Cruise. BUFF: 1, 3, Stables; 2, Farrar; 4, Cruise; vhc Laycock; hc, Dinsdale; c, Northrop. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Midgley; 4, Tattersall; vhc, Busfield; hc, Rushworth; c, W. Walker. BUFF: 1, Whiteley; 2, vhc, Brooke; 3, C. Walker; 4, c, Riley Bros.; hc, Midgley. EVEN, UNEVEN, OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Busfield; 4, Tattersall; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Brooke. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Walker; 2, Brooke; 3, Tattersall. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS., A.V. YELL. OR BUFF: 1, 3, F. Cruise; 2, 4, Myers and Lightowler; vhc, hc, c, Holt. A feature of the show was a pure white Canary exhibited by one of the novice members, Mr. R. H. Lowes, and this was freely commented upon by the visitors to the show. This exhibit was a great attraction in itself, although it stood cardless.—H. HILL, Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.A.

First feather show, Saturday, June 4th. There was a total entry of 125, about 30 in advance of last year, in spite of the bad luck experienced by a large number of the members during the first round. The quality of the exhibits was very good. Mr. John Robson judged, and his awards are as follows:—Champion Section.—YORKS., CL. OR TICK. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Forse and Son. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Forse and Son. MKD., OR VAR. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. NOR. (3): 1, diploma for best in show, 2, 3, Marley. AMATEUR NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Williamson. NOVICE YORKS. CL. OR TICK. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Teasdale; 3, Burbidge; 4, hc, Skinner; vhc, Farmer; c, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Skinner; 3, vhc, Teasdale; 4, Stevens; hc, Shankley; c, Farmer. MKD., OR VAR. YELL. (4): 1, Farmer; 2, Skinner; 3, 4, Wilson. BUFF (3): 1, Stevens; 2, Farmer; 3, Webb. NOR. CL. OR TICK. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, vhc, hc, Roberts; 4, Parr; c, Bartlett. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 4, Roberts; 3, Billingsley; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Teasdale; c, Bartlett. MKD. OR VAR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Teasdale; 4, Parr. BUFF (7): 1, Roberts; 2, Parr; 3, Teasdale; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Albany; hc, Rhodes. CREST (3): 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, Wallace. C.R. (3): 1, 2, Wallace; 3, Bartlett. BRIT. FIELD-MOULTED: GOLD.: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Cooper. BULL: 1, 2, Marley. GREEN.: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Shankley. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Marley; hc, Burbidge. SIS. OR REDPOLL: 1, 2, 3, Marley. A.O.S. (4): 1, Perring; 2, 3, 4, Marley. HOUSE-MOULTED: GOLD. (5): 1, Teasdale; 2, 3, Cooper; 4, Skinner; vhc, Albany. LINNET: 1, Burbidge; 2, Cooper; 3, Smith. SIS., REDPOLL, OR TWITE: 1, Bartlett; 2, Cooper; 3, 4, Forse and Son. A.O.S.: 1, Forse and Son; 2, Cooper. HENS: 1, Forse and Son.—FORSE AND SON, Hon. Secs.

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Club Reports.

DALKEITH AND DISTRICT C.C.

Meeting held at headquarters, Ship Inn, on June 4th, Mr. W. B. Smart in the chair, when there was a good turnout of members. Business: To select judges for our show of October 1st, 1910. A number of gentlemen were nominated; it was left to the secretary to write them. Prize cards were next considered, and it was agreed to have them from a Leith firm.—JOHN EWING, Sec.

MID-RHONDDA & DIST. C.B.S.

A meeting held June 4th, Mr. Jelly in the chair. Decided to make our headquarters at Danlser Temperance Bar. The date fixed for our members' show is Nov. 10th. The names of judges were selected for the secretary to correspond with, with a view to securing the services of one for that date. Fanciers rally round and make the show a success. Radius is from Pmntypridd to Treherbert, including the Ferndale Valley and Gilfach Goch. The entrance fee for membership is 1/-, and annual subscription is 5/6, or 1/- per quarter.—G. YEO, Hon. Sec., 1, Upton Terrace, Penygraig.

STOCKTON HEATH O.S.

Special general meeting held June 9th. We had a downright good thunderstorm for it, and all the members seemed to try to make themselves felt as much. I don't want secretaries to envy me, but my members are a jolly lot of fellows. One member (Mr. Nelson) thundered off by presenting the society with the wood material for making staging for shows, if some others would make it. Mr. Walters (seed merchant) offered to find all seed for show, and another member offered to get schedules out, and then the whole of the committee offered to be there for stewards. I think this bottoms the duty of members to societies. We could not stop ourselves. Mr. W. F. Walters kindly consented to give us a lecture on "Seeds for Cage Birds" (also he would bring samples) at our next meeting.—JAMES BRETHERTON, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Monthly meeting Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, on June 2nd, Mr. Mugford in the chair. One new member proposed. Schedule for young bird show arranged: Canaries 21 classes, Mule 2, British 4, and Foreign 1. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Mr. Curtis read a paper on "Hints to Novice Breeders of the Norwich Canary." He spoke at considerable length on the chief faults which a novice should endeavour to keep out of his birds; on double bulling, and "with the nice little bedroom in the top right-hand corner." After the lecture Mr. Curtis was severely questioned on the introduction of the Crest-bred; use of Green blood for producing colour; pedigree, etc. The lecturer, in replying to a very hearty vote of thanks, wished the members, and particularly the novices, every success, and strongly urged them to persevere, because only perseverance would lead to success. A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meetiug.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Special meeting held on June 4th, at the Wellington Hntel, Hyde. The chief business was the allotment of specials, and also deciding what steps we should take in replacing the two challenge cups that had been won outright. The discussions re the cups, etc., were very animated, keen interest being taken in the subject. This is a good sign that the new blood in the society is likely to have good results. Some excellent suggestions were put forward, and a decisimn was amicably arrived at, full particulars of which will be given after the next meeting, if confirmed. This was the first meeting since March without a new member being proposed, so we hope that a double number will be put forward next meeting. Messrs. H. Oliver, T. White, and J. Mason were confirmed as members. Next meeting at the Rochdale O.S. club room, on July 2nd, in connection with their first feather shnw. Will all societies wanting our patronage let me have application for same at an early date, and then I can put them before my committee at our next meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHALL F.S.

Annual general meeting held May 26th, when the balance-sheet was read and adopted. The election of officers then took place, and the following were re-elected: President, R. W. Baxter, Esq.; auctioneer, Mr. B. G. Hanson; treasurer, Mr. W. Carter; chairman, Mr. P. Evans. The hon. secretary then stated that as he should not be able to give the necessary time, he should be glad to be relieved of his position, although he would continue to do all he could for the society and the Fancy generally. Mr. A. E. Argyle was then elected hon. secretary. The committee elected were: Messrs. T. Hocken, T. E. Jeffrey, and J. Timberlake (for cage bird section), F. Brooks, A. Smith, C. Brant, A. Allwork, H. W. Allwork, S. Hatt, R. Evans, and W. A. Neale. Silver cups for the different sections were then awarded, the cage-bird cup going to Mr. J. Timberlake with 32 points, Mr. W. Lloyd being runner up with 23 points. Other cup winners were Messrs. A. Allwork and S. Hatt. It was decided to hold six monthly table shows from June to December, when the new cups will be competed for. Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. secretary, chairman, and committee for their services during the past year. The new secretary's address is 2, Victoria-terrace, Lea-road, Southall, where all communications should be addressed.—A. E. ARGYLE.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at 6, The Broadway, on Monday evening, at which Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided; there was a record attendance of between 50 and 60 members and visitors, including a very considerable proportion of the fair sex. The agenda included the election of two new members and the nomination of four. A letter was read from the Cage Bird Union asking the society to give its reasons for withdrawing from the Union. The meeting was not inclined to conform to the request, but ordered the secretary to send a polite acknowledgment. It was decided to adjourn the meetings over the holiday months, August and September, the young bird show to take the place of the meeting on July 4th. The ordinary business was followed by a judging competition of birds bred this season, Mr. R. L. Crisp acting as final judge. The members had brought up a fine lot of some 25 or 30 youngsters for the occasion. Mr. Crisp then gave a most interesting and lucid lecture on the breeding of Yorkshire Canaries, prefacing his remarks by a few brief words anent the exhibits. Then dealing with his subject, he said the longer he was in the Fancy the less inclined he felt to dogmatise; they must not take what he had to say about the Yorkshire Canary as authoritative, but simply treat his statements as being his experiences extending over a number of years. He then, in a masterly manner, dealt with the points of the Yorkshire Canary one by one, and explained the best method of selecting for breeding purposes, strongly warning his hearers against many errors the southern fanciers fall into, and telling them that until they corrected these they would never be able to compete on even terms with their fellow fanciers in the north. At the close a most enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, in reply to which Mr. Crisp said he was most pleased to be present, to see such a large company and so great a proportion of ladies, and to find that the society had such a very comfortable meeting place.—H. SMITH, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.S.

Committee meeting held at the King and Queen Hotel on June 8th, Mr. C. Pearson in the chair. Mr. C. A. House was engaged to judge annual show, when we hope to have a first-class entry. The stewards were arranged for first feather show on June 29th. Lord Newlands was elected a vice-president of the association; a vote of thanks to the chairman then closing a very successful meeting.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Full attendance of members at headquarters on June 11th. It was decided to give a silver cup for best bird in table show for British birds, to be held on June 23rd, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. This show is confined to the area of the Rhondda Urban District Council. It is to be hoped all fanciers will rally around and support our first venture. Entries can be made on a sheet of paper. There will be a meeting June 18th at 8 p.m.—W. THOMAS, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND B.C.

Monthly meeting in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, June 4th, Mr. Peter Thorn in the chair. Agreed that the first feather show be held on Saturday, July 2nd, the time and place to be advertised on the Saturday previous in CAGE BIRDS. There will be classes for Crests, Plainheads, Borders, and Yorkshires. A medal is offered for most points, and there will be specials for each variety. Visitors charged twopence admission. New members enrolling before the show day will be eligible to compete.—GEO. SMART, Sec., Carmyle, Glasgow.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Fortnightly meeting held at the White Swan, June 7th, Mr. W. A. Gibbins in the chair. The schedule for nest feather show was adopted (same can be obtained at our next meeting), and Mr. Davis (Coventry) was appointed to judge the Canary section, and Mr. T. Ride the British. The chairman then presented the medals (won at the night shows) to the successful members, viz.:—Champion Section: 1st, Walton and Noakes, 97 points; 2nd, Gibbins, 86 points; 3, Hulse, 67 points. Novice: 1st, Kilsby, 118 points; 2nd, Wood, 59 points; 3rd, W. Sherriff, jun., 51 points. A very interesting and instructive lecture on "Colour Feeding" was given by Mr. E. Noakes. At the finish a number of questions were asked, to which the lecturer replied. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Noakes. Members please note, next meeting is clearance night.—J. E. WOOD, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held May 31st, in Duncan's Rooms, Glasgow, Mr. R. B. Gibb in the chair. First feather show to be held Saturday, July 9th, in Duncan's Rooms. Judging to commence at 3.30. Classification: Clear or Tick Yell., do. Buff, Var. or Cinn.-mark Yell., do. Buff Entry fee, 4d. per bird. Mr. R. B. Gibb was elected judge. Entries must be sent secretary not later than Thursday, July 7th. New members accepted: Mr. R. Heggie, Mr. James Tappin, Mr. John Hunter, and Messrs. Brown and Fulton. The annual picnic to Lochwinnoch took place on Saturday, June 4th, and an ideal day was spent bird-nesting under the guidance of Mr. S. F. Wood. Messrs. Forrest, Braidy, and Corrigan gave exhibitions of wrestling in the latest "Camlachie" style, "catch when and where you eau." The party arrived back in Glasgow at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.—FRED. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

LOCHORE AND GLENCRAIG.

Meeting held in Burns Tavern, on May 30th, Mr. D. McAulay (vice-president) in the chair. The secretary was instructed to put rule books in printer's hands, and to inform Mr. Jas. Kerr (Dundee) that he was awarded points special in Norwich section at late show. Judges were appointed for poultry and pigeon sections. The first annual drive was fixed to start from Public Hall at 7 a.m. After the business, the chairman intimated that he had a very interesting duty to perform, and after reading a letter of apology from the president regretting his inability to be present, he called on the hon. president, Mr. J. J. McMenemy, and in presenting him with a handsome gold-mounted walking stick, on behalf of the association, said Mr. McMenemy, our worthy president's, letter leaves very little for me to say, since he has touched so fully on your good qualities; suffice that I ask your acceptance of this gift in some acknowledgment of your interest in our association. We all trust you may be long spared to use it. Mr. McMenemy, in reply, thanked the association for their appreciation of the little he had done, and assured them, and all other associations in the district which were conducted on such straightforward lines, of his hearty support at all times. He said that although he was a keen enthusiast himself he had not, up to the present, the necessary time to devote to the hobby, but hoped to be able to give a few entries at our next fixture. He hoped they understood they had the use of Lochore Public Hall any time they required it gratis. A programme of songs was then brought forward by Messrs. J. Gibson, J. McAulay, C. Shoolbred, D. McAulay, and J. Donaldson. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by votes of thanks to the hon. president and chairman. JOHN BROWN, Hon. Sec.

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POLMONT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting, held in Ritchie's Tea Rooms, Polmont Station, on May 6th, when the judges were elected. Mr. Dan Hamilton for Borders and Scotch Fancies; Mr. J. Jeans, Camelon, for Norwich, British, and Foreign. Next meeting Monday, June 20th, at 7.30.—R. L. LEITCH, Sec.

ST. ANDREWS O.S.

The first meeting was held in the Court Room of the Town Hall on June 8th, at 8.30 p.m., when there was a good turn-out of members. It was agreed to run the annual show this year about the same time as in former years, namely, the first Saturday in October. The next meeting was fixed for June 2nd for the purpose of appointing a secretary and office-bearers, and it is hoped there will then be a representative turn-out of the members.—A. B. MCINTYRE.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, June 7th, at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, chairman, Mr. Bracegirdle. Letter from the Sec. of C.B.U. was read asking for the support of the society, also intimating that he proposed to call a meeting of the delegates to hold a meeting in place of the last one, held at the Palace. It was decided not to hold a young bird show, but to have a bird-washing exhibition, and also a lecture in the autumn.—J. SWINDLEY, 11, East View, Handbridge, Chester.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A

Meeting held June 1st, Mr. W. Cartwright presided. It was decided to hold our First Feather Show on June 25th. The following classes were arranged: Norwich, Yorkshire, A.O.V. Canary, Mule or Hybrid, and a class for any special British Hardbill; usual entrance fee; prize money on sliding scale. A paper was read by the Secretary on "Colour Feeding." Members requiring colour food should let the Secretary know the quantity required.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

On June 4th, at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, before a good attendance of fanciers, Mr. P. Mason, of Windhill, opened a discussion on "Cinnamon-marked breeding." Mr. Mason's remarks created plenty of interest, as no doubt he has bred some of the finest marked birds benched. Messrs Hartley, Wharton, Ludbrook, Hammond, Liugley, and others joined in the discussion. A good idea of Mr. Mason's, re novices not liking to ask question before the company, resulted in questions being elicited from them at the previous meeting, and Mr. Mason dealt with them. Mr. F. Hammond proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mason, and Mr. J. Hartley seconded, Mr. Mason suitably replied.—F. RHODES, Sec.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting held in Victoria Bar Rooms on June 4, to make arrangements for First Feather Show, confined to members. Owing to the members being unsuccessful in breeding, it was decided to alter date of show, which will now be held on August 6 instead of July 2. Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh, was elected judge. Having been successful in gaining Mr. Dewar's services, fairness will be in the minds of the members. Before bringing the meeting to a close the Secretary presented the society with a handsome silver cup, to be competed for at their next annual open show, October 29. Mr. James Logan proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the handsome trophy they had just received from the Secretary. Mr. D. Walker (president) seconded the proposal, which was very heartily responded to. Mr. George Harris presented the society later with a handsome globe for cup.—JOHN S. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

At the conclusion of the young bird show on June 11th, a special meeting was called to consider a letter received from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union, asking us to reconsider our decision to leave the Union. There was a splendid attendance of members, who were presided over by Mr. J. Farrar. After the letter from the Union secretary was read, the secretary informed the members that he had written to Mr. Lythgoe asking full particulars as to how many societies had withdrawn from the Union, and also asking him why the Yorkshire Union shows should be open to C.B.U. members, while other unaffiliated societies were not, and Mr. Lythgoe's reply was placed before the members. The secretary stated that he did not think it right that C.B.U. members should be allowed to show at Yorkshire Union shows, and not at any other unaffiliated shows, and urged that the only fair way was to delete the latter portion of Rule 22, and allow C.B.U. members to show where they liked. There was no discussion on the subject, and Mr. J. Jeffrey moved, and Mr. R. Heswell seconded, a proposition that: We do not rejoin the Cage Bird Union until the latter portion of Rule 22 is deleted, as we are of the opinion that C.B.U. members should be allowed the same facilities as other fanciers to show where they like. There was no amendment, and the proposition was carried with only three dissentients. Two new members were elected, Mr. Gott and Mr. Murray.—W. REID, Hon. Secretary.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Clarendon Hall on June 10th, Mr. A. Miller presiding. For the first feather show, to be held on July 9th, in Clarendon Hall, the following sections were decided on: Crested and Crested-bred, Norwich Plainhead, Border Fancy, Yorkshire, A.O.V. Canary (including self Greens and Cinnamons), Light Mule or Hybrid, and Dark Mule—15 classes in all. The classification, etc., for annual members' show decided on. One new member was enrolled—Andrew McDonald, 21, Rachery-street, Glasgow. Afterwards a paper on "The Norwich Plainhead Canary was read by Mr. Charles Campbell, which proved very interesting and instructive. Mr. Campbell dealt first with his successes and failures, then with matched pairs for breeding, and type and quality of same; the breeding of birds for stock and exhibition purposes; the different foods on which young birds are reared, and his opinions of same. At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. Campbell was asked various questions, which were answered satisfactorily. Mr. Miller, in thanking Mr. Campbell, spoke of him as an experienced breeder and very successful exhibitor, and one very hard to beat when he had any Plainheads on the bench. Members whose name are on the books and have not yet paid their subscription for the year, are reminded that the same must be paid on or before July 9th (first feather show) to enable them to show young birds at annual members' show on November 19th. Hearty votes of thanks to the lecturer and chairman brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas., 115, Henderson-street, Glasgow.

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*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 70, Entwistle Road). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Grimsby.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8 ,Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B., R.T. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Tunstall.**—H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.S.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Pendleton and Salford.**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester). H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read. Launceston).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street).
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street).
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dunmett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 18.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Battersea C.B.A.; Crewe O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Huthwaite C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Otley O.S.; Morley C.B.S.; Bankfoot C.B.S.; Gt. Horton O.S.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.; Chesterfield C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Great Horton Good Intent O.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Tong C.B.S.; Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.; Dewsbury C.B.S.
June 21.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
June 22.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.; City of Birmingham C.B.S.
June 23.—Grimsby O.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 25.—Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Heywood O.S.; North London C.B.A.; North Manchester C.B.S.; Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.; Liverpool B.B.A.; Barrington and Choppington (S.C.) C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.; Pendleton and Salford O.S.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Bramley O.S.
June 25 & 26.—Leigh C.B.S.
June 27.—Southall C.B.S.
June 29.—Brighton C.B.A.; Cardiff C.B.S.
June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 1.—Penzance F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Codnor Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Hamilton O.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.; Manchester & N. C.O.S.; Rochdale O.C.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Barnsley C.B.S.; Colne C.B.S.; Dalton-in-Furness C.B.S.; Guisborough "Priory" C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Longton C.B.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Southend O.S.
July 7.—Oxford C.B.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (½ day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland; Tunstall C.B.S.; Batley O.F.S.
July 11.—Reigate F.A.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Bramley O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leyton C.B.A.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.

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Seventh Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
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In every copy of "Cage Birds" published from now till July 23rd next, we shall print a triangular coupon. This coupon (see below) is provided with a panel upon each side, each panel must be filled in with the name and address in full of a new reader of the paper. One panel, one name and address, three names and addresses complete each coupon. The prizes will be awarded to the readers who send in to us by July 27th at latest the largest number of coupons properly filled in.

For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that:
(1) Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers.)
(2) The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
(3) The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

Thus it is possible for a competitor to obtain without any expense at all on his part a large number of coupons, which also in their turn may be the means of obtaining further supplies of coupons.

As a further reward to readers we will give a free advertisement in "Cage Birds" to the value of 1s. for every fifty (50) coupons sent in which are eligible for the competition, the said advertisement being available for any issue within three months of the date of the competition closing, viz., July 27th next.

No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrange with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 559
The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

Clapham and District C.B.A.

Annual Outing.

The first of what is hoped to be an annual event, in the form of our country ramble, took place on June 5th. To the members and friends who took part the event was a great success, and a very large number of nests were sighted. The spot selected was Ashtead and neighbourhood, the party numbering twelve, and consisting of Messrs. Yeoman, Sandy, Sexton, Pretty, Brighty, Warley, and Master Warley, Silverthorne, Barker, Robson, and Askew, the hon. secretary. They proceeded through Ashtead village and the delightful highways and byeways to the common. Scarcely had the party left the village and hurried into a shady lane than Mr. Warley sighted a Thrush's nest in the hedge containing eggs. This served to whet the appetite for a vigorous investigation of all the likely bushes and spots in the ivy-clad wall which ran along one side of the lane. Various species of Tits were seen and heard, also the Willow Warbler and Chaffinch, the latter being very much in evidence. Further on the Turtle Dove and Woodpigeon were seen, whilst the familiar note of the Cuckoo was heard in all directions. The common looked very promising, but only resulted in a Linnet's nest being discovered with eggs. A little further on a pretty nest of young Thrushes was found, and the loud call of an old Jenny Wren attracted the attention of some of the party, who discovered the bird in a great state of agitation above a thorn and bramble bush in which were her youngsters, who appeared to have recently left the nest. They quickly made their way into the thick undergrowth, and were lost to view. At this spot the Cuckoo was observed flying over the railway embankment, and a good view was obtained of her with the aid of field glasses. The appetites of the party having been sharpened by the fresh air, a start was made for the "Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower" Inn, where a cold luncheon had been arranged by the hon. secretary, Mr. Askew. After lunch Mr. Yeoman, the chairman, referred to the death of our late King, and proposed the toast of the health of the new Monarch, which was duly honoured. After an interesting discussion upon club and birdy matters, the party again set out for the woods, and were joined by Mr. Pearce of the London and Counties Society, who had come down by a later train. The outskirts of the beautiful wood were followed, and many nests were found, some newly built, others containing eggs or young. The nest of the Chaffinch again appeared to be the most numerous, and probably some 20 were explored. The Greenfinch's nest was also found, also what was thought to be a Stonechat's nest, but some doubt existed as it was found high up in the topmost twig of a tall bush. A Partridge's nest containing 13 eggs was also seen in a clump of stout grass and rushes. Time was now going all too quickly, and the party wended its way to Epsom Town, where a capital tea was found, and the return journey to "bricks and mortar" was made about 8 p.m., all agreeing that a very pleasant and instructive day had been spent.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Trio.

Hurst.—(1) Certainly leave them together until the middle of next month. It is quite possible the hen may nest again, and may be near laying any time, so that it is scarcely safe to separate them just yet. Give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give five drops each tincture of gentian, calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. (2) Am afraid you can do nothing of any service here. But try using a very shallow nest pan until eggs are laid, then when putting hen to sit, substitute one of ordinary depth. (3) As you have already proved the reliability of the Crest-bred cock, you may return him to the hen with safety when the young are three or four days old.

Hard Breathing and Wheezing.

Hard Luck.—You say the bird is in an outdoor aviary, but do not say whether it is in the open air or whether it merely means that you have an outdoor bird room. If the former is the case, I should say seeing that you only bought the bird three weeks ago, that you had brought on acute bronchial trouble by turning the bird outdoors without any acclimatisation. Your best plan now is to remove it indoors to a cosy place, not exposed to any heat from fires, etc., but where it is nice, bright, and sunny, and quite free from all cold draughts, and extreme fluctuations. As a staple diet give one part summer rape to three parts canary. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, and teazle. Every second day for the next month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards.

His Pound of Flesh.

J. W. M.—I cannot hold out much hope of your suggested method of running the cock alternately with three hens for a portion of each day bringing you much, if any, success. It would entail too much disturbance, and give the hens so little time to settle down that they would need to be all in very high breeding condition simultaneously for the plan to be a success. To utilise all three hens you really missed your best chance when hen No. 1 commenced to sit the brood she now has. As soon as she commenced to sit you should have removed the cock, and either mated him with one of the others, or, if both were ready for mating, run him with each one alternately from midday to midday. As you recognise the risk of failure attending the experiment, if you still wish to make it, your best method will be to put the cock and two hens in the three compartment cage, and run him with each one alternately from midday to midday as suggested. Keep the other hen in a single breeder ready for mating, and as soon as one of the other hens has gone to nest run the cock with this hen during the same interval as he was running with the hen who will no longer need his presence.

Not Singing.

Novice. You must first look well into the surroundings of the bird to see whether it is exposed to any cold draughts or other unhealthy influences. Also, see if the cage is troubled with redmites. I note you do not say whether he appears quite healthy or otherwise, nor how long he has been out of song. If only just recently it is probable he is about dropping into moult. Feed for a week on plain canary and a free supply of green food only, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb to its drinking water every second day. After this, add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet; give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day for a month, and twice a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, and millet. Give a little green food every second day after the first week, and in the water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day during the second week.

A Variety.

A. M. Johnson.—I suspect the hen which lays only two or three small eggs in each clutch is an old one, past her serviceable breeding days. If she goes to nest again, omit all egg and other soft foods whilst going to nest, and in place of these give only a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed every second day. As green food give only a half ripe plantain stalk, or a small leaf of dandelion every second day. For the first week withhold greenstuff altogether, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and six of dandelion juice to the drinking water every second day. If she does not seem anxious to nest again voluntarily, do not press her to do so. Put her in a large flight, feed liberally until after the moult, then plainly until spring, to get her into good hard condition for next season. The length of time a hen can remain off the eggs without them being destroyed depends upon the weather, stage of incubation, vitality of germs, and suchlike influences, that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast line. The only wise course is to let eggs be sat upon the full time. At time of writing this, I have a brood hatching off all right, which on two occasions during incubation have been left totally uncovered for more than an hour. I will not dogmatise as to the possibility of a hen Mule laying fertile eggs. It may not be impossible, but it certainly is very improbable. Some people imagine every marked or green Canary is a Mule—perhaps your friend is of that opinion. Still, several cases of fertility in Mules of apparent authenticity are on record.

Making a Start.

F.L.—(1) Yes, you could certainly keep Canaries and British seed-eaters in the house you describe without artificial heat of any kind. In starting with Canaries, however, you should be sure you are getting stock which has been kept in a normal temperature. The present will be a very good time to begin in any case. (2) It is quite a matter of personal taste how you finish the inside walls and fittings. Use any good washable distemper for the walls. I should say a dado of autumn green, and the upper portion light pea-green or electric green, with a border line of paper, would look better and more cosy than white and mahogany. Do not make the dado half way up the wall; two-fifths would be plenty, and look better.—(3) Yes, cages, and all other fittings, would look well done in mahogany. (4) If, as I understand your letter, the house is already built, I do not see how the aspect can matter much now. Still, south-west, or south-south-east, would be much better than due south. The latter position is excellent also provided there is some shade from the sun during the middle part of the day in the height of summer. (5) I have not noted minutely what amount of seed a given number of birds will consume, but for forty-five birds you may put the quantity down at somewhere between four and five pounds per week. With this you would probably use but a minimum amount of egg food and other extra tit-bits. (6) Certainly, if the seeds are well harvested and dry when put in air-tight tins they should keep perfectly fresh and sweet until used, or any reasonable length of time.

Brevities.

When Colour Feeding (Conn., Canary, U.S.).—No, the usual staple diet of seeds must be neither withheld nor diminished when colour feeding. Make the colour food tasty and palatable to the birds, and they will consume all that is needed to attain the object without in any way adopting coercive measures or taking away the seed supply.

Percher (Paradox).—Your query is already replied to. As you will see, I suspected an error had been made about the size of perches, and replied accordingly. One and a-half inches circumference is much nearer the mark, and you will probably find that this closely coincides with the size I have recommended in the other reply.

Nibbling Cage (Renfrew).—There is nothing wrong with the bird. It is only a habit which some "unattached" birds get into during the breeding season to help to work off some of the superfluity of energy and spirits which posesses them at this time. Give a liberal supply of green food, especially lettuce and chickweed, and cut all hemp out of the dietary. This will allay the thirst, though I do not think there is anything abnormal.

Yorkshire Hen Bald (S. C. E. N.).—Paint the bare place twice a week for the next two or three weeks with a small feather dipped in a mixture of equal parts glycerine and tincture of perchloride of iron. Beyond this you can do nothing now but feed the bird liberally, and get it into a thoroughly good condition of health for the moult. It is very doubtful if any improvement will be seen until the bird moults. Allow it to bathe quite freely; see that its cage is quite free from insect pests; and in addition to the usual seed diet, and a liberal supply of green food in variety, give a small teaspoonful of egg food once each week, and dust it over with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. On two other days each week give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed.

Biddy's Folly (S. McCore).—I doubt whether the hen will do anything this season. Separate her for a fortnight, but keep her in view of the cock. For the first week feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, with a supply of chickweed and dandelion daily, and a piece of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed the size of a hazel nut every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence (or a crystal the size of a split pea) every second day. During the second week add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to the diet each day when giving bread and milk, and sprinkle the latter with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp and inga, and one part each gold of pleasure and sesame. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. If then in good active condition, and the cock is still fit, mate them up and try again.

Disturbing Birds (K. O'Connell).—Your query is somewhat vague, and I am not quite clear how you propose changing the birds about. Anyway, as the main point of your question is the advisability of returning the cock to the hen who is just due to hatch, so that he may help to rear the young, I should not advise you to do it. The hen is more likely to rear the young successfully by herself, and there is a certain risk in returning the cock now that he will worry the hen to begin nesting again. It is not unlikely that by the time this brood is ready to leave the nest the hen will be dropping into moult, and another brood consequently out of the question.

Old and Young (L.C.R.).—Sorry, but there is not the slightest chance of anything you could do curing the blindness in the hen. Keep her in the same cage, and her food and water easily getatable, and then she will get along comfortably enough even if the blindness should attack the other eye, too, as is quite probable it will do. In the latter case she would be useless for breeding, and even as she now is it is a very unwise policy to breed with her. The blisters on the young one were due to an uncommon, though not very rare, disease known as emphysema. You did quite right to get the blisters punctured. That was all that was needed in so young a subject.

Out of Song (Silent). See that the bird is not too near the fire, so as to be exposed to great variations of heat and cold continually. You might also do well to examine the structure of cage carefully to see if there is any secret harbour for red mites, especially about the perch ends and joints of door. Feed as advised to "Novice" for a month, but mix equal parts maw and gold of pleasure to add to the sponge cake. For green-food give seedy chickweed and half-ripe plantain stalks. Let him bathe daily in warm weather, and soak a few quassia chips in the bathing water overnight, one each week. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and six drops of dandelion juice every second day for a week, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week.

Choice of Room (Spider).—If both the rooms you send sketches of are equally dry and free from draughts, I should give preference to the one you are using, marked "present bird-room." The other room I do not think can be quite so free from draughts as this one, and the extra sunlight in the afternoon, combined at it is with a rush of temperature upwards, is no advantage at all. It might be a little advantage, if the plan is feasible, to move your cages nearer the middle of the south wall, opposite the window. The death of the bird you mention in the former bird-room may, and I am inclined to think it does, show that the room is very subject to extreme fluctuations, coincident with the influence prevailing outside. In that case death was probably due to pneumonia caused by a chill.

Uncommon Fosters (A. D. P., Hamilton).—Yes, I should say the green Linnet, as you term the Greenfinch, would be quite equal to the task of rearing the young Canaries after they were hatched, and would probably do it equally as good as, if not better than, the real parents. Unless these fosters are situated in a quiet, safe place, where you can keep a close watch on them, and place the nest and young in a cage when they are in danger of scurrying out of the nest, and leave them on the spot for the fosters to finish off through the wires, you will need to take them in charge about twelve days old, and finish rearing them by hand. It would be best to do this in any case, as the young will probably be very wild if left for the foster parents to rear to maturity. Feed them about every hour on the ordinary egg food made into a moist paste with a little water, and a little finely chopped greenstuff mashed, and mixed in it.

A Pensioner (H. W. Schofield).—The hen has probably retired from active service, and intends remaining on the superannuation list henceforth. The only way in which I think you might do anything with her would be to turn her into a good-sized aviary where she could get plenty of healthy exercise, and find more distractions to turn her attention from the larder. Then, with a vigorous young cock to woo her affections, she might take a more rational turn. You might try giving her a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and otherwise treating the same as advised to "W.H.D.," with the exception that you should omit the hemp altogether from the seed mixture. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid.

Irritable (Anxious).—Examine cage minutely. If you find any places covered with minute white specks you may be sure a horde of red mites are in harbour close by. Probe all likely cracks and joints, and the spaces between the top and bottom of doors, etc., on to a piece of white paper, and note the result. If mites are found overhaul the cage. Also catch the bird and see if it has any grey lice upon it; if these are numerous you will very soon find them swarming about your hand. In this case treat as advised to "H. Spooner." Give a bath with quassia twice a week. Give a small piece of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a week, and on alternate days add to its drinking water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Give a spray of chickweed daily.

Toes Turned Under (T. Denton).—I take it from your letter that all the fore toes are turned under. In that case you can do nothing save trying a mechanical device such as appeared in our columns on two occasions some little time ago (I have not the dates by me). Look up a few months back numbers, if possible. I give you this hint for what it is worth. Personally, I have no confidence in these devices, as the birds will not leave them alone. Give it a thin perch about the size of a lead pencil to roost on, also one flat one half-inch by quarter inch, with just the sharp edges taken off. If you find the bird begins to roost on the thin perch substitute another similar one, but slightly thicker, for the flat one.

Cock Not Ready (No Nom-de-Plume).—You do not say whether the Norwich cock is in song or not, or whether it appears to be in good health. Provided it is an undoubted cock, and is healthy and active, even if it does not sing much there is no reason why he should not breed successfully. It is always a more promising sign, however, when they are in good lusty song. In addition to the usual seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg-food with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Every day give three or four crisp young dandelion leaves. Continue this treatment until the hen has gone to nest. You may give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the water for two days.

Not Breeding (W. S.).—You do not say whether the hen to which the cock is mated is in good active condition and apparently ready for breeding. If this is so, it is quite possible that the cock is sparing his attentions for the other unmated hen. You should move her right out of earshot, if possible, when things may take a more favourable turn with the other hen. Or if you are not particular as to choice of hens you might remove the hen with which the cock is paired and substitute the other one. There is yet time to get a brood from either of the hens, but whether the one now mated will go to nest is a question that only time can solve. You may treat her as advised to "S. McCore." The cock will resume his song when again caged separately.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

The American Nightingale.

Bird Lover (Waterford).—The song of the Virginian Nightingale or Cardinal has been much exaggerated by many writers, though doubtless in its native wilds and also in a large garden aviary, in the full fervour of its love song, the notes would sound buoyant and rich, and the very abandon with which it would be poured out at this period would enhance its melody. The notes are rich and full, and there is little variety; it is a repetitious. Nevertheless, not monotonous; some individuals do little more than utter an occasional call note in a cage. Diet: Ripe fruit, a seed mixture of three parts each canary and white millet seed and one part each oats, hemp and sunflower seeds; green food and a few live insects daily. The cage ought to be not less than 24 inches long by 18 inches deep and high, with twiggy branches as perches. They are extremely beautiful, and I have seen very steady and healthy specimens kept under such conditions.

Treating Newly-purchased Grey.

A. W. Anderton.—It all depends what age the Grey Parrot is when purchased, as if very young, boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) will be necessary for a time, though as soon as possible it should be gradually weaned on to the dry seed mixture—if it is having boiled maize (you must ascertain this when purchasing) you must give this, also seed mixture, and when you see it eating heartily of the latter, gradually discontinue the former. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part each hemp, oats and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together; ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts; keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Do not at first leave water in the cage, but let it have a few sips three or four times daily till it has become accustomed to same. It must be kept warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. Very many of these birds become infected during transit to this country, hence the numerous deaths with this species.

Baldness in Foreign Finches.

Lanark.—I may briefly say that as a rule those you refer to are anything but authorities on the treatment of birds, hence the numerous losses with new purchases. I have not my previous reply by me, but I should certainly advise isolating the bald birds till they are in feather again, as many of these caged Finches act as if they had a special mission to keep their fellow-captives bald once they become so. At this season give them all the fresh air you can without subjecting them to draught. A roomy cage is an important adjunct to Gouldian, Painted—in fact, all the Grassfinches, and it should be preferably of the box or semi-box type, and not less than 24 x 12 x 18 inches high. Twiggy branches should be used as perches—in all other respects our previous reply will meet the case.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Birds for Aviary.

Durham Aviarian.—You have accommodation for about a dozen birds the size of a Norwich Canary, or double the number of small Waxbills and Ornamental Finches. I should suggest you procuring pairs of Zebra Finches, Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bronze Mannikins, Gold-breasted Waxbills, and Green Singing Finches. The best Britishers to associate with the above are: Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, and Goldfinch. The foreigners would require canary and white millet seed, also millet sprays, green food, such as grass in flower (seeding grass), lettuce, and any non-poisonous garden and hedgerow weeds—sprays of blightly foliage from any non-poisonous tree, bush, or plant will be greatly appreciated. I should also supply a little ripe fruit, such as banana, apple, and any other of our English fruits as are in season. You could not have a better time than the present in which to stock your aviary.

Java Cockatoos.

E.D.G.—(1) I do not think these birds will ruin each other to any appreciable extent; this can soon be tested by keeping them in separate rooms; then, if all goes well, keep the one most suitable, and advertise the other. There are very few species of Parrots or Cockatoos that can be kept together without screaming and becoming more or less of a nuisance, and for a house pet a single bird is far preferable, and I certainly advise you to try them apart, and then retain the quietest and most intelligent of the two. (2) These birds are very seldom on offer; in fact, it has been quite a considerable time since I saw one on the market, and the price is consequently variable and not low; in fact, I should say from 60s. upwards, according to condition and how many came to hand. An advert might secure you one from some private individual, but would be more costly.

Treating a Grey Parrot.

J.L.M.—Cease giving the milk at once—give only water to drink. You must continue to give the boiled maize until the bird is eating heartily of the dry seed mixture, to accustom it to the dry seed. I should put both the boiled maize and dry seed side by side in the same tin. Diet: In addition to boiled maize (this should be only temporary) supply seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuit, also keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage. For the present I should spray the bird, choosing a warm, genial day for the purpose, and keeping carefully out of draught till dry. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You will find a cheap book on Parrots advertised weekly in our pages. Keep the birds in a warmish and equable atmosphere, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it by constant repetition of such words and phrases you wish it to learn—when it is restful and quiet is the best time to choose.

Erecting an Aviary.

G A.C.M.—Your suggestions if carried out will answer quite well, and will be a success, but I should have 2ft. of each end of front boarded up, with a wooden partition extending 2ft. inwards, forming two small shelters; there should also be a small window inserted in each end, covered with wire netting on the inside. Half-inch mesh wire netting will be required; all glass should be covered with wire netting on the inside. You will have accommodation for about 50 birds the size of a Norwich Canary; the number can be materially increased if the majority of the birds are small Waxbills and Ornamental Finches. I should suggest procuring pairs of the following as opportunity offers, and the sooner they are put out the better they will be established for the winter: Zebra Finches, Ruficauda Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-breasted and St. Helena and Orange-cheek Waxbills, Chestnut Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins. A pair each of Diamond Doves and Chinese Painted Quails could also be added, and form a pleasing contrast to the Finch-like birds. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" with the book you have will suffice.

About Budgerigars.

Conn Budgie.—(1) A compatriot of yours I know imports cocoanut husks for his birds, but probably this may not be convenient to you. Make a small box about six inches square, with a 1½ inch hole for entrance near the top on one side; the bottom of the box must be thick and hollowed out on the inside so that the eggs will keep at one given centre. Such boxes answer quite well, but in my opinion are not equal to the husks. I am also of the opinion that husks are now obtainable in the States, but Mr. Beebe, of the New York Zoo, would be able to tell you if that is so. (2) Included under No. 1. (3) My Budgies, in consequence of being part of a mixed fraternity, have access to hemp, rice, dari, oats, and sunflower seeds in addition to the regulation diet, and under the conditions named I should suggest you trying the two mixtures, at any rate in the winter, viz., Canary and white millet in equal parts, and the mixture given above also in equal parts. A little ripe apple should be given when greenfood is not available. (4) Autumn. (5) No, save as much flowering grass (seeding grass) as you can induce them to take. (6) No, but if you can get wheat or tall grass to grow, they will roll in this—mine do—also remain in the open portion of aviary during a shower with wings outspread. Our pamphlet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," would be very helpful.

Brevities.

Are they Bengalese? (Julius).—From your description I should certainly say they are as above, and if you have a true pair will undoubtedly nest. Any small travelling cage will answer for a nesting receptacle, and you can supply hay and grass as building material. There are three varieties of Bengalese, viz., pure white, fawn and white, and dark chocolate-brown and white, white being the general body colouring, splashed variously as above. I do not remember that this species has been figured in colour in CAGE BIRDS.

Birds for Large Flight Cage (Marword).—(1) Six birds the size of a Canary, or 12 Waxbills or small Ornamental Finches; you could keep three pairs of Waxbills with the four young Canaries. (2) I should advise a pair each of Avadavats (Tiger Finches), Green Avadavats, and Gold-breasted Waxbills—value 4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair. (3) You must supply white millet and millet sprays in addition to the Canary diet; flowering grass (seeding grass) and chickweed are the most appreciated greenfood. A blighty spray from either a rose bush or fruit tree is greatly appreciated when available. A little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take is very wholesome. Use twiggy branches for perches.

Budgerigars Not Breeding (Blaydon).—You would find our booklet on Budgerigars very helpful. Your diet is satisfactory, but the red millet can very well be dispensed with. Undoubtedly they will settle down all right a little later, but I should advise putting the next three unbroken eggs you get in the husk, and also hang up another husk at the opposite end of the cage. Budgies, like many other species, are more erratic in a cage than in an aviary, but it is by no means uncommon for them to be so bad. Give them a small turf of seeding grass once or twice a week, also a little lettuce when available. Apart from above I can only advise patience, and luck will ultimately come your way.

Treating Young Grey Parrot (Wightman).—Your bird may not be further troubled with the parasites. However, to be on the safe side, give three doses of areca nut powder (as much as will lie on a sixpence), mix the powder with a little syrup into the form of pellet (about the size of an ordinary pill), and again direct to the mouth—there must be two days' interval between the doses. Follow this with a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, by well colouring the drinking water with same. In addition to your present diet, give some ripe fruit daily. Consult its taste; if it refuses one kind, try another. Also give a little plain biscuit, just moistened by being dipped in water, or when you are giving the chemical food in the water immerse the biscuit in same before offering to the bird.

Cockatiels and Ringnecks (Bircag).—It is not well either to keep too many species of Parrakeets together, or to mix other families with them; nevertheless, I have taken the risk myself, and have successfully kept Doves, Cardinals, and Foreign Thrushes with them. However, as you wish to breed, I should not overdo it. Add to your present stock pairs of Rosella and Redrump Parrakeets, and also pairs of Green and Red-crested Cardinals, and a couple of pairs of Doves, say, Diamond or Peaceful, and White-winged Doves. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, also a second mixture of oats, hemp, sunflower, paddy rice, and dari in equal parts; keep a constant supply of each in the aviary. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, cuttlefish, plain biscuit, and greenfood. The Quails and Cardinals will require a few mealworms or other live insects and a little soft food mixture. In each aviary it will do no harm if they partake of each other's foods.

A Feather Eater (Myosotis).—The bird has been improperly dieted, I should say, and the best remedy will be to give a cooling aperient as often as possible, but the condition of the birds' bowels must regulate the frequency of the doses—the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Use Dinneford's Magnesia, diluting it for use with double its bulk of water. Paint the bare parts with Spratt's Pennacura, and syringe the bird twice a week, keeping it out of all draughts till dry. The Roseate Cockatoo is a hardy species, and only needs to be protected from draught. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuit. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. You had better report progress a fortnight hence with full details.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sexing Young Mules.

Sidney Webb.—It is not easy to tell the sex of any variety of Canary Mule when in nest feather. As I have often stated, there are no "sure" outward sex differences in young Goldfinch-Canary Mules which help beginners to decide. The only really safe plan is for them to keep the youngsters until their song proves their sex. The cock Mule is always brighter in plumage than the hen; but this is only comparative and helpful in trying to sex youngsters which come out of the same nest. A young hen Mule, for instance, bred from a yellow hen Canary, will often look a much better colour than a real cock Mule, but which has been bred from a buff hen. The young cocks are bigger (as a rule), longer headed, and have more "swagger" than the young hens, and these two things, in addition to the colour sign, help the old fanciers to decide with almost certainty between the cocks and hens in young which come from the same parents. After the moult, of course, the cocks easily out-do the hens in colour, especially about the head (blaze); and then they very soon begin to sing.

Feeding Young Mules.

Novice (Ilkley).—This is a very oft-answered question. Briefly (note recent issues for very full details): When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats (or coarse oatmeal) shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's-purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water, or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green-food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute.

Hoopoe as a Pet.

Inquirer.—Hoopoes are certainly very attractive pets; but I must warn you that they have their disadvantages. For instances, if the Hoopoe you get is an adult-caught specimen, then I do not think you will get it to eat artificial food (that is, the prepared softbill mixture of biscuit, etc.), except, maybe, after very considerable trouble. This is the great drawback to the keeping of this species. You will have to provide it with mealworms and whatever other suitable live-foods you can obtain (small garden worms, beetles, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., are all relished). Otherwise you will find the bird "go light" and die. It is a hard job to get even the hand-reared Hoopoes to eat artificial food; their manner of feeding, for one thing, is against them. My own I gave scalded "Melox" reduced to the consistency of paste with a good quality insectivorous food. This I made into pellets (either round or oblong), and gave in a deep jar (an old honey-pot). Whatever was left over each day I fed to my Thrush, or Magpie, or Waxwing. I have had a good number of Hoopoes, and though very beautiful and interesting, I found they required a great deal of attention, and time bestowing on them. The cage should be very large, allowing of a "fly" being taken from end to end. There must be a big sand-heap in it (4 to 6 inches deep), for the birds to dust and play about in. They never seem to drink or bathe, but all mine seemed delighted to be sprayed lightly now and again. They raised regular sand-storms afterwards. Lean meat cut into strips is also eaten, I may say; while just recently I was reading in the "Avicultural Magazine" of a lady who met with success on trying curd, in which she mixed soft food; her bird liked it.

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A Nuthatch.

Sitta.—The richness of colour and clearness of markings are sure signs of a cock bird. The female resembles the male, but is much paler all over in her colours. There is no regulation size and pattern of show cage. A box-pattern cage, about 16in. long by 14 high by 9 wide, would answer well, with a piece of bark (as flat as possible) fixed to the back so that the bird cannot get behind it, and water and food vessels which fit inside, preferably swinging from the front. The inside and wires should be enamelled a warm cream colour. In the stock cage I strongly advise you to have two pieces of cork (or "bark," as some term it) and change them fairly frequently, thoroughly scalding the one last used with boiling water, or stoving it for a time in a fairly warm oven. This is necessary to keep down insect pests. The bird is very fond of bathing, and should be allowed to freely. Its main food should be good quality insectivorous mixture, such as is supplied to small softbill birds, moistened with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, or other green-food. Several very good "soft-foods" will be found advertised in our columns. Suitable live-foods must also be given, according to season, and a few small nuts (cracked, if necessary) and sunflower and hemp seeds. One bird I had, possessed a wonderful appetite, and very varied tastes. He liked (in addition to the above things) hard-boiled eggs, bits of cake, currants and things, all sorts of nuts (especially the mixed shelled nuts from the greengrocers), mealworms, live ants' eggs, wasp grub, gentles, flies and tiny beetles, and many kinds of fruit, peeled grapes being considered a great delicacy, apparently. A good bird stands a fair chance on the show bench.

A "Show" Bullfinch.

Novice (Cork).—If your bird has all the good points you describe, it certainly ought to do well on the show bench. It is early for it to be commencing to moult; still, that is not to the bird's disadvantage. A seed mixture alone is of no use in "getting up" a Bullfinch for show; much more depends on the wild seeds and berries, and the way in which he is moulted. I fancy many of the owners of show Bullies give them a little sweet pepper. It can be given amongst their seed if the bird won't eat soft food, and most of them will do this. If natural colouring agents be used, Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages) and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird! The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. The seed can be run through a seed mill, and have a little sweet pepper mixed amongst it; as you are somewhat early for the berries, I should adopt this method. Don't give hemp.

Feeding Birds in Aviary

Nom-de-Plume Mislaid.—A reader asks advice concerning feeding a mixed lot of Finches in an aviary; but by some means I have mislaid the letter and forgotten the nom-de-plume. As I have often said, I have found that it is wasteful, consequently expensive, to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower (or, preferably, a mixture of half-sunflower and half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and put a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. This menu, of course, is for British seedeaters; if any foreigners are put in, then millet seed must be added. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult

Mules from a Linnet.

Nonplussed.—It is odd that your cock Canary has failed to fill two lots of eggs, though apparently in good form, especially seeing that the hens is a proved breeder. Is he a late hatched bird of last season? Give the Linnet a trial for the last nest by all means. Let the hen sit for seven days, then remove the nest-box and give her a rest for a few days before putting in the Linnet, who should be in the second compartment (the wire slide between) during that time. Take the cock Canary right out of the room. I have given a lot of hints about muling with Linnets. Have you missed these? The stock mixture now should be: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. A feed of maw and niger and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change; green food, flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from ordinary stock mixture. To bring them in condition quickly the great "secret" is to give them a daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

S.W.—On opening cock Canary, I found a very large clot of blood, the origin of which I should say was the lungs, probably commencing with congestion of these organs, latterly haemorrhage taking place, resulting in its death. The clot was unusually large. On the other hand, it may have arisen from injury; the history you give me would rather suggest it.

W. F. Wilbee.—Cock Canary died of pneumonia, but independent of infectivity. Your dieting is correct. It is due to atmospheric influences, close, muggy weather, inducing congestion of the lungs, which predisposes to inflammation of these organs, but more particularly in susceptible subjects. During hot weather you should limit your diet, and give an occasional dose of glauber salts in the drinking water, which has the action of lowering blood pressure, and so lessening the liability of febrile disease.

F. Morley.—Your birds are suffering from a contagious disease. Give close attention to the cleanliness of your feeding utensils. The disease germ is taken in with the food soiled by the excreta of affected birds. Give each day in the drinking water two drops of Lysol for three days, afterwards following with concentrated infusion of gentian, five drops to each bird, night and morning. Thoroughly scrub and disinfect cages previously occupied by affected birds, and give a little green food when procurable. The liver is the principal seat of disease, portions of it being necrosed, meaning local death affecting certain areas brought about by disease germs. It is a very fatal disease, and you will do well to exterminate it as quickly as possible, or it may run a very prolonged course.

G. Bowden.—You must place your healthy birds apart from the diseased. The bird I examined was suffering from an infectious disease. It was rapidly undergoing decomposition, which made its examination none too easy. Both lungs were affected, and there were blood stains on the coverings of the brain. Actual cause of death was pneumonia; a sequel to contagion. Pay strict attention to cleanliness, particularly of feeding and watering utensils, and place apart the healthy from the diseased. Place in the drinking water two drops of Lysol each day for three days, afterwards following up with vegetable tonic, such as Infusion of Columba five drops night and morning to each bird in drinking water for a week. Disinfect cages in which birds have died by scrubbing and afterwards applying a five per cent. solution of carbolic acid, pure.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cuttings (A. L. Priest, J. Naden).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Keeping Egg Food (G. Dainty).—We have given this before in our columns, but with a cover over the top as the only difference.

An Explanation (J. H. Jowett).—We quite see your point, and the explanation was not really needed, for your goodwill towards us has been proved in many ways already—ways which we thoroughly appreciate.

A Skylark (W. F. Wilbee).—In our "Nutshell" booklet upon the Skylark (post free, 2½d.) you will find full instructions upon feeding to obtain free song. We have had no previous complaints, still, it is generally advisable to use the deposit system.

Long Words and Longer Sentences ("Gilbert McNab," Onchan, Isle of Man).—Your letter is a masterpiece of incoherency. We let our tea-time slip by without the usual cheering cup in an endeavour to unravel its meaning. But even this close attention to business resulted only in a dim notion that it is intended to be humourous. Won't you come to the rescue and explain what it is all about?

Another proof of the wide range of readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Frank Thomas (Ramsgate). You published an illustration of the cage I made and exhibited at our show here, with a glass arrangement in the front to prevent litter. I had an application from Lincolnshire within a day or so, asking me to make one for a fancier there. I informed the gentleman that it was not my business, but part of my hobby to make my cages, and not knowing when I could make him one, I offered him the original one, which he accepted and forwarded cash by return. He is now in possession of the cage, and says it is a decided success. So you see, Mr. Editor, what a lot are pleased through CAGE BIRDS. The gentleman is pleased, his wife is pleased (no litter), I am pleased, and I take it you are pleased that it has done some good, and my own wife will be pleased when she gets another cage to take its place. I wish CAGE BIRDS a continuance of the success it has had and rightly deserves.

Tomtit's Strange Nesting Place.

In the box of a cart belonging to Mr. James Loxham, landlord of the Pear Tree Inn at Penwortham, near Preston, a Tomtit has built her nest and laid six eggs. The cart is in daily use for the carrying of bricks, and each morning when the carter lifts up the lid of the box the bird flies away (according to the "Daily Mail") to return when the cart comes back to its shed. The nest has been constructed in an ingenious fashion, so that when the cart is tilted up the eggs will not fall out.

Bullfinch's Curious Nesting Place.

My attention was called recently, writes Mr. C. S. Laidlaw (of Eccle, N.B.) in the "Scotsman," to a Bullfinch which had built its nest in the interior of a well, the only entrance to which was by the inlet provided for the handle. The bird seemed to be quite at home, and had deposited six eggs. Unfortunately, its strange habitation became known to the boys, whose unwelcome attentions ended in "Bully" prematurely forsaking its curious nesting place. The well was only used for supplying the cattle while the field in which it is situated was in pasture. Perhaps some of your readers can tell of equally queer nesting places used by the Bullfinch.

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Correspondence.

A Hatching Result.

SIR,—On the 25th April I put a buff cock with a dark marked hen. They seemed to pair all right, and the hen laid on May 2nd; but on the 9th the hen, not having laid again, I moved the cock to a champion green hen which was ready. The marked hen then laid again on the 12th, 13th, and 14th. I put the egg laid ten days before along with these, and marked it, and let the hen sit. Result: First egg clear, the other three, two fine young ones and one dead in shell. The two young ones are coming out of nest to-day.

BLACKBURN.

Is it Right to Take Ten Pounds for a Canary?

SIR,—That was the poser I recently heard put by one fancier to another. Neither had anything of that kind to sell, and as I listened it occurred to me it was a case of "sour grapes." It is very encouraging to secure a ten-pound note by the sale of a Canary, and the man who would not take it if he got the chance would be a fool. I think the Fancy should be self-supporting. When a man sets out in search of a bird he should have the money in his pocket ready to produce. The cash has the first influence in effecting a purchase. If a man rears a good Canary he is entitled to a ten-pound note. What say your readers?

A BREEDER.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—When I wrote on the above subject at the first I did so with the intention of giving a good hint to those fanciers that possess the Crest-cum-Lancashires, and know it, to keep same at home and not exhibit them as "test cases." I notice Mr. Adams says that he is certain next season we shall find some other fanciers testing the judges with the same class of bird. I hope and trust the judges will be more alert next season, and disqualify any doubtful specimen that is put on the bench. I would like to suggest that the Lancashire Canary societies take particular notice of any member that is disqualified, and, if possible, bring out some rule that would make an example of them. This, in my opinion, is the only way to get the true type of the Lancashire Canary at the top.

HORSESHOE.

The Scottish Crest Club.

SIR,—As I have been induced to again take up the secretaryship of the above Specialist Club, I would crave your indulgence in granting me a small space in the columns of your valuable journal for the purpose of making a special appeal to all Crest fanciers north of the Tweed, soliciting their co-operation and support in our desiro and endeavour to raise the status of the club. There has been of late a very noticeable falling off in enthusiasm by the fanciers of this very interesting variety, no doubt traceable to the unfortunate breeding results experienced; but I trust this present season may prove an exception, and that we may soon hear of "bonntiful crops" of youngsters. The club is offering for competition during coming show season two gold medals for young Crests and C.-B.'s confined to novices, also several other valuable prizes. Subscriptions are now due, and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of becoming a member.

JOHN YOUNG, Sec. and Treas.
90, High Street, Rutherglen, N.B.

Sea Gull's Friendship of Twenty-nine Years.

SIR,—I came across this account of the lifelong friendship of a sea gull in the "Globe," dated June 8th last, and think it will interest your readers. It was sent to the paper by Mr. C. C. Ellmann, of Bognor: In 1875 a Herring Gull came into my possession, from his plumage evidently a young bird, most probably of that year, but possibly of the year before. Instead of the usual three years he took about six to mature the hues of his plumage, eye, bill, and legs. I believe it was a male bird. His weight of 20½oz., and his length 20ins.; both under the average. To prevent his escaping, and so coming to harm, I pinioned him; and he remained in my garden until 1904, vigorous and healthy; and preferring no other shelter from the weather than a lee wall, until a few months before his death, when I brought him under cover at night, so that his last winter was passed without discomfort. His end came with a gradual loss of power and activity, and seemed painless. He proved a most sensible, useful companion, hailing me whenever I appeared, and then remained by me, and trying to express himself to me. And, when dying, he craved and welcomed my company even more than ever before. Were ever man and bird such close, long friends before? I am my own gardener, and he would follow up my spade, or other tool, with unerring rapidity, for worms, wire worms, beetles, earwigs, grubs, woodlice, or snails, etc.; and in the twilights he patrolled the whole place for his morning and evening meals. At certain seasons I caught him a good many birds, and he would swallow a Sparrow, or even a Thrush, whole and head foremost, after well shaking it, returning the feathers and bones in a clean, neat pellet, after digestion was completed. Occasionally he caught them himself, and constantly he robbed the Sparrows of the scraps they flew down with. When not otherwise sufficiently supplied, I fed him at midday with a piece of meat as large as my top finger joint, and a little bread and vegetable or fruit. No one else was ever allowed to do so. A shallow tank supplied his drink, bath, and swim.

C. M. MEADOWS.

Albino British Birds.

SIR,—It may interest readers to know that four weeks ago I had a young white House Sparrow from a friend. This is doing well, and is quite contented. This week I had also a pure white Robin, with pink eyes, but this I am sorry to say, died. Strange to say they were both hatched close to one farm.

JOSEPH BIRCH.

SIR,—It will be interesting to some of your readers to know that I was brought last week a young Robin, pure white in colour, with pink eyes. I tried to hand feed it, but it died next day. I have got the bird stuffed. This is the first pure white Robin I have heard tell of, and I would like to know if you have any record of such an Albino.

W. SIMPSON.

[A goodly number of white Robins have been recorded from time to time.—EDITOR.]

Marking Time.

SIR,—My first visit to a lecture was made on Saturday, June 11th, to the headquarters of one of the Bradford Societies. However, I was a little disappointed. I am not quite posted as to their rules for these occasions, but it was, I supposed, timed for 7.45 p.m. I evidently was a little too previous. I got there at 7.25, but at 7.45 not a soul was in sight in connection with the affair (so I was told). It got to be 8.30, when there was a small gathering of members, who eventually made their way upstairs, with a sort of "shall we make a move" manner. Fortunately, I had some relatives in West Park Road, where I called to "pass an hour away." So I missed the interesting lecture after all, which, I hope, was a success. I was not financially embarrassed in any way, but, inside and out, I think I must have spent what would have put me in the front seats at the Empire, and comfortably witnessed a nice variety entertainment of a pleasing nature. Still, I would like to have heard the lecture indeed.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

New Society for Chopwell & Dis.

SIR,—In reading over CAGE BIRDS for the 4th June, the above heading almost took my breath away. Here we have a man standing up before a meeting of the Derwent Valley C.B.S., giving his word of honour that the same would not be influenced by him. Yet, what do we read in this issue? the said person taking over the secretarial duties! Here is the Derwent Valley C.B.S., in the same place, struggling to keep its head above water, and here are members of the same Society getting another up in opposition to crush the present one. I say, being got up purely for the said purpose. Are these likely to promote the fancy in the Derwent Valley? There seems to me a great doubt if there is any more beautiful place on the earth just now than the Dorwent Valley. I should very much like to see it. But when you find such goings on in the midst of such a beautiful place it almost grieves one to think about it.

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Lizard Canary Going Strong in the North.

SIR,—The Lizard Canary certainly seems to be on the up grade, as at the Sunderland Cago Bird Club's First feather table show the quality of the Lizards was splendid. The class had a total of nine entries, this notwithstanding a bad beginning of the season. There are, too, plenty more just leaving the nests, and full sittings of eggs, which augurs well for the future of the Lizard. This variety, with the impetus afforded by the New Lizard Club, ought to be well to the front within a very short time. Novices and others wishing to try a new variety would do well to consider the merits of this beautiful little Canary.

C. DAVIDSON.

Grubs in the Ear of a Young Thrush.

SIR,—I enclose two maggots which I found in the ear of a young Thrush which I had brought in last night fresh from the nest. They would apparently cause the death of the bird unless found in time. I am a bird fancier, and feel it my duty to send them to you, so that if you think it necessary you could explain it to your readers, and probably prevent loss to some fellow fancier.

F. AUGER.

[We forwarded our correspondent's letter and the two grubs to Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., and he writes:—"The grub (not maggot) you sent me having been found located within the ear of a young Thrush, is not a parasite, but an insect commonly found on foliage. It is one that goes through several transitionary stages. Its presence within the ear then can be well understood, having penetrated there in an immature form. It is doubtful whether this often occurs. Birds do suffer from parasitic invasion of the ear, which sets up very great irritation, and at times death will result; but I question whether this insect could live long in this position. I am keeping it alive, and hope to follow its phases of development, when I will write you further concerning it."]

Mules Bred from a Mule.

SIR—In accordance with the intimation in your last issue of CAGE BIRDS, the young birds which Mr. J. M. Murray states he bred from a cock Linnet-Canary mule and a hen Canary were on view at our Young Bird show on June 11th. The birds excited the curiosity of a large number of fanciers and the general opinion of them was that they were a bit of a puzzle. They were carefully examined by several fanciers who have spent years in the hobby of mule breeding, and although the majority of them declined to give an opinion, two or three stated that they were Linnet mules. Mr. Murray was closely questioned, and stated that he certainly had a Linnet which, however, had not been out of the kitchen for four years, and to get into the breeding room the bird would have to get out of its cage and travel through two intervening rooms before reaching the bird-room, the door of which is always closed. He stated that he had no Linnet in his bird-room, and that his Canaries were all paired up with the exception of this hen (which was in a cage by itself), and the cock mule was flying loose in the room. No matter where he placed the cage containing the hen, the mule followed it, and he eventually let him in to the hen, with, as he states, the above result. The mule was also on view, and is an ordinary dark Linnet-Canary mule, and there was no possible doubt about it being genuine. As Mr. Murray had nothing in his bird-room but his Canaries and this mule, it certainly appeared that the birds were what he stated them to be, viz., three-quarter bred Canaries, for all present admitted that they were either bred from the Linnet or from the mule, as they undoubtedly are not Canaries, although one or two still maintained they were purely Linnet mules, and that Mr. Murray had had a Linnet with the hen some time or other, yet they could not explain away the fact that Mr. Murray has at the present time another nest from the same pair (cock mule and hen Canary), two of which are still alive, and by the time this appears will be a fortnight old, for they admitted that even if he had made a mistake the first time, he would scarcely do so on the second occasion. The difficulty with some of the fanciers present was that the birds did not show sufficient of the Canary blend to be what they were claimed to be, and it is unfortunate that Mr. Murray should have lost the lightest one, which he stated was only lightly marked, the general colour being white. Of the four he had on view one has a pure white cap with several pure white flight feathers in each wing, and this was the bird that puzzled fanciers the most. The other three are similar in plumage to an ordinary dark Linnet mule, although I thought they were a trifle more grey than one expects to find as a rule. I handled all the birds to allow fanciers to examine them properly, and while the covert feathers were undoubtedly purely Linnet, it was generally admitted that the flights were not exactly as one finds in the majority of Linnet mules. No doubt the unusual experience of being asked to give an opinion on birds like these made some of the fanciers hesitate before doing so, and the majority present declined to give an opinion, stating that they did not know what to make of them and although two or three said they were purely Linnet mules, they could not account for Mr. Murray obtaining the second nest. Some fanciers present, however, were inclined to the opinion that the birds were what they were represented to be, so that it is really a matter of opinion. May I ask, Sir, if your Mr. G. E. Weston would care to examine these birds if I could persuade Mr. Murray to send them on to him?

W. REID.

[Our Mr. Weston would be very pleased to see the birds, but both first and second nest youngsters, if possible. Mr. Murray willing, no doubt a time convenient to both parties could be arranged.—EDITOR.]

The Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club's Patronage.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to ask the opinion of the members of the Scottish N.P.C. regarding the policy to be adopted in granting the patronage of the club to shows with a ten miles radius, eight of whose members must be members of the club, which was passed at the annual general meeting on 12th March. The above policy, if adopted, means that only those residing within the ten miles radius will be allowed to compete for club specials. Those of us outside are asked to pay our subscription and look on. In my opinion such a policy is against the constitution of the club, which is carried on for the benefit of the whole of the members, and the popularising of the "chubby one," whose interests we all have at heart.

W. GREWAR, Member of Committee.

The Romance of a Minah in India.

SIR,—When I was a little girl I lived for some time on the east coast of India. We had many strange birds in the trees around our house, but we only had one caged pet bird. This was a Minah bird. He was a beautiful bird, about the size of a small Rook, with black, glossy feathers, a bright reddish-gold beak, and a yellow skin ring round his neck. Minah birds are very easy to tame, very easy to teach, and most amusing companions. Our bird could imitate everyone's voice, from my mother to all the black servants, and he has often shrilly called them in imitation of mother when they were taking their afternoon siesta in the heat of the day, and they used to hurry to the house to find what was needed, only to find that it was the Minah and not their "mem-sahib" calling them. His pet trick was to tease the hundreds of Crows which gathered round his cage in the verandah. He used to "caw" to them until they gathered round, and then eat a piece of fruit or other dainty in the middle of his cage while the Crows watched him with gloating eyes. One day he escaped from his cage, and was seen from the windows to be seated on a cactus bush with dozens of Crows longing to pull him to pieces. I feel sure they intended to do so, but had not quite made up their minds how best to begin, when suddenly a huge Kite (a small Vulture) swooped down on "Minah" and carried him off in his claws, soaring higher and higher. By this time we had given alarm to the servants, and a young servant boy who was a "crack" shot ran forward and flung a stone at the Kite (which was about 200 feet high in the air by this time) with such force that the Kite, being hit in the chest, relaxed its hold and dropped the Minah bird, which the boy picked up safe and sound. The Minah was swearing loudly, meanwhile, from fear more than from anything else. He was put back into his cage, and remained very quiet and subdued for twenty-four hours. I hope this story will interest any of your readers who have not been fortunate enough to see other climes, and those who have had Minahs and can appreciate it.

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Birds Biting Toes Off Their Young.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. G. Bailey's letter in your issuo of June 4th, I may say that I have had a worse experience this season. I paired a Goldfinch, which I have had six years, to a recently bought yellow Norwich hen. Four eggs were laid, four Mules duly hatched. Great was my horror on looking in the nest when the young were about four or five days old, to find that in every case the hen had bitten off all the toes of her offspring. I, of course, at once put them out of their misery. The Finch I knew was not guilty, as he is a grand parent, never molesting the hen or touching an egg, and always being ready to help to rear the young. He has bred me several dozen Mules, so that I was satisfied on that point. I then determined to try them again, and this time remove the Finch. Four eggs were duly laid, and four Mules "came to town" this past week. I removed the Finch and kept a strict look out on the inhuman mother. All went well for three days, but on the fourth morning, on going in to feed my birds, I was horrified to find this loving? mother's head covered in blood; three out of the four chicks had been treated in exactly the same way as the first lot—not a toe left. The fourth she had just started on and I was fortunate enough to be able to transfer it to a hen which had three Canaries hatched just about the same time. I shall try her once more, just to see if she produces any light Mules, but intend to transfer her eggs (if fertile) to another hen just before they are due to hatch. Perhaps some of your numerous readers of ripe experience could suggest some remedy and much oblige Mr. Bailey and myself.

C. K. EATON.

Eight Eggs in Eight Days.

SIR,—A few of my hens have this season laid as many as six eggs, but never above. However, Mr. Tom Pass, the Lord Nelson Hotel, Leigh, Lancs, has a young hen that has laid eight eggs in eight consecutive days. I have not seen them, but there is not the least doubt about it. I should think this will need some beating for I consider it very unusual. It looks impossible for a Canary (especially the small German, such as she is) to lay so many eggs in as many days. Five of the eggs have proved to be fertile.

JOHN CANNINE.

SIR,—Respecting the letter of Mr. Arthur Downs, about his bird having seven eggs in one week, let me say that I had one hen last year that laid seven eggs in one week, and hatched five young. This year I have one hen that laid eight eggs in one week and hatched five, which I should think is a record number. I breed them in an aviary, 7ft. by 5ft. 6in., out of doors.

E. PLAYER.

SIR,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I see Mr. Downs is wanting to know if any Canary breeder has had seven eggs laid in one week. I have seven youngsters out of seven eggs that were laid in one week, and all of them on the perch, and the hen sitting on four eggs for the third nest this year; and some promising ones too. I won first with a Buff out of the first nest at Choppington, on Saturday. I would like to hear if any fancier has had a nest of seven this year. I have forty-two young ones, all Norwich.

B. CLARK.

SIR,—I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and wish to say that I have a hen that laid seven eggs in seven days. I set her last Thursday on four, and to my surprise on Sunday morning found 7. I may say she has three young ones born on the 9th of April, also three born on 15th May, all doing well. I only hope all these last eggs are fertile, as I feel sure she would bring them up, being such a good feeder. The cock, he is now feeding the three. I should be glad if any reader could inform me if this would injure the hen for another season. This is her second year. I have also two Goldfinch mules, born on the 22nd of April, and three born on the 3rd of June. The hen would only feed them for three days, so I lost them. She is now building again, and I have to-day got four by same Finch from another hen. Is this out of the common?

B. PAYNE.

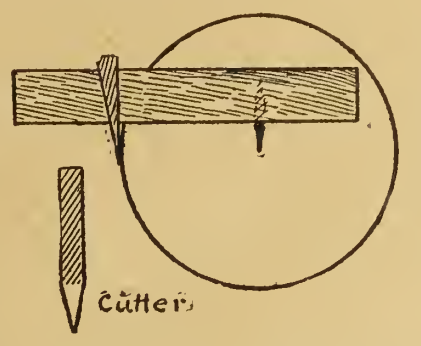
And Nine Eggs in Nine Days.

SIR,—In going through my paper, CAGE BIRDS, I see that one of your readers has had a hen to lay seven eggs in seven days, and he wants to know if anyone else has had the same experience. Now, three years ago this breeding time I had a Yorkshire hen Canary that laid nine eggs in nine days, and every egg hatched out, but I had not the luck to rear one. I hope your reader, Mr. Downs, will have a bit better luck than me.

G. G. STAFFORD,
Hon. Sec. Batley and Dis. O.F.S.

Cutting Out Round Cage Doors.

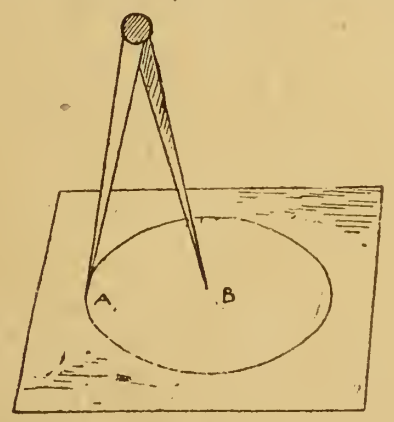
SIR,—"Novice" should get a piece of wood 5 inches long 1¼ square (yellow pine is best), and then a piece of steel 2 inches long and ⅜ inch wide. File the latter V shape at one end and sharpen both edges of the V. Let it project a little more than half the thickness of the wood he wants to



cut, and wedge it fast one inch from the end. Put a 1½-inch fine screw in half the diameter of the door, file it to a point to form a pin, and then let it project ½ inch. Then twist it round a few times from both sides, and the door will drop out.

H. T. CLENNETT.

SIR,—I see "Novice" is asking for a bit to cut out round cage doors. The following is a copy of the tool I always use. A pair of mechanic's compasses. A is to be



sharpened something like a knife, and B is to have rather a blunt point. It can be used for any size door. Just "scribe" the circle a few times with A and the door drops out.

H. N. BATES.

Green Food or No Green Food?

SIR,—Does Mr. Bridson think because he has been successful without green food that no one has been equally so by using green stuff? If he does he is greatly mistaken. Take my case. Last season, from one dozen hens and five cocks I finished the season with 119 young, and good class birds they turned out to be. I mention this to show I am not breeding common ones, which are supposed to be "easy to breed." This was at my third attempt at breeding, so I am only a novice yet. I don't think any man used more green stuff than me last year. This is the list and I place first which I consider the best: dandelion, watercress, rape seedlings, shepherd's purse, and red neize. I also gave a lot of celery plants and young lettuce. Plaintain stalks and groundsel I don't much care for, and I used them in very small quantities. When the young have left the nest there is nothing to beat the flowering heads of dandelion, when ripe, and shepherd's purse. Red neize I also found to be much liked by my youngsters. If green food had been the cause of fanciers not getting young, I should have stood a poor chance, as I gave it to my birds in great quantities. What does Mr. Bridson mean by "so-called experts writing?" Does he mean that if fanciers will give up "expert advice," and take his, they might breed some birds? Really, Mr. Bridson, it is very good of you to warn us again these experts, but I for one shall follow their advice, that is as far as using greenstuff is concerned. I don't always agree with experts. One said in CAGE BIRDS the other week that it was very wrong to get your young on milk sop. Why? I contend there are more bone and flesh-forming properties in milk sop than in egg food, and I use a great deal more of milk sop than I do egg food. I have one hen that has just finished bringing up a brood of young, seven in number (not all her own), and she has fed on nothing else. She would hardly look at egg food, and these young look well. My hens have had nothing else but dandelion to feed their young with this season, and I consider it the best of all greenstuffs. Contrary to experts, I am giving it to my young, too. When they have had it in the nest, why shouldn't they have it when they have left the nest? Now let us see what I am doing this season by taking the advice of experts in CAGE BIRDS. I put up 19 hens and six cocks. Owing to the cold weather we had at the beginning of May I lost some young through my hens setting too close. However, I am doing well. I have 30 young on the sticks, all in the pink, 27 in the nest, and over 30 eggs due to hatch in a few days. Not bad, eh, Mr. Bridson, considering I take a lot of expert advice, and use a great deal of dandelion leaves, 18 inches long, so you see I give it them "rank." If you are doing as well without green food, and your birds are in as good a condition (not as I think my birds better than others), your bird-room should indeed be a picture. My birds have been seen by a great many fanciers this season, as I am always pleased to show them to bird lovers and others.

JOHN CANNING.

The Future of the Cage Bird Union.

What is it to be?

SIR,—I had hoped to have dropped out of this correspondence ere now, but cannot do so without one more question to friend MacPartling, viz., whom does he represent—the Newcastle Society or the Executive of the C.B.U.? My previous question being unanswered, I do not intend to carry the matter further, but leave it to your readers to surmise the state of affairs at an executive meeting! To think that the affairs of the whole Cage Bird Fancy are decided by the Secretary and two or three other local men beggars description! As regards Mr. Robson, I regret that he should have read a meaning into my letter which I certainly did not intend; the whole trend of his previous letter was to the effect that with the one hand I was trying to demolish the C.B.U., and with the other to form a Northern Federation. This I emphatically denied, and do so again. Such vague assertions as these—"Was asking someone to stand for secretary," "No one volunteered," "Mr. Brunskill, of Darlington," etc. These sentences following one another make the casual reader think that I was asking one and all, nay, even pressing them, to take the position. I asked one man, Mr. Storey, if in the event of a Federation being formed he would allow his name to stand. The reason I asked him was because he is a sane man, and can see two sides to every question, is no strong partisan, and a man, in my opinion, eminently suited to such a position. I ask Mr. Robson if I did not then and at the Newcastle Committee meeting say that I considered the difficulties in the way too great to form a Federation at present? That being so, how can I be anxious to form it? As for reconstructing the C.B.U., have I not done more towards it by pointing out its faults as they appear to me, than those who have tried to gloss them over and hide them? Yet its supporters cannot, or will not see these faults. Read my letter of February 12th, on which to a large extent the editorial article was based; aye, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. In it you will see my complaint was not that I was punished, but that I was whilst other greater offenders were passed by, that the Union had become the cause of exhibitors using assumed names, that the business done was not published, etc. As to calling a meeting, I will do so if my society instruct me, not otherwise. I am the servant of the society, not the slave of the Cage Bird Union.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

SIR,—I am glad to see that Mr. MacPartling has dropped the hostile tone which he adopted in his previous letter, and that he recognises that there is no need for personalities. The points raised by Mr. MacPartling in his last letter I fully dealt with in my letter of April 16th, when I remarked on the composition of the Executive Council, and as I fully explained myself in that latter, and gave my reasons why the C.B.U. should be constructed on different lines, I fail to see what more he wants. In any case, as there now appears to be every probability of something being done towards making the Union more popular, these matters will doubtless be dealt with at the first opportunity, and methods adopted to remedy any previous mistakes, and I think it would be better if we were to devote our energies towards gaining this end than to re-open questions that would eventually lead to personalities which would doubtless prove very unpleasant reading to some fanciers concerned in the discussion. In regard to Mr. Johnson's letter, he gives five answers to my question, the first of which needs no comment, as no one has said otherwise. The third difficulty could be easily got over with a little further enquiry, as Mr. Johnson will readily understand. The second and fourth answers are practically one, but herein Mr. Johnson bases his reasons on the supposition that the buyer is an experienced fancier who desires to take an unfair advantage over other exhibitors, although he knows perfectly well that was not my meaning; and it will be clear to all that there is a vast difference between the exhibitor who knowingly buys a stained bird with the intention of taking an unfair advantage over others, and the novice exhibitor who does not know a stained bird when he sees one, and I still contend that it is not right that a novice who shows a stained bird in ignorance should be severely punished, while the man who wilfully imposes on him goes free, and if that man could not be punished according to the rule which is supposed to protect novices, then what is the use of having the rule there? The fifth reason speaks for itself, for it clearly proves that those not in the C.B.U. can do as they like, which is not a satisfactory condition of affairs, to my way of thinking, and, personally, I think that means could be found whereby all fanciers found guilty of dishonourable conduct would be punished, whether members of the C.B.U. or not. The other portions of Mr. Johnson's letter need no comment. They simply prove that he is determined to become distinctly humorous (despite his assertions to the contrary), and whether he will succeed or not depends entirely upon whatever success may attend his efforts to become a real Scotsman. I would like to mention, Sir, that the other night Mr. J. Farrer, the chairman of the Sunderland C.B.A., made a suggestion as to Rule 22, and as all suggestions will no doubt be welcome at the present time, I will place it before your readers. Mr. Farrer's suggestion is that all members of the C.B.U. should be allowed to show where they like, and debar non-members from exhibiting at C.B.U. shows.

W. REID.

SIR,—May I ask for a little space in your valuable paper, to make a few comments on the interesting controversy which has taken place in CAGE BIRDS during the last few weeks, relative to birdy matters in the North of England? Mr. Crawhall, the secretary of the Newcastle Society, apparently believes in making things hum, and certainly members of the society are being provided with plenty of food for reflection. Messrs. Robson and MacPartling seem a bit disappointed in Mr. C. Rather a strange thing, seeing that they were members of a self-appointed body of fanciers who waited upon Mr. C. at the beginning of the current year, and begged of him to take over the secretaryship. The old secretaries, it appears, could not see eye to eye, hence one of them got together a few of his friends, unknown to the other secretary, and approached Mr. C. Would he consent to be secretary? Of course he would. He jumped at the chance. One of his reasons for taking it being he thought he could restore harmony amongst the members. Mr. MacPartling now finds Mr. C. inconsistent. Well, Mr. C., you need not fret over that. He stated at one of the meetings that he had "no confidence" in one of your predecessors. Mr. Robson did not think the old secretaries were up to the work! Now he is misrepresenting Mr. Crawhall! What queer folk we are! By the by, Mr. Crawhall sometimes misrepresents himself. How on earth he could find time to take over the secretaryship of our society, when he had a few weeks before that (reluctantly, he said) advertised all his birds for sale, owing to pressure of business, is more than the majority of fanciers in this district can understand. Jealousy is the cause of all the turmoil and unrest that has crept into our ranks, and so long as the society remains divided into (shall I say) two cliques, sooner or later it will be sure to fall. Has there been any of that brotherly feeling shown towards each other which is expected? Very little. Cold sneers have been more used towards each other. Men have quarrelled over frivolous things. What is the result? We are pretty nearly the laughing stock of the whole Fancy. We left the Union in order to satisfy the demands of some of our members. We issued a circular inviting local societies to consider the idea of forming a "Northern Federation." What have we done since that? Nothing except look forward for Friday to see what the heads of our society had to say about each other in CAGE BIRDS. What have we done towards assisting other smaller societies to whom morally we gave the lead to leave the Union? Nothing, or next to nothing. The members of the society resigned from the C.B.U., acting on the advice of a few men who did not like it. Are things any better now? I think not; and they never will be any better so long as these things are allowed to exist. Our president apparently considers we are a fine set of chaps. Has he graced our meetings with his presence once during the current year? Perhaps Mr. C. or some of the influential fanciers who interviewed him before he was elected president, could explain that away.

NOVICE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Shows.

See also page 651.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Table show, held June 8th, for young birds; entries turned up poor. Yorkshire and A.O.V. classes both being cancelled. Mr. John Hopkins judged. NOR. YELL.: 1, R. Allen; 2, 3, Simms and Taylor; vhc, Gerrard; hc, T. Smith; c, R. Allen. BUFF: 1, 2, R. Allen; 3, T. H. Cooper; vhc, Simms and Taylor; hc, T. Smith; c, Gerrard.—H. PARKINSON, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

The above society held their opening first feather show at the White Hart Inn, on Saturday, June 11th; 42 birds were staged. Mr. W. Richmond, of Rodley, placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction with his awards. Class 1: 1, C. Mortimer; 2, J. Close; 3, F. Gelder; 4, C. Stebbings; vhc, T. Ellsegood; hc, W. Sparks; c, B. Ayrton. Class 2: 1,W. Nettleton; 2, J. Slater; 3, J. Close; 4, T. Ellsegood; vhc, F. Gelder; hc, C. Stebbings; c, W. Nettleton. Class 3: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, C. Stebbings; 4, C. Mortimer; vhc, W. Nettleton; hc, B. Aylton; c, C. Sparks. Class 4: 1, C. Mortimer; 2, C. Stebbings; 3, F. Gelder; 4, W. Nettleton. Class 5: 1, F. Studd; 2, F. Studd; 3, F. Gelder. Class 7: 1, H. Pearson; 2, B. Ayrton; 3, S. Wilcock; 4, J. Wilcock. Class 8: 1, H. Pearson; 2, S. Wilcock; 3, J. Wilcock; 4, B. Ayrton. W. Nettleton won special for best novice bird.—W. NETTLETON (Sec.).

MEDWAY C.B.S.

Held in one of the large rooms at the Liberal Club, Rochester, June 8th. The Society intend holding two nest feather shows this season, and the one under notice was the first of these. There was a nice entry, considering that ill-luck has not been unknown to Kentish breeders as to others this season. The quality was good, especially in Norwich, British, and Mules, and the arrangements made by Mr. G. A. Acland (secretary) and his assistant (Mr. W. B. Smith) were excellent. Medal for most points was won by Mr. Acland; special for best Norwich fell to a rattling buff shown by Mr. Brumhill; special for best vhc British was taken by Mr. Acland; and special for best British was annexed by Mr. W. B. Smith with a really good Goldfinch. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. NOR. CL. (Champion): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Brumhill; c, Acland. NOR., A.O.V. (Champion): 1, vhc, Brumhill; 2, 3, Aclaud. NOR. A.V. (Novice): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Gooding. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Acland; 3, vhc, Webb. GOLD., BUL., OR GREENIE: 1, spl, c, Smith; 2, Wickham; 3, Fergnson; vhc, spl, Acland; hc, Webb. LINNET: 1, Wickham; 2, Webb; 3, Smith; vhc, Robinson. A.O.S.: 1, 2, vhc, Acland; 3, Brumhill; vhc, Ferguson SELL.: 1, Brumhill.

BEDFORD.

First feather show held in Park-road Hall on June 11th. Several of the Bedford fanciers have had a disastrous first round, consequently had nothing ready for this show. We hope, however, they will be more successful at the next show, to be held in five weeks' time. There were four classes for Norwich, and several choice specimens were on view. Mr. Breitenfeld (Northampton) made the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Corrie, very smart typical bird, fair size, rich colour; 2, hc, Wiggins, nice made bird, showing signs of colour food; 3, c, Beanland, nice short cobby bird, correct type, on the small side; r, Wilmot; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Wiggins, well made throughout, lovely quality; 2, Osborn, excellent colour, good head, nice size; 3, Mortimer, typical bird, full of quality; r, Smith, biggest in class, but fails a little in head; vhc, c, Beanland; hc, Wilmot. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wilmot, nice size, correct type, excellent quality; 2, 3, Osborn, both marked on one wiug, excellent pair, the former shade bigger bird; r, bc, Beanland; vhc, Wiggins; c, Corrie. BUFF: 1, c, Wiggins, tkd., rare shape and quality; 2, Wilmot, big, well made bird, heavily marked; 3, Mortimer, short cobby bird, rare colour, some thought will moult a yell.; r, Beanland; vhc, Corrie; hc, Osborn.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The first of the season's young bird shows was held at headquarters, the Sydney Arms Hotel, on June 1st, when a goodly number of members put in an appearance, and some nice birds were staged. The popular and genial chairman, Mr. G. Grant, captured the special for best in the show with a promising Crestbred that should do well later on. The indefatigable hon. secretary, Mr. A. S. Treasure, as usual had everything in apple-pie order, and extended a courteous welcome to visitors. Mr. W. H. Kilmister placed the cards.

CRESTS (4): 1, 2, Grant, leader capital grizzle, good wide fronted crest, nice droop and neat centre; 2nd, nearly green, nice droop, but not quite so thick in frontal; 3, 4, Hailing, cl. body, dark crest, neat, nice back crest; 4th, capital bodied grizzle. CREST-BRED (1): 1, spl, Grant, marked on head, good shaped skull, well clothed, with long and wide feather, nice body, promising youngster. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Harvey, good shaped Clear leading, short frill neck, nice flights and tail, good feather; 2nd, ticked neck, nice shape; 3, Pounsett, variegated, splendid feather, neat wings and tail, nice head. BUFF (8): 1, Pounsett, ticked left eye, nice shaped body, good back and chest; 2, Childs, Clear, good shape and feather; 3, 4, vhc, Houghton, clear, rare size and shape, nice head and neck, short, well packed flights and neat tail; 4, mkd. head, good shape and size. BORDERS (7): 1, 2, Evans, clear Buffs, leader wins well, grand feather, sweet shape, neat, in good trim; 2nd, capital feather and shape; 3, vhc, c, Lewis, Cinn. mkd. Yell., beautiful feather and shape; hc, c, Fish. NOVICE (10): 1, Price, yell. Norwich, tkd. head, nice shape and feather, good back, flights and tail; 2, c, Fish, Buff, good colour and feather; 3, Smith, clear Buff, grand feather, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 4, Hope; vhc, c, Evans, Price; hc, Bramley.

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Country Rambles

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

This society held their annual ramble on May 28th, the destination being the Whalley district. Leaving Rochdale at 8.15 in bad weather, the party went by rail to Whalley via Blackburn, where two of our members, cyclists, had ridden to join in the ramble. The weather was now grand, and Mr. J. Dewhirst, who knows the district well, was leader. The church and churchyard, the old abbey ruins, and the fine avennes of trees with the famous hill which goes by the name of Whalley, were visited, and the songs of the birds added to our enjoyment. Crossing the fields we went nest-hunting in the hedgerows and found a lot of nests, but left them undisturbed. The nests of the Thrush and Blackbird were found in great numbers compared to those of the smaller species. Passing the famous village of Mytton, we kept on the move to Hodder Bridge, where we say the Wagtails, both pied and yellow, in their native haunts on the banks of the river below us. Leaving here for Stonyhurst College, birds were again found to be plentiful, especially Chaffinches, Robins, Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc., with Corncrakes in large number. We did not forget to do justice to our dinner at the Bayley Arms Hotel, after which we turned our foot-on the move to Hodder Bridge, where we saw birds in large numbers and of all kinds, but the larger birds, such as Blackbirds and Thrushes, were in very great evidence, and there were some grand ones amongst them. We then secured a motor char-a-banc, and ran through seven miles of grand country to the village of Wilpshire, where we boarded an electric tram car for Blackburn and there did justice to tea. After viewing Blackburn's fine buildings, we caught a train for home, which was safely reached at 9.45, all having enjoyed the ramble in what may be termed the Switzerland of Lancashire. Hearty thanks were passed to Mr. J. Dewhirst for the able manner in which he had conducted the ramble.—WM. ADAMS, sec.

Dunfermline and District C.B.S.

Under ideal weather conditions the members held their first annual ramble. At the pleasure of Mr. Henry Beveridge (himself a keen naturalist) we enjoyed the privilege of holding an excursion over the grounds of Pitreavie, and to our assistance he sent Mr. W. Hutton, head forester, to act as guide. The party assembled at the New Road, and took car to Walbeath, where a start with the ramble was made. We were not long in getting about our business, and right ably friend McLaren made the first find; he had beforehand made the purchase of some real "Aberdeen County eggs," and was in the act of placing one in a likely spot for us when to his surprise out popped Jenny Wren before his eyes. The little housewife was busy incubating a nest of five eggs. Mr. John Alexander, who in the past has proved himself a friend of the society, was duly informing the party to look out for the eggs of that now extinct bird the Great Auk, as he was making a collection, and would be obliged to the party to keep a diligent search for same, but more about the Auk after. Keeping still to the old waggon road we found quite a host of young birds on the wing. Willie Saden, in case of argument, had brought two books with him; one a little illustrated book on eggs, which was now brought into service in connection with a nest of peculiar tinted Hedge Sparrow eggs. We were now met by Mr. Hutton, the forester, and set out under his supervision to investigate the Fen. We were now taking all before us, and as the order was to whistle when a find was made, it was now a regular blowing all along the line. We were finding quite a lot of pheasant eggs shell-less, and were at a loss to know the cause of this. We had now recorded to us several nests of Blaekbirds, Robins, Chaffinch, Mavis, Hedge Sparrow, Jenny Wren, Willow Wren, Chiff-Chaff, and Corn Bunting, each either with eggs or young birds. The last named variety took us some time to dispute over, and led to the party being called together; but one was among friends. Mr. Goven having strayed from the flock, so the whistling began again before we got him in touch. Advantage was taken of a nice shaded corner to have a rest, while the smokers made a light up, and an inspection of the "whole body" took place. George Coutts had padded all the way from Townhill to gain us, while another addition to the party was made into the appearance of Mr. and Master Allister. Again we made a start, the first nest found being a Yellowhammer, then came Chaffinches, Greenfinches, a Gold Crest Wren, and Wood Pigeon. The members were now getting interested in natural history, and when Geordie Rae doffed his coat and jacket in order to climb a tree to examine the contents of a squirrel's nest, the boyish instinct seemed to have revived; a skeleton was there found which John Alexander swore had been the Great Auk; the forester also drew attention to several young rabbits found dead. He explained their death to be caused by their feeding on poisoned grasses, which took effect on them at this early stage. We had now forged our way back to the old road again, while a naturalist member coolly poached a couple of Yuddocks. We rested at the cross roads and indulged in a good drink of Adam's wine out of a John Lawson tumbler. Again re-invigorated, we left the main road till Wolvertown was reached, thence we directed our steps into the plantation; here the Linnets were holding forth, but we failed to locate the nests. We stood and listened to the Larks, while the lambs take to their mothers' side suggesting it's the straw hats they are frightened at. At tea the president, Mr. John Rankin, in his usual gracious style, begged the company to show their appreciation to Mr. Beveridge for the pleasure granted, and asked Mr. Hutton to accept our best thanks for the great assistance he had given that afternoon. Mr. Hutton suitably replied, after which a short time was given to social intercourse, and before starting for the train all voted that this our first ramble had been the best function held under the auspices of the society. We were handed in two new names as members for the club, and the outcome should lead to a more wide and deeper study in these branches of nature study so deeply loved by birdy men.

ROBERT T. CAMPBELL.

Poplar and District C.B.S.

The country ramble took place on June 5th, and turned out even a greater success than last year's. The day was not an over brilliant one as regards the weather, King Sol only showing himself once or twice. Whilst regretting that the number of members who turned up were so few, nine in all, a very enjoyable day was spent. Starting from Chingford station, we broke into that part of the Forest which lies immediately behind the Royal Forest Hotel. After wandering about for some little time, it was found that we were on the verge of the Forest again, and coming out at almost the same spot as we entered, and this sort of thing happened once or twice, until it was decided to appoint a guide, Mr. Spink being elected to "see us through." A terrific shout went up by one of the party, and a general rush was made to the spot, only to find that they had been hoaxed, as all to be seen was a very lean and sparse looking animal, which might have been called a horse at one time. This animal mightily confused us, as wherever we turned we came across him, and we put down the fact of our inability to penetrate further into the forest in the first instance to this animal, which had the happy knack of turning up unexpectedly. However, thanks to the new guide we were able to successfully negotiate the many intricate parts of the Forest, and to come across very many nests of great interest. At one time during the morning the secretary was to be seen mounting a very tall tree, and during his ascent many remarks (sarcastic and otherwise) were passed as to the possibility of his reaching the top, but the nest proved well worth the climb, as he had the good fortune of seeing a wild bird just emerging from the shell in two instances, and the remaining two eggs one mass of very fine cracks, which gave the eggs a very pretty appearance. Having reached the Robin Hood, a very fine spread was laid before us, reflecting very great credit upon the proprietors, everything being done in A1 style. After tea was finished the party adjourned to Messrs. Paul's nursery, and a more gorgeous sight as regards colour in the rhododendrons it would be impossible to see. After leaving this delightful spot, the party made their way towards the station. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and so enjoyable was it that it was proposed another ramble should take place shortly, due notice of which will be given in the Press.—H. W. COOK, hon. secretary.

Bristol Cage Bird Society.

The annual ramble was held on May 28th. Through the kind permission of our president, Col. Gibbs, M.P., we paid a visit to Tynesfield. Twenty-seven members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this beautiful spot. Arriving there at 3.30 we were met by the Forester (Mr. Ball), and after everyone trying to look smiling to the camera, we were shown over the beautifully kept stables, gardens, and estate generally. Proceeding towards the woods, we found a number of nests, chiefly Blackbirds with young dead, some a day or so old, others partly and fully feathered, which we put down to the cold nights. The guide then took us up through the woods to the summer-house, and on the way a few young birds were seen on the wing. The Cuckoo was seen and heard. Arriving, we viewed a magnificent table about 6ft. across, and cut off a butt of an oak that grew near the house. We then took a north-easterly direction which proved to be the tit-bit of the day; we came to where a fine herd of grand Scotch oxen were grazing; some of the members passed their admiring remarks on same from behind a strong fence. Some young and strong Missel Thrushes then evaded capture, and the party found a beautiful Chaffinch's nest, just built. After taking a wide detour of the Scotch oxen, on the advice of the ladies, we got amongst the gorse, etc. The first find was a Blackbird's with young; then we found Linnet after Linnet with young at various ages, and eggs. We had quite an exciting time. Then we viewed a hen Pheasant sitting, which took no notice as we passed; next a Yellowhammer's nest containing four eggs was found on the ground in the furze. A Hedge Sparrow's nest with one egg was pointed out. Then we had the pleasure of viewing a nest containing four fully fledged Thrushes; it was a picture. During this time birds of various species were seen and heard, and on nearing the home farm and workshops, a Garden Warbler was greeting us with its song, the Chiff Chaff was calling, and the cries of the young Thrushes were heard. Walking through the yards we entered the cattle sheds, and the first things to catch our eye were the prize cards that lined the walls, which told the quality they contained. We then wended our way to the well-known hostlery, "The Battle Axe," Wraxall, where a splendid meat tea was awaiting us. After full justice had been done, Mr. Manley proposed, and Mr. Clarke seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to our guide for the way he had showed us round and explained things of interest. Mr. Buckland then proposed, and Mr. Manley seconded, a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, for the splendid repast provided. Tea over, it was decided to return in the light, so as to see the delightful surroundings, and on the way we had a sight the majority had not seen before, viz., the system arranged for pheasant rearing, the pens at suitable and equal distances apart covering a considerable acreage, under the watchful eye of the keepers day and night. A few spots of rain were falling, but not enough to spoil the pleasure of a well-spent and most interesting afternoon.—Miss BYERLEY, secretary.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.

The second ramble of the season took place on May 29th, but only a small company assembled at the station, where we took train for Head's Nook. The members present were: Messrs. G. Davidson, A. McDonald, T. J. Robson, J. Robson, T. Holmes, R. Macartney, W. Graham, and J. C. Bell. The day was dull at the start, and on our arrival at Head's Nook the rain came down very heavily, causing us to shelter in the station for almost an hour. While seated here we watched a Starling carrying grub to its nest in the chimney of the station-master's house. The shower over, we set off. Through the village we were particularly struck by the great advance in the foliage and the blooms of the lilac, laburnum, hawthorn broom; and the fruit trees were a pleasure to see. A Robin's nest with two eggs was our first discovery; then followed several Chaffinches', Blackbirds', and Thrushes'. Nearing Allengrove we had to take shelter again from the rain, but the time was passed in birdy chat and "funnosities" by our friend and mothhunter Mae. We next took to a by-lane which led into a wood. A large flock of Woodpigeons flew over our heads, and the call of the Peewit was often heard. Skylarks high up gave forth their melodious song, and the Thrushes sang out against the storm. The diversity of nesting places was frequently remarked on. A Whitethroat with 1 egg was seen high up on the hedge, while another with 5 eggs was found on the ground. A coincidence in the latter was an old nest not a foot away, in all probability the same pair having come back to their old haunt. A Thrush's nest with 3 eggs, and that of a Hedge Accentor, or "Blue Dykey," as it is commonly called here, with 5 young, were noted. The find of the afternoon was the nest of the Willow Wren containing 6 eggs. Circling round we again came to Allengrove, where we sat down to a substantial tea set before us in regal style by Mrs. Barron. We were all ready for it, and did full justice to same. Leaving, we took the road to Allenwood, making for Cairn Woods, but shelter had to be taken again from the rain. The Landrail or Corncrake was heard while we were sheltering, and the Carrion Crow was seen. In Cairn Woods we found an Accentor's nest with 5 young, which were all dead. The Dipper was seen flying along the stream. Nearing the station we saw, and heard singing, the Garden Warbler and the Wood Wren. Waiting for our train homewards, we had a birdy talk with the stationmaster, Mr. Armstrong, who himself is a student of bird life in their natural haunts. We arrived again at Carlisle about eight-thirty, having enjoyed ourselves in spite of the showery afternoon.—"JUST COME BACK."

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A GREAT GATHERING OF BIRD-LOVERS.

The National British Bird and Mule Club Makes a Move.

The open meeting held on June 9 last, at "The Feathers Hotel," Westminster, under the auspices of the National British Bird and Mule Club, to consider the effect of the recent decision of the Appeal Court upon the keeping of British birds, and the steps to be taken to combat the threatened danger to the Hobby, turned out a gratifying success. There was a great gathering of bird-lovers, the large club-room being crowded, and the proceedings were thoroughly business like and to the point, the speeches made being imbued with a proper spirit of determination to resist any attempt at interference with a hobby at once legitimate and elevating, and to secure a fair hearing of the bird-keepers' side of the question when any attempt at further revision of, or addition to, the Wild Bird Protection Acts is made, no matter by whom.

In the end it was decided to endeavour to get the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds to receive a deputation, with a view to discussing the position from both sides of the question, to ascertain upon what lines (if any) they were moving with regard to future legislation, and to discover whether there was any possibility of an understanding being arrived at that the privileges of bird-keepers should not be encroached upon, and that any system of protection should fairly take into consideration the bird-keeper's side of the matter. Upon a vote being taken, the following fanciers were elected to comprise the deputation: Messrs. G. Crabb, J. Robson, A. Silver, and C. E. Weston, with the hon. treasurer of the N.B.B. and M.C., Mr. T. R. Trower, the hon. solicitor, Mr. P. Nichols, and one of the secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr. Mr. Crabb withdrew, however, in favour of Mr. Dawson, so that the bird-trade might be represented. The matter is to be taken in hand at once. The National British Bird and Mule Club deserves every praise for the admirable and prompt way in which it has moved, and the joint secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, for the highly creditable manner in which they organised the meeting under notice; British bird-keepers are under an obligation to them.

The chair was taken prompt to time by Mr. J. Robson (chairman of the N.B.B. and M.C.), when there was an exceptionally good attendance, which increased quickly until every available seat was occupied, and many of those present had to be content to stand. The gathering was representative in every way, a great number of noted exhibitors and keepers of British birds attending, whilst most of the London societies, too, supported the meeting.

Letters were read from the Cage Bird Union, offering to assist in whatever way it lay in the power of that body to do, and from Mr. Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S. (himself a bird-keeper of high repute), deprecating uncalled-for interference with the keeping of British birds, a hobby beloved of the working-classes, and one which he could say, from personal experience, was most certainly not the non-humane pursuit some people tried to make out.

Mr. Trower said that he realised they were undertaking a big thing, and the questions were, how to start, and what to do. He was in favour of forming a Defence League of some kind, or to put some scheme of defence into practical shape. The laws were getting into such a state that it was becoming very difficult to keep birds at all. He could not help thinking that this was brought about in a great measure by the present methods of some catchers and some bird-shop keepers, and there was undoubtedly need for reform in these directions. Transgressing the law they could not defend. But was this the sole cause of the interference? or did these societies want to do away with bird-keeping altogether? If so, it was time bird-keepers combined to protect their interests. The rich had all the sports and pleasures money was able to command. But the poor could not even pursue their favourite hobbies of keeping live-stock without all sorts of restrictions and difficulties being placed in their way. Rabbits, pigeons and fowls had long ago come under the ban of the authorities, and now it seemed as though it was to be the birds. This was hard lines upon working men, who loved to keep and look after something alive, and who could not afford expensive birds, but could get British birds at a reasonable price. He felt sure that where those who wished to put down bird-keeping numbered a thousand, there were to be found a hundred thousand deeply interested in the hobby of keeping birds, and especially British birds. He would like to hear the views of all the catchers and dealers who might be present as to whether a licence would be acceptable to them. He felt he must say that some of them did not keep their birds as they ought to do, nor their shops in a clean, sanitary condition, and he thought that conscientious dealers and the bird fancy generally were being made to suffer for the misdeeds of a few of the dealers and catchers. The law must be complied with, and the close season respected; and if these people were under licence then they could be penalised, and would have to amend their ways or get out of the business altogether. He wondered if it would be possible for a deputation from that meeting to wait upon the R.S.P.C.A. and the S.P.W.B., and ascertain their exact views on the position.

Mr. Cooper remarked that he thought any league which might be formed should include foreign birds, for, in his opinion, the keeping of these birds was quite likely also to be attacked in the near future. He would call it the "Bird-keepers' Protection Society."

Mr. Dennithorne said that he had been a catcher and dealer and interested in birds for upwards of 50 years. In the course of a most interesting and able speech, he combated the idea that catching was necessarily cruel, that catchers were necessarily a set of rough and villainous characters, and that dealers did not take the trouble to look after their birds and shops in a proper manner. He said that there might be exceptions, but pleaded that if these cases were looked into extenuating circumstances could generally be found. The path of life could be a very hard one, and only too frequently was so to those who were what is known as "down in the world." Even in cases which came before the Courts, he contended that bird-catchers got the reverse of justice, and that they were very unfairly dealt with by the police, etc., in the endeavour to secure a prosecution. In his opinion the poor man was entitled to benefit through the wild birds out in the fields; but it was the policy of the rich landowner to grab all to himself, and to keep down those of his fellow men less blessed with this world's goods than himself. He would point out that the bird-shop keeper had to pay his share of the taxes of this Great City, and often a share out of all proportion, comparatively, to his income.

(To be continued.)

A letter from Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, well-known as a highly-skilled keeper of British birds:—

Sir,—I have read with regret and utter disgust the brutal and, to my mind, unjust decision against Mr. Flowers respecting the Skylarks. I am perfectly willing to subscribe, as far as my pocket will admit, towards the expenses, if there should be any incurred, in getting the amendment and alteration spoken of in your article on the subject in your issue of May 28th (which is much needed), and so be able to get a little justice if there is any for us in this country. I mention this because it seems, and is abominable to think, that even the opportunity for the study of birds in captivity, and the pleasure that is derived from the delightful hobby and interesting pastime in being able to keep various birds in perfect health and condition, should be taken from us, and in exchange—what do we get? Simply a little extra taxation. I cannot, for the life of me, understand how such a law can be in existence in this supposed free country called England. Who on earth do the birds, butterflies, etc., that fly about this country wild belong to? Whose property are they? It appears to me extraordinary that there should ever have been any question raised as to whether a naturalist or lover of bird life should or should not get and keep a bird in cage or aviary.

I have always thought until now that this society called the Wild Birds' Protection Society had for its object the putting down of cruelty to birds in particular, the same as the R.S.P.C.A., and I perfectly agree to putting a stop to cruelty to any dumb animal, whether it be a bird or anything else. For instance, the keeping of ten or a dozen birds in a small cage (and that sometimes filthy) which ought to contain, say, only three or four, is, to my mind, gross cruelty, and should be stopped. Yet it seems now, as the thing stands, that birds can be shot down, but this is not considered cruel. Yet a bird kept in perfect health and song for several years in a proper sized cage and properly attended to, is looked upon as a "shocking thing." But let us hope as the minds of these people broaden out, that they will see the thing in a better light, and will learn that those who keep birds are not inhuman monsters who practice a barbarous pursuit, but are fond of and take a keen interest in the welfare of the birds under their care, and spend a great deal of their time in contributing anything that will add to the comfort and benefit of their feathered pets; and this sometimes at a considerable cost to their pockets.

The keeping of birds in cages and aviaries and seeing them in perfect health, beautiful condition, and tame, has become an accomplished fact. Years ago it was difficult to keep them in fine condition. How is it that we are now able to send birds of all kinds to various exhibitions? and there the public can see them, perfectly happy, very often in full song and in as grand condition, and, in many instances, even better than if they were in their wild state. It is because a great interest is taken in birds and their welfare looked after. Through carefully studying the subject of food, etc., their requirements are thoroughly known to us; even in the case of seed-eating birds their natural wild seeds can be bought in packets, instead of our having to (as in years past) depend upon the ordinary Canary, hemp, and such like seeds. I ask this question: Can any man, woman, or child see the least cruelty in this; if so I should like to know where it comes in. Not only can we keep in perfect health these birds, but in properly constructed breeding cages and aviaries get them even to breed.

I have heard it said that birds are becoming scarce. This is nonsense. There have always been plenty of birds ever since I was a boy, and there always will be, and with the exception of one or two species of birds in this country, the man is not born yet that can make them scarce. This I can prove. I say again, that birds in captivity (I don't mean in match boxes, but properly constructed cages and aviaries, properly fed and looked after) are as well off and sometimes even better off than in their wild state. This is a tall order, is it not? Well, this I will also prove, if proof be required.

I must say without wishing to hurt anyone's feelings that some of the laws are extraordinary, and in some cases appear to me, and no doubt to others, anything but really just. You cannot keep a dog to guard your house against burglars unless you pay 7s. 6d. per annum, but, maybe, even your next door neighbour can have half a dozen cats which are an abominable nuisance to others, and he or she pays nothing; and if your young son steals five pennyworth of coal, he is threatened with 6 or 7 years; and I am not stating, nor have I stated, anything that is not an absolute fact.

P. F. M. Galloway.

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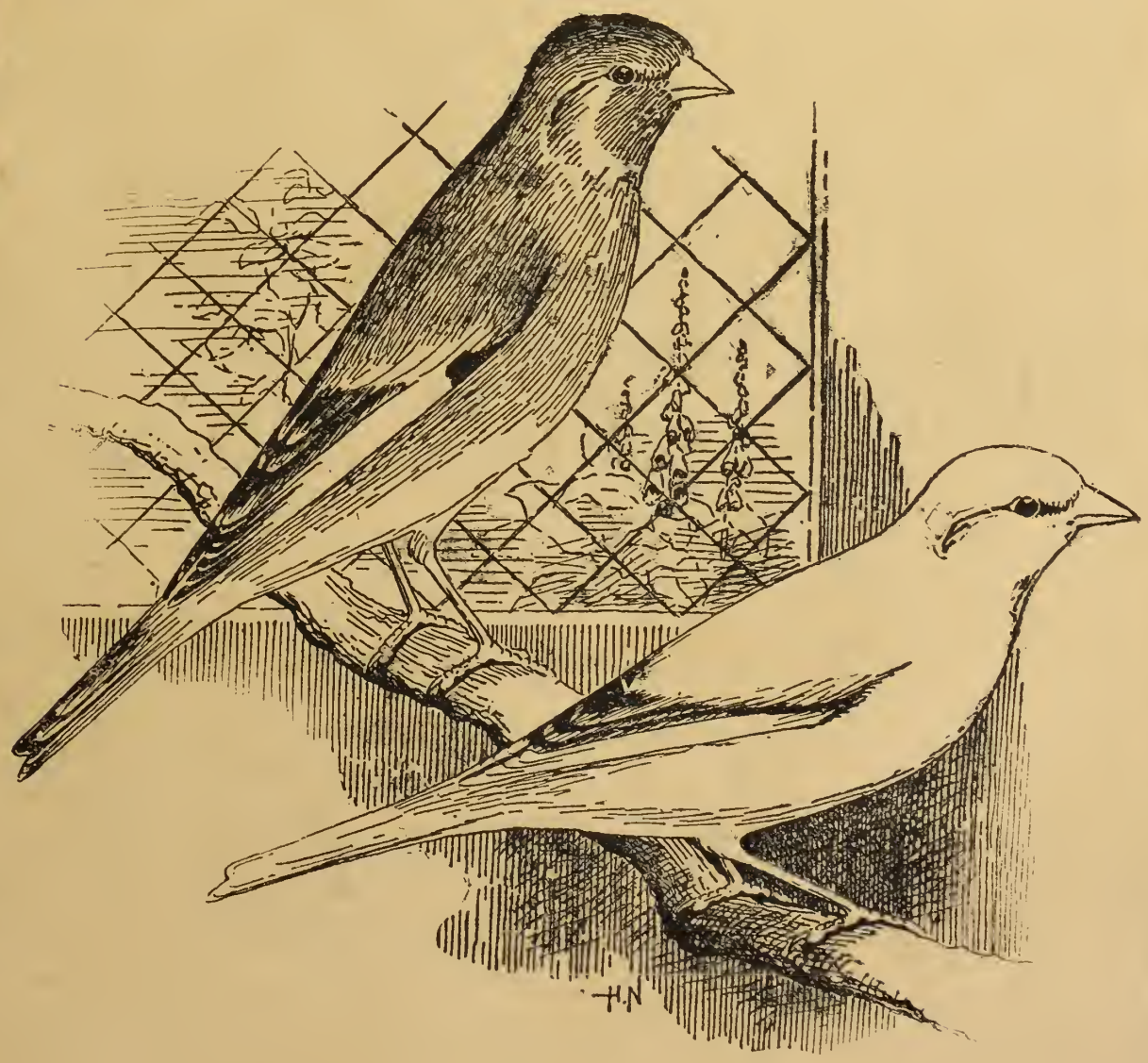
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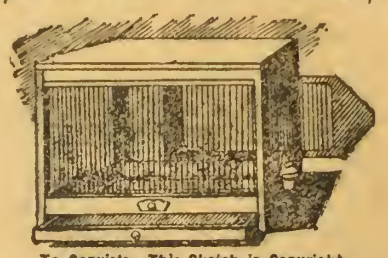
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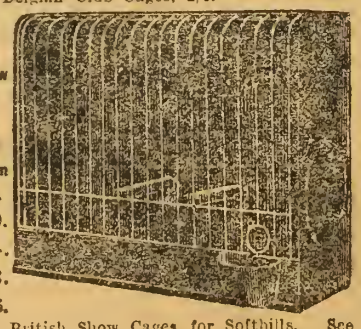
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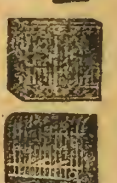
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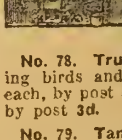
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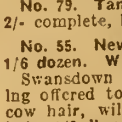
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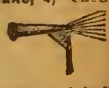


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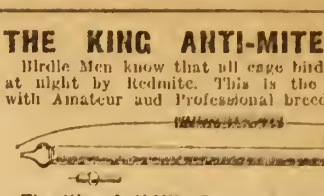
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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual singing contest, held June 18th, at King's Head, Shannon Street, when 16 birds sang. 1 Solomon, 2 Ward, 3 Solomon. Also on June 19th, when we had visitors from Morley, Tingley, etc. Twenty-five birds sang: 1 Butler, 2 Bland, 3 Sissons, 4 shared between Stead and Bland.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

NEWSHAM.

Newsham L.C. held their usual sing on June 11th. Result: 1st and 2nd, Duffel; 3rd, Shotton. Club sing June 25th.—S. LAWS, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet sing held at the Rock Inn, June 19th. 1st, S. Scott, 26 sec.; 2nd and 3rd, shared between B. Nelson and G. Hodgkinson, 18 sec. There will be an open sing on June 26th at the Rock Inn.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet singing contest held at Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, on June 19th, when 18 birds sang. We were pleased to see our old friend, Mr. Harry Allen, here again; he, along with Messrs. Binns and Madden, judged the birds to perfection. Result: 1, Soloman; 2, 3, Turner.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing, held at Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 28 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, Scott; 2, Caddy and Dobson, but they sang off and Caddy got second and Dobson third. We have an open sing at the Aire and Calder Hotel, Wheldon Lane, Castleford, on the 2nd July, hoping we shall see a good many new faces.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, on June 18th, when 18 birds entered. Thompson, 73 sec.; Cole, 69 sec.; Cole, 67 sec.; Worrall, 66 sec.; Lummey, 65 sec.; Rogers, 52 sec. On June 19th 19 birds entered. Callaghan 106 sec.; Thompson, 93 sec.; Knight, 74 sec.; Cole, 70 sec.; Cole, 64 sec.; Thompson, 63 sec.; Worrall, 59 sec.; Rogers, 57 sec. Contests every week-end until further notice.—J. GRUNDY.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at Binneys Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, June 11th, when 72 birds entered for four prizes. After going twice round, the contest was stopped owing to darkness, leaving 18 birds to sing on June 18th. After some very hard singing the results were as follows: 1, (Silver cup), Brady; 2 (kettle), Toddy; 3 (case of silver spoons); 4, (silver medal), Boyd. Judge, Mr. R. Mills (Brandou); timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout.—REED AND FAIRLESS, Hon. Secs.

Club Reports.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held June 18th at headquarters, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. This meeting being held specially for receiving entries for first feather show, we were pleased to see such a good turn up, and we are making a record entry for the show. There is not much detcrioration in the Fancy here by all appearances, and we think, taking everything into consideration, there are prosperous times ahead for the society. May the members never grow weary in the Fancy.—J. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS C.B.S

At a special meeting it was finally decided to have the full eight classes for Crests and Crest-breds at our annual show, to be held on Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th, and to again guarantee full prize money, £1 (one pound) per class, irrespective of number of entries. We appeal to all Crest fanciers, especially in the North of England, to support our efforts to make this variety more popular, seeing that the Crested Canary seems to be on the decline in the North. We have also fixed up with two popular judges (Messrs. G. E. Russell and J. C. Barnes).—G. HARVER, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Meeting held in the City Cafe, June 20, Mr. D. Brown (president) in the chair. Mr. Forrest intimated he had been successful in his endeavour to secure a trophy for competition among the members and that Sir John A. Dewar had kindly given a splendid solid silver cup to the society. It was unanimously agreed to record the thanks of the society to Sir John, and Mr. Forrest was also thanked for the good work he had done. It was agreed that the cup be called the "Dewar Challenge Cup," and he competed for each year at the open show (a different variety to hold it each year in turn) for the best young bird bred by a member. The Norwich had the luck of the ballot for first year. Messrs. Forrest and McDonald were appointed a committee to draft rules and conditions, and report to next meeting. It was agreed to hold our first feather show on 16th July at 3 o'clock, in City Cafe, and Mr. Carstairs, Perth, was appointed to judge same; special to be given to each variety according to entries; entry 3d. each bird; over four free.—JAMES KERR, Hon. Sec.

ALTRINCHAM C B.S.

An Interesting Presentation.

At the ordinary meeting, held on June 14th, an interesting interlude was provided by the presentation to the retiring hon. sec., Mr. T. Harrison, and to the assist. sec., Mr. B. Head, of suitable mementos by the members in recognition of their past services. Messrs. Ernest Jones and J. Douglas, in a few well-chosen words, commented on the untiring efforts and long services of both gentlemen on behalf of the Cage Bird Society, and expressed the hope that they might long continue to be associated with, and interested in the future of, the society, which expression was heartily endorsed by all members present. A pretty mahogany clock, suitably engraved, was then handed to Mr. Harrison by Mr. Wilkinson, and a handsome pipe and purse of money to Mr. Head, by Mr. Ernest Jones. Also a special vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mrs. Harrison, who has at all times assisted Mr. Harrison in his official duties. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Head thanked the members of the society, not only for their kind appreciation, but also for the hearty co-operation and valuable assistance rendered, during their tenure of office, and assured all present of their continued interest for the future prosperity of the society. Allow me, on behalf of the presentation committee, to tender our sincere thanks to the donors who have so generously helped in this matter.—ERNEST JONES.

LOANHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Mason's Arms, on June 11th, Mr. R .H. Douglas in the chair. First feather show was abandoned owing to had breeding results throughout.—W. B. SMART, Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Special meeting held at headquarters, June 18th, Mr. C. Clark in chair, and a very good attendance of fanciers rallied together for the first time this year. A great lot of business was done. It was decided to have another special meeting on July 2nd, for fixing of members' show, and nominations of young birds. It is to be hoped members will bring their friends, and do their duty in nominating their young birds. Let us have a bumping entry. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Wigginton for the services rendered to the society.—W. HALLAM, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting held at the Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, on 26th May, Mr. F. R. Fry in the chair. Present, Messrs. Sheridan, Lynch, Callaghan, Holley, Birse, Stitt, Gillen, McDonnell and the Hon. Sec. A letter was read from Mr. Hyland relative to the accusation against some members of the Council which appeared in the Fancy Press, and concerning which he had been asked to furnish Council with the names of the persons alluded to by him. Mr. Hyland stated in his letter he could not see his way at present to accede to the wishes of the Council. The date for the Young Bird Show was fixed for the 7th July, and there will be 16 classes, champions and novices being combined; 8 for Yorks., 6 for Nor. 2 for Mules, and one for Scotch Fancy. Entrance fee 6d. per cage. Special for the best bird in each class, together with a silver cup for best bird in show. Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be presented with a fancy card.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at Landor Hotel, June 9th. There was a well attended meeting. The agenda included the election of three new members and the nomination of two other gentlemen for membership. The Young Bird Show is to take place on July 9th. Mr. W. H. Vale was unanimously elected to judge the Canaries, and Mr. S. A. Sandy the British birds. The competition is likely to be a very keen one, as the members report they have had a very successful breeding season, and the birds that will he put on the hench promise to give a good account of themselves this show season. The lecture on the Norwich Canary was then given hy Mr. J. Robson, and proved very instructivo to the Norwich breeders. Every point was brought out in a way that left one and all unanimous that if the advice were followed the fancier would put his foot firmly on the first rung of the ladder. After a few well chosen words hy the chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, and a vote of thanks from one and all, a very enjoyable evening came to a close.—A. C. ASKEW, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held at the Market Coffee Tavern, on June 14th, chair occupied by Mr. J. W. Ford, the attendance being one of the largest of the year, several of the "veterans" of the society turning up, which gave great encouragement to the elective officers. The secretary read communications from the different specialists clubs whom he had applied to for patronage; also a very welcome letter from the Mayor of Swansea, who wished the society every prosperity, and enclosed a donation. Two new members were enrolled, Messrs. H. Kostromin and Jas. Steer. The final arrangements of the F.F. Show were then proceeded with, and specials announced by the following members: Three from Mr. W. T. Kirby for the best Nor., Yorks. and Bord. in each section; Mr. D. A. S. Longden, for best Brit.; Mr. Harding Williams, for best Mule; Mr. J. Richards, best uneven marked Bord.; hottle of whisky, per a friend, for best hird in show; shoulder of lamb for 2nd hest hird, by Mr. Yeo. The announcement of these specials was received with great satisfaction by the members, and a vote of thanks was passed to the donors. The next item was a lecture by Mr. W. T. Kirby, on "The Norwich Canary and its Management." The lecturer, on rising, received a splendid reception, and gave a lucid address, being listened to with the utmost attention. Several interesting points were dealt with, and notes of the same were taken by several of the novices present. At the conclusion of the lecture, a large number of interesting questions were asked, which the lecturer answered. A hearty vote of thanks was then given Mr. Kirby for his admirable lecture. This lecture will, the Editor has kindly promised, be fully reported in this issue.—S. H. GEORGE, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Meeting held May 28th, in Buchanan's Hotel, High-street, Edinburgh, Mr. C. R. Drysdale (hon. president) in the chair. The election of judges took place, when the following gentlemen were chosen, and have since kindly agreed to officiate at annual show: Messrs. J. Arnot (Sauchie), D. Low (Dundee), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), and J. Park (Govan), for Scotch Fancy section; and Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh) for Belgian section. The president intimated we had been fortunate in securing Buccleuch Parish Hall for the exhibition, which fanciers would find suitable in every way. The prize cards are as formerly, being very artistically got up hy Mr. Garrioch (Edinburgh); these are given free to winners. The undernoted are names of members joined this year:—Wishaw, A. Allardice; Paisley, J. Allison, A. M. Baird, J. Dallachy, W. Hart, T. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, jun., A. Livingstone, N. O'Donnell; Edinburgh, W. Allan, D. Burgess, P. Blair, J. Bowman, M. Binning, C. R. Drysdale, A. Dodds, J. F. Dewar, W. Finnie, P. Farrell, G. Fairnington, A. Gorrie, G. C. T. Hope, S. Hewitt, Miss Jane Hay, J. Kean, C. Kirk, J. Munro, D. Kinlayside, J. B. Kerr, T. Long, R. Lile, J. R. Meikle, J. McMillan, J. Morrison, R. Menzies, D. Martin, J. McLennan, P. McNiven, A. Paterson, Captain A. J. Philp, W. Paterson, J. Robertson, A. Russell, A. Smith, A. Stavert, G. Stewart, J. P. Thompson, James Tait, J. Thomson, John Tait, W. Whitefield, J. Wilson, A. Weston; Kirkcaldy, W. Barrie, A. Gibson, J. Nairn, J. Pratt, A. Watson; Dundee, W. Beattie, J. Maxwell, R. Thoms, C. Wood; Leith, J. Begg, P. Bain, J. Daigleish, J. Hendry, A. Howden, P. West, D. McEachern, A. Pennycuick, M. Petrie, J. Sinclair, W. White; Glasgow, C. Blue, R. Gibson, W. Lees, J. Morrison, J. Muir, W. McClure, J. A. Stewart, J. Ward; East Kilbride, J. D. Brown; Duns, Miss Brown; Markinch, J. Beattie. R. Darskin, T. Thomson; Oakley, J. Hogg; Muirkirk, D. Holden; Barnstaple, F. Butts; Leeds, W. B. Cohh; Aberdeen, J. Greig; Kirkmuirhill, L. Jackson; Ayton, W. H. Lugton; Lurgan, J. Lavery; Jamestown, P. McAdam; Belfast, J. Neil, J. Ronaldson; High Harrington, J. Robertson; Blackhall, W. Thornton; Govan, D. Black, J. Y. Millar; Portobello, J. H. Buchan, J. Laird, W. Wilson; Newhaven, R. Crawford, G. D. Carnie; Musselburgh, J. Chalmers, J. Farquhar, R. Johnston, J. King; Dalkeith, J. Carson; Tranent, J. Johnston; Liberton, A. Bell; Bonnyrigg, R. Fisher, D. Noble, J. Noble; Lasswade, W. McAdam; Slateford, A. Begbie, D. Campbell, W. Rodger; Broughty Ferry, R. Carmyllie, A. Curtissa; Bannockburn, W. Clark, J. Kennedy; Falkirk, J. Carlaw, J. D. Maxwell, P. Maxwell, A. Miller, W. Niven, M. Smith; Jedburgh, J. and W. Veitch; Barrow-in-Furness, R. Willison; Berwick-on-Tweed, Thomson Bros.; Winchburgh, A. Sommerville; Barrhead, J. Price; Spittal, J. Gladstone; Baillieston, D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell; Galashiels, A. Crossbie, J. Dobson, A. Melrose, G. Park; Arbroath, J. Black, J. Strachan; Greenock, R. Wright; St. Andrew's, C. Berwick; Walkerburn, W. Craig; Mossend, R. Douglas; Bo'ness, A. Laing; Bonnybridge, W. Muirhead; Dumharton, A. Nicholson; Cowdenbeath, J. Cook; South Allva, F. Stratheran; Hawick, J. Dodds, W. Dick; Lochgelly, R. Dow, J. Sneddon; Coatbridge, J. Fairley, S. H. Fairley, J. Main; Kelty, J. Fotheringham; Cardenden, J. Fulton; Macmerry, J. Gordon, W. Livingstoue; Slamannan, W. Hutchison, T. Smith; Thornton, A. Leslie; Airdrie, A. Murdoch, A. Russell, J. J. Wyness; Tayport, J. Melville, F. Ramsay; Kinross, D. McGregor; Selkirk, J. Pringle, T. Pringle; Carluke, G. Reid, T. Reid; J. Pringle, T. Pringle; Carluke, G. Reid, T. Reid; J. Belgium, P. Vanderauwera; Leith, R. Malcolm. A good number of membership cards are yet in the hands of fanciers; kindly account for them at the very earliest possible. The executive convey their sincere thanks to all who have joined for their splendid support, and to those who kindly sent donations towards the funds.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held 14th June, at Headquarters, Mr. Stenhouse (president) in the chair. The following gentlemen were selected stewards for the open show, viz.: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. A. Cowan and A. Fotheringham; for Borders, Messrs. J. Anderson and S. Cargill; for Yorkies, Messrs. R. Hamilton and J. Brown; for Crests, Messrs. J. Vietch and J. Hunter; for Nor., Messrs. T. Barclay and A. Ramsay; and for British, Messrs. A. Anderson and A. Dickson. It was agreed to hold a special meeting in connection with the drive (which we decided to hold) so that we could see where it would he most suitahle to go, and arrange for the different items in connection with same. It was agreed to add a common Canary class at club show for the convenience of the younger fanciers, Messrs. T. Barclay and J. Hunter to judge same. The following new member was admitted, viz.: Mr. A. Coutts. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman. The special meeting was held June 18th, at Headquarters. It was agreed to drive to Perth on 20th July, leaving Kelty at 7.30 a.m., and going hy Glen-Farg; dinner in Perth at 12.30 p.m. Will all members intending to take part in same please communicate with me not later than July 2nd.—JOHN FORD, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DIS. DERBY O.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held in the Grand National Halls, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on June 3rd, when the president, Mr. A. Buchanan, presided over a good representation of members. A general discussion of an animated and social nature took place with regard to the improving of the society, in which the following members took part: Messrs. Black, Fulton, McIlwain, McLauchlan, Shaw, Ward, Buchanan, and Bullions; hut nothing definite was arrived at. I am very pleased to chronicle that an increase of membership has taken place, and that everything augurs well for the annual show. The members present reported a fair breeding season, although many complained of the inclement weather during the first round, which was the canse of many clear eggs. Messrs. Fulton, Black, McIlwain, and Ward have done fairly well; others just moderate. But now that the weather has picked up, good results are anticipated. The following gentlemen were selected to place the cards at the show, viz., Messrs. D. Kennedy (Paisley) and D. Caldwell (Baillieston); the former has accepted, and the latter declined. Am in negotiation with the fancier third on the list. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Buchanan, who ably conducted the meeting, terminated the proceedings. Plain prize cards are, I may say, to be used this year in place of the expensive "Moroccos."—E. B. BULLIONS, Sec.

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A Dover correspondent chronicles a fight between a Thrush and a cat which ended in the cat slinking off beaten. She had designs on the bird's nest. The mother bird raised a shrill alarm. Mr. Thrush appeared on the scene, and attacked the cat. The latter beat a retreat to a wall where the bird again attacked her with all force of wings and beak. Several times the cat nearly fell from the wall in escaping the attacks at her head, and eventually slunk off.—Sent by Albert Fitzsimmons (age 9½), 31, Lichfield Road, Nottingham.

**A Nest of Cauliflowers.

Last month my father was surprised one morning on going round the garden to find a number of young cauliflower plants (which had been picked out in boxes) missing. Thinking perhaps the Sparrowe were eating them, he dusted the plants with soot; but they still continued to go for two or three days just as though they had taken wings. This almost proved to be the case, when later I found a Blackbird's nest on a ledge in the garden wall, the foundation of which was solely of the missed cauliflowers. There are four young ones in the nest now, and every day I take them small pieces of hard-boiled egg, for which they always seem to be ready.—Sent by Hetty Shirley (age 12), 7, Croft House Lane, Utley, Keighley.

*Blue Tits at Home

Just near our home is a lamp-post in which a couple of little Blue Tits have made their nest this year. We often go and watch them, as it is so amusing to see these dear little birds hopping in and out of the top of the lamp. There are 3 young Tits who are so very sweet when they open their gaping mouths ready for their mother to put something inside. The hen is a very brave little mother, for even when the lamp-lighter comes each evening to light up, she does not heed him, and will not quit her nest for an instant. She takes good care no one comes too close to her fledglings to frighten them or harm them in any way. This is a nesting place I found myself at Felixstowe. —Sent by Claro Meyam, age 15 years, The Gables, Felixstowe.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may he had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—June 27, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Allan Cassidy, New Prestwick.—C. C. Irvine.

Altrincham C.B.S.—June 28, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open Show business.—P. Drinkwater.

Bradford West C.B.A.—First Feather Show, Red Lion Hotel. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford); members to enter birds at stated time, or will he too late for competition.—F. Western. (No date given.—ED.)

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Letter from Lizard Club, final arrangements for F.F. Show, etc.—G. Havver.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 28th, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Bal.-sheet for June Show.—F. Gelder.

Colne C.B.S.—June 2, Angel Inn, 7. Arranging details F.F. Show.—A. Wilkinson.

Coventry O.S.—June 29. Entries close for F.F. Show.—J. Shaddock.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 30, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. Show; will all members who have not paid their contributions kindly do so at this meeting?—J. Southworth.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—June 25, George Hotel, 2.15. F.F. Show, Yorks. Nor., A.O.V. Can. Mule or Hyb., Brit., Hardbill; judge, Mr. T. Wright (York).—R. S. Black.

East Bowling B.F.A.—June 25, St. John's School, Paley Road. Members' show, young birds, and monthly meeting; birds staged at 2.45; judge, Mr. A. Hartley.—L. Booth.

Forfar C.B.F.S.—July 2, Granite Bar, 7. Half-yearly balance-sheet, etc.—W. Grewer.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—June 27, Cottiers Town Gate, 8.—W. T. Mattinson.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—June 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Monthly show, Light Mule or Hyb., A.O.V. Dark Mule, Yell. Bunting, A.O.V., Bunting, Brit. large or small.—T. Drysdale.

Gt. Horton O.S.—June 25, Butcher's Arms, 8. Members' Show; judge, Mr. A. Morley.—J. Holroyd.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—June 30, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lecture on "Colour Feeding"; committee at 8 sharp, to complete arrangements for Young Stock Show, and discuss annual outing.—C. W. Law.

Inverness O.S.—June 29, Crown Mission Hall, 8. Elect judges for Young Bird Show, to be held July 30.—A. Urquhart.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 2, Miners' Hall, 7. Closing date for membership for Young Bird cup competition.—J. Pollock.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Any member who wants his colour food can call on Friday, 25th, at club house at 8.—J. E. Hudson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—June 25, Centre Hotel, 7.30.—D. John.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 29, Old Boar's Head, 8. Final arrangements for Young Bird Show.—J. Oldham.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 25, Mowbray Arms, 2. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilman; Friday night.—H. Grange.

Midland Roller C.C.—June 30, Headquarters, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8.—J. H. Wrows.

Northern Lizard Club.—June 25, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. Important business.—G. Davidson.

National B.B. & M.C.—June 30, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Newsham L.C.—June 25, Miners' Arms, 7.—S. Laws.

Northern Y.C.C.—June 30, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, 8. Second Nest Feather Table Show; judge, Mr. J. Davison; other business.—T. C. Crawhall.

Partick C.B.S.—July 1, Trades' Hall, Anderson Street, Partick, 8. To arrange hall for annual show.—W. Priest.

Poplar C.B.S.—June 30, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by G. Meades, Esq.; all are welcome.—H. W. Cook.

Provincial Roller C.C.—June 25, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Consideration of judges for next show.—A. Percival.

Rochdale Good Intent.—June 29, Temperance Club, 8. Committee, Watch Competition, etc.; every official is expected.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—June 27, Club, 6.30.—Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Southall C.B.S.—June 27, St. John's Schools, 7.30. Young Stock and Finch Show; judge J. Robson, Esq.; admission free; all welcome.—T. G. Jeffery.

Stirling O.S.—July 2, Douglas Hotel, 8.—W. Bishop.

South Manchester C.B.S.—June 30, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Final date for receiving entries F.F. Show; subs. due.—F. Washbourne.

Wombwell B.F.S.—July 2, 18, Hough Lane, 7.—J. Hudson.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 2, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—June 25, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 5.30. Tenders for printing, correspondence from C.B.U., and other important business.—H. Hill.

Country Rambles

City of Glasgow S.C.

The members had a ramble on June 18th, their destination being Knightsend, past Whiteinch. The weather was delightful, and a singing contest was held in the open air, at which the singing was much better than is usually obtained at the indoor contests, the singing of the wild birds outside bringing the birds "away." After a most enjoyable afternoon's outing the company adjourned to the Elderslie Rest, where the company under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Pullen, held a concert, the singing and other items being above the average. Another ramble will be held June 25th, meeting place Whiteinch Cross, 3.30 p.m., singing 4 p.m. Result of contest: 1st Pullen, 2nd Moulden, 3rd Rough. Judge, W. Christie; timekeeper, A. Young.—A. MCCALLUM, sec.

Preston O.S.

The annual ramble took place on Sunday, June 19th, when a small but enthusiastic party of fanciers, headed by our worthy chairman, Mr. Dent, left Preston by train for Longridge. Several fanciers were picked up en route, including our veteran member, Mr. P. Waring. With the promise of a hot day, the party proceeded quietly by road and field path through cool shady lanes to Stoneyhurst, where a splendid view of the famous college was obtained, and thence on to Higher Hodder, where a hungry and somewhat over-heated party sat down to a good dinner. After brief rest our pilot led us off in the direction of Lower Hodder, and then on to Hurst Green. Here the Ribble was safely crossed by the ferry, and a halt being called the party had an opportunity of viewing the scenery which at this place is magnificent. But the stern call of "Now, gentlemen, please," from our leader brought us to our feet, and no time was lost in passing through more lovely scenery until the village of Ribchester, famous for its Old Roman antiquity, was reached. After a brief rest and a few sarcastic remarks hurled at the wooden figure adorning the entrance of a somewhat ancient hotel, we again took to the field paths, which eventually led us on to the high road near Ribbleton. Here a tired and now less enthusiastic party took the car which speedily brought us within easy reach of our homes. The birds we observed on our ramble included Linnets, Chaffinches, several Wagtails, a Sandpiper, and many others too numerous to mention.—THOMAS LEEMING.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

A ramble took place on June 7th in the woods of Blairadam, by kind permission of Sir Charles E. Adams. Glorious weather prevailed. Our party was split into two parts, and we were very soon into business. Our first bird was one of the plentiful pheasants. On searching all the underwood and trees, Tbrushes and Blackbirds were all flown, plenty of young being seen on the wing. We next came across plenty of Wild Pigeons' nests. The wise old Owl was seen. We next came to a more grassy bit, where Willow Wrens' nests and White Throats' were found. When we came to a more marshy spot we found here, Wild Duck, Curlow, Partridges and Larks. At this stage we discovered the much coveted Redstart with six eggs all at the point of hatching. The Chaffinch was always ready to greet us with his "Pink, Pink," his nest being often discovered. We saw the Hedge Accentor a few times in the least likely places. We then saw Mr. Greenfinch with eggs, and saw some others with young. The meadow Pipit was seen chasing a Cuckoo who had been intruding. We also discovered the nests of the Common Wren, Grey Wagtail, Robin, and Dipper (the last-mentioned was seen on the pond in all his glory). The Wheatear and Stonechat were also seen sporting on the dikesides. We were fortunate to see the Woodcock and his mate. Snipe and Lapwings were very prominent. The Corncrake was heard in the fields as we drew nearer home. We saw, too, a few of the Warblers flying from branch to branch. We then made for home, every member feeling tired, having done all he knew to see and hear the rarer of our British birds.—JOHN FORD.

Under the White Rose.

GREAT HORTON O.S. Annual Open First Feather Show on Saturday last proved to be rather a failure; entries came up badly, and the society will have a fairly big deficit on the show. This is a pity, for Great Horton have tried their utmost to keep up the interest in these shows, but after Saturday's result a little studying will have to be done before another venture takes place. The sectional members' show of the Y.C. British Bird and Mule Club gave a much better appearance to the show, and the birds staged were of a high class, the Linnets especially being very smart.

THE very large number of members' shows which were being held on Saturday last, it was thought, had probably a lot to do with the meagre entry, and the promoters beincan the new rule whereby any society can hold a members' show when an open show is in progress. Better luck next time.

Y.C.B.B. and M.C. held a meeting on Saturday evening last, when a few details in regard to patronage were gone into, the principal being the classification required. A nice selection of five classes was formulated as a special recommendation to societies, but any society wishing for this club's patronage and not caring to provide more than four classes, are allowed to amalgamate two of them. Patronage was allocated to four shows, a few more applications being left over, pending investigations being made to avoid clashing. The club, however, has two or three dates open for further application.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.A. held a very successful members' show on Saturday, 60 birds being put down in eight classes, and some real good youngsters amongst them. This district is very strong in the Fancy at present, and the society has very good prospects. Something could easily be done to try and reach those fanciers who are not members; an increase of 25 per cent. in the membership ought to take place before the start of the show season.

GREAT HORTON Good Intent held a members' show, too, last Saturday, Mr. A. Jowett judging the 40 birds staged. One class in particular was a startler, no less than 17 entries in it, and some good birds amongst them. Several other Bradford societies also held shows, and I have heard tell of a few "good 'uns," and birds that when through the moult are going to take some stopping. They say, alas! that the good die young.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

WM. SHAKESPEARE, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W., Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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HAMILTON (CADZOW OAKS) Ornith. Society.

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Twitterings.

Our club show date, writes Mr. John Ford, hon. sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., is fixed as September 3.

Your "Nutshell" booklet on the Roller Canary is very good, and I wish it success.—W. H. APPLETON (Manchester).

Kindly notify friends of my change of address from Edgo Lane, Liverpool, writes Mr. J. S. Clinch, to 74, St. John's Road, Waterloo, Liverpool.

We have engaged Mr. J. H. Roe to judge our nest feather show, on July 2, writes Mr. E. Edwards, hon. sec. of the Bromsgrove and Dist. C.B.S.

The First Feather show of the Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S. is to be held on July 2nd, judge Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), writes Mr. Wm. Mallinson, the secretary.

I have just become a reader of CAGE BIRDS, and being in my first year as an amateur breeder of Canaries, I find it extremely useful.—J. A. WATSON (Halifax).

For several years I have looked forward to receiving CAGE BIRDS weekly, having derived a deal of very useful information therefrom.—JOHN W. DOUGLAS (Halc).

All communications for the Haverfordwest F.S. should in future be addressed to me as hon. sec., writes Mr. J. Lloyd Edwards, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.

Oxford first feather is fixed for July 7, with Mr. A. Lewin as judge. We are pleased to hear that the Oxford C.B.S. is quite a success, with over fifty members, including two M.P.'s.

I thank CAGE BIRDS for the assistance I have received through its valuable columns, writes Mr. E. Plant (Blackpool). This is my first year of breeding, and I have twelve young on the sticks, and nine eggs being incubated.

We have engaged Mr. E. Tams, of Longton, to judge our annual Nest Feather show on July 16th, when we hope to have a "record" for a First Feather show, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S.

The concert which is being organised on behalf of Mr. Bradly is due to be held on July 4, at the Ropemakers' Arms, New Road, Chatham, where it is hoped there will be a crowded attendance, the admission being threepence.

The thirty-first annual (members') young bird show will be held, writes Mr. W. Healey, the hon. sec. of the "Admiral Duncan" Ornithological Society (Nottingham), on July 2, when 16 classes will be provided, and Mr. Geo. Houit will judge.

Kindly note, writes Mr. A. Williams, that I have been appointed sec. of the Southport and Dist. C.B.S. My address, to which all communications in connection with the society should be sent, is 19, Halifax Road, Ainsdale, nr. Southport.

I have just received a splendid collection of Senegal Finches, which I have turned outdoors, writes Mr. Bernard Hollins (Hull), and out of 1,100 I have only lost 7 in 10 days. This lot came direct to me from Senegal, and their treatment has only been fresh air and sun. I have now opened my wholesale department, and shall be pleased to send my trade list to all dealers sending cards, and mentioning CAGE BIRDS.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

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We are holding our annual members' first feather show on June 25, writes Mr. R. Fowler, hon. sec. of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.B.S., when Mr. T. Edwards will place the cards. Our breeders' cup will be awarded for the best team of three birds this year.

Will secretaries and fanciers kindly note that Messrs. Wilson Bros. have removed from Alba Place, Bannockburn, and that after this date the name and address of the firm will be Henry Wilson, Hill View, Station Road, Bannockburn, writes Mr. Henry Wilson.

The Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.'s first feather show for members will be held on July 2, at Plymouth Hall, Plymouth Street, Swansea. No fewer than 37 classes are provided for in the schedule, and Messrs. D. Jenkins and T. W. Kirby will judge the Canaries and British birds respectively.

To prevent misunderstanding, I have to announce, with Mr. Easterling's consent, that the pepper he is selling this season is not Ramsden's; therefore, purchases made from Mr. Easterling will not entitle the purchaser to compete for Ramsden's specials.—J. W. RAMSDEN.—(ADVT.)

The following gentlemen have consented to judge at our show to be held on October 1st, writes Mr. J. Ewing, hon. secretary of the Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.: for Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Smillie (Kilmarnock); and for Norwich, Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh).

Several members' shows are to be held by the Great Horton Good Intent O.S., in the Club Rooms, Great Horton Church Schools, Southfield Lane. A first feather show is to be held on July 30, with Mr. T. Ogden as judge. Particulars may be had of the secretary, Mr. H. Chubb, 227, Great Horton Road, Bradford.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. young bird show is to be held on July 2nd, at headquarters, the Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., when the schedule comprises 51 classes (including 25 for Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds), and there are 57 special prizes, including six challenge cups. A good show is anticipated.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton), that I have to inform you of the death of the wife of Mr. James Bertie, the well-known Nottingham judge and exhibitor of Norwich. It is a sad blow to "Jimmy," more especially as all his children are in Canada. The consolation of every fancier in Nottingham and district is his in his sad bereavement.

Mr. T. OWEN (Thurnscoe).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the secretary of the Barnsley C.B.S., that I have to record the death, at 56 years of age, of one of our oldest and most esteemed brothers in Mr. T. Owen, of Thurnscoe, who lived in Barnsley for many years. When with us he was a keen sportsman. He kept both Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries. I feel sure there are many who have known Mr. Owen in and around Yorkshire, and those who knew him will join us in sending our heartfelt sympathy to those who are left to mourn his loss. (Mr. H. Perry (Thurnscoe) also writes regretting the demise of Mr. T. Owen.—EDITOR.)

When you see gentlemen like Mr. J. E. Davies, N.P.C. cup winner, who everyone admitted had the hottest coloured Norwich living, Mr. Dormer, who had the hottest Cinnamons, Mr. Binns and Mr. W. H. Shackleton, who had the hottest Yorkshires, both big Palace winners, who all use only Royal Red, why ask or bother any more about whose colour feed to use? Sandiford, the Colour King, has sold each of above gentlemen this last week from 50 to 100 lbs. each.—(Advt.)

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is again in the June issue graced by an excellent coloured frontispiece from the brush of Mr. H. Goodchild, who has depicted with his usual fidelity and charm two of the species known as the Black and Yellow Creeper, otherwise called the Banana Quit. An article concerning this Creeper is contributed by Mr. A. Sutcliffe. Other articles are from the pens of Mr. Wesley T. Page and Mr. H. Goodchild, and there are also many notes, book reviews, letters, etc., that will be found interesting, and many illustrations.

The Tunbridge Wells F.S. has been reluctantly compelled to abandon their annual open show this year owing to their inability to obtain on previous occasions a satisfactory "gate" at the Sussex Assembly Rooms (which has in other respects been sufficient to pay expenses). Their endeavour to obtain the Great Hall this season for the show has been unsuccessful. A members' show with enlarged classification and numerous specials, will be held at headquarters and possibly open classes will be added for local non-members. It is hoped the latter will be well patronised in order to assist the association to hold a show next year.—H. G. WHIBLEY, hon. secretary.

The quality of "first-numbers" often decides the fate of new ventures in the journalistic world. If it does so in the case of No. 1 of "The Country-side Monthly," edited by Mr. E. Kay Robinson, and published by Messrs. Horace Marshall and Son, 125, Fleet Street, London, we can confidently predict a happy future for this new-comer. It is the official organ of the British Empire Naturalists' Association, the Schools' Mutual Aid and Flower Fund Society, and the New Collectors' Club, and deals with all sorts of naturalist and zoological subjects, microscopy, geology, astronomy, photography, etc. The issue consists of 42 pages of closely printed articles, notes, etc., and a large number of half-tone illustrations; and is published at fourpence net. An excellent coloured plate of the Young Male Great Spotted Woodpecker accompanies the issue.

We hear that Mr. E. Tams (Longton) is to judge Longton C.B.S. First Feather show of July 2nd.

I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and find it the most interesting and instructive cage bird journal published, and I have tried all other Fancy journals.—A. HOLLINGSHEAD (Hove)

Mr. Hugh Lammie, proprietor of Darvel Poultry Farm, has been appointed secretary of the Darvel Ornithological Society in my place, and all communications should now be addressed to him at East Main Street, Darvel, writes Mr. J. Robertson, late secretary.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will all societies desirous of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club's patronage, kindly send in applications stating judges' names, number of classes, and all particulars re prize money, etc., before June 30th?—O. MITCHELL, hon. sec.

Kindly note my change of address to 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, from Eldon Place, writes Mr. J. Ford, hon. secretary of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Will secretaries of societies desiring the patronage of the above club please make application (if they have not already done so) on or before July 2nd, when the committee meet for allotment? A special circular [see correspondence columns this week—ED.] is being sent to all novice members of the Yorkshire Union, and the committee hope there will be a liberal response to their appeal.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. secretary.

Two Clear Greenfinch Mules.

I was greatly surprised on receiving my CAGE BIRDS of June 18th to see my Albino Greenfinch depicted on C.B.'s front page (I see you have credited it with belonging to W. Smith, Woodford, instead of to W. Smith, Luton, Beds). I am pleased to inform you that I have been fortunate enough to breed two perfectly clear Mules from him which are, at the time of writing, three weeks old. I wish success to your valuable journal.—W. SMITH (Luton, Beds).

Nest Up the Spout.

There is a pump in the grounds of Mr. Bakiston-Houston (Orangefield, Belfast), in which is built a bird's nest, and the only entrance to the nest is up the spout, writes Mr. Walter Connell (Belfast). On June 12 the nest contained 7 eggs; on paying another visit on the 19th the nest contained 7 young ones, all the eggs having hatched. Anyone using the pump would have smashed up the nest; but I am pleased to say that the caretaker has made that impossible by having the handle fastened down with wire. Seeing that the birds have to go up the spout, I think it wonderful.

The Protection of Birds.

In the House of Commons on June 17 last, Mr. Hardy (Kent, Ashford)) asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether any steps had been taken recently for securing concerted action between this country and the rest of the Empire to afford greater protection to rare species of birds, and to put further impediments upon the sale of the plumage of such birds. Colonel Seeley replied that the Secretary of State had appointed an informal conference composed of representatives of the Colonial Office and the British Museum to consider what steps could be taken.

Another Parrot "Story."

The following Parrot story has just been sent us. A Jack Tar, home from a lengthy absence abroad, brought with him a fine Parrot. There being no cage facilities indoors wherein to keep the bird, Jack's mother suggested it should for the time being be placed out in the yard with the fowls. Into the hen roost it was accordingly put. On going into the garden the next morning to see how the bird was getting along, Jack was horrified to find his treasured pet denuded of every feather, and standing "on guard" over the small aperture through which the fowls came into the run. "Why, Polly, whatever's the matter," feelingly enquired Jack. "The matter," screamed Polly; "I'll show them what's the matter *now I've got my coat off!*"

SALES! SALES!! SALES!!!

"CAGE BIRDS" STANDS SUPREME.

There is no better advertising medium between fanciers than "CAGE BIRDS."—J. MORRIS (Grantham).

I have sold all the birds I want to sell. I have about half-dozen offers for the same, thanks to "Cage Birds."—H. SCHNEIDER (Winchester).

I thank the numerous applicants for my Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire; they are so great it is impossible to answer them individually. I am much indebted to your valuable paper, "C.B.," in which I advertised the bird.—A. BLAIR (Kippin).

Owing to the large number of orders, and the many repeat orders which I get from advertising in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," I have to stop advertising for awhile, or else keep customers waiting.—T. SMITH (Southfields).

In answer to my advert. in "Cage Birds" of May 28th, I received 93 replies, and I wish to thank them through the medium of your paper. Unfortunately I had only one pair of birds, so that a few applicants are disappointed.—E. TEMPLE (Southport).

I beg to thank the numerous applicants for the British birds that I advertised in "Cage Birds" of June 4th. They were so many that I could not answer them all. When I have any more birds for sale I shall still use your paper.—F. COOPER (Walsall).

I am glad to tell you my advertisement in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," found me a customer for my Parrot, "Toby," for ten guineas. I had to leave him on approval with a solicitor in London till he was satisfied he could talk; but he sent me the cheque within a week.—F. DONCASTER (Enfield).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Commoner Diseases of Birds: Their Symptoms and Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

As an appendix to my recent contribution entitled "Medicines for Cage Birds: Their Application and Doses," I shall endeavour to describe in concise and, so far as possible, unconventional terms, the causes, symptoms and diagnosis of the commoner departures from health, affecting the inmates of our cages and aviaries, together with appropriate medicinal treatment. Repetition in similarity of the symptoms of many of the every-day diseases must unavoidably occur, particularly with those affecting the respiratory system, which are not always clearly defined one from the other, except in point of degree; so in this, and the avoidance of technicalities for simple phrases, I must ask my readers to remember that I am endeavouring to make clear to all, including those whose educational advantages may possibly not have been of the highest order, the full interpretation of that which I desire to convey.

Many of the symptoms occurring in the course of these diseases will be readily recognised by owners of birds who at some time or other have been unfortunate enough to have sickness amongst their stock, and by bearing in mind the symptoms here described, and comparing them with those manifested during illness, they will be enabled to apply the medicines prescribed in each and every case.

Unfortunately those diseases occurring in connection with the breathing system of birds, and presenting themselves as common everyday disorders, are often in reality only a part (or local) manifestation of some more serious complaint of an infectious character, and often treated as "every-day disorders," until several deaths have occurred and suspicion is excited. On the other hand, many of these affections remain localised, and arise apart from contagion. Here I shall deal alone with those cases arising from causes other than infectious.

The Diagnosis.

The chief difficulty which besets even the most experienced fancier is to determine before attempting treatment what in reality is the matter with his bird, for although there occur distinct diseases with characters peculiar to themselves, yet there commonly occur cases whose symptoms baffle even the more experienced, so that the amateur encounters much greater difficulty when forced to rely upon his own powers of discrimination unaided. Much, indeed, depends upon the power of observation; this is possessed in a varying degree, and those in whom it is a marked feature are naturalists of the first order. To comprehend and interpret departure from health necessitates an acquaintance with appearances in health, and this I find peculiar to those engaged in the cage bird Fancy, more so than in any other of the different branches of my profession, which I attribute to the altruism existing amongst those who take up birds as a hobby, particularly where commercialism is not the all important item.

The well worn adage that "prevention is better than cure" cannot more forcibly be borne in mind and brought into practice than in its application in regard to the health of birds. And prevention of the spread of disease is also all important. To ensure this, fanciers should, if possible, pay more attention to the isolation or setting apart of sick birds (no matter from what apparent cause). Also of those freshly introduced (bought) by enforcing a period of quarantine. If this latter precaution were more fully attended to, I feel convinced that there would be less loss from avian disease than there exists at the present time. This is well exemplified in the case of well-managed establishments where the large domesticated animals are kept, and where liability to infectious disease is reduced to a minimum. Why, then, might it not be practised more amongst the feathered tribe, which represents a not unimportant industry? Considering the present day value of birds, the annual mortality results in considerable monetary loss.

I shall here, in treating of the commoner diseases affecting the lungs of birds, confine myself to those cases of a sporadic nature (meaning, of course, those arising independently of contagion), the causes of which are varied and numerous, and whose severity depends upon the parts attacked.

Delicate Breathing Organs.

Most fanciers are aware of the peculiar structure of the breathing organs of the bird, their communication with the air sacs of the body and cavities of the bones so that the serious import with which these diseases must be regarded can be easily recognised. Their delicate structure, and the more delicate network of their blood vessels, predispose birds to illness by their ready response to variations in the temperature, and more particularly density or degree of moisture in the atmosphere.

Causes.—Exposure in draughty situations; cold air; impure air if too closely confined; irritant gases or fumes where birds are kept suspended in a too high position, and so subjected to noxious and irritant vapours; keeping a number of birds in too small an area, causing them to over and over again breathe the air exhaled from one another's lungs. Heat and exposure to strong sunlight in hot weather are prolific causes of congestion and apoplexy, particularly if the subject be in an over-fat condition. This, however, is easily remedied by removing the bird to a cool and shady place, heat acting indirectly by oppressing the heart, and so causing a stagnation of blood in the vessels of the lungs; but unless quickly relieved, the subject soon dies. Breathing in particles of dust; smoke; spores of vegetable parasites; also invasion of the windpipe and bronchial tubes by small worms; these are likewise responsible for diseases of the breathing apparatus. I shall, however, dismiss those brought about by the agency of parasites, both vegetable and animal, and confine myself to those of more common occurrence, viz., ordinary colds or catarrh, laryngitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, broncho-pneumonia, congestion of the lungs, and, lastly, asthma.

Common Cold or Catarrh.

In most cases it occurs as an acute attack, generally in the early spring or late autumn. There is noticed an occasional sneezing, accompanied by a double nasal discharge, and a slight watering from the eyes. Preceding the appearance of the discharge there is usually a little feverishness, and the bird seems mopy and dull. Later the discharge loses its thin watery character and becomes thicker, tending to obstruct the breathing. During this time the bird continues to feed, and with suitable treatment the trouble will soon disappear.

Occasionally, however, the catarrh assumes a chronic form, and in this case the discharge is often confined to one side of the head only, and generally arises from disease limited to that one side. In the acute form there is little interference with health when the discharge becomes apparent, and it is seldom that death occurs from this cause; when it does it is generally due to the extension of the inflammation to the bronchial tubes and lungs. Exposure to draughts and moist conditions of the air are the principal causes.

Treatment should be early attempted by supplying warmth and by liberal feeding, with the addition of a little green-food, together with the administration of the following medicine:—

Tincture Camphoræ Co., 3 drops;
Sweet spirits of nitre, 3 drops;
Glycerine, 5 drops.

Give in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh night and morning until the symptoms disappear. In cases that are of a chronic nature, attempt at treatment is useless, as it does not materially interfere with the health of the bird.

Laryngitis.

This is a localised trouble: an inflammation of the larynx, popularly known as the "voice box," though this is not the case in birds, for in them the vocal cords are situated in the syrinx which is a modification of the windpipe, situated at the point where the windpipe divides to form the two bronchi, and varying very much in its complexity. Birds subjected to draughts, cold air, etc., are the principal sufferers, particularly where the subject is delicate and predisposed.

The symptoms depend upon the degree of the affection. In mild attacks there will be scarcely any noticeable change, but at other times the symptoms become alarming, owing to the fact that the mucous membrane of the larynx becomes swollen, so that the opening into the windpipe is considerably narrowed, interfering with the proper intake of air, and the bird is seen to breathe heavily, a mucous discharge appearing at the beak, and there is noticed a difficulty in swallowing. A bird so affected should be allowed plenty of air space, avoiding draughts, whilst four drops of glyco-Heroin, obtainable from any chemist, should be given in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh twice daily until recovery occurs.

(To be continued.)

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The Marked Bird; Its Uses and Breeding.

By F. ARMSTRONG.

A Lecture delivered before the Halifax Ornithological Society on May 7.

(Concluded from page 532.)

Many fanciers will now say, where can we find a pure green-marked strain which we can rely upon to produce fairly good marked birds with any degree of certainty? My answer is, I doubt if one exists purely green-blooded. If you want to get the marked bird rapidly, then this can only be done with any degree of certainty through the Cinnamon, whose markings are to a much greater extent more fixed and more likely to beget what you require, but with the attendant loss of that depth of colour.

At this particular point many of you may ask, do I believe in pedigree breeding? Most certainly. Pedigree is of vital importance, especially in the Yorkshire; in fact, I think it is waste of time breeding haphazard, and from anything but the most reliable stock of pedigree birds. I am speaking from experience, and can now go back five generations for proof. You must know your stock and also those you purchase; study the points of the latter, and note whether the man off whom you buy birds breeds or buys his winners. Having satisfied yourself on this very important point, see that the new stock possesses superior qualities where yours fail. Size, type and quality are of vital importance. Study your birds year by year, noting the weak and good points. Remember, like begets like. You may be fortunate in purchasing haphazard, but there are, in my opinion, 99 chances to one of your failing. No man can pair another's with any degree of certainty unless he knows it thoroughly.

Again, let me impress upon you that should you be fortunate to breed a good exhibition bird, one that can and will win, stick to it, and do not be tempted with gold to part with it. Remember, that is your model to breed to; always have it before you, and maybe, by judicious mating, it will make you a position in the Fancy. You may use it to compare your young birds before showing. Get out your scale, judge them yourself, giving points as per scale. If the same equal your winner, or thereabouts, then show it. You will find after a time that your judgment is not far out.

The Breeding of Marked Birds.

This is the absorbing topic at present in the mind and in the discussion of all true fanciers. How can I arrive at a certain object? I will endeavour to the best of my ability to give you my own experience, as I feel I shall be better able to give you satisfaction, by adopting this method. I shall first have to deal with the unevenly marked, as the unevenly marked is more or less in embryo. In breeding for uneven-marked birds I pair always as far as possible marked cocks to clear hens (if Cinnamon-marks are aimed at, then pink eyes both sides), and my marked hens to clear cocks, or at least only slightly ticked. I should not attempt pairing two uneven or heavily variegated marked birds of any breed together as I should in all probability get more heavily variegated birds than I cared for.

My first experience in marked breeding was from a Buff ticked Yorkshire Belgian and, a clear yellow hen of good colour, in which from its colour alone the old fancier would trace the Cinnamon blood. Both were typical, though not over-large. Still, she won 3rd in the amateur class at the Crystal Palace, 1905: Result, two uneven marked Buff cocks and one Cinnamon cap-marked yellow hen, all winners. One was my old champion winner of 24 firsts, including the Palace Jubilee Show, and another I sold to a prominent Northern Yorkshire C.C. member. From the former last season I bred three open winners, showing that "like begets like," as he had done it before.

Again, from a yellow-green marked cock and a buff eye-ticked hen last year I bred what I considered was a typical unevenly marked yellow—evenly marked with the exception of a small cap. This was of a rich, deep colour, the tone of which came from the green. I felt I had an ideal specimen of a marked bird and set a great store by it. Unfortunately for me I lost it suddenly about a fortnight before the show season commenced. I felt the loss terribly as I was sure it was the finest specimen I ever bred; it had what I was aiming at, length and leg, as well as colour marking. I have both birds yet, and some of their progeny, and am hoping for another this time.

Building up an Evenly-marked Strain.

I am afraid I shall have to build up my strain of evenly marked more on the lines of supposition and by reference to the Border Fancy, together with my experience in the breeding of unevenly marked birds. You will have to remember there is no royal road to succes, in the Yorkshire variety, at least. You will have to start at the bottom and climb up. If any suggestions I can give you here to-night are of advantage to you, I shall feel gratified.

The markings must all be clearly defined in certain positions only, and as near to evenness as possible. The only method to my mind is to pair only those birds together that have the technical markings clearly defined, and so balancing them until we achieve the object aimed at. How are we to obtain this object? Suppose I had a yellow-marked cock bird with only both wings marked and a buff hen with both eyes marked; and if both happen to be off a good strain, all the better. Pair these together. You might have another pair with both eyes and wing marked, and the other marked on one wing and both sides of tail; then pair these. Avoid as far as possible pairing birds with the same markings. If you get any clears, do not be afraid as you will find them extremely useful in building up your strain. You will be able to pair these to birds almost evenly-marked, and so get nearer the goal aimed at. I am afraid if you desire to fix these markings you will have to adopt inbreeding to a certain extent. There is no other way, of which I am aware, of successfully fixing your strain.

Then comes the question as to what extent to go to in inbreeding. You might take father and daughter, son and mother. I am this season experimenting with half-sister and half-brother; that is, both have the same father, but different mothers. You must be careful to see that both are in excellent condition and very vigorous.

Once the markings become fixed, I should discard inbreeding as much as possible. If two or three fanciers were to set about it with this object in view, inbreeding to some extent would be somewhat avoided. I prefer, from my own experience, markings as far as possible on the cock side.

Note: With reference to the experiment I am trying, referred to above, with half-brother and half-sister of different hens, the cock is a clear yellow possessing plenty of length and the hen is about the same size with only one eye mark. I now notice with regard to the young in the nest (although they are only about 10 days old) that one is marked on both wings. How the others will be marked I cannot say at present as I refrain from handling them as much as possible. I think this will give some idea of my method of working and the success I have achieved.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I am afraid I have somewhat bored you with perhaps too much detail, but I sincerely trust you will pardon me. Perhaps I may have differed to some extent from some of the older members present in matters of detail, but in the main facts I feel certain we shall agree. If I have been the means of assisting any of you in any way, I shall feel my efforts have not been in vain.

The Norwich Canary and Its Management.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. W. T. Kirby on June 14th before the Swansea Cage Bird Association.

Having been asked by our Secretary to give a lecture to your members, I have much pleasure in giving you a few helpful hints on the management of the Norwich Canary, this being the bird I breed myself.

The First Thing.

The first thing you must do is to get a room or aviary that has, if possible, a southern aspect. This room must be well ventilated, but, on the other hand, it must be free from all draughts, which are one of the deadliest enemies to the birds. It should also be kept scrupulously clean, as also must the cages and its accessories. Fix your cages on one side of the room, so that they may obtain the full light, but at the same time you must not let the sun's rays strike direct on them, but shield them from it by a blind, for the sun will not only spoil the birds' plumage, but may eventually kill them.

The cages I use are the three-compartment ones, for I find they are the best when breeding; I always run one cock with two hens.

The time to start breeding is a matter that you must use your own judgment about. I find the middle of March is quite soon enough for us in Swansea. We are so situated as to be sheltered from the cold easterly winds that prevail about this time of the year. When you have got your cages thoroughly overhauled and arranged, you must number them off 1, 2 and 3; then select your cock bird, and place him in No. 2 compartment, taking great care to "overhaul" him, too, and see what are his weak points. Then select your hens, and mind they do not have the same weak points as the cock, and place them in No. 1 and No. 3 compartments. Place a wire slide on the side of the compartment where the cock is, and on the other side a wooden slide, so that he can only see one hen. After leaving the wire slide between the two for a few days you will find them becoming very friendly with each other, and you will find the cock feeding the hen between the wire partition. This is the time for you to draw the wire partition away, so as to let the two birds be together.

During this time you must give them both a little egg food, say, twice a week, then place your nest pan with some nesting material in the cage for the hen to build with; and after a few days of play you will find the hen starting to make her nest.

When the hen starts to lay I always take the first three eggs away from her and give her dummy ones, and place her eggs in a box partly filled with bran. I then return the eggs on the evening on which she has laid her third egg. I then shut off the cock from her with a wooden slide, and after they have had a few days of extra good living, I remove the wooden slide of No. 3 compartment and place a wire one in its place, repeating the same process as for No. 1. When she has put No. 3 to nest, I bring back the cock to No. 2 compartment, so that he may be ready when the hen in No. 1 has hatched the eggs, to help bring up the young.

Treatment of Sitting Hens.

When the hens are sitting I feed them on plain Canary seed only. I always test my eggs on the sixth or seventh day, but I should advise the novices present not to do this until they have gained a little experience in the handling of the eggs. You can easily tell if an egg is fertile by holding it up to the light; those eggs that are fertile will appear to you dark, and those that are unfertile will be clear or light. During the time the hen is sitting I always give her the bath, and by doing so I help to keep the thin skin that is around the inside of the eggs moistened, for that will help the chick that may be inside to free itself when the time comes. On the thirteenth day I give a little egg food to the hen, so that she may start to feed the young when they are hatched.

For the first three days after the young are hatched I give them the yolk only of a hard boiled egg, and a piece of home-made bread of the same size; this I grind up, mixing in it a little castor sugar; these I then mix well together. Afterwards I feed them with the white and yolk of the egg, and place half a slice of bread cut from a four-pound loaf about three-eighths of an inch thick; this I grind well together, and add a teaspoonful of castor sugar and maw seed. Lastly, I add one teaspoonful of cod-liver oil, and by doing this I find I need not add water to the egg food; and it also keeps the food nice and moist for the hen to eat. I also give the hen plain canary seed with hemp and German rape in separate vessels. The hemp I give without crushing it, for it keeps the hen off the nest a little longer, and enables the young to have fresh air.

With regard to green food, I abstain from giving it to the young for the first three days, but afterwards I give it to the hen to feed them with up to the time they leave her. Watercress or lettuce I find is the best for the purpose.

A Successful System.

It is now I find the three-compartment cage very useful. When the young birds are a week old I let the cock (which during this time has been in the middle compartment) back with the hen to help to feed the young birds and bring them up. I have worked on this system for a number of years, and have found it very successful, for when the cock has brought up the young to three weeks old, I have but to take the nest of young away, fix the pan in the centre compartment, and give the hen new nesting material to start her building again. When the young are ready to leave the nest I place the wire slide between them, leaving the cock and hen together, for they will feed the young through the wires. I still continue to give the young egg food, and when they are able to feed themselves I give them, in addition, a little crushed hemp and German rape, with a little Canary seed I now stop all green food to the young, and as they get older I reduce the strength of the egg-food by adding more bread to it, until they are eight weeks old. By that time I have weaned them off the crushed seed and egg food, and have got them on to hard seed.

I always keep a keen eye on the young birds during this time, and if I notice them looking a bit thick I stop the egg and seed food to give them bread and milk, with a little maw seed sprinkled on it. I also give the bird two drops of castor oil for one day only. When the young birds appear all right I always give them the bread and milk once a week, for it helps to keep away inflammation.

Concerning Colour-feeding.

The next item (I must only just touch upon it as the time is getting late) is colour-feeding. I make my colour food as follows: For every pound of sweet pepper I add one ounce of hot pepper. I mix them well together, passing all through a fine sieve. Then I get my hard-boiled egg and a piece of home-made bread about twice the size of the egg and give it the same treatment as in the making of ordinary egg food; then I add one teaspoonful of cod-liver oil with a pinch of salt. This should make a breakfast-cup-full. I then add one teaspoonful of the pepper and mix well together, giving each bird one teaspoonful. As they get used to the feed I gradually increase the amount of pepper until I have given them four teaspoonfuls to every breakfast-cup of egg food. I always make my colour food the previous night, as that gives the pepper time to get through the egg food by the morning, when I give it to the birds. I also give them a little hemp twice a week, for it helps to get them into good condition. Also I give them sulphate of iron the size of a pea twice a week in their water; this hardens the colour, and is also a good tonic for them. One thing you must have in your birds if you want to have a good colour is green blood; without this you must fail in your colour feeding.

The Discussion.

This concluded the lecture, and the following questions were asked by the members and answered by the lecturer:—

Mr. H. Jenkins: Do you soak your rape for the young birds?—Ans.: No; I never soak the seed, the reason being that the young birds generally scatter the seed about, and if they were to pick up the same after it has turned sour it would cause inflammation.

Mr. Longden: If the lecturer found young birds going soft, would not soaked rape be beneficial to them?—No; I would put them on bread and milk, with a pinch of maw seed in preference to anything else.

Mr. Ford: When do you stop giving green food?—I never give green food to the young after they leave their parents.

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A "BEASTLY PARSON."

The Rev. Rosslyn Bruce and His Host of Pets Interviewed.

The Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, rector of Clifton, near Nottingham, will need no introduction to many of our readers. He has lectured before, and takes an interest in the welfare of the Nottingham and Notts. Ornithological Society, and is, too, a vice-president of the City and Suburban (London) A.C.B., the members of which have also had the pleasure of listening to one of his racy addresses on birds and bird pets. As a lover of birds and animals this reverend and esteemed gentleman will be hard to equal; in fact, after reading the appended interview with him (abridged from the "Daily Chronicle") we think readers will concede him to be "the limit" (if we may be pardoned that expressive Americanism). Would we had more like him.

The Rev. Rosslyn Bruce calmly explained to me (writes the "Daily Chronicle" representative), that he is "a beastly parson." That is his terse way of indicating that he loves all beasts, great and small, and that he has made pets of all of them, from elephants to white mice.

His study in which I awaited him was filled with the song of birds, and through the window I could see on the broad lawn a number of coops, with stables and kennels beyond. Then he bustled in, and was about to explain how it was that I had not been met by a lion or bear at the front door, when a gruff voice called out "I'm very cross."

Doves as District Visitors.

"That's my Parrot," he said. "I've been away in London for a few days, and he's always very cross at my absence. In fact, they all miss me, for we're quite a happy family. This is rather a bad time of year to see my menagerie at its best. In the summer time a typical crowd is"—and he referred to a diary—"a dozen monkeys and lemurs, 53 rabbits, a tame hare, four foxes, 47 dogs of different varieties, 13 ferrets, a number of hawks, some pigs, and occasionally a bear and a wolf. Doves I am very fond of, and I have bred hundreds. All the children in the village have got one to pet. I must show you 'Purity,' my favourite."

But "Purity" was not to be found. Whenever a child is ill in the village this Dove goes to the sick bed to cheer the little invalid with his tricks, and he was now on one of his errands of mercy. But his pupil, "Peace," was fetched—for he teaches his tricks to his fellows—and "Peace" duly sat on Mr. Bruce's finger, raised and fluttered his wings at the word of command, and did his best to deputise for his teacher.

To Hounds on a Bull.

Mr. Bruce does not strive to train his pets to do circus tricks—he is careful to point out that he is a naturalist, and not a showman—but as we walked round the rectory grounds, admiring cages with inmates of brilliant plumage, he told of some of their accomplishments.

There was a young Bull, for instance, which he trained to the saddle, and actually rode to hounds. But the horses objected—did you ever know a horse with a sense of humour?—and the experiment had to drop.

Pigs are great favourites—the Rev. Bruce submits meekly to being called a pig specialist—and at many a church bazaar he has dressed young ones in baby's clothes, presented them with feeding-bottles, and sold them as pets.

On the way to the stables we met Mrs. Bruce wheeling Master Bruce, aged a few months. "He's going to be a 'beastly' boy, too," remarked his proud father. "You see, he's started already"—for the budding beast-fancier was sucking the hind-legs of a rubber horse. Already the other pets have accepted the new comer as one of themselves, and it is pretty to see the delight of Master Bruce when the Doves and Pigeons wheel overhead and alight on his perambulator to be fed.

At the stables there was much to see, and many wet noses to caress, for the animals were welcoming Mr. Bruce home again. The Shetland pony volunteered the sugar-in-master's-pocket trick—which he really thinks is his own invention—and the dogs raced round in a delirium of delight.

Helping Others.

Mr. Bruce is practical in his hobby. He keeps a fine strain of prize fowls, and lets the cottagers have eggs on easy terms for sitting purposes, so that the breed in time will be improved for miles around.

The old-time sport of Hawking is one in which Mr. Bruce is very interested, and he is taking a prominent part in its revival. Rather to the dismay of relatives, he has named his son "Merlin," to mark his interest in the famous hunting birds.

When he was living at Scarborough, some years ago, as usual, he had a number of queer pets, and it became the recognised thing for children to be brought to see them. At last he determined to form a Zoo. Premises were taken, and the show included a pony, 33 inches high, opossums, monkeys, lizards, Parrots—a wonderful variety of birds and beasts. Sixpence was charged for admission, and at the end of three months £90 was handed over to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mr. Longden: If a hen leaves off feeding its young at eleven or twelve days' old, would not a little soaked rape entice the hen to start again?—It may do that, but if you stop the maw seed in the egg food when you notice the ben a little forward, she would undoubtedly go on feeding her young.

Mr. Hocking: Why do you use cod liver oil in your egg food?—I regard the oil as a good food and a very suitable one to mix with the egg food; it also forces the young birds on, and if you want size you must get it when they are young.

Mr. George: Do you believe in double buffing and double yellowing?—I do not believe in double yellowing at all, but I do believe in double buffing. Last year I double-buffed with a clear hen and a heavily variegated cock, and out of this nest I had a bird that has taken several firsts; I may mention that it is full of green blood.

Mr. Longden: What would you do to increase size in the Norwich?—I should use a Crest-bred cock, and should be very careful to look after the young birds, so as not to go inbreeding with them.

Mr. Heal: Will not biscuit do as well as bread in the making of the egg food?—Yes, biscuit will answer the same purpose, but I think it is more expensive than the home-made bread.

Mr. W. J. Jenkins: What do you think is the cause of diarrhœa in young birds?—It is often caused by a chill, which stops the digestion of the food, and causes the food to decompose in the bird's system.

Mr. Phil Jenkins: Do you think that cod-liver oil has got a tendency to bring out a harsh colour?—No; I do not think so; I have had them come out better in colour and level by using cod liver oil.

Mr. Mugford: If you have a bird on bread and milk diet during colour feeding, do you stop the colour feed?—Yes; I miss the colour feed; birds will take no harm for a few days, providing you have plenty of natural colour in them.

This brought a very pleasant and instructive evening to a close, and a vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, who replied that he was only too pleased to do anything for the good of the Society, and hoped the few remarks he had made may have proved useful to some of the younger members.

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Wild Bird Life.

A Builder of Many Houses.

The nesting habits of the common Wren are somewhat different to that of other birds. A pair will build several nests which are apparently never intended for the reception of the eggs. Several theories have been advanced in explanation of this curious habit. Some say they are built as roosting places for the cock bird, and are so by many termed "cocks nests"; but against this theory is the fact that two or three may be found in quite a small area, which would not all be required as sleeping places, one being sufficient for the purpose. Another theory is that the birds easily desert the home, and if only a finger be put into it, it is quite sufficient to cause desertion. But this theory I have proved to be incorrect in at least one case. Two nests were found under the roof of an old shed, both beautifully finished. The entrance of each was somewhat disturbed, yet, in spite of this, eggs were laid in one of them, and the young hatched and reared. It is said upon good authority that although a pair of Wrens will construct several nests, they only actually finish internally the one destined to contain the eggs and young. One does not like to pull to pieces every nest one finds during the season to see if this is really the case, but many birds add a few feathers or scrap of hair after the first egg is laid; and so in this way, if in no other, the one nest of the Wren may be finished off better than the others. The home of the Wren is a charming little structure, globular in shape, with a small hole in the front for entrance. The hen bird is the architect, and after the locality in which it is to be placed is selected, she may be seen for quite a fortnight collecting and carrying suitable materials. The safety of this little home evidently depends mainly upon mimicry; therefore the external materials vary considerably in character. If built in the woods against an old moss-grown stump (which is frequently the case), moss and dead leaves will be liberally used. If under the eaves of a hay rick, the hay will be so skilfully incorporated that only the round entrance hole will be exposed to view. The young ones return nightly to the old home to roost, and there is no prettier sight in ornithology than a brood of these tiny feathered creatures, collecting at sundown, and clinging with graceful ease to the surroundings of the artistic homes.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—Lancaster Primrose.—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—Burnley.—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—Longton.—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 5.—Peterboro'.—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—Norwich Alliance.—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—Morecambe.—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—Wellingborough.—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—Clapham.—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—Frome F.A.—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—Bolton.—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—Crewe.—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—Coventry "Godiva."—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—Leeds.—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—Plymouth.—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—Battersea.—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 20.—Hanley.—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head).
Oct. 21 & 22.—Newcastle.—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—Rochdale O.C.—(J. Butterworth, 70, Entwistle Road). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—Burton-on-Trent.—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—Middlesbrough.—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—Torbay O.S.—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—Bristol F.A.—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26 & 27.—Grimsby.—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—Manchester—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 8 ,Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—Hucknall Torkard.—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—Wolverhampton.—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—Derwent Valley.—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—Hartlepools.—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—Cheltenham.—(A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5.—Blaydon-on-Tyne.—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—Liverpool.—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road). H.W.B., R.T. & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—York.—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—Stockton-on-Tees.—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street) R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—Tunstall.—H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—Weybridge.—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—Brighton C.B.A.—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10 & 11.—Southend and S.C.O.S.—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—Preston.—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—Barnsley.—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—Nottingham.—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—Wimbledon.—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—Bournemouth).—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—Hull.—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 19.—Coventry O.S.—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—Crook Original.—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—Tideswell.—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—Cambridge.—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—Stamford.—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
Nov. 26.—Darlington.—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
Nov. 26.—Leek.—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs.).
*Nov. 26 & 28.—Ilkeston.—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—Launceston.—(N. H. Read. Launceston).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—Birmingham.—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—Leicester C.B.S.—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—Sheffield.—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—Harrogate.—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—Gateshead.—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street).
Dec. 14.—Southall.—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—Guisborough "Priory."—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—Broughty Ferry.—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—Selkirkshire O.F.A.—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—Buckhaven.—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—Lochgelly.—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—City of Glasgow.—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—Kelty and Blairadam.—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 22.—Forfar.—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street).
Oct. 29.—Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—Dysart.—(J. S. Hards, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—Boness.—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—Stonehouse.—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—Kirkcaldy.—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—Galashiels.—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street).
Nov. 19.—Paisley O.A.—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—Uddingston.—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—Cupar.—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—Annandale.—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—Edinburgh Open O.A.—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bv., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—Kilsyth.—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—Perth.—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—Broxburn.—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—Scottish National.—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.Ey., A.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—Banbridge.—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—Sligo.—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—Y.C.C. of Ireland.—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—Ulster O.A. (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—Larne.—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 17.—Bangor.—(J. P. Watson, 112, Irene Terrace, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—Swansea.—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—Ebbw Vale.—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—Cardiff.—(J. W. Dummett, 84, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 25.—Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Heywood O.S.; North London C.B.A.; North Manchester C.B.S.; Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.; Liverpool B.B.A.; Barrington and Choppington (S.C.) C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.; Pendleton and Salford O.S.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Bramley O.S.
June 25 & 26.—Leigh C.B.S.
June 27.—Southall C.B.S.
June 29.—Brighton C.B.A.; Cardiff C.B.S.
June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 1.—Penzance F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Codnor Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Hamilton O.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.; Manchester & N.C.O.S.; Rochdale O.C.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Barnsley C.B.S.; Colne C.B.S.; Dalton-in-Furness C.B.S.; Guisborough "Priory" C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Longton C.B.S.; Wallasey C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Southend O.S.
July 7.—Oxford C.B.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (½-day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland; Tunstall C.B.S.; Batley O.F.S.; Clapham C.B.A.
July 11.—Reigate F.A.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley O.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Bramley O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.; City and County of Perth O.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leyton C.B.A.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.

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In an address delivered by Mr. J. Buckland recently, this gentleman stated that a vast number of feathers used in the millinery trade of England were brought into the country by means of false declarations. All detailed advertisements of the fancy feather sales and all reports of the sales were suppressed by the brokers, and in the heart of London a questionable business was now established. Although the Humming-bird was protected by law throughout Great Britain's possessions in the West Indies, three plume sales had taken place in London this year, when the skins of over 25,000 Humming-birds were catalogued. The prices realised varied from 1d. to 1½d. per skin. The traffic in plumes was nothing less than a national disgrace.

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Seventh Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
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For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that:
(1) Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers.)
(2) The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
(3) The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

Thus it is possible for a competitor to obtain without any expense at all on his part a large number of coupons, which also in their turn may be the means of obtaining further supplies of coupons.

As a further reward to readers we will give a free advertisement in "Cage Birds" to the value of 1s. for every fifty (50) coupons sent in which are eligible for the competition, the said advertisement being available for any issue within three months of the date of the competition closing, viz., July 27th next.

No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrango with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 577

The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

Mr. John A. Reece, the well-known cage-maker, of Colston St. Yard, Bristol, sends for our perusal a batch of testimonials which testify to the great satisfaction his cages give to his customers, the low prices charged and good workmanship being specially commented upon.

I did not know there was such a paper as CAGE BIRDS until this spring, when a friend made me a present of a pair of Canaries. Never having had any experience with them before, I have found CAGE BIRDS invaluable and highly interesting. I tell my friends what a help it has been to me. I have four very nice young strong birds so far, so have not much cause to complain, this being my first attempt. I have also a copy of this year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. —WILLIAM L. CLARK (Derby).

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Egg Substitute for Rollers.

East Yorks.—Your experience of the hen leaving the egg substitute in favour of egg food is quite a usual one. It is possible for a food other than egg to rear young just as successfully, and many of the substitutes on the market are frequently used. But it is impossible to draw distinctions here. You would find a good brand of puppy cakes (without meat), scalded until soft, pressed nearly dry, a sprinkling of maw seed added, and the whole stirred to a crumbly consistency, as good as any substitute you could get. As regards your query about what constitutes a Seifert Roller, your idea seems to be very mixed. Literally, on the face of it, it should at least be a bird of the same strain, or bred by the originator, one Herr Seifert, but as that fancier was long since gathered to his fathers, and, I believe, his strain of birds dispersed, that is obviously out of the question. To-day the name is more of a trade term than anything else, though a so-called Seifert Roller should possess a more varied repertoire than a bird which is trained to sing nothing but a few of the choicest rolls. The name has nothing at all to do with the colour. There are all kinds of variegation and marking in all strains of Roller and Hartz Canaries. The young birds you have I should say would most properly be described simply as Rollers, but if well trained to sing the varied song of a good Seifert cock, then you might properly describe them as Seifert Rollers.

No Success.

J. W.—I do not care for your method of making the egg food, and suspect this has something to do with your trouble hy overstimulating the birds. Sponge cake, as you doubtless are aware, contain a large proportion of egg in itself, so to use it wholly for making egg food is to make the food much too rich for regular use, as when rearing young. Try what success the following method will bring you in this round. As soon as the hens have laid their complement of eggs, remove the cocks, and take them, if possible, to another room out of sight and hearing of the hens. Leave the latter to hatch and rear the young by themselves. As soon as incubation has commenced, give a staple diet of canary seed only. Two or three times a week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. A very small piece of groundsel or chickweed may be given twice a week if weather is very warm, and a bath hung on cage for a few minutes daily in hot weather towards the close of incubation period. When young are hatched give a little egg and sponge cake in equal parts for one day, not longer; after this use equal parts egg, sponge cake, and stale bread crumbs. Give it in small quantities, fresh at least twice a day; three times would be better. If the hens do not appear to feed well, add a sprinkling of maw to the egg food. Give a bath with a little common salt dissolved in it each day for three or four days, and add as much sulphate of soda to the drinking water as will cover a sixpence for one-half of the day, for a few days. Give this water last thing at night and replace with fresh pure water at midday. When young are three days old, begin to give a little crisp young chickweed or lettuce fresh twice a day. At eight or ten days old add a supply of cracked hemp. Do not add moisture to the egg food other than what is naturally in the egg. Limit the dietary all through to this regime.

Young Dying.

A. S. T.—In the first place, have a post-mortem on the next that dies in order to discover whether there is infectious disease, which may not be unlikely. Meantime, keep all cages and perches scrupulously clean and don't mix up appliances. Keep the cage in which the birds have died as isolated as possible in this respect. There are a few points in your treatment which are not correct. You do not say whether it was last year or this year that you used soaked rape in the egg food. If this year, it should be obvious to you that this should be dropped, also the cuttlefish, neither of which should be used in the egg food as a practice. I do not care for ground oyster shell either for small birds. Pairing young to old, and buying cocks and hens from different sources, would not cause your trouble. Cover the cage floor with clean gritty sand, and you may give pieces of cuttlefish stuck in the wires. Feed on plain canary seed only as staple. Give a small quantity of bread and milk with a little cod liver oil emulsion on it, and dusted with soft sugar (allowing a small teaspoonful and two drops of oil per bird) daily for a week, and afterwards twice a week, without oil. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and twice a week the same quantity of hemp. Give only plantain stalks or seedy chickweed in limited quantities as green food three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence each day, from morning until midday, for three or four days, and afterwards add twenty drops of chemical food to the drinking water daily for a week.

Old and Young.

R. R.—(1) It is not unlikely the Roller is getting beyond the bloom of youth, and in that case it is very doubtful whether the head feathers will ever be reproduced. To give it the best possible change of producing them at the moulting season feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, and dust it lightly with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur, and one part chlorate of potash, and finally sprinkle with maw seed. On two other days give a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and one part each black rape, maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed. Give a good spray of green food, in variety, daily. Allow frequent baths. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and see there are no insect pests in it. Paint the hare place twice a week for a month with a mixture of equal parts tincture of perchloride of iron and glycerine, and the following day smear it with warm olive oil. Give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice in the water every second day for one week. Given this treatment it is just probable the bird may come through the moult all right. (2) Yes, hens do now and again maltreat young as you suggest. But in your case I rather think the cause was that the hen failed to keep the nest clean, with the result that the young one was "glued" to the bottom of nest by a dropping as it dried. It takes very little of this sort of thing to cause serious injury to the delicate frame of a young canary. The substance inside the large egg was the egg substance in the process of drying up. The egg would not have hatched.

Hoarseness in Roller.

L.H.D.—Although you say the bird is not, and has not been, in a draught, and is in an even temperature, I am inclined to think if you examine carefully into these points when winter comes again you will find room for improvement. These points are most essential, and treatment is practically useless until they are properly attended to. In addition to being quite certain there are no draughts or serious fluctuations, do not hang the cage high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evening. Feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Once each week give a small piece of bread and milk with three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and

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on one other day each week give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "R.R." If available, give a mealworm a day for a week now and again. Give a small spray of chickweed, or plantain stalk daily. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week, and repeat it about once a month afterwards for a time. Get a chemist to make you up one ounce of mixture composed of two parts each glycerine and liquid extract of liquorice, and one part each oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine; add to the ounce ten grains of potassium iodide. When the hoarseness becomes apparent give fifteen drops of this mixture in the water every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat if necessary in this way until hoarseness and wheeziness are quite cured.

Brevities.

To use Quassia (Wet).—Place a heaped teaspoonful of chips, smashed up finely, into a pint jug in the evening; fill jug with boiling water, stir until chips are well saturated, then cover jug and allow it to stand until required for the bath next day. Pour off the clear liquid into the baths. Prepare fresh each time required.

Deformed Beak (W. E. C.).—You will not be able to do any good for the bird in question, and if it is still living it would be the kindest thing to mercifully terminate its existence. I quite expect, however, that it has gone over to the great majority by this time, and thus relieved you of the necessity for carrying out this unpleasant suggestion.

A Long Moult (No Nom-de-plume, Liverpool).—I cannot tell you why your bird has been moulting so long without some knowledge as to how it is kept and fed. If you are quite sure it is not troubled with insect pests you should make yourself equally certain it is quite free from draughts and rapid fluctuations of heat and cold. Feed the same as advised to "R. R." for a fortnight, then give the bread and milk with nothing but a little soft sugar sprinkled over it, and omit the linseed and inga from the seed mixture, and continue with the resulting change until the proper moulting season is over. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week.

Deformed Third Toe (H. E. B. R.).—This should have been attended to as soon as the bird left the nest, or as soon as it happened. If of very long standing you will not be able to make any improvement, so do not pester the bird with treatment in that case. If of recent date, give moderate-sized perches. Cut an eighth-of-an inch off the end of a rubber tube as used on a baby's feeding bottle; then catch the bird and, holding the third toe back against the leg, pass the three front toes through the small ring thus provided, and pass the ring upwards until near the end of the hind toe. Leave it there, and when bird is released it will hold the toe well backward. Let it remain on a month, then remove it, and at the same time give the bird perches only slightly thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. If you find the toe grips these perches, even if only now and again, leave them to complete the cure, which may be in a few months. If, however, the toe comes forward and obstinately refuses to remain behind, you may as well give it up as a bad job.

Two Queries (No Nom-de-plume).—(1) Yes; birds bred in May and June this year will be quite reliable breeders, so far as age is concerned, for next season, and should be quite ready for mating at the end of next March or beginning of April. (2) Gold of pleasure is a rich, oily, and highly stimulating seed. As a food it is not suitable for regular use in large quantity. Its proper use is as an occasional tit-bit or refresher. As a medicine it is useful as a pick-me-up and appetiser when birds are in low condition.

Sitting and Not Laying ("Should like some little ones.")—A very commendable desire, which doubtless we all echo, even those who have some already. The hen will not lay this season now, so if she is still sitting, by all means get a clutch of fertile eggs for her to hatch and rear. It is quite probable she will perform these offices efficiently. Get either common hardy Canaries' eggs or a clutch of Linnet or Greenfinch eggs for her. To prepare her for their reception, give her one or two dummy eggs in the evening, and the next evening add two more, and let her sit on these until you have the real eggs ready to replace them.

Hens Failing in Second Round (W. H.).—Probably your treatment during the second period of incubation was at fault. It would be interesting to know how they were fed and managed during that time. It might be a little advantage to use a little soft moss for the second round of nests, even when it is not used in the first nests on account of the increased heat of the weather, but the advantage must be exceedingly slight, even if it exists. Certainly remove the cocks as soon as the hens have begun to sit, leaving the hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves. In all other respects adopt the same line of treatment as that advised to "J.W."

Loss of Voice (Buxtonian).—The trouble is of too long standing to give any prospect of really curing it. It has probably arisen through exposure to draughts, or extremes of heat and cold. These causes must be well looked into, and totally avoided in future. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little chickweed daily. Mix as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling in a teaspoonful of honey; make into a soft paste with fine biscuit powder, and give a piece the size of a pea on the end of its perch three times a week, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of whisky and six each of tincture of lobelia and oxymel of squills in the drinking water. Continue this for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again in the same way for another fortnight. It is doubtful if the bird will in any event resume singing now until it has moulted.

From Success to Failure (W. E. L.).—You omit one important particular, which prevents my saying with any confidence what was the cause, viz., whether or not you went back to a plain diet after the hen began to sit on the second and third clutches. If not, you ought to have done so. I also note that you began giving hemp on the third day with the first brood, which was at least a week too soon, and might have overdone the hen a little for the later broods. Upon the face of it, I should say the young died through not being fed, but in view of excellent behaviour of the hen with the first brood, if she has been fed properly during the incubation periods since, I should advise you to look well into the freshness and quality of your foods and seeds, particularly egg and green food, before condemning her. Do not let her go to nest again this season. Give a saline aperient for a day or two; feed plain, give a variety of green food; allow good space for exercise, and free bathing, and thus give her a good moult and get into hard condition for next season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Maggots and Pepper and Enamel.

Rob Roy.—If by "maggots," you mean gentles, then these are good to give Redstarts. I prefer an extra dark green enamel for the wires and insides of the show cage of both Greenfinch and Yellowhammer; in fact, I like it for any seedeaters. Many exhibitors, however, use a light blue for the Greenfinch, and a fairly dark blue for Yellowhammer; in my opinion the birds do not look so "rich" when in front of these shades of colour. As regards the sweet pepper, if you stirred a small teaspoonful amongst the daily soft-food supply of the Redstart, that would be ample; commence with a pinch only, or the strange colour may make the bird shy of its food. It is not often that a Yellowhammer refuses to eat a little of a good insectile food; the pepper can be given in this. Or if the bird's canary seed is cracked (by a seed mill) a little sweet pepper can be mixed amongst it. The pepper should be somewhat oily, then it will adhere well. This latter method applies also to the Greenfinch. Many Greenfinches will eat a little soft food, too; a habit sometimes acquired through mailing with them. You can easily tell by the bird's excreta whether it is taking sufficient colour food; it will be deeply tinged.

A Failure at Hybrids.

Jones.—You are not the only one who will fail to breed Hybrids this season—not by a long way, I expect. But I am sorry to have to say that your methods are entirely wrong, and must handicap you. How you came to adopt them I am at a loss to understand; not through reading CAGE BIRDS, anyway. Plain canary seed I should look upon as a kind of workhouse diet for a cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch; certainly not calculated to make them feel like breeding. Cotton-wool is no good as a nesting material; dry hay, cut into about two-inch lengths, would be far more likely material, or cocoanut fibre (say part of a cheap door-mat) cut up similarly. What do you mean by nest "basket?"—wicker, wood, or earthenware. I should strongly advise you to read "Cage Bird Hybrids," now being published in monthly parts. And did you not see the many articles upon Hybrid breeding published in our columns during the spring months? They would put you on the right road.

Cutting Talkers' Tongues.

W. H. Sprankling.—The man who cuts any bird's tongue with the idea of aiding it to talk, ought to be compelled to have his own tongue slit; in any case he deserves to be reported to, and prosecuted by, the R.S.P.C.A. Really, I thought this horribly cruel notion had been given its death-blow; it has been condemned; and the fallacy of the idea exposed scores of times in CAGE BIRDS, and many, many times in even the outside Press; yet here are you, undoubtedly well-read and educated, asking how a Magpie's tongue should be cut. It makes one almost despair of ever scotching this cruelty. Yet the simple facts remain that birds do not use their tongues when talking, the organ of voice being situated down in the throat, and that there are to-day numbers of clever talking birds—Magpie, Jays, Starlings, etc.—whose mimicry owes nothing to artificial aid of any kind over and above the mere repetition of words, whistles, and so on, to them. You surely cannot have read the article in our last Birthday Number anent Mr. Ferrar's remarkable talking Starling. Any way, I trust you will now use your best endeavours to prevent anybody giving effect to such an old woman's tale as the one that "Magpies have to have their tongues cut before they can talk"—a senseless atrocity.

A Bunting Puzzle.

Dik, Dik.—(1) If the class heading reads "Lark, or smaller," then the Snowbunting would be entitled to compete in that class. My first impression was that a Lark would be called larger than a Snowbunting. But on looking the matter up, I find that authorities differ as to the measurement (average, I suppose) of the Skylark, some giving seven inches and some 7½ inches, while that of the Snowbunting is set down as seven inches. I hope I shall never have to solve the problem, though I favour the smaller than a Lark class as being the correct one. It is a very difficult matter, for some Larks and some Snowbuntings are very much bigger than others of their kind—especially a Buntmg "fattened up" in captivity. (2) The chief colours are white, reddish-orange and black; varying according to the season. (3) It is a seedeater, mainly living on canary seed, like all the familiar Buntings. (4) Yes, both Corn and Yellow Buntings are seedeaters.

Muling Matters.

Goldfinch.—On one point I think you are labouring under a misimpression, for it is quite possible to have good eggs from a Goldfinch and Canary, although the Finch may never have been seen paying the hen any attention. I have a hen (paired to a last year's Greypate) now rearing Mules, yet I never saw this Goldie take the slightest notice of her, beyond "chivvying" her about in apparent disgust. Some of my Goldies, however, feed the hens both before and after they go to nest, and give

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other unmistakable signs of being happily married. Again, a Finch frequently does not sing so much or so vigorously after being mated up; cock Canaries act in the same manner, too. Thus the eggs of your hen may quite possibly prove fertile. Anyway, I should not change her mate at this late stage; if you take another nest you might do so. Your methods and feeding, seem good enough, but give egg-food daily, and use Osborne biscuits. You should get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch, which gives full directions as to the correct foods.

Rearing and Feeding Jays.

F. J. Whibley.—You will pardon me, I am sure, for pointing out that I have dealt fully with the above matters in quite recent issues. Briefly, when hand-rearing, if you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed-up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngster mealworms, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince it up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds). I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Keep the bird very clean. When adult, a very simple and economical method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or other dog meal). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows, and the like (if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked), of various kinds, also berries and fruit. Beetles are other things they will eat. Jays I always find very partial to ripe fruit, and it is excellent for them.

Brevities.

Another Song Thrush (M.F.P.).—Get one ounce of tincture of henzoin from a chemist, and stir 8 to 10 drops into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give fresh twice daily, and use a glass or earthenware drinking vessel only (not tin). Continue for at least 7 to 10 days.

A Finch Mixture (A.M.C.). — For the small Finches an excellent mixture would be:—Canary and teazle two pints each, hemp one pint, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half-pint each. Pity you did not state what species of birds you have in the aviary. Wild-seed mixture would be relished; and no doubt a little safflower and white sunflower seeds now and again, crackling them if necessary.

Rare Feathered Magpie (Constant Reader).—I have on one or two occasions mentioned the fact that I myself possess a pink-eyed Magpie (a 1909 bird). It is very tame, running about the garden, and talks very plainly. Whether a pink-eyed Magpie has ever been caught in the county of Durham, I am not able to say. It is difficult to put a value upon any bird without knowing its condition. The pocket of the purchaser has a lot to do with it, too, in many cases. For instance, I have known £5 paid for a white Thrush, and I have known such a bird to be sold for ten shillings.

Three Matters (S.T.).—1. You must take away the nest. After 5 or 6 days put in another nest-box and supply of nesting material. You could let this hen sit on her own eggs, I feel sure. 2. The Twite is not exactly a common breeding bird in England, but nests in the Midlands and the North. 3. Crushed hemp, canary and summer rape seeds freely, with maw, teazle, coarse oatmeal, and a little crushed sunflower; also ripe seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse—no other green food, though seeding groundsel tops are good. Gradually stop crushing the seed.

A White Hen Goldfinch (Mrs. B. B.).—It is a pity the mouse mauled your white hen Goldie. Mice must be kept out of cages at any cost; they are certainly dangerous, and have often been known to attack young birds in the nests. You can now only leave the cure to Nature, but no doubt a good tonic would help the Goldie to pull round. Get one ounce of syrup hypophosp. co., from a good chemist, and stir 4 to 6 drops into a fluid ounce of drinking water. Give fresh twice daily, and in a glass or earthenware vessel only. I have a white hen myself, which is breeding.

A Hen Mule (Spivinix).—I do not know that it makes any difference whether you give canary eggs to a hen Mule to hatch, or the eggs of some small British Finch, except that the former are perhaps a shade the more likely to get young successfully reared out of them. You would give egg-food in either case, and the seed mixture you mention would answer well, but one teaspoonful of hemp daily might not be sufficient towards the later stages if the hen had a big brood—some hens use a deal more seed than others when feeding young. It is always best to give the hemp lightly cracked; it facilitates the feeding process.

Not Singing (T. Marshall).—It is hardly possible for me to help you. In effect you say: "My Thrush and Blackbird do not sing; can you give me any advice as to the cause?" If I saw the birds I might be able to do so; but from your letter I cannot possibly. You do not even say whether they are apparently in good health, whether they show any (and what) signs of ill-health (or trouble of any kind), nor how you feed them. If you will give me these essential particulars, I will gladly try to help.

Thrush With Bare Chest (F.S.H.).—It is not worth while trying any remedy, for the moult is now close at hand, when the plumage will be renewed. But you want to make certain that the bird and its cage are quite free from insect pests (red mite), and you also want to improve on the feeding methods that you mention. Get the "Nutshell" booklet, entitled "The Thrush and Blackbird" (2½d. post free), which will give you full and valuable information about the proper management of the bird.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Seedeaters for Exhibition.

Dik-Dik.—Such require to be in perfect feather and steady to catch the judge's eye. The following have all been successful at London shows, and are very suitable for the purpose, always bearing in mind that other things being equal a rare species will win over a common one. Fluches: Gouldian, Painted, Crimson, Green Singing, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped, Fire, and any of the Serins. Grassfinches: Long-tailed, Rufous-tailed, Masked, and White-eared, White Java, and Diamond Sparrows. Mannikins: White-headed, Bronze-winged, Tri-colour and Black-headed. Waxbills: Orange-cheeked, Sydney, St. Helena, Violet-eared, Blue-breasted, and Gold-breasted. Common (Tiger Finches), and Green Avadavats, and Cordon Bleus. Also any of the Cardinals, Weavers and Whydahs, stand quite a respectable chance in their respective classes, remembering that not only must their condition be perfect, but they must be properly staged to show them off to best advantage.

Breeding Indian Green Parakeets.

J.H.H.—It is almost impossible for me to give you a helpful reply, for you give me no details as regards the second lot of eggs, neither do you describe the conditions under which you are keeping them, nesting receptacles, etc. I can only say that undoubtedly your birds will ultimately settle down to nesting in orthodox form, and that young will be reared, even though this happy consummation be delayed till next season. There is ample time for them yet to have another clutch this season; at least, I know of one brood being reared, which were hatched in January! If any young are hatched out supply greenfood and ripe fruit *ad lib.*—also plain biscuits and soaked crusts of stale household bread, in addition to their usual seed mixture. If you supply the details asked for I shall be pleased to try and help you further.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

E.W.B.—Your bird is not in any immediate danger, but the trouble must be dealt with at once or it may become so. I have known cases in which it has been necessary to put in a surgical stitch, but this may not be necessary in your case—any modern vet. should be capable of dealing with the case, and would probably undertake charge of it while a cure was being effected. Diet: Seed mixture: Three parts each canary and white millet seeds, one part each hemp, oats, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix the whole together. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit (this can be moistened with water), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), the dry potato may also be given; do not

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stint it for water; let it satisfy its thirst three or four times daily. For a week or ten days try about one tablespoonful of boiled maize daily (this only keeps fresh one day), and spot over same (after drawing away all moisture) eight to ten drops of Dinneford's Magnesia; the magnesia must be stopped at once if the voidings become at all watery. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Cases of prolapses are not at all uncommon with Parrots, and are not dangerous, if taken in time by a competent vet.

A Feather Puller.

F. W. W.—It is the "Old, old story," milk sops, etc., followed by feather pulling and eating. Give Dinneford's magnesia, one part to three parts of water, as often as the state of its bowels will permit; at other times well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keep the bird where it will get plenty of fresh air, but do not subject it to draught. Spray it twice a week with quassia solution, and paint any bare places with Spratt's Pennacura. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Confine its dietary to seed mixture, boiled maize (as little of this as possible, and as soon as it is eating heartily of the seed mixture, gradually wean it from the boiled maize altogether), ripe fruit, cuttlebone, nuts, and plain biscuit. As it is a young bird, you will probably break the bird of this annoying habit if you follow the prescribed diet and other treatment. If it craves for something to take the place of the sop, moisten a piece of plain biscuit in the chemical food water. As the effects of improper feeding wear away, the skin irritation will gradually disappear, and I hope the feather pulling cease. Give it a piece of a branch, and cotton reels, and the like, to chew up and play with.

Brevity.

Treating a Grey Parrot (F. Chatelain).—The objectionable habit is best checked by covering the grating of cage tray with a piece of half-inch mesh wire netting, promptly removing from the netting any of the voidings which cling to same. Feed the bird on the seed mixture given in our reply to "E.W.B." in this issue; also give daily ripe fruit, plain biscuit (this can be moistened, not saturated, with water), nuts (shelled walnuts are best); keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and let it have a few sips of water three or four times daily. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the netting on grating for two or three months, when there should be no further trouble with the bird.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. C. Askew.—The two birds I examined for you died of enteric inflammation produced by ptomaines or poisons, or even irritants, which are introduced in the food. The two food samples you send me were fairly good, but the hemp seed might be better. Discontinue the latter, or change sample. The trouble is most certainly in your dieting. For green food give a little watercress, if procurable, in preference to other green stuff. Give a little Lysol, say 3 drops, in drinking water daily for 4 days, and follow on with 5 drops infusion Gentian Co. night and morning in drinking water. Your feeding utensils might also be washed or rinsed out in a solution of Lysol (weak) at each time of feeding.

J.C.—Your letter I received last Sunday, and Canary on Monday, the latter beyond all recognition, unfortunately, in an advanced stage of decomposition, so that it rendered examination quite impossible. If you should lose another I will examine and report upon it in place of the former. The box you used for packing was a very weak affair. Had you used a strong cardboard box the bird would have kept alright, for at the same time as yours I received another from Scotland having died same day as yours. This was perfectly fresh, having been well packed.

J. B. Creighton.—Your bird died as the result of the rupture of an egg-producing peritonitis. The whole body was filled with the contents. This morning I discovered a dead Sparrow in my garden which on autopsy showed a similar condition, with the addition also of a soft-shelled egg, which was of a size much greater than the ordinary. It is interesting to note that birds other than those in captivity suffer from this trouble, and as a wild bird would have abundance of lime salts at its command, it would somewhat upset the theory that the trouble is brought about by a deficiency of these salts. It is possibly more often due to too rapid egg formation, the process being too fast to allow of adequate deposition of these salts in the elaboration of the shell. The giving of calcium in the form of finely ground oyster shell, greatly ameliorates the trouble by supplying an excess of same at the period of egg formation. With poultry this answers exceedingly well, and I have used it amongst my own with the best of results. The difficulty of expelling the egg is said by some to be due to weakness of inertia, but it is more probably due to the collapsible nature of the egg.

Acanthis Barbarus.—The cock Siberian Goldfinch you sent me proved a very interesting case indeed, and showed the presence of disease of several weeks' standing. This will doubtless surprise you, as you state it had been cheerful and apparently well until of quite recent date. The reason for this I will explain. The disease affected the lungs, which, when these are the seat of the disease, produces in most birds rapid death, but as it would seem with Bullfinches and Goldfinches, there is a pneumonia of quite a different character, which is slow in its onset and assumes a more chronic form. In such cases only a small area of the lung tissue is attacked, and it has not such a tendency to spread as in the more commonly acute forms, but sets up a centre of disease which does not extend very much. Owing to the fact that only a small part of the lung tissue is consolidated and put out of action, it necessarily follows that the interference with respiration is scarcely noticed. On the other hand, in those cases of ordinary acute pneumonia, when the greater part of one or both lungs is affected, breathing rapidly becomes distressed. In the bird you sent me the apex of each lung was quite solid, more of the consistence of liver than lung tissue, and there were signs of necrosis (local death) of these diseased areas, and as the difficulty in breathing is proportionate to the extent of the diseased process, you will be able to understand the nature of the case. Variations in the temperature and moisture of the air greatly influence the health of a bird so affected, so that death usually arises from these adverse influences acting harmfully on the system of a bird so affected. Some cases run a very chronic course. Mr. G. E. Weston has had some experience of this disease, which he rightly describes as peculiar to these birds and hybrids, and states that at times birds so affected appear almost well, but at the onset of cold or damp weather the symptoms manifest themselves by difficulty in breathing, etc. To me the disease is almost new. I have only met with three cases since Mr. Weston brought it before my notice, so am not prepared to speak of its cause in a very confident manner, but I look upon it as a disease brought about by the agency of a parasite, either of vegetable (fungoid) or animal origin, the former due to the introduction into the small bronchial tubes of spores of fungi, with which the seed may be contaminated, or by small filaria or worms, the irritation produced by which setting up a local inflammation. Relief in such cases may be afforded by giving to birds so affected 3 grains of carbonate of ammonia, 5 of tincture of squills, and about 10 drops of glycerine or simple syrup, administered night and morning in the drinking water. I look upon this treatment as palliative only, much depending upon the season of the year; if at beginning of summer it is very possible that by so allaying the irritation the disease may pass off. During treatment, should there be any variations in the atmosphere, such as moisture, cold easterly winds, there will be a recurrence of the symptoms. Seed given should be quite fresh, and free from mould or dust, and should not be stored in a damp place where moulds might form. No; it is not infectious; where one or more birds are attacked, it would arise in each case from the same cause. One might argue that all birds fed on same seed should become similarly affected; this is not so, however, some possessing a greater power of resistance than others. A similar disease is met with in sheep, of very common occurrence, and possessing similar post mortem characters, which has been found due to the presence of filaria or small thread worms in the smaller bronchial tubes, causing what is known in them as verminous bronchitis, which later attack the lung tissue. Should you encounter a similar case amongst your birds, try a course of the medicine as prescribed above. There was an absence of fat in the body; the breast was almost fleshless. The swollen condition of the body showing the gizzard as enlarged was really due to emaciation and wasting within the body, so that it would collapse and the gizzard appear unduly enlarged; this organ was in all respects healthy.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Address (S.W.T.).—We cannot give correspondents' addresses without their permission, but if you will send your letter in a stamped, sealed envelope, we will have it forwarded on at once to the right quarter.

Springs in the Seed Hopper (H. Suffell).—We may be wrong, but we really cannot see how this contrivance could act satisfactorily.

Price and Place (C.E.B.).—We believe 50/- to 60/-. Write to Mr. Rochl, 400, Edgware Road, London, W., for particulars.

Lost Homing Pigeon (O. W. Porter).—We have sent your postcard to the "Racing Pigeon." This paper will publish the bird's marks, and may put you in touch with the owner.

Bought Off a Cart (R.E.P.).—We hardly think it would be fair to publish your communication, as it might only serve to prejudice any honest people (we presume there may be a few) doing business in the same fashion, and we feel sure you would not wish this to happen.

A Photo (W. Connell).—We are sorry to say that the photograph is not sharp (clear) enough to permit of its being satisfactorily reproduced.

A Fanciers' Reminiscences (J. Vickers).—We shall hope to find a corner for your interesting little contribution, and thank you for sending it to us.

A Photo (Millar and Eadie).—Thanks for an excellent photograph, which shall be reproduced in due course.

Lysol (Myra).—Lysol is one of the most powerful proprietary disinfectants and germicides known; it would aid the healing process by ensuring the parts being in a perfectly aseptic condition. One per cent. (that is, one in a hundred) is the strength recommended on the bottle; but our Mr. Yates mentioned half that strength, using it made with fairly hot water, and steeping the claws in it. Twice a day, we should think, would be sufficient.

A Talking Raven.

Seeing in the "Daily Mail" mention of a talking Rook, reminds me, writes "J. W." that when a boy my father (then residing at the Gate Inn, Finedon) had a Raven, taken young from the nest, which learned to talk with quite a manly voice. This bird would call all the children, seven in number; would call the ostler when anyone approached the house, and would also distinctly call the men on the farm, particularly those employed in threshing, much to their annoyance.

Birds on Blackstone Edge.

Mr. John Naden, president of Rochdale O.C., sends us a cutting from the "Manchester Evening News," of an article which gives an interesting account of a ramble across Blackstone Edge. The writer says: The top of Blackstone Edge is a wild bleak moor, and a vast acreage is taken up with a succession of reservoirs. They are a surprising sight, some 1,300 feet above the sea. A lengthy ramble was taken across the "huge and desolate moorland," and a visit paid to the neighbourhood of the nesting-place of a colony of Black-headed Gulls. It seems a most extraordinary thing for Gulls to choose such a nesting site, far from the sea, on a cold, bleak, and windy moor. Upon the evening stated twenty-five to thirty were seen. The colony is said to be a thriving one. Bird life generally was extremely limited on the mountain top. At the side of one reservoir a pair of Wheaters were seen, and along the shores were several Sandpipers. Wheeling over the moorland were two or three Lapwings, and, with the exception of the Gulls, these were all the birds met with. It was reported at the inn that they never see a House Sparrow! On the sides of the mountain bird life was more in evidence. Grouse were seen, and more than one Ring-Ouzel was singing. The voice of the latter—"Mountain Blackbird," as it is often called—is wild and piercing, and the notes carry a long way across the quiet wastes. On the more sheltered slopes there were Meadow Pipits, and they, too, were in song. There is no doubt that a goodly variety of birds frequent Blackstone Edge and the other lonely moors around, during the course of the year, but the above-mentioned were all that were met with that evening. Later, the more wooded gardens and coughs about Littleborough were, by comparison, full of song; Thrushes and Blackbirds sang their best, and the Willow Wren's voice was also heard. In one pleasant spot there was a prosperous rookery. From Littleborough through Rochdale, one is back in Manchester again by express train in a little more than half an hour.

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THE SHOWS.

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KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First show of the season held at Headquarters, Black Horse Hotel, on June 15th. Entries totalled 56, and the special prize winners were Sharp and Jeffery for best bird in show. The competition for season specials results as follows:—Open competition: 1 J. Duckworth 16 points, 2 F. Judson 16, 3 Middleton Bros. 13, 4 Sharp and Jeffery 12, 5. S. Smith 10; novice competition: 1 J. Mitchell 9 points, 2 D. Jones 4, 3 C. Jeffery 4, 4 S. Metcalfe 2. Mr. W. Blakey (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Sharp and Jeffery; 2, Judson; 3, Middleton Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Duckworth; 2, Judson; 3, Proctor. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Sharp and Jeffery; 3, Proctor. BUFF (5): 1, Duckworth; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Addy and Stell. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Judson; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Addy and Stell. BUFF (5): 1, Duckworth; 2, White; 3, Addy and Stell. GREEN (4): 1, 2, White; 3, Wright. 12/6 SELL. (7): 1, Judson, 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Smith. NOVICE.—CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Jeffery BUFF (4): 1, Jones; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Jeffery. A.O.V. YELL. (2): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Jeffery. A.O.V. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Spencer.—J. BINNS, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First Members' Show in the competition for 1910 for first feather and British birds, was held June 18, at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, when upwards of 97 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley (Gt. Horton), whose awards were all well received. Mr. R. Slater's special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Bateman's buff Yorkshire, a topper.

OPEN YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bateman; 2, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 3, Fortnam; 4, Helliwell; hc, Lingley; c, Lindbrook. BUFF: 1, spl, Bateman; 2, hc, Horsfield and Son; 3, 4, Dennison; vhc, Wharton Bros.; c, Helliwell; a grand class of 16. UNEVEN., ETC.: 1, 4, Morement; 2, c, Clark; 3, Lingley; vhc, hc, Wharton Bros. CINN. MKD.: 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Lingley. NOVICE.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Hylton; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Smith; hc, c, West. BUFF: 1, West; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Fawcett; 4, Hylton. UNEVEN., ETC.: 1, 2, Packer; 3, Hunter; 4, c, Smith; vhc, West; hc, Fawcett. CINN. MKD.: 1, Edmondson. OPEN NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Clark. BUFF: 1, hc, Fortnam; 2, 4, Plowright; 3, Horsfield and Son; vhc, c, Clark. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Fortnam; 2, 4, Plowright; 3, Horsfield and Son. NOVICE NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, 2, Packer; 3, hc, Brown; 4, Hunter; vhc, Birbeck. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Birbeck. BRIT.: 1, 2, Inman; 3, 4, Holme; Lanes, abs. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clark.—F. RHODES, Secretary.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Young Bird Show held at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, on June 18. The entry was a record one for some years past. Though the breeding season has not been very satisfactory numerically, some really grand birds were staged, and will be heard of again. Mr. E. Fitton (Oldham) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The attendance at the show was a good one.

LIZ. C.C. GOLD. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Steeple; 4, Shaw; 5, Taylor. SILVER (3): 1, Martin; 2, 3, Shaw. B.C. GOLD. (4): 1, 4, Steeple; 2, Martin; 3, Shaw. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Taylor; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, Martin. LANCS. CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY (1): 1, spl, Hordern. BUFF (2): 1, spl, 2, Hordern. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, hc, Whyatt; 2, Newton; 3, Ogden; 4, Sharples; vhc, Sherrington. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 4, Sharples; 2, Holmes; 3, Newton; vhc, hc, c, Marshall; abs. (2) Cope. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 4, Steeple; 2, 3, c, Sharples; 4, vhc, hc, Ogden. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, hc, Sharples; 2, Holmes; vhc, Whyatt; c, Taylor; abs., Cope. YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Holmes; 2, Winterbottom; 3, 4, vhc, Addison; wc, Addison. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, Holmes; 2, 4, Addison; vhc, Downes; hc, Winterbottom; wc, Winterbottom, Addison. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Addison; 3, Holmes. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Addison; 2, Newton. BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Steeple; 2, 3, 4, Downes. SELL, £1 (1): 1, spl, Steeple. Spls.:—Most entries, a tie, Addison and Sharples; best Lizard, Steeple; best novice, Whyatt; most points in any one section, Sharples, 45 points; ditto novice, Holmes; 2nd most points (novice), Newton.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather and British and Foreign Bird Show held in Legs of Man Assembly Rooms June 11. There was an entry of 72 birds, which is very good considering the show was restricted to a five-mile radius. The buff Norwich was a splendid one, an entry of 19 giving the judge, Mr. J. Hopkins, a stiff task. Bullfinches were a grand class, some of the birds being fit to win at big shows. Mr. H. Young secured special for best bird in show with a grand yellow Norwich, also special for best Norwich and special for most entries. Mr. J. Lomas secured special for second best bird with a lovely Forciguer, put down in grand condition. Mr. A. Horton, a first year novice, secured special for best Yorkshire with a very typical bird. There was a very fair "gate," and everybody was charmed with our show-room, in which also we intend to hold our open show. Mr. W. Ridge, the secretary, had everything in good order, and was well backed by an excellent committee.

NOR. OPEN BUFF 1, 2, Culshaw. OPEN YORKS., YELL.: 1, Spargo. BUFF: 1, Spargo. CREST. AND C.-B.: 1, 2, Lomas; 3, Ridge. 12/6 SELL.: 1, 2, Dyer; 3, 4, hc, Ridge; c, Hewitt. GIFT.: 1, Young; 2, Ray; 3, Christy; 4, Large. NOR. YELL.: 1, c, Young; 2, 3, hc, c, Large; 4, Burns. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, c, Young; 2, 3, 4, Fairhurst. NOR. BUFF GREEN: 1, 2, 4, Ball; 3, Fairhurst. YELL.: 1, 2, Ball. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Horton; 2, 3, 4, Vickers. BUFF: 1, Horton; 2, Hitchin; 3, 4, c, Vickers; vhc, hc, Barlow. BROWN LINNET: 1, Young; 2, Ridge; 3, Hitchin. GOLDFINCH: 1, Large. BULLFINCH: 1, Kay; 2, Young; 3, Large; 4, Partridge; vhc, Ridge; hc, Whittle. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 2, Ridge. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, Lomas; 3, Whittle; 4, Ball.—W. DYER, Assistant Sec.

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Correspondence.

The Sparrow Improved.

SIR,—A friend of mine, in Australia, has a Sparrow which he says sings just like a Canary. I may say that it was reared by a Canary, and has always been with them. I wrote and asked him if the Australian Sparrows were any different to ours, and he says not—they are just the common House Sparrows. I thought this might interest some of your readers.

W. G. MOYES.

The Appeal for a Chatham Fancier.

SIR,—Respecting Mr. Bradly's appeal, I should like you to acknowledge the undermentioned sums. Amount previously acknowledged, £2 4s. 6d. Portsmouth Fanciers per Mr. Frampton, 10s.; Isle of Thanet Fanciers, per Mr. Boncey, 8s. 6d. Total up to date, £3 3s. Will all those who have lists let me have them back as early as convenient?

H. MAY,
22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.

A Siskin-Canary Muling Problem

SIR,—Would one of your old readers advise me? I breed mules from Siskin and Canary. Last year I had three nests, three, four and five young in each nest, and all lived. This year I have put the same two birds together, and they seem to have paired alright, yet I have had no young birds. The hen has sat on three lots of eggs. They both seem quite fit, so I am quite at a loss to know the reason of such bad luck. Both birds are two years old only, so I thought I should have had even better luck than last year.

OLD SALT.

A Remedy for Asthma.

SIR,—In reply to Captain Starlight's query re the above, I have pleasure in giving the following recipe. Let him obtain one ounce of tincture of capsicum, a quarter of an ounce of spirits of chloroform, one drachm of citrate of iron, one drachm of salvolatile, and sufficient water to make eight ounces. A few drops of this mixture should be given (on a lump of sugar) in the cage every day. I have used the mixture in relation to asthma with success. All birds affected should be isolated from the others so as to prevent contagion. My advice to all is to buy and read CAGE BIRDS each week; it contains a wealth of information.

H. A. HARPER.

The Yorkshire Canary Club.

To Novice Members.

SIR,—The Committee of the Yorkshire Canary Club beg to call your attention to the very advantageous new scheme for Novice Members. Provided a sufficient number of new novice members are received, we intend to offer the sum of £5 to be divided into three or four prizes to be competed for by novice members of the Yorkshire Union who join the Y.C.C., and every variety of the Yorkshire Canary is eligible. The opportunity they will have in not only competing for the Union medals, but also one of these valuable prizes, will show them how desirable it is to join the Y.C.C. Tho subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum. Names for membership should be sent to:

JNO. GREAVES, Secretary,
279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—When reading CAGE BIRDS to-day, I notice Mr. Murray has reared youngsters from a cock Linnet mule and a hen Canary. I should like to inform readers that I also have succeeded in rearing two youngsters from a dark cock Linnet mule and hen Canary. They are now three weeks old, and are in good health at present. One is clear, and the other marked on head.

R. FARRANCE.

[Is our correspondent quite clear that his bird is really a "dark Linnet Mule," and not a marked Canary, and that no Canary had access to the hen? Would he be willing for one of our experts to examine the young? This question of Mule breeding is a very interesting one.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—"Convince a man against his will, he's of the same opinion still," is as true to-day as when it was first written. The wiseacres who constantly deny the possibility of fertility in Mules have a hard nut to crack just now. Here, for instance, is Mr. J. M. Murray, who declares that he has bred from a Linnet Mule and hen Canary no less than six or seven young ones, and to prove his statement sends them to a public show in order that fanciers may examine them; and yet, in spite of all, several of those present were sceptical, and declared that they were neither more nor less than just ordinary Linnet Mules. This to me is exceedingly strange, and I should like to ask these sceptics: What possible advantage can it be to Mr. Murray to try and deceive upon the question? What has he to gain by it? Why not call the man a liar and deceiver, and have done with it! Surely it is hardly fair and fancier-like to doubt his word. The fact is I am simply amazed that fanciers who have tried to do what Mr. Murray has done and failed, should now doubt the word of an honest brother fancier, and insinuate that there must have been some underhand work. The fact is, Sir, I have known for years as a positive fact that fertility in Mules is not an impossibility, and have previously written twice to CAGE BIRDS stating a case which came under my own observation—a case in which a bird was hatched, lived a fortnight, and had been bred from a cock Linnet and a hen Goldfinch-Canary Mule. I have the greatest pleasure in congratulating Mr. Murray upon his unique success, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing at least some of these birds—say at the next Crystal Palace Show.

J. C. WILMOT.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—As I promised in your issue of May 14 to give a good recipe for distempering bird-rooms and bird cages, I have pleasure now in doing so. Get enough newly-slacked lime to make a pailful when mixed, and add colouring in powder, which can be bought very cheap (and almost any colour can be got), and also dissolve one pound of glue size in powder and well mix. Then it is ready for use. Keep stirring while using. This is very cheap in the making, looks well, and is very fast. The use of lime makes it a disinfectant at the same time.

M. WRIGHT.

To Lessen the "Dead in Shell" Evil.

SIR,—Having read and heard so much about young birds being "dead in shell," I should like to give fanciers the method I adopted years ago to ensure hatching, and which has never failed. Before then I had my share of "dead in shell." I have a small camel-hair brush, such as you get for a penny, and when the eggs have been sat upon for about seven days, I take the brush, wet it well in my mouth, and I go over them as if painting them. I do this about three more times, especially the day before hatching. If any fancier will do likewise, I guarantee he will have no more full-grown young "dead in shell."

JOHN GOSLING.

Do Thunderstorms Affect Bird Breeding?

SIR,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I would like to know if any of my fellow readers have been troubled much with the thunderstorms which we have had lately, as out of two nests of eleven eggs I only reared two young; the remaining nine eggs being with about half formed young in them. As I am only a novice, and this my first attempt, it was rather disappointing to me, but with my two last nests I have been much more successful, rearing seven out of eight eggs, for which I give all credit to the reading of your handbook "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and CAGE BIRDS. I wish every success to your valuable paper.

H. C. WINN.

A White Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—It may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that I have, out of a nest of three young Scotch Fancies, one pure white one. It is five weeks old, and bred from prize parents. It is very promising and looks like making into a show specimen, which may be heard of again. I have kept and bred scores of different kinds of birds for the past 25 years, but never in my experience did I ever manage to get a white one; which I think is a very rare occurrence. I may say that the same pair of birds last year bred a bird that could not grow a tail, and has not done so up to the present time. The same hen is now sitting on 4 eggs again, and I am hoping out of this nest she will produce a black one; so then I shall with ordinary good luck be able to compete against either black or white.

CHAS. KELSEY.

Bird Breeding Barred in Bradford.

SIR,—I would like to call your attention to the enclosed cutting from the "News of the World." "Tilley Hudlow, 2 years, residing in the Wapping-road district of Bradford, has been admitted to the Bradford Children's Hospital, suffering from injuries to the feet. During a brief absence of the mother the child was attacked, presumably by rats, which have been frequently seen about the premises, and an examination showed that the flesh on the feet had been severely bitten". I think this is horrible, and it occurred to me that the Bradford Health Committee could find far more worthy work exterminating this rat plague than in trying to prevent the inhabitants of the town keeping a few harmless bird pets. I should like to hear what some of the learned gentlemen on the committee consider most dangerous to health, their rats or the Canaries?

JOHN FORREST.

Seven Eggs in a Nest.

SIR,—I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and seeing a letter from Mr. Clark, who wants to know if any other fancier has had a nest of seven young this season, I may say I have a small Border Fancy hen that had five young from five eggs in the first nest, and seven young from seven eggs in the second nest; and all are "on the sticks" and doing well. She is now sitting on five more eggs. I think this will be a record in hatching for a hen of the first year. I have had a very good season so far—eighteen young from two pairs, and I did not pair the birds up until the first week in April. I am only a beginner in the Fancy, but with the help I have received from CAGE BIRDS and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John, I have made a very good start.

WM. TAYLOR.

Cutting Birds' Tongues.

SIR,—Every year at about this time the boys and young men begin to get Jackdaws, Magpies, and Jays, and hand-rear them; and as soon as the birds can feed themselves some ignorant "know-all" or other says that the birds must have their tongues cut before they get any older, or else they will never talk. Some are so ignorant as to take them to some man who, they will tell you, understands it, and cuts lots. I know that some tongues have been cut, and that I have prevented a good many others from being cut which have been brought to me for the same purpose. I generally propose to start on the owners first, and if it improves their speech, I say, then I will do the birds'. They are soon off when I tell them that. I often think it would be a good plan for the schoolmasters to tell them off, and point out the cruelty and absurdity of this superstition, which I find still dies very hard, especially in country places.

NIMROD.

Why is the Scotch Fancy Canary Declining?

SIR,—The remark is often heard that the Scotch Fancy Canary is "away with it," and certainly it has not the hold that it once had. Fancier after fancier has given this graceful member of the feathered tribe up, and their places are not being filled. The outlook is serious, and unless a new interest arises the bird will be lost. Among other things, I do not think societies have a right way of appointing judges. That important part is left to a few, and they take those out of their own circle. Would it not be far better to get every member (say, for last year) to send in a list to the number required, and select them in the order of vote? I would like to see all fanciers taking an active interest in shows. We have lots of one-day-interested fanciers turning up on the show day, but they do not care a fig what may come over the Association the rest of the year. If shows are to flourish fanciers will have to get ahead of that. Fanciers are too easy-going; this I put down to want of thought. I hope friends will come along and express their opinions and rouse the brethren.

A FANCIER.

Remarkable Action of a Pair of Bullfinches.

SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to hear of a clever pair of Bullies in our garden. Some little time ago my youngest daughter discovered a Bullfinch's nest in a fence in the field beyond our garden, about 200 yards from the house, and she used to daily visit the nest to report progress. In due course the young ones hatched out, and she was most anxious to have a young one when they were old enough to be taken. I decided to hang a cage in the hedge close to the nest for the parents to get use to, and last Friday evening thought it time to transfer the nest into the cage, as the youngsters seemed fairly well-feathered, and were growing quickly. I left the cage door open, hoping that the old birds would go in and feed them, but on Saturday morning could not feel sure that they had been near, as the youngsters looked very hungry, and were opening their beaks wide for food. After consulting a friend about them, I removed the cage into the house, and the children took charge of them in their nursery upstairs, and we commenced feeding them from a quill with scalded bread and scalded rape seed about noon, and succeeded until Sunday morning in getting a certain amount of food into them. On this Sunday morning the cage stood on a table near the nursery window, which was open, and the nurse and children were sitting reading in the room, when quite unexpectedly the mother Bullie came in at the window, evidently attracted by the chirruping of the youngsters, who were out of the nest and hopping round the cage. She jumped on to the cage, and started feeding her babies through the wires. She was followed soon after by father Bullie, and the pair have come in and out of the nursery incessantly ever since, and are feeding the young all day. We close the window at dusk, and cover up the cage for warmth, and let the parents commence feeding them again each morning at five o'clock. This seems to us worth recording in your paper. It would be interesting to know how the parents found out their youngsters when the nest was 200 yards from the house. As long as the occupants of the room do not move about too much, the Bullies go on feeding their young as if no one was near.

ERNEST E. GABRIEL.

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The Care of Birds.

SIR,—I read in a recent issue a contribution by A. Green, in which he detailed the starving to death of birds on three different occasions, this silly brutality being caused by "inevitable absence from home." He ought to be ashamed of the occurrences. There is little excuse for one lapse in this direction, but no careful or decent person would, I think, be likely to be guilty of any repetition of such an "accident" to the unfortunate birds in his care.

BIRD LOVER.

[We fully agree with our correspondent's expression of opinion. What the precise circumstances surrounding the losses were we do not know, but that birds should be allowed to starve on the ground of "inevitable absence from home" is deplorable, and deserving of strong censure.—EDITOR.]

A Green Food Matter.

SIR,—Several instances have come under my notice this year in which dandelion leaves have caused a good many deaths among young Canaries, and have upset the old ones, causing them to have diarrhœa and inflammation. Why they should do so if the young tender leaves only are given, I cannot explain, as I am and have always been a great believer in the young shoots of this green food. I have used it for years with no bad results. I dare say bad results might accrue from the use of old leaves, or coarse, rank-grown ones. Stale leaves might be the cause, or some other kind of green food. Perhaps some of your numerous readers may have had similar incidents and will relate their experiences with the green food used this season.

OLD BREEDER.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I have read all the letters with very great interest. No doubt they will have done a lot of good. I have bred this variety for 15 years, and some of the birds that won them would not have a look in now. Most judges favour Lancashires with a little Crest in them (on the principle of the Irishman, who says that an Englishman is a better Englishman with a little Irish blood in his veins). I have known Judge Bexson award 1st prize to a bird that could not stand up at all; but having a good big head and broad shoulders it was given 1st. I have known Coppies put down for having too much Crest in them; and a Plainhead, out of the same nest, has taken first in its class. Even at the last Rochdale show a bird was shown in the young Coppy class, and took 3rd prize. Ever so many said it should not have been there. I called the judge's attention to it. He said: Perhaps it has, but I like the bird, and could not put it any further down in a class of 10. And its brother (so I was told), stood 3rd in the young Plainhead class, and was claimed by a very successful Lancashire breeder. I believe all winning Lancashires have a cross in them; and if we don't cross to improve the Lancashire, it is the only bird that isn't cross-mated. I know some are brought out too soon, and show too much of the Crest properties. I remember Mr. Collinge exhibiting a ticked Buff Coppy as a young bird in the Lancashire classes, and it stood 1st every time shown that season. Next season it was put down by the same judge for having too much Crest in it. At some shows we see Horseshoe Coppies, and in the same shows in another class a nice drooping Coppy. Both kinds of Coppies have taken 1st prize. What have we to do? Then, if you pair two Coppies, and both are slightly ticked, they will produce young ones showing Crest properties. Never mind how we breed them, let us get them big enough, for a good big one will beat a little good one any day at any show.

A. WEST.

The Meaning of Song.

SIR,—Would some reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, kindly inform me through your columns, why Canaries or wild birds sing when caged? Is it a proof that they are happy, and pleased with their treatment, or is it only an attraction for the opposite sex, and not a sign of contentment? I should be very pleased to have the opinion of some fellow fancier.

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.

Hybrid Breeding with Hawfinches.

SIR,—As the breeding season is now with us, and all kinds of British birds have made a start to increase their species, and as the Hawfinch is now getting quite a common bird amongst fanciers, it might be suggested to those fanciers who have the convenience of a good-sized outdoor aviary, to try and get the Hawfinches to pair with other species. I don't expect anyone has had as yet any good results from this bird, but still, it is only in its infancy, so to speak, as a Hybrid breeder. Some may have tried it ere this; but no good results have been recorded as far as I am aware, not even to the extent of having fertile eggs. I still, however, think there is a future before this bird as a producer of Hybrids, and I should very much like to see those who have good steady birds giving them a trial. Both sexes could be used for this purpose. Which will prove the better, time alone can show. The most likely birds I can suggest are: the cock Hawfinch with the hen Bullie, and also vice versa. Hand-reared birds would, of course, be much preferable if you have them; but if not, try what you have by you for this season, and look out another season for hand-reared birds. Then there is the Greenfinch. The hens of this species nest most readily in either cages or aviary, and would be suitable for making a start with; the cock Greenie also readily breeds in confinement, especially so in an aviary, and might also mate with a hen Hawfinch—one never knows what may turn up in this hobby, and the most unlikely things often happen. Again, the cock Goldfinch will often readily pair with most of the Finch family, and he, too, might be given a trial with a hen Hawfinch. If this bird should mate, a good offspring should be the result. If anyone will give these birds a trial and then, at the end of the season, relate their experience, it will, I am quite sure, interest many of your numerous readers. By all means give the pairs plenty of places to nest in, and various kinds of materials. Old nests of various birds might with advantage be placed in different parts of the aviary in quiet nooks and corners to encourage them to either take to these nests or make one of their own. It would be of advantage to have small pieces of branches of fir, laurel, pine, gorse, ivy, box, or other evergreens, either stuck in flower pots on the back wall, pieces of old bark, or cork fastened to the wall or other quiet corners; every inducement, in fact, should be given them to encourage them to nest. Moss, hay, straws, roots, or fibres might be stuck in here, and there, and left hanging out; all these little devices help the birds in the building way, and are often very successful. It is always as well to be most careful and have patience with them; leave them alone, and do not interfere with these nests or eggs, or be too anxious for results. I hope these few lines may be the means of these grand birds being given a trial.

"HYBRID."

In Praise of the Red-Crested Cardinal.

SIR,—The Red-crested Cardinal has always been one of my favourite foreigners. His lovely plumage of red and slate gray, and his sprightly manners and funny little song, make him a real ornament to the aviary. The cock bird is really beautiful when in full plumage—the head, crest and throat are a brilliant scarlet—the upper parts of the bird are slate grey, with darker colour on the tail and flight feathers of the wings, the under-parts being white. The beak is whitish, the legs are dull grey, and the bird measures about eight inches from beak to tail. The female can be distinguished from the male by her less brilliant colouring. The song of this Cardinal is not varied much, though it is surprisingly loud and agreeably cheerful. It somewhat resembles the first warbling notes of the Blackbird when he begins to sing, but there he ceases in his resemblance to that minstrel in song. The call-note of the bird is a bright chirp, and this note is used whether in eating or in flight. The bird is quite hardy, and with good shelter of thick bushes will survive our coldest winters. The food of the Red Cardinal consists chiefly of canary and millet seed. The species are also very fond of melon and sunflower seeds. If grass grows in the aviary they will always be on the look-out for insects, and nothing will delight the birds more than to find a cockroach, over which tasty morsel they will dispute with each other, showing disapproval by open beak and harsh notes uttered in the throat. This beautiful denizen of an aviary—the Red-crested Cardinal—delights in his bath provided the sun is shining, and very often will have two or three baths in the day. This is a great deal the cause of the beautiful plumage and healthy condition of the bird. There is one drawback to this Cardinal in that he is best kept with those of his own kind. If kept in a general aviary with other birds he is apt to be quarrelsome and upset their nesting arrangements, though, of course, he may be kept with birds that know how to look after themselves. But given a good-sized aviary with plenty of room in company with five or six others of his kind, this bird, by his sprightly ways, cheerful song and confiding manner, will give his owner many a delightful hour. I have not bred this bird personally but other aviculturists have done so and their experiences will best teach the beginner how to set about it. I can thoroughly recommend this bird as a most delightful and beautiful pet and easily tamed; and I cannot name any other foreigner, as hardy and as easily acclimatised, which will afford so much delight and amusement as the Red Cardinal. A BIRD LOVER.

The Hand-Rearing of Thrushes.

SIR,—As the season is now full upon us when plenty of young Thrushes may be procured and easily reared by hand, a few lines I hope may prove of use to those who wish to try their hands at this. I should never advise anyone to do so, without they are prepared to go to a certain amount of trouble, i.e., by early feeding (from daylight) until dark. During the time you are feeding them they must be kept scrupulously clean, and their droppings removed several times a day. They should be taken when a good size, just before they leave the nest; some like to take them when they are about 10 days old, or even younger, as they will open their mouths more readily. But I have always found that the longer you leave them with their parents the stronger they will become. They should be taken in their nest, and put in a basket with some hay or straw round the nest (it will then be more easy to clean them out), and covered up with a cloth. This quiets them down, and they rest better after being fed, and will keep in the nest longer, which is a consideration at feeding time. The feeding stick I use for them is a pen-nib forced in a piece of stick; the other end acts as a trough to hold the food in sufficient quantities for one mouthful. When feeding keep on giving them the food as long as they will open their mouths, and this should be repeated every two hours during the day. The first nest of these birds I brought up was when I was only a lad of 10 years old—three in the nest. These were fed only on barley meal, and were not fed before 8 in the morning, and I left off feeding them at 8 at night. All three were raised. Two hens were set at liberty when I found out their sex. The cock lived for years, and was not only a good whistler, but a fair mimic as well. Since then I have brought up many a nest on the same food. But of late years that food has not been good enough for me, as I wanted stronger birds. The food I now use is made of equal portions of barley meal and hard-boiled egg, mixed with new milk, boiled, with three teaspoonfuls of soaked ants' eggs mixed with them. On this feed I find I get stronger and better birds, and birds which live longer in cages. After they can feed themselves any good Thrushes' food suits them, with plenty of garden snails. You can give them the snails with the shells on; either crack them, or put a stone in the cage for the bird to crack them on, which it will readily do. They are very fond of bathing, so should have plenty of sawdust at their cage bottom, or else there will be plenty of mess. You cannot be too particular about keeping them clean, but they will soon repay you for your trouble. If the hens are not wanted (though some hens are better marked than the cocks, and are good for showing), they should be given their liberty. There have been cases on record of their breeding in a cage, but cages are much too small; but a small or large aviary would be quite different. The hens could then be turned in these, or might be tried in crossing with a Blackbird or vice versa. You will wonder why I have not advised giving the young Thrushes either mealworms or earth worms during the time of hand-feeding, or even small pieces of raw beef (as some do). I have tried nearly all ways, and I find my way the best. Any of these could be given later, when the birds are able to pick up; in fact, nothing comes much amiss to them in the way of scraps. I have also, in years gone by when I had plenty of scope in a large garden, caged the young birds and let the old ones feed them; I have had some success and some failures this way, but the failures have been through ignorance, and were not the old ones' fault. If the bath can be arranged to hang on the cage it would be all the better: this should be given first thing after breakfast or before dinner, so that the bird or birds can get dry before night. I hope these few lines will be of interest.

A THRUSH-LOVER.

A Reader's Method of Mule Breeding.

SIR,—Mule breeding is an interesting hobby. But I should like to refer in particular to that king of all Mules, the Goldfinch-Canary Mule. In the first place, I always like a 36in. double breeding cage, 16in. high by 10in. or 11in. broad, which allows them plenty of room for exercise, which keeps the birds healthy and out of mischief. In the centre of the cage I have a sliding door, by which I can run the Finch from one compartment to the other. I have a separate door in each end of the cage. I fit the cage up with a glass seed hopper and two china egg trays in each compartment, and hang a nest pan in each corner of the cage, so that the hen can choose which one she has a fancy for. After she has settled down and built her nest I keep the Finch in the other compartment. I always maintain that you have better results in the breeding of Mules if you have them in separate rooms from the Canaries, as the Goldfinch is not likely to do so well if he hears Canaries singing; he seems to think he is out of place, and not wanted. But when he is not hearing the Canary's song and the hen calls, he answers her at once. Some fanciers will pooh-pooh this idea, and say they have been successful with the birds in the same room; well, I have no doubt they have been, but I think if they used separate rooms they would have been more successful still. A great lot has been written to the effect that the Goldfinch must be house-moulted before he will breed, and a great number of old fanciers still believe it. Now, I find a Greypate will breed quite freely the following season if you have got him into proper condition. Condition is everything in Mule breeding. If your Finch is in full song, and that you can tell by the beak being clear, with no black spots on it, then you can try him. I will now tell you how to get your Finch into condition. In the first place, choose your Finch. I don't care whether it is an English or a Foreign Finch, so long as I get a good stout bird. Markings I don't trouble about in a Finch, but I must have one that is very docile and easily steadied down. Wild and active Finches seldom make good breeders. Having selected your Finch, don't put him in a back cage; put him in a Norwich show cage or one no smaller, and hang him on a nail about five feet from the floor, and every time you pass him take the cage off the nail and handle it, speaking kindly to the bird, and putting a few hemp seeds in his egg tray; and another time you can let him have a thistle head or a little bit of sweet apple or a few niger seeds by way of a change. In a very short time thus, he will have gained confidence, and will look for your coming with his tit-bit. It is only by kindness you can steady and tame a British bird. For a Finch's every-day diet I give ten parts canary seed to four parts flax and four parts rape: and in the drinking water I add twice a week five drops of dandelion essence, also twice a week a small portion of hemp and thistle seed. I never give much hemp seed unless I find him backward in condition, and then I let him have a good supply of hemp and niger, and a little egg and biscuit each day. I always like to get the Finch into condition as early in the season as possible, so that I can run him in a flight cage along with the hens that I intend Muling with; and then I watch very carefully to see if he is mating up to one of them, when that is the hen for me. I find it is far better for him to choose his own mate than for me to put him up with one. The hens I use for Muling are clear yellow, deep-chested Norwich, with a dash of cinnamon blood in them. I don't believe in your small, almost white Sib-bred birds. I go for colour and size, as you can always breed small birds. Then with good clear hens of the Norwich type, and with luck I may have a clear or ticked one turn up, when I may have something worth looking at. If not, I am sure of size and colour in the dark ones, which I must have, if they are to do well on the show bench. Having now got your Finch and hen ready, put them together in the double breeding cage, and let them have a little egg food each day and a young leaf of dandelion, or a sprig of watercress; and throw a little niger seed amongst the grit on the bottom of the cage, so that the hen can pick it up. It may save egg-binding when she is about to lay. Hang up four nest bags for the purposes of nest-building, and as soon as the nest is built, and you think she will lay, shut the Finch off in the other compartment at night, or he may put his long beak through the egg purely out of mischief. Take the egg away in the morning, and let him back along with the hen; and repeat same until she has laid her fourth egg. Let her then have the lot, and remove the Finch, so that she can hatch the young in peace and quietness. When the young are hatched I always feed them on egg and crushed biscuits. I use Nile or Maria biscuit, because in most of the cheaper makes ammonia is used in the making of them, and I know from experience this is deadly to young birds; so if you cannot get the above-named make use stale sweet bread. When the young are about a week old I let the hen have some green food (watercress or lettuce), and now and again some soaked rape seed. I also put a little powdered cuttle-fish in the egg food; it helps to make bone. Further, I let the hen have a tray full of crushed hemp seed. I have not stated the time I start breeding. Well, that all depends. When I consider my birds are fit it is time; and you lose nothing by waiting, as breeding with half-fit birds is only a waste of time. I may say I have had a nest of three Goldfinch Mules hatched and reared in a cold room in the month of March. One thing I must say, in conclusion, have patience, and if not successful at first, try again, and your labour will be rewarded.

JOHN JEFFREY.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

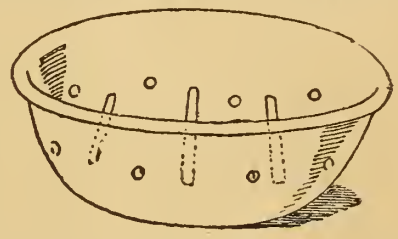
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No. 420.
To Prevent "Sweating."

Sent by Mr. F. Mitchell, 129, Regency Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS troubled with sweating hens might do well to try the following idea. First see the holes in the nest-pan are not clogged, and then get some slats of wood about ⅛in. wide and ⅛in. thick; paste these in

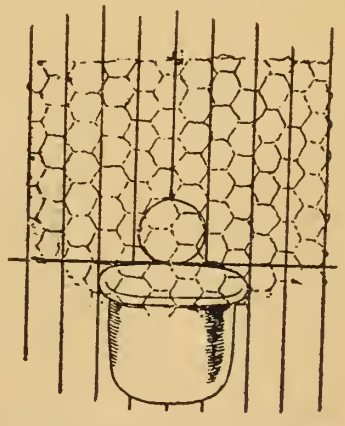


the pan as per illustration. Then just rub a little paste on the sticks and drop some moss on to them—sufficient to hide the crevices. Then only supply moss to build with—just enough to line the sides properly. This simple remedy goes a long way towards preventing sweating.—F. MITCHELL.

No. 421.
To Outwit Would-be Runaways.

Sent by Mr. A. Sutherland Grant, 5, Bridge Street, Kirkcudbright.

As the breeding season is now practically on us, we are confronted with many of the usual difficulties in regard to the young. I have tried to illustrate an idea of my own which I have used for the past two years and found very satisfactory. Every fancier knows the knack



young birds have of getting out of their cages by means of the water holes, etc., and how difficult it is at times to outwit them in this respect. I lost several of my best birds through their getting out in the manner above described before I hit on this plan. As will be seen by the illustration, it consists of a small piece of ½in. wire meshing, bent to the exact shape of the drinking vessel used. One end is then slipped through the cage wires and brought round to the outside again, so as to form a hinge to allow of the drinker being removed for cleaning, etc., purposes. The other end is simply held in position between the two wires on the opposite side of the drinker. The cut ends of wire mesh are all turned in to avoid damage to the birds —A. SUTHERLAND-GRANT.

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The Shows.

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

The first of our nest feather table shows was held at Newman's Room, Paignton, on June 14th, when 17 points were scored by Messrs. Parnell and Son in the Yorkshire section, and 43 points by J. N. and J. Jeffery in the Norwich section. Two medals being competed for in these sections, it was hoped competition would have been keen, but unfortunately it has been a poor start for most of our breeders; but there are better hopes of a good second show, which is to be held July 12th.—J. N. JEFFERY.

CHESTERFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' F.F. Show, held on June 15th, at the Queen's Head, Gluman Gate, when about 40 entries were staged. They were of a very good average quality. Mr. L. Goucher, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The principal winners were:—Baxby, three 1sts, one 2nd, two 3rds; T. Pearson, two 1sts, one 2nd; H. Smith, one 1st, one 2nd; J. Dent, one 1st, one 2nd; C. H. Naylor, one 1st, one 2nd; G. Wilsou, one 1st, one 3rd; J. C. Hart, one 1st, one third; W. Marriott, two 2nds, two 3rds; G. Gee, Grassmoor, one 3rd. Eight new members were elected. The next meeting will be on July 16th, at 7.30. Washing Exhibition and Table Show—1 class each for Yorks, and Norwich young birds; and to fix open show date. New members cordially welcomed.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' First Feather Show, held on June 18th. Mr. L. Dykes, of Bolton Woods (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. There were 68 birds staged in 6 classes. CL. YELL. (17): 1, 2, Tidswell; 3, c, Clarke; 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Lasey; hc, Dawson. BUFF (16): 1, Tidswell; 2, Wright and Son; 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Casey; hc, Gledhill; c, Sharp. TKD., ETC., GREEN (5): 1, Atkinson; 2, H. Mitchell; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Tolson; vhc, Walker. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Gledhill; 2, Smith; 3, Tidswell; 4, G. Wilson; hc, Firth; c, F. Wilson. TKD., ETC., CINN. YELL.: (5): 1, Smith; 2, Dawson; 3, Walker; 4, Firth; vhc, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, Clarke; 2, Casey; 3, G. Wilson; 4, Dawson; vhc, Walker; hc, Tidswell; c, Cheshire. Leading points winners on show were: A. Tidswell 20 points, H. H. Clarke, L. Casey, Wright and Son, and A. Gledhill, 13 points each; J. Smith 11 points.—J. SMITH, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

First feather show, held June 11th. Judge, Mr. A. W. Varley. The number of exhibits was not very large, owing to a lot of members having had bad results with their first nest. The quality however, was extra good, and three of the exhibits changed hands at good figures. The principal point winners were: Hanson 14, Hylton 13, Crowther and Hudson 11, Ormondroyd 10. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Hillas scored 14 points in the selling class competition.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, Hylton; 2, c, Mann; 3, Ormondroyd; 4, Hanson; vhc, hc, Tower. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Crowther; 2, Bastow; 3, Hanson; vhc, hc, Hudson; c, Town. GREEN MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Ellerton; 3, Riley; 4, Hylton; vhc, Waddington. BUFF (6): 1, Hudson; 2, Hanson; 3, Hylton; 4, Ellerton; vhc, Crossley; hc, Mann. Classes 5 and 6 void. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Johnson. SELL. YORKS. ONLY (12/6 bird and cage) (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hillas; vhc, Willman Bros.—E. W. JOHNSON, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Great Horton O.S. held their annual open show of Canaries in their first feather on June 18th, in the Congregational School, Mr. E. B. Denton, of Windhill, officiating as judge, his awards meeting with approval throughout. In connection was held an exhibition of British birds, etc., for members of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M. Club only, and this latter section proved very interesting. For Canarics twelve classes were scheduled. Unevenly marked yellow Yorks. and both Norwich classes were cancelled, and the remaining nine classes contained ninety-two entries, only ten per class—a meagre response, no doubt accounted for to some extent by the number of members' shows that were being held on the same date in the West Riding. For the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. members, five classes were provided; softbills were cancelled, and 28 birds were staged in the four classes standing, some very nice birds amongst them. The management was first-rate, and Mr. J. Holroyd, the able secretary, is to be complimented, his efforts deserving a better reward.

CL. YELL. YKS. (17): 1, Dykes, nice length, straight, good back and wings, slim, smart colour and quality, looked to be a few feathers short in tail; 2, Sykes, nice bird, good shape and style, neat quality; 3, Jowett, good length, well made; 4, Tidswell, good shape and style, neat bird; vhc, Stables; hc, Town; c, Hodgson. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Fowle, grand shape, well cut away, nice feather, looks like making a good one; 2, Hodgson, nice size and shape, grand position, fails a little in wing carriage; 3, Hainsworth, slim, neat, very smart style; 4, Hartley, looking a bit soft, nice shape, leggy, good quality; vhc, Gaunt; hc, Town; c, Smith. TICK YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, thigh ticked, lengthy, good shape, leggy, nice colour and quality; 2, Hartley, tick. wing, grand shape and style, good quality, smart bird; 3, Stebbings, tick. head, slim, well on leg, lovely feather; 4, Sykes, tick. wing and cheeks, stylish, good quality, trifle on small side; vhc, Tidswell; hc, G. Riley and Bros.; c, Hodgson. TICK. BUFF: 1, Hartley, ticked. head, good size and shape, nice position and quality, rich col.; 2, Sagar, check tick., grand shape, good back, wings, and tail, nice quality and col.; 3, Gaunt, stronger, plenty of length, nice quality; 4, Fowle, tick. cheek, good shape and position, all there for quality; vhc, Jowett; hc, Brooke; c, Dykes. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: Cancelled. UNEVEN MKD. BUFF (7): 1, Wilkinson, very nice type, good back, rich quality and col., mkd. wing and eye; 2, 3, Stables, 2nd good shape, well up in position, smart; 3rd, extra fine shape, nice length, very neat bird, will moult out well, wing, eye and cheek mkd.; 4, Lister, mkd. wings, good shape and position, very soft feather, looks like a hen; vhc, Clarkson; hc, c, Rawnsley. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, Graham, we call this a foul green, and therefore "wrong class," nice shape, stylish, good pencilling, fine feather; 2, Jowett, yell., lovely col., nice type and style, not so big; 3, Lister, buff, cinn. mkd., plenty of size, nice quality, good big one; 4, Thornton, slim, leggy, grand type, rather small; vhc, Clarkson. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Western, extra length, grand shape and cut, lovely quality and col., rather badly mkd., otherwise very good; 2, Gaunt, slim, good shape, leggy, nice quality and col., neat; 3, vhc, Tillotson, tick. wing and head, neat shape, stylish, good quality; 4, Graham, tick. cheek, good shape and position; hc, Barraclough. BUFF (8): 1, A. Jowett, mkd. wing, head and cheeks, very long, straight, well drawn out, nice position, good quality and col., grand bird; 2, Lister, good shape, leggy, nice quality, not so long; 3, Brooke, neat, typical, nice col.; 4, Dykes, stronger, good shape, neat feather. YELL. NOR.: Vold. BUFF: Void. SELL., YKS., 12s. 6d.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Sykes; 3, Barraclough; 4, Wellock; vhc, hc, Holroyd; c, Morley. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Wilson, grand shape, rich col., trifle faint in pencilling, lovely condition; 2, 3, 4, Stamp, 2nd Redpoll, grand bird, lovely cap and bib, well pencilled, gem; 3rd and 4th, Linnets, both good ones, very rich col., and well shown; vhc, Duncan; hc, Nicholson; c, Inman. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, 3, Duncan, jun., both Goldies, leader gem, grand blaze, clean cut, lovely wings and buttons, splendid bloom; 3rd, good size, beaten in condition; 2, Archer, good big Bullie, plenty of sheen, nice col.; 4, Inman, Bullie, fair size, good shape, grand deep col.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Lane. A.O.V. HARD. (9): 1, Duncan, jun., Yellow Bunting, grand size, very rich col., neatly mkd., good specimen; 2, c, Inman, Hawfinch, nice size, lovely condition, shines like satin, very good bin; 3, c, Wood, Bramble, plenty of size, grand col., well spangled, in rare fettle; 4, vhc, Lane, Bramble, nice size, extra deep col., lovely feather. SOFT-BILL: Cancelled. HYBRID (4): 1, Lane, Goldie-Greenie, nice size, plenty of blaze, rather spoilt with disarranged head feathers; 2, 3, B. H. Wilson, 2nd Linnet Mule, dark, fair size, plenty of col. and nicely pencilled; 3rd, Goldie-Can., fair size, extra good blaze and col.; 4, Archer, Linnet-Bullie, nice size, good shape, very rich col. on breast, some made the winner.

DEWSBURY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held June 18th, at the Saville Hotel, Savile Town. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged and gave entire satisfaction. About 48 birds were staged, some very good promising Yorkshires being exhibited.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Senior; 2, Clegg; 3, Imeson. BUFF: 1, G. Hall; 2, Imeson; 3, W. Hall. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, W. Hall; 2, Imeson; 3, Pollard. BUFF: 1, W. Hall; 2, Rayner; 3, Lee. HEAVILY MKD CINN. OR GREEN YELL: 1, G. Hall; 2, 3, Rayner. BUFF: 1, G. Hall; 2, Imeson; 3, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Whittaker. SELL.: 1, Imeson; 2, Rayner.

MORLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

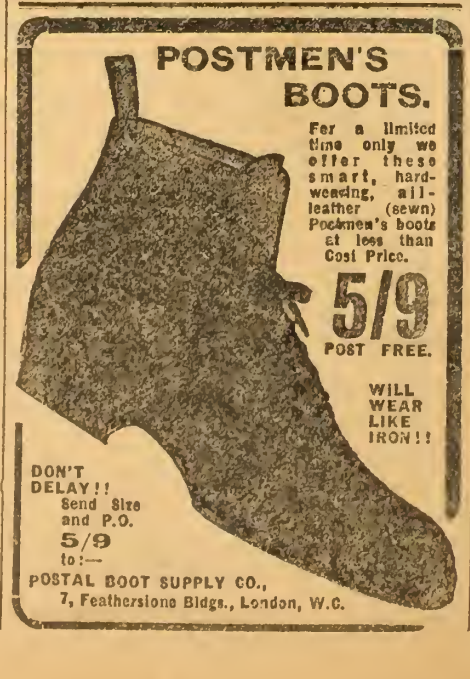
First feather show, held June 18th, at the Sycamore Hotel, when Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) judged an entry of 63 birds, his awards giving every satisfaction. Seven classes were provided and some nice young birds were staged. This is the first of a series of six shows to be held during the present year, when we give gold and silver medals for most points gained throughout the year for the different sections competed for, viz., Champion Section, Novice Section, British Bird Section.

CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, hc, Dean; 2, Fletcher; 3, Booth; vhc, Mitchell; c, Hodgson. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Dean; 2, c, Pyrah; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Mitchell. UNEV. MKD. GREEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Dean; vhc, Booth; hc, Gledhill; c, Milnes. UNEV. MKD. CINN. (7): 1, Fletcher; 2, vhc, Pyrah; 3, Dean; hc, Booth; c, Mitchell. LINNET (11): 1, Holliday; 2, vhc, Fisher; 3, Sturgeon; hc, Tempest; c, Owen. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Holliday; 2, Hollingworth; 3, c, Owen; vhc, Fisher; hc, Armitage. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Fisher; 2, Holliday; 3, vhc, hc, Owen; c, Wilkinson.—A. GLEDHILL, Hon. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show, held in the White Lion Hotel, June 18, when upwards of a hnndred exhibits turned up. The birds were of good average merit; in fact, the Norwich were the best seen in the district. Here Mr. H. Wilson secured medal for the best young bird in show, and also the second medal for second best, but he had to give way to third bird, which belonged to Mr. A. Notley, as the same exhibitor is not allowed to win both. The Crests, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, etc., were not quite so numerous, but were of a good quality. The British contained some really fine specimens. The secretary, Mr. R. H. Dixon, had all in excellent order in quick time, and the judge, Mr. A. Brown, got through his work in a master'y manner, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Vipond; 3, Notley; vhc, Kinler; hc, Robinson; c, R. Dixon. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Notley; vhc, Kinler; hc, Vipond; c, Davison. TICK. YELL. (6): 1, Fenwick; 2, Vipond; 3, hc, Fletcher; vhc, Green; c, Atkinson. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Rowell Bros.; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Robinson; hc, Fenwick. GREEN OR NEARLY (5): 1, Fenwick; 2, Notley; 3, Kinler; vhc, Dixon; hc, Davison. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, R. Dixon; 3, Fenwick; vhc, M. Dixon. BUFF (3): 1, M. Dixon; 2, 3, R. Dixon. BORD. (3): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Notley. BUFF CREST (4): 1, 2, Wood; 3, vhc, Green. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, R. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. BUFF (3): 1, R. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Davison; 3, vhc, R. Dixon; hc, Wood; c, Fenwick. BROWN LINNET: 1, Dover; 2, Allen 3, Fletcher; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fenwick; c, Robinson. GREENFINCH: 1, Kilner; 2, Wilson; 3, Hann. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Dover; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Kilner; c, R. Dixon. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Hann; vhc, M. Dixon. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Rowell Bros.—R. H. DIXON, Sec.



SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Members' First Feather show held in Liberal Club, June 18th. Sixty birds were staged in nine classes. Mr. H. Charlsworth, of Honley, judged, his awards giving entire satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Peel; 2, 4, hc, Helliwell; 3, vhc, Dyson; c, Turton. BUFF: 1, 4, Peel; 2, Taylor; 3, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Lodge; c, Radley. EVEN, ETC. YELL.: 1, Peel; 2, Turton. BUFF: 1, Dyson; 2, Taylor; 3, Lodge; 4, Hirst. SELL. YORKS., 10s.: 1, Pell; 2, 3, Wadsworth. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, J. Morley; 2, Dyson; 3, hc, Robinson; 4, S. Morley; vhc, Armitage; c, Radley. BUFF: 1, 3, Lodge; 2, Radley; 4, Robinson; vhc, Hird; hc, Dyson; c, Armitage. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Lodge; 2, Radley. BUFF: 1, Dyson; 2, Lodge.—S. MORLEY, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Members' First Feather Show, held at Church Schools, Southfield Lane, June 18th. Judge, Mr. A. Jowett, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Messrs. A. Holden and A. Firth were winners of special prizes kindly given by friends. Most points were scored by Messrs. Holden, C. Walker, and H. Chubb. Most points in Selling Class, by Messrs. G. Ackroyd and G. R. Rushworth. There was a good number of visitors who seemed to be delighted with the Clear or Ticked Buff Class, in which there were some very promising youngsters.

CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 2, hc, Holden; 3, Rushworth; 4, Sharp and Son; vhc, Walker; c Wilson. BUFF (20): 1, Whiteley; 2, Walker; 3, hc, c, Chubb; 4, vhc, Holden. EVEN, ETC., BUFF (5): 1, Kaberry; 2, Walker; 3, Sharp and Son; 4, Town; vhc, Kaberry. SELL. 12/6 (5): 1, Rushworth; 2, 3, Ackroyd; 4, Bartle; vhc, Firth.—H. CHUBB, Sec.

YORK CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

First Feather and British Bird Show held at headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, June 13th, when 88 birds were staged, and some very good specimens were on view. Canaries were a very choice lot, but small in number, as the Norwich men declined to show; whether they were afraid to risk their champions, or had some very bad luck, I cannot say, but the Yorkshire men showed some very promising youngsters which will be heard of again. The British birds were a grand lot, some very fine Goldfinches and Linnets being staged. The awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Simison; 3, vhc, hc, Campling. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Campling; 2, J. O'Reilly; vhc, Simison. LINNET: 1, 3, Bell; 2, Simeson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Simeson; 2, Shorney; 3, Bell. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, Bell; vhc, hc, c, Sissons. BRIT. HEN: 1, Sissons; 2, Shorney; 3, Bell. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Sissons; 2, Shorney. MULE: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, Bell. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sissons.—A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

First Feather show held on June 16th, at Duke of York Hotel, when a grand lot of exhibits were staged, some of which, when moulted, will take some stopping. Mr. F. J. Weaver won the special for best Norwich with a slashing big marked buff, and that for best Yorkio went to Mr. J. Millencamp with a grand ticked winged buff. Mr. Crundell judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL, CL. ETC.: 1, Gibbons, nice cl. yell. hen, tight feather, will make up with a moult; 2, 3, Weaver, 2nd large variegated, every promise of making a topper; 3rd, built on same lines, tight as wax; 4, Harrison. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Weaver, in grand trim; 2, Harrison, cl., grand head and neck; 3, 4, Hyde, pair of nice birds, 3rd buff mkd., with every promise; c, Gibbons. YORKIES, YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, Hall, very nice pair, good length and position; 3, vhc, Millencamp, tkd. wing yell., grand position and length; 4, Weeks. BUFF: 1, 2, Millencamp, 1st ticked, will make good stock bird; 2nd, typical buff mkd.; 3, 4, Hall, 3rd smart, feather tight as wax; vhc, hc, Weeks. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Barrett, very large Linnet Mule; 2, Price, variegated. Goldie Can.—J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DIS. C.B.S.

First young bird show, held June 18th, at Bankfoot Schools. A good number of the members were unfortunately unable to exhibit, owing to the birds being either too old or too young. However 51 birds were staged in six classes. A special feature was the strong class of Clear Buffs—17 in number—and the judge, Mr. J. Bailey, stated that this was the best Buff class he had ever judged at a members' show. Mr. G. Hudson won cup for most points with four highest birds; Mr. F. Gelder was second, and Mr. C. Hardaker third. The awards of the judge gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Priestley; 2, Oxley; 3, hc, Gelder; 4, Crowther; vhc, Hardaker; c, Bastow. BUFF: 1, c, Crowther; 2, 4, Hudson; 3, Myers and Lightowler; vhc, Priestley; hc, Oxley. TICK. YELL.: 1, Wilman Bros.; 2, Priestley. BUFF: 1, Bastow; 2, Hudson; 3, 4, Hinchliffe and Horsley; vhc, Gelder; hc, Hardaker; c, Lawson. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hardaker; 2, North; 3, Waddington; 4, Gelder; vhc, Wilman Bros. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Gelder; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Wilman; hc, Lawson; c, Hinchliffe and Horsley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hinchliffe and Horsley. SELL (12/6): 1, Lawson.—F. GELDER, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual nest Feather Show, held on June 18th, in the Friends' Adult School, an ideal room for the holding of a bird show, there being plenty of room and light; further, it is central for our members, no one having far to take their exhibits. The entry was a record one, and the quality was extra. The Norwich was far the strongest section, some grand youngsters being staged. Mr. G. A. Watson's clear buff took special for the best young Canary. The Yorkshires were not so strong, most of our members having had good luck with that variety. The British section was very good, Mr. J. Smith taking special for the best. The Novice Section was strong, and Mr. J. Smith put down a grand team. The secretary (Mr. W. Richardson), with the help of Mr. L. Havenhand (President), and the stewards (Messrs. E. Johnson and W. Lockwood), had everything well in hand, the show proving a success. Mr. G. Browning judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. Browning gives us a lecture on Colour Feeding at our next meeting.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Walker; vhc, hc, Haywood. YELL. NOR.: 1, Grainger; 2, 3, 4, Highley. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, Watson; 2, Grainger; 3, 4, Highley. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Watson; 2, 3, Grainger; 4, Welhon; vhc, hc, Highley. MULES OR HYB. YOUNG: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Grainger; 4, Smith. OLD: 1, spl, Richards; 3, Haywood; 4, Welbon. NOR., OLD: 1, spl, Johnson; 2, Richlnson; 3, 4, Havenhand; vhc, hc, Grainger; c, Welbon. YORKS.: 1, spl, 4, Havenhand; 2, 3, Richards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Smith; 2, Richards; 3, Lockwood; 4, hc, Highley; vhc, Welbon. GREENFINCH: 1, Hallstone; 2, Welbon; 3, A. F. Watson; 4, G. A. Watson. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Richards; 3, vhc, G. A. Watson; 4, Grainger; hc, Johnson; c, Hallstone. LINNET: 1, spl, Hinchcliffe; 2, G. A. Watson; 3, hc, Welbon; 4, Lockwood, vhc, Haywood. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, spl, 2, G. A. Watson; 3, Lockwood; 4, Richards. NOVICE, YORKS: 1, spl, Blunt; 2, 3, Hinchcliffe. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Smith; 2, c, A. F. Watson; 3, Beaner; 4, vhc, Hollingsworth. BUFF: 1, spl, 4, Beaner; 2, 3, vhc, c, Smith; hc, Blunt. HVY. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, c, Smith; vhc, Hollingsworth; hc, Blunt. NOR. OLD: 1, spl, Hibberson; 2, Beaner. YORKS: 1, spl, Hibberson; 2, 3, Waterhouse; 4, Blunt.—W. RICHINSON, Sec.

WINDHILL SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

Members' show, held June 18th, at the Blue Bell Hotel, Windhill. There was a capital entry of 60 birds in nine classes. Mr. J. Broadley judged, and—as is usual with him—type and quality were much in evidence. There was a specially good class of yellow and yellow ticks—18 in class. Mr. J. Chippendale won in this class with an extra smart young bird, being pressed by Mr. C. Smith, a novice, who was a good second. Mr. A. Price was third; another good one. The novice cup was won by a new starter (his first year of breeding) in Mr. J. Harvey.

YELL. OR YELL. TICK.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Smith; 3, Price. BUFF: 1, Harvey; 2, Dykes; 3, Smith. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Smith; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Atkingson. CIN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Mason; 2, Spencer; 3, Brown and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, Mason; 3, Weldon. NOR. YELL.: 1, Halliday; 2, Hudson; 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Hudson. SELL.: 1, Garnett; 2, Halliday; 3, Smith. Most points open section: 1, Dykes; 2, Chippendale; 3, Mason; 4, Halliday. Novice Section: 1, Smith; 2, Atkingson; 3, Martin, Harvey.—R. GARNETT, Sec.

SOUTHPORT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Successful nest feather show held in Phœnix Hall on June 11th, 76 birds being staged. The quality throughout was extremely good, and competition keen. Mr. J. W. Cleminson judged, and gave every satisfaction. The following gentlemen were the winners of the specials: Messrs. E. Sutton (most points in Norwich), B. Bullough (most points in Yorks. and A.O.V.), J. M. Walsh (most points in British).

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Fawcett, grand style, shape and quality, good bird; 2, Bullough, nice wing carriage; 3, vhc, c, Sutton, good type and quality. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Sutton, grand shape and quality, good bird; 3rd, nice exhibit; 2, vhc, Fawcett, good head and neck; c, Johnson. VARIEG.: 1, hc, Fawcett, nice type and quality, good wing carriage; 2, vhc, Sutton, good head and chest; 3, Bullough, nice feather; c, Johnson. Class 4 cancelled. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Bullough, 1st grand position, style and quality; 2nd, close up; 3, vhc, Foster, nice bird, well up on leg; hc, c, Wright. BUFF: 1, 2, Bullough, 1st the right kind, nearly perfect; 2nd, another good one; 3, hc, c, Wright, fine position; vhc, Foster. TKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Bullough, 1st good type and quality, plenty of style; 2, vhc, c, Foster, fails only in quality, will improve; hc, Linaker. YORKS. GREEN: Only one in class; Foster, good foul green, cold hold its own in any company. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bullough, grand team, full of quality and type; hc, c, Sutton. A.O.V.: One in class; Millburn, nice young cinn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Miss D. Loton, 1st grand size and quality; 2nd, lightly marked, fails only in size; 3, Millburn, Goldie Canary, very young yet. BRIT. HARDBILL, LARGE: 1, 2, vhc, Walsh (Blackburn), 1st Goldfinch, good blaze, well tanned, splendid condition; 2nd, Bullfinch, another good bird; 3, c, Kay, 3rd Chaffinch, full of quality, very steady; hc, Bullough. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, hc, Walsh, 1st Linnet, real gem, hold his own anywhere; 2nd, Twite, another beauty; 3rd, Siskin, close up; vhc, hc, Kay. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Walsh, well-known winners.—A. WILLIAMS, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DIS. C.B.S.

The second annual first feather show was held on June 18th at the Onward Hall, Ashton Old-road. The hall is spacious and lofty, and is provided with a good top light; and the birds can be shown to advantage. The season has apparently not been one of the best with the members up to now. The entry, however, was a fairly good one, although it came below last year's; 70 birds were staged. However, what was lacking in number was made up in quality. The weather was everything that could be wished for, the day being an ideal one. The show was visited by a good number of fanciers and friends, and they had some good birds to look over; several of the youngsters, given the necessary good fortune in the moult, will certainly be heard of again. Mr. Robinson put down a good team of Norwich, capturing the medal for best bird in show with a ticked yellow, "grand one," also lifting three other specials. Other winners of specials were Messrs. Slater, Simpson, Marsland, Knight, Fulcher, Mason, Boothman, Annison, and Trachte. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

OPEN AND AMAT.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Slater; 2, Snape; 3, Downing. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, Snape; 3, Downing; 4, Mason. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Slater; 3, Mason; 4, Snape. BUFF: 1, Snape; 2, Mason. YORKS. GREEN CINN., SELF, ETC.: 1, Downing. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, Coulson; 4, Spencer. BUFF: 1, Bootman; 2, Coulson; 3, Robinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Beetson. BUFF: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Boothman; vhc, hc, Coulson. YOUNG MULES OR HYB.: 1, Mason. OLD: 1, Snape. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Knight; 2, Belton. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Knight. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Marsland; 2, Knight; 3, Belton. NOVICE.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Knight. BUFF: 1, 2, Simpson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Simpson; 2, Marsland; 3, Knight. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Simpson; 3, 4, Trachte; hc, Marsland. YORKS. GREEN CINN., SELF, ETC.: 1, Knight. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Fulcher; 2, Annison; 3, Marsland. BUFF: 1, Fulcher. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Annison. BUFF: 1, Fulcher; 2, Hunt; 3, 4, Booth.

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Report of the Great Gathering organized by The National British Bird and Mule Club.

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MR. DENNITHORNE, continuing, said that at one time he used to go down into Wales, where Goldfinches were very plentiful, and by catching a few had been able to get a much-needed holiday without expense, to the great benefit of his health. Now, however, owing to the rich landowners refusing to allow a poor man to set foot on their land (even though it were not in cultivation, but rough mountain land), much more catch a few of the birds, which rightly no man could claim as his exclusive property, this holiday was denied him, so that he was deprived of benefits to his bodily health and a portion of his living by well-to-do faddists and rich land-grabbers, who themselves were able to indulge, through their purse, in their pheasant and partridge shooting, their fox-hunting and such-like "sports." Was there no "cruelty" in these he would like to know? He would say and prove that there was torture perpetrated in these so-called sports. Yet some of the people who indulged in them would like to stop the working-man from even keeping or catching a British bird. Properly fed and looked after the losses amongst the newly-caught birds were very small indeed. He himself had caught six dozen Goldfinches and lost but two, and out of twenty dozen he had succeeded in keeping all but four. He contended that catchers, as a class, were not the cruel individuals some tried to make them out to be. He knew many instances where families had been kept from starvation only through the men being able to catch and sell birds during the winter time. All men were not skilled, neither had they the brain power, but they were compelled to get a livelihood by humble means. They ought not to be despised for that, however. He knew that a few dealers kept their shops and birds in an unsatisfactory manner, but the whole body of bird-keepers ought not to be made to suffer because of these men, who should be made to alter their ways, and he hoped that, as a result of that meeting, they would be able to arrive at a means of preventing their freedom and rights being taken away. If they did not help themselves, no one else could be expected to do so.

MR. MORTLOCK, while appreciating the able speech of Mr. Dennithorne, and agreeing with most of his statements, said that in his experience there certainly was unnecessary cruelty perpetrated by some catchers and some bird-shopkeepers. The position of the bird catchers undoubtedly had its pathetic side, so far as their circumstances in life went. But nothing could excuse the damage done to property, or the illicit "poaching" of pheasants, etc., which he personally knew that bird-catchers had been guilty of; nor could they defend the practice of killing the hen birds of some species which were unfortunate enough to get into the nets. The "pegging" of Chaffinches on Sundays, too, was bad; he had even known men go into churchyards while the people were in church and there set out their limed twigs and call-birds. It was these rough characters that brought both bird-catching and bird-keeping into disrepute, and they could have no sympathy for such men, who were largely responsible for the stopping of straight men like our friend Mr. Dennithorne. "Stopping" (blinding) Chaffinches for the purpose of singing matches was a horribly cruel practice of a few misguided men, which should be put down firmly and effectively. Such things did not help the Fancy, but only helped to bring about the stringent laws which oppressed the humane bird-keepers. He himself would gladly support any movement calculated to bring about a better understanding of the genuine bird-keeper by those responsible for the framing of our laws. We did not want to kill birds, but to keep them alive in the best of health and condition, therefore he contended that we were quite as much protectors of birds as any protection society.

MR. TROWER said that Mr. Mortlock's speech reminded him of what he thought was a fact, viz., that the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts was very much upset at the "pegging" of Chaffinches which went on at her Highgate estate, and so made strong representations to the Government in favour of a Wild Birds' Protection Act.

MR. CRABB said that the idea of a licence struck him as an admirable one, for that would ensure only proper and capable people being authorised to catch birds.—MR. TROWER said he would like to hear the views of catchers and dealers present as to being licensed, and their shops coming under the sanitary laws.—MR. DENNITHORNE said that the shops already came under the sanitary laws, and the inspector could go in at any time, while he could see no use in a licence when no one would let you go on his land.—MR. TROWER said he disagreed. Owners would give permission; and seed-growers were only too glad to see the back of certain birds at certain seasons; if they were not caught they would be shot or destroyed.

MR. GOYMER spoke in favour of the licensing, and strongly against the practice of killing hen birds because they "sharped" the other birds if given their freedom. It could not be defended, and anyone who indulged in it ought never to be allowed to go out catching. If he knew a catcher who did it, he would never buy another bird from him. It was wanton destructiveness. The hens should be let go at a distance from the catching ground.

MR. DAWSON, JUN., said that he was in favour of the licensing proposal; also of the stopping of Sunday bird-catching. The licence would, he thought, make it better for everybody concerned.—MR. DAWSON, SEN., remarked that he doubted whether sufficient licences would be called for to make it worth while for the authorities to take up the scheme.—MR. ASKEW: How would the law apply? If any of us went out to catch a bird at any time, we should have to get a licence. (Laughter, and cries of "Certainly" from many present.)

MR. GOODCHILD deprecated the use of very small cages, such as were commonly seen—a sight he thought certainly calculated to offend humane people, who would also be without the knowledge that the bird-keeper proper did not keep his birds in cages such as those, and thus they would be led to form erroneous opinions as to bird-keeping generally.

MR. PRESTON said that he thought the idea of a licence a good one, if workable; it was, he knew, advocated by many of the dealers and bird-catchers. He realised that it was the dealers who offended most in the matter of small cages. But this was owing to considerations of space, and it must not be overlooked that most birds were in the "back" cages, but a very short time before being sold, while he himself, when asked for a cage, always advised a larger kind (which he kept in stock) for house use by a private person. All dealers would supply large cages if asked for them.—MR. DAWSON, JUN., drew comparisons between the cages and shops of the West-end dealers and those of the East-end. He considered that the latter were responsible for bringing the law down on them. If the East-end dealers kept their shops and birds under the same conditions as did the West-end men, then the R.S.P.C.A. would have no ground of action at all. They did not object to the inspectors visiting their shop providing they were civil and carried out their duties in a proper manner. Dealers must certainly keep both cages and shops clean; if they did not, they were doing the bird trade a lot of harm, and they must expect to meet with trouble.

(*To be continued.*)

The Suggested Conference.

SIR,—The sentiments expressed in Mr. P. F. M. Galloway's sensible letter (published in your issue of June 18th) should form the keynote of whatever may be done in the matter of seeking to amend the legislation of this land affecting the taking and keeping of wild birds. The idea of asking the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds to receive a deputation of representatives of bird-keepers generally I consider an excellent one; and it should pave the way to a better understanding as to the rights of those societies and the privileges of bird-keepers. There is nothing to lose by a friendly hearing (which it now rests with the R.S.P.C.A. and the S.P.W.B., to grant or not), whilst there is everything to gain. And if the deputation is given a fair and friendly hearing, I see no reason why a conference of representatives of the societies named and bird-keepers generally should not be possible. The fact undoubtedly is, as Mr. Galloway hinted in his letter, that the so-called evil of keeping birds in captivity has never been properly considered by those who make it their business to decry its practice; if it were (and the suggested conference would go far to bring about its due consideration), the humanity of the treatment of captive birds, based as it is upon the individual bird-keeper's love for his pets, would come as a great revelation. Of course, there are cases where this humanity is not exercised, but the authorities will find none to more readily condemn the ill-treatment of birds than the bird-keepers themselves, who are always willing to assist in its abolition and prevention. The conference should consist, I suggest, of members of the R.S.P.C.A., the S.P.W.B., the National, Scottish, and Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Clubs, the Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions, the London Federation of C.B.S., and a number of non-Fancy and disinterested gentlemen (say, from the London County Council). The objects of the conference should, I suggest, be four-fold: (a) the settlement of the question as to whether or not it is cruel to keep birds in captivity; (b) the determination of the species which may and which may not be so kept, and the several conditions (as to the minimum size of cages, etc.), under which they shall or shall not be confined; (c) the enumeration of the reasons for and against an amendment of the various Wild Birds' Protection Acts; and (d) the formation of a deputation to wait on the Home Secretary for the purpose of urging the importance and necessity of such amendment. I am fully alive to the objections that may be raised to the holding of such a conference; I know we are reckoning on the consent and willingness of our opponents; I know it is well-nigh, if not quite, impossible to decide fully and finally whether in principle it is cruel to keep birds confined in smaller quarters than the whole world; I am aware of the speculative, the adventuresome, the novelty-seeking propensities of a certain section of the exhibiting Fancy; and I do not need to be told that the waiting of a deputation on the House of Commons may more than likely result in the matter being referred to a committee (even if it get as far as that), which means it may be shelved for an indefinite period—I am alive, I say, to all these difficulties, but "fortune favours the brave," and we shall advance not a whit if we do not make the effort to advance. Let us *venture*, and if we do not *have* it will not then be our fault. A conference such as I have suggested would, I think, be at least productive of a better understanding between bird-keepers and their mistaken persecutors. The humanity of keeping birds under ideal conditions will, when thus made clear and made known, be brought into a prominence that will redound to the honour of bird-keepers and result in a decision in favour of our beloved hobby.

FRIEND OF THE BIRDS.

SIR,—In my opinion if bird-catchers were licensed it would be the best protection for the wild birds, as everyone who went in for catching would want to understand them and how to get them on seed. This would save hundreds that ought to be saved. I myself can, as a rule, keep above ninety out of a hundred caught. I don't believe in bracing any birds; if I can't get a bird into my net with the call birds singing, he is quite welcome to his liberty. I think we have plenty of wild birds to supply everyone who wants them, and then leave more than plenty to breed. They should be properly looked after when first caught. I have been a bird-catcher for this last eleven years.—B. H.

Strange Nesting Place.

The Magpie has been known to build its nest in a gooseberry bush, but this was in a district where trees were scarce. Upon some of the moors the Carrion Crows nest in low bushes for the same reason.

Starlings and Birds' Eggs.

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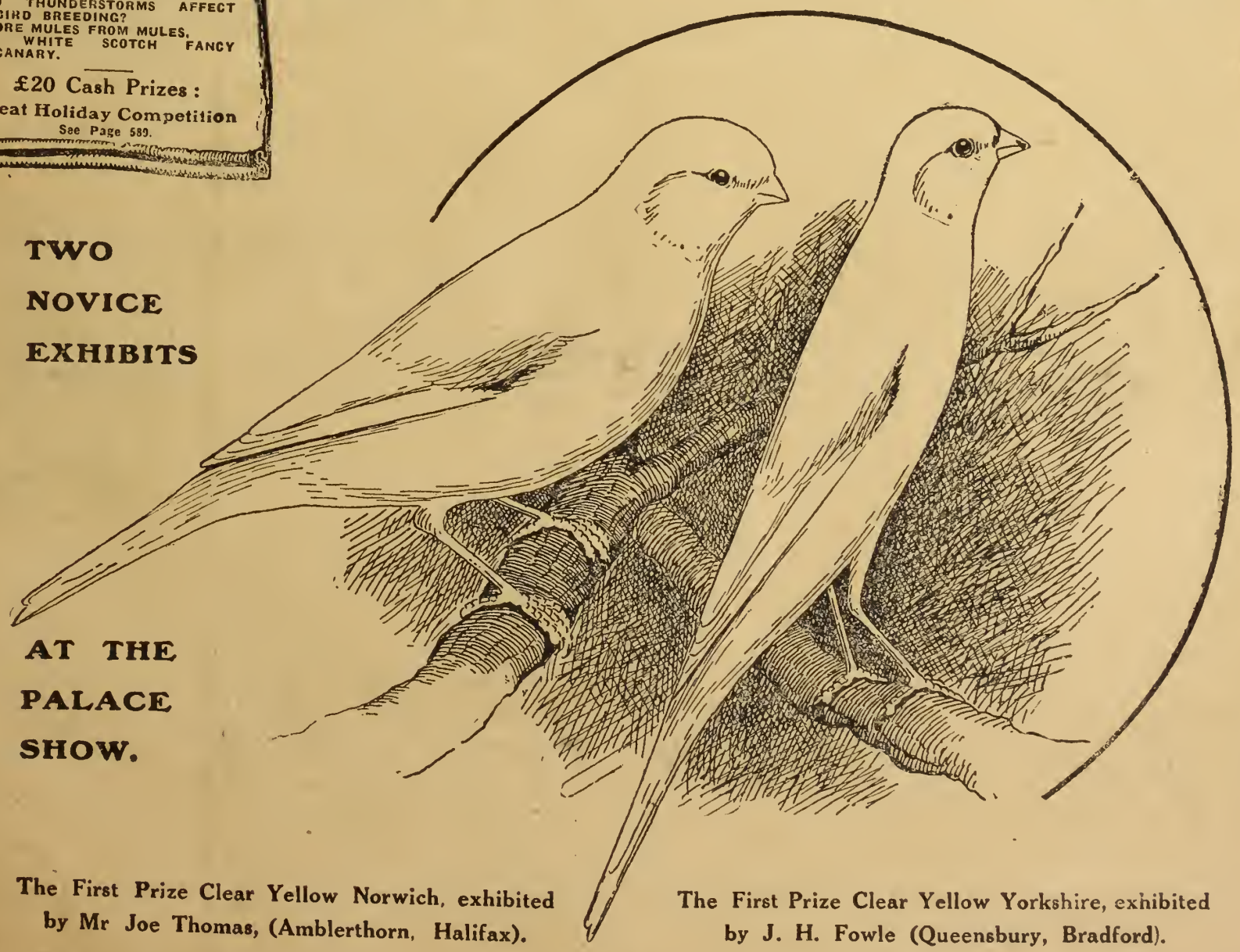
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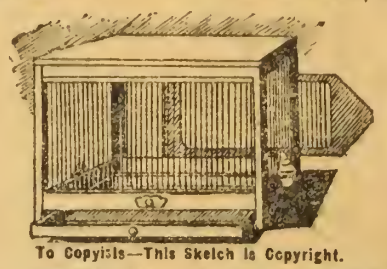
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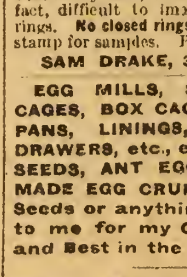
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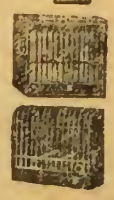


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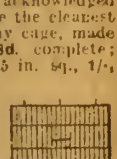
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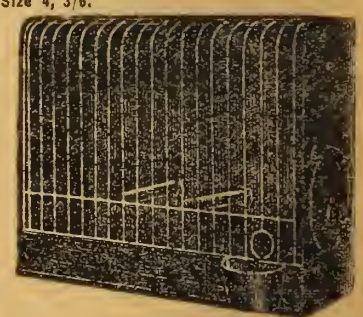
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FOR sale, 2 Scotch Fancy hens, 1 yellow green, 1 buff pied, 1909, 15/- each, approval; 2 Siberian Goldfinch cocks, 2 Bullfinch hens (mated), 10/- per pair: Address, George Spence, c/o Mrs. Hay, 143, Blackscroft, Dundee.

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WANTED.

WANTED, adult hen Zebra Finch: W. A. Cross, Peterborough.

WANTED cock Canaries, will exchange 3 prize Bantams or air rifle: Radbone, 10, Baker's-lane, Ealing.

WANTED, offers for champion green cock Canary, singing, or sell 7/6: Harry Goodall, Richard-st., Retford.

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WANTED, every variety livestock, will purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, 33, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED good double curb silver chain, will give in exchange British birds: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield, Herts.

WANTED, British, any quantity, reasonable prices given: J. King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Yorkshire show cage and case; exchange new Thrush show cage: Edwards, 3, Tryfar-terrace, Harleeh, Merion.

WANTED, Canaries, anything, give cushion cycle, also pair cycle wheels: Morrison, 7, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterboro'.

WANTED, Parrot's cage, exchange 10 and 7 inch records, good condition: James Curley, Annaville-terrace, Dundalk.

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WANTED good talking Amazon Parrot, will give in exchange a splendid electro-plated banjo in case and mandoline in case, for good bird; mutual approval: Particulars, A. Anderson, 653, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

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The consolation contest for members who have never won a prize in a club (members') contest held June 18th at the Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Results: 1, Holcroft, Leigh; 2, Christoperson, Blackburn; 3, Blackshaw, Blackburn; 4, Fender, Blackburn; 5, Catterall, Blackburn; 6, Leeming, Blackburn; 7, 8, Hayhurst, Blackburn. After the contest we spent a very enjoyable evening.—L. SLATER, Sec.

SACRISTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Sacriston and District Workmen's Club on June 25th, when 36 birds entered, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Brady (Brandon Colliery). Mr. J. Bendelow judge: Mr. Click timekeeper. This was the winner's 24th first prize out of 26 contests this season.—WM. FAIRLESS, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

A ramble and open-air contest held June 25th. The singing, despite the extremely cold weather, was the best we have had yet. The contest was held at the Tinkers' Planting, between Whiteinch and Yoker. Results: 1st, McLaren; 2nd, MacNeil; 3rd, Stewart. Judge, W. Christie. Next contest at Mr. A. Muir's, Salt Market, July 2nd, at 4 p.m.—A. MCCALLUM, Sec.

THE DANGER TO THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY.

Report of the Great Gathering organized by The National British Bird and Mule Club.

(*Concluded from page 577.*)

Mr. A. Silver remarked that the question was: What are we going to do? They must consider what was fair from both sides of the question, and go to the root of the trouble. He then read a short paper in which he enumerated the causes he considered were bringing the bird fancy and trade into disrepute—amongst them the condition of the bird-shops and the birds therein, the behaviour of some catchers, the "bracing" of birds, and the destruction of hen birds, the use of the "back" cage, Lark runner and Thrush cages as seen in the bird-shops, the breaking of the law relating to the close season, etc. These things must be avoided. What was wanted was a league of bird-keepers to uphold aviculture and defend the hobby—to take action against unreasonable restrictions any persons might try to impose upon them by means of the law. Such a league should have in view the benefitting of every branch of bird-keeping, and have the wholehearted support of every bird-keeper, without which it would be useless. Mr. Silver then traversed the idea that bird-keepers were responsible for certain species becoming rare or extinct. He pointed out that numerous industries and many workers would suffer if our hobby was lost. Law breaking the league would not countenance; it would work for the betterment of captive birds generally, and not recognise on the show bench British-taken Swallow-like birds, Kingfishers, Hoopoes, Ravens, Golden Orioles, Bearded Tits, etc., while the killing of small birds for food or plumes it would in no way recognise. When they had the league in working order they could start and arrange to send delegates to meet the S.P.W.B., or combat any attempted further legislation by putting their view of the matter before the Home Secretary. The league could do a lot of good work, but ought not to take upon itself any governing or authoritative attitude, like the Kennel Club, and other unions known, for that would be detrimental to its existence. It would act as a kind of guardian to the Fancy.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden said that he thoroughly agreed with Mr. Trower's views. He had known many cases of cruelty by catchers (such as the wholesale killing of hen birds) which had resulted in the telegraph wires being set into motion and prosecutions instituted. Landowners and others would not stand that sort of thing, and they could not expect the sympathy of people while such acts were perpetrated. The majority of the shops, too, he considered were kept in anything but a satisfactory manner, some being simply disgraceful—it was positively brutal, for instance, to leave dead birds in store cages with the live ones hopping over their bodies, a sight he had seen more than once. It was a puzzle to him why the R.S.P.C.A. did not prosecute in such cases; they would have no difficulty in securing convictions. Those were the things which brought discredit upon the Fancy. The true bird-keeper loved his birds and kept them in a totally different manner. He would like those who opposed bird-keeping as being cruel to go into such a bird-room as that of Mr. Maxwell and see the care bestowed on the inmates, and the condition they were in. Could anyone truthfully say that Mr. Maxwell's birds were not far better off and happier in the winter than those flying about the country? It was the catchers and the dealers who had wrought the mischief, and they must speak plainly about such matters. If they would mend their ways, much of the present trouble would cease to exist. He was recently reading a lecture by Mr. Browning, given at Plymouth, and published in Cage Birds, and the lecturer said that out of 100 fresh-caught Goldfinches, 90 per cent. died. If that was so, it was disgraceful, and he was sorry to see any paper publish such a statement, for people had no right to catch, and ought not to be encouraged to catch birds amongst which there was such a heavy mortality.

Mr. G. E. Weston rose and said that he thought Mr. Ramsden must be under a misimpression—the birds Mr. Browning referred to were Greypates, and he mentioned the heavy mortality to clinch his argument that the Goldfinch needed the extended protection which he advocated in his lecture. Personally he (Mr. Weston) agreed with Mr. Browning. Both the Goldfinch and the Bullfinch were very late breeders, and the present Act did not protect them late enough in the season. Hundreds of young Goldfinches (and Bullfinches, too) were caught practically as soon as they hopped out of the nest, and amongst these tender Greypates—some hardly able to feed themselves—the mortality was bound to be, and certainly was, very heavy. He had for years advocated the extension of the close season for Goldfinches until at least the end of September, and he knew that most, if not all, of his fellow members of the N.B.B. and M.C. in the room agreed with him in this. He saw no object in suppressing unpleasant truths; they should help to secure reforms in the law where such were really needed.

Mr. Ramsden, continuing, said that maybe Mr. Weston was right in saying the birds referred to were Greypates, but Mr. Browning certainly spoke of the losses as being 90 per cent., therefore his own statement was correct. If a league were formed he should be pleased to join. But bird-shops must be kept under proper conditions and cruelty must be put down. He agreed with Mr. Dawson that some dealers kept their establishments in a proper manner, but you could go elsewhere and see the opposite. This was not fair to the conscientious man, and it did bird-keeping great harm.

Mr. Dewhurst said he had recently had a talk with a lady who was a leading member of the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds, and she told him she was sure that that society would be pleased to receive the suggested deputation. That body was not against the bird-keeper, but was against the bird-shops, especially some of the London shops, and the bird-catchers.—Mr. Goodchild: They only want to stamp out the abuses.—Mr. Ramsden remarked that a certain Lord and Lady, very interested in bird-keeping, had told him the same, and they said further that they were astonished that the cage-bird societies in existence had taken no steps to uplift the Fancy by reforming the ways of dealers and catchers.—Mr. Trower said he had heard customers of his express the same opinion—they had said they would rather pay double for birds from a private source than go into a bird-shop.

Mr. Mortlock mentioned that he had had the pleasure of seeing some really humane catchers at work—once when he was down in Cornwall, where they had a portable folding "flight" into which all the hen Linnets, etc., caught were put, and when the catching was over these were released, and the "flight" packed up. This method did not interfere with the "catch."—Mr. Preston said he agreed that if there was cruelty it was better to speak up about it, and to get those responsible to mend their ways. That method was likely to bring about the desired improvement. There was no need to try to take away the living of people.

Mr. Dennithorne expressed a fear that the idea of licensing might develop into everyone having to pay a license for even keeping a bird, and that would be a great hardship to many thousands of working people.—Mr. Crabb said that from the remarks he had listened to, there seemed no doubt that the word "humane" was at the bottom of the trouble. But for the purposes of the hobby they must all hang together—bird-keeper, dealer, and catcher—for they were necessary one to the other. They must all act humanely, however, the catcher and dealer just as much as the person who keeps birds because he loves them, and who keeps them better even than they could possibly keep themselves if at liberty. The bird laws were getting stricter, and it seemed almost as though they had reached the position when it was possible for an officer to come up to you in the street if carrying a bird, question you about it, and finish up by inviting you to "come along with me." It was necessary to prove to these people that they as bird-keepers knew what they were doing, and could keep birds without any semblance of cruelty. They must combine to defend their own interests, and not only in London but all over the country. In his opinion the agitation would result in reasonable legislation and the improvement in the condition under which the birds were kept where they were not of the best at present.

A little further discussion followed, in which the point was raised that if catchers had to keep birds some weeks before being able to dispose of them in some areas (vide the Lord Chief Justice's recent decision), the price would increase, which would adversely affect the working man bird-keeper: some thought that an increase in the value of the birds might be a favourable factor, resulting in more care being taken of them by dealers, etc.—Then Mr. Cooper moved, Mr. Dewhurst seconded, and Mr. Trower supported, a resolution that a deputation from that meeting should be formed to wait upon the various societies (the R.S.P.C.A., etc.) concerned. This was unanimously carried, and on a vote the following gentlemen were elected to serve: Messrs. G. Crabb, J. Robson, A. Silver, and G. E. Weston, with the hon. solicitor (Mr. Nichols), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Trower), and one of the N.B.B. and M.C. secretaries (Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr).—Mr. Crabb said he would like to withdraw in favour of Mr. Dawson, sen., so that the bird trade might be represented; and to this the meeting agreed. The usual votes of thanks then brought this most successful gathering of fanciers to a close. A further meeting will be called to consider the report of the deputation when ready.

Several letters received dealing with this subject will be published next week.—Editor.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Table show of Nor., young birds; two classes, yell. and buff; judge, Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham).—H. Foden.

Ardwick C.B.S.—July 5, Onward Hall, 8. Half-yearly balance-sheet, prize cards.—J. Spencer.

Bristol C.B.S.—July 6, Headquarters, City Hotel, 8. Nor. cup, etc., attendance of every member imperative, F.F. show on June 2, birds to be staged at 3 p.m.; please make this a record one.—Miss L. G. Byerley.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—July 6, Headquarters, 8.15. Nest Feather show schedule.—J. C. Bell.

Bolton O.S.—July 4, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Entry night F.F. Show, July 6.—H. Parkinson.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 2, Bird Inn, 7.—M. Crosby.

Batley O.F.S.—July 2, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Show business, any intending members who would like to join we give a hearty invitation to.—G. G. Stafford.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 5, Wellington Inn, 8. Entries Friday night for F.F. Show, July 2.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford East O.S.—July 2, Park Chapel Schools, 2.30. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton), birds to be staged 2.30 prompt; entries taken on Friday night; July 5, classification for annual Open Show, arrangements for members' F.F. Show for July 28.—H. Hill.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 2, Victoria Hotel, 3. During members' show on same date, birds staged at 2.30; entries Friday 8.30 to 10 p.m.; judge, Mr. C. Whiting.—M. Skirrow.

Chester C.B.F.A.—July 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Arrangements for lecture, also bird washing exhibition, discussion re colour feed and other business.—J. Swindley.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 6, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30.—J. H. de Maillet.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 4, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Classification for young bird show, July 9.—A. C. Askew.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 2, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Chopwell F.S.—July 2, Headquarters, 7. Open show business.—J. Brown.

Denton C.B.S.—July 2, Denton Brotherhood Institute, 8. F.F. show; judge, Mr. J. Harrison; birds to be staged at 8.15.—W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 2, Savile Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show.—W. Hinchliffe.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Lecture on Seeds, by Mr. Trower; all fanciers are invited to attend.—W. Hodson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 2, White Hart Inn, 8.—Important business concerning open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.

East Ham F.S.—July 4, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, E. Ham, E., 8. Report of cup fund com., report of auditor of G.U.M.S., report of F.F. show.—H. Rutter.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—July 9, Clarendon Hall, F.F. show, and monthly meeting, birds staged at 3 p.m. (15 classes); judge, Mr. J. A. Ferguson.—W. Proudfoot.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—July 5, Howard Arms, 8. Pleased to see more members present at meetings.—H. S. Waters.

Halifax O.S.—July 2, Saddle Hotel, 8. After the young bird show, delegates' report, etc.—J. F. Thackray.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 4, Methodist Schoolroom, 8.—Classification for open show, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 2, Crown Inn, 6. Entries and other arrangements for Nest Feather show, July 9.—A. J. Notley.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—July 6, Y.M.C.A., Whitby St., 8. Final arrangements for Nest Feather show, will members please bring entries?—E. Woodhead.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—July 7, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Prize money, etc.—O. Greenwood.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—July 5, Cricket Players, 8. To arrange date for next show, and judges. W. Cottingham.

Hyde C.B.S.—July 4, St. George's Schools, 8. Annual show business, choosing of judge for same; kindly remember the half-yearly subs. are due on this night.—F. Barraclough.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—July 4, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Sundry business.—F. Rackham.

Lancaster C.B.S.—July 2, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern. Table show, birds staged at 7 p.m.; 7 classes.—C. J. Cafferty.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 2, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place. Open 4 till 7 p.m. Annual Nest Feather show; judge, Mr. H. Dickens (Pailton), admission free.—J. A. Tyler.

Longton C.B.S.—July 5, Castle Inn, 8. Payment of prize money, distribution of specials, etc.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 2, "Lockharts," Briggate, 7.30. "Moulting and Colour-feeding Canaries," Mr. A. Chew; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 2, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8.—T. W. Walton.

Llanelly C.B.S.—July 2, Centre Hotel, 9.30. This meeting being a special at the members' request, hope all will make an effort to attend.—D. John.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—July 2, Rochdale O.C. Club House, York Place, Rochdale, 6.30. Patronage and general business, important.—J. Rukin.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—July 5, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. E. Noakes, "The Norwich Plainhead"; all fanciers invited.—J. E. Wood.

Leadgate C.B.S.—July 2, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Stewards, etc., young stock show.—J. A. Turnbull.

London and Provincial O.S.—July 7, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7. All visitors welcomed.—J. W. Ramsden.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Payment of prize money, etc.—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—July 2, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Will all members requiring colour food, please attend, stewards for next show, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 2, Headquarters, Mowbray Arms, 8.—H. Grange.

Newcastle C.B.S.—July 7, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Mr. Cobb (Leeds), "The Belgian and Scotch Fancy of to-day," Mr. Taylor (Gateshead), "The Crested Canary"; all fanciers welcome. July 9, Nest Feather show at Co-operative Hall.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—July 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—July 4, Headquarters, 8. Entries, etc., for F.F. show.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 5, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.30. Table show business and resignation of secretaryship.—F. Steeple.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 5, Baptist School, 8. Schedule for open show.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—July 4, Club, 8.30. Agenda, half-yearly meeting, election of secretary and committee.—J. Butterworth, Sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 6, Temperance Club, 8. Half-yearly meeting, ticket money, watch competition, very important business; will members please note?—W. Adams.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 9, Fawcett Street Cafe, 6. Young bird show, 8 classes; judge, Mr. J. T. Clark (Sunderland), entries taken between 5.30 and 6 p.m., 3d. per cage.—W. Reid.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Will all members attend to arrange ramble for Sunday, July 10th?—J. Lewis.

Shirebrook C.B.S.A.—July 2, Institute, 7.30.—J. Pickering.

Shipley O.S.—July 2, Prince of Wales Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. H. H. Towers; July 5, same place, 8 o'clock, important business.—H. Martin.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—July 9, Public Hall, 7. Members' contributions.—W. Melvin.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. F. Marwood.—J. W. Lowes.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Final arrangements for ramble, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—July 4, 6, The Broadway, 6. Young bird show.—H. Smith.

West London F.A.—July 7, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8. Questions on Yorks. Canary.—J. Dewhurst.

West of Scotland.—July 2, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 4. F.F. show.—G. Smart.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—July 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Important business in connection with winter show, committee meet at 7.20.—Garnett and Cook.

A HOLIDAY FREE OF COST.

Does it Appeal to You?

If the idea of a summer holiday *free of cost* appeals to you at all, then do not neglect the opportunity afforded by our latest competition, full particulars of which will be found on page 589 of this week's issue of Cage Birds. The conditions are very simple, and it is within the power of every reader to carry them out. The closing date is July 27th next, so that nearly a month yet remains in which to make an effort to secure the Ten Pounds (cash) first prize, or one of the seven other substantial cash prizes. And when helping yourself, get your friends to help you at the same time. That is the way to succeed. At the time of penning this reminder, the entries to hand are *practically nil*, so that it looks as though the money prizes are to be picked up by the expenditure of very little time and trouble on the part of competitors. So once again we would say that if the winning of Ten Pounds appeals to you, make a start at once towards securing this sum, which will defray for you the cost of a sojourn by the sea, or wheresoever your holiday fancy may lead you. Remember: there are eight cash prizes, and no fewer than 29 prizes all told! That the task of winning one or other of them presents little difficulty to those readers who "put their back into the work" during their spare time will be evident to all who read the rules and hints to intending competitors. Think of the pleasant holiday the possession of that Ten Pounds would enable you to spend. Make a start in the competition at once.

BIRMINGHAM, WOLVERHAMPTON & WEST BROMWICH INTER-SOCIETY COMPETITION.

Mr. Weaver (chairman of Wolverhampton C.B.S.), in his lecture to the members of the West Bromwich C.B.S. recently, reminded his hearers that he suggested the two societies enter into friendly competition to increase entries at each other's shows. He would very much like to see something done in this direction between the three sister societies, i.e., Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton. All three societies having agreed to an inter-club competition, Messrs. Weaver and Gibbons (Wolverhampton), Key, Andrews, and Jennings (West Bromwich), Mole, Pearce, and DeMaillet (Birmingham), attended a special meeting at the Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich, on June 18th, to draw up conditions, etc., Mr. Weaver being voted to the chair. The chairman said it gave him very great pleasure to preside, and he congratulated Mr. de Maillet upon the proposed scheme. The latter, in reply, said it really was Mr. A. Jones, of Birmingham C.B.S., who suggested the lines upon which the competition should be run, and that he had only followed up Mr. Jones' proposals. The following resolutions were carried:—By Mr. Key: "That a challenge cup be purchased at a cost not exceeding five guineas, same to be sterling silver, and each society to contribute one-third of its cost." Mr. Pease informed the meeting that he was a silversmith and had been offered a cup of at least 25ozs. weight for the above amount (the wholesale price being about seven guineas), while it was possible he might yet obtain even better terms. By Mr. Jennings: "That only the 20 highest awards gained by each society at each of the three open shows count for cup points, the lowest award counting one point and graduate upwards." Br. Mr. de Maillet: (1) "That as the inter-club competition is mainly to encourage the support of these societies at each other's shows, it is suggested that each society provide a special prize for the member gaining most points, with every award, at the three shows." (2) "That in the event of an exhibitor being a member of more than one of the three societies, points gained by them in cup competitions shall be equally divided between the societies of which he is a member, but total points gained shall count for the special prizes given by these societies for most points." (3) "That members' and selling classes be excluded from the competition." By Mr. Mole: "That cup must be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of the winning society." By Mr. Gibbons: "That cup be on view at each open show." By Mr. Andrews: "That the society holding the cup insure same for the ensuing twelve months." By Mr. Key: "That meeting be adjourned until July 16th, at Wolverhampton Society's headquarters, at 7 p.m., to enable the societies to discuss the matter with their members with a view of getting further suggestions for the competition conditions." Mr. de Maillet proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weaver for his able services in the chair, which was carried; also a vote of thanks to Mr. de Maillet for the trouble he had taken in bringing the competition to this stage, with a request to continue to act as competition secretary. The meeting being over, the delegates settled down to a discussion over birdy topics, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.—J. H. De Maillet, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality Linnet singing contest held June 25th at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 14 birds sang. 1st, Solomon; 2nd, Butler; 3rd, Green. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and P. Madden. Also on June 26th, when 20 birds sang to a good company, some visitors coming from Sowerby Bridge, Castleford, etc. 1st, Bland; 2nd, Butler; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and W. Naylor.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

L. ADAMS, Eagle Aviaries, High Street, Folkestone. Judge all kinds Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, etc.; life experience. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

WM. SHAKESPEARE, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W., Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich. Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds; specialist Mules, British and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. 30 years' experience.

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BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members F.F. Show will be held in Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling. **Sat. July 2nd.** Judge J. Bailey, Esq., Allerton. Exhibition opened by 3.30. Entries close 2.30 Sat. Admission 2d. Sec., **H. HILL.**

MANCHESTER &N.C.O.S. Young Bird Show **SAT. July 2nd.**

Free Trade Hall, Peter St. Open 12 o'clock, Admission 3d. Hon. Sec., **H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering Rd., LEVENSHULME, Manchester.**

WIMBLEDON & District Young Bird Show, **MONDAY** next, **JULY 4th.**

6, The Broadway Wimbledon. Judge: **J. ROBSON, Esq.** Admission by Catalogue, 6 p.m. **H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.**

HULL **Cage Bird Society** 1st Feather and British Bird Show, Sat. **JULY 9th** Oddfellows Hall, Charlotte Street. Doors open 3 p.m. Admission 3d. Judges: **Messrs. W CLEWS, Grimsby, and C. STEPHENSON, Hull. E. R. RIDLEY,** Secretary.

LONDON & COUNTIES **O.S.** are holding their 1st Feather Show on **Sat., JULY 9th, 1910,** at the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C. (Old Street end). Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission One Penny. One of the finest Halls for Club Shows.—**W. GILBERT, Hon. Sec.**

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

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Twitterings.

Our first Feather Show dates, writes Mr. A. Gledhill, hon. sec. of the Morley and Dist. C.B.S., are July 16th and August 13th.

Will fanciers and friends kindly note my change of address from Farndale Road to 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle? writes Mr. John W. Reed.

We are holding our annual First Feather show on July 23, writes Mr. Arthur Wake secretary of the Middlesbrough and Teesside C.B.S.

See advertisement columns for a few of Sandiford's noted colour food customers' orders; not a few pounds, so as to be able to compete for specials.—(Advt.)

Our Young Bird Show will be held on July 16th, at Half Moon Inn, writes Mr. Hy. Todd, secretary of the Darlington C.B.S. We have appointed Mr. T. Wright, of York, to judge.

The Bolton and Dist. O.S. will hold their first Feather Show on July 9th, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the hon. sec., and Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) will judge.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society's members' young bird show will be held on July 7, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. Visitors, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the hon. secretary, will be heartily welcomed.

The Nottingham and Dis. Permanent C.B.S. are holding their young bird show on July 9 at the Grapes Inn, Platt Street, Nottingham, writes Mr. J. Walmsley, the secretary. Twenty classes are to be provided, and Mr. G. Marshall will judge.

We have secured the services of Mr. A. M'Farlane, the celebrated Norwich fancier to judge our First Feather show this Saturday, July 2nd, and a large turnout of young birds is expected, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. sec. of the Hamilton Cadzon Oaks O.S.

We have decided to hold a second Young Bird Show at our headquarters, the Reindeer Hotel, on July 12th, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Mr. H E. Tringham is to judge the Canaries, and Mr. C. Botting, the British birds. The several extra shows which we are holding this year are proving very attractive and successful items in our programme, bringing together a large number of both birds and fanciers.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Important Notice to Show Officials.

With the object of stimulating interest in First Feather (young bird) Shows, and of increasing the attendance thereat, and consequently helping onwards the Societies holding these fixtures, we have decided to accept advertisements of these shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present a special prize of a framed plate to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns. Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

The Leicester C.B.S. Nest Feather show is, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, the hon. secretary, being held this Saturday (July 2) at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester. The show opens at 4 o'clock, and admission being free, it is hoped there will be many visitors.

The Barnsley Cage Bird Society are holding their next Feather Show to-day (Saturday), July 2, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the sec. Mr. W. Rapson will officiate as judge. All interested are invited to attend the show, which will be held at headquarters, the Clarence Hotel. The show will be opened at 5 p.m.

The Garston B.B.A. will hold their annual young bird show July 23, also their annual old bird show on December 3, the judges selected being Mr. J. Bretherton (Liverpool), and Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) respectively, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, the hon. secretary.

The Wivelscombe and Dis. F.A., will, writes Mr. C. A. L. Morant, hon. secretary, hold an open show of cage birds, etc., on August 18 next. Six open classes will be provided for cage birds, the judge for which will be the Rev. G. W. Joyce. The show will be held under Cage Bird Union rules.

Owing to local circumstances, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, the hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S., we are compelled to postpone our annual Nest Feather show, originally fixed for July 16, until July 23. Will fanciers and members please note this? The show will be held at the Duke of York Hotel.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as judges at our annual show, to be held on November 5th, writes Mr. Arch. Murdoch, hon. sec. of the Airdrie and Coatbridge O.S.: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. W. Hailstones (Edinburgh) and T. Todd (Glasgow); and for Norwich, Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock). Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) has kindly given to the Norwich Plainhead Club two gold medals (one for champions and one for amateurs), for best birds of opposite colour to the club's gold medal winners at Liverpool Club show, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins. I shall be glad to hear from any Norwich fancier desirous of joining this club.

The annual outing of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., writes Mr. J. E. Wood, the hon. secretary, takes place on Sunday next (July 3) to Pailton. The train leaves G.C.R. station at 10.5 a.m. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers to visit our Nest Feather show, which will be held at the White Swan on July 2. The show will be opened at 3.30 p.m., admission free.

OBITUARY.

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Guthrie, sec. of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the sad loss sustained by one of our oldest and most respected fanciers, Mr. James Johnstone, by the death of his wife, who passed away on June 9th after a long illness. I feel sure his friends, of whom there are very many, will join with us in sending our heartfelt sympathy to him and his family in this their sad bereavement.

Since my advertisement appeared in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Bernard Hollins, the well-known Hull bird dealer, I have been unable to cope with the enquiries. Owing to the large number of applications for lists I have been unable to despatch all this week, but will forward same to all who have asked for them as quickly as possible.

I am trying to get another Linnet Singing Club, this time for the Manchester district, writes Mr. B. Wharton. There is nothing of this kind in Manchester, but there must be some Linnet fanciers about. I am a member of the Wigan Linnet Club, and they are always successful over there, and am sure it would be the same here if we could only get a start.

The members of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Spencer, the hon. secretary, are having a ramble through Wilmslow and district on Sunday, July 3. Mr. Snape, one of the members residing there, has promised to act as guide. Members please note that we meet the 2.30 train, London Road station. Local fanciers are invited to join us.

The sixth annual young bird show of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. will be held on July 4 at headquarters, 6, The Broadway. I cannot say at the time of writing what the entries will be like, writes Mr. H. Smith, the secretary, but in the past our young bird shows have been considered amongst the best held in and around London, and I am very sanguine that this year's will be no exception to the rule; indeed, I venture to think that competition will be very keen, particularly in the Yorkshire section.

In the next issue of "Boxing" (that remarkable weekly paper devoted to "the manly art"), on sale Wednesday, July 6, will be found a splendid special report, cabled from Nevada at enormous expense, of the greatest boxing contest of all time, the fight between Jeffries and Johnson for the world's heavy-weight championship. It will be a double number (price 2d.), and a coloured portrait of the winner of the stirring fight will be presented with every copy. Orders for this issue should be given newsagents at once.

To-day (Saturday, July 2), from 2 till 9 p.m., bird-lovers have the opportunity of viewing London's unrivalled collection of prospective champion Canaries and Hybrids, with British and foreign birds, at the City and Suburban Society's young bird show, the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone. The favourites of every fancier can be seen, numbering over 180 birds. 'Buses to Baker Street, and the Baker Street (Metropolitan) and Regents Park (Bakerloo) railways are within five minutes' walk of the hall.—(ADVT.)

The second of the Bradford East O.S.'s Young Bird Shows will be held this Saturday, July 2, with Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) as judge. The third will be held on July 23rd, judge Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax). The Old Bird Shows are due to be held on September 24th, November 15th, and December 26th. All the shows are to be held at the Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Leaflets giving the classification, rules, etc., may be had of the secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

The Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. young bird show was, I am pleased to say, a success, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, the secretary. The exhibits were an increase on last year's, in spite of the fact that a number of exhibiting members were unable to patronise the show in consequence of the poor breeding results. As usual the novice members filled their classes, and made a grand show. An amateur won the special for best bird in the show. We hope to make the show a financial success.

Mr. John Rukin, the noted Lizard Canary exhibitor, writes: "Please forward me a 22-lb. original tin of Ramsden's pure pepper. I may say that last season I had wonderful results again from the use of your pepper, which I consider the best on the market by far." And so say the majority of the leading exhibitors in the country. Ramsden's peppers are pure, sold with a full guarantee under the Food and Drugs Adulteration Act, also the Merchandise Act. Sold only in canisters, and full weight given. This is a point worth noting—full weight without the package. Ramsden's peppers are the finest the world produces, and in use prove to be far and away the cheapest. Insist on having Ramsden's.—(ADVT.)

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.

A meeting of the committee of the Open Norwich P.C. will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at the Northgate Hotel, Top of Rawson Place, Bradford, at 5 p.m. Business very important. —O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

Cinnamon-Marked Y.C.C.

Will any society desiring the patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club kindly apply, if they have not already done so, on or before July 7th, when patronage will be allotted?—GRAYSHON AND ALLEN, secretaries, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike.

National Green-Marked Y.C.C.

A committee meeting of the National Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club will be held this Saturday (July 2nd) at 5 p.m. at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Business important: Tenders for Handbooks, allocation of part patronage, etc.—F. ARMSTRONG, Sec.

Our Essay Competition.

The papers sent in to compete for the £5 prize offered for the best essay entitled, "Is It Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?" are very numerous. We are having their merits carefully adjudicated upon, and hope to be able to announce the winner in our next issue.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.

Secretaries of societies in the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club's radius who desire its patronage, but have not yet applied for same, are reminded that their applications must be received by me at once, as the committee will meet to allot the patronage next week. I take this opportunity of reminding local societies that clubs having our patronage last year had a most successful and paying section, and entries promise to be numerically superior during the coming show season. I shall be glad to hear from our members (for publication in the Press) what sort of luck they have had, and the number of young they have reared this breeding season.—A. PADDOCK, All Saint's Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

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A Lord Mayor's Trophy.

The first Lord Mayor of the ancient city of Norwich, Dr. E. E. Blyth, LL.D., has generously promised, we are informed, a handsome silver cup to the Norwich Amateur Cage Bird Association. The cup is now being manufactured by Messrs. Allen and Daws (Norwich), at whose shop it will shortly be on view. The stipulations made by his Lordship are that the cup shall be competed for at the autumn cage bird show of the society by the various local cage bird societies in the city, each club winning it to be entitled to have the name of such club engraved thereon. He further suggested that the cup should be called the "Lord Mayor's Cup," and should remain the property of the N.A.C.B.S., and that the winning club should return the cup a week previous to the annual show. His Lordship expressed the hope that the gift would stimulate the important pastime of Canary breeding, with which Norwich had been so long associated.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 194.)

A class of genuine Belgians would attract visitors who otherwise would not look in at the show, and to those specially interested Belgians are a treat. We hear a great deal about shows going down. Probe the matter to the bottom, and I think it will be found that one of the causes is the want of a higher ideal concerning the exhibits that are entered for competition. The committee at a show should be composed of experts who are able to speak authoritatively, and guide the business of the show. Judges would then submit doubtful points to such a body, and instead of having an entry of inferior exhibits, shows would be supported with the real exhibit all through. Under such a regime Scotch Fanciers would have little or no difficulty in getting the genuine Belgian for breeding purposes, and through that medium the standard of the Scotch Fancy Canary would be improved. I know it is impossible to give absolute satisfaction, but much can be accomplished by ornithological associations in the way of bringing about a pleasanter feeling in the working and visiting of shows.

From what I know of Scotchmen I am persuaded they will not rest contented until they have large, massive Belgians to exhibit and to breed from, for the purposes of building up the Scotch Fancy Canary. As each year goes by, we should have a steady improvement all over, and no falling away.

"Regaining" the Belgian.

The real stamp of Belgian has been lost, and the point for consideration is how is the Belgian to be regained. The nearest approach to the Belgian is the Scotch Fancy Canary of the past half century. This had to depend upon the Belgian for the putting in or maintaining of the "hump" or "shoulder." Whenever a breeder observed his stock tending to be plain or flat in the back or shoulder he waited patiently for the two or three gentlemen who annually visited Antwerp and brought back the pick of the season's breeding of Belgian Canaries. Canary breeders in those palmy days, if they were to have the privilege of purchasing the best of the consignment, had to keep on good terms with the Belgian Canary dealers.

At one time the price of the Belgian was moderate and within the reach of the ordinary breeder. I recollect that one of the finest yellow cocks of the Belgian race that I ever had the pleasure of admiring only cost three pounds. He was bought by a well-known breeder in Dumbarton, who was a carpenter by trade and in the course of his ordinary calling had occasion to visit Antwerp. It was then by chance that he met this breeder, a gardener, who bred a few pairs for pleasure but took a special delight in having quality. That bird produced some splendid first-crosses from which prize winners descended. That Belgian only cost three pounds. Looking back there was little wonder the purchaser felt proud of his bargain. By-and-bye prices advanced, until a Belgian was placed beyond the ownership of a working-man, or even a successful middle-class merchant.

The worst calamity of all was the deterioration of the Belgian Canary. It gradually receded in size, presumably through having been cross-bred with inferior Scotch Fancy Canaries, until a really good Belgian Canary could not be procured for even a princely price.

An Absolute Necessity.

Large "hump" is an absolute necessity in the breeding of the Scotch Fancy if the erect posture and prominent "hump" are to be maintained. Scotch Fancy breeders have no faith in what is put before the public as the Belgian, and are now face to face with a serious difficulty in breeding. How the defect is to be remedied, is the problem of the hour.

I have given the subject a deal of thought, and have come to the conclusion that the only way out of the difficulty is to match the Scotch Fancy Canary erect in posture with the most prominent "hump" that can be procured, with a mate that is, if possible, more pronounced in "hump" qualities, with the ostensible object of building up a strain of heavy-shouldered Canaries that will equal or surpass the Belgian Canary of the old days. An odd Scotch Fancy is to be met with here and there with the properties indicated, but it is well nigh impossible to expect to come across a male and a female in the same room that would be suitable to put up to obtain the desired result; indeed, it will be a most difficult thing to get a pair anywhere.

If a keen fancier possessed of a Scotch Fancy Canary of outstanding "hump" would enter the arena heartily, get a suitable match, stronger than his own in the "lacking" points, and breed them to secure prominent shoulders, he would confer a great benefit upon the Fancy and would reap a rich reward. The progeny of such a cross would command handsome prices. Breeders are eager for stock such as I have indicted, not only in Scotland and in Britain, but in the colonies.

Depth of chest is of paramount importance, so that in any selection which may be made to redeem the Belgian Canary both birds should have a great depth of chest from the tip of the shoulder to the front of the chest. This quality cannot be dispensed with and should be a chief consideration.

I have endeavoured to emphasise the need for size. The situation demands it. What is wanted more than ever is plenty of size to develop a fine massive type of Scotch Fancy Canary. A lot has been said, and it is repeated every day, to the effect that the Scotch Fancy Canary is on the decline. There is a justification for that cry, but too much is made of it. If in place of repeating that breeders would set about to increase the size with a good instalment of the Belgian properties, we would soon see the Scotch Fancy Canary on the upward grade, and it would grow in popularity wherever the correct type is found.

Other Necessary Qualities.

The head should be small and neat, and the neck should be long and free. The favourite Belgian as it was had a fine reachy neck and a neat head, and in the restoration we are speaking about these fine features should not be lost sight of, but should be specially instilled. A clean, well-cut-out front is an essential element to help intensify a nice front in the future members of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Every breeder likes his birds to have a front equal to a front which might be expected by the use of a keenly set spokeshave on a piece of wood.

The body should be as long and as deep as possible to lengthen the young. Short stumpy bodies should be steered clear of, and the only way to steer clear of this objection is to have in every direction as much length of side or body as can be put in.

The old Belgian was finely tapered in the body towards the tail. I think that should be aimed at, as the breeding of two birds that are well made down towards the tail in the Scotch Fancy Canary style is apt to produce a cross or Scotch Fancy Canary of pretty much the same thickness throughout the body, which detracts from the smart appearance which is obtainable from the tapered type. The body should be straight. The posture should be erect; the bird set on legs that, when it is run into a one-perch cage, will take a firm grip and command a determined, erect position. The progeny require to be erect, with no inclination towards hanging over the perch.

The tail should be perpendicular with the body and perch. That was a characteristic of the favourite Belgian, and should be kept in view in breeding for the future Belgian "King of the Fancy."

Plenty of patience will be needed, as it will be uphill work to retrieve what has been lost. More, in fact, than we can imagine has been lost, and it will take a long time to make up lee-way. But the attempt is worthy of the best efforts of our best fanciers not only in the direction of restoring the Belgian Canary, but of perpetuating a splendid type of the Scotch Fancy Canary, which is admired and followed with interest wherever the English language is spoken. Every breeder by building up the prominent shoulder can do something in this restoration process, and I hope that what has been said on the subject will stimulate breeders in general to breed the correct type. In doing so they will confer a benefit upon other fanciers and future generations of fanciers.

(To be continued.)

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The Commonsense Treatment of British Birds.

By R. W. VANDERBEN (South Shields).

(Concluded from page 550).

When Feeding Britishers.

Again it would be waste of space to try to describe the diets for all British birds, and I would only endeavour to indicate how suitable variety in their food may be obtained. Our ever obliging friend, CAGE BIRDS, will give any special information (and here I would wish to thank those courteous and painstaking gentlemen who answer queries in this paper, for information given; indeed, in reply to others, but which has been of great use to me). Read carefully the answers to correspondents, and you will reap much knowledge and save much repetition.

In feeding remember that the wild bird works hard for his food, while his caged brother has only to eat it, and it is best to avoid the danger of overfeeding on oily seeds, or on foods rich in nitrogenous elements. Most of the seed mixtures sold are too rich, and can well be diluted with half their bulk of good Canary seed, or even more while insects or other rich foods are being given.

It will be of much interest to yourself and benefit to your pet to observe or read up about his natural habits and haunts; they are an infallible guide as to what is his best food. If inconvenient you need not of necessity give identical food; intelligent thought will often suggest easily obtained equivalents, or even improvements for caged birds. The seeds we give our birds are not wholly those they get in nature. Various insects, alive or dried, meat, cheese, and fruit (fresh or dried) may take the place of their natural provender. The Thrush tribe fed on a stock food of puppy meal, mixed with fruit and cereal meals, compare well with their wild brothers for condition, and are in song for a longer period of the year.

For these birds great cleanliness is necessary, or they get a sour smell. I clean mine every day. They and all insect-eaters are fond of house flies, or any beetles, spiders, etc., which may be obtainable. I have tried often to see if I could tire out my Blackbird and Chaffinch—I catching flies and they eating them—but they always win.

Pets that are Easily Kept.

Any of the small British Finches are good pets and easily kept. The Bullfinch and Goldfinch are my favourites. The former, by haunting gardens, hedgerows, and coppices, will indicate that he is a feeder on buds, berries, and seeds. The latter and Linnets haunt wild open spaces where weeds abound, especially their favourite thistle, hardhead (Scabius) and teazle. They are seed-eaters. A cage with an open flat wire roof, containing two or three Goldfinches, is a lasting joy. These beautiful little creatures will spend hours in interesting gymnastic exercises on that roof, seeming to prefer to be inverted, and impartial whether hanging by one leg or both. The Greenfinch and Chaffinch are fairly ubiquitous, and, as one might suppose, fairly impartial feeders. The latter, whose Norwegian or German name interpreted is the "Beech Finch," feeds in autumn largely on beech-mast.

The kernels of Barcelona nuts, or apple pips, seem to please him just as much. When apples are being prepared for cooking I always impound the cores for my Chaffinch. If these be fixed firmly in his cage he will struggle with them till his cage rattles, gaining much beneficial exercise and eventually the pips. For the fruit he cares little. With his beautiful though subdued colouring and glorious sheen he is a pretty sight, hopping about on the table, snatching at a sheet of notepaper as I write, or tearing bits from the edge of my newspaper.

All Fond of Them.

All the small British Finches (and Canaries) are fond of flowering or seeding grasses of any sort, and a bunch of them gives the birds exercise and something to play with. Chaffinches are fond of insects and you can meet their needs in winter in this respect with ants' eggs and dried flies, they will eat them mixed dry with their usual seeds. Be careful about introducing this bird to others. He has a business-like beak, backed by a sturdy frame, and knows how to use them.

Two Acrobats.

I caught one winter two Great Tits, in a trap cage baited with suet, and though at first I knew little of their food, I soon found out. That they liked suet was obvious, and it was equally obvious that as a continuous diet in a cage it must soon upset their livers. But the shrewd nips they gave me when I took them from the trap (anyone who has put their finger in even a Tomtit's nest with the bird at home will know they have a most efficient though small weapon at their front end), convinced me that if they liked it, no ordinary seed would be too hard for them. I give a mixture of the stock seeds, and they ate all of them. Their peculiar Woodpecker-like habits led me to try them with mealworms and any insects I could get. They seemed unable to bear the sight of them, for they put them out of sight as soon as possible. They were most interesting and amenable pets, and outdid my Goldfinches in cage roof acrobatics. I got to love them so well that when the spring came I put the cage, door open, in the garden. Either they did not appreciate my hospitality as I appreciated theirs, or the fields offered a more pleasing attraction. They uttered no thanks, and they never returned.

For those who wish to try the unusual, I should say that success may be met by attending to the general essentials given, and finding by observation of haunts and habits, proper food, if not just as in Nature, at least by trial and thought an efficient substitute. Even in open spaces and parks in our towns, much bird lore is to be obtained by the observer, and our public libraries are always open to the enquirer. If the bird you desire be cageable at all, I believe that commonsense and thought will bring such success as to satisfy even the heart of an amateur.

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A Lecture read before the Halifax O.S. on June 4.

Many changes have taken place in the bird Fancy since I began to breed Canaries, over half a century ago. There was no colour feeding of birds, till the seventies, when Mr. Bemrose brought out his red-coloured Norwich, which carried all before them. Many times these birds were tested for dye, but none could be found. If they had been dyed the flight feathers would have been the same colour underneath as they were on the outside, but with the hottest fed birds they are pale on the under side of the flight feathers. Mr. Bemrose would not divulge his secret till after the Crystal Palace Show—he had a whole season to himself; then he told the Fancy it was common hot cayenne pepper given to the birds throughout the moult, he feeding them with a regular quantity every day.

Colour feeding has ever since been a common practice amongst bird fanciers, especially those who go in for exhibiting birds. One of the worst ideas was when we had to feed for yellow fed, and not get them red. Turmeric, Mustard and many sorts of spices were used to temper down the red cayenne, and many a good bird that would take colour (whether really red-fed or not) was thrown out for being red-fed by some judges, whilst others would pass them alright.

The greatest difficulty was to tell where yellow ended and the red began. This caused great disatisfaction amongst exhibitors, and it was decided to leave colour open—the best way out—and to give as few points as possible for colour.

Lively Scenes.

Bird shows used to be held on Sundays, they always being held at a public house. There were some lively scenes at that time, as borrowing was a common practice. One man would borrow a team of six or twelve to win a special. This got too prevalent. Therefore, societies made a rule binding birds to be the bona fide property of the exhibitor Various specialist clubs and unions have all been-developed during the period of fifty years. The casting aside of the Yorkshire self Cinnamon is a feature I regret, as it was a beautiful bird, and one to be admired when in good condition. Thousands of these birds were bred, and very much valued. Now they are cast on one side; the dealers will scarcely look at them.

Yorkshire greens seem to be as much thought of as their brother Cinnamons are thrown adrift. Very few fanciers to-day have seen a good Yorkshire Cinnamon. Those that are seen nowadays are only sports from the marked variety. A true bred Yorkshire Cinnamon has that deep shade of cinnamon, often enough seen in a good Norwich Cinnamon. Those that are bred to-day are mostly light dun in colour owing to the breeding for light marked birds. The Yorkshire Cinnamon was the bird I got all my cinnamon marks from originally with an occasional dip into green.

A Good Bird.

The first bird I bought was a yellow Yorkshire hen—a quarter bred Belgian. I gave 6s. for her; that was a very high price, being in the year 1859. I could have bought scores of Canary hens at one shilling each, but I wanted something good so I had to pay for it. Although I had bought this hen I had no cock bird to pair with her, but I knew where I could have one for the asking. I had two uncles, both Canary breeders. One of them had a nice green-marked cock, almost even marked, bred from a Cinnamon Yorkshire cock. I borrowed this bird to pair with her and got eight youngsters, both green-marked and cinnamon marked. All the cinnamon marked birds were hens; one of them was even marked, a fine drawn hen, showing breed well up on leg, a good young hen, one that would bear looking at to-day without one's being ashamed of it.

I put her on the top row on purpose for keeping her along with a few others, but I had not to let her stop long. We used to sell all our surplus stock to a man named John Lees, who used to fetch them about the last week in September. His price was 2s. 6d. per pair for them, cocks and hens. He looked round for all decent Yorkshire birds touched nicely with the Belgian.

John soon spotted the even-marked yellow hen, and, of course, wanted her. I told him she was for breeding with. But, he said, surely you could spare her, and keep another one instead? I told him I intended keeping her as she was the best bird I had—such lovely eye markings and perfect wings. John would not be shaken off so easily; so he told me he would leave the lot unless this hen was placed amongst the sale birds. I hesitated about this. Two and sixpence a pair was not enough for a hen like this, as I knew she was a better hen than the mother, as she was perfectly marked, and as good every way. I knew of no other bird dealer who would buy them, and I was paying sixpence per pound for canary seed, so I consented to let her go with the others at the record price of half a-crown per pair.

Had I a bird like her now she would sell for what he paid for the fifteen pairs for a stock bird alone. She may be a trifle breedy now for a show bird, but at that day a Yorkshire showed breed to a large extent. Winners were about quarter-bred, I should call them. For years I bred these cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, generally using a self cinnamon cock to a clear hen, and sold them at 2s. 6d. a pair. It was a mere fancy for me—I always lost money by them as canary seed was so expensive, and you could get little for the birds when they were bred. Only those men who were showing were able to get any good prices for a Canary.

I got to know of old John Smith, of Halifax, in a year or two, and he gave me 3s. 6d. per pair for them on the first Saturday in November. I sold old John hundreds of birds at this price. I do not remember ever getting more than 5s. 6d. a pair for them. That was later on, when there were more dealers in the field wanting them. He had to give a trifle more then.

A Great Drawback.

The great drawback to the old rule of breeding for marked birds was the large percentage of fouls you bred. You may get one decent nest out of a dozen, but generally out of a nest of four there would be one approaching evenness—the others most likely selfs, with, perhaps, an odd clear. I may say I have bred more even-marked birds this way, and seen scores that have been got this way, than I have bred since I began to cultivate the marked breeding, avoiding the self cinnamon as much as possible.

The splitting of the dark to the light worked out the same as it does in Mule breeding; those birds that took to both parents moderately were left with eyes, wings, and sometimes a tail feather or two marked. I do not advise this method of breeding for markings, and I cast it aside over twenty years since, as I found I got no nearer, always having so many fouls to contend with.

It would be some twenty years since the Yorkshire Union included the cinnamon-marked Yorkshire as an established Yorkshire bird. Societies then began to make classes for it; some made only one, others made two. I was not an exhibitor this time, although a member of Huddersfield Society. I sold a lot of good cinnamon-marked birds that won at the commencement of classes being provided for them. One of the best yellow cinnamon-marked cocks I ever bred I sold for six shillings. I never asked any big price for the birds, and if I got a trifle more than the dealer would give, I was satisfied. Up to the time of my beginning to exhibit birds, I never sold one for ten shillings.

I may venture to say there is no fancier to-day who has studied the various methods and systems of producing this bird more than I have. In my opinion, it is the most difficult of birds to breed not a very delicate bird to rear like the Belgian or Crest, but the difficulties to be contended with are innumerable. First you have to get the markings on to the right bird. "My word, if it had been a nicely marked bird, instead of a tick," or, on the other hand, "Had it not been splashed on the back or a scar across the chest, it would have ben an eye-opener." The breeders of Clears and Greenticked birds have nothing but butter and milk to contend with compared with a breeder of markings. He can always stick more closely to type and quality, than a cinnamon-marked breeder will ever be able to do. The marked breeder has got to study his birds well, and pair those he thinks will obtain good type and quality, and not lose any percentage in markings. This is the great difficulty, and where the skill of the breeder is tested. For, however careful one may be in breeding, the objectionable foul bird will keep appearing, and most likely the best bird in the nest for type, the markings, of course, being against it. A nest of clears may be the first nest from a well-mated pair; the second nest may be all fairly good marked birds; whilst the third nest may be on the heavy side. All three above-named variations can come in one season from one pair of birds. The best marked birds are generally on the small side, or have bad position, or there is something wrong with them to disqualify them for showing.

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A stall, made up of what appeared to be an old door, fastened on to a hand-cart, stood by the side of the road between Market Harborough and Northampton, and piled up on the stall were a number of small cages, each containing a Canary. The proprietor, pipe in mouth, and his wife (also "blowing a cloud") were seated on the bank enjoying a rest.

He was a bird-seller, he told me, after I had sat down in the shade near by, and we had drifted into conversation: "the only roadster (tramp) bird-seller in England, but trade is bad just now."

"Dreadful bad," said the woman, breaking in to the conversation. "Why, we had to rough it (sleep out) last night. You see," she added, "they won't take us into a casual ward because the birds mean value in money; but if you are doing no trade, you have no money."

Their clientele consisted of cottagers and country beerhouse keepers, and the common lodging-house proprietors

"Every common lodging-house has a bird in a cage in the kitchen," said the man; "it makes the place look homely." Unfortunately he had found none of these establishments on the road they had been travelling over in need of replenishing just now.

"I've give birds away," said the man, "when we've had a bad day, and it's getting towards night. I've taken a 'bob' for one, and if anybody can tell me where I can buy Canaries at a 'bob' a time, I'll thank them. Last night we couldn't even get that."

He obtained his birds from breeders who knew him. He was well-known on the roads, and generally managed to make enough in the summer to give him a few pounds to start the winter with; but he was just commencing his summer rounds, and had not been able, so far, to put anything by to tide him over a blank day. He had several expenses to put up with. For instance, it cost him 6d. extra a night, which he paid the deputy in the lodging-house they stayed at, to take charge of the birds at bed time.

I found this man had the utmost contempt for the rest of the bird world. "I only sell Canaries," he said. "We never have sold nothing else," said his wife, her vehemence outbalancing her grammar.

They only did business on the roads. "The police bothers one in town if you're a stranger," said the man; "but I've sold birds to many a country policeman before to-day."

He and his wife made their own cages. They rested in a lodging-house for a day or so when the stock was running low, and made a supply whilst awaiting the arrival of a fresh lot of Canaries.

I asked him what was the best day he ever had, and was surprised to hear it was when a motorist ran into his cart last year, and strewed the cages on the road. The gentleman in the car gave him £2 as a solatium for his wounded feelings, and to repair the damage; the latter he found amounted to the loss of two birds.

The worst day he ever had was when a deputy in a lodging-house locked the cages up in the kitchen, and the gas escaped during the night, and all the birds were found dead in the morning. He could not get a penny as damages.

"It's an up and down world," he said, as I rose to my feet to continue my journey; "but we manage to pull through, somehow or other." Then I wished them good day; and we parted.

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Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(J. P. Watson, 112, Irene Terrace, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 30 and July 1.—Stockport B.F.A.
July 1.—Penzance F.A.
July 2.—Bootle and Dis.; Bury and Dis. C.B.S.; Codnor Park C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; City and Suburban A.C.B.; Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.; Hamilton O.S.; Deepcar O.S.; Leicester (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.; Sale Open & Dis. C.B.S.; Manchester & N.C.O.S.; Rochdale O.C.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Barnsley C.B.S.; Colne C.B.S.; Dalton-in-Furness C.B.S.; Guisborough "Priory" C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Longton C.B.S.; Wallasey C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.; Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.
July 4.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 6.—Southend O.S.
July 7.—Oxford C.B.S.
July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (½-day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland; Tunstall C.B.S.; Batley O.F.S.; Clapham C.B.A.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.
July 11.—Reigate F.A.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Morley and Dis. C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Bramley O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.; City and County of Perth O.S.; Darlington C.B.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leyton C.B.A.; Garston B.B.A.; Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S. Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIST. O.S.

Monthly meeting held June 7th, Mr. Foxall in the chair. This meeting was thrown open as a "question night." There was a large attendanee, and a good number of questions were asked; these were ably answered by some of our elder members. It was agreed to hold a number of table shows for young birds, the first to be held at our next meeting, July 5th. For Norwich there will be two classes. The above will be judged by Mr. Sharples (Oldham), and all points gained will count for specials, there being nine already promised.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Monthly meeting held June 25th in the Fawcett-street Cafe. There was a good turn-out of members, Mr. Jeffrey being voted to the chair. The secretary read correspondence re our patronage, and considerable satisfaction was expressed at the fact that we have classes at Newcastle and Gateshead shows. A long and pleasant discussion ensued on the standard as business was soon over, and Mr. Reid moved, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, "That we adopt the standard of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A." Will members note that subs. are now due? Anyone wishing to join can have particulars from me.—G. DAVIDSON, Sec., 10, The Royalty, Sunderland.

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For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that:
(1) Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers.)
(2) The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
(3) The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

Thus it is possible for a competitor to obtain without any expense at all on his part a large number of coupons, which also in their turn may be the means of obtaining further supplies of coupons.

As a further reward to readers we will give a free advertisement in "Cage Birds" to the value of 1s. for every fifty (50) coupons sent in which are eligible for the competition, the said advertisement being available for any issue within three months of the date of the competition closing, viz., July 27th next.

No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrange with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 595

The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall on June 25th, Mr. Hunter presiding. Five new members were enrolled, which brings the total up to 45, which is very encouraging. Being a new association, and having only a 10 mile radius, it has had the whole-hearted support of the fanciers. Members please note next meeting July 30th.—W. CLUBB, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Usual monthly meeting held at 122, Ingram-street, June 25th, Mr. Marlin presiding over a good attendance. For the first feather show, to be held on the last Saturday of July (admission free), Mr. Pettigrew was almost unanimously appointed to judge. Classes: Norwich, clear or ticked yellow, cock or hen; ditto buff; variegated yellow, cock or hen; ditto buff; Border, yellow or buff, cock or hen; A.O.V. Border, A.O.V. Canary, A.V. Mule or Hybrid. Specials for the show were handed in by Messrs. Fulton, Small, Connelly, Knox, Marlin, Munro, and Pettigrew. Our monthly show was then proceeded with.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S

Members not present at last meeting are requested to note that the evening show of pigeons and cage birds on July 14th has been altered to a general show, to include all sections. Mr. C. A. House will judge. It was also resolved to call a special general meeting for July 28th, to make arrangements for the young stock show, October 26th. It is hoped all members will endeavour to attend. The balance-sheets of last two monthly shows were brought forward by the hon. sec., and were very satisfactory, the poultry show having a profit of 3s. 10d., and the rabbit, etc., show 17s. profit. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Waters for kindness in judging. Miss G. E. Jay having won the points' cup outright, and returned same to the society for competition, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the society be accorded Miss Jay, and that the society's silver medal be presented to her to commemorate the event. New members elected: Mr. C. Hodder (Forest Gate), Mr. C. H. Ives (Romford), Mr. T. Gowers (Leyton Road), and Mr. J. S. Jackson (Tottenham). All points' medals have been posted to the winners.—W. MANEY, Hon. Sec.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Davis's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, on June 25th, when we had a grand meeting. I am pleased to say we had six new members and a vice-president added to our roll. Will it be too much to ask every member to be present at our next meeting and bring a new member? We have several more who have promised to join us. Mr. T. H. Melhuish, of Cardiff, was appointed to judge our show on November 10th. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier in the district wishing to join.—G. YEO, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Adjourned meeting held on June 16th, Mr. J. Curry in the chair. The details regarding the annual outing were settled. The meeting proceeded with the classes for open show. The entrance fee and prizes remain as last year, namely, 20s. per class, no cancelling and no amalgamation. The Norwich classes stand as last year, with the addition of an extra unflighted hen class. The greens stand if we get Green C.A. patronage; otherwise they drop out. Cinnamons are left in the hands of the committee. Crests are left as last year, but the pair class is dropped, and clear body dark crests included with the yellows and clear or grey crests. A long discussion took place over the Crest section, as we would have liked to apply for the Crested C.C. patronage; but it was felt that certain classes insisted on by the club would fail to fill, and by taking up the guarantee scheme we would still be out of pocket more than if we stuck to our old classification. The Yorkshires are left as last year, with four extra classes added for green marks, according to the Norwich Green Marked Y.C.C. requirements, whose patronage has been granted us. Scotch Fancy and Borders remain as last year. Two classes are added for Lizards, and the selling classes were modified slightly. Mules, British and Foreign remain as last year. Mr. J. Thompson was elected a member.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

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For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Avicultnre—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Singing and Moulting.

Miss Wedgwood.—It would have been a help had you said how the bird was fed, and where kept. If it is hung in a window, or in any draughty or greatly fluctuating position, you must first of all remove to a comfortable position, quite free from draughts, and where the temperature is as equable as possible. At the same time see that it is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and that it is well ventilated. Next examine its cage, and all the joints and crevices, for traces of insect pests, and if any are discovered, see they are quite eradicated. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a quarter of a teaspoonful of maw seed. Every day give a fair supply of crisp, young chickweed. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and after that give four drops each of tincture of calumba, tincture of gentian, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and stick a small cube of hard, common salt in the wires for it to peck at for a time.

Bare and Bleeding.

B.W.—If all the trouble occurred after you returned the cock to the common hen, I am inclined to think she was the real cause of it by plucking out his feathers to make a lining for another nest. Even if you did not see this happen, you would probably discover the feathers in the nest pan. In this case your best way out of the difficulty would be to supply hair and a few small pigeon or poultry feathers to make the nest, and if this is not quite successful, remove the cock and only allow them to be together for two or three hours each day until the eggs are laid; then keep him away altogether. It would have been best not to allow the hen to nest again, seeing that she has already had three nests. If you are convinced this suggestion is not the source of the trouble, then it is practically certain to be due to red mite attacks; scraping out the joints of the door and any likely crack or crevice with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and you will doubtless soon see the cause. In that case, give all the joints and crevices, and perch ends a dressing with essence of quassia until the birds can be removed to overhaul thoroughly. Give a bath with a few drops of the quassia in it every third day for a week or two. Slightly anoint the bare places with zinc ointment once or twice. Give twelve drops of glycerine, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence for three days. Give a fair supply of green food daily.

Not Weaning.

T. H.—You must make a stronger effort to get your young birds on to seed. It is rather unusual that they should ignore seed so long if the latter is of good sound quality. Examine the seed carefully, and chew a pinch of it, to see if it is quite sound and free from mustiness. Having satisfied yourself that the seed is not at fault, put the birds on the following treatment: Give an unlimited supply of plain canary seed in the hopper. Every day give two good teaspoonfuls of summer rape—the reddish, mild, and nutty sort—for the six birds in a separate vessel, and each day for the next week add a piece of bread and milk the size of a large walnut, sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed. Every second day only give three small teaspoonfuls of cracked hemp for the six birds, and gradually reduce this quantity by about one-third, and give only twice a week after the first week. You may give a half-ripe plantain stalk daily, and after the first week go on to a spray of seedy chickweed, seedy stalks of shepherd's purse, nasturtium, or marigold or dandelion blooms, and so on to the usual forms of green food three or four times a week. After the first week also stop the bread and milk, and go back to egg food, but give it only every second day, and do not make it moist or sloppy. Keep it rather on the dry side. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece for one day, and for the next three or four days add three drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of calumba to the water last thing at night, and throw this out and give fresh pure water at midday each following day.

Not Nesting.

Novice Crest.—Sorry the hen has not made an attempt to nest yet. You may, I think, safely wipe her off the active list of breeders, for this season, at any rate. Still, you will lose nothing by leaving the pair together permanently for the rest of the season then if she surprises you by going to nest at the last minute, so to speak, all will be well. But if she does not do so I should, were it a case of my own, discard her altogether for the future. My experience is that nothing but disappointed hopes is to be got out of them. Continue to feed and treat as mentioned in last reply for the latter part of treatment. For green food you may try the effect of giving seedy sprays of chickweed, speedwell, and pumpernel each day. The moult may begin any time now among birds that have not been mated, or those which have been mated and not gone to nest. It is the safest plan to begin at once to give a little colour food twice a week to those birds that have to be fed, and increase this to three times a week with colour food at half strength about the middle of the month. This will suffice until the birds begin to cast feathers. As soon as you find a few small feathers or a wing or tail feather in the cage, then begin to give the colour food daily and gradually increase it to full strength. Birds that are healthy and in good condition do not need helping through the moult, beyond protecting from draughts and stuffy atmosphere, and feeding liberally and allowing free access to baths. When being colour fed, the necessary egg food is quite sufficient extra feeding, and the staple diet should be limited to plain canary seed. During latter half of moult, give twenty drops of chemical food in the water three times a week.

Brevities.

Canary Ill (W.F.W.)—The bird is in a serious condition. Take it indoors, and keep it in a warm, cosy position, not too near the fire, but yet on the warm side, and where the temperature will be as equable as possible night and day. For the staple seed diet give plain canary seed only, and each day give a small piece of bread scalded in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed. For three or four hours each day give water made faintly saline with Epsom salts, and for the rest of the time two days in every three add twenty drops of the following mixture to each ounce of its drinking water. Mixture: Get a chemist to dispense you a little mixture, say an ounce, composed of two parts each glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and one part each tincture of lobelia, and ipecacuanha wine; add to each ounce of mixture ten grains of potassium iodide. Give in the drinking water as above directed until better, and afterwards every second day until well. The sample of seed is unsuitable, and some of it quite bad. You will do well to get a better mixture of good, sound seeds.

Three Points (N. K. J.).—(1) If the hen is anxious to go to nest, it will be quite possible for you to get another brood. But if she shows no particular desire to begin nesting right away it is extremely doubtful getting another brood off her this year. Of course, you may leave the pair together a little longer "on spec." (2) It is best to transfer the young to the nursery cage a few days after they leave the nest altogether—say, about three weeks or a month old. The exact age would depend upon how soon they left the nest. If the parents start nesting again and maltreat them, it may be advisable to place them in the nursery, nest and all, before they are quite able to leave the nest. But this plan is only to meet cases where the hen plucks the young to line her second nest. (3) As a general rule all breeding pairs should be broken up as opportunities occur, from the end of June to the end of July. As regards the latest month possible for breeding there is none. Young have been hatched and reared in December, and in every month throughout the year. These, however, are the exceptions, and not to be taken as a reliable guide. For this purpose, the time mentioned above is correct.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Canary Unwell ((Manx).—You certainly would not be justified in breeding with this bird, which is in a very bad way, and will probably never do any more good. You might try what the following treatment will do for it, but the prospects of cure, I candidly admit, are exceedingly small: First see the cage is quite free from red mites, and is quite out of the way of cold draughts. Keep in a fairly equable temperature, but not exposed to fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Keep cage floor and perches scrupulously clean, and the former well strewn with gritty sand. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, twice a week a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed, and on two other days a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niga, black rape, teazle, and millet. Give a spray of chickweed or other green stuff daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid daily for three days. Finally, give twenty drops of whisky, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and tincture of lobelia every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat for another week.

Bad Foot (F. J. Whibley).—It is impossible to state the cause without knowing the exact condition under which bird is kept. To my mind, it seems more than likely the cause of the trouble lies in the cage, and the repeated occurrences are due to the same cause. Examine cage thoroughly, and see if there is any jagged end of wire, or metal, or sharp edge of glass which can be the cause of slight injury by the bird jumping upon or flying against it. If it clings to the edge of the glass sides, carefully examine the edge of the glasses, and if the cutting edges are not removed, lift out the glasses and carefully rub down the edges to smoothness on a hard sandstone or an old file. With a very little care this is quite a simple job. Keep cage and perches absolutely clean, and the floor strewn with clean gritty sand. If the foot is now sore, bathe if for a few minutes in a warm solution of boracic acid—small teaspoonful of acid to rather less than a teacupful of warm water. After bathing, dry gently, and anoint once a day with a little zinc ointment. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops

Not Nesting (Scot).—It is just possible the hen, or perhaps both birds, may have been played out the first two seasons. It is doubtful if they will do anything more now this season. Leave them together, however, and in addition to the usual seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed. Give a few dandelion heads daily, instead of green food. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for two days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week.
of lemon juice every second day for a week.

Young Dying (Egroeg).—Your feeding is wrong, and is doubtless the cause of your loss. You make hemp, are sound and sweet. Stop the soaked canary and cracked hemp; the former would have been far better omitted. First, see your seeds, especially the hemp, are round and sweet. Stop the soaked canary at once, and substitute in its stead a regular supply of dry, good, sound canary. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of summer rape, selecting only that which has a mild, nutty flavour; twice a week, when not giving rape, give half a teaspoonful of cracked hemp per bird. Every day for the next week instead of the egg food, give the equivalent of a small teaspoonful of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed. After the first week, you may stop the bread and milk, and go back to the egg food, but give it only in the above quantity, and only twice a week. Withhold green food for a fortnight; then you may give a little three times a week plantain stalks or seedy chickweed for choice. Keep cage scrupulously clean, and strewn with gritty sand. Add three drops tincture of gentian to the water daily for three days.

Enamel and Eggs (Beginner, M.O.).—(1) Provided you take due care to see the enamel is set and dried hard before any birds are introduced into the cages, it will be perfectly harmless, especially if you use the best brands. Use it discreetly, putting on evenly and smoothly, and two or three thin coats in preference to one thick coat, allowing each coat to become quite dry before applying the next. This is the way to avoid those smeary, botchy jobs with guttery surfaces and "beads" of hard enamel hanging about. (2) The only way is to transfer the eggs for a hen you do not wish to sit, or cannot trust to carry out her duties. Or perhaps some friend might let you have the eggs of a pair of common feeders when they were removed to make way for a clutch of more valuable eggs. Failing this, you might make up a clutch by taking one each from three or four common pairs, which must, of course, be laid within a day or two of each other. The way to get a clutch of Linnet eggs for the purpose should be obvious. There should be plenty about.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch Mule Breeding.

H. Gillard.—It has evidently escaped you, but I have frequently this season stated that a Goldfinch will fertilise eggs although its beak is not quite clear. Still, I should hardly expect a Goldie which was moulting last March to breed Mules this season; the cross moult would almost of a certainty put him "out of action." Get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (post free, 2½d.), which will tell you fully how to feed for muling, song, etc. The hen Canary when she hatches out young should be given egg-bread, made fresh at least once daily. I prefer egg and good home-made bread (crumbled), with a little castor sugar dusted amongst it; nothing else (seed, etc.) with it. In addition, I give Canary and summer rape (mixed) in the seed-hopper, with cracked hemp in a separate dish, with a little crushed safflower or sunflower seeds, or a few crushed groats or a little coarse oatmeal amongst it. I give a few young and tender sprays of chickweed (or watercress) when the "babies" are two days old, and quickly increase the quantity until I am giving this ad libitum, with seeding shepherd's purse in addition. Some of my hens feed almost solely upon these green-foods. An occasional dose of sulphate of soda in the drinking water (as much as just covers a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls) is a grand thing, remember, to revivify a hen flagging at her duties

A Queer Case.

Avis.—I think you did the only possible thing in chloroforming the Goldfinch. No treatment, I am quite sure, could have been of avail. The actions of the bird were certainly extraordinary, and I have never before heard of such a case. I am afraid I can offer no opinion as to the cause. Our Mr. Yates might have elucidated this had you sent the body to him for post-mortem examination. No wonder you suspected "trouble in the head"; it reads as though "brain trouble" could be the only solution. You say there were "no signs of general illness"; if the bird had been weakly (in a very debilitated condition), there must have been some sign of this shown. The symptoms of paralysis towards the end were, of course, signs of great weakness, but may have been a result only of the continued strain put upon the bird's constitution by whatever ailment it was suffering from. I don't consider that your treatment was in any way at fault; there are weakly Goldfinches just as there are those with strong constitutions, and no system of feeding will help the former to survive. A bird that is constantly inactive and ailing is best given its liberty; I always open the cage door to such, for they are only a source of worry and trouble.

An Indoor Aviary.

A.K.J.—Indoor aviaries (that is, rooms fitted up to keep a number of birds in flying loose) can be made very pretty and a source of pleasure, but as leading up to breeding successes they are somewhat of a failure. If one does not mind whether young birds are reared or not, this point, of course, counts for nothing; but I gather from your letter that you are anxious to breed birds, in which case you would be better advised to house each pair of birds in a roomy cage to themselves. The different pairs are apt to interfere with each other's domestic arrangements—quarrel over mates and nesting sites, pull nests to bits and the eggs, or young out on to the floor, etc., and it is not possible to safeguard against these happenings. In a cage, of course, it is different. Your arrangements are right enough. You could put in six hen Canaries and two or three cocks, two pairs each of Linnets and Goldfinches, and one pair each of Greenfinches, Bullies, Redpolls, Twites, Siskins, and Chaffinches. Or instead of Canaries, our Mr. Page might be able to suggest to you one or two pairs of suitable Foreign birds. 2. It is almost too late now to pair a Canary and a hen Bullfinch—unless the latter is eager to go to nest. The best plan is to run such a couple together through the spring (winter, too, if possible) months. 4. The feeding and general management is rather too big a subject to deal adequately with in this column. You should subscribe to "Cage Bird Hybrids" (6d. monthly), or get Part 1. (now on sale), in which foods, etc., are fully described.

An Albino Dove.

Nero.—You ought to make sure of your "facts" before starting out to lecture people—and poor me, of all persons, whose profuse crop of premature grey hairs has been induced solely by this weekly task of answering more or less knotty questions at a moment's notice. You are entirely wrong in saying that the National British Bird and Mule Club "does not recognise any kind of Albinos and does not grant medals for same." As a member of the committee of that club, I say that it *does* recognise Albinos, and, further, that it has offered medals *specially* to encourage their exhibition at the shows given the club patronage, medals, that is, for competition solely amongst Albinos and rare-feathered British birds. What is the practice of the Scottish B.B. and M.C. I cannot at the moment say. Now the judge officiating at a show held under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C. has to be a member of the club, and is supposed to adopt the club's list of "desirable cage birds" as a guide. Do we all on that list, therefore my previous reply to you was quite correct, viz, that you would have to run the risk of getting your white, pink-eyed Turtle Dove "wrong classed." Some judges adhere to the list, others do not, for the Meadow and Black-headed Buntings are to be seen in the prize money at some club shows, although not listed. If your bird is genuinely a Turtle Dove (Turtur communis), it is, of course, unquestionably a British species, just as much so as the House Sparrow. If it is merely a pink-eyed variety of the Barbary Dove (sometimes called the Java Dove) it is common in the bird-shops, and is *not* a British bird. Personally, I should be inclined to admit into a rare-feathered class any species of British bird which could reasonably be held to be a "desirable cage bird" (whether listed by the club or not). But I am only one amongst many, and although a "judge at the Palace and considered an expert" (as you unkindly put it), other people are entitled to differ from me. Anyway, I hope you will now be more pleased with your humble servant and his answers.

A Disappointed Feeling.

Lillie.—I advise you to get the two "Nutshell" booklets which deal with the Linnet and the Goldfinch (post free 2½d. each), for in these you will find excellent and up-to-date advice concerning the feeding and management of these birds, getting them into muling condition, etc. You certainly appear to have had wretched luck this season; but cheer up, for it is sure to turn. And you are in good company, anyway, for the behaviour of my own birds has been "most cussed," as the Yankees say, and I am anything but over-run with youngsters up to the present. I cannot understand the Goldfinch not singing, seeing that it appears to be in good health. Are you really sure that it is a cock bird? It is evidently not in muling form, anyhow. As regards the Canaries, you should follow out the simple and straightforward methods of procedure given in our handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners." The cat must have injured the bird internally very possibly broke her neck though the shock of the attack would in itself suffice to kill her. It is no use persevering further with the Green hen, which is losing feathers. That she is in moult is only too evident. If she had not started when you bought her, the change of quarters may have brought it about. It is hard luck.

Brevities.

A Weed (J. Kay).—This is the yellow Goat's-beard (popularly known as "Jack Go-to-bed-at-noon"). The flowers are often mistaken for those of the dandelion, but the leaves serve to at once distinguish the two plants. I do not know that it is of any use to give to birds.

Another Weed (G. R. Askman).—This is one of the Pepper-worts (probably the Narrow-leaved variety) "weeds" belonging to the order Cruciferæ, and near relatives of Shepherd's Purse. The seeds of many of the wild plants belonging to the Cruciferous tribe are utilised largely as food by seed-eating birds in a state of nature. They are quite safe, and good to give to captive birds.

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A Bramblefinch's Claws (Blaydon).—A diseased condition of the claws has been set up, and can only be combated by steeping the foot twice daily in some effective germicide—say, 8 to 10 drops of Lysol in half a teacupful of water (warm). This will soon remedy matters. If the bird can grip the perches properly, the loss of the nails would not affect his breeding, though "whole" birds are to be preferred.

Cutting Talkers' Tongues (W.H.S.).—Any severity in my remarks was directed solely against the practice of tongue "slitting"; one can hardly be too emphatic and plain-speaking when dealing with this barbarous practice, which can only be classed with the other atrocity, the "blinding" of Chaffinches for the purposes of singing contests. I feel sure you will be in agreement with me as to this. Your present letter certainly amply justifies the question you asked me; but it has its sad side, inasmuch as it shows that belief in the necessity of tongue cutting is even more widespread than I imagined. The pity is 'tis true.

Cage-moulted Linnets (H.J.P.).—It is quite true that the previously blackish legs and feet of a Linnet become more or less flesh coloured after a house-moult; that is a sure sign of a cage-moulted bird, though some show it less than others. As a rule a bird twice house-moulted has whiter legs still; and so on. A house-moulted Linnet would not exhibit any trace of red on the breast; this is another safe sign—I have heard of exceptions, but never experienced one.

Lark Foods (British Workman).—In the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Skylark (post free, 2½d.) recipes for Lark food will be found (including one for contest singing purposes), and much other valuable information you will find very helpful and which I cannot give in the space into which I have to condense these answers.

A Sample of Summer Rape (W. Purchase).—This is rank bad seed, full of "weevils" (or mites, which can plainly be seen crawling amongst it). It is old and musty, and surely calculated to harm birds, while it does not taste like genuine German (sweet) rape seed; or it is a mixture of that and charlock. In an unlucky moment I started to "chew" a mouthful of this seed before noticing that it was alive with mites—I tried to imagine I was an insectivorous bird and enjoying the meal.

Identity of Bird (C. Rosier).—The bird you saw and describe was a Red-backed Shrike, and from your excellent description I have little hesitation in saying that it was a female. This species may be described as a "small bird of prey"; it is commonly known as the "Butcher bird," though this has almost too sanguinary a sound to be accurate. It is a summer migrant, and not at all common.

Acquiring Nightingale Notes (No Nom-de-plume).—Hand-reared singing birds will imitate the songs (more or less) of any species they are brought up amongst. Thus there would be naught of the impossible about a young Skylark acquiring the notes of the Nightingale if kept in a room which contained the latter bird in full song. I don't mean by this that the Skylark would imitate the Nightingale song note for note and sing it just as well—I mean that you would be able to recognise notes of the Gale in the song uttered by the Lark.

Rearing Young Finches (O. Padley).—The important thing to arrange for is an ad libitum supply of seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel—all plentiful and easily obtained. The usual seeds, of course, must be offered in addition, including plenty of good hemp and (for the Greenfinches) white sunflower seed. A dishful of egg-bread (or half egg-bread, half high-class insectile food) would also most likely be utilised to good purpose.

An Upset (Glasgow).—The sudden change on to the mixed seed wrought the mischief. Get half an ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and dissolve fresh twice daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will just cover a threepenny bit. Keep up for a week, if necessary.

Goldfinches Bred in an Aviary (Rolyan).—It is not by any means uncommon for Goldfinches to be bred in an aviary. It is a creditable feat, nevertheless. With the four young you have bred you should be able to get quite a nice lot of home-bred Goldies next season, if you care to try to produce them.

A Linnet's Leg (Hilda).—I do not think there is anything serious the matter, and if you twice daily gently anoint the place with a very little carbolic ointment, the "raw look" will speedily disappear. Write me again, if necessary. By-the-bye, I think the perfume on your note-paper is real sweet—an agreeable change from the speaking corpses with which I am sometimes favoured.

Two Matters (Novice).—1. Your Goldfinch Mules are what are known as Dark Mules, and will not change their plumage at the moult and come into the colour of Canaries. Light Mules are light in their nest feathers. Add to the seeds mentioned one part each of teazle and hemp seeds, and then the mixture will be a very good one. 2. If the sweet pepper left from last year is quite free from mould (looks, smells, and tastes good), then it can safely be used up this season. You might have sent a sample for inspection.

Bullfinch Hens Ailing (Hybrid).—Your hens are suffering from the trouble fully described in our last issue by Mr. G. Yates in his answers given under the heading "Post Mortems"—note the reply given to "Acanthis Barbarus." If the treatment mentioned therein will not effect a cure, then their case is hopeless. It is some kind of trouble in which the breathing apparatus is affected, and unless a remedy is applied in the very early stages, I question whether there is any cure. Isolate the birds, and keep in a warm, dry atmosphere. You will no doubt have read Mr. Yates' remarks about the delicacy of the breathing organs of birds.

Ailing Linnets (P. Watson).—Send specimens of the worms to Mr. G. Yates, our post-mortem expert, who will determine what kind they are, and advise you of the best treatment to exterminate them. My own practical knowledge of worms in birds is nil; I only know about them that which I have read in Mr. Yates' articles. You will note that this gentleman commenced a series of articles last week concerning the commoner diseases of birds; in due course inflammation will be dealt with therein and treatment advised.

Hand-rearing Jays, etc. (R. P. B.).—What!—again! And after the very long reply I gave on the very same subject only last week to Mr. F. J. Whibley? It is enough to make one quote Shakespeare. A really first-class stock cage would be one 4ft. (to 5ft.) long, 2ft. high, and 18ins. wide, with a punch-bar front made of very stout gauge wire, 1½in. mesh, one perch at each end, big door in front and at one end, deep drawboard lined with sheet zinc and food and water vessels to hang on the front. A broom handle makes good perches. Paint outside black; inside with pale blue sanitary distemper. Such a cage answers admirably for my own Magpie.

Magpie Matters (K. Bush).—1. This is rather a ticklish question, but I doubt very much whether a Magpie would be talking when only three months old—it might be just beginning to imitate sounds. 2. A Magpie "totally unable to feed itself, unable to fly, and with a tail not the length of one's little finger," could not possibly be nine months old. Have you written "months" in mistake for "weeks"? But such a bird as you describe would not be half nine weeks old; while to allege that it could "talk fluently and imitate a dog" is just R.O.T.

Mules Wanted (Novice, Preston).—To have got another hen Canary would have been the best thing you could have done. Pity you do not say how you have been feeding the couple; but if you have been giving her egg-bread, with a little niger, hemp, etc. (the usual stimulating treatment, in fact), then you cannot do more. If a hen won't go to nest, she just won't—that is the long and the short of it. I have two young (1909) hens myself which have shown never a sign of nesting so far—goodness only knows why; from what I hear this trouble seems far from uncommon this season. I sympathise with you.

More Weeds (Weeds).—Two of these "weeds" I had to get identified, being unknown to me. My kindly informant states that No. 2 is probably water crowfoot, growing in water or in watery, marshy ground; flowers white, plant unwholesome. No. 4, Milfoil (or Yarrow) likewise unwholesome. No. 3 is Goosegrass, a wholesome plant, but it is one of which I have had no experience in the feeding of birds. No. 1 is either chickweed or scarlet pimpernel. If it bears a white flower, it is the former, and, of course, excellent for birds. If a red flower, it is the latter, and unwholesome. The specimens you sent were too small to aid accurate identification.

What Birds (N. Wilson).—Eighteen (or thereabouts) small birds would go comfortably into your aviary. Either put in pairs of each species, or cock birds only (no hens). You could make a fine choice from amongst the Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Twite, Redpoll, Siskin, Chaffinch and Bramblehuch (one bird, or one pair, only of the three latter), and the Yellow, Reed and Snow Buntings. I cannot guarantee that they will "agree well" together; they ought to do, but then, birds differ in disposition, like human beings.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrakeets, Pekin Robins, etc.

T. J. James.—(1) On reconsidering the matter, the Rosellas very seldom scream, and their whistling call note, which they mostly make use of, is not so irritating nor anything like so piercing as the scream of the Cockatiel. Many colour Parrakeets, Rodrump Parrakeets, and also Stanley Parrakeets, while under periods of excitement undoubtedly scream, and loudly, but this is not incessant, and they are by no means noisy birds. While I could not recommend them generally, I had two cock Moustache Parrakeets in one of my aviaries that I do not think let off more than one shriek a week. (2) Pekins are very subject to this trouble, and I fear the birds were contaminated when they reached you; but if we have decent weather for a bit they should do well. All you can do is to supply wholesome food—soft food, ripe fruit, and live insects, and see that there are no draughty corners in their aviary. Give bird you still have (if it is still alive) 10 to 12 drops of Dinneford's Magnesia over its soft food, and if the eye region is swollen, well cleanse it with warm water and then bathe with a zinc and rosewater eye solution, and keep it strictly out of all draught. (3) This is very unusual; try sitting very quiet in front of their aviary for as long intervals as possible, and enter the aviary as little as possible. It should be possible to so arrange your food and water hoppers that they can be attended to from without. The birds with long claws must be caught and the claws shortened, but you must not cut back into the small vein or they will bleed badly; if such should occur, have a little Friar's Balsam handy, and promptly touch the claw with same. This should prevent disaster.

What Birds, Infertility, etc.

Volveris.—(1) Cowbirds, Thrushes (any you can get in true pairs), Rosy Pastors, Black-headed Sibias, Malabar Starlings, Dayal Birds, Silver-eared Mesias, Indian Green-winged and Australian Crested Doves. There are some grand birds among these, and a good series should be a grand sight. (2) This annoying trouble seems general with almost all keepers of Redheaded Finches—putting the eggs under Cutthroats is almost sure to be successful. (3) I much fear that fine as he is as to condition, that your cock Grasslinch is aged, and that accounts for infertile eggs. These birds agree pretty well together. Why not get another pair? They might change over, or, at any rate, change either the male or female of your present pair. Of course, it is impossible for me to say which bird is at fault. In spite of looking well, there is something wrong with one of the birds—age, or weakness somewhere.

What Other Parrakeets?

F. Rose.—With your two pairs of Budgerigars you could keep one pair each of Cockatiels and Rosella Parrakeets. I have always found these species to agree well together, and the pleasing harmony of their colouration goes well together, and the effect is very pleasing. They will not take any harm from the general diet necessary for all species; neither will they quarrel even in the breeding season, if you adopt the precaution of isolating the nests of the larger species away from the Budgerigars. It is better not to overcrowd, and I recommend you to be content with the species named; at the most I do not advise you to add more than pairs each of Blue-winged and Madagascar Lovebirds. Diet: Two seed mixtures—(1) canary and white millet in equal parts; (2) oats, hemp, sunflower, and paddy rice in equal parts. Also supply green-food, cuttlebone, and a little fruit. Pieces of plain biscuit may be given when they have young to feed.

A Widowed Budgerigar.

Amateur.—I should say he would rear his young family successfully. You can assist him by supplying small pieces of plain biscuit in addition to the usual diet. Also supply as much grass in flower (seeding grass) as he will take; this is very plentiful just now, and should ensure the feeding and rearing of the young. Do not introduce another hen till the whole brood have left the nest. There is no stated age, but as soon as you see the young Budgies freely shelling seed for themselves, you can safely dispose of them; usually it is quite safe to do so a fortnight after they leave the nest. I cannot advise more than three breeding pairs, as, if you have any luck, you must allow accommodation for young birds, and you may very probably get three broods of young birds simultaneously, and they occupy space, even if you do not retain them long. The probability is, you would probably get better results from three pairs than five in the space at your command.

Parrot Out of Order.

W.S.—Give one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia to three parts water. Repeat the dose several times with an interval of two days between each dose, and on the alternating days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. You can continue to give the bread, etc., also plain biscuit; and if the bird prefers it, these can be moistened either in plain water or the chemical food water. I should also give a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) at present; after boiling till soft, drain away all moisture and spot on to it about a dozen drops of the chemical food. Give the following seed mixture for the present: Two parts each canary and white millet, and one part of hemp, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, cuttlebone, and keep the cage tray covered with gritty sand. Keep the bird in any well-ventilated position that is free from draught. You will, of course, give the water containing the magnesia, and on other days chemical food, in lieu of the ordinary drinking water. Be very quiet in its vicinity, and as soon as it gets to thoroughly know you and your intentions towards it, it will lose its savage demeanour, but you have evidently got hold of an adult bird, which will be more difficult to tame. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Brevities.

Waxbills Dying (Shoer).—You give me no details of your aviary. What shelter accommodation have you? What is your county? So far as I am able to make a guess, it would appear that they caught a chill owing to a sudden change of weather, and succumbed to pneumonia. If you will describe to me size and other details of your aviary, I can possibly render you more definite assistance.

Amazon out of Condition ("C.B.").—Keep the bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with the chemical food, fairly regularly for a time. I should also get a box of honey and borax from the chemist and put a little on its tongue once or twice a day while the box lasts. Owing to cooking operations, etc., the temperature of a kitchen is apt to be very variable. Keep the bird in the most equable portion, and strictly guard from draught. At the same time, it should get light and fresh air. The illet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, with cuttlebone and grit.

Budgerigars not Breeding (Green Amateur).—(1) There is nothing wrong; the birds will ultimately settle down and breed. They sometimes take longer to do this in small quarters than in more roomy ones. At the same time, your aviary is not too small for breeding successes, though, of course, it will be apparent that the young must be removed as soon as they can feed themselves. It must be noted that free-breeding as Budgerigars are, they do not settle down with the same precision as Canaries, but, as a rule, all hatched out are fully reared. There is plenty of time yet this season—right up to September. (2) Give them as much grass in flower (seeding grass) as they will eat, exercise patience, and luck will come your way.

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Birds for Indoor Aviary (Midget).—Green Avadavats, Orange-breasted, Orange-cheek, St. Helena and Sydney Waxbills would best meet the conditions you name. The price of the first four species varies between 3s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. per pair, while the latter would cost about 25s. If you are able to get sprays of blighty foliage (from rose or fruit trees for preference), it will conduce greatly to the birds' well-being. Supply spray millet liberally as well as the canary and white millet mixture. All the species named are robust, but, like all imported birds, need care and freedom from draught as new arrivals.

Grey Parrot Laying Eggs in Cage (J. Jones).—You have no cause for anxiety; the temporary indisposition was due to difficulty in getting rid of the egg, and now the second has been successfully laid I do not anticipate you will have any further trouble with her. As a tonic, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food every other day for a month. The only risk is from egg-binding. To make this as small as possible, keep a piece of cuttlebone and a lump of old mortar rubbish in the cage, and when you notice any symptoms indicative of laying another egg, see that she is secure from draughts and taking a chill. Such cases are not at all uncommon.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Ornamental Ducks.

W. A. M.—There are not many crested species of waterfowl, but Mandarins and Carolina ducks both have large crests, and are fairly coloured. I expect these are what you are thinking of, as they are generally thought the prettiest fancy ducks. Red-crested Pochards and Tufted Pochards are also crested, and are strikingly coloured, though not so bright as the last. In the case of all these, however, the female is dull coloured, and the drake also loses his brilliant plumage during the summer months. If you want ducks which will look showy all the year round, and are similar in the two sexes, you can try the ordinary English Sheldrake, the Chilian Wigeon, and the White-faced Tree-duck; but none of these are crested. Muscovy ducks have crests, though these are not visible unless erected, and their plumage is handsomely variegated, with lustrous green-black and white, with a bare red patch round the eye. Drake and duck are alike except in size; these are bigger than ordinary wild ducks, unlike the rest I have named. Your query re sexes of Jays should go to Mr. Weston.

Keeping Birds' Eggs.

J. W. A.—You certainly ought not to varnish birds' eggs, as this makes them all of a uniform appearance, which is quite unnatural, as different sorts have different textures. Varnishing a collection would quite destroy its value in the eyes of any real student of birds.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

K. Spooner.—Canary died of metro-peritonitis, owing to rupture of soft-shelled egg within the oviduct.

Avis.—Cock Canary died of inpaction of the crop. This organ was distended to its utmost. The bird has ingested more than it could possibly assimilate. Feed a little more sparingly, and give them an occasional saline aperient, such as a few grains of sulphate of soda, in the water to drink. Both deaths would not necessarily arise from inpaction, but I feel convinced that over-stimulation by too frequent or too plentiful feeding is the cause of your trouble.

Kathleen Lewis-Barred.—The young bird suffered from anæmia, due to innutrition. It was very weakly, and in poor condition. A little egg food included in the diet might have been useful, and a periodical administration of cod liver oil, or malt extract, would have been a useful adjunct. As it was, I consider you did very well to keep it alive for the length of time you did. There was no actual disease, but a process of depletion, and a poorness of the blood arising solely from innutrition.

Evins Bros.—Post-mortem examination revealed the existence of a chronic affection of some standing. Both lungs and chest wall were diseased, and may be described as a chronic pleurisy, the pneumonia being of later date. I cannot definitely say whether it was a tubercular pleurisy, but it looks suspiciously like it. I am afraid you can do little with the other one that is affected. You are quite right; it is a wasting disease, and the cage occupied by this bird should receive thorough disinfection. I am afraid you will be able to do very little with your other sick bird, but you might try four drops of ammoniated tincture of quinine in its drinking water night and morning, and occasionally a little cod liver oil mixed with milk sop.

E. Bemier.—No, your birds are not suffering from an infectious disease. Enteritis, due to some irregularity in the dieting, is the cause of death. Reduce quantity of egg food given, and give rape seed two or three times a week only. It seems to me you are all too keen to force on your birds, and so overstimulate them, with disastrous results. Use weak solution of lysol for washing pots, and give two drops of some antiseptic in drinking water daily for a few days or twice weekly for several weeks. If diarrhœa occurs as symptom, which is very possible, resort to subnitrate of bismuth, as recommended to "N. D. D. 36."

N. D. P. (No. 30).—Enteritis or inflammation of the bowles is the trouble you have to contend with. the cause of which is evidently associated with some irritant introduced with the food. You are fortunate, so far, in having lost only two birds. Be very sparing in your supply of green food; examine carefully your seed. Do not force your young birds too much, and feed a little more sparingly for a time. To any that may be affected give twice daily a small piece of bread and milk, not too sloppy, and dust over a little subnitrate of bismuth, which you can obtain from your chemist. In the drinking water place a little permanganate of potash just sufficient to colour it, and keep your pots scrupulously clean. Many thanks re your kind remarks. I am gratified to hear you consider the articles useful to fanciers. I do not anticipate that you will have much further trouble, if you will carry out these directions.

A Railwayman.—Pneumonia is accounting for the loss of your hens. It is of an infectious nature, yet peculiar as it may seem, the cock birds do not often take the infection. Hens more particularly become attacked, often dying on a nest of eggs, or when setting on the newly-hatched; this may be accounted for by the fact that at this period they are more susceptible to attack. I have several times described this affection under post-mortem headings, so look up one or two back number—one, I believe, is described at some length in issue of May 28th. The lungs are always coal black, differing in this way from those cases of pneumonia arising from causes atmospherical. You should have investigated this outbreak before, when you might have been spared a great deal of loss, and had you given up breeding for the time being you would have been better off than at present. Give up all breeding for the season; the disease will wear itself out before the next breeding season. If you care to adopt any treatment at all for ailing hens, give a few grains of carbonate of ammonia in the drinking water night and morning, but it is seldom that a hen, once attacked, ever recovers.

S. Sutton.—You are losing your birds from a contagious disease of a very serious nature, and am afraid your losses will be even greater. It is a disease which attacks young birds mostly, and is very fatal. I have known quite a lot of young Canaries die of this same disease this season; only, unfortunately, in most cases it is allowed to run on before attention is given to it. It is a contagious disease in which the microbe is introduced into the system by the digestive tract, not by inhalation from the air. The medium is food, soiled by the excrement of other diseased birds, containing the germs. In its passage from bird to bird it gains in virulency or degree of harmfulness, so that unnecessary delay in tackling such outbreaks allows of its rapid spread, and renders preventive treatment much more difficult. The organ principally affected is the liver, which shows upon its surfaces patches of dead or necrosed tissue, and differs from lesions of septic fever affecting the same organ by the absence of nodules or prominences. These dead portions are brought about by the action of the microbe which finds its principal seat in the liver and other digestive organs. The disease may be described as "Bacterial Necrosis of the Liver." A bird so affected may live several weeks; in fact, may be slightly affected without showing any symptoms, these depending upon the amount of liver substance affected. As this increases, the liver, which is a most important organ, loses its functional activity and death ensues. If you will look up reply to F.J.W.S., in Cage Birds of June 4th last you will read of a similar outbreak. Medicinal treatment of affected birds will not avail you much; you have allowed the disease too much play. You can, however, try a few drops of Lysol in the drinking water daily for a week, allowing two drops to each bird. Cages occupied by deceased should be well scrubbed with soap and hot water, afterwards brushing well in a 5 per cent. solution of pure carbolic acid. Remove also the healthy birds into another room, and replace any that may show signs of illness. Wash your feeding and watering utensils in a weak solution of the same antiseptic, burn or destroy any sand, grit from the bottom of cages; and lastly, you will do well to give up breeding for the season. I have remarked that it attacks young birds chiefly. By this I do not mean that older ones cannot carry on the disease; what I mean to imply is that the young ones are most susceptible to its ravages, the others possessing a much greater power of resistance. When your next loss occurs I shall be glad if you will send bird on to me, so as to note any variation in the post-mortem symptoms. It is a disease of vast importance to fanciers, and is almost as fatal in its nature as septic fever.

J. Forster.—Hen Canary died of enteritis, brought about by irritation of the intestine by ptomaines, or poisons generated in the foods. There is evidently some fault in your dieting. Apply directions as above in reply to H. Hayman. Your treatment was good, and no doubt she would have made a permanent recovery, but for the fact that the cause was not removed. You must thoroughly overhaul your feeding materials, and try and ascertain the cause. In addition to bismuth, you may give occasionally a few drops of sulphuric acid, commercial acid, not aromatic, in the drinking water. This is a very good medicine for obstinate or persistent diarrhœa.

H. Hayman.—I am very sorry for your misfortune; it is certainly most disappointing, after having reared your birds to this age, to have them taken off in this manner. The trouble is dietetic, and even although you may ensure every care as to cleanliness in your feeding, and feeding utensils, yet you may have overlooked some little essential point in its preparations. Your egg food must be perfectly freshly prepared at least once daily, as at this period of the year ptomaine changes take place very rapidly, and the eggs used must be of the best quality, at the same time not giving it in too large a quantity. Your feeding and drinking pots might with advantage be washed regularly with a very weak solution of Lysol. This also may be given in the drinking water in doses of two or three drops, when it acts as an intestinal antiseptic, and arrests too rapid putrefactive changes. I trust that by adopting these preventive measures you will be spared further loss.

J. Wilson.—Yours was another case of ptomaine poisoning. If you will peruse the two preceding replies, you will have all the information necessary. This trouble is very common at the present time.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Newspaper Cutting (J. W. M.).—Thanks for the interesting cutting.

Identity of Firm (J.B.).—We should say that the two businesses were run by one and the same person—so far as we can tell, that is.

A Holiday at Harrogate (Novocastrian).—Accept our thanks for your interesting communication, for which we will certainly find a "corner" in the near future.

A Letter (J. Woolhouse).—We tender you our thanks.

Colour-feeding Canaries (A.R.H.).—Your question came too late to be dealt with by our Canary specialist in this issue. May we suggest that you send 3½d. for a copy of our booklet entitled, "The Colour-feeding of Canaries," by J. W. Ramsden, which will give you full and up-to-date information. Give the young a little egg-food for some time after they can peck for themselves.

Specimens, etc. (F.J.W.).—Many thanks for your kindness; the specimen copies shall duly be sent. We quite appreciate the explanation concerning the query. To adopt a common phrase: "Please don't mention it."

"Catherine, mule fesonde" (P. Rorke).—We are afraid our readers are only interested in mule birds that have bred. Thanks for your letter.

Correspondence.

A White Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—I see from CAGE BIRDS of June 25 that Mr. C. Kelsey has bred a white Scotch Fancy Canary. If it is Mr. C. Kelsey, of Manchester, who records the fact, I may say that I had a hen from him last year from which I have bred a white Scotch Fancy. But it has a dark cap. It is on the sticks and is doing well.

(MRS.) E HOLLIDAY.

Do Thunderstorms Affect Bird Breeding?

SIR,—Kindly allow me to inform Mr. W. C. Winn that thunderstorms do not upset the results of bird breeding, i.e. hatching, any more than cutting a bird's tongue makes it talk or sing; the latter your correspondent, "Nimrod," shows up to perfection, and I consider it is about time that such fiction was exploded. Now, to prove what I say. I had two birds sitting on eggs, one with three the other with six. The former hatched all three, and I had no results from the other. And out of four nests with the latter the results have been the same, as during the incubating of the two nests above-mentioned we (in London) had three thunderstorms in one week. I believe the same holds good among some poultry breeders.

W. R. EVERETT.

A Bird from Labrador: What is it?

SIR,—I brought home four birds from Labrador two years ago. I gave three away, and they were all dead in a week. Mine is alive and well, only it is always rough in feather. I am anxious to know what bird it is. They called it a Jay in Labrador. It is like a miniature Jackdaw, only it has a longer tail. It is a perfect mimic, pipes like a Starling, and in fact resembles him in all his ways. I fancy he is a cock bird. He is a ravenous bird, and eats anything—fish or flesh. Could any of your numerous readers tell me his proper name, and if I am feeding him right? He is very tame; in fact, I did not have him a week before he was eating out of my hand. Any further information I will gladly give.

A. HENDERSON.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of last week, and your editorial footnote, I am quite clear that my bird is a dark Linnet Mule, and that no Canary has had any access to the hen. I am quite willing for one of your experts to examine the young birds. You give my name as "R." Farrance, which should be

D. FARRANCE.

SIR,—In further reference to the case of the mules bred by Mr. Murray, of Sunderland, from a cock Linnet mule and a hen Canary, I had a visit from Mr. Murray on Saturday, June 18th, and I was sorry to hear that the bird with the white cap and flights had "gone" light, and that he had no hope of its recovery. I advised the usual remedy for such cases, and at the same time asked that should the bird not recover he would send the body on to your Mr. Weston as soon as possible, in order to give ocular proof that the bird had existed. I have since learned that the bird did die, and was at once sent on to Mr. Weston, who will doubtless give his opinion in due course, probably after he has also seen the living specimens. Mr. Murray has now only two left out of the five hatched from the first nest (both dark ones), although he has two from the second nest, both on the perches. Readers will probably have inferred from the tone of my previous letter that I was of the opinion that the birds were what they were represented to be, viz., three-quarter bred Canaries, although my opinion was not endorsed by two or three well-known mule breeders who had just the same opportunities of examining the birds as I had. It was with the object of examining the second nest, and further investigating the circumstances under which they were bred that a party of fanciers, composed of Messrs. J. Riseborough, C. Waters, J. Copeland, and myself visited Mr. Murray on Sunday, June 26th. We found that the peculiar arrangement of Mr. Murray's bird-room made it practically impossible for any bird to find its way into it unless deliberately taken in. In the bird-room itself there was nothing but Canaries, some of which were flying loose, a hen Goldfinch, also flying loose, and the cock Linnet mule, which was in a breeding cage with a heavily variegated Norwich hen—the father and mother of the birds under discussion. The hen was again sitting upon five eggs (their third nest), and both birds were undoubtedly on the best of terms with each other. We next directed our attention to the two youngsters from the second nest, and these birds were carefully examined, and were also compared with two hen Linnet mules which were bred last year. One of the youngsters is a dark one, or rather a variegated one, with a white abdomen, a white tail with one dark feather, and three white feathers in each wing. The other bird is a white one, with a dark splash between the shoulders about the size of a florin, white wings with two dark feathers in the left wing, and a dark tail. The beak of this bird is rather a peculiar colour, and resembles neither the Linnet nor the Canary, being of a sort of pinkish yellow colour—if I may describe it so. I might mention that the dark feathers of this bird are rather of an ashy grey colour, rather lighter than the dark plumage of the other bird, and these two birds practically put the genuineness of their parentage beyond all doubt, taken together with the circumstances under which they were bred; and I have the permission of both Mr. Riseborough and Mr. Waters, and also that of Mr. Copeland, to say that they are now convinced that the birds were bred as Mr. Murray stated, viz., from the cock Linnet mule and the hen Canary, as they cannot see how they could have been bred otherwise. I have taken a very great interest in this case since it has become known, and I do not remember any previous case that has been so thoroughly investigated, and I am rather pleased that my opinion as to the genuineness of these birds has been endorsed by two such capable fanciers as Mr. Riseborough and Mr. Waters. I might mention, sir, that these birds, together with the survivors of the first nest, will, all being well, be forwarded on to your Mr. Weston as soon as they are able to crack hard seed, for examination by him and any other experts whom he cares to show them to, and they will also be on view at our Young Bird Show on Saturday evening, July 9th, admission to which is free.

W. REID.
Hon. Sec. Sunderland C.B.S.

Which is the Best Green Food?

SIR,—I notice a correspondent brings forward the question of dandelion as a green food for young and old Canaries. As a food for young birds from three days old, I unhesitatingly discard it as most unsuitable, and so never use it. Dandelion leaves, no doubt, for certain purposes are very valuable, but only for old birds in the early spring to bring them into healthy breeding condition, or when an old bird requires a liver tonic. As a food for young birds I consider it possesses too many medicinal properties, and for this reason the continual use naturally upsets both old and young birds. The hen birds after incubation, and whilst bringing up the young, are generally relaxed, and dandelion naturally brings about diarrhœa and inflammation. Ordinary green food, fresh lettuce, chickweed, watercress, and groundsel I have found, after some years' experience, in every way suitable.

J. W. GOLDSMITH.

The Keeping and Feeding of Skylarks in Captivity.

SIR,—Allow me to say that I consider it best to keep a Skylark outside in a wooden cage, but hung on a nail; but only when the weather is fine. Also I think one's birds do better without canary seed, which some fanciers give to Skylarks. I feed my Larks as follows:—1lb. of coarse oatmeal, 1lb. barley meal, 1lb. pea meal, 3d. packet of a stock food, and ½lb. hemp seed. I put all into separate jars, as I think the birds then get each sort more equal. I put about four teaspoonfuls of each sort into a jar, add a little grated carrot, half a teaspoonful of linseed meal, one teaspoonful of currants (grocers'), and one piece of white bread with the water pressed out of it. Once a week I boil them an egg and mix it with the food. Also Lark fanciers should see that the drinking fountain is kept from going slimy. I may add that I mix about 1½ozs. of fine potted meat with the food.

A. HOPKINSON.

An Amateur's Successful Start.

SIR,—I should like to let readers of CAGE BIRDS know of my success, and how I have benefited by reading your valuable paper. In March, 1909, I bought a cock canary, seeing some advertised in "C.B." for sale; these I found out were Yorkshires—up to then I looked upon a Canary as a Canary merely, not knowing the different breeds, which I have since found out. The man I bought my bird of advised me to get a hen, and try breeding; also he told me to get CAGE BIRDS, which I did, and have not missed a week since. I bought two hens and succeeded in rearing 21 young birds last year. I sold all off except two hens, which I kept. I bought another cock. Having a little experience now, I thought I would run a few more pairs, and I am pleased to tell you that up to now I have got 26 young flying, and 10 more in the nests—total, 36—and 2 hens sitting, thanks to information received from CAGE BIRDS and also from good old CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, never having bred a bird before. I am getting overstocked, but am advertising some for sale.

F. W. ALCOCK.

The Type of the Lancashire Canary.

SIR,—I was rather amused in reading Mr. West's letter re "The Type of Lancashire Canary." Surely, Arthur, you don't want us to believe that such an old and experienced judge as Mr. Bexson would ever dream of putting a Lancashire or any other bird first in its class that could not stand up? He also says that he knows of Lancashires being put down for showing Norwich or Crest properties. Quite right. The writer remembers Mr. House putting down the late Mr. Collinge's birds for showing too much Crest. What was the result? Mr. Collinge refused to show again in the Lancashire classes under Mr. House. It was a well-known fact that Mr. Collinge did use the Crest to cross with his Lancashires, which is not at all necessary. The Crest is not required to breed good Lancashires. They can be bred and are bred (some of the best birds of to-day) without any Crest blood in them. As for producing "Crests" from two ticked Coppies, to say the least, this is nonsense.

ROCHDALE COPPY.

A Show Suggestion to Show Secretaries.

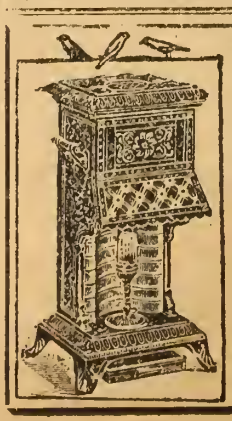
SIR,—I was sorry to read in CAGE BIRDS of June 25th of the Great Horton O.S. open show not being a success. It is really very discouraging. It is rather a mistake for several shows to be held on one date in the same town; one or the other is sure to suffer by it. As a true lover of the Fancy, I should like to give my opinion on shows to secretaries, although, no doubt, my idea will be ridiculed. Yet if made universal, I think in time it would work. First, I would propose, say, about 6d. each bird for entrance fee, with no prize money, only the usual honours as before, or two 1sts, two 2nds, two 3rds in each class of Canaries; admittance to the show, free; catalogues, 3d. At the close of the season, of course, special presentations could be given by secretaries to the highest honours of season's showing. Would this have a tendency to bring new fanciers out of the corner; more so when many of our shows are held in such respectable places as schoolrooms? One thing I can say honestly: I have personally known some of my acquaintances, whom I have endeavoured hard to induce to try their hand at many shows, but the entrance fee (1s. 6d. per cage) I fully believe had blighted their attempts at showing a few birds, apart from the trouble, of course, there always is in delivery and getting the birds back from the show, which entailed another odd shilling or two. However, it is only a suggestion on my part, and whether of any use or not, I have experienced the above facts; yet I never omit using all my influence or persuasion to get any beginner to try his hand who has not before made any attempt also to persuade him that visits to the show he will find very interesting and most useful.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A New Society for Chopwell and District.

SIR,—In answer to "Derwent Lad," I would like to know if he never changes his mind, and if a man cannot please himself as to what he does? I think "Derwent Lad" must have been down-hearted when he saw the new Society started. As for being in the same place, I say he is wrong, for there are two miles distance between them, with a population of about 7,000. Now, what about the five societies on Tyneside with not more than five miles apart? Were those societies started to do one another harm? I say no, for there are men who are members of all the lot; and still there is room for more. I say this society was not got up to do harm, as "Derwent Lad" says; it was started to encourage the men of Chopwell who had the Fancy at heart, but would not go to Derwent Valley, as it was too far away. It was through a little dispute about members' prize money, and the chairman of the Derwent Valley C.B.S. getting up in a meeting and saying "let them all go; we can do without them if such members will not sacrifice their prize money for the good of the society." But, Sir, thirty shillings to another man's two-and six seems a great deal of difference, especially when one has to pay contributions after that. I say, try and keep members, and not drive them away. No members means no society. Now that the new society has got a fairly good start, we will be like the Scotch General, who said, "Let Glasgow flourish" I will say, "Let Chopwell flourish." We have fixed October 7th and 8th for our open show, and have appointed our judges for same.

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A Quick Recovery.

SIR,—The advice given in the reply to my letter re Canary, I have not had to try. In the last issue of CAGE BIRDS Mr. Yates gave a cure for common cold, and as my other bird was ill only two days before dying, I thought I had better at once try this. So I took the bird out of the aviary (it was getting weak on its legs then), put it in a cage, and hung it just below the mantelpiece in front of the fire and gave it Mr. Yates' prescription. In the morning it had livened up, and was trying to sing again about tea-time. To-day his mate hatched three of her eggs, and as they were not in the nest I looked on the ground for them, and found only one, which a Thrush was trying to eat. Good luck for a start, eh? She is sitting on three Pied Wagtails' eggs now. The cock commenced singing about 4.30 this morning, and has not ceased for a longer interval than 15 minutes all day. Is it possible for it to injure itself by singing so much?

W. F. WILBEE.

[It is doubtful whether "too much singing" (if that be possible) would injure a bird: but a bird can be got into such rank (high) breeding condition that there is danger of a fit, or rupture of a blood vessel. Such occurrences are rare, however, and unmated birds are generally the ones to suffer.—EDITOR.]

A Border Fancier on the Way to New Zealand.

SIR,—June 24 saw a good fancier, Mr. Wm. Scott, of Chirnside, board the "Ionic," on his way to Kimuka, New Zealand. He was for over 20 years connected with Cage Bird section of the Chirnside Society, where he was mainly instrumental in extending the classification for his pet, the Border Fancy Canary. He was a pretty extensive breeder, and has bred some of the best Borders going in this day, which won for him numerous trophies. Then circumstances took him away into the country, where he was many miles from a station, and that was the means of curtailing his show career. But, being a keen fancier, a true Scot by name and nature, he stuck to his "little gems," and at the present time has the cream of his stock with him on board, bound for that far country where we hope they will make a name for themselves, and where we are sure his own services as a judge will be greatly in demand. With his long experience, I shall not be surprised when I read in CAGE BIRDS of his debut. We hope the good ship will carry its precious cargo safe to land, and although we were sorry to part with him (and here take the final shake), yet it must be, and we wish him and all the rest of his family God speed and success in their new home, for New Zealand is richer and Scotland is poorer by the removal of a true and good fancier.

ALEXANDER SHIELL.
Sec. Chirnside O.S.

Birds Biting Toes Off Their Young Ones.

SIR,—It was with interest I read letters recently from two of your readers concerning hens which eat the toes of their young. But I consider the case which I submit to your numerous readers to be of a worse nature, and I should be grateful to any of them if they could give me any explanation regarding it. This is my first season in taking up the interesting hobby of bird-rearing. I began by pairing off three sets of birds about the middle of last March, and each of them laid four eggs which were duly hatched. All went well until the ninth morning, when I discovered the toes of all the birds in one nest to be completely eaten off. However, I determined to give the same pair another chance to see the result. On this occasion I got five eggs, and when the time was drawing nigh for the birds to be hatched, I kept the pair under close observation. Entering my bird-room on the thirteenth morning I noticed the hen had something in her mouth, and on approaching the cage I was horrified to discover her devouring one of her young. I immediately examined the nest and found the dead carcasses of two other birds without head or toes, and another with the toes eaten off which, needless to say, I destroyed. I have often heard of cats eating their young, but I never read or heard of birds being guilty of such a crime. I wonder if any of your readers has had a like experience. Could it be possible, if this hen is the off-spring of a brother and sister (concerning which I cannot say), that this would account for her unnatural crime?

A DUNDALK NOVICE.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

Yorkshire Union Arrives at Working Arrangement with the C.B.U.

SIR,—At the Council meeting of the Yorkshire Union, held June 25, with Mr. F. Hammond presiding over a good turn-up of delegates, correspondence which had passed between the Secretary and the Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, was placed before the Council, and this ultimately led to a working agreement with the Cage Bird Union on the same terms that the Yorkshire Union had submitted previously. A communication was read from Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe to the effect that the Council of the C.B.U. would accept the terms as laid down by the Yorkshire Union, and this was accepted with much enthusiam. The terms of agreement are such as will allow members of the Cage Bird Union to show now at Yorkshire Union shows without fear of breaking the C.B.U. rules in doing so, and each Union decides to uphold all disqualifications incurred by members of the respective Unions. This agreement will, therefore, tend to weld more closely the interests of both bodies of members, and considerably strengthen the hold which both Unions have on the Fancy at large. One can only hope now that this working agreement is an accomplished fact, that all doubts will be cast away from us. Good work needs to be done to fight against outside forces which, to a certain extent, oppress our members. Railway grievances, for instance. The way exhibitors and also dealers who are constantly using the meagre facilities which the railways provide for the transit of birds, are dealt with is something abominable, and needs instant reform. No less than four cases have come before the Council during the last few months, and in each case, although legitimate means have been tried, the only result attained has been the customary offer of 5s. Two of these cases have been conclusively proved to be cases of theft during transit, and still this is the only consideration that the railway companies grant. Surely there is need for a deal of effort here in order that we can get a fair remuneration for the loss of our birds. The only advice I can give to exhibitors and dealers, until such times as some remedy is arrived at, is to insure the birds when sending them off, the cost being 3d. in the £. Many have proved that a deal more care is bestowed on birds that are insured.

H. HILL, Sec. Yorks. Union.

SIR,—I am now able to announce that an arrangement has been come to with the Yorkshire Union so that this body shall be treated as a contemporary Union, and their shows in future be open to Cage Bird Union members. I trust that those societies that have not rejoined because of this particular restraint, will now send on their subscriptions without further delay. The result of my circular letter to seceding societies is disappointing, in so far that only two have replied, one, Sunderland, reiterating their objection to Rule 22, the other stating they were not inclined to conform to the request for their reason for withdrawing. This is disappointiug, as we are still in the dark as to the causes of the secessions, and so unable to remedy the faults. The only other apparent tangible grievance, therefore, appears to be the objection to Rule 22, and several societies, though rejoining the Union, have written me that they would like this rule removed. Well, members have always had this entirely in their own hands; the rule has been debated upon, and after voting it has been decided to retain it. Still, if the majority are now of opinion it is unworkable, and that the Union would be better without it, it is for the members to say that the rule shall be dropped. I venture to think, however, that fanciers would be standing in their own light by doing so. Such a rule is needed for their own protection, and for putting the Union into a position of authority, and no one has come forward with any new scheme or any better rule for attaining these ends. After the failure of the two or three previous attempts at establishing a National governing body, it was obvious some new method of getting a number of societies to form a Union was necessary, and when this rule was proposed it was taken up with enthusiasm, even in its originally more stringent form. Bear in mind the large number of societies which did agree to combine to form the Union, and did so with the full knowledge of the meaning of the rule; this fact appears to have been lost sight of. It was not a case of first forming a Union and then springing this rule upon the Fancy to coerce other societies to come in. It ought to be the first thought of every fancier to support a Union having such objects as this has in view, none of which could be attained without a powerful body to see them carried ont; and what weight would a few societies have in approaching railway companies and other bodies? As Mr. Thos. Robson says, combined action is required, and a weak Union which cannot control practically all societies is a farce, and, further, that this rule is necessary because to be a real Union we must *all* join. Now, without this rule, even with the small subscription of 2d. per annum, fanciers would have held aloof. And does anybody seriously believe that more than a few societies would have joined any Union, however good its objects and capable its officials? If so, why did not the other Unions succeed, which had practically the same objects as the present one? So it became a question of forming quickly a representative and influential Union. Some one has mentioned the Poultry Club as a good example. I do not know when this club was formed, but I think it has taken a considerable number of years to attain its present position; and no doubt other stronger influences were at work than obtain in the Cage Bird Fancy. I contend that the C.B.U. attained in twelve months a position that would have taken as many years of labour and struggling against criticism and prejudice without such a rule, even if it had not followed the early fate of the other Unions through lack of support. Mixed shows particularly have been the cause of constant complaint anent the treatment meted ont to exhibits and exhibitors. Fanciers do not need reminding of the many ways these shows are often unsatisfactory. They could not be expected to affiliate, and yet would any of them have licensed themselves under the Union? How, then, would it be possible to protect the interests of Cage Bird exhibitors, and yet these shows to conform to the demand for better treatment for their section than by such a rule? If there is a better way, we would be glad of suggestions. It is not the rule that is at fault, but the members themselves, by not loyally observing it, and by not backing up the Union in reporting the cases of its infringement which came under notice. If this had been done, all causes of dissatisfaction would soon have been removed, from the fact that practically every show in the country would have come under the Union. Societies, too, have not supported the rules. One instance is well known. Another society, though affiliated, yet allowed its Secretary to resign (?) annually, so that he might exhibit at a few pet shows outside the Union, and still this resigned member always came up and managed their show and exhibited as a member. Now, what objections have been brought against the rule, beyond the cries of "coercion" and "restriction of liberty"? No other arguments have been brought against it, except that of inconsistence in not also putting a bar on non-members. But are we not coerced in every walk of life for the good of the general body, and does not a trades, or other union, if it wishes to become of any strength, and capable of enforcing its demands, make most stringent rules for its members to observe? Even the restriction of liberty would have disappeared in a very short time when every show had come into line; then, when the Union was numerically in a position to dictate, would have been the time to drop the rule. But this restriction is exaggerated. In 1908 only a very few purely cage bird shows were held outside the Union, and some 80 mixed shows were open to our members. So where does the hardship come in in not being able to show where one likes, when considerably over 200 shows, practically all in the country, at any rate confined to cage birds, were open to Union members? On the question of inconsistency, I admit the rule is one-sided, and it was never intended to be as it is. One writer suggests that the Union, to be a national success, should also prevent any non-member from exhibiting at Union shows, and to meet this to drop the private member's fee to 1s. This is exactly what was in the original proposition, but this part was overruled on account of the Palace Show. Another suggestion is for all C.B.U. members to show where they like and debar non-members from exhibiting at Union shows. In this the question of inconsistency would crop up on the other side; and again, societies would soon drop ont of the Union when they found by doing so they commanded the entries of non-members as well as those of members of the Union; and this rule would not help us at all with the mixed shows. I have tried to show how necessary such a rule was in order to quickly form a National Union, and also that without one, societies would drop out, the Union would soon dwindle down to a few, and so become ineffective. I have carefully studied all the correspondence, but have been unable to find any alternative suggestion by which societies could better be induced to join a Union. But whatever rule might be found, this nor any other could never be operative if not loyally supported by the members. Mr. T. Robson (Newcastle) suggests that members of the Specialist Clubs should also be affiliated, or, if not, debarred from offering their specials at C.B.U. shows. Many of them though not affiliated, have acted on the principle of only giving their patronage to Union shows, but I agree they ought to be affiliated. I also agree with Mr. Robson in asking the Newcastle district to call a meeting to suggest any means of improving the Union. Mr. Crawhall somewhere expresses himself as having given great thought to the reconstruction of the Union. Not a single one of the London societies is now affiliated, and not one has given the slightest inkling as to why not. I throw out the suggestion that the London societies and the Newcastle district also should hold meetings, and if there are any grounds for dissatisfaction with the rules or the management of the Union, send up their recommendations; if it is a question of faulty management, I believe, without exception, any of the present officers would be quite willing to give way to other officials being elected in their places. I further quote Mr. Robson, who says societies should send in their objections, so that all obstacles to their becoming members may be removed as far as possible, and I again appeal to societies to do so. A National Union can work so much better, and be of far more weight, than two or three in the country. Mr. MacPartling's suggestion to form a central, or local committee, to hold frequent meetings, is a good one. The expense of calling meetings of the Council, £10 or £12 for each, is a great drain on the funds, and such a central committee should be useful as an Emergency Committee if the members would accept it, and not afterwards pass remarks, as have already been expressed, that the Union is governed by a clique of local men, though the Council is constituted of representatives from every corner of the country. In Mr. Maggs' letter, appearing in your columns some time ago, he asks: Is it not possible to have a ruling body in the Cage Bird Fancy based on the freedom and goodwill of members? I doubt it, as witness the previous attempts to form a Union. The items he sets out as being done by the Poultry Club have all been effected also by the C.B.U.—matters such as non-payment of prize money and fraudulent preparation of exhibits have not, as he suggests, taken a back seat to breaches of the Rule 22; they have not been so prominent simply because they have not been of such frequent occurrence. He says the Poultry Club sees that classes should not be amalgamated or cancelled, that winners get their prize money, and that it provides legal assistance, as well as the provision of a "black list"—these are all points that the C.B.U. has undertaken. Nor does the Union interfere with the management of shows, except so far as clashing of dates is concerned, which is considered in the Cage Bird Fancy as very necessary, and even in this the greatest latitude is allowed, and all societies are given every facility for retaining recurring dates. Now it is, I think, generally agreed by all that a Union is a necessity, and can be of real benefit to the Fancy, and if the present one has weak places, let societies that have observed such send in their suggestions for strengthening them.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Secretary C.B.U.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Young Naturalist.

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**A Pugnacious Robin.

A friend of mine once had a model of a Robin, and she put it on the mantelpiece near the window. Every morning she used to find it knocked down. So one day she watched to see what knocked it down. When she had waited for some time she saw a Robin come in at the window, hop on to the mantelpiece, and fight the model of the Robin, knocking it over. Then it flew away.—Sent by Harold Tunbridge (age 14), Netherott, St. Marks, Cheltenham.

*Birds' Christmas Sheaf.

As I was walking through a field one day in winter (it was about December 24), I saw a man fastening a pole on the roof of a barn, and at the end of the pole was a sheaf of corn. I asked him what was it good for, and he told me that he liked to see the birds having a merry Christmas as well as men. I went there on Christmas, and I watched carefully, and the grandest thing I saw was a group of Chaffinches enjoying themselves to the Christmas feast.—Sent by John Davies (age 14), 29, Gormon Street, Carnarvon, N.W.

*Some Birds' Nests.

The Skylark's nest among the grass,
And waving corn is found;
The Robin builds on a shady bank
With oak leaves strewed around;
The Wren builds in an ivy thorn,
Or old and ruined wall;
The Cuckoo builds no nest at all,
But through the wood she strays
Until she finds a nest of hay,
And there her eggs she lays.

Sent by Harold Kilner (age 14), 387, Revidge Road, Blackburn.

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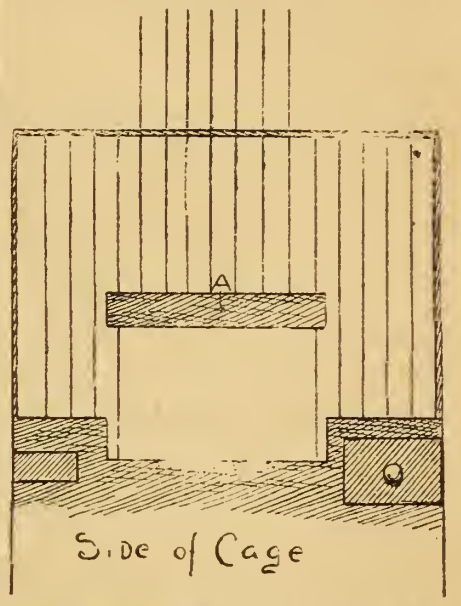
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No. 422.

A Linnet Contest Cage Device.

Sent by Mr. J. Whitehead, 99, Mill Road, Batley Carr, Dewsbury.

Enclosed is a sketch of an idea which I think will be very useful to Linnet contest singers and those keeping Linnets in contest cages. I have found it very handy myself for giving the birds a bath without taking the cages down or disturbing them. My birds were always trying to bathe in the drinking water. The device can



Bath Arrangement for Small Cages.

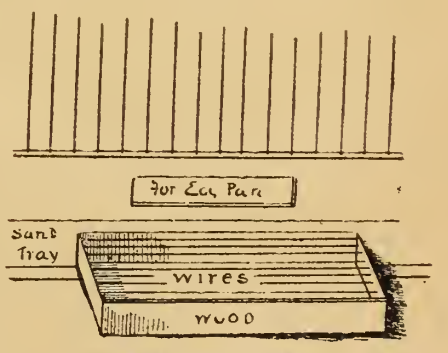
be made with very little trouble, and if the bottom of the door marked A is made to fit nicely when shut, it is hardly visible; and it is impossible for the birds to open it. I think the sketch will explain the idea, which consists simply of a sliding door in the side of the cage. There is ample room in an ordinary Linnet cage for this kind of door between the perches.—JOHN WHITEHEAD.

No. 423.

To Obviate an Egg-food Danger.

Sent by Mr. C. H. Hill, Russels, Wivelliscombe, Somerset.

Here is an idea I am using through the breeding season. It prevents the old birds getting at egg food when it is thrown ont on the sand-board and gets dirty or stale. The de-



An Egg-food Safeguard.

vice is not fixed; it runs in with the sand tray, and is made with wooden sides with a wire top, put together close so that the birds cannot get their heads through to pick it up again. The idea is seen from inside of the cage.—CHARLES HENRY HILL.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Treorchy.—Aug. 2. Ystradfachan Grounds. Judge, Mr. J. F. Spurry; 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s. Fee, 2s. Ent. close July 26, to W. JAMES, 38, Herbert Street.

Stratton.—Aug. 1, Broadclose, Bude. Judge, Mr. J. Rushmere; 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 2, Mules 1, Brit. 1, and 4 local classes, Brit. 2, Can. 2. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s Ent. close July 21 to BOHN AND WELSH, Bude.

Grimsby (C.B.U.).—July 21st, People's Park.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 10 open classes: Nor. 4 (2 novice), A.O.V. Can. or Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 14th to C. BELLAMY, 47, Lord-street, Grimsby.

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SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Bangor and District C.B.S.

We are doing well with breeding here; plenty of Hybrids and Mules being got. The weather has been bad for breeding lately—any amount of thunder and very heavy rains. Bird nests in the country have suffered severely. I see many young lying drowned in the nest.—JOHN P. WATSON, secretary.

Over the Border.

Mr. J. Smith (Coldstream), last year's noted novice exhibitor, has had a grand season, and has one or two gems on the sticks, having reared over 30 Borders, and also some nice Goldfinch Mules. Mr. Aikman, the enthusiastic hybrid breeder, has had fair luck, having two Twite-Siskins in the nest, and a large number of British hens down on eggs. Messrs. Dickson Bros., the Norwich breeders, have a good collection doing for themselves, 25, and still they come. Another novice, Mr. A. Carmichael, who only had one pair of Borders up, reared three youngsters, two of these even marks, and one of them the best seen for years, splendid markings and shape, which should win. Other fanciers, Messrs. Gilchrist, Duncan, and Bruce, are doing well. Mr. G. Ford this year has only one pair up, devoting all his time to British and foreign.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council of the Yorkshire Union was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on June 25th, Mr. F. Hammond (president) occupying the chair. A good turn up of delegates was recorded. In the case of a defaulting member of the Manningham C.B.A. the Council decided to call upon him to pay up all arrears owing up to date. The National Green-marked Y.C.C. asked for permission to use the Union's standard of points to print in their yearly handbook, and this was granted. Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S. were admitted as members, thus making the total membership higher now than at any period in the history of the Union. I feel sure, on behalf of the Council, that I can wish them every success under the new regime, and sincerely trust that it will be the means of strengthening their society in every respect. The Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. asked for the cheapest terms in order to print their various competitions in the Union handbook, and the Council decided that they should pay the ordinary rate. The Great Horton Good Intent Society asked the Council to allow them to extend their entries for the annual show to the Wednesday, instead of Tuesday, as the Christmas holidays were likely to interfere to some extent, and this request was granted. The printing of the Union Handbook it was eventually decided to give to Fur and Feather, Idle. All matter intended for the Union Handbook must be in my hands by July 14th, or it will be too late for insertion; this is the date for closing of advertisements. Also any members of the Union who have removed since they gave their addresses to the secretary of the society they are members of, will do well to notify me at once by P.C. in order that the new address may be published in the book. Secretaries of societies who are printing their schedule of annual show in the Union Handbook should let me have particulars of classification, etc., at the earliest opportunity, after the specialist clubs have granted their patronage. Please make a note of July 14th, secretaries, advertisers, and members generally.—H. HILL, secretary.

[A report of the working arrangement arrived at with the Cage Bird Union will be found in the correspondence columns.—EDITOR.]

In the Courts.

Thrushes, etc., Near London.

At Woolwich Police Court, on June 23rd, before Mr. Hutton, James Ware and Alfred Howden were summoned for unlawfully using nets for the purpose of taking wild birds. A police witness said the defendants had several Blackbirds and Thrushes. Mr. Hutton, on examining the schedule of birds given in the Act found (according to "The Times" report) that Blackbirds and Thrushes were under the heading of "Protected birds," under which section he had power only to reprimand the defendants on a first offence, and to order the payment of costs. It was most extraordinary, he observed, that Blackbirds and Thrushes were not scheduled birds, for they were beautiful singing birds. It was then suggested that a magistrate had power to order that the nets should be destroyed, but on again examining the Act Mr. Hutton found that he could order the destruction of the nets only on a conviction. He did not think that the reprimand and order for the payment of costs would count as a "conviction" in this case, but eventually he decided to consider the question of the nets, and give his decision in a week's time. He regretted being compelled to let the men off so lightly, and warned them that if they came before him again he would inflict the maximum penalty.

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The Shows.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held at headquarters, The Royal Oak Hotel, on June 22, over 30 birds being staged. The birds were judged by Mr. J. Stevens. NOR. CL.: 1, Upton and Button; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, Cragg. TICKED: 1, Cragg; 2, Pennells; 3, Ransom. VARIEG.: 1, Pennells; 2, Upton and Button; 3, D. R. Thomas. YORKS. CL.: 3, Veness. TKD.: 1, Dann; 2, 3, Veness. VARIEG.: 2, Curtis; 3, Veness. MULE OR HYB.: 2, 3, Stubberfield. A.O.V. 2, 3, Barham.—A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S

First Feather show held on June 18th; the entries totalled 69. Mr. W. Ormondroyd placed the cards.

YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Marsh; 3, Richmond; 4, Kinder; vhc, Raistrick; hc, Davey; c, Jeffrey. BUFF (16): 1, Benson; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Butler; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, hc, Kinder; c, Ackroyd. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, Noble; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Bracewell; 4, hc, Richmond; vhc, Marsh; c, Pawson. BUFF (18): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Benson; vhc, c, Noble; hc, Butler. YELL. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Benson. BUFF (10): 1, c, Maltby; 2, 3, 4, Richmond; hc, Benson.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

Second monthly evening show held June 22nd at St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. It was again a most successful show. Entries came up well in numbers, and also in quality. Some of the members' best exhibits, however, were away at the Royal Show. These shows are held on the fourth Wednesday evening in each month, admission free. The society's specials in the cage bird section was won by Mr. Gibson. The cage bird judge was Mr. Bennett.

YORKS. OLD BIRD: 1, Gibson; 2, 3, r, vhc, c, F. Smith; hc, Fletcher. YOUNG: 1, 2, r, J. Smith; 3, vhc, hc, J. Melsom; c, Fletcher. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, J. Smith.—J. F. KENDALL, Hon. Assist. Sec. and Treas.

BRAMLEY AND DIS. O.S.

First Feather show held on June 25th. It was pronounced to be the best young bird show held by the society. Entries came up well, 82 birds being staged. Norwich were a strong lot, the Buff class having 19 birds. The principal points winners were: Yorks., Benson, 10; Norwich, Woof, 17; Greens, Richmond, 16; Cinnamon marks, Bracewell, 11. Mr. Richmond also scored most points throughout the show (38). Novice Section: Messrs. Steele and Robinson were level with 11 points each. Mr. A. Chew judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, E. Craven; vhc, Marsh. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, c, Benson; 2, E. Craven; 3, Richmond; hc, Marsh. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Woof; 2, E. Craven; 3, Johnson; hc, Hargreaves; c, A. H. Craven. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Woof; 3, Maltby; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Silson. YORKS. GREENS, SELF, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Richmond; vhc, Maltby; hc, c, Marsh. NOR. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Richmoud; 2, A. H. Craven; hc, Guest. A.O.V.: Void. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, hc, Robinson; 2, 3, 4, Steele. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Robinson; 2, 3, vhc, Steele. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hetherington. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Southern; 2, vhc, Hetherington.—WM. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

BATTERSEA OPEN C.B.S.

The annual show of Canaries in their nest feathers and of British birds was held on June 18th, at the Society's headquarters, 340, Battersea Park Road, London, S.W. Mr. Easterling, the sec., and the society, were deserving of a better entry in their efforts to popularise open classes at young bird shows. The entries were not as numerous as they might have been, but there were many grand quality birds among those staged, especially in the Yorkshire classes. The British bird class, with ten entries, contained some capital birds. The general arrangements for the comfort both of the birds and of the visitors, together with the pretty appearance of the showroom, redounded to the credit of Mr. Easterling, the indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. J. Honeysett, the chairman, and the other helpers. Mr. Robson judged.

YORKS. OPEN (10): 1, Angear; 2, Smith; 3, Easterling; vhc, c, Honeysett; hc, Mrs. Gill. MEMBERS' (16): 1, 2, 3, c, Ralph; vhc, hc, Angear. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Eoymer. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, c, Dewhurst (Redstart, Wheatear, and Whitethroat); vhc, hc, Easterling (Skylark and Redpoll).

NORWICH AMATEUR C.B.A.

Fifteenth annual First Feather show held at Boar's Head, Surrey-street, Norwich, on June 25th, and, in the opinion of the judges, Messrs. S. Roberts and A. Woollard (whose awards gave every satisfaction), it proved one of the most successful exhibitions yet held. Mr. W. J. Baker won the silver medal presented by Mr. J. Calver for most points. In the inter-club competition the Westwick and the City of Norwich Clubs tied for first place with 55 points each. Result: Westwick 55, City of Norwich 55, Record 48, South Heigham 38, Perseverance 36, Golden Dog 29, United 23, Hand-in-Hand 18. The arrangements of the show were most ably carried out by the chairman, Mr. H. E. Dunham, and the secretary, Mr. A. Edwards.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Baker; 2, Wright; 3, Chapman; 4, Pattingale; vhc, Whitmore; hc, Smith; c, Harvey. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, George; 3, Whitmore; 4, Hardingham; vhc, Howes; hc, Ebbage. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Lowe; 2, Harl; 3, Widdows; 4, Silom; vhc, Schulen; hc, Baker; c, Pattingale. TKD. YELL. (one tick only): 1, 3, Freeman; 2, 4, Baker; vhc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Laccohee; 2, Doughty; 3, Baker; 4, Russell; vhc, Burrows; hc, Wright; c, George. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Alden, sen.; 2, Pattingale; 3, Bolingbroke; 4, Whitmore; vhc, hc, c, Laccohee. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Baker; 3, Harl; 4, Ebbage; vhc, Bales; hc, Lowe; c, Skipper. TWO PLAINHEADS, NOR.: 1, Widdows; 2, hc, Harl; 3, 4, Ebbage; vhc, Page; c, Able. YELL. CREST: Baker. BUFF, CL. BODY, CL., ETC., CREST: Goulder. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Johnson and Kirby; 2, Baker; 3, Potter; 4, Brundell; vhc, Goulder. C.B. YELL.: 1, 3, Durrant; 2, Johnson. BUFF: 1, hc, Goulder; 2, Smith; 3, Brundell; 4, Kerrison; vhc, Gilbert; c, Joyce. TWO CRESTS: Joyce. A.O.V.: 1, Dunham; 2, Holmes; 3, Steward; 4, vhc, hc, Meen; c, Dunham. LIMIT, 15s.: 1, Butler; 2, hc, Baker; 3, Bales; 4, Whitmore; vhc, c, Ebbage. CREST OR C.B., 15s.: 1, Kirby; 2, vhc, Goulder; 3, hc, Hall; 4, Page.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Members' first Nest Feather show held at headquarters on June 2nd. Only 45 entries were received, many of the members having had a very poor breeding season. The champion Crest, Crest-bred, Cinnamon, Border Fancy, and Mule classes had to be cancelled, but we are hoping for a better entry at the second show in July. Mr. Derry secured special for best novice Norwich, Mr. Stookes for best novice Crest, while Mr. Kidner (a novice) won that for best Yorkshire, and also for most points in novice Yorkshire classes. Mr. A. Jones judged.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Dipple; 2, 3, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, 2, Broadhurst; 3, de Maillet; vhc, Dipple. MKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Broadhurst; 2, Dipple. BUFF: 1, 2, Broadhurst; 3, Dipple. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Derry; 2, vhc, Stoakes. NOVICE, CREST: 1, 2, spl, Stoakes. C.B.: 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, Stoakes. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Hughes; 2, Ankers. BUFF: 1, 3, Caine; 2, vhc, Ankers. MKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Ankers. BUFF: 1, 2, Caine. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Kidner; 3, hc, Wright; vhc, Ankers. BUFF: 1, Ankers; 2, c, Stevenson; 3, Sheppard; vhc, hc, Wright.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

The first of a series of nest feather shows was held on June 21st, and there were a good number of members, but only a few visitors, present. Mr. Key, our president, Judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. A. Broadhurst (chairman of the Birmingham Society) the remaining classes; both gave great satisfaction. The judging was over in good time, and there was very little the matter with the awards. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the judges for their able adjudicating. Mr. Broadhurst congratulated our members upon the advanced stage of their youngsters, and only hoped they would be able to maintain the standard.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Russell; 3, Capewell, leader easy winner with good points. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, vhc, Collier; hc, Cooper; c, Russell; very good class—some excellent birds in it which with luck will be heard of later. MKD. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Taylor, for best young Nor. (given by Mr. G. A. Cooper), excellent young bird, shown well; 2, Russell, good bird. BUFF (6): 1, Cooper; 2, Taylor; 3, Russell; vhc, Capewell; hc, Collier; c, Beek; very creditable class. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl for best Norwich shown by a novice (given by Mr. De Maillet), Taylor; 2, Cowley; 3, Waterhouse. BUFF (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Waterhouse. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Beck, also wins spl for best young Yorks (given by Mr. G. Key); 3, vhc, hc, Andrews, leaders very decent birds, indeed. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Beck; 3, vhc, Andrews. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Hearnshaw; 2, vhc, Grigg. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Cowley; 2, Hearnshaw; 3, Grigg. CREST (1): 1, spl for best Crest, given by Mr. W. Andrews), Viles; no competitor to test. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Taylor. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, vhc, Key, winner Bullfinch, vhc Greenfinch; 2, Capewell, Yellowhammer; c, Capewell, Reed Bunting; 3, Taylor, Goldfinch; hc, Hearnshaw, Yellowhammer, an extraordinarily good class, first four birds fine specimens and could have won easily in classes of their own. Mr. S. N. Taylor won the special for most points gained in the show with a total of 27.—JENNINGS and VILES, Geu. Secs.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S..

First feather show held in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, on June 25th. Entries came up well, making a record for the same. The weather proved unfavourable, and the patrouage we received was very poor. Mr. G. Barkas won teapot for most points in Canaries; Messrs. Colling and Turnbull and J. Lindsay the medals. Messrs. Curry and Gardner won the cup for British birds, and Messrs. Tomlinson and Colliug and Turnbull the medals. Mr. T. Dixon judged.

YOUNG BIRDS: YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Colling and Turnbull. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Charlton and Simpson; vhc, hc, c, Johnson and Charlton. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, T. Betton; hc, c, J. Lindsay. BUFF (6): 1, hc, J. Lindsay; 2, 3, vhc, c, T. Betton. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Charlton and Simpson; 2, vhc, Colling and Turnbull; 3, hc, c, Barkas. BUFF (19): 1, 2, vhc, c, Barkas; 3, Johnson and Charlton; hc, Colling and Turnbull. CREST (2): 1, Gardiner; 2, Colling and Turnbull. C.B. (1): 1, Gardiner. OLD BIRDS: YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Charlton and Simpson; 2, vhc, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Johnson and Charlton. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lindsay. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Telford and Marsh. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Barkas; vhc, Charlton and Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Barkas; hc, Telford and Marsh; c, Johnson and Charlton. SELL. (10s. 6d.) (5): 1, 3, vhc, Telford and Marsh; 2, Barkas; hc, Johnson and Charlton. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 3, Curry and Gardner; 2, Tomlinson; vhc, Betton; hc, Charlton and Simpson. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Barkas; 2, Curry and Gardner; 3, hc, Tomlinson; vhc, Colling and Turnhull; c, Jamieson and Barkas. GREENFINCH (10): 1, 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, vhc, Curry and Gardner; hc, Jamieson and Barkas; c, Johnson and Charlton. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Tomlinson; 2, Colling and Turnhull; vhc, Betton. LINNET (15): 1, Jamieson and Barkas; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Colling and Turnbull; vhc, Curry and Gardner; hc, Telford and Marsh; c, Charlton and Simpson. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Gardner; 2, 3, Curry and Gardner; vhc, Tomlinson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (1): 1, Barkas. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Telford and Marsh; 2, 3, Curry and Gardner. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Barkas; 2, 3, vhc, Curry and Gardner. FOR. (2): 1, M. U. Gardiner; 2, Simpson.—J. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

First feather show, held in the Co-operative Hall, on June 18th. The room is well adapted for the purpose, being well lighted, and ventilated, without draught. The society are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. T. L. Haneocks, Secretary, and Mr. J. C. Heaton, Asst. Secretary, together with the chairman, and a good working committee, who know the business of running a show successfully. The show numerically was not quite as strong as last year, owing to the fact that several fanciers had a most disastrous first round, but some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) officiated as judge, entire satisfaction being given by his awards.

NORWICH, CLEAR, ETC. YELL.: 1, Cooper, marvellous colour, beautifully moulded, grand size; 2, Harding, a nice youngster; 3, Harding, good variegated; vhc, Cooper. CLEAR BUFF: 1, 2, Heaton, 1st, beautiful shaped head and neck, good front and colour, both good ones; 3, Moulton, nice shape, little behind in size; vhc, hc, Cooper. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, Heaton, 1st, eye ticked, grand cobby specimen; 2nd, variegated, good type; 3, vhc, Harding, 3rd, variegated, not far behind. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Moulton, grand quality, beautiful sweep, well on leg; 2, vhc, Potts; 2nd, very nice exhibits, well staged; No. 2, wrong class, clear buff, real good bird; 3, Lawton, nicely moulded, shade shorter. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Minshull, 1st, well drawn and nicely moulded; 2, Moulton, not far behind winner, lacking a shade in head; vhc, Potts. TICK. OR VARIEG.: 1, 3, Potts, 1st, tkd yell., real topper, grand length and position; 3, smart exhibit; 2, vhc, Lawton; 2nd, another good one, nice carriage, and quality; hc, Moulton. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton, 1st like boxwood, beautifully moulded, jaunty, should hear of this exhibit again; 2nd, not far behind winner, magnificent quality; vhc, hc, Hancocks. BORD. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, 1st, Self Cinn., good specimen, beautifully moulded; 2nd, Self Yell. Green, magnificent colour and type, a real good trio. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potts, 1st grand, short and cobby Norwich Green Yell., very nice quartette. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cooper, good big one, grand square blaze, well tanned, and buttoned; 2, 3, Jaycott; 2nd, another nice exhibit, magnificent tanning and colour; vhc, Latham; hc, Hancocks. LINNET: 1, Jaycott, real good one, grand sheen and colour, well put down; 2, Cooper, bonncer, with a good moult should be heard of again; 3, Minshull, another nice bird, grand polish; vhc, Hancocks. BULLFINCH: 1, Cooper, shines like silk, good cap and colour; 2, Jaycott, grand stamp, magnificent cap and head; 3, Latham. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Greenwood, Chaffinch, very steady, fair size and colour; 2, 3, Bowker, very steady, nice condition; vhc, Latham. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Latham, Redpoll, treat for pencillings and colour, very steady; 2, 3, Bowker; 2nd, not far behind winner, not quite so steady; 3rd, nice Siskin; vhc, Jaycott. FOREIGN: 1, 3, Jaycott; 2, vhc, Bowker. SELLING (10/6): 1, Latham; 2, 3, Harding.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

Fourth annual young bird show, held June 25th, and was well attended by visitors and friends, among whom we noticed Messrs. Brougn, Gorton and Jamieson (Bury), J. Dewhirst, and Adams (Rochdale). During the evening an interesting event took place. Our President, Mr. J. Percy, in a few well-chosen words, called upon Councillor R. D. McMurdo, of British bird fame, to hand our challenge cup to the winner, Mr. R. Schofield, who scored the highest number of points with three birds. Mr. J. Lees, of Rochdale, was the runner up for the cup. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Meadowcroft; 2, L. and W. Ridings; 3, vhc, Pragnell; 4, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, 4, Pragnell; 3, Lees. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Marsden; 4, Pragnell; vhc, J. and W. Ridings. BUFF: 1, 3, Schofield; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Pragnell. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lees; 4, Schofield; vhc, Waddington. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Lees; vhc, Wilson; hc, Horrocks. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, hc, Perry; 2, 3, McMurdo; 4, Howarth; vhc, c, Wilson. NOVICE A.V.: 1, Barlow; 2, Howarth; 3, Horrocks; 4, Meadowcroft. SELL. (8/6): 1, Marsden; 2, 3, 4, Howarth. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, McMurdo; hc, Horrocks. LINNET: 1, 4, McMurdo; 2, Howarth; 3, Meadowcroft.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Hon. Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth).

The second nest feather show was held at Boro' Restaurant, on June 22nd, when over 100 birds were staged. Crests and Norwich numbered more than half of this total. Yorkshire fanciers are lagging behind this year, and the Britishers were not so good as at previous shows. Mules show an improvement. The feature of the June show was the winning Crest, a grand clear body, of good size, with an immense dark crest, a very promising bird indeed, for which his breeder (Mr. Coath), who is a novice, refused a substantial offer at the show. Mr. Dyer judged Yorkshires, Mr. Border Norwich, Mr. Hoar Crests and Crest-breds, Mr. Clark any other varieties and Mules, and Mr. Snell British and Foreign.

YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC. (4): 1, 4, Clarke; 2, 3, Reid. MARKED, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Reid; 2, Webster; 3, 4, Clark. BUFF CL. ETC. (4): 1, 4, Reid; 2, 3, Clark. MARKED, ETC. (3): 1, Webster; 2, Clark; 3, Reid. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Garland; 4, Parrish; vhc, hc, Pope. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, Parrish; 2, 3, 4, Garland; vhc, hc, Pope. BUFF CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Garland; 4, vhc, Foxhall; hc, c, Pope. MARKED, ETC. (7): 1, Parrish; 2, 3, Pope; 4, Foxhall. CREST (13): 1, Coath; 2, Haskell; 3, 4, Bavage; vhc, Haskell, hc, Richards; c, Bavage. C.B. (13): 1, c, Haskell; 2, 3, 4, Bavage; vhc, Parsons; hc, Hobbs. CINN. (3): 1, 3, Ryder; 2, Dart. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 4, hc, Dart; 3, vhc, Ryder. MULE, LIGHT (7): 1, 3, 4, Rowe; 2, vhc, hc, c, Wills. DARK (6): 1, 2, 4, Wills; 3, vhc, hc, Rowe. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Largie; 2, Foxhall; 3, 4, Wills. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Wills. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (2): 1, Wills; 2, Largie. INSECTIV. (2): 1, 2, Wills. FOR. SMALL (2): 1, Wills; 2, Webster.—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK C.B.A.

This show was held at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., on June 25th, was a most successful little affair, the entries being in excess of last year, whilst the quality, especially in the Yorkshire section, was very good. In the champion Norwich, Mr. J. Lethbridge put down a nice team, and won the special with a very neat yellow. The novices made a good show, the birds of Messrs. Bown, Baker, J. Lethbridge, and Warwick being very nice in quality, and of good type. Messrs. Hawes Bros. put down a capital team in the champion Yorkshire classes, as did Mr. Creamer in the amateurs, and the latter gentleman not only won the section special, but also the special for the best bird in the show by the aid of a remarkably stylish variegated yellow. This gentleman secured 1, 2, 3 in this class, with a trio of birds all from one nest. A champion nest indeed. The novice Yorkshires were two strong classes, and some very smart, shapely birds were staged by Messrs. Lloyd, Lawrence, Birch, Coleman, Baker, and Hannaford. British made a nice show, the special for the section falling to a very nicely marked rich coloured Chaffinch, shown by Mr. Bassett. Messrs. Baker, Lawrence, and Lewis acted as stewards, and attended well to the requirements of the exhibits, while Mr. J. C. Birch, the esteemed and popular secretary, had all the details well in hand. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CH., CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, sp, J. Lethbridge. A.O.V. (2): 1, J. Lethbridge. NOVICE, CL. (10): 1, 2, sp, Bown; 3, hc, c, Baker; vhc, hc, Warwick; vhc, S. Lethbridge. A.O.V. (9): 1, S. Lethbridge; 2, hc, c, Baker; 3, vhc, Warwick. YORKS., CH., CL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hawes Bros. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hawes Bros. AMATEUR, CL. (6): 1, 2, Creamer; 3, vhc, hc, Ayres. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, sp, and sp best in show, Creamer; vhc, hc, c, Ayres. NOVICE, CL. (19): 1, sp, hc, Lloyd; 2, Lawrence; 3, Birch; vhc, Baker, Lowe; vhc, hc, Hannaford; c, Thornton. A.O.V. (15): 1, Lawrence; 2, Lloyd; 3, Birch; vhc, Coleman; vhc, hc, Holmes; hc, Lowe; c, Baker. BRIT. BULL. (2): 1, Birch; 2, Bassett. GOLD (5): 1, Clark; 2, Birch; 3, vhc, Battinson; hc, Bassett. LIN. (3): 1, Birch; 2, 3, Clark. GREEN (4): 1, hc, Clark. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, Bassett, Chaffinch; 2, 3, vhc, c, Wynn, yellow, Ortolan, Reed, and Cirl Buntings in order named, a nice team; hc, Birch.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Feather Show held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, June 18th, when 46 birds were staged in four classes. Mr. Mennard (Leeds) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC. (18): 1, 4, c, Parkes; 2, Parker; 3, Slack; vhc, Midgley; hc, Johnson. MKD. (8): 1, Parkes; 2, Talbot; 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, Slack; hc, Midgley; c, Parker. NOR. CL., ETC. (13): 1, Parkes; 2, hc, c, Oldroyd; 3, vhc, Talbot; 4, Daniel. MKD. (7): 1, Daniel; 2, 4, hc, Atkinson; 3, vhc, Oldroyd; c, Taylor. PARKER AND PARKES, Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

First Feather show held June 20th at the "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield-street. It was a great success. There were 40 entries, and exhibits were well up to the standard. Mr. A. J. Marley (Leyton) judged.

YORKS., CL. BUFF: 1, Skinner; 2, J. Hunt; 3, Gibbs. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2 spls, South and Son; 2, 3, Skinner; r, Gibbs; vhc, Stares; hc, Pask. CL. YELL.: 1, 2 spls, South and Son; 2, r, A. Skinner; 3, Pask. NOR., CL. BUFF: 1, spl, r, B. C. Smith; 2, 3, vhc, Rout. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Rout; 2, Pask; r, vhc, South and Son. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, B. C. Smith; 2, Rout. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, r, Oliver. MULES, A.V.: 1, J. Hunt, Greenie-Can.; 2, 3, South and Son, Linnet-Can.; Nos. 34 and 35 absent.—H. RUTTER, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

First of a series of four shows, held at headquarters, Mowbray Arms, June 25. Mr. J. Wilman judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Messrs. A. Grange, Holroyd Bros., A. Huddlestone, scored most points. Best Yellow, A. Huddlestone; best Buff, E. Hersey—two typical birds.

CLASS 1 (23): 1, Huddlestone; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Kemp; 4, Western; vhc, A. Grange; hc, Smith; c, Hersey. CLASS 2 (21): 1, Hersey; 2, A. Grange; 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, F. Grange; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Neeson; c, Newton. CLASS 3 (2): 1, Western; 2, Bedford. CLASS 4 (12): 1, Brooke; 2, 3, A. Grange; 4, Huddlestone; vhc, hc, c, Bedford. CLASS 5 (5): 1, Ackroyd; 2, A. Grange; 3, Powell; 4, F. Grange; vhc, Natter. CLASS 6 (5): 1, Western; 2, 3, vhc, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Dent.—H. GRANGE, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

One of our first feather shows, held on June 25th, at club room, Red Lion Hotel. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) judged, and gave satisfaction to all. The entries did not turn up as expected, but the quality of the exhibits staged was of a very high order, and no doubt with a good moult some of them will be heard of again. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. A. Pratt, with his unevenly mkd. Buff Yorks, a very promising youngster.

CHAMP. SECTION: CLASS 1: 1, Carr; 2, Clark. CLASS 2: 1, 2, 4, Carr; 3, Wallbank; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Clark; c, Willock. CLASS 3: 1, Clark; 2, Murgatroyd. CLASS 4: 1, Wellock; 2, Clark. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Wellock. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Clark. CLASS 7: 1, Wallbank; 2, 3, Clark. NOVICE CLASS (8): 1, G. A. Bennett; 2, 3, Hainsworth; 4, vhc, hc, Bennett; c, Graham. CLASS 9: 1, Pratt; 2, 4, Hainsworth; 3, G. A. Bennett; vhc, A. Bennett; hc, Lister; c, Craven. CLASS 10: 1, Pratt; 2, 3, G. A. Bennett; 4, Craven; vhc, Graham; hc, Lister. CLASS 11: 1, Graham. CLASS 12: 1, Graham; 2, Stirk; 3, Mountain. CLASS 13: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clark.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

STOCKTON HEATH & DIS. O.S.

First feather show held on June 25th in Mr. Moore's (chemist) studio, which is well adapted for this purpose. The quality of the exhibits was exceptional throughout. The Yorkshires led by one over the Norwich. Mr. J. Griffiths had a team of Yorkshires which were hard to separate; the first was a cap-marked yellow, followed by clear yellow. Mr. E. Harper was the winner in the buffs; the second and third belonged to Mr. J. Bretherton. The Norwich were a nice lot. Mr. J. Leach's winning yellow is a fine, bouncing bird; it was pressed hard by the second. The buffs were quite on a par with their Yorkshire friends. The birds worthy of mention here were Mr. Weston's team of first and third, the second being the property of Mr. J. Collins, which must have pressed winner hard. We thank Mr. J. Guy for the able way in which he carried out his judging, giving satisfaction throughout. No doubt friend Guy will have the pleasure of another visit, as the members intend to leave no stone unturned in making this society second to none. There were upwards of 40 birds staged.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Griffiths; 3, Moss; vhc, Harper; hc, Bretherton. BUFF: 1, Harper; 2, 3, Bretherton; vhc, hc, Moss; c, Griffiths. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Leach; 3, Walters. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Weston; 2, c, Collins; hc, Leach.—J. BRETHERTON, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Nest Feather and British Bird Show held June 25th in the Friends School, Prospect-road, Heeley. The attendance might perhaps have been better, but considering the very wet day it was good. Altogether 155 birds were staged, making a very fine show. The Yorkshires, as usual, were first in point of numbers; amongst them were some real good birds, the winners having grand length and nicely drawn bodies. Special for best Yorkshire went to Mr. F. Jones with a nice cinnamon-marked buff; Mr. A. Lawton won the special for best novice Yorkshire. Special for best Crest or Crest-bred was won by Mr. J. Crookes with a very good Crest. Special mention might be made of Mr. A. Hobson's clear Buff Norwich, which won special for best Norwich, also special for best Canary; it is a very fine youngster with plenty of substance and good quality. Mr. Hobson also won special for best novice Norwich, and that for most points. Mr. P. Walsh got special for best British in show with a fine Linnet (10 years old); where British are concerned he will take some stopping. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Champion; 3, Elliott; 4, Jones; vhc, c, Kent; hc, Revell. BUFF: 1, Furniss; 2, Kent; 3, Scott; 4, Champion; vhc, Drabble; hc, Revell; c, Bennett. TKD. YELL.: 1, Kent; 2, Drabble. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, c, Furniss; 2, Woolhouse; 4, Kent; vhc, Lindsay. MKD.: 1, spl, 3, Jones; 2, Kent; 4, Lindsay; vhc, Champion; hc, Bennett; c, Woolhouse. NOR., CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, spl, Hobson; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Scott; 4, Woolhouse; vhc, Moore. MKD.: 1, 3, Scott; 2, vhc, Woolhouse; 4, hc, Wilkinson. CRESTS, BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Crookes; 3, Godfrey; 4, vhc, Moore. C.B., BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Godfrey; 3, vhc, Moore; hc, c, Memmott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Scott; 2, 4, Godfrey; 3, Hobson; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Clarke. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, Walsh; 3, Clarke; 4, Hobson; vhc, hc, Bower. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Scott; 4, Bower; vhc, Bennett; hc, Hobson; c, Booth. A.O.V. HARD-BILL: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Bingham; 4, vhc, Hobson; hc, Booth. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher; 4, Booth. NOVICE, YORKS, CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Lockwood; 2, Lawton; 3, Hobson; 4, Scott; vhc, Hutton; hc, Delamore. BUFF: 1, 4, c, Bunting; 2, Lawton; 3, Crapper; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Jennett. MKD.: 1, spl, Lawton; 2, 3, Tomlinson; 4, Bacon; vhc, Crapper; hc, Lockwood; c, Hayes. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Hobson; 4, Hobson; vhc, c, Scott; hc, Lawton.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

GUISELEY YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual first feather show held on June 11th at Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon. There were 44 entries in nine classes, one class being cancelled. Messrs. S. Cater and W. H. Bolton acted as stewards, and the judge was Mr. R. Garnett, of Windhill, who gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Brown and Son; 2, Myers; 3, Dibb; hc, c, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, hc, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Bolton; c, Wheatley. CLASS 3: 1, c, Wheatley; 2, hc, Dibb; 3, Laughey; c, Thornton; vhc, Myers. CLASS 4: 1, 2, hc, Wheatley; 3, Myers; vhc, Hardaker; c, Long. CLASS 5: 1, 3, Wheatley; 2, vhc, Myers; hc, Bearpark; c, Hardaker. CLASS 6: 1, 3, Myers; 2, Bolton; vhc, Wheatley. CLASS 7: 1, 2, Laughey and Thornton; 3, Bearpark. CLASS 8: 1, 3, Bearpark; 2, Laughey and Thornton; vhc, Bolton.—HY. HARDAKER, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at Maria Stuart Halls on June 25th. Sixty-two birds were staged, and the quality throughout was extremely good, and competition keen. Mr. R. Jarvie judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Heggie took the special for best bird in hall with a clear Buff Yorkshire, which shows every promise of making into a good show bird.

NOR. CK.: 1, sp, hc, c, Miller; 2, 3, Cairns; 4, Jeffrey; hc, Rennie. HEN: 1, spl, vhc, R. Rennie; 2, 3, Naismith; 4, Edwards; hc, c, Jeffrey. VARIEG.: 1, spl, 2, McMechan; 3, R. Cairns; 4, Jeffrey; vhc, Naismith; hc, c, Rennie. BORD.: 1, spl, R. Thomson; 2, 3, Yates. GORD. GREENS: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, R. Thomson. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Heggie. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, Yates. C.B.: 1, spl, Thomson. MULES OR HYB.: 1, spl, Edwards; 2, 3, McMechan.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Monthly show held June 25th, at 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow. Messrs. Shearer, Pettigrew, Marlin, and Malcolmson handed in specials for the classes, and Messrs. Knox, Thomson, Munro, and Mann were appointed to judge.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Marlin, nice Greenie-Redpoll hyb., well staged, in good order; 2, 3, Malcolmson, 2nd very fine Goldie-Siskin, a little rough; 3rd, well known "Prince Charlie"; 4, Pettigrew, variег. Mule; 5, Renfrew; 6, Johnstone. DARK: 1, Malcolmson, grand Goldie Mule, in fine condition; 2, Marlin, Linnet Mule, staged in first-class order; 3, Drysdale, Twite-Can. Mule; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Connelly; 6, spl, Small. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, spl, Small, good one, with a moult should be heard of again; 2, Connelly, nice bird, runs winner, very hard; 3, Renfrew; 4, Ballantyne; 5, Drysdale. A.O.V. BUNTING: 1, Pettigrew, lovely Reed Bunting, well staged; 2, Renfrew, fine Corn Bunting, looking in the pink of condition; 3, Ballantyne, another fine Reed Bunting, runs winners hard; 4, Mann; 5, Drysdale; 6, Johnstone. BRIT.: 1, 4, 6, Fulton; 2, spl, Pettigrew; 3, Thomson; 5, Renfrew.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

The first feather show, held June 25th, in St. John's School, when upwards of 80 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Hartley, of Great Horton, whose awards were well received. The quality of the exhibits was good. The principal point winners were: Open Section, Casey 19, Clark 13, Firth 11, Wilson 11. Novice Section, Padgett 19, Shaw 15, Day 12, Smith 11, Booth 10.

CL. YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, Casey; 3, Gledhill; 4, Wilson; vhc, hc, Varley; c, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, 2, Casey; 3, Bleazard; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Firth; hc, Gledhill; c, Clark. TKD. YELL.: 1, Clark; 2, Helliwell; 3, Bleazard; 4, Varley. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Bleazard; 3, Robinson and Sharp. UNV., ETC., YELL.: 1, Clark; 2, Mitchell; 3, Bywater. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Bywater; 4, Varley; hc, Robinson and Sharp; c, Helliwell. CINN MKD. YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, Firth. BUFF 1, Clark; 2, Helliwell; 3, Casey. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1, Day; 2, Shaw; 3, vhc, c, Rix; 4, Padgett; hc, Calloway. BUFF: 1, Booth; 2, Padgett; 3, 4, Shaw; vhc, hc, Day; c, Rix. TKD. YELL.: 1, Dawson; 2, Booth. BUFF: 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Calloway; 4, Shaw; vhc, Dawson. UNV. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Calloway. BUFF: 1, 4, Smith; 2, hc, Dawson; 3, Calloway; vhc, Booth. CINN. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Shaw.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

First feather show (34th annual), held June 18th, at Temperance Club, Toad Lane. It is with pleasure I once again am able to give our late show a good account. Some of us have only one or two birds as yet, but the members who have had more rallied round, and helped to once again make our show come up to its usual high standard. Some grand birds were staged, some of which will no doubt be heard of again. As usual, and being again favoured with grand weather, we had a very good attendance of visitors and friends. Ours being the first show in the district, fanciers eagerly await our show to see the youngsters. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged, and gave satisfaction all round. About 80 birds were staged. Mr. J. Lees won the society's challenge cup and gold medal, Mr. E. Faulkner winning the special for runner-up. Mr. A. Beatill won gold locket for best bird, with a grand Lancs. Buff Coppy, other winners of specials being Messrs. Collinge, Lord, Holt, Leach, and Lees.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY (1): Collinge. BUFF: 1, spl, best in show, Beatill; 2, Newill; 3, 4, Hartley; vhc, Collinge; hc, Hollows and Son. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, 3, Newill; 2, Hartley; abs. Collinge, Hardy. BUFF: 1, Collinge; 2, Dearden; 3, Beatill; 4, Hollows and Son; vhc, Newill. LIZ. CL. C. GOLD: 1, spl, 3, Lord; 2, 4, Holt. SILVER: 1, spl, Lord. B.C. GOLD: 1, 2, spl, Holt. SILVER: 1, Holt. CREST: 1, 3, spl, Collinge; 2, Hardy. C.B.: 1, 3, Hardy; 3, Collinge. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Faulkner; 2, 4, Dearden; vhc, c, Lord; c, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Leach; 2, 3, Lord; 4, Schofield; vhc, Butterworth. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Schofield; 2, 4, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Schofield; 4, Leach; vhc, Lord. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Leach. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Lees; 3, Faulkner; vhc, Hartley; hc, Leach. TKD. YELL.: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Leach; 4, Holt. BUFF: 1, 4, Faulkner; 2, Lees; 3, Leach. A.O.V. cancelled. AMAT.: 1, 4, Cheetham; 2, vhc, Miller Bros.; 3, hc, Howarth; c, Butterworth.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

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First members' show held on June 25th, when 31 birds were staged. Mr. A. Cooper officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. Six classes were provided, and some really good young birds were staged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Whitwham; 3, J. Moore. BUFF: 1, Whitwham; 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, J. Moore. TKD. YELL.: 1, Whitwham; 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Simms. BUFF: 1, Whitwham; 2, 3, Edmondson and Son. EVEN ETC. GREENS: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, E. Smith; 3, F. Smith. CINN.: 1, 3, Edmondson and Son; 2, S. Moore.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held on June 25th at the Butchers' Arms, where 63 birds were staged in eight classes. Mr. A. Morley awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Hodgson; 2, Sykes; 3, Oliver; vhc, Gaunt; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, C. H. Self. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, Hodgson; 3, F. Self; 4, Snead; vhc, Henser; hc, Oliver; c, Hill. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Sykes; 2, 3, Ormonroyd; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Crabtree; c, Barraclough. BUFF: 1, Gaunt; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Snead; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Myers and Lumb. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Ormonroyd; 2, Henser; 4, Hodgson; vhc, F. Self; hc, c, Lister. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Hodgson; 3, Gaunt; 4, Lister; vhc, hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Sykes. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Gaunt; 2, Barraclough; 4, Jowett. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lister; 4, Wilkinson.—J. HOLROYD, Hon. Sec.

HYSON GREEN (Notts.) C.B.S.

First Feather show held June 11th, at the Cricket Players' Hotel. Some very good birds were staged, and the room was well filled with visitors. Gold medal offered for the best young Norwich bred by exhibitor was won by Mr. G. Sharp. There was also a good collection of Foreign and British birds. Mr. T. Barker judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Ball; 2, Whalley. BUFF: 1, medal, Sharp; 2, Hill; 3, Ball. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hill; 2, Clifford; 3, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Clifford; 2, Whalley; 3, Ball; vhc, Drewery; hc, Sharp; c, Saywell. HEAVY MKD.: 1, Ball; 2, Barnes; 3, Drewery; vhc, Sharp. BUFF YORK.: 1, 2, Athey. A.O.V.: 1, Drewery. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Cottingham. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Raven; 3, vhc, Athey; hc, c, Caunt. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Raveu; 3, Saywell. FOR. (SMALL): 1, Cottingham; 2, 3, Raven. LARGE: 1, 2, Raven; 3, Caunt.—WM. COTTINGHAM, Sec.—(Kindly write on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.)

BARRINGTON, ETC., SOCIAL CLUB C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather show held at headquarters on June 25th, and was a huge success. Forty-seven birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Wilson (Bedlington), in seven classes, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Some promising youngsters were on view which will be heard of again. The showroom was tastefully decorated by the steward, Mr. Rutter, with ferns and other plants. I noticed Messrs. Curry and Holden, of Newcastle and Gateshead, amongst the visitors. CAGE BIRDS posters were in the room and on the outside door, and no doubt this led to having a very successful "gate."

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, Anderson; 2, T. Dixon; 3, Barron; vhc, hc, Woollett; c, J. Dixon. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Woollett; 3, Hodgetts; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Charlton; c, Barron. BORD., CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Peel; 2, 3, J. Dixon. BUFF (3): 1, Anderson; 2, 3, J. Dixon. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, T. Dixon, Cinn.; 2, Griffiths; 3, J. Douglas; vhc, Charlton. NOVICE A.V. (10): 1, 2, Barron, Cinn. and Yell. Nor.; 3, J. Douglas, Cinn.; vhc, Paxton, Bord.; hc, Douglas, Buff Nor.; c, Hodgett, Nor. A.V. (confined to members) (12): 1, spl, Ogle (shown out of Mr. Woollett's flights), buff mkd. Nor.; 2, Gibson, Buff Cinn.; 3, T. Dixon, yell. Cinn.; vhc, McNally, yell. mkd. Nor.; hc, Burrill, yell. Nor.; c, Rutter (manager), yell. Cinn.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c (out of Mr. J. Dixon's flights).—W. WOOLLETT, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Young bird show held on June 25th, when 61 birds were staged.

BORD., YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Kinnear; 3, Peters. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Peters. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Peters; 2, Hazzard; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Hazzard. A.O.C.: 1, Davidson. NOR. BUFF: 1, Foster; 2, Henderson; 3, D. Thomson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Foster; 2, Roughead. BUFF: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Roughead. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, Thomson.—WM. FOSTER, Sec.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT O.S.

First Feather show held on June 25th, at headquarters, Black Dog, Watergate. There was a nice turn-up of Norwich and novice Yorkshires. Competition was very good. Britishers did not turn up as well as was expected, but those on view were a very nice lot, all the awards going to Mr. Parsons except those for the Any Variety Hardbill; Mr. Lockton won in this class with the best British in show, a splendid Yellowhammer.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Bond; 2, 3, Ratcliff. BUFF: 1, hc, Ratcliff; 2, 3, vhc, c, Bond. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, Waite; 3, vhc, Mann. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Cragg; 3, Mann. BUFF: 1, 3, Waite; 2, hc, c, Eldred; vhc, Mann.—W. RATCLIFF, Chairman.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The society made their first venture with a table show for British birds on June 23rd, when Mr. G. Watkins (Tircherbert) officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. The entries were fairly good, there being 34 birds in four classes. Messrs. Yeo and Sainsburg captured the cup for best bird with a very nice Goldfinch Mule.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Thomas, old winner, in fine form, staged well; 2, spl, Nicholas, good body and size; 3, Gay, nice blaze and colour. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Hodder, Linnet, fine size and pencilling; 2, Rogers, Linnet, nice size and markings; 3, Davies, equal to 2nd in size and markings. SKYLARKS: 1, spl, Lingard, splendid pencilling and colour; 2, Knight, better in size, but not so good in colour and markings perhaps; 3, Jones, fine size. MULES: 1, spl., cup, best bird in show, Yeo and Sainsburg, Light Goldfinch Mule, good size and colour; 2, Thomas, another old winner, needs no comment; 3, Yeo and Sainsburg, fine size. — W. THOMAS, Sec. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Editor.)

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

The first of the two young bird shows to be held during the summer took place on June 23rd at headquarters, Lavender Hill. There was a capital entry, especially in the class for novice Yorkshires. The competition was keen, and a double set of winners might easily have been selected. In clears, Mr. J. King stood first, with a grand long-sided bird, closely followed by Messrs. W. Walker and F. J. Tibles. Special for best bird went to F. J. Martin's yellow Norwich, a bird of exceptional size and quality. Given a good moult, this bird should hold his own later. The runner-up was a fine, leggy Yorkshire, with good head and wings, exhibited by Mr. C. Mabey. The "wee gems" did not muster very strongly. Mrs. G. Harwood secured the special with a very typical, tight-feather buff. The members generally have not had a very good season, but the quality is undoubtedly far in advance of last year's, and with a good moult some fine specimens should be staged in the autumn. Mr. H. Norman judged, and was agreeably surprised at the all-round excellence of the youngsters.

CHAM. NOR.: 1, 2, sp, c, Martin; 3, vhc, Lovegrove; hc, McGregor. MKD.: 1, hc, Lovegrove; 2, vhc, Maddison; 3, McGregor. CHAM. YORKS.: 1, sp, Mabey; 2, Harwood; 3, vhc, Ralph. MKD.: 1, 2, Mabey; 3, hc Harwood; vhc, c, Ralph. NOR. YORKS.: 1, vhc, King; 2, Walker; 3, hc, c, Tibles; MKD.: 1, 3, Lloyd; 2, King; vhc, hc, c, Tibles. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Ward; vhc, hc, Denham. MKD., NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Ward. BORD.: 1, 2, Mrs. McGregor. MKD.: 1, Mrs. McGregor. NOVICE: 1, 2, Mrs. Harwood. MKD.: 1, 2, Burgess; 3, Mrs. Harwood. BRIT.: 1, sp, Slade; 2, Burgess. FOR.: 1, Burgess.

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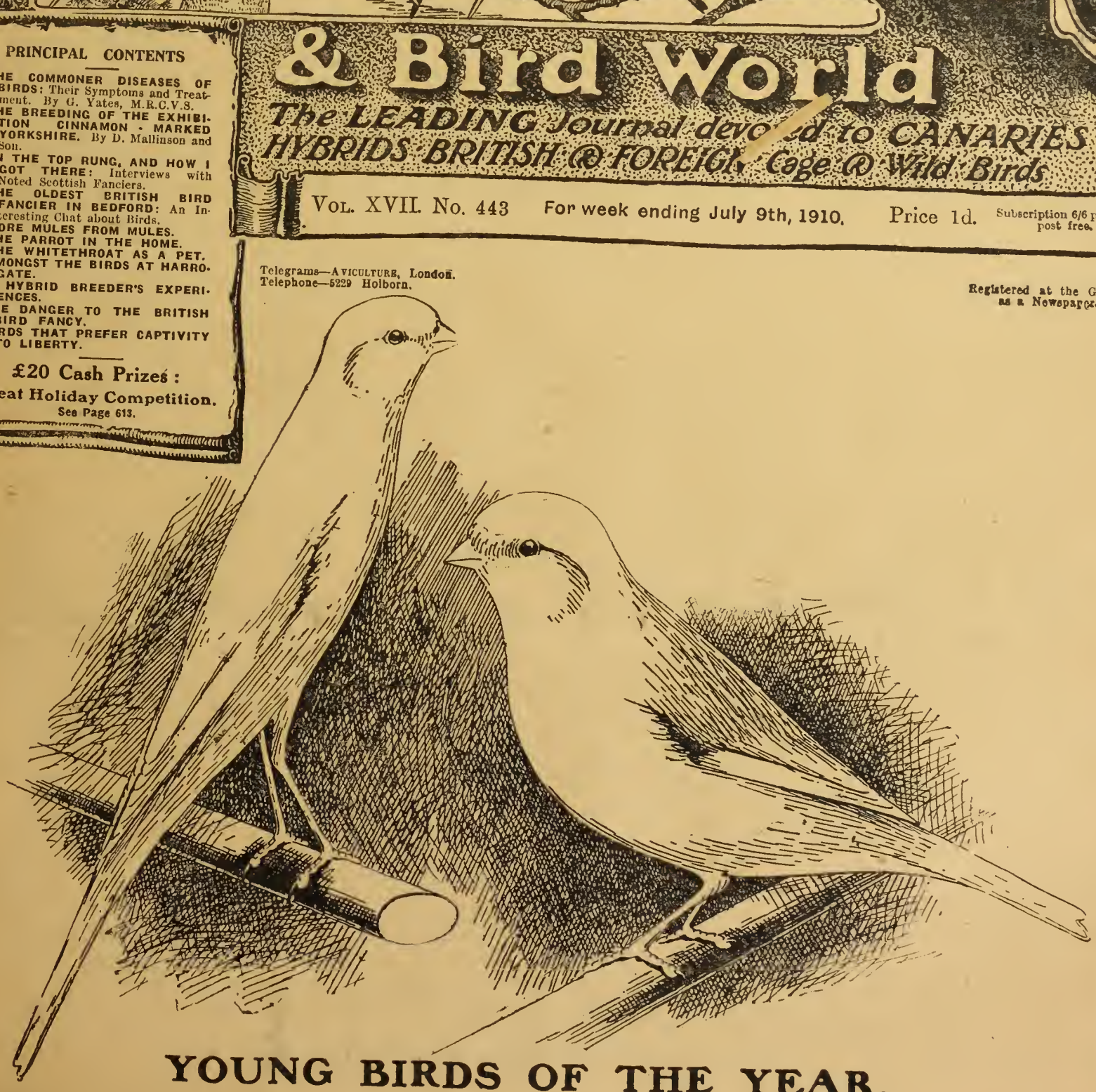
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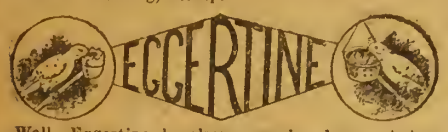
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EXCHANGE 5 cock Canaries, 2 in full song, and 3 hens, for 1 large clear yellow Norwich cock and 1 large marked buff Norwich hen, or offers: Mr. E. Birchall, 5, Dudley-st., Morecambe.

SALE or exchange, prize-bred Norwich Canaries, 2 yellow cocks, 1909, 10/6 each; 3 buff hens, 1909, 5/- each; 2 pair 1910, 6/- per pair; would exchange for good cycle: William Wilkinson, 87, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield.

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Sale or Exchange

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TWELVE Plymouth Rock chickens, fortnight old, 10/-; exchange livestock: Jackson's Aviaries, Bethnal Green.

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EXCHANGE 100-egg incubator for cycle, or good wheels and tyres; offers: 65, Herrick-st., Wolverhampton.

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Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was a large turn-out of members. After the usual business, we made all necessary preparations for the forthcoming first feather show. We also signed a contract for more up-to-date stands for annual show. The question of putting classes on annual schedule for Cinnamons, Lizards, and Scotch Fancy, were left over till next meeting.—G. HAYVER, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Final meeting held on July 4th, at the Avondale Hotel, for the Young Bird and Finch Show, July 9th. A full classification for Finches and Canaries was voted for. The specials, as usual, were well maintained, and by the schedule being sent out, members will find a number of valuable prizes not usual for young bird First Feather Shows. It is hoped by the secretary that members will make a good entry, and compete for these specials, to ensure a further success. Entries to be at the Hall, Landor-road, Clapham, by 3 o'clock; open to fanciers and public at 6 o'clock. Judge for Canaries, Mr. W. H. Vale; for British birds, Mr. S. A. Sandy.—A. C. ASKEW, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Committee meeting held July 2nd, at 5.30 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. M. Shackleton (president) in the chair. Business: Moved: "That the minutes of previous meeting be passed as a correct record"; "That the following gentlemen be admitted members of the club from this date:—Messrs. S. Smith (Stone Chair Shelf), J. W. and E. Middleton (Keighley), S. B. Grayshon (Heckmondwike), F. Smith (Allerton), and L. Dykes (Bolton Woods)"; moved "That the tenders for handbooks be considered first irrespective of price." Eventually it was decided to accept the lowest tender of Mr. L. Hodgson, Bradford. After very careful consideration, and on account of dates of judges clashing, one or two prominent clubs had to be passed over; the patronage was granted to the Crystal Palace, Gt. Horton, and London C.B.A., which completes the list of club shows. A hearty vote of thanks to the donors of specials was unanimously accorded to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. T. Sandiford, and Messrs. Sutcliffe and Sons.—J. ARMSTRONG, Sec.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held July 4th, in the Douglas Hotel, Mr. Summers presiding. After a deal of discussion, it was decided to have four prize model cards for each class for annual show. Our judges this year are:— Messrs. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), and C. Campbell (Glasgow). Next meeting 30th July. Will all outside members please note change of secretary, and send all communications to me?—WM. BISHOP, 140, Main Street, St. Ninians, Stirling.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

General meeting held at headquarters, Trinity Schools, June 28, a very good number of members being present. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Newnham was asked to preside. A letter was read from Mr. Best tendering, for business reasons, his resignation, which was accepted with great regret. Mr. Pawley and Mr. Newnham having resigned the position of joint secretaries, Mr. H. Dibley and Mr. Meades were elected, their address being 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held June 30, Mr. J. Curry in the chair. The following were admitted members:—Messrs. M. C. Potts (Heaton), Renwicks (Bassenthwaite Lake), and Johnson (Newcastle). A long correspondence was read from Mr. Douglas (Whitehaven) re specials, and after considerable discussion, Mr. Douglas's proposal was carried: "That the medals this season be given for most points with three highest birds in champion section, two highest in novice section." One member can only win one medal per season. It is hoped this will overcome the difficulty which has occurred in previous seasons when mistakes have occurred in judging for best bird, and will not be a hardship on the small exhibitor.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (H.-in.-H.)

The members had a most enjoyable time on June 27, at headquarters, the Old House at Home, Wellingborough Road. Following dinner a smoking concert was held. Mr. W. H. Butlin, Hon. Vice-Consul for Spain, presided, and was supported by Alderman W. Tomes and Councillor F. C. Parker. After a few apt remarks from the chairman, Mr. W. E. Allen proposed the toast of "The President and Vice-Presidents," coupling with it the names of Alderman Tomes, Councillor Parker, Mr. Booth, and others. Councillor Parker apologised for the absence of Mr. A. J. Darnell. He said he had found by experience that those who loved dumb creatures at heart made good citizens, and were always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. Alderman Tomes trusted the time was not far distant when they would have the pleasure of seeing aviaries erected in parks, for it would give pleasure to thousands of people. Mr. G. Sergeant gave a much appreciated paper on "Ten years with British birds." The programme was contributed to by Mr. W. Swallow, Mr. T. Brooks, and the Carne Bros. Mr. Godball presided at the piano. The arrangements were made by the following committee:—Mr. W. E. Allen (chairman), Mr. J. Fisher (vice-chairman), Mr. W. Munday, Mr. H. Baron, Mr. W. Jeyes, Mr. W. Stockwin, Mr. W. Tabor, and Mr. A. W. Law (secretary).

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held June 30, at headquarters, when the members were entertained by a lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. W. Ramsden. A ramble was arranged for Saturday, July 16th. Mr. J. Hyde, the assistant secretary, has kindly undertaken to arrange matters, and members wishing to go must give their names to him on July 9th at young stock show. The secretary informed the members that one of their members had sailed for Australia, namely, Mr. J. J. Dawes, and it was the wish of all members present to send him a message through CAGE BIRDS, which the secretary is sending out to him, with our reports. The best message we could think of was: "Good Luck" and "God Speed." The secretary passed a few remarks on the working of the society now that half the year had gone. He said that there were some 80 paying members, but, of course, we must expect to lose some before the year was out, as several had not yet paid up. There have been 16 new members in the six months. The balance in hand is something over £10, so that the society is flourishing. The assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hyde, was in the chair, and read a small paper on the cultivation of the capsicum. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very interesting and enjoyable evening.—CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Committee meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, July 2nd, Mr. Sunderland in the chair. It was decided that the junior novice competition be competed for at all Yorkshire Union shows, and in addition to the £5 offered for competition, the "novice" is eligible to compete for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th prize specials, at the Union shows, where the club's open competitions are granted. That the printing of the Club's handbook be let by tender, and, all societies gaining the club's patronage are required to print the conditions of competition in the schedules. The following new members were enrolled:—Messrs. J. H. Whitwham, J. H. Jowett, B. Wood, J. H. Fowle, H. Smith, J. Aldersou, W. H. Dibb, J. Northrop, S. Morley, J. Morley, F. Wharton, W. Wharton, W. Battye, and J. H. Ackroyd. I would here impress upon all intending members the advisability of sending in their names and addresses for inclusion in the club's handbook, which will be published shortly. The following is a list of the successful applicants for the club's patronage:—The Bailey Trophy Competition, City of Bradford, Bolton and District O.S., Bradford (West), Liverpool, Great Horton, Windhill, Gateshead, Bradford (East), Scottish National, and Crystal Palace (Ramsden cup, money specials, and novice competition), Burnley, Shipley O.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester, Eccleshill, Harrogate, Halifax, Queensbury, Skelmanthorpe, and Crystal Palace. — JOHN GREAVES, Secretary, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 28th, Mr. H. Taylor (vice-president) in the chair. Arrangements were made for our "char-a-bane" drive to Ilkley, via. Denton Park, on Saturday, August 6th. Sufficient names were given in at this meeting to more than fill the first "char-a-bane." Therefore, those desirous of joining, would do well to send in their names as soon as possible, so that final arrangements may be made at our next meeting on July 26th. The fare will be 2/6, children up to six or seven years of age may go free, provided they are in charge of adults. It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the special facilities. Several more specials were promised for competition at our members' shows. Specials for the best cock, and best hen, at each of our old bird shows, were kindly given by Mr. H. Kershaw, Mr. J. Taylor, and Mr. H. Taylor. In connection with our proposed joint members' show with Wibsey, a meat-pie supper will be given, free of charge, to all exhibitors, non-exhibitors, 6d. each, the whole of such proceeds to be divided between the two societies, and given as specials at this show. The idea, as no doubt will be guessed, is to install a friendly feeling between these two neighbouring societies, so that the work of each society may be carried out in a smooth and unbiassed manner. A novel feature at our last show of the year will be a competition for our members' wives and lady friends, in which blouse lengths will be given as prizes. No doubt this will serve to strengthen the interests of our lady friends. Our next members' show will be July 23rd, and the judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Ripley). Fanciers desirous of joining should give in their names and addresses to any of our members. This will enable them to exhibit at our next show. A special competition will be provided at the last show for members who have not won a 1st prize in a full class throughout the year. Mr. E. W. Johnson, our worthy president, has promised a really valuable prize for this competition, as has also Mr. H. Taylor. All members exhibiting in this class, and not winning either of the prizes, will count all points gained throughout the year, and receive a prize from our long list of specials, from which every exhibitor will benefit. Messrs. Myers and Lightowler were added to our list of members, and this brought a very interesting evening to a close.—F. GILDER (Secretary).

BOURNEMOUTH & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, June 28th, Mr. G. W. Jones in the chair. It was decided not to hold the usual monthly meeting in July, and that the young bird show on the programme for 13th July be abandoned on account of the centenary fetes. Arrangements were made for a stroll into the country by the members on the afternoon of July 27th. It is hoped all members wishing to take part in the outing will notify the hon. sec. at once.—W. O. BROOKE, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Rochdale, July 2nd, the Rochdale O.S. kindly finding one of their rooms for the purpose. As far as numbers go, the meeting was a disappointment, and the fact that breeding is in full swing, scarcely excuses all failing to turn up. We had a fairly heavy agenda to go through, many points of interest being discussed. Applications were received from Manchester, Nottingham, and L.C.B.A., and it was decided to give all three our patronage for both Lancashires and Lizards. It was decided that the Toronto medals be given at our club show to be held at Hyde on a date yet to be fixed, when we hope to have a good show, and some grand specials. The club show this year will be restricted to members of the L. and L.F.A. It is pleasing to hear that some of our members are doing well with their breeding; but others are doing very badly. Messrs. A. Bosworth and W. Bacon are doing very well, especially the first-named, who bids fair to have a house full soon. Will all societies desirous of our patronage (which must consist of four classes for Lancashires and four for Lizards—not necessarily to give classes to both varieties) let me have applications as early as possible, so I can put same before our next meeting at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on August 6th, when all applications will be considered? Members please note that subscriptions are due, and I shall be pleased to receive same as early as possible. Mr. G. Fitton, Oldham, was proposed as a member. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Swalwell, who acted as chairman, concluded the meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

BLACKHILL.

Singing at Blackhill on June 25th resulted in 36 being entered. There was some good singing. Judge, Mr. Millian; timekeeper, Mr. Johnson. Walker, 1st and 2nd; Bentick, 3rd.

LONDON, N.

We are starting handicaps again at The Swan Bird Club, Caledonian Road. We have had several during the week, and there has been some very good Linnet and Chaffinch singing for this time of year. We are open to receive a few more members; the half-year just starting. Singing is held every night but Monday, Thursday, and Friday; open to all comers. — F. WESTMORE, Chairman and Timekeeper.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest at King's Head, Shannon st., July 2, when 12 birds sang. 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, Green. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Naylor. Also on July 3, when 16 birds sang to a good company:—1, Bland; 2, 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. T. Johnson and W. Naylor. —WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing, held July 2nd, at the Aire and Calder Hotel, when 39 birds sang. We had about our best contest this week; there were only about four birds that did not sing, and the winners were only separated hy four seconds. We had visitors from Leeds and Pontefract. Result:—1, S. Morley; 2, W. Dobson; 3, J. Caddy. After the sing two of our members sang two birds for three seconds break, and one bird got 72 and the other 30 secs.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

Weekly Linnet sing held at Britannia Inn, Lock-lane, when 31 good birds sang to a crowded house for three good prizes. Every bird sang. Result: 1, Caddy; 2, Towler; 3, Caddy. Next week we have an open sing at the Aire aud Calder Hotel, Wheldon-lane, and are hoping to see some new fanciers as well as the old ones present.—W. DOBSON, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

The Linnet club held their open sing on June 26th, at the Rock Inn, when 18 birds sang. 1st, J. Wainwright, 45sec.; 2nd, B. Nelson, 36sec.; 3rd, A. Longfield, 32sec. Linnet fanciers are invited to join.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held at Fitzwilliam Hntel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, on June 20th, when we had a special contest for three valuable prizes. Only 11 birds turned up. 1st, Callaghan, 113sec.; 2nd, Baker, 94sec.: 3rd, Baker, 75sec.; Rogers, 68sec.; Thompson, 64 sec.: Thompson, 55sec.; Baker, 50sec.; Rogers, 47sec. On June 25th 16 birds entered. 1st, Baker, 87sec.; 2nd, Rogers, 81sec.; Lammey, 73sec.; Jack, 70sec.; Finn, 60sec.; Thompson, 58sec.; Finn, 49sec.; Rogers, 51sec.; Thompson, 49sec.; Jack, 45sec. On June 26th 19 birds entered. 1st, Watson, 83sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 80sec.: Jack and Rodgers tied for the 3rd prize, sang off, Jack won, 67sec., Rodgers 63sec.; Rodgers, 60sec.; Baker, 54sec.; Thompson, 47sec.; Watson, 44sec.; Watson, 43sec.—J. GRUNDY.

Linnet sing held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Attercliffe Common, July 2, when 19 birds entered for three prizes:—1, Fenn, 83 secs.; 2, Fenn, 82 secs.; 3, Fenn, 74 secs.; Brown, 71 secs.; Thompson, 71 secs.; Rogers, 63 secs.. Baker, 49 secs.; Rogers, 45 secs. There was a match afterwards between Fenn and Rogers; Rogers won, 73 secs.; Fenn, 64 secs. July 3, 21 birds sang:—1, Lammey, 69 secs.; 2, Watson, 65 secs.; 3, Lammey, 56 secs.; Robinson, 46 secs.; Thompson, 43 secs.; Lammey, 43 secs.; Spotwoods, 38; Baker 38. Contest every week-end until further notice.—J. GRUNDY.

THE DANGER TO THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY.

VIEWS OF READERS.

Some Interesting Expressions of Opinion.

SIR,—I have been a bird catcher for this last twelve years, and I think it would be far better if all bird catchers were licensed; then there would be more care taken of the birds when caught, and it would stop the majority of bird snarers who are ignorant as to the feeding and management of newly-caught birds. —W. B.

SIR,—I quite agree that some catchers are at fault. I see in CAGE BIRDS that someone speaks of 90 per cent. dying out of 100 Goldfinches. Now, I think such people as would do this could be stopped if we catchers were licensed (within the working man's reach). No catcher need let Goldfinches die if he looks after them properly. I have not lost one this last five years. What I do is, as soon as the thistles are ripe and begin to blow I start gathering the heads. I gather as many as I can, so that I have as much seed as I require before I start catching, which is after the first week in September. You have no trouble with Goldfinches when you have plenty of thistle seed, as they will start feeding as soon as you put them in the cage. I think the catcher should have the privilege of using the small cage in winter; he could not carry big cages out to catch with. I also think that if catchers would stop bracing birds there would be no need for any society, or the police to trouble them.—B. H.

SIR,—I have been a Linnet catcher this last 28 years. The best way to keep them alive when newly-caught is not to overcrowd them, and to put them in a low store cage or catching box. I myself generally use catch boxes 22 inches long by 11 inches wide, by 3 inches high. To keep the birds in a low cage is the best, as they have not the chance to flutter against one another. I see there are certain persons that object to this low cage system, but if they were in this part of the country, when they have to travel, say, from 20 to 30 miles, they would find they had to have something that does not take up much space, as a full catching kit wants carrying. I have seen what I call "amateur" catchers out, and they have been in the field all day, and the birds that they have caught have not had a drink of water. Now new-caught birds require water. If left without (especially young birds) they will die in a few hours, and then the amateur wants to know "what has killed them." To keep them alive they must have water from the first bird to the last. I have carried Linnets in these low boxes the distance I mentioned above without having a single dead bird, and under a scorching sun, and not one hundred, but thousands. The birds, however, were watered every few miles on the road, and that is the reason. It is through being without water that so many die. I agree with the proposed license, as I think it would do away with a lot of "amateurs," and anyone found catching without a license should be fined; and the license should be marked "Not transferable."—P. B.

SIR,—I have read with considerable interest the letter in your issue of June 25th, signed "Friend of the Birds," and also the remarks from various persons present at the great gathering organised by the N.B.B. and M.C. I note the remarks made by Mr. Dennithorne with regard to the rich landowners, refusing to allow a poor man to set foot on his land, even if the land was what one would term waste land. Well, there is just this about it: a man asks a landowner for permission to go on the waste or uncultivated portion of his land, in order to catch a few birds, and the landowner says, yes. This man is not contented with catching some birds, but he manages to bag some rabbits or a hare, or may probably kill a pheasant; at any rate, he means to have something more than the birds. This we will say, becomes known to the landowner. Another man, a genuine honest man, who is satisfied and pleased with just catching a few birds, asks for permission and is refused at once; and so is every other person that asks, no matter who he may be. If he mentions birds, he is "tarred with the same brush." Now, even if these rich landowners are among those who want to take away from naturalists (or call them "bird fanciers") their study of British birds in captivity, then, I say, supposing some law was passed to stop these rich people from enjoying their sports, depriving them of their rights, stopping their fox-hunting and their shooting, etc., taking away from them those things which they love and enjoy, and are interested in, and which they would miss terribly—put the boot on the other leg, and try to stop them, and you would very soon find these gentlemen bustling about signing a huge petition to get the "unjust" law, or stigma, removed.

That is, gentlemen, exactly how we feel about our own case, and that is what we want and intend to do.

With regard to the cruelty of shooting and hunting, I think we have quite as much right to point out to these people the cruel side of their sports, as they have to point out where the alleged cruel part of bird-keeping comes in. Not that for a moment I should like to see their sport taken from them; on the contrary, I have lived in the country all my life (or practically all my life), and have been to shoots and watched the sport, also to the hunts and followed the hounds on foot, or upon my bicycle. I have thoroughly enjoyed the day, and should do so again, and hope to do so many times; but I am simply showing where the cruelty comes in. With shooting, this is what occurs: a pheasant gets a dose of shot, but not sufficient to kill him, and he gets away. The shooter remarks: "I can't think how that bird got away. I hit him; I know I hit him." And then he turns round to have another go at the next birds that comes over him. And so it goes on. Probably the shooter forgets in the excitement of shooting the sufferings of the poor wretched bird that has been shot and has got away; or maybe, it is a hare that gets away with a broken hind leg, and has to live upon three until the fourth heals up.

Take the hunt: gentlemen ride up to the meet; a cart or van arrives on the scene with a stag in it, which is released from the van to be hunted about the country by hounds and "humane" gentlemen upon horses, until the poor thing is either too tired out to go any further, or is found to have staked itself upon some railings when jumping, through being too "done up" to clear the rails properly. The poor beast has to be destroyed. There is one thing certain, and that is that the cruelty which does occur with birds in cages (caused by some dealers and catchers), is quite unnecessary, and need not be, and it can be most easily remedied without attempting to stop everyone from catching and keeping birds, and so tarring us all with the same filthy brush. But the cruelty attaching to shooting and hunting can never be altered without doing away with these "sports" altogether, for it is impossible for any shooter to make certain that a bird or animal shall never get away with shot in it to possibly to die a lingering and painful death.

The whole thing amounts to this: these people whom we term "faddists," who think they ought to stop everyone from getting and keeping birds, are for the most part very ignorant about bird-life in the wild state, and what can be done with the birds in aviaries and cages properly constructed. They know nothing of the heavy destruction of bird life that goes on amongst the birds in their wild state—destruction far and away greater than ever occurs amongst birds in captivity. This I not only state, but will absolutely prove; and, remember that proof based upon knowledge is worth many tons of theory. I am making a statement now that perhaps many will wonder at, and that is, that Nature does a great deal more harm in bird life than we bird-keepers do by keeping birds in cages and aviaries. I am also ready to prove that the professional bird-catcher with his nets cannot make Linnets, etc., scarce. I will also prove that boys taking birds' eggs in the early spring months (regrettable though this thoughtless destruction is) do not make birds scarce. I am aware that these people who are against us may say that they have only my word for these statements. I am also aware that there is an old saying, "all men are liars," but here again we do not want to be tarred with the same brush, and, thank heaven, there are still left in this world people who can and do speak the truth.

With regard to the people who are trying to take from us that which is so dear and which we have a perfect right to—our hobby. I feel sure in my own mind that if they were approached and we were to give our experience of birds in captivity and show and teach these people what they cannot teach us, that they would be reasonable. To give us a hearing is their bounden duty. We are not going to be treated as nonentities. P. F. M. GALLOWAY.

Birds that Prefer Captivity to Liberty.

A Chaffinch Gladly Returns "Home."

SIR,—Recently a lot has been said about the keeping of British birds in captivity; some birds, however, prefer the latter to their freedom. The other evening whilst attending to my birds, one of my children pushed open the outer door of the aviary, when I happened to have the inner door open at the same time. Out flew my favourite Chaffinch. I felt his escape very much, for he is a very good specimen, and has done well on the show bench. I hunted every likely place to try and recapture him, but not a sign of him could I discover. I was out next morning as soon as daylight, on the chance of seeing him about. He was there right enough, too, on a tree overhanging the aviary. I hurriedly opened the door, when he immediately flew in, and was quite "perky," and seemed quite pleased to get back.—P. WALSH (Sheffield).

Linnets Voluntary Return to Cage Life.

SIR,—The voluntary return of escaped birds has been frequently recorded. I had an instance come under my notice last week, which, in view of the present agitation, is at least interesting. Strangely enough, it happened with one who has hitherto, though a very successful Canary breeder, been reluctant to try Mule breeding owing to his prejudice against caging the necessary Britishers. However, I prevailed on him to give it a trial, and selected a Linnet out of a lot, the remainder of which, after a few days' detention, were liberated as "dancers." That was in December last, and the docility of that particular bird astonished me. Though field-moulted (as shown by his red breast) he not only paired readily with a large Norwich hen, but fed her regularly, and assisted to rear the young, finishing them off, while the hen was incubating her second nest of eggs. But the climax came last week, when, during bathing operations, this Linnet escaped, and as his owner, Mr. Hamilton, of Eskbank, has an uninterrupted view of about three miles of fields from his bird-room window, it was considered a hopeless quest to hunt for the bird. Jim, however, was inconsolable, and tramped those fields looking for his lost Linnet. A few hours after he came excitedly in, grabbed an empty cage, and rushed out again. Excitement ran riot. Mrs. H., from an elevation, reported progress. "He sees it; it's on the dyke; he's handing up the cage, and crying tae it. Guidness gracious, the bird's in! Weel dune, Jim."
J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

A Homing Black-faced Lovebird.

SIR,—It might probably interest some of your readers to give particulars of the above. In January, 1909, I purchased a pair of Black-faced Lovebirds. During the whole of the time they have kept in the best health until two or three weeks ago, when I noticed the hen bird appeared to be ailing. It did not get any better, and died June 21st. On Sunday morning, June 26, the cock was in my open garden aviary all right, but in the afternoon I noticed it was missing, and I found, after a little search, a small opening where it had evidently escaped. I did not see or hear anything more of it, and naturally thought I never should, but, to my great surprise, on Sunday morning, July 3rd, I saw it on the top of the aviary. I opened the door, and it immediately flew in. I may say it was none the worse after its week's holiday.
W. R. PICKLES, Morecambe.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—July 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table Show of young Canaries; also lecture on "Colour Feeding," by G. Browning.—W. Richardson.

Ashington C.B.S.—July 16, Mr. Rowley's, Station Road, 7. Paper on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. Joseph Miles.—J. Miles.

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 12, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open Show business.—P. Drinkwater.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 12, Wellington Inn, 8. Classification for Open Show.—F. Mitchell.

Bolton Roller C.S.—July 12, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8.—W. Massey.

Batley O.F.S.—July 9, Talbot Hotel, Batley. F.F. Show, birds to be staged at 3; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill).—G. G. Stafford.

Bury C.B.S.—July 12, Textile Hall, 8. Settling up of F.F. Show.—H. Jameson.

British Roller C.C.—July 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Roller Canaries, birds will be present, and the tours explained; welcome to all interested.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 9, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Classification of Open Show; also patronages, etc.—F. Western.

Brighton C.B.A.—July 13, King and Queen, Marlboro' Place, 7.15. General and Annual Show business.—A. T. Riddles.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—July 11, Chequers' Hotel, 8.30. Will members kindly attend and make their entries, as they close on Monday next?—W. H. Bray.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—July 16, Queen's Head, 7.30. Table Show of young Nor. and Yorks.; washing exhibition, and general meeting to fix Open Show date; new members invited.—C. H. Naylor.

Crewe O.S.—July 12, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. Young Stock and Open Show.—T. L. Hancocks.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—July 9, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. Granting of patronage, year books, etc.—Grayshon and Allen.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—July 14, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 11, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15.—Draw of questions.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 9, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. F.F. Show business, prize money, etc.—Parker and Parkes.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 12, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 7.30 p.m. Second (1910) Young Bird Show; judges, Mr. H. E. Tringham and Mr. C. Botting; admission free.—W. Hodson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—July 9, Headquarters, 6.30. Election of judges for Open Show.—J. Lindsay.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—July 9, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Receive schedules for F.F. Show, appoint judges and make arrangements for annual show.—R. T. Campbell.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 13, Half Moon Inn, 8. F.F. arrangements, etc.—H. Todd.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 13, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. F.F. Table Show, Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid, and decide upon Open Show.—G. Bescoby.

East Ham F.S.—July 11, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, E., 8. General business, report of auditor and delegate to G.U.M.S., also of cup fund.—H. Rutter.

Edmonton F.A.—July 13, Charity School, Church Street, 8.30. Lecture on "Cage Birds," by Mr. G. Gardner.—J. S. Jackson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 13, Lockbart's Cafe, 7.30. Mr. E. Floyd (Ashington) will lecture on "Canaries and Cage Birds"; a hearty welcome to all fanciers. —A. Holden.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—July 11, Cottier's, 8.—N. T. Mattinson.

Great Horton O.S.—July 9, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business, classification for Winter Show.—J. Holroyd.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—July 14, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, E. Greenwich, 8. Consideration of special business.—H. R. Hearn.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—July 15, Wadsworth View, 8. distribution of prizes.—P. S. Mathers.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—July 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Monthly Table Show, 5 classes: Nor. Cl. Tkd. or Varieg., ditto Yorks., Border Fancy, young birds, A.O.V. Can. and A.V. Bunting.—R. Blore.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 12, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. —J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—July 13, Barton Boys' School, Dover, 8.—Correspondence, patronage and general business.—G. Sanderson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—July 9, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important to all members.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 9, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' 2nd F.F. Show, in the medal competition; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill); all entries to be made on Friday night, 8 to 10.—J. E. Hudson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 14, Oldham Hall, 8.—Lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," by Mr. S. Hadwin.—F. E. Hawkes.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 9, St. George's Schools. Young Bird Show, birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—J. Chambers.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—July 9, Crown Hotel, 8.—A. Watle.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 14, Headquarters, 8.15. Pay prize money, and arrangements for next Young Bird Show, etc.—G. Harwood.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 12, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey.—J. Davey.

Pentre C.B.S.—July 9, Headquarters, 8. Will all members kindly attend? Also new members welcomed.—W. Thomas.

Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.—July 11, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Table Show, July 25.—H. Clayton.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 16, Baptist School. Members' F.F. Show, birds to be staged 3; judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—W. Jagger.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—July 14, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Prize distribution and consider running an evening Young Bird Show in July. —J. C. Birch.

Radford (Nottingham) O.S.—July 12, Pheasant Inn, 8.15. Date of Nest Show, etc.—G. Lawrence.

Reading C.B.S.—July 13, Palmer Hall, 8. F.F. Show, admission free; all fanciers invited.—W. H. Pyke.

Sale Open O.S.—July 11, Technical Schools. Half-yearly report, etc.—J. Irlam.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—July 12, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for 2nd Members' Show.—S. Edmondson.

Stockport B.F.A.—July 12, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Receiving prize cards, etc.—W. Stafford.

South London Col. & F.A.—July 14, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E. Young Cage Bird Show, birds to be staged by 7.30 p.m.; fanciers invited.—G. A. Jefferys.

South Manchester C.B.S.—July 14, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Opensbaw, 7.30. Distribution of cards and prize money for F.F. Show. —W. Wilson.

Swansea C.B.A.—July 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Classification for the Open Show, also important announcement; every member to attend this meeting. —S. H. George.

Waikden C.B.S.—July 12, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil St., 8. Classes for F.F. Show; will members kindly bring in entry forms?—H. Howard.

Windsor C.B.A.—July 13, Headquarters, 6.30. F.F. Show, amongst members only.—E. A. Stickland.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—July 9, Duncan's, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 4. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. R. B. Gibb; admission free.—F. Bone.

York C.B.S.—July 11, All Saints' Schoolroom, 6.30. Second F.F. Show, and on July 13 char-a-banc drive from headquarters, at 6.15 prompt; members and their friends cordially invited.—A. Waud.

The Conservative Rook.

The Rook is one of the most conservative birds, and will rarely change his nesting site; and no mortal power, no amount of coaxing, no expenditure of money, no amount of labour —will induce him to build in trees, which one would perhaps like to see him inhabit. Certain trees do not appeal to him.

Bird Destruction in France.

A correspondent of the Paris *Figaro* has been protesting against the way in which children are allowed to destroy bird life in France. The writer says it is an anomaly that the artistic countries of France and Italy are those where birds are least respected, while practical, commercial, spirited England and German enact measures for their preservation. In English schools prizes are given to the children who show acts of kindness to little birds. In France the children ravage the nests, usually with the full countenance of their seniors, making strings of all the eggs they can find, and taking away the young birds to certain death. He complains bitterly that some of these children are allowed to use small firearms, termed "garden guns," and says that the father of a family told him that his two boys had killed in one year a thousand small birds with such weapons (Robins, Sparrows, Linnets, etc.). The worst of this is that the nesting pair get killed, and their young ones are starved to death in consequence. The writer, M. Louis Fernier, says that this was the case with some young Thrushes in his own garden, his neighbour's children having shot the old birds.

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Twitterings.

Will secretaries of societies kindly note, writes Mr. Sam Ward, that I have removed from No. 597 to No. 617, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

See advertisement columns for a few of Sandiford's noted colour food customers' orders: not a few pounds, so as to be able to compete for specials.—(Advt.)

Owing to the failure of the recent Dog Show, the Oxford Fanciers' Society have, we understand, decided to abandon the show of cage birds, etc., fixed for October 6.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. W. Pavey, to 5, Grove Road, Abbey Wood, Kent. Will secretaries of the coming shows kindly forward schedules to the new address?

All communications intended for the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. should, write Messrs. H. Dibley and E. Meades, the newly appointed secretaries, be sent to us at 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead, London, S.E.

The First Feather show of the Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S. is to be held on July 16, in the Club Room of the Bisley House, Blaydon. Sixteen classes are provided, and Mr. J. Hands (Crookhill) is to judge.

Our First Feather show, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, hon. secretary, Reading and Dis. C.B.S., will be held at Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, July 13, doors open at 7 p.m. Mr. T. Yates will judge. Admission is free, and all visitors will be welcome.

We have engaged Mr. W. Vardy to judge at our open show on October 26, write Messrs. Moore and Harding, hon. secretaries of the Grimsby and Dis. O.S. Our third Nest Feather show of the present season will be held on July 20, with Mr. W. Pepper as judge.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen to judge our show to be held on November 19, writes Mr. Wm. Guthrie, hon. secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.: for Scotch Fancies: Messrs D. Black (Govan) and R. Price (Barrhead); for Crests, Mr. J. Noble (Kilmarnock); for Norwich, Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); for Border Fancies, Mr. T. Lindsay (Muirkirk); and for British and foreign birds, Mr. R. McCaw (Kilmarnock).

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We have decided to hold our annual Nest Feather show on August 1, at the Engineers' Arms, kindly lent by Mr. Jas. Traynor, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, secretary of the Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. Jas. Gilhespy (Gateshead) has been elected to judge.

Mr. Johnston and family (Burnside Street, Kilmarnock) request us to thank Mr. Guthrie, secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.; Mr. McCaw, secretary of the local club, and all friends who so kindly sent letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Will secretaries and fanciers, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, late of Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield Road, Liverpool, please note that I have opened the Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool? Will makers of appliances, etc., also kindly send me their trade lists?

On July 13 at the Charity School, Church Street, Edmonton, a lecture on "Cage Birds" will be given by Mr. G. Gardner ("G.G."); time 8.30, under the auspices of the Edmonton F.A., writes Mr. J. S. Jackson, the secretary. All cage bird fanciers are invited.

Our next Nest Feather show will be held on July 16, in Viaduct Temperance Hotel, with the same classification as last show; judge, Mr. H. Connerton, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary, Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. Will members please do their best and let us have a good entry?

I was very pleased to see my Clear Yellow depicted on the front page of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for which I thank you sincerely. I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and think it the best paper that has ever been produced for the benefit of the Fancy.—J. H. FOWLE (Queenshury, Bradford).

There is a very excellent list of specials for competition amongst the members of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association, including one each for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth most points in both champion and novice sections, and specials for the various sections. These are for competition at both Nest Feather and open shows.—F. E. HAWKES, Hon. Sec.

At a meeting held on the occasion of our show, July 1, writes Mr. T. P. Baxter, secretary of the Runcorn C.B.S., it was decided to hold the next meeting on August 12. Will the absent members kindly note the change of date? A paper will be read by Mr. Baxter on "The Moulting and Colour-feeding of Canaries," and it is hoped every member will attend.

With a view to encouraging the breeding of Crests and Crestbreds, the President of our association is giving a silver-plated tea pot for most points gained by a member at shows patronised by us during the 1910 show season, writes Mr. George Sanderson, hon. secretary, Kent County C.B.A. The number of shows under our patronage will not exceed four or five at the utmost.

In the July issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" will be found notes on "The Age of Birds in Confinement," by Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote, M.A., and articles on "The Nesting of the Argentine Blackbird" (by Mr. P. W. Thorniley), "Birds of Paradise" (by Mr. W. Goodfellow), "Indian Birds" (by Mr. Frank Finn, F.Z.S.), etc., besides much other interesting matter. There are also several excellent illustrations.

May I draw the attention of London bird-lovers, writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. secretary, Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., to the fact that we have a record entry for our young stock show, to be held this Saturday, July 9 (see advertisement). There are 180 entries, amongst them some really good birds, to be sold at reasonable prices, with the idea of swelling the funds of the society.

Eight classes for cage birds are being provided at the show of the Llandrindod Wells F. and F.A., to be held on August 11, with Mr. C. A. House as judge. It is hoped there will be a large entry and a large attendance. The secretary is Mr. P. Muscott, Tremont Road, Llandrindod Wells, who writes that all the committee are well-known fanciers, and that there will be specials in every class, some of which are very valuable.

Another Nest Up the Spout.

A pair of Tits have, according to a Wigton local paper, built their nest in the famous Wigton pump, which formerly stood in the Market Place. The pump was referred to by Charles Dickens in "The Lazy Tour of Two Idle Apprentices," and now occupies a site in the grounds at Highmoor. A numerous family of young Tits have been hatched, and as the only means of ingress and egress to the pump is by the spout, it is interesting to see the parent birds darting in and out of their iron abode.

The Nightingale Acquitted.

The highest Court of Appeal in the Austrian Empire, after months of litigation, says the "North-Eastern Daily Gazette," has decided that the song of a Nightingale is not a nuisance. A citizen of Graz, Herr Henziel, keeps a Nightingale in a cage, and on fine nights hangs it outside the window. A neighbour complained to the police authorities, that the bird's song disturbed his slumbers, and the municipality ordered the owner of the Nightingale to keep it inside the house at night. Herr Heinzel appealed to the Government of Styria and then to the Ministry of the Interior, but both these administrative authorities refused to interfere with the decision of the municipality. Herr Heinzel then appealed to the Court of Administration, which has jurisdiction over the highest executive and administrative functionaries. Five judges, including the President, Baron Schenk, gave a learned judgment in favour of the owner of the Nightingale.

Buyers of colour foods, has it ever struck you when buying colour food in paper packages, that the colour absorbed by the paper package is part of the colour you have paid for and want in your birds? Again, do you know that colour foods should be kept in canisters, and not in paper bags? Colour foods are spoilt and lose their goodness when exposed to damp, and in this changeable climate we get plenty of damp. Therefore, insist on having Ramsden's pure peppers, which are sent out in canisters only, and full weight guaranteed.—(Advt.)

It was a pleasant surprise to find a sketch of my bird recently on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. It is a lifelike drawing, for which accept my best thanks. I entered two birds in the novice classes at the show named, and put on entry form: "If cancelled, transfer to champion classes." The novice classes were cancelled, so I had the pleasure of winning a first and a second in the champions. Since that time I have sent to 7 or 8 shows, and always been in the first three.—T. GROVES (Brierley Hill).

The Wood Green and Dis. F. and F.A. book of rules, etc., for 1910-11 is a neatly got-up affair, and contains, not only the rules of the association, but a list of the members and a programme of events, which latter includes some interesting items, not the least of which is a lecture to be given on July 12, entitled "The Daylight Bill and its Relation to Fanciers," by Mr. Callegari. Particulars as to membership may be had of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Wm. G. Bruce, 10, Wateville Road, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, London, N.

Border Fancy Canary Club.

The list of members will be sent to printers in a week or two. Will those who intend becoming members kindly forward their names at once?—M. JAMIESON, hon. secretary, Green Terrace, Hawick.

The Song of the Siren.

A Canary that is valued because of its singing abilities was put out in its cage back of the store of its owner, Joseph Mechaley (of Stamford, Conn., U.S.A.), on May 11th, according to the "New York World." A cat pulled the cage down and broke it, but the bird escaped to a tree. Mr. Mechaley tried all sorts of devices to get the fugitive back, but without success. Then he took a mechanical Canary bird that hung in a cage in his store and climbed a tree. He wound it up, and when it sang the real Canary flew towards it and answered in song. Mr. Mechaley's presence frightened the Canary, so he took the mechanical bird to the second floor and set the cage on the window sill. He wound it up and concealed himself. After a good deal of singing and flying around the cage, his pet Canary entered and was recaptured.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

The Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club have decided, during the coming season, to run three competitions, viz., champion competition, novice competition, and a junior novice competition. This latter will run concurrently with Yorkshire Union novice classes. Any fancier desiring to join should apply to the secretaries, who will be very pleased to forward all particulars. We have received application for patronage from the undermentioned clubs:—City of Bradford (judge, A. W. Hartley), Laisterdyke (A. Hirst), Bradford West, Huddersfield (H. W. Walsh), Windhill (P. Mason), Shipley (W. Cruise), Brighouse (J. Hartley), Halifax (T. Bennett), Queensbury, Newcastle-on-Tyne (J. Bailey), Manchester and Northern Counties (H. W. Battye), and London C.B.A. Will secretaries of societies see they are not omitted from the above list?—GRAYSHON AND ALLEN (Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike).

A Feathered Rag Collector.

Mr. Harry Croxford (Margate) is the owner of a remarkably tame hen Canary (according to the "Isle of Thanet Gazette"), which, being uncaged and having the free run of the house and garden, has busied itself by nest building in all sorts of places. Two nests have been built behind the clock in the breakfast room, and the bird has recently built a third nest and deposited four eggs in it, making twelve eggs laid this year. One nest which Mr. Croxford has preserved is a curiosity in its way. It is composed of enough odds and ends to fill a cigar box, and among the things gathered for the purpose are pieces of string, cotton, fibre pulled from mats, threads from the carpet, wool from a rug, leaves, and the young shoots of plants, a piece of lace, scraps of paper, and other things, making a heterogeneous collection of everything that could be carried in the bird's beak. An attempt was made to hatch four Linnet's eggs, but this proved a failure.

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The Commoner Diseases of Birds: Their Symptoms and Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

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Bronchitis.

Bronchitis is a very common ailment in birds, and is more often encountered where birds are kept in insanitary surroundings, which, with overcrowding and bad ventilation, inhalation of dust (irritants), and adverse changes in the weather, all tend to produce this disease. Although in itself not often fatal, yet the disease has a tendency to extend and invade the smaller bronchial tubes, and the lungs themselves, producing broncho-pneumonia, which is in all cases fatal. But with early recognition and suitable treatment this should be avoided.

Singularly enough, there is not much interference with appetite, the bird feeding. But in the intervals between "meals" it assumes a listless attitude. In the larger species there will be observed a slight noise of a wheezy character; this is not always perceptible in the smaller birds, but in most there is gaping. Provided the disease does not extend, then recovery occurs fairly rapidly, and there is no recurrence.

The bird should be placed in a well ventilated room, at the same time ensuring warmth. No alteration in the diet is necessary, but a little green food, if procurable, will materially assist in recovery. Give a course of the following medicine:—

Carbonate of Ammonia, 3 grains;
Tinct. of Squills, 3 drops;
Glycerine, 5 drops;

twice daily in drinking water. This, of course, is for one dose. Enough may be dispensed to last one for a week, when it should be discontinued. As a recuperative, 4 drops of compound infusion of gentian should be given night and morning, similarly administered in the drinking water. To any one of the prescriptions herein given a small quantity of simple syrup may be added where any diffiently is experienced in getting the bird to partake of the mixutre.

Pneumonia.

Pneumonia is perhaps one of the commonest diseases to which birds are liable, due in great part to the delicate structure of their organs of breathing, feeling as they do most keenly any variation in the temperature of the air, moisture and density more particularly. It is a common occurrence during easterly winds and damp cold weather. Newly imported birds are the greatest sufferers, and the mortality resulting amongst them from pneumonia is considerable; they are susceptible for months after importation, the process of acclimatisation taking a very long time.

The greatest difficulty in connection with pneumonia is the rapid manner in which it shows itself. There is scarcely any warning. A bird may be ailing for two or three days, or, as is more common, sudden illness is manifested. The bird is huddled up, "all of a heap," to use a common expression, wings drooping, and breathing very heavily; there is often a clicking noise made by grinding the beak, and the beak is often open owing to the difficulty of inspiring the air, the degree of this depending upon to what extent the lungs are affected. The portion of lung attacked is put completely out of action, so that the breathing becomes necessarily quicker to enable sufficient air to be inspired to properly aerate the blood. There is great distress, which increases as the disease advances, the bird often emitting a little noise, as though in pain, which is really due to asphyxia. In the course of a few hours it falls from its perch and dies. Cases vary in duration, some lasting two or three days, others but a few hours, some even being found dead with little or no warning. Rarely, however, there occurs a pneumonia which may exist for several weeks, gradually assuming a more chronic form, in which the lungs become solid or consolidated (which is a rare feature in the bird), the breathing is only slightly distressed, and there are intervening periods of apparent health.

Treatment in cases of acute pneumonia is problematical; there is such little warning, the symptoms are so alarming, that one is at a loss to know what to do. The owner invariably rushes to the brandy bottle, forces a few drops between the beak, and kills the bird by so doing. This occurs frequently, the actual manipulation and too energetic interference accounting for the death of many birds so affected. At this stage medicinal treatment must not be considered. The best thing is to place the bird in the warmest spot available. If one possesses a hot air cupboard heated by hot water pipes, there is no better treatment than to place it there. If not, the cage should be placed as near the fire as possible, to ensure thorough warmth, which will often revive a bird. If this is successful in ameliorating the symptoms to allow of treatment, then one might have recourse to the following formula:—

Liquor Ammon. Acet., 3 drops;
Tincture of Squills, 3 drops;
Sweet Spirits of Nitre, 2 drops;
Simple Syrup, 5 drops.

This, however, should not be administered forcibly. It is better to wait until the bird has sufficiently recovered to partake of it in its drinking water, in which it should be given fresh twice daily. Rather than to attempt forced administration it is better to do nothing at all. This treatment may be followed by a course of any of the vegetable tonics, infusion of calumba being a useful one given in doses of four drops night and morning in the drinking water.

Congestion of the Lungs.

Congestion of the lungs is again of very common occurrence, but is not necessarily fatal, and it occurs in those birds of a robust nature, and is seen commonly in the spring, during the breeding season, affecting the cock birds chiefly. On the other hand it may occur in either sex from exposure to heat, to direct rays of the sun (where birds are exposed in cages in the window during the warmer months).

This complaint acts by oppressing the heart, the free circulation of blood through the lungs is impeded, and there is consequently a stagnation or over full condition, with impure blood. It is referable in all cases to depressed heart action. In the breeding season it generally seems to occur from over excitement (in young birds mostly), and is often accompanied by hemorrhage from the lungs, or in some cases from the giving way of one of the large blood vessels coming off from the heart, and then this latter organ is found surrounded by a blood clot on examination. The symptoms are usually rapid, many birds falling from their perch dead, the breathing is stertorous, and there is thorough exhaustion; the beak is maintained open owing to the difficulty of breathing.

The treatment in such cases is not medicinal; as soon as it is noticed the bird should be placed in a cool and shady place, and left religiously alone, any attempt at manipulation rapidly ending fatally. If not too far advanced, the birds invariably rally and quickly recover; when hemorrhage has occurred, death, of course, rapidly ensures. It is of the nature of a heat apoplexy, and occurs in all animals.

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Breeding with Related Birds.

The heavily-marked birds, on an average, run larger than the others. This difficulty I have proved can be remedied somewhat. I mean the variation in markings. That is, by in-breeding; and I find it the only way to bring around a stud of birds so that you will breed very few foul-marked birds. I advise it more with this class of bird than with any other, seeing markings are so much to be counted on. I have found it to be of great advantage, and if not overdone there is more benefit to be derived from it than from any other method I have tried. I seldom run my birds any nearer than cousins, although I have had good results with nearer relations.

I bred one of the best buff-marked cocks I ever had from grandson and grandmother. This is not as near as you can get, but plenty near enough. Brother-and-sister-pairing, in my opinion, is of no use whatever. You gain nothing whatever. And I never in-breed just for the sake of in-breeding. There must be something I am aiming at—something in a certain bird I want to establish permanently amongst my stock. If you have a good bird, say a cock, you can by judicious in-breeding get a large percentage of that bird's blood into your birds. I should pair such a cock with two hens that were unrelated, and if lucky enough to breed some youngsters from both hens, I should pair these youngsters together next season, providing they matched fairly well together. These would be half-brother and half-sister. From this method of pairing you are getting about 75 per cent. of the best cock's blood into your youngsters the second season's breeding. These birds of the second season's breeding I should not pair any nearer related than cousins, as running them constantly too near may have a tendency to reduce the stamina in the birds if overdone.

I give this method of in-breeding from experience, and have proved it to be of great advantage to a breed where markings and type must be combined in one bird. I was for thirty years a perfect unbeliever in breeding with related pairs. At one time I would rather let a bird remain idle for a season than pair it with a bird that was related to it. I found I could get very little nearer what I wanted, although I was breeding with good birds. I never seemed to hit on the right vein until I began to utilise the advantages of in-breeding. I do not mean to say a fancier can begin with a poor class of birds, and with constant in-breeding produce first-class specimens. You must have a decent stock to begin with; and I rather like them on the large side, if anything. There is then something to work with.

Not an Impossible Task.

If you begin with birds on the small side you have an uphill fight, having nothing to work on, as birds are apt to breed back a long way, and very often they breed worse and less birds than themselves. This is taking the average, but I have seen pairs breed birds far better and bigger than the parents, and I firmly believe, if properly worked with decent birds, you can, by in-breeding, improve them considerably in a few seasons' time. I do not mean you should begin with large, coarse-feathered birds, with no type or anything else to recommend them, only their size. I would rather have birds on the small side than this class of bird, as you get nothing but bad shape and coarse feather. The bird on the small size is generally good type and quality, and if a larger one comes out it is generally a decent bird.

The markings of the Cinnamon tick seem to be a great drawback to many bird fanciers. He often gets disgusted with the odd sort of markings he gets. Often enough the best typical birds are badly marked or only ticked, which is almost the same, as they cannot win against a good marked bird, only the ticked bird is worth far more for breeding youngsters than a heavily-variegated bird. In my opinion, in most cases where a breeder gets such a large percentage of variegated birds, he has not got them fairly worked together, or they would not throw out so badly. I have bred a very thin percentage of variegated birds during the last fifteen years.

It is about twelve years since I bred a proper self-cinnamon. It was a yellow cinnamon cock, a real good bird had it only been nicely marked, when it would have been an eye-opener; the usual cry. I showed him a few times in the A.O.V. class, but he could get no further than the "codding cards," the Crests and Belgians beating a bird of this sort. I have bred lots approaching selfs since, but very few in one season. Once you get the markings fairly well-established and keep on the light side and do not pair two marked birds together, you will not be troubled with a roomfull of darks.

An Aid to Firmness in Markings.

I always like one or two on the heavy side, to keep well in touch with the markings. I have had birds moult out their markings well-established—not slightly ticked birds. I put it down to getting them on the light side. The Cinnamon has been of a pale colour, more of a dun than anything. I always like a dark-eyed hen or two to run amongst my Cinnamon marks. It helps to keep the markings more firm, and enables one to obtain better type. Care must be taken to see that the birds are not bred from variegated greens, or it will ruin the best-regulated stock of Cinnamon-marks.

Some breeders prefer marked cocks to clear hens for obtaining the best markings. I do not think there is anything in this theory, as I have bred good marked birds both ways. You can get as many well-marked birds from a marked hen and clear cocks as you can from a marked cock and clear hen.

The worst way of pairing is double-marked breeding, as you are increasing the marked blood too much, and in nine cases out of ten get a lot of foul-marked birds, if not direct from the pair, as throws-back from youngsters. I would rather run a pair of clears any time than a pair of marks. I have seen it tried with a pair of even-marked birds. The owner thought like would produce like, but he was rather surprised and disappointed when, out of the first nest, there came a self-cinnamon, the other three clear birds; not one resembling either of the parents in markings.

Markings to be Avoided.

The markings to be most avoided in cinnaman-marked breeding are "saddle markings," "chest splashings," and "cinnamon tails." For a new beginner, it is advisable to go to a reliable breeder and get a set of good stock birds. What I mean by "a set" is two hens and one cock. I usually run mine that way. He may possibly "hit on" first season. I have known this the case many a time. If not, he must try and work them together to the best of his ability.

I have given a few examples where good has been obtained, and bad can be derived. I must say it is not one of the easiest things on earth to produce an up-to-date Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire. I have had a good experience, and question whether there is anyone who has had as much with this variety. I have been a breeder of the Cinnamon tick for over fifty years, and have seen many ups and downs in that time; lots of things I have forgotten. I may mention that the old method of pairing is not altogether out of practice. It is only about a month ago that a man told me he had two grand hens and a cock. He was thinking of breeding some fine, even-marked birds. I asked him if it was a marked cock. He said no, it was a clear, and the hens were Cinnamons. I told him I was afraid he would get a lot more foul marks than even marks. Besides, I added, it is a question whether the cock is a pink-eyed bird, and if not there will be some pretty even marks come out; I fear they will resemble Linnets. So, you see, the old method has not been entirely forgotten. This man was in no bird society, or he would have had different ideas.

The Worst Cross of All.

I should never advise this way of breeding for markings. I have tried both ways, and have found the other method the better of the two. I must also say: Never run a dark-eyed bird with a variegated Cinnamon, as it is the very worst cross of all—you produce such a lot of foul-marked birds, usually splash-marked birds, almost pied in lots of cases. The main reason why such foul-marked birds and self-Cinnamons should be avoided as much as possible is that you cannot sell the youngsters so well. The dealers will scarcely have them. So it is wise to study what is saleable, and try and avoid breeding these unsaleable birds. The best of breeders will breed birds only fit for the dealers. No matter what his stock is like, or how much he has paid for it, there will be some of these sort amongst a season's breeding. I have made the above remarks as I have found things by experience, and I hope they will be beneficial to fanciers of this classical Yorkshire, and may help the breeder to produce the ideal we are all striving to obtain.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE OLDEST BRITISH BIRD FANCIER IN BEDFORD.

An Interesting Chat About Birds.

Tho other day I called on Mr. Wm. Page, who lives in one of the pleasant almshouses in Dame Alice Street, Bedford. Whenever I meet friend Page he invariably asks: "How's your father?" and always adds, "You know he was my schoolmaster." I have an idea that he has particular and striking reasons for remembering that my father was his schoolmaster! And, if he has not, I certainly have, for he was my schoolmaster, too! However, let me inform readers that Mr. Page is the oldest fancier in Bedford, and is now hale and hearty, although 83 years of age.

"Now, Mr. Page," I said; "I want you to tell me something of your experiences. How many years is it since you commenced bird-catching?" He quickly replied: "Over 70 years," and then added: "If I could get at it now, I should like it as much as ever."

"There were no tantalising bird laws in those days, I suppose?" was my next query.—"No! I could catch as many as I liked, and no one interfered with me. It was no uncommon thing for me to bring home three or four dozen Goldfinches, and the farmers would sometimes send word, asking me to go and catch the Linnets which were eating and destroying their turnip seed; and gentlemen would ask me to go to their gardens and catch the Bullfinches which were eating the buds on the gooseberry and other fruit trees."

"Now, Mr. Page, some people say that it is cruel to keep birds in cages; what say you?"—"Not if they are properly fed and cared for," was the reply: "and I have had many which became very tame, and were great pets—in fact, I have had them come back to their cages even after they had been given their liberty. For instance, many years ago I was mule breeding, when one of my Goldfinches escaped, and I quite expected I had lost it, as it was only a recently caught bird, but after it had been away two days and three nights, I was in my garden talking to a friend, when I heard the well-known "Pretty dick," and looking up I espied the truant on the clothes prop. I ran into the house and quickly brought out a cage, which I set in the garden, and almost instantly the bird popped into it, glad to get home again after his wanderings. I was very pleased to get him, as I felt sure he would make a good Muler."

"Do you think birds live as long in captivity as when they have their liberty?"—"Certainly," was the reply: "it not longer. I knew a man, for instance, who had a Goldfinch that lived 19 years, and a very nice bird it was, too, quite as good as the one you showed at the last Bedford show." (I thought that was a feather in my cap, for if anyone knows a Goldfinch, friend Page does.)

"What about mortality among fresh-caught Goldfinches?" I asked. "Isn't it always very heavy?"—"I do not believe in catching Greypates until they begin to show their colour—that is, at the end of September. Even then they must have a lot of their natural food, such as thistle and teazle seed, and gradually be got on to hard seed; if this is done the loss will not be great."

Mr. Page chatted on, indulging in reminiscences of the thousands of birds which had passed through his hands, and he said that he considered it a shame that a working-man could not keep his Linnet or Goldfinch without being in danger of being pounced upon by an officer of the law. "I was out catching one day," he continued, "when I heard one of the best songsters I had ever listened to, singing on an oak tree. I had at that time a cock bird down in my nets, but the stranger took no notice whatever of him, so I fetched out an old hen, braced her, and put her on the stick. She called to him, and he was down in no time, and, of course, he was mine. I sold him to a gentleman for a very small sum, and he afterwards told me that the bird had won several singing matches, and that he had sold it for £3."

Mr. Page has bred a good many birds in his time, and this season has reared a few nice Canaries. But his favourite bird is a good Goldfinch-Canary Mule, and whenever there is a show in the town he is always on the spot, and generally has one or two for exhibition. May he live yet a number of years to enjoy his delightful hobby.—J. C. Wilmot.

Cheltenham C.B.S.

Eighteen members and friends journeyed by brake on June 25, to Wainlodes Hill, on the banks of the Severn, noted for its beauty and salmon teas at the Red Lion. Although the weather was showery and rain fell heavily several times, a very enjoyable time was spent. Upon arrival we were joined by Mr. Payne and Mr. Houghton, of Gloucester. After facing the camera, the party broke up into groups, and enjoyed a quiet stroll along the banks of the river. Returning to the inn, we found tea ready, and all fell to with a will upon a salmon which at five o'clock that morning had been sporting in the river, not 100 yards from where we sat. After tea, a move was made for the open air, and some of the party chartered boats and rowed to Haw Bridge. Unfortunately rain fell, and rather spoiled what would have been a most enjoyable part of the programme. Naturally a keen look-out was kept for the feather tribe, and the following birds were seen: Red-backed Shrike, Kestrel Hawk, Yellow Bunting, Heron, Yellow and Grey Wagtails, Hedge Sparrows, Robins, Peewits, Moor Hens, Reed Bunting, Goldfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Sandpipers, Thrushes, and Blackbirds. A. J. Treasure, hon. sec.

ON THE TOP RUNG:

And How I Got There.

(That well-known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for Cage Birds to visit several of the prominent fanciers North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby. Precious subjects have been Mr. A. M'Farlane (Norwich Plainheads), Mr. G. G. Henderson (British), Mr. W. M'Clure (Scots Fancy), and Mr. A. Chalmers (Norwich, etc.).—Editor).

Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Shawlands, Glasgow).

What an appetising odour is wafted to my nostrils as I pass through Mr. Jarvie's bakery to get to his bird house. Oat cakes! Oat cakes!! Nothing but oat cakes meet the eye. I then enter a little yard; here is erected Mr. Jarvie's bird room. Were it not for the birds and cages, which are visible from outside, it might



Mr. R. B. Jarvie.

easily be taken for a neat little hot-house. It is raised about a foot from off the ground; measurements, ten and a-half feet long and seven feet broad, while in height it varies from seven feet at front to about ten at back.

Entrance is gained by a door in front, the upper part of which is panelled with glass, as also is the top half of the front of the house, and part of the roof. The latter has roller blinds fitted on the inside, which can be drawn down or rolled up at will. The whole room is painted white inside, and the floor is boarded. The cages are shelved off, one above the other, and between each two cages is slipped a thin piece of wood to act as a partition. The shelf and the cages are about six inches or so away from the back wall.

Mr. Jarvie uses the all-wire cages, and none measure less than 22 x 14 x 14. Most of these are fitted with sand drawers, while the others, although not fitted with the same convenience, have their tops removable, and this enables their bottoms to be cleaned.

In his bird room Mr. Jarvie has seventeen pairs of Norwich, with forty-seven young birds, at the time of my visit, all doing well. Of these, thirty-seven are on the perches, and the remainder in the nests. Several of the hens are sitting for the second round.

"How do you pair up?" I inquired.—"I simply put up yellows with buffs. I never double buff."

"I never take away canary seed from my birds at any time; they get it the whole year round. My food pans have always a plentiful supply of egg food in them. These pans, by the way, I place beside, and on a level with, the perches; in this position my birds rarely jump on them, and there is greater cleanliness than if they were placed at the bottom of the cages."

"What is your egg food composed of?"—"Tea biscuits and egg; two biscuits to the egg. I find my birds are much firmer (harder) on tea biscuits than they are on sponge biscuits. I always advocate the use of tea biscuits rather than the sponge. The sponge biscuits, in order to render them soft, are either adulterated with ammonia, or contain a certain amount of fat; they would not keep soft were not one or other of these two things in them. I stop giving egg food directly the young have stopped moulting."

"I always like to give the young, when six weeks old, an occasional run into the show cages, as I find that after the moult they then take to them more easily. During the period the birds are in the moult I darken the room by drawing down the blinds, which, as you can see, are red in colour.

"I start at the end of July to colour-feed. I never heat up my colour with the egg food, but just give it loose, as I don't think it natural for a Canary to pick at paste."

"Do you use hot pepper when colour feeding?"—"Never! The taste of it is sufficient for me, without my wishing to give it to bird or beast. I use the tasteless pepper. I don't use any artificial heat. The average temperature in the room is between 45 and 50 degrees."

"Are these slices of bread I see stuck in between the cage wires soaked in milk?"—"Oh, no! I'll tell you exactly what it is, and in the early spring it is better for the birds than all the green foods put together. Some of my friends to whom I have advocated it have entirely stopped the use of green food, and give this instead. It is white bread simply saturated in water, after which I place it between the palms of my hands and firmly squeeze all the water out. And there you see it between the cage wires."

"By the way, do you see anything else besides sand strewn on the cage bottoms?"

"I do; oatmeal, to be sure!"

"Yes, and plenty of it. The birds nibble at it, and it keeps them fine and healthy."

Wild Bird Life.

Scarcity of Flycatchers.

One of the mysteries of ornithology is the distribution of certain species. We are able at times to give what are apparently good reasons why certain birds have failed to frequent a district for a given time. The weather conditions and the food supply are undoubtedly the chief factors in governing the doings of the feathered race. But occasionally we get an influx of certain birds in a district which we can in no way account for, and at other times we miss some familiar species from their accustomed haunts, although the conditions are apparently in no way altered. A case in point is that in all my rambles this summer I have not seen a single specimen of the Spotted Flycatcher, whereas during some other seasons nearly every rail and gate-post has had its watchful sentinel, ready to dart into the air at each passing insect.

These birds are somewhat erratic in their migrations, and seldom do we get them in about the same numbers two seasons in succession. Three years ago the district was simply packed with them, and it seemed almost wonderful that they could all find sufficient food. To us the weather has been almost ideal, and their particular food should be as plentiful now as it was last summer; but the same unknown reasons for the non-appearance of these charmingly interesting birds may also be the cause of the scarcity of Whitethroats compared with other years, for this latter species is certainly not nearly so plentiful.

We no longer marvel at the return of the Swallows and Martins to the same spot to repair the identical nest used by them in the past, or to build other under the same eaves; but a few other birds are quite as constant in their return to former haunts. The Nightingale will return to the same copse or spinney, and the Butcher-bird to the scene of last season's doings. I have known a pair of these bold, interesting birds to build in the identical bush that still contained the old nest of the previous summer although the home is, as a rule, not difficult to locate. The old birds are careful in visiting it, especially when it contains the young ones; but they are so boldly conspicuous and have a habit of selecting some prominent position as a perch, that a little careful watching under the shade of a neighbouring tree will soon reveal the secret.

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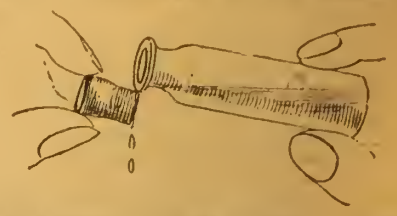
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No. 424.

A Medicine Measure.

Sent by Mr. A. Slarks, 15, Cambridge Road, Horsham, Sussex.

Readers of Cage Birds will, I think, find this idea an excellent one for measuring doses of medicine. It is always an awkward matter to



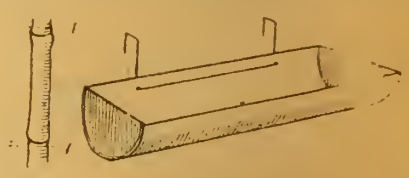
measure exactly a certain number of drops. The sketch will, of course, explain itself. When the liquid falls over the cork it drops more slowly than if dropped direct from the bottle.—A. Slarks.

No. 425.

A Simple Egg Food, etc., Holder.

Sent by Mr. A. E. Porter, 33, Merrick Street, Hull.

To make the following, first obtain a stout bamboo. Saw off outside each of two of the joints so as to have one complete section of the bamboo (see I—I). Then saw straight down



the centre of same, when you will have two troughs. Put two pricker-holes through the sides and bend a piece of wire through for holding same to cage. You will thus have two holders or egg-food or grit, or what-not.—A. E. Porter.

The Young Naturalist.

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* A Little Heroine.

A pair of Swallows once built their nest under the eaves of a hotel, when soon after a fire broke out. While the building blazed, standing below we noticed a bird flying hurriedly to the spot. She darted through the smoke to save her helpless babes, but was driven back by the heat and smoke. Three times did she risk her own life for her nestlings. The fourth time the flames caught her, and she fell to the ground near our feet.—Sent by K. Jempson (age 9), Soggs Cottage, Hawkhurst, Sussex.

** Just Like Other People.

Mr. and Mrs Spikky Sparrow
Both to London went,
Alighting on the Monument,
Whence they flew down swiftly—pop!
Into Moses' wholesale shop.
There they bought a hat and bonnet,
And a gown with spots upon it,
A satin sash of bloxam blue,
And a pair of slippers, too.

Then, when so completely dressed,
Back they flew and reached their nest.
Their children cried, "Oh, ma and pa!
How truly beautiful you are!"
Said they, "We trust that cold or pain
We shall never feel again.
While perched on tree, or house, or steeple,
We now shall look like other people."

Sent by Thomas Hamer (age 12), 10, Everard Street, Ordsall Lane, Salford.

* Sparrows to the Rescue.

One day a friend of my father gave me three Canary's eggs, which, he said, were no good, as the hen had died. So I took them home, and was going to blow them, but having placed a flower pot just above my bedroom window where a Sparrow had built its nest, I went when it was nearly dark and took four eggs out of this Sparrow's nest and put the three Canary's and one Sparrow's eggs back; and every morning I used to watch to see if this Sparrow went into the flower pot. So seeing it go in I never touched it for about a fortnight or a little more, when one day I saw the old bird taking food. I ran upstairs and opened my bedroom window and lifted the flower pot down. There were three young birds and one egg in the nest. I told my father and he took them and placed them with a Canary which had only laid two eggs and hatched one young, and she has reared two out of the three placed under her.—Sent by Francis Lees (age 12), 107, Monk Street, Derby.

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*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lamhton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 19.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street).
Dec. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, The Aviaries). J.R.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.P., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.B.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Asb Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnetban Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(J. P. Watson, 112, Irene Terrace, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 9.—Altrincham C.B.S.; Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leadgate C.B.S.; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.; London and Counties O.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Hartlepools C.B.S.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Poplar C.B.S.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Middleton C.B.S.; Hull C.B.S. (½-day); Nelson C.B.S.; Macclesfield C.B.S.; Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland; Tunstall C.B.S.; Batley O.F.S.; Clapham C.B.A.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.
July 11.—Reigate F.A.
July 13.—Reading C.B.S.
July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Morley and Dis. C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Bramley O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.; City and County of Perth O.S.; Darlington C.B.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leyton C.B.A.; Garston B.B.A.; Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S. Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.
Aug 1.—Jarrow Hebburn, C.B.S.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Dublin members of the Y.C.B.S. on the whole are having a good breeding season; Yorkshires hold the sway in Dublin. Mr. D. Carroll, hon. secretary, has 22 young doing well, and another round to go. It is hoped that he has something extra good, and that he will have something for the novice cup competition. Mr. McDonnell expects a few winners out of his 40 young, which are doing well. Mr. Hally, another novice member of the Y.C.B.S., is doing well with his Yorkies. Mr. Farrell has met with disappointment by his birds going into moult; but it is to be hoped that he will be successful with the next round, and breed something to recompense him. Mr. Stewart, I hear, has met with misfortune by a cat taking a fancy to a dainty meal. Mr. Callaghan is doing well, and Mr. Carolan is going very strong with Mules, Yorkies, and Scotch Fancies. Mr. Cloke, I am pleased to learn, is having a most successful season. I understand his present stock (Yorkies, Norwich, Mules, and foreigners) number close on 200 all told. The recent thunderstorms have done much harm throughout Ireland; many complaints have reached me re young dead in shell, hens failing to feed, etc., due to the severe weather we have had during past few weeks.—"CLOSED RING."

Your Summer Holidays Free of Cost.

GREAT £20 CASH PRIZES COMPETITION FOR READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

In order to stimulate interest in "Cage Birds" between now and the first week in August we have decided to institute a competition on the undermentioned lines and offer £20 in cash prizes upon the following scale:—

First Prize	TEN POUNDS.
Second Prize	THREE POUNDS.
Third Prize	TWO POUNDS.
Fourth Prize	ONE POUND.
Fifth Prize	ONE POUND.
Sixth Prize	ONE POUND.
Seventh Prize	ONE POUND.
Eighth Prize	ONE POUND.

Also Twenty Consolation Prizes of a Bound Volume or a Framed Plate, at the Winner's option,

And a Framed Coloured Plate to the reader who sends in the greatest number of Coupons which have no names and addresses thereon (except, of course, the sender's).

In every copy of "Cage Birds" published from now till July 23rd next, we shall print a triangular coupon. This coupon (see below) is provided with a panel upon each side, each panel must be filled in with the name and address in full of a new reader of the paper. One panel, one name and address, three names and addresses complete each coupon. The prizes will be awarded to the readers who send in to us by July 27th at latest the largest number of coupons properly filled in.

For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that:
(1) Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers.)
(2) The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
(3) The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

Thus it is possible for a competitor to obtain without any expense at all on his part a large number of coupons, which also in their turn may be the means of obtaining further supplies of coupons.

As a further reward to readers we will give a free advertisement in "Cage Birds" to the value of 1s. for every fifty (50) coupons sent in which are eligible for the competition, the said advertisement being available for any issue within three months of the date of the competition closing, viz., July 27th next.

No member of our staff will be allowed to compete.

Ask for coupons at your Club Meetings and at all gatherings of fanciers you may happen to attend.

Arrange with your friends to cut the coupons out of their copies and send them to you at intervals.

If you are a cyclist take a run round the neighbourhood and collect all the suitable names and addresses. Don't be afraid of asking your friends to assist you and send you the coupons to help you win the prize.

In any event the cult of Cage Bird Keeping should receive considerable impetus by any labour which in your spare time you may feel disposed to give this competition.

This week's Coupon will be found on page 613

The First Coupon appeared in our Issue of May 28th last.

Under the White Rose.

THE Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., and N.G.M.Y.C.C. each held committee meetings on Saturday last, and two of them were called for 5 o'clock, and one for 6 o'clock. This put those individuals who are unfortunate enough to be on all three in rather a quandary; but "all's well that ends well," the entire business being got through by about 8.30.

O.N.P.C. had a fairly stiff agenda to go through, the most important item being perhaps the allotting of patronage and specials; for the patronage they had 19 applications (which speaks well for the respect the club command with societies), and 10 shows are required for the competitions, therefore they had, perforce, to disappoint 9 of the applicants, for which they are very sorry. The committee trust to be able to give to those another year whom they have had to refuse this time.

N.G.M.Y.C.C. had already fixed up part of their patronage, and on Saturday they got through the remainder. They have now a nice list of shows for their competitions, which should, and no doubt will, do much to popularise the Green Marked Yorkshire. Then the list of specials was arranged, and the general routine of business put ship-shape, all being now favourable to a very successful season, the list of new members being a treat.

THE "Old Original" Y.C.C., the grandfather of all others, had a stiff task to get through their agenda. Two sets of shows are required for their competitions, each to the number of 10, and 26 societies had applied for patronage, but as a judge is only allowed to judge one show in each of the competitions, it was a hard task to avoid "clashing," a great struggle ensuing before all was properly fixed up. The number of new members proposed at the meeting reached well into the teens, and it looks already as though the novices, who are now being catered for in first-class style, are responding to the call.

C.M.Y.C.C. are, I think, to hold their meeting to-day, Saturday, to allot patronage, arrange prizes, and other general business. Then, as far as Canaries are concerned, there will be little room for complaint during next winter. Never in the history of Canarydom has there been such a huge and valuable array of specials to compete for during one season, champions, amateurs, novices, and junior novices all being amply provided for. All we require now is a successful show season to repay the hard-working secretaries and other officials for their labours. Fanciers should not let their work be in vain.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Northampton.—Aug. 3 and 4, Abington Park. Judge: Mr. C. A. House. 14 open classes:—Nor. 3, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Self. 2, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 23, to J. B. PALMER, 36, Cyril-st., Northampton.

Epworth.—Aug. 1, Show Ground, near Station. Judge: Mr. J. Wheldrake. 6 open classes:—Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Bred 1910 1, Local Can. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 2/-. Entries close July 23, to W. E. BURROWS, Epworth, Doncaster.

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Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Won't Tell Much.

R. C. Novice.—It is rather unkind of the birdman to be so. This is not the true fancier like spirit. If the birds go on dying I would strongly advise you to get a post mortem on the next, and meantime adopt the strictest method of hygiene and cleanliness, keeping the birds as isolated as possible until you learn result. The book which has been sent you will be a good guide as to the general feeding and treatment of your stock, both old and young, and I cannot do better than advise you to compare your methods all through with this book, and see if you cannot discover where your management is at fault—if it is a question of management. You omit several important details which prevent me from giving more definite instructions now. But if you fail to understand the cause of your losses after carefully perusing the book, write again and give me particulars of your feeding and treatment generally, where the birds are kept, whether they are old or young ones that are dying, and how long it is since you bought the birds, and these deaths began to occur. If you have in the meanwhile obtained a post mortem report enclose it with your next query.

Canary Unwell.

Miss F. Field.—The bird is quite likely to be dropping into moult, but this would not account for the symptoms you name, although it would tend to aggravate them. The bird is suffering from a chill, and whatever the sources may be it is undoubtedly exposed to cold draughts or extremes of heat and cold. See that all such causes are quite removed. Put the bird at once in a cosy place, not necessarily overheated, but still quite comfortable, where the air is pure and fresh, and the temperature as equable as possible. As a staple diet give plain Canary seed only. Every second day give a [illegible] half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed. Give also each day until better a piece of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar. A spray of green food may be given daily. In the drinking water give a small pinch of Epsom salts, and ten drops of lemon juice for one day only. After that four drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whisky, six of each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue the latter if necessary for a fortnight.

About an Aviary.

Glen Helen.—(1) I am afraid this is asking me to intrude on my colleague's domains, but I will say that in a fairly roomy aviary, mostly all our British Finches would agree under such conditions, and also Buntings. Softbills and insect-eaters are best kept out. Everything depends upon the size of the aviary, and whether you wish the birds to breed or not. Address a query, giving these particulars to our Messrs. Weston and Page, and they will give you the most workable lists. (2) By all means allow the currant bushes to remain. They will be very beneficial rather than otherwise, but if you add one or two Bullfinches to your collection, they will probably make short work of them in spring. (3) In the end of the covered portion will be a much better position for the glazed frames than the roof. You might with advantage examine the illustration of aviary in Part 3 of "Our Canaries" before commencing your structure. (4) If the roofed-in shed is in a sunny position, and sheltered from winds and rain, it will afford sufficient protection for all hardy, naturally-bred Canaries, British birds, and many common Foreign species. A better plan is to hang loosely-tied bundles of soft hay, and German travelling cages, with the short bars removed, and lightly filled with hay, well up near the ceiling. The birds will readily seize upon these, and burrow into the hay to roost, and thus have very warm, snug quarters at night. (5) The chief object is to keep out rats and mice; therefore if you turf the flight there is no necessity to concrete the covered portion. Beat the soil down solid, and cover with an inch layer of gritty sand. (6) Bathe the foot for a few minutes daily with a fairly warm solution of boracic acid—teaspoonful of acid in rather less than a teacupful of warm water. Dry gently, and anoint with zinc ointment. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two. Do not mate her until the foot is quite well and sound. (7) For twenty birds, to have a chance of breeding, the aviary should have a floor space of at least sixty square feet—as much more as you care to allow, but no less.

A Foursome.

A. J. S.—(1) It is a matter for one's own discretion whether young colour-fed Norwich are tailed and flighted or not. As classes are frequently given at shows for unflighted birds, it cannot be said to be essential, and the practice of flighting should be discouraged. (2) Certainly, you can get good results without any hot pepper, by using a good brand of tasteless red pepper and giving it rather stronger, almost, if not quite, as rich a shade may be obtained, but it is perhaps not quite so permanent. Personally, I do not favour a large proportion of hot pepper,, nor consider such essential. Best Natal red is the kind of hot pepper used now—not ordinary culinary cayenne. (3) A few broken groats are very good now and again, both for old and young birds, but as they are very heating and fattening, they must be used with moderation. They are most useful to help to build the frame of large breeds, such as Lancashires and Crests, and as a tit-bit during the winter months. (4) If you have a good feeding hen there is no reason why you should not succeed in rearing young Canaries and Mules in the same nest, provided the mule-eggs, or young Mules, or vice-versa, had been transferred to the same nest. If you mean is it possible to get both young Canaries and Mules from the same clutch of eggs laid by one hen, I should say though not quite impossible it is in the highest degree improbable.

Motley Moulting.

A. S. N.—If you follow up the treatment below, the birds should go through a complete moult from September to October. Keep them well protected from draughts and chills. Feed on a staple diet of plain canary seed only; every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird; on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of maw to every three or four birds. Twice a week give a half teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of sweet red pepper mixed in it; and give a spray of chickweed, plantain stalks, or shepherd's purse daily. Let the birds bathe freely in fair weather as much as they desire. Continue this treatment until towards the end of August, and if they have not then begun to drop into moult naturally, put them in a fairly warm room where the temperature is equable; give the same seed diet, but withhold the egg food, and give in its place a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled lightly with flowers of sulphur and sweet pepper every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and a few shreds of saffron—sufficient of the latter to colour the water when steeped a decided yellow hue. Put a light cover over the cages, and this should soon bring about the desired effect. Watch the birds closely, and as soon as you see them beginning to drop feathers put them on colour food daily at once; half strength at first, and increase it to full strength in about a week. Once they begin, strictly avoid chills and draughts; keep them well on the warm side, and get them through as quick as possible.

Brevities.

Name of Weed (Little Eva).—The weed of which you sent a specimen is the mouse-ear chickweed. It is an excellent mild seed to give to Canaries, and they are very fond of it. You may give the seed stalks in all stages from the half ripe to the fully ripened condition.

Egg with Two Yolks (J. Braidford).—This phenomenon is a trifle uncommon, but by no means rare. Several similar cases are heard of, and many may occur that are not heard of, every season. Cases are also known where two chicks have been hatched out of such eggs, but, as a rule, when these eggs are set one must rather look forward to them producing useless cripples or monstrosities.

Weak Youngster (K. N. S. T.).—Give the bird a staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a few grains of white millet which has been soaked a few hours and wiped dry. On the alternate days give a small piece of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and lightly dusted with soft sugar, and also give on these days a few grains of split groats. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for it to peck at. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food about every second day for two or three weeks.

Seed Sample (C.F.S.).—The mixture is most unsuitable for a staple diet. Indeed, I would go farther, and say it is not suitable even for occasional use, although, had the quality of the seeds been good, the mixture would have done very nicely to give a little occasionally. The quality is very poor throughout; some of the hemp is quite rancid in the kernal; there is practically no summer rape in it, what little rape there is being of the hot mustardy kind, and there is far too much millet for a staple mixture. Your bird would do much better on a staple mixture of three parts good, sound canary and one part summer rape, with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and maw twice a week.

Suitable Cage (A. C. F.).—A cage of the box type—that is, with wood top, bottom, back, and sides, and wire only in front—about 12in. long, 7½in. deep (back to front), and 14in. high, seed and water vessels hanging on the outside, one each side the front, two perches in lower portion, and one above, will be the best type for its well-being. Hang it on the wall somewhere within the room where the temperature is fairly equable at all times, and quite free from cold draughts, or the fumes of burning lights. Let it be a bright and well-lit position, but strictly avoid any position close to, or within the recess of a window. Feed as frequently advised here; keep a sharp eye on cage for the appearance of red mites, which must be kept at bay. Allow the bird to bathe regularly, and it should cheer you with its song for quite a number of years.

Crest Bred Dying (Novice Crest).—Thanks for letter. Sorry to hear you have lost the hen. Shall await post-mortem with interest.

Not on Song (Parkite).—I advise you to get an experienced fancier to look at the bird, and see if there is any doubt about its being a cock. Personally, I strongly think it is a hen. You may, however, adopt the treatment for two or three weeks given to another querist under heading "Not Singing," and if the bird is really a cock, this should bring it in song, though it is doubtful whether it will get into full song now until after the moult, which is rather too near to give the bird time to develop much of whatever latent powers of song it may possess.

Green and Cinnamon (H. Williams).—Sorry your letter could not be replied to in last issue. The two self Cinnamon young you have bred off the Greens may be fed in the ordinary way, but the other three, which from your description, I take it, are variegated Cinnamons, do not seem of a type fit for showing, and it would be waste of time to feed them. Whether they will be of use for breeding depends upon how the parents are bred. I will keep your letter by me, and if you will describe the parents, and also the grand-parents, if possible, of these young in another letter, I will do my best to advise you what should be done with them.

Wheezy and Puffy (R. or K. N. S. T.).—I suspect the trouble is nothing worse than a little overfeeding, together with the natural constipated condition which arises from the period of inactivity whilst sitting. If the eggs are not yet hatched, give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one-half of each day for three or four days, or until the young are hatched. Give this mixture last thing at night, and throw away what is left, and replace with fresh water next midday. Now matters have gone so far, there is no reason why the hen should not rear the young if she will, or that they should not be passed on to a foster-parent to rear.

A Difficult Forecast (Bert).—As you know nothing of the pedigree of the cock, it is quite impossible to give you any reliable forecast as to what the progeny will be like in colour. If the cock is a pink-eyed bird, which indicates Cinnamon blood, the young will be mostly Cinnamon-marked or clear pink-eyed, but if he is a dark-eyed bird, and has no trace of Cinnamon blood in his veins, the young will be Greens, selfs and variegated, and you will get no Cinnamon markings from them. One of the cocks

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from this pair, in the same event, if mated with his mother, will in all probability repeat the above course, but if any Cinnamon-marked bird did turn up it would invariably be a hen. The real point is to know whether there is any trace of Cinnamon blood in the cock, and as this blood is now so widely diffused in the variety, it is a practical impossibility to say whether a given bird possesses it or not, unless one knows its pedigree with certainty.

Mopy and Irritable (A. H. M.).—The bird's position is probably the leading cause. Unless you are absolutely convinced that it is not exposed to draughts (which is almost impossible if window is made to open), or to sudden extremes of heat and cold, you should remove it at once further into room. The irritation is probably due to red mites; examine cage and suspension chain for this pest, probing any likely harbour. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary and one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and maw. Every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of stale bread soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give green food daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week by same means a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Allow bird to bathe daily if it so desires.

Inflammation of Bowels (Christow).—I do not know how you arrive at the conclusion that this is what troubles your birds, but in any case it would have been better to explain the symptoms as well as you could. Green food is usually blamed, but as you have not given any, you see the value of that assertion. I have not a doubt that the cause of the trouble lies in your feeding or the food itself. Look well into all your seeds and foods, and see that they are perfectly sound and good, and see also that your eggs come from a healthy and untainted source. Give a staple diet of plain canary; every second day give a pinch of summer rape per bird; on the alternate days a pinch of maw, and twice a week a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, teazle, millet, and broken groats. Until they are better, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for one day, and afterwards give a crystal of soda as before, a crystal of sulphate of iron the same size, and four drops of dilute sulphuric acid for three or four days. Keep cages and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean.

Outdoor Aviary (F. J. C.).—Your aviary is really only an extra large flight cage, and when divided into seven compartments, each division will be nothing more than a good-sized breeding cage. If you start properly, by getting the right class of birds to begin with, there is no reason why you should not succeed. Get Part 3 of "Our Canaries," and you will see what has already been done in this way. How to begin is also fully dealt with. Be careful you get only stock birds which are thoroughly healthy and fully acclimatised to living under normal conditions of temperature. Such birds you might turn out at once. Shun all that are in the least degree coddled indoors.

Insect Pests (E. Allfrey).—If the grey coloured insects are those which remain on the body of the bird, and are as large as the red-coloured ones, you have both red mites and grey lice. For the former you must thoroughly overhaul the cage, scrape out every little crack and hole you can discover, and give the whole a good scrub down inside and out with a strong solution of lzal, using a small paint brush to work the fluid into every cranny. Repeat two or three times at intervals for a day or two, then re-paint or distemper, and varnish cage afresh. Pay the same attention simultaneously to the place where the cage has been hanging. Of course, you will keep the bird temporarily in a spare cage whilst doing this. To rid it of the lice, first catch it and dust it very profusely all over with fresh pyrethrum powder, shaking it well into the base of plumage, then roll bird up bodily in a handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for breathing, and lay it down inside the cage for fifteen minutes. Then release it, and give it a bath daily in which a few drops of essence of quassia have been mixed. You may repeat the dusting once after an interval of a week. At the end of week the quassia may be omitted from daily bath, and used twice a week, but the bath may be continued daily with benefit.

Love's Labour Lost (R. R.).—(1) I cannot tell what may be the cause without having full particulars concerning treatment and feeding. The young may die from malnutrition, due to some defect in the digestive organs preventing proper assimilation of food given, but as you say no food appears to be in crops of young at any time, this seems rather insufficient to explain the matter. I would advise you if she has another brood to watch closely to discover whether she really does feed, or whether the motions are all spent on a useless effort to rouse the young and get them to rise for food. Meantime, you might write again, and say how you have been feeding, or look up a few replies on rearing young which have appeared in the last few weeks. (2) Sawdust should not be used in cages during the breeding season. It is very useful during the winter and spring, and also during the moulting season, as it assists materially in keeping the cage floors in a clean and hygienic condition. During the breeding season, however, good clean gritty sand is best.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Rosy Pastors and Cowbirds.

Fags.—The Rosy Pastor is a Starling, glossy black and delicate salmon-pink in colour, a beautiful species, but unfortunately they lose the pink hue in captivity after the moult; nevertheless, even with this drawback they would stand a reasonable chance of success in competition with the species you name, providing they were right in feather and steady. Diet: Live insects, soft food, fruit and green-food. The Ruddy-shouldered Cowbird is also practically a Starling, not so large as the preceding species, but a very handsome species, with glossy, steel-blue plumage, and a shoulder patch of ruddy-orange, which is only visible when the wings are partially outstretched. This species takes some seed, otherwise treat it as the Rosy Pastor. If in perfect condition, it should have a reasonable chance of success against the birds you name.

Birds for Cage.

Rita.—You would find a few Waxbills and a Grey Singing Finch very interesting; get pairs of Green Avadavats, Zebra (golden breasted) and orange cheek Waxbills, and an odd Grey Singing Finch, and you will have interest, song and beauty. Get three cocoanut shell nests and hang them high up, one at each end and the other about the middle of the back of cage—use a couple of twiggy branches as perches. Diet Canary and white millet, also millet sprays, greenfood (flowering grass or lettuce), and a little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take—this with gritty sand, piece of cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing should keep them fit, in good feather and a source of much pleasure to yourself. Push a little hay into each shell nest, and when obtainable give

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them a blighty spray from rose or fruit trees, or any non-poisonous plant or herbage—the three pairs should cost about 4s. 6d. a pair, and the Singing Finch about 5s. or 6s. They will use the shell nest as sleeping and resting places. They must have light and air, but must not be subjected to draught. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advertisement in this column) very helpful.

Brevities.

What Bird? (Watono).—It is the Spice Bird, also known as the Nutmeg Finch, and will thrive and do well on the same treatment as given to the Black-headed Nun. Briefly as follows: Canary and white millet, also millet sprays, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing—it is a hardy species, but like all other birds, soon succumbs if subjected to draughts.

Eggbinding (J. C. H.).—Prevention is better than cure; the birds should have access to old mortar rubbish and cuttlebone. If egg-binding occurs, a drop of sweet oil given by means of a quill direct to the mouth, also annointing vent with same should give relief; the bird must be kept warm, and if relief is not given must be held over the steam of a jug of hot water for about five minutes, when, unless there is some internal ruptnre, relief will shortly follow. As regards the pair of birds not nesting, you cannot feed them up; it is a case of patience; an unlimited supply of flowering (seeding) grass will help as much as anything, of course, in addition to the usual diet. You would find our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (see advertisement in this column) very helpful.

Amazon Parrot Gasping (W. Baker).—Your diet is quite correct excepting the tea soaked bread, stop this at once, and if the bird cries out for it, you can get over the difficulty by just moistening the crust in equal parts of water and Parrish's chemical food. So far as I can gather there is no cause for anxiety and very little the matter with your bird. However, give it, say half a dozen doses Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts—with a three days' interval between each dose—this mixture to take the place of drinking water on the day in question. Let it satisfy its thirst at least three times a day. The supply of ripe fruit should be liberal, and may have any kind it will eat. The potato is quite wholesome, providing it is dry, that is quite free from fat. If there should be any further development, repeat query at once.

Shall I cut its tongue (F.T.S.).—No, do not cut its tongue, this is a barbarous practice and will not improve matters at all. Continue the constant repetition method and keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation and get also plenty of company—notice what it considers a dainty, take a little of this frequently to the bird, and say something like "somethiug nice for polly." By such methods a Hawk-headed Parrot of mine, not a talking species by the way, has become quite talented talker—only patience and perseverance will accomplish your object. Proceed as above, as the bird becomes interested it will talk more and screech less.

Keeping birds together (A Lover of Birds).—Yes, you may certainly keep Zebra (Golden-breasted) Waxbills and Cordon Bleus together in your cage. Provide ample perching accommodation by placing a twiggy branch at each end of cage, also a cocoanut shell nest. They should be kept warm at first, but at the same time they must get light and air, yet not be subjected to draught, with the addition of a little sponge cake moistened with milk and a few dry ants' cocoons (eggs) now and again. Diet and treat your birds as advised in our reply to "Rita" in this issue. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert. in this column) very helpful.

Pekin Robins and Aviary (T. J. J.).—I am still of the opinion that the birds were contaminated when they reached you. I do not think the aviary is at fault, but there certainly should be ample perching accommodation in the angle of the roof, and also on the three wood sides—no perches should be against the open wire sides, this portion being left open for flight purposes. I am of the opinion that you would find the eye lotion named in my former reply help towards a cure. A very liberal supply of insects should be given—garden insects for preference, such as spiders, smooth caterpillars, beetles, almost any insect you can capture, especially live ants' cocoons (eggs), such, while obtainable are far better than mealworms, fall back on the latter when others are not obtainable.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Moulting a Skylark.

Hennessy.—It is sometimes difficult to get Larks to break into moult; still, you need not anticipate that you are bound to have trouble with your own bird. Again, the moult is a natural proceeding, and a bird in good health at the start, and being well and properly fed, is likely to go through without any hitch whatever, though losses will occur, of course, in the best regulated establishments, and cannot be avoided. Some members of the Lark and Pipit family, however, will often go a year or more without, apparently, shedding any of their plumage. Many Lark fanciers endeavour to get their birds to "break" by gradually retiring their cages into a dark corner (or cupboard), or gradually sheeting down their cages with a dark cloth, so that they are, to all intents and purposes, living in the dark. These conditions usually cause a bird to drop into moult. You are feeding the bird in a proper manner by following the advice in the "Nutshell" booklet. Let it have plenty of road-dust, containing some insect powder, to use as its bath, and let it have a tin of good grit to use if it so chooses. Also do not omit to mix some finely-chopped green stuff amongst its food daily, the best possible being young leaves of clover grass. You can ensure a supply of this by keeping a turf or two by you. A few mealworms every day, and a spider or two now and again will also be of much help.

Steadying & Colour-feeding Mule.

Cardiff No. 1.—Young Mules are by nature a "bit lively"—Linnet Mules especially so. What type of cage do you use? The box-pattern (wired at front only) is the correct one. You should house them both in a Finch stock cage, which any up-to-date cage maker will supply. Run them out occasionally into an all-wire "hop" cage, and spray them lightly with water; also let them spend an occasional day or two in a show cage where people are passing to and fro. This will help to steady them. All dark Mules need to be colour-fed to stand any chance of success in keen competition. The pepper used is the tasteless, sweet pepper. It is given them in the same manner as it is given to Canaries. For full details of the process you should consult a good book on Canary keeping, such as "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or Mr. Ramsden's booklet on "Colour-feeding" (both obtainable from this office). An easy way would be to use egg cake. Mix in the colour food in very small quantity at first, to get the bird on to it, gradually working up to full strength, about one part of pepper to four of crumbled egg cake. He should eat a teaspoonful daily. In the drinking water, three times a week, dissolve a tiny pinch of citrate of iron crystals.

Colour-feeding Blackie & Thrush.

J. Sands.—Pleased to hear you are thinking of joining the ranks of exhibitors; it is a fascinating pastime, except, perhaps, to those who cannot endure an occasional "beating," and one cannot reasonably always expect to win. It is true that most of the winning Thrushes and Blackbirds get colour-food during the moult; and it is a "secret" of the old stagers that to keep the birds darkened during the moult results in enhanced colour, especially the Blackies. Tasteless (sweet) pepper should be used, and I never knew a softbill bird yet that would not eat it. Of course, it is necessary to begin with a very tiny quantity, as the change in the colour of the food makes them shy of it unless very gradually brought about. The birds should be kept in a subdued light, out of direct rays of light, especially the rays of the sun. How strong the colour-food should be given depends on the natural colour of the bird. To give a jouque Thrush, naturally a deep brown, the colour-food extra strong, would be to make him unsightly. Such a bird only needs sufficient to slightly enhance its natural colour, and put a gloss on its plumage. One in four (one teaspoonful of pepper to four of food) is strong, and sufficient for most purposes. Perhaps one in six may be quite enough for your Thrush and Blackbird. It must be continued until the moult is right over; for about a fortnight (to be safe) after you cease to find cast feathers in the cage. The last part to finish is generally the head, and the pepper should be given for some little while after pen feathers (or quills) cease to be noticeable thereabouts.

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Linnet-Bullie Hybrids.

P. R.—All Bullfinch hybrids are of value from the monetary point of view; if your birds grow into really big ones, then whatever cocks you have will fetch a nice sum—anything from £3 to £5, or even over, if "champions." Pleased to hear of your success. Be careful not to wean the young Hybrids off soft-food too suddenly. Egg-food, when fresh, is a good enough food for me; still, a feed of Osborne biscuit soaked in new milk (or prepared condensed milk) is a fine thing to give. But be careful it is always fresh and sweet; give it in a glass or earthenware dish, and cleanse the latter every time a new supply is offered. At first offer canary seed (the finest quality only), very lightly cracked, as much as they like to eat, with a fair supply of mew seed, cracked hemp seed, and coarse oatmeal. All cracked seed, remember, must be freshly prepared every day. In a day or two, as the youngsters get on, give the canary seed whole, and add a little teazle and genuine summer (sweet) rape seeds. A few crushed sunflower seed, and crushed groats can also be offered. Stop crushing the hemp as soon as the young Hybrids are old enough to crack it, and don't give too much of it; the same remarks apply to the groats if used. It is as well to let their stock mixture be a fairly plain one, giving the oily, stimulating seeds as "tit-bits." The best possible green foods are seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, giving the ripe heads, and stripping off big, old coarse leaves. These should be freely given. Thistle heads and seeding groundsel tops are also good; while a very little young tender lettuce and watercress can be given if the other things are not easily obtainable. On such a dietary the youngsters should thrive apace. When first separated from their parents, do not allow them to "burst" themselves with water. Give this very sparingly, and it is well to just colour it by the addition of a little Parrish's chemical food.

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Brevities.

Cinnamon Mules (Orange Banner).—These "freak" Mules may be dealt with later on. Try pairing a jonque Cinnamon cock to a ben Greenfinch—a steady, moulted hen for preference. A pale (not too light) blue is a fine colour for the inside and wires of the show cage.

A Jay's Feet (Amateur).—Are you feeding the bird properly, and giving it correct (suitable) perches? Wash the feet twice daily in warm water tinged a light red by dissolving in it a few permanganate of potash crystals. Afterwards dry in a soft towel and anoint the parts with a little carbolic ointment. Remove the "scab" as soon as it loosens.

Canary and Hen Bullie (W.H.S.).—Hope nom-de-plume is recognisable; your writing is real hard to decipher. If you run a cock Canary with the hen Bullie right through the winter and spring months, you should stand a reasonable chance of successfully getting fertile eggs from her about next June. Anyway, to do so is quite possible. You would find "Cage Bird Hybrids" (6d. monthly) give you some most valuable hints.

Blue Tits (Blue Tit).—You can do nothing. These birds, in my opinion, are not really "desirable cage birds," for it is very difficult to keep them in health over any lengthy period—they simply droop and die. Your method of feeding is really good, though you could add live ants' eggs in the summer months. The only plan is to let Blue Tits go immediately they show signs of drooping—open the cage door.

A Magpie (Corvus pica).—You were not wise in giving the milk-sop; the soaked puppy biscuits are much to be preferred. I think it likely that the bird has a slight digestive disturbance. But it would be best, if you can manage it, to take him into a warm, dry room for a time; the cold wet weather is very trying. Administer a half-teaspoonful of best olive oil, direct into the beak. Into the bird's drinking water (three tablespoonfuls) stir a teaspoonful of glycerine of thymol (get a small bottle from any high-class chemist). Give it fresh at least once daily; twice would be better. This preparation is not only "good" for the stomach, but for the throat, too, if any trouble exists there.

Young Nightingales (W. F. Wilbee).—You are wrong in thinking that the Nightingale never has more than four eggs in a clutch. Young Nightingales are very grey in colour by comparison with the old birds, and they have spotted breasts (this showing their kinship with the Thrushes); their "stilty" legs, big eyes, and, later, the "flicking" of the tail, help to identify them. You want to read a good book on the subject, and I can thoroughly recommend Mr. Frostick's booklet. "The Moating-off and Feeding of Softbills," which contains most valuable and practical information about the Nightingale (post free, 6½d.). A special Nightingale cage is the best and most convenient to use; the cage-makers advertising in our paper supply them. A mixture of live ants' eggs and crumbled hard-boiled yolk of egg would be the best to hand-feed nestling Gales; moisten it, as required for use, with a little new milk. It must always be quite sweet and fresh.

An Aviary (Brown).— 1. It would hold thirty birds (or thereabouts) comfortably; don't overcrowd in any case. 2. Any of the Finch family (this includes the Buntings) could be put in, and a few Canaries, too; the only one you need bar is the Crossbill, which plays havoc with perches, etc. 3. The simplest way of feeding is, of course, to give Finch mixture, to which has been added a fair sprinkling of sunflower seed. But this is rather wasteful, the better method being to give the chief seeds in separate vessels (say, canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, and sunflower), and give a mixture of the others in a dish now and again, varied with wild seed mixture. Chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, dandelion, watercress, lettuce, and rape seedlings are all good green foods.

A Mule (J. Smyth).—The opinion I form from your letter is that the Mule is about to go into moult; they then behave just as you describe. It is, of course, quite natural at this time of the year; two of my own Mules are already deep in moult. Keep him out of draughts, and the bird should go on quite satisfactorily. You might one day dissolve a pinch of Epsom salts in its drinking water; just make the latter taste saline. Put a piece of old mortar between the cage wires. Don't give parsley as green food (I have heard it described as "poison" to birds); there are plenty of better kinds. Birds should not be put into newly-varnished (blacked) cages; give the latter an airing first. Nor should they be in a position to peck this black off the cage—from the wires, for instance—it may be poisonous.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. F. Butler.—Cock Canary died of pneumonia, contracted through a chill. It was a pity you had not treated him when you first noticed the symptom; it seems like a case that might have recovered.

J. W. Reed.—Hen Canary died of a catarrhal inflammation of the proventriculus (true stomach). It had the appearance of having been in existence for some few weeks. It would cause an unthrifty appearance, inordinate appetite, and imperfect assimilation of the food taken. Had you been systematically dosing it with salts of iron? This is a common cause of the trouble.

C. H. Godwin.—Cerebral apoplexy, or rupture of a vessel on the brain, caused the death. The skull was stained right through with blood, and death arose from pressure. All other organs were quite healthy. It would be predisposed to by too high condition.

Thos. Brown.—Congestion of the lungs accounted for the loss of Border cock, contracted, no doubt, from a chill, or possibly overwarm condition of its surroundings. Either condition will produce it; the lungs become engorged with impure or venous blood, and death results as a rule quickly, depending upon its environs. This is another case that might have recovered with suitable and appropriate treatment.

W. J. Medlin.—The Canary died of the acute form of septic fever. I shall not describe the nature of this disease, for no doubt you are well aware of its serious import, and the proper regime of disinfection to be adopted, together with isolation. There is no curative treatment but a tonic where the disease is imminent is well worthy of trial. Give, therefore, in the drinking water night and morning a few crystals of citrate of iron and quinine just sufficient to colour this medium. Whilst setting apart the healthy birds from the diseased, it must be remembered that the same person must not attend upon both, for, being of a contagious nature, it may be carried by one's clothing, so that all one's expectations are nullified by such neglect to prevent the spread of the disease.

J. Forster.—I received your letter, and have looked up my reply to you. Hens whilst nesting are generally more susceptible subjects to disease, and others even exposed to the same contagion possess much greater powers of resistance. It is not necessary when disease exists of dietetic origin that all should be similarly affected, for if this were the case then the mortality amongst birds would be even greater than it is at the present time. I fully appreciate your careful procedure in the preparation of your egg food, but the post-mortem appearances fully justified my opinion as to the cause of death. Should you have another die, I will examine same free, to thoroughly sift the matter.

H. Eales.—The worms were in a very dry and dilapidated condition, but I was able with the aid of my microscope to make out their species. They are segments of tapeworms, fortunately the head segments, as these seldom come away by themselves, and they are of common occurrence in Linnets. In your drinking water about twice weekly place a little salt, and every third day for three times make a little bread and milk sop, and mix with it half a grain of freshly-powdered areca nut. This you may repeat again after a fortnight's duration.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Cutting (Mrs. Sarjeant).—Many thanks for newspaper cutting, and the suggestion, which we will give our consideration.

A Letter (P. Marsdon).—Thanks for letter; contents duly noted.

A Report (A Caution).—Your letter is indeed "a caution." Consider us as duly flagellated.

The Free Holidays Competition (Canvasser).—We do not ask competitors to guarantee that those persons whose signatures they obtain shall become regular readers; it is only necessary that they shall bear signatures of possible regular readers, i.e., interested in bird keeping.

Linnet Singing (J. Walker).—We cannot publish criticisms of judges' awards, unless some good reason be established for so doing. Let us know clearly and briefly who it is you want to challenge, and we will publish your "defy." Your present letter is hard to understand.

Roller Canary Breeding (John Thomson).—Many thanks for your notes, which we shall be pleased to publish. The photograph is, unfortunately, not quite sharp (clear) enough to permit of satisfactory reproduction. We admire the proper spirit which prompts you to try to assist other working-men fanciers by relating your experiences.

Pigeon Query (J. L. Hobbs).—We have forwarded your query to the Editor of "Pigeons," in which journal you will find it answered in due course.

Concerning Two Cuckoos.

Strolling along the bank of a small moorland stream, says a writer in the "Scotsman," I flushed a Meadow Pipit, and on searching the spot found the nest, which contained four of her own dark coloured eggs and two of the Cuckoo. On returning one morning I observed two young Cuckoos in the nest—apparently quite recently hatched—and the three eggs of the Pipit. Two days after the front of the nest was slightly beaten down, and the Pipit's three eggs were lying outside about four inches away, while one of the Cuckoos was also out of the nest and sprawling about, nine inches off; the other Cuckoo was under the foster parent in the nest. I reinstated the evicted Cuckoo, but the possessor evidently wanted the nest for himself, and soon hoisted the other on to its broad hollow back with the aid of its featherless wings. It endeavoured, thus burdened, to move backwards to the edge of the nest, but the captive escaped, sometimes by rolling off and sometimes by crawling forward and over. The aggressive Cuckoo then tried to push the other towards the opening, but the latter retaliated, and round the nest they went, each striving, with occasional breathing spaces, to get the other on to its back. I left them still struggling, as I was able to remain only a short time. When I returned at 11 o'clock on the same day the Pipit had both Cuckoos under her, and peace prevailed. It was only for a short time, however, as the struggle recommenced. The slightly larger one got the other on to its back and worked its way backwards to the edge of the nest. There it stood up, and balancing itself on feet and wing points, tilted the weaker brother out of the nest and a few inches down the gentle slope. Both birds contested every bit of the way, and tried to clinch the edge of the nest for support. The ejected bird managed to scramble back into the nest, and there they both lay quietly resting for a few minutes. Then another tussle began, and the weaker bird was again ejected in the same manner. This time it fell further down the slope and lay there exhausted and helpless. Neither of them could see; it was all done by "feeling," their big eye sockets being covered with membrane.

THE BIRD-LOVER'S LIBRARY.

"Eggs and Nests of British Birds." By Frank Finn, B.A. (Oxon), F.Z.S., etc. Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. (Paternoster Row, London). Price 6s.

Mr. Frank Finn's works merit their popularity for the thoroughness and accuracy which stamp every one of them. But another, and if anything greater, reason why they deserve to be popular is to be found in the fact that their author's style is of that rare quality, which combines technical knowledge and accuracy of detail with freedom from irritating (to the lay reader) scientific terms. His writings are at once a pleasure and an education to read—never tiresome, and always instructive.

In his latest work, "Eggs and Nests of British Birds," Mr. Finn has produced a book which, we are confident, will rank second only to his "Birds of the Countryside," to which, indeed, it is a companion volume, being published in the same series, and at the same price. It aims at conciseness in the giving of facts relating to the eggs and nests of British species; and careful perusal enables us to unhesitatingly say that the book is authoritative and reliable. The eggs and nests of no fewer than 250 odd birds are considered (some of them come under the heading of "Birds Not Breeding in Britain"). These are grouped under seven headings. In the first—"In Towns and Gardens"—we, of course, are brought into touch, as it were, with such species as the House and Hedge Sparrows, Starlings, Robins, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Tits, and various familiar Finches. The nest is described, and the reader learns where he may expect to find it. Then the eggs are described—their colouration, number, and size—and facts of incubation given, etc. Next we are given valuable information about the young, the breeding quarters of the species, and its range over the British Isles and elsewhere. And this plan is adhered to more or less rigidly throughout. But our author never once lapses into the merely stereotyped; he aims at sustaining the interest of his readers, and does not fail so to do.

The following quotation concerning the House Sparrow is typical:

"Domestic," as its owner is, the Sparrow's nest is the first one anybody is likely to see; it is hardly a case of "finding" it, as the bird generally succeeds in unconsciously advertising its presence by leaving some of the material hanging about if it is in a hole, while, when among ivy, or the branches of a tree, its bulk betrays it. Seldom, however, is it low down enough to be within human reach; the Sparrow's long association with man has taught him to take that much precaution, at any rate. The nest is of the domed type, very coarsely constructed, with abundance of straw, hay, or any such material, and well lined with abundance of feathers. The Sparrow is ambitious in the matter of furniture, and it is a common sight to see him struggling valiantly to carry off a straw or feather several times as long as himself. The male does most of this work; it is comparatively uncommon to see the hen taking home material for the nest. . . . The eggs number usually from four to six, and are exceedingly variable, not only in colour, but also in shape; the normal colour is white, speckled with drab, grey, or black, and the amount of the spotting varies a great deal, as also does the shape of the eggs, though the general tint is less variable than in many other birds. Young Sparrows, it should be mentioned, differ from the young Finches in general, showing some long down on the head and back. Although it does not usually begin breeding so much out of season as the Thrush and Robin often do, the Sparrow commences operations early in March, and raises nest after nest all through the summer up to September, so that its great numbers need not give any cause for surprise. The Sparrow is found as a breeding species over our islands, generally, and extends eastwards across Europe and Temperate and Tropical Asia; by introduction it also inhabits Australia, New Zealand, and North America. The male is distinguished from all our small birds by his grey, chocolate-bordered cap, and black bib; the hen is of the streaky brown commonly found in small birds, without conspicuous head-colouring.

The second and third parts of the book deal with birds that are to be found "By Wayside and Woodland," such as the Cuckoo (we note, incidentally, that more space is devoted to a consideration of this species than of any other), Tree Sparrow, Linnet, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Nuthatch, Blackcap, Magpie, Larks, Buntings, Chats, etc. Birds that are to be found nesting by the waterside form the subject of part four, and these include the Wagtails, some of the Warblers, Waterfowl, etc., all of which are treated with a conspicuous thoroughness. Under the heading of the fifth part, viz., "By Mountain, Marsh, and Moor," such species as the Ring Ouzel, Meadow Pipit, Wheatear, Bearded and Crested Tits, Twite, etc., are considered. Part six is devoted to the sea and shore birds, such as the Rock Pipit, Raven, Chough, Gulls, etc.; and part seven to "Birds not Breeding in Britain."

The volume contains twenty coloured plates of eggs (154 in number), and there are besides half-tone illustrations of the white, etc., eggs (74 in number), and of nests, young, etc. The value of these plates is of a very high order; they are splendidly accurate examples of colour work. The author, referring in the introduction to colour variation in eggs, says: "The black and white plate of Sparrows' eggs will give a good idea of range of variation in the above respects, and, if carefully studied, will better prepare the student of eggs for what he may expect in the way of varietal eccentricities than any amount of separate description of such." We cordially commend "Eggs and Nests of British Birds" to all lovers of British bird life; to the young students of bird life this volume should prove a true "guide, philosopher, and friend." It is very cheap at the published price, 5s., and would make a lovely gift book.

Correspondence.

Brandon Colliery Show.

SIR,—I should like to know when Brandon Colliery Inn show is going to be held —on what date it will be.

FRIEND OF BRITISH BIRDS.

A New Cage Bird Society for Ashley and District.

SIR,—An adjourned meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, on Wednesday, June 29, when the desirability of forming a Cage Bird Society for Ashley and District was considered. Mr. G. Backhouse, presided. After discussion it was resolved to form the society. Several were enrolled as members. Mr. Toyne was elected treasurer, and Mr. G. A. Clark, secretary. The meeting was then adjourned to the 13th July, to consider and adopt rules and elect a committee.

G. A. CLARK, SEC.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—Having seen the numerous recipes for washable distempers that have appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and having given one myself, I am sending an idea that may prove of service to those who require a washable distemper. On looking through an old trade journal I saw that a recipe for a distemper that would not be removed by rain was required. The correspondent was advised to first give the wall a coat of solution of silicate of soda in water, and then a coat of ordinary limewash. It was said, that the soda transformed the lime into insoluble silicate of lime, and it would not wash off. It might be possible to make a solution of silicate of soda in water and slake the lime with that, and apply it that way; and it would, of course, save time. My own cages don't require doing out at present, or I should have tried the experiment before writing. If anyone cares to try it, will they kindly let me know through CAGE BIRDS, how it acts? The soda waterglass can be obtained at the chemists, and is also used for preserving eggs.

F. J. ROOK.

The Parrot in the Home.

SIR,—Parrots being, as we are all aware, foreign birds, need to have their habits very carefully studied until we find out the most suitable treatment to give them. The first thing to do is to prepare a suitable living cage for them, one that is good and strong, and as indestructible as possible. It is better to give a few shillings more and have a good one at the first, because a Parrot will be sure to test the make of it for you. Then go to the tinner and ask him to make you a false bottom for your cage; this will save your cage, and be handy for cleaning out. Mine measures fourteen inches across and two inches deep, and I have had it for about two years, it costing me a shilling. Then as to perches; I get an old shovel shaft, measure the length I want, saw it off, and then plane it down, leaving both the ends thinner than the middle part, so as to release the grasp of the Parrot's feet. If all is one thickness it is apt to cause cramp, and then a falling to the cage bottom. The swing I make the same (of wood); I have no tinned ends, as I think that it is a great mistake to have them, seeing they, too, will cause cramp. Why not get a piece of hard wood, such as birch, for whenever you make a perch of soft wood the Parrots will nibble it all away. Always keep plenty of sand at the bottom of the cage to keep it as dry as possible for the refuse. And clean the cage out often; I clean mine out three times a week. Cleanliness, remember, means a longer, healthier life for the bird, and a longer one in your possession. My advice is, above all, clean the cage out often—the food vessels, too, and give often fresh, clean water. If you do not give your mind to these things at the commencement, your hobby is sure to be a loss to you. Keep the cage clean, and your action will be an example to those who see your bird or birds. As to food, I give as a regular diet, sunflower (mixed), ½lb. dari, ½lb. of Canary, and half-pound of wheat; with fruit, such as oranges, banana, apple, and all kinds of nuts. Never give meat or you will find your bird will pull its feathers out. Meat irritates the blood. Never give sops from the table. A piece of dry biscuit, however, they like now and again, and a piece of raw potato. In choosing a Parrot, if it is in good health, you will find its feathers tight and compact, and not ruffled or scraggy; the eyes will be bright and bold, with no running at the nostrils (which is a bad thing for Parrots). The birds need to be cared for like ourselves. Keep them warm, free from draughts, and as comfortable as you can possibly make them. Treat them kindly, and be good to them; they will then repay you. I have had an African grey for six or seven years, and she is a grand companion, too. I have also two lovely Song Thrushes, two Canaries, and one Linnet; but old Polly is my preference, and I would sooner sell anything in the house than my old favourite. I am only a working man, and I honestly say that it seems to me the best hobby for a working man's spare time. Many a night I find my Parrot waiting at the inside of the door for my return home from work, and greets me with "Hello, hello, Willie," "Call your old Polly," "Come and scratch." But she wants scratching till ten or eleven at night. I can work or do any little odd jobs in the house with her on my shoulder, where she will be chatting and talking to me. Sometimes I may fall asleep on a chair near the fire; she will do the same, and then let anyone come near me! She is a good guard—like a dog. She sleeps with one eye open ready for intruders. The other day two ladies asked her if she could talk, and she answered "No"; and a few months ago the baker's man called, opened the door, and enquired if my wife wanted a brown loaf; Polly said "No." Baker said, "Shall I call to-morrow," Polly shouted "No." My wife, being up in the bedroom, listened to all going on, and saw the baker walk away as though she had answered him herself.

POLLY.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Old Cumnock and District.

SIR,—I should like to bring the above matter to the notice of those of your readers who reside in this district. In conversation with a few fanciers in this district it seems there is a desire on the part of many that such a Society should be formed, say, with a radius of 10 miles from Old Cumnock, which would not interfere with the work of the Ayr and Kilmarnock District Societies. I have already got the promise of about 20 members, and am sure there will be many more that I have not had the pleasure of meeting who will wish to join and get the advantages of such a society. Will all interested please meet in the Public Hall, Auchenleck, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 16th., when arrangements for same can be made? Will anyone who wishes to become a member and is unable to attend the meeting please send me their name?

JAMES, BROWN.

Newton Terrace, Catrine.

The Whitethroat as a Pet.

SIR,—The Whitethroat is one of our most common migratory birds. He has a very pleasant song, and makes a very interesting cage bird. He is also very attractive for an aviary. For some reasons we do not see many exhibited by the lovers of Softbills. Some years ago I was never without one or two, but we generally caught them on their arrival, although I have hand-reared them quite successfully, and that over 15 years ago, before we had such a good supply of insect food as at the present time. I successfully raised mine on ants' eggs, mealworms, and other insects, with the yolk of hard-boiled egg made quite sloppy. But all soft-billed birds I have found are much easier to raise on the proper food than the hard-billed ones. Mine opened their mouths better for food than the others. It is always better to have them too young than too old. For that reason they should be kept covered up and warm. I have found that the young raised by hand do not live so long as the caught ones. If kept in cages they should be always scrupulously clean, and well supplied with ripe fruit, of which they are generally very fond. Many a bird have I had which has been caught in the nets round the fruit trees. But I much prefer a spring-caught bird to an autumn-caught one. In winter, when I could not get any ripe fruits, I used to bake an apple or pear, and put some honey on it, which they would relish very much, also ripe grapes and shop currants (both soaked and dry). I also used to chop up raisins in the stock mixture; by this method I had one bird for over seven years, and a very interesting pet he was. Didn't he enjoy his bath on warm days! All through the summer he was kept out of doors in a good-sized cage, where he was able to catch many flies and other insects from the climbers which hung upon the wall near by.

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Recipe Wanted for Making Egg Flake.

SIR,—I should like to know of a recipe for making egg flake, if one or other of your readers will kindly oblige me with this information.

J. H. BENNETT.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Evesham and District.

SIR,—At the express wish of several prominent cage bird fanciers in Evesham and District, I have decided to call a meeting in order to establish a society for Evesham and District. The meeting will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Evesham, on Tuesday evening, July 12th, at 8 p.m. prompt. Fanciers in Evesham have at present exceptionally little scope for knowing each other to their mutual advantage, and it is in the hope that good in this direction will result from the meeting that I am influenced in calling it. I am, myself, only a new hand in the Fancy, and have no means of knowing who are fanciers, and who are not; but I feel that if a society is started, this difficulty will be removed. Fanciers in the Vale of Evesham, one of the prettiest and healthiest spots in the whole of the United Kingdom, are extremely well favoured by nature in the hobby of bird keeping. We have the beautiful fresh air and sunshine so essential to birdie life, and also an unbounded supply of green and other foods. Thus it has seemed strange to me that a society for the encouragement of the hobby does not exist. I strongly appeal to all local fanciers to rally together next Tuesday evening and give the Society a bumping start. Remember, united we stand, divided ——. I should like to ask all local fanciers who read this to make a point of mentioning it to friends who, perhaps, do not at present take in this valuable paper, and so help to secure a representative gathering.

A. GOULD.

14, Cowl Street, Evesham.

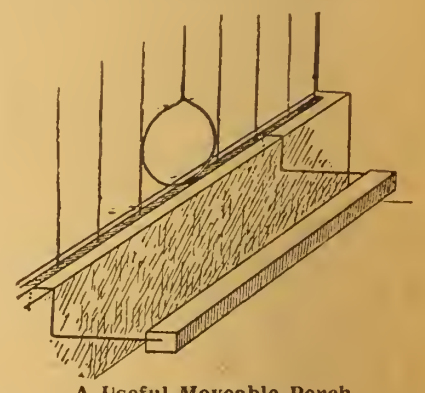
Amongst the Birds at Harrogate.

SIR,—Having been on a "too short a holiday" at Harrogate, I thought that a few remarks about the birds I saw might perhaps be of interest to some of the readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. The countryside round about Harrogate simply abounds with wild birds, some of them so rare that it was a real treat to a northerner to see them. On a beautiful day in the early part of June, a companion and I had a walk as far as Beckwithshaw. Upon our journey we saw a Blue Tit going into a hole in a tree, where (we could hear) were a number of little ones; but it was not easy of access to either my companion or me. On the opposite side of the roadway there was a plantation where we saw several Whitethroats, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Warblers, etc., and the cry of the Cuckoo was to be heard on every side. Upon reaching Beckwithshaw, we turned down a lane that leads to Killinghall. On each side of this lane, there is a plantation of pine trees, which gives off a healthy aroma. Here we saw several Redstarts—species I have never before had the pleasure of observing in their wild environments; and no words of mine can express the pleasure I derived during this particular walk. Reaching the bottom of this lane, we turned and came through a beautiful valley, overlooked on the east side by a magnificent hill, known as "Birk Crag." A brook runs through the centre and is alive with trout, gudgeon and eels. Here we had a brief rest. While so doing, we saw the Cuckoo several times. We also saw Skylarks, Tit Larks, Meadow Pipits, Thrushes, Goldfinches, Missel Thrushes, Blackbirds, Golden-crested Wrens, Willow Wrens, Jenny Wrens, Chaffinches, Whitethroats, Starlings, Linnets, Twites, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Yellowhammers, Yellow Wagtails, Pied Wagtails, Dippers, etc. As tea time was fast approaching, we had to make a move, still having a good walk to our lodgings. On the journey we found several nests containing young, but we did not disturb them. It happened, however, that I saw a Wren making its way along a ledge on a sandy bank; looking closer, we found the nest. As I was putting my hand in to examine the contents I was surprised to see seven young ones fly out, one going up my coat sleeve, giving me quite a shock. We succeeded in catching five others, but, as I have already stated, I allowed them to go. We found several nests of Brown Linnets, containing newly-hatched young. We also saw a good many young Robins, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, etc., just newly come from the nest. On June 16th a party of us went by char-a-banc to Ripon, and thence to Fountain's Abbey. On the journey we saw a good deal of bird life. In one field we saw a pair of old Plovers, with a number of young running at their feet. We heard the Landrail several times on our journey. There were hundreds of Martins, Swifts, and Swallows skimming across the waters of the beautiful lakes and brooks that are to be seen in the abbey grounds. Warblers, Flycatchers, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Whitethroats, etc., seemed to abound in these grounds. I would advise anyone who has not had the pleasure of visiting Fountain's Abbey to do so, as it is a most interesting and instructive sight. We had our lunch in the grounds. While sitting at the table a lovely Chaffinch came close to my feet and ate of some crumbs I threw down; and several Swallows came skimming over our heads into the eaves of the building into their nests, where I could hear the young ones chirping. Several ducklings were to be seen on the waters. After lunch we had to prepare for Harrogate, about sixteen miles distant. Having four good horses, we soon accomplished this, and happily terminated a pleasant day's outing. Another day we spent at Knaresborough, a quaint old town on the Nidd, almost surrounded by plantations which are full of bird life. While there, we had the pleasure of seeing a Blackcap. We also saw a White-throated Dipper taking his ablutions in the Nidd. We also saw several Wagtails enjoying themselves jumping from stone to stone catching flies.

NOVOCASTRIAN.

A Useful Detachable Perch.

SIR,—I find this very useful in the case of high front rails to all kinds of box cages where birds cannot reach their food with comfort, and also in the washing and painting of same. All one requires is the perch cut to length and two pieces of malleable wire.



A Useful Moveable Perch.

Bend the wire to the shape and leave about an inch at right angles to hammer into the ends of perch. Pierce holes in the front rail by seed or water holes, whichever the case may be, and insert the wire holders. Loose fronts may then be fitted over. The drawing will explain all that is necessary.

J. J. COUTTS.

A Hybrid Breeder's Experiences.

SIR,—I promised I would let you know about Mr. Raper's (of Kirkham Abbey) Hybrids. Up to the present he has two Goldie-Greenie Hybrids; and two beauties they are! He has had the misfortune to lose one, as he left the cage door open in the aviary, and when he opened the aviary door the Hybrid escaped. The bird has been seen about here, but up to the present he has not succeeded in capturing it. He also has two very nice Linnet Mules, and the father is a topper—a very nice, long bird. He has also two Bullie hens paired up to two lovely Goldies, and has had about 20 eggs this season, but as yet he has not been able to rear any young. I saw one lot of eggs he had taken away from the Canary which was sitting on the the eggs, and one was fertile, but I have every confidence he will have some before the season is over, as he knows how to handle them. He has a Greenfinch hen. He tells me she will go every time with the Goldfinch, and nearly all eggs full. She is a beauty, rather inclined to be a buff colour, but I noticed that she had something the matter with her one eye, and he told me he had lost several birds (hybrids) through their losing sight. I told him I thought it was the lime on the boards of the aviary. As you know, when a wooden shed has been whitened with lime, and also all breeding cages, the lime will flake off, and when perches run up to the ends and back of cages the birds will rub their beaks and heads against the woodwork, and the lime gets into their eyes. I was very sorry to hear he had lost such good birds through this cause, especially a Goldie-Bullie; but, anyhow, these gentlemen know their business, and I should like to know as as much.

E. HURDLEY.

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Bullfinches at St. Mary Church Show.

SIR,—At St. Mary Church Show, held last week, I exhibited a Bullfinch which the judge, to use his own words to the committee, said was a "clinker and in splendid fettle"; but as he thought it was "not a Britisher nor cage-moulted," he asked the chairman and secretary what he should do. He was told to use his own judgment, with result mentioned, although he admitted it as the best in its class. Now the bird was caught here in the neighbourhood of St. Mary Church, and was bought by me over two years ago. It has been shown three times before under different judges, and won twice out of the three times. As a special prize is given at annual show for points won at the quarterly, and I, by the judge's decision, lose prize and points, I am asking by brother bird fanciers what they would do under the circumstances, seeing I have proof of what I have stated to show the committee. The judge thought the colour too good for a cage-moulted bird, which I consider a great deal in its favour. Thanks to an article in your valuable paper some time ago as to what berries, etc., should be given them, I followed this, the result being the grand "fettle" it was in.

ROBT. WILLS.

A New Society for Chopwell and District.

SIR,—In answer to "True Fancier," I am quite aware a man can please himself what he does; but where is the honour attached to the action of this man? I say the distance is no more than a mile and a half. I say that the Derwent Valley Society has done all in its power to promote the Fancy at Chopwell. Are we down hearted? Please see entries for first feather show—a record. Not much here to be down hearted about! Note "True Fancier's" letter. He says this new society was got up to do no harm, and yet he admits the dispute about prize money. The Derwent Valley Society, at their last open show agreed to pay members' classes, 17s. 6d. per class, the same as in the open. In the result they found they could not pay it, I am sorry to say; but where will you find any society that can do this? A social was got up to try and pay this money in full, but all they could make out of same was 30s. At a meeting following, this 30s. came up for discussion, and it was decided by a majority of the members that this 30s. lie in the funds, with the result that a prominent member of the new Society got up and walked out of the meeting, his heart having failed him. This member had already got £2 2s. 6d prize-money, not including specials. Other members wanted up to 16s. 6d., but these members were the means of the 30s. lying in the funds, so as not to leave the Society "stoney-broke." At a later meeting this 30s. was brought up again by one of the new Society, who said we were only driving members away. Our chairman replied, that if those were the sort of members the Society was composed of, the sooner it was broken up the better—not (as "True Fancier" said) "let them all go, we can do without them." I beg to contradict him as to this.

DERWENT LAD.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—I believe I have read our paper, CAGE BIRDS since its first issue, and I have read many wonderful things in it, in fact, everything one wants to know about birds of all kinds—British and Foreign, and of many freaks whose parentage has been disputed. But facts are "chiels that win na ding an dare na be disputed." I have bred birds (Hybrids and Mules, and Canaries) for over twenty years, but have never had the good fortune to get young birds from a Mule, as Mr. Murray has, but I have always believed it possible. I would not have troubled you with this letter had Mr. Murray not recorded his success in getting young birds from a cock Linnet Mule, and Norwich hen Canary. I may state that he will have competition, as I had the pleasure of visiting a young fancier of two years' standing, who also has bred Mules from a Mule. He lives three and a half miles from me, but I was proud to go and see his young birds. I know many fanciers, like myself, who have tried but failed. Some are fortunate that do not try, but just have two or three birds together and look for nothing. It is here where the surprise comes in. This young fancier had a large sized Norwich hen Canary, and no mate for it. She was anxious to go to nest in sight of a Goldfinch Canary Mule who apparently had mated. To save cage cleaning he put the two birds together and the hen laid four eggs. After she had been sitting eight or nine days he broke two of the eggs, and they were both good, so he allowed the hen to sit and hatch the other two, the young from which are now six weeks old, one a cock, the other a hen. To my mind they are a cock and hen, for the cock bird shows its parentage very well—mind you, three-quarter Canary. They are good, large Norwich type birds. He wanted to know if he could show them as Norwich, or Mules. But I told him he could not show them unless as freaks—they do not show enough of the Finch to allow of their being exhibited as Mules, and it is clearly shown they are not Canaries; at least the young cock has the golden outside flights of the Finch, also the bar on the wing. Both are lightly variegated. The hen, or mother, I should say, is sitting on another three eggs, which I believe are fertile also, from same cock Mule. Anyone wishing to see them can call at the following address, when the owner will be pleased to show the parents and young. He is anxious that some one who is a Mule fancier of good standing and knows what he is looking for would see them, the address is:—Mr. Henry Michie, 5, Condy's Row, Coalsnaughton, by Tillicoultry, Clackmannshire, Scotland.

D. HARROWER.

SIR,—I duly received the body of the bird which Mr. Murray (of Sunderland) states was bred between a cock Linnet Mule and a hen Canary. Examination at once convinced me that the Linnet entered into the parentage—this was quite unmistakable—but whether as father or grandfather could not possibly be determined, for this, of course, was but an immature bird (in nest feather), and the fact that it was dead did not help matters. I shall, by courtesy of Mr. Murray, be interested to inspect, when they are ready, the young birds he still has alive. I may say that I see no reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement that these youngsters have a Linnet Mule as one parent; the fact that most of them are bred light in plumage—some nearly clear—would seem to bear it out, inasmuch as the percentage of Canary blood in them is so much higher than in the case of Linnet Mules proper. A nice point seems to arise, viz., are they eligible to be exhibited as Mules? Defining a Mule as a cross between a British bird and a Canary, then they are not. But my own present impression is that these birds could not be distinguished from ordinary Mules. In that case, a judge would be helpless to detect them. And that a bird so light in plumage as is one of Mr. Murray's cross-breds would command a high place in the prize-list can hardly be doubted. I wonder if the Mule that will fertilise eggs opens up for us a new road to the breeding of "light Mules"? Taking Mr. Murray's experience in conjunction with that of Mr. Farrance (vide CAGE BIRDS of June 25), there would seem to be something in it.

G. E. WESTON.

Country Rambles

Barnsley and District C.B.S.

The first of what it is hoped will be annual events, a country ramble, took place on June 19th. To the members and friends who took part in the event it was a great success. The party, numbering twenty. The place selected was Stainbro' Park, and the meeting place Stainbro' Inn, at 10 a.m., where the party all turned up in good time. The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. J. Eyre (president), H. J. Simmons, J. Springthorpe, J. Simmons, W. Rapson, W. Atherton, J. Taylor, D. Williams, A. W. Taylor, P. Taylor, T. Harley, J. Hinchcliffe (assist. secretary), F. Race, G. Marson, H. Watkin, T. Thorpe, W. Denton, W. Tattersal, E. Tolson, and F. C. Sims (the secretary). Messrs. E. Tolson and W. Denton kindly brought with them their cameras. Before starting a Blue Tit's nest was espied in a wall close by, and it contained young ones; also a Thrush and Blackbird's nests were found with eggs and young, and a Skylark's with eggs on the way to the place appointed to meet. At 10.30 o'clock our worthy president led the way through the beautiful park lodge gates. In glorious sunshine we strolled slowly up the carriage drive till we came to the Serpentine, a beautiful sheet of water, with a lovely bridge. We stood there a few minutes admiring the captivating notes of the Cuckoo. As we turned to make another start we espied across the park a fine herd of deer, also some cattle. Here the birds were singing their lovely songs, which it delighted one's heart to hear. We came to the magnificent hall, the seat of Captain Wentworth, with its splendidly kept lawns and flower beds. As we went slowly up the park we saw some black sheep with white spots on them. We passed through a grand keeper's lodge; the keeper is a Canary breeder, and we found he had twelve young on the sticks, and were invited (some of us) to look at them. The birds were kept on the ground floor. Hereabouts we heard the Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Whitethroat, Reed Warbler, Yellowhammer, Peggy, and Cuckoo. A Jenny Wren's nest was found, and a Greenfinch's with five eggs; and a Blackbird's with five eggs. The next place of mention was "Rocky Dam," a fine sheet of water, with magnificent waterfalls. Here we saw some grand water fowl, and we were particularly struck by the blooms of the lilac, laburnum, and hawthorn. As we wended our way slowly we came to a magnificent avenue of beeches. Advantage was taken of a nice shaded corner to have a rest. Again we made a start through the shaded avenue, and arriving at the end we viewed a monument called "Cain and Abel," where we tried to face the camera smilingly for the first time; after which we viewed the apparatus for Pheasant rearing, the pens being at suitable distances apart, and kept under the watchful eye of the keepers both day and night. We were now nearing the other side of the park, and were in sight of the keeper's lodge. We passed through the large gates, and were then out of Stainbro' Park. We proceeded into the village called Birdwell, and, having reached the "Cock Inn," all were ready for refreshments, and justice was done to a cold luncheon, which was enjoyed by all. A restart was made one 1.45. We viewed the Marble Arch, and were soon on the Lord Wharncliffe Estate, with its beautiful woodlands. Here again the Greenfinches' nests were found, and the Chaffinch calling his "Pink, Pink." Passing Hermit Hill, across the fields to Cranemoor, where the Larks were pouring out their pretty notes and the Cuckoo was seen. We came to a shady spot, where we halted for a while to view the lovely country. After an interval we strolled on to Cranemoor, when all were ready for refreshment, which, as the sun was blazing hot, a call was made for. After this we proceeded to Thurglong, where all sorts of birds were seen and heard too numerous to mention. Many birdy matters were discussed until we found ourselves at Berrymoor. We rested at a running stream, and indulged in a good drink of "Adam's wine" out of Mr. P. Taylor's cup, which, when shut up, was like a watch—quite a novelty. After leaving this delightful spot the party made their way towards Silkstone Common Station, and altogether a very pleasant day was spent. So enjoyable was it that it was talked on that another ramble should be arranged for shortly. Due notice of this will be given in the Press.—F. C. SIMS

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

The first annual outing took place to Pailton on June 26, where we visited an old fancier, Mr. Dickins, with whom we stayed for the day. After taking dinner we all set out in different directions in pursuit of the birds and nests. By the kind permission of Mr. Dickins we were allowed to roam at our leisure on the railway banks and also the ground adjoining. There is a nice spinney close bandy to which most of our members were soon making their way among the bushes to see what was to be found. Several of the members soon came across a nest or two, including a Linnet's, a Yellow Bunting's, and a Blackbird's. After a good ramble we partook of tea, after which we investigated another part of the land. We found a Bullfinch's nest with eggs. We also made a call at the "White Lion," at Pailton, where the landlord showed us a Flycatcher's nest with young, in the fork of a tree which is trained on the wall. He also informed us that the same pair of birds had built there for the last seven years always in the same place. We had a look at Mr. Dickins's birds. He has a grand lot of youngsters, mustering 60 in all on the sticks. It rather surprised us to see the quantity of British birds he was rearing under the Canaries; I should think there were about 40 or 50 Linnets besides Bullfinches. After having another stroll round we made our way back to Coventry, having an enjoyable outing. We met the Leicester C.B.S. members over there, and were introduced to them by Mr. Tayler, the secretary, whom we were very pleased to meet.—W. H. BRAY, hon. secretary.

Newcastle C.B.A.

Bothal Haugh, the seat of the Hon. and Rev. W. Ellis, was the selected spot for our ramble this year, and though the numbers who went were fewer than was the case last year, it was voted by all to far exceed the Chotterford ramble. The Rev. Mr. Ellis not only kindly allowed us to visit his grounds, but permitted Mr. Lackey, his bead gardener, to act as guide. Mr. Lackey met us at the station, and conducted us to the magnificent estate, after showing us his stock of British birds, Mules, and Norwich. Words fail me to describe the beauty of Bothal Haugh grounds, but it will be sufficient to say that they are the most lovely, public or private, that I have personally seen, and the chief regret, nay, the only one, expressed was that more or our members had not availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing them. The chief feature from a botanist's point of view were the number of variegated and albino trees, including lime, sycamore, dogwood, and many others. From a bird-lover's point of view the chief thing was the quantity of birds; there were a great many, and almost every species known in the North. In one row of cyprus trees there were two or three nests in every tree; in fact, there were so many that Jimmy Bertram and Jack Curry forgot all about the rain when the rest of us ran for shelter. But the weather soon "faired" up, and under Mr. Lackey's leadership we saw as much of the beauties of the place as time would allow. Leaving Bothal and the ladies of our party, we took the path through the woods to Morpeth, where we did ample justice to a good tea, and returned home much refreshed in mind though tired in limb.—T. C. CRAWHALL, secretary.

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The Shows.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first of the annual nest feather shows was held July 2, in the Viaduct Temperance Hotel, when there was only a moderate entry. Judge, Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton). But what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality, there being some good specimens of all varieties.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL: 1, 5, Herring; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Brown; 4, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Herring; 4, Brown. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 5, Herring; 2, 3, Fraser; 4, 6, J. Hutchinson; 7, Johnstone. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Fraser; 4, Johnstone. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, Wright. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, T. Reay. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, T. Reay. BUFF: 1, T. Reay. YORK. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, J. Carrick. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, J. Carrick. GOLDFINCH: 1, R. Johnston. LINNET: 1, R. Johnston. BULLFINCH: 1, Johnston. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Carrick; 2, Johnston. SMALL FOR.: 1, Dawson. LARGE: 1, Carrick.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

COLNE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We had a fairly good members' show on July 2nd—over 60 entries, these being judged by Mr. W. Mundell, who had 10 classes before him of decent quality. Although the weather was wet, we had a good lot of visitors, who seemed generally well pleased with the awards of Mr. Mundell. The settling up at the close concluded a pleasant and satisfactory show day.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, J. Wilkinson; 2, Heyworth; 3, c, Alker; vhc, A. Wilkinson; hc, Butterworth. BUFF: 1, A. Heyworth; 2, vhc, King; 3, c, Emmett. CL. YELL.: 1, Pearson; 2, King. BUFF: 1, 3, Heyworth; 2, King; vhc, hc, Hartley. YELL. NOR.: 1, King; 2, J. Wilkinson; 3, vhc, A. Heyworth; hc, Greenwood; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Heyworth; 3, Greenwood; vhc, hc, Pearson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, A. Wilkinson; 3, vhc, Maxwell. SELL.: 1, 3, Pearson; 2, vhc, Emmett. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Holden; vhc, A. Wilkinson; hc, c, England. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, A. Wilkinson; vhc, c, England; hc, Holden.

DALTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The 2nd annual nest feather show was held on July 2nd in Mr. Quinlan's auction rooms. Mr. R. Taylor judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Ferguson won the silver cup for most points; Mr. J. Park special for best bird in show; Mr. J. W. Phizacklea for the best bird exhibited by a novice, also for best British. CAGE BIRDS' posters were in evidence. The birds were well staged.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Park; 2, vhc, hc, Hoskins. BUFF: (6): 1, 3, Park; 2, vhc, Hoskins. NOR. GREEN (3): 1, Hoskins; 2, 3, Park. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Houldsworth. BUFF: (7): 1, 2, c, Johnson; 3, vhc, Bennetts; hc, Hoskins. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Ferguson; 2, Johnson. BUFF (6): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Ferguson. GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Ferguson. BRIT. (10): 1, vhc, J. W. Phizacklea; 2, hc, c, J. Phizacklea; 3, W. Phizacklea. A.V., NOVICE (8): 1, hc, J. W. Phizacklea; 2, c, Hineson; 3, vhc, W. Phizacklea. FOR. (7): 1, W. Phizacklea; 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. W. Phizacklea. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Ferguson; 2, Bennetts.—W. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

First Feather show held at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, Coventry, July 2. The birds taken as a whole were of very good quality, though scarcely so numerous as last year. Crests, Crest-breds, and Cinuamons were specially commendable, and the Plainhead Norwich were above the average. The British section was very good, too, a very steady Nightingale, and a pretty Bearded Tit attracting most attention. The Foreign birds were in good condition, but all of the smaller species. We had a disappointing attendance of visitors, which was due to the very stormy weather experienced during the afternoon and early evening.

BIRDS BRED 1910, NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, c, Barratt; 2, Dickenson; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Butler and Waring; hc, Davies. BUFF: 1, Lucas; 2, vhc, Gilbert; 3, Judd; hc, Dickenson; c, Barratt. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Judd; 2, Lucas; 3, c Gilbert; vhc, Swift; hc, Barratt. BUFF (strong class) (15): 1, 3, Judd; 2, Pemherton; vhc, hc, Gilbert; c, Dickenson. Special prize offered by W. H. Raven Esq., of Nottingham for best bird was won by T. Judd. CREST: 1, 3, Peters; 2, Gilbert. C.B.: 1, 2, Peters; 3, Gilbert. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Coxhill. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Gilbert. ANY AGE, NOR. CK.: 1, Swift; 2, Gilbert; 3, vhc, Corrall; hc, Pemherton; c, Butler and Waring. HEN: 1, Gilbert; 2, Corrall. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Gilbert. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, Symonds and Son; 2, Peters; 3, Gilbert: hc, Coxhill. FOR. BIRD: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Coates. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 2, hc, Coates; 3, Lucas; vhc, Dickenson. SELL. (10/-): 1, Coates; 2, Lucas. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Dickenson; 2, Gilbert. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Swift; 2, Peters.—J. SHADDOCK, Hon. Sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show held on July 2nd in the Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, Cheshire. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and gave every satisfaction. The arrangements were ably managed by the secretary (Mr. W. Mallinson), and a good body of stewards. Owing to a very backward breeding season, the entries were not large, but quality was very much in evidence.

YORKS. CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Edwards, pair of nicely drawn good quality specimens; 3, Holford, fine style and quality; vhc, Young; hc, Griffiths; c, Edwards. GREEN SELF-YELL. (5): 1, 2, Holford, leader rare quality col. and position, 2nd not quite so neat in feather; 3, Thwaite, good col. and quality; vhc, Edwards; c, Holford. BUFF (7): 1, Young, good length, quality and position; 2, 3, Hodgkins, junr., pair of good ones; vhc, Holford; hc, c, Edwards. FOUL (4): 1, Young, good length, col., and quality; 2, Holford, very smart and stylish; 3, Thwaite, fine col.; vhc, Edwards. BORD., YELL. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Young, good quality, col., and shape; 2, Woodman, Cinn., very smart; 3, Young, fine quality. BUFF (6): 1, Woodman, Cinn., nicely moulded, good col. and style; 2, 3, c, Young, Greens, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Woodman; hc, Edwards. A.O.V. (2): 1, Stead, nice buff Nor. Green; 2, Maddocks, smart yell. Yorks. Cinn. YORKS., NOVICE (9): Good class, could have given the champions a run: 1, Stead, tkd. buff, good style, quality and position; 2, Maddocks, really nice yell.-green; 3, Barker, another Green. BRIT. (4): 1, Griffiths, grand coloured Bullic; 2, Wylie, a really good Bramble; 3, Wylie, Bullic, nice col.; vhc, Barkers. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Young, Linnet, rare size, col., and condition; 2, Griffiths, Linnet; 3, Young, Twite; vhc, Woodman; hc, c, Wylie. FOR. (7): 1, Mallinson, Bronze Mannikin, in rare condition; 2, Wylie, dainty little Waxbill; 3, Mallinson, Bengalese, in good bloom; vhc, Barker; hc, c, Mallinson. The season special points were: Young, 23; Woodman, 17; Holford, 16; Edwards, 15; Mallinson, 14; whilst Barker leads for the novice medal.

THE SHOWS.

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DOVER C.B.S.

First feather show, held in the Barton Road boys' school, on June 29th, when some good Yorks were staged. Mr. G. Sanderson judged.

YORKS. CL. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Leaver; 3, Lockett; 4, Hendry; vhc, Abbott; hc, Rayner. YELL. (3): 1, Leaver; 2, Abbott; 3, Lockett. MKD. BUFF (6): 1, Leaver; 2, hc, Abbott; 3, Hendry; 4, Lockett, vbc, Rayner. YELL. (4): 1, Hendry; 2, Abbott; 3, Rayner. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hendry, two Scotch Fancy and Goldfinch Mule.—ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, Hon. Secs.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Notts.) O.S.

The 31st annual first feather (members') show was held on July 2nd. Most points were got by J. Goode, closely followed by F. Moore and R. Holmes. Mr. G. Hoult judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Moore. BUFF: 1, 2, Moore. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Moore; 2, Hill. BUFF: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Moore. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Birch; 2, Hill. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, Goode; 3, Holmes. LIGHT: 1, Caunt. BUFF C.-B.: 1, Goode; 2, Holmes; 3, Bowers; vbc, Caunt. SELL. CREST (20s.): 1, Holmes; 2, Goode; 3, vbc, Caunt. C.-B.: 1, Holmes; 2, Goode; 3, Wood. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Holmes; 2, Bowers; 3, Caunt. LINNET: 1, Harrison; 2, Wood; 3, bc, Goode; vhc, Hill. BRIT. HARD, A.O.S.: 1, Stoppers, Crossbill; 2, 3, Goode, Bramblefinch and Twite; vhc, Harrison; hc, Wood, Redpoll. SOFTBILL: 1, Stopper, Starling; 2, Harrison, Blackbird; 3, Stopper, Yellow Wagtail.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held July 2nd, Good Intent Mission Hall, Whitworth-street, Openshaw (our new beadquarters); 58 birds were staged, which was considered good, as several members have not reared a single bird. Mr. A. G. Davis judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The show was attended by a good number of members and visitors. Winners of specials were: Nor. Willis, Yorks. Knight, Brit. Knight, Old and Young Mules, Fairburst, most points gained by novice, Handley, most cutries, Knight.

NOVICE, NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Day. BUFF: 1, Willis; 2, Day. TKD. YELL.: 1, Handley. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, 4, Chilton; 3, Willis; vbc, Day. NOR. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Willis; 2, Chilton. YORKS., CL. YELL: 1, Knight. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Knight. TKD. YELL.: 1, Knight; 2, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Knight. GREEN YORKS.: 1, Walton. A.O.V.: 1, Walton. GOLDFINCH: 1, Fairburst; 2, Berry; 3, Knight. LINNET: 1, Knight; 2, Berry. BULLFINCH: 1, Berry; 2, Handley. GREENFINCH: 1, Knight; 2, Chilton; 3, Handley; 4, Washbourne; vhc, Berry. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Knight; 2, Wasbourne. A.O.V.: 1, Knight. BRIT. HEN: 1, Berry. DARK MULE: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Handley; 3, Handley. YOUNG MULE: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Handley; 3, Willis. AMAT. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Chamberlain. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Myers; 2, 4, Chamberlain. TKD. YELL.: 1, Myers; 2, Chamberlain. BUFF: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Chamberlain. YORKS. TKD. YELL.: 1, Washbourne. BUFF: 1, Washbourne.—W. WILSON, Asst. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

First feather show held July 2nd at the Portland Arms, Jacksdale. The room was well adapted for the purpose in every way, being light and spacious. The landlord (Mr. E. Langton) was very courteous. The show was conducted in a businesslike manner by Mr. J. H. Mitchell, sec., and a hard-working committee, and was the largest young bird show held in the district this season, nearly 60 exhibits facing the judge, Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton).

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Caunt and Keeling, nice size and type; 2, Vardy, fine size and type; 3, Ash, another nice bird; vhc, Butler; hc, Davies Bros.; c, Brown. BUFF (4): 1, Caunt and Keeling, large, good type and col.; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver, both too young as yet, but very promising; vhc, Holmes. YELL., LIGHTLY MKD. (9): 1, Vertigan, eye tkd., of good type, quality and colour; 2, Ash, varieg., nice bird; 3, Goodwin, good size and col., cap marked; vhc, Caunt and Keeling; hc, Simpson. BUFF (9): 1, Ash, very cobby, good quality; 2, Martin, nice bird, rather young; 3, Holmes, another nice one; vhc, Vertigan; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Goodwin. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (3): 1, Ash, good yell., large, nice type and quality; 2, Adnitt and Driver, another excellent yell., close up; 3, Simpson, good buff, fine size and type. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Mitchell, both very good. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, grand team, all good in quality and col.; vhc, Massey. MULE OR HYB., OLD (3): 1, Vardy, fine, varieg. yell. Goldfinch Mule, in good order; 2, Martin, lightly mkd. Greenfinch Mule; 3, Stepman, nice Goldfinch Mule. BRIT. HARDBILL, OLD (9): 1, Vardy, Bullfinch, in grand trim; 2, Cox, nice Goldfinch, well staged; 3, Miss Scattergood, very nice Bramblefinch, fine size; vhc, Holmes; hc, Barlow; c, Mossendor. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (4): 1, Mitchell; 2, Martin; 3, Harrison; vhc, Dodman.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual nest feather show held at Oldham Hall on June 25th, when Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) judged. There was not the quality of birds this year as last, but the exhibitors turned out well, considering the bad breeding season. There were 137 exhibits, and some grand birds were staged.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Bullough, pair of fine exhibits, Southport winners, grand col., well on leg; 3, Seddon, nice bird, close on winners, will do better; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Aston. BUFF, strong class: 1, Morton, fine exhibit, good col., well proportioned; 2, vhc, Bullough, close on winner; 3, Potter, good shape and quality; hc, Handley; c, Richardson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Plunkett, 1st fine mkd. yell., good col., grand position, 2nd very close to winner; 3, Morton, running close; vhc, Rumsby; hc, Eccleston; c, Potter. BUFF, fine class (12): 1, 2, Bullough, pair of fine, racy birds; 3, Nimmo, fine specimen, lovely wing carriage; vhc, Richardson; hc, Potter; c, Seddon. SELF YELL. GREEN: 1, Potter, spl best green, fine col., quality, and type; 2, vhc, hc, c, Wardale, fine team of yellows, 2nd bird hard to pick against 1st; 3, McDermont, promising youngster. BUFF: 1, Walker, fine bird, well worth its place, 2, Handley, close on winner; 3, Eccleston, good colour and type; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Walker; c, Nimmo. FOUL YELL.: 1, Hawkes, good col., type, and quality; 2, Handley, close up; 3, Crossdale, good col. and type; vhc, c, Plunkett; hc, Nimmo. BUFF: 1, Walker, fine col.; 2, Nimmo, fine racy bird; 3, Ravenscroft, close up; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Walker; c, Richardson. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bullough, all grand col.; vhc, Hawkes; c, Brown. NOR. GREEN YELL.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Handley. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Brown. FOUL YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Walker; vhc, hc, c, Hawkes. FOUL BUFF: No. 1, wrong class; 1, Walker; 2, Handley; 3, Hawkes. BORD. GREEN FOUL YELL: 1, vbc, Walker; 2, Green; 3, Handley. BUFF: 1, hc, Walker; 2, 3, Green; vhc, Handley. MULES: 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Hawkes. SELL.: 1, Bullough; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Handley; vhc, hc, Rumsby; c, Hawkes. GOLDFINCH: 1, Coffey; 2, Lloyd; 3, Aston. BULLFINCH: 1, Coffey; 2, Handley. LINNET: 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Brown; vhc, Rumsby. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Rushby; vbc, Seddon.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

First feather show held on 2nd July, in the Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram-st., Glasgow. The entries did not turn up as expected, but some of the exhibits will be heard of after the moult. The judges were Messrs. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) and J. Lappin (Rutherglen), who gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Forster. BUFF: 1, vhc, Dowell; 2, Sloan; 3, Foster; hc, Armour. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 3, Foster; 2, c, Barron; vhc, Dowell; hc, Sloan. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Dowell; 3, Sloan. BUFF: 1, Foster; 2, Sloan. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 2, Dowell; 3, hc, Foster; vhc, c, Barron. BORD. FCY.: 1, Jackson. CREST: 1, Brown. C.-B.: 1, 2, Brown. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bowman; 2, Barron. BUFF: 1, Bowman. VARIEG.: 1, Barron. CINN.: 1, 2, Jackson. —ROBT. WATSON, Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzou Oaks) O.S.

About 40 birds faced the judge at our monthly First Feather Show on July 2, the sensation of the event being two Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids, exhibited by Mr. W. Johnstone, of Blackwood. Excellent Norwich and Border Fancies were on view, some of which are sure to make their mark at the open shows. Mr. W. Johnstone was the winner of specials for the best first and best second birds. Mr. W. Shearer won the special for best third, and Mr. Cant that for most points. The awards, which gave every satisfaction, were made by Mr. A. McFarlane.

NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Cant; 3, 5, Shearer; 4, 6, W. Johnstone; 7, D. Johnston. VARIE., ETC.: 1, 2, Cant; 3, 4, Shearer; 5, 7, D. Johnston; 6, Marlin. BORD. CL., ETC.: 1, 3, W. Johnston; 2, 4, A. and W. Hamilton; 5, McIntyre. VARIE., ETC.: 1, 2, McIntyre; 3, 4, W. Johnstone. HYB.: 1, 2, W. Johnstone. DARK MULES: 1, McIntyre.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show held at Portland Hotel on July 2nd, when a nice collection of birds were staged. Mr. H. Tams judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, and novice spl., George; 2, Barker; 3, Holland; vhc, Goodfellow; hc, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, spl, Holland; 2, Bowers; 3, Davies; vhc, Goodfellow; bc, Goodwin; c, Lovatt. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Barker. BUFF: 1, spl, Holland; 2, Bowers; 3, Birks; vhc, Goodfellow; hc, Walker. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Davies. BUFF: 1, spl, Holland; 2, George; 3, Goodfellow; vhc, Walker. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Perrins; 2, Hawley; 3, Lea. BUFF: 1, spl, Perrins; 2, 3, Lea. TICK. YELL.: 1, spl, Hawley. BUFF: 1, spl, Perrins. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Hawley. BUFF: 1, spl, Hawley; 2, Lea. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hallam; 2, Davies; 3, Barker. LINNET: 1, spl, Hallam; 2, Davies; 3, Mulleck; vhc, Goodfellow; hc, Barker; c, Leadbeater. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Davies; 2, Leadbeater; 3, Barker; vhc, Goostry. MULE OR HYB., OLD: 1, spl, Hallam; 2, 3, Leadbeater. YOUNG: 1, spl, Child.—HALLAM AND LOVATT.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

The First Feather Show was held in Holy Trinity Schools, on July 2nd. The entries were only small, owing to the difficulties which have beset the society since the last annual show. Messrs. Dibley and Meades have recently been appointed joint secretaries. Some very nice quality birds were shown, amongst which special mention should be made of Mr. Weaver's yellow Border Fancy, which won the special for best Canary in the show, the Norwich of Messrs. Dibley, Holt, Wood, Woolgar, and Miller. Britisb were a nice little lot, and the special for the best fell to a Bullfinch shown in splendid fettle by Mr. Meades. The birds were nicely staged, and presented a pretty appearance. Owing to the non-advertising of the show, and the unpropitious state of the elements, the attendance was only moderate. the new secretaries are hoping to get things in good working order straight away, and ask the assistance of all interested in bird life in the neighbourhood to join, and aid the committee in making the society a credit to the district. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CL. NOR. (1): 1, Maclellan. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Weaver. A.O.V. (1): Maclellan. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Dibley; 3, Hall; vhc, Wood. BUFF (2): 1, Woolgar; 2, Hall. TKD. (7): 1, vhc, Miller; 2, hc, Woolgar; 3, c, Wood. Mr. Barton had both Yorks. classes to himself. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, 2, Brett, BRIT. BULL. (1): 1, sp, Meades. GOLD- (4): 1, Woolgar; 2, Smith; 3, Meades; vhc, Hartland. LIN., ETC. (1): 1, Hartland. GREEN (1): 1, Maclellan.

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BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show, held at headquarters July 2, in large club room, Clarence Hotel. Mr. W. Rapson, Barnsley, judged, and gave satisfaction to all. The entries did not turn up as expected, but the quality of the exhibits was of very high order, and, with a good moult, some of them will be heard of again. CAGE BIRDS' posters were nicely arranged round the room, and on the outside door. We enrolled three new members.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Atherton; 2, hc, Sims; vhc, Toulson; c, Jackson. BUFF: 1, Race; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Hinchcliffe. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Race; 2, Atherton; 3, Toulson. BUFF: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Hinchcliffe.—F. C. SIMS, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

Annual First Feather Show, held on July 2nd, in Nelson Hotel Hall, Glasgow. Over 50 birds were staged, and Mr. A. Miller judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. Mr. Rennie won medal for most points and three specials for Norwich Plainheads. Mr. Sanderson won special for Crests and C.B.'s, and Mr. H. P. Hutchison that for Borders.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Rennie; 2, 5, Gentle; 3, 6, Gunion; 7, Hutcheson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Rennie; 4, 5, Woods; 6, McGregor; 7, Gentle. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, 4, Rennie; 2, McGregor; 3, Webb; 5, Gentles; 6, Hutcheson; 7, Gunion. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Sanderson; 4, Smart; 5, Gentles; 6, Hutcheson; 7, Rennie. CRESTS: 1, Summerhill; 2, 3, 4, Sanderson. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Sanderson; 4, Smart. YELL. BORDS.: 1, H. P. Hutchins; 2, H. Cougan. BUFF: 1, Smart; 2, Cougan. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, 2, H. P. Hutcheson. GRN. OR CINN.: 1, 2, H. Cougan. YORKS.: 1, A. Rennie. —G. SMART, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

First feather show, held July 2nd. The birds were of good quality, and their number 56, which was considered also good, especially in view of the bad season. Mr. E. Whiting (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Brook; 3, Martin; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Cooper; hc, Whittaker. YELL.: 1, Shepherd; 2, Kershaw; 3, C. Martin; 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Bryant; hc, W. Firth. TKD. YELL., 1, Martin; 2, hc, Dykes; 3, Chittenden; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Whittaker. BUFF: 1, 2, Shepherd; 3, Firth; 4, Brook; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Ellis; c, Bryant. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Chittenden; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Brook; hc, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Ellis; 3, 4, Atkinson; vhc, Dykes; hc, Goodwin; c, Skirrow. FOUL MKD.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Bloomfield; 3, hc, Skirrow; 4, Bryant; vhc, Whittaker, Ellis.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' First Feather show, held at Saddle Hotel, on July 2nd, being the first of a series. Entries reached 91. Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Townsend; 2, Rigg; 3, Walsh; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Cundall; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (16): 1, Townsend; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Ellis; c, Burdikin Bros. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Ellis; 2, Mann; 3, Walsh; vhc, Haigh; hc, Hartley; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (8): 1, Howarth; 2, Hartley; 3, Rigg; vhc, Townsend; hc, Mann; c, Womersley. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Smith; 2, Simpson; 3, Haigh; vhc, Saville. BUFF (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Womersley; vhc, Haigh. FOUL MKD., GREEN, ETC.: (5): 1, Lord; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Tasker; vhc, Simpson; hc, Sykes. TKD., ETC., CINN. (8): 1, Ellis; 2, Burdikin Bros.; 3, Saville; vhc, Cundall; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Mann. YELL. GREEN (2): 1, Townsend; 2, Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Smith; vhc, hc, Sykes. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Heap; 2, 3, Stott and Moore; vhc, Sutcliffe. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Heap; vhc, Sutcliffe; bc Mottram. UNEVENLY, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Mottram; 2, 3, Stott and Moore. A.O.V.: 1, Simpson.—H. WHITAKER, Asst. Sec.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual young bird show, held July 2, at headquarters, The Church Institute, Paddington-st., W. Everything considered, it proved a splendid success, though the clerk of the weather did his utmost to put a damper on the affair, and the absence of Mr. Wynn (the best of secretaries), due to the feared passing away of his father, was much felt, and on every side were heard expressions of sympathy from those who knew of the sad trouble which had befallen him. There was an exceptionally good attendance, those who chanced the rain (to say nothing of thunder and lightning) had some grand birds to look over, for although the entry was down a bit on the whole, the quality of the exhibits was well above the average. The entry in the Canary section was smaller than usual, a bad first round being largely responsible, we heard. The novice Yorks., however, were a bright exception—22 birds in one class and 11 in the other. The handsome "Daintry" challenge cup for best young bird in the show fell to Mr. J. Burton, who put down a really charming yell. Yorks., a lengthy youngster of rare quality, beautifully drawn and moulded, bard to find a fault with. A very good Yorks. shown by Mr. W. Sanders secured the medal for best novice Canary. Mr. Pile won the handsome special for most entries; Mr. Elgar for best young Hybrid; Mrs. G. E. Weston for best Britisb. The room was handsomely decorated with cut flowers, by the generosity of Mr. J. Burton, and the able stewards were Messrs. A. W. Curtis, A. W. Hart, Parkhurst, Burton, and Saytch, while Mrs. Wyse, Mrs. Maher, Miss G. Shepherd, and Messrs. W. Shepherd, Curtis, junr., and Pickard, junr., gave much appreciated assistance. Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver judged.

CHAMP. SECTION.—NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, Wynn; 2, 3, Curtis; three grand quality birds of nice type, winner the best developed of the trio. A.O.V.: 1, two spls, 3, Curtis, both shapely and promising, leader grand build and full of colour; 2, vhc, spl, hc, Wynn, lose a shade in substance, 2nd a smart bird though. AMATEUR.—NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, hc, A. W. Hart, good ones alround, 1st excels in quality, bonny youngster; 3, vhc, Pile, well built, nice feather and type. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, A. W. Hart, good team, leader a bouncing big varieg., which should make a good stock bird; vhc, hc, Pile. NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, T. Hart; 2, 3, Warwick, good stamp of birds, nice substance and style, leader has it in condition. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, T. Hart, three fine birds, the leader very well built, nice style, neat; vhc, spl, hc, Warwick, close on heels of 3rd; c, Elgar. CHAMP. CREST: 1, 2, Shepherd, good bodied birds, exceptionally neat in crest, nice spread, promising. C.B.: 1, 2, Shepherd, good frame and head, feather of the right texture. NOV. CREST: 1, vhc, spl, Pickard, real smart one, big well-shaped headpiece, good leafy feather, very neat and promising; 2, 3, Mugford, hardly so expansive, but two neat and good youngsters. C.-B.: 1, spl, 2, Mugford, easily the pick of the section, slashing big youngster, fine body and wide cushion head, nice broad feather and, plenty of it; 3, vhc, Pickard, also two excellent birds. CHAMP. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, cup, two spls., 2, 3, Burton, leader a clinker, beautifully neat and typical, everyone admitted it merited its honours. A.O.V. 1, 2, 3, Burton, fine, stylish team of very typical youngsters, six real good ones. AMAT. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, Pile. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pile, three birds of nice type and style, one just a trifle young. NOV. YORKS. CL., ETC.: Hot class of 22. 1, spl, Sanders, rare lengthy buff, very leggy, nice quality and style, shade on the strong side; 2, Rolls, good, typical bird, has quality and style; 3, Tebbs, we liked, not so long as winner, but well drawn and finished, neat and stylish, line quality, promising; extra 3, c, Lloyd, bonny neat bird, good stand, typical; vhc, spl, hc, King; ex. vhc, Walker; a real good class. A.O.V.: 1, 3, c, Tebbs, promising trio, winner real smart, good quality and style, very shapely, 2, Lloyd, also a true Yorkie, but a bit nervous; vhc, Abrams; hc, Walker. AMAT. BORDERS: All awards to Mr. Pile, with three neat youngsters. NOV. BORD. CL., ETC.: 1, Mrs. Maher, good type, stylish, grand feather; 2, 3, vhc, Stevens, nice typical trio. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Maher, leader grand even mkd., wonderful good novice bird, perfect wings, a little heavy one eye, A1 type, feather like wax, line team; hc, Stevens. CHAMP. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Curtis, good green Nor., leader bonny youngster; 3, vhc, Wynn, fair, good Cinnamons. AMAT. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pile, promising Lizards, very young. NOV. A.O.V.: 1, Miss G. Shepherd, real smart, well-built Jonque Cinnamon; 2, vhc, spl, Miss Jolifie, very nice Scots Fancies, well positioned; 3, hc, Warwick. HYBRID (1910): 1, spl, 2, Elgar, nice Siskin and Greenfinch-Canary. GOLDFINCH: 1, four spls, best ladies' bird, Mrs. Weston; 2, P. H. Harris, well-known winner, very big, square face, grand colour, in fine trim; 3 vhc, spl, Curry, two good ones, lovely colour and condition; hc, Botting; c, Francis. BULLIE: 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Harris; 3, Francis. LINNET: 1, Harris, good plumage, well pencilled; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, Page, very hot colour, fine type; vhc, Francis; hc, Elgar; c, Pile. GREENFINCH: 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Harris, bonny, big, stylish bird, nice colour and feather, looks like the Horticultural Hall winner; 3, Pile, fine colour and feather; vhc, Grahame; hc, Francis; c, Lowe. SISKIN: 1, Harris, gem for size, shape, and colour, pity it lacks a bib; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, Francis. REDPOLL: 1, Harris, another clinking good exhibit for build, markings and colour; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, vhc, Offord, very smart, excellent colour and condition; hc, Vale. TWITE: 1, spl, 3, Grahame, leader field-roodited, a coming champion, rare size and pencilling; 2, Botting, fine, shapely, well marked specimen, hot colour; vhc, Curry; hc, Mrs. Weston; c, Francis. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Weston, Chaffinch; 2, Botting, big Bramble, magnificent colour, markings, and condition, could have won; 3, Curry, grand conditioned and stylish Chaffie; vhc, spl, Harris; hc, Francis; c, Bassett. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Mrs. Weston, Hawfinch; 2, Grahame, big, well-built Hawfinch, good colour, nicely mkd.; 3, Mrs. Maher, pretty House Sparrow, puzzled many to identify. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, Francis, house-moulted, beauty for size, colour, and condition; 2, 3, Grahame, field-moulted, few feathers damaged, will want beating later on; vhc, hc, c, Wynn. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, vhc, Wynn, lovely conditioned and mkd. Cirl; 2, 3, Francis, Corn and Snow, both rare good specimens, little out in plumage. HEN BULLIE: 1, Mrs. Weston, Siberian; 2, Francis; 3, Offord, two nice Britishers. A.O.S. HEN: 1, Francis, very fine, big Siskin; 2, Mrs. Weston. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Botting, Redstart, gem, very steady, A1 shape and colour. LARGE: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, Waxwing; 2, Shepherd, very promising young Thrush. FOREIGN WAXBILL, ETC.: 1, Miss R. Shephard, beautiful Zebra Finch; 2, Mrs. Maher, Red-crowned Weaver, not yet in full colour. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, Harris, sweetly pretty Gouldians. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Shepherd, one of the best Hill Mynabs we ever saw; 2, Mrs. Maher, very nice Tricolor Tanager, excellent condition. SELLING, 30/-: 1, Warwick; 2, Vale.

WREXHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Show of young birds held in the Assembly Rooms, High-st., July 2. Mr. T. Jones (Chester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, B. Bennett; 2, 3, vhc, Parry; hc, c, F. Bennett. BUFF: 1, B. Bennett; 2, Hampson; 3, vhc, c, Parry; hc, F. Bennett. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Perry; hc, c, Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Perry; hc, Jones; c, Hampson. NOV.—YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Francis. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Lupton; 2, Yates. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lupton; hc, c, F. Bennett. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Yates. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD: 1, Pickup. FOR.: 1, Pickup. ROLLER, SELL. (12/6): 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Morris. ROLLER, SINGING: 1, Morris; 2, 3, Thomas; vhc, Evans. DO. NEST FEATHER: 1, 2, 3, Morris.—B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Young bird show held at 6, The Broadway, on July 4. The entries far exceeded all previous records, the total entry being 104, as compared with 74 last year. There was a splendid collection of Yorkshires—especially in the champion and novice sections.—As for quality, nothing so superb has before been seen at Wimbledon. The Border Fancies made a brave show and beat any class of the same kind ever before shown at Wimbledon. A great attraction was a grand array of foreign birds, not for competition, kindly exhibited by the Countess von Hahn, which included Budgerigars, Pekin Nightingales, Red-headed Lovebirds, Red-crested Cardinals, and German Siskins. Countess Von Hahn, who had recently joined the society, had taken a keen interest in the show, and was present. Another exhibit not for competition was a pied Robin, caught in Wimbledon, which was shown by Mrs. Owen, of Woodside. Mr. J. Robson judged. The diploma for the best bird in champion section was won by Mr. H. Smith, that for best bird in novice section by Mr. S. Wright, and in the amateur section by Miss M. Walker. Special prize for the best bird shown by a lady, won by Mrs. Smith, and for best hird in show, won by Mr. H. Smith, were presented by the Countess von Hahn. The silver medal given by the Society for the best bird shown by a novice, was won by Mr. S. Wright, and the pair of carvers, presented by Mr. T. C. Pickard for best Yorkshire, were won by Mr. H. Smith.

CHAMP SECTION: NOR.: 1, 2, Mrs. H. Smith; 3, hc, Rorke; vhc, c, Nichols. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Smith; vhc, c, Angear; vhc, hc, c, Wheeler; hc, Rorke. AMAT. SECTION: NOR.: 1, Miss M. Walker. YORKS.: 1, 2, Miss. M. Walker. NOVICE SECTION: NOR.: 1, 2, Chalfont; 3, vhc, hc, Reid, c, Countess von Hahn. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Mrs. M. M. Owen; 3, hc, c, Stoakley; vhc, c, Whiting; vhc, Brown; hc, Owen. OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS: BORD. FCY.: 1, 3, vhc, Owen; 2, Pocock; hc, Plank; c, Lnthbury. CREST AND C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pickard. MULES AND HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Tutty. BRIT.: 1, Tutty; 2, Brown; 3, Shipton; vhc, Mrs. M. M. Owen; hc, c, Whiting. FOR.: The foreign birds, exhibited by the Countess von Hahn, not for competition, were placed as follows:—1, Red-crested Cardinal; 2, Red-headed Lovebirds; 3, German Siskins; vhc, Pekin Nightingales; hc, team of Budgerigars.—H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second nest feather show of the season held at Grimsby on June 21st. Mr. G. Harland judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Moore; 2, 4, hc, Townsend; 3, Stubbs. BUFF: 1, 4, Moore; 2, vhc, hc, Stubbs; 3, Townsend; c, Clews. YELL., NOV.: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Wood; 3, Ridley; 4, Way; vhc, c, Harding; hc, Robinson. Special best champion, Moore; ditto, Novice, Wood. — MOORE AND HARDING, Secs., Grimsby.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A most successful table show was held at the meeting on June 30. There were 32 birds in the two classes, and the quality was exceedingly good. Mr. Tomlinson is to be congratulated upon putting down such a good team, practically taking all the prizes. Mr. Shepherd judged in the absence of Mr. Davison.

CL. (13): 1, 3, 4, Tomlinson; 2, Wigglesworth; vhc, Hutler; hc, J. Curry; c, Crawhall. TICKS, ETC. (19): 1, 3, 4, Tomlinson; 2, Tindale; vhc, c, Hutler; hc, Dix. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Shepherd for so kindly officiating at a moment's notice. Next show, Tuesday, July 19. — T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Young bird show held July 2, the number staged being somewhat below the average, although some very nice birds were staged. The placing of the awards was in the hands of Mr. H. Dickens, who gave every satisfaction. The strongest class was the clear or ticked buffs, 14 facing the judge.

OPEN NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Tyler; 2, 3, Moore; hc, Adams; c, Stevens. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Herbert; 2, Tyler; vhc, c, Gray; hc, Adams. MKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Tyler; 2, 3, Heigbton. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Herbert; 2, Heigbton; vbc, Stevens; hc, Moore; c, Adams. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Tyler. BORD. (7): 1, 2, Dyson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Tyler. A.O.V. (9): 1, c, Frecr; 2, 3, hc, Collett; vhc, Heighton. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Warmington; vhc, Wood; hc, Wortley; c, Dyson. BUFF (8): 1, Collett; 2, Warmington; 3, L. Smith; vhc, hc, Wortley; c, Hardbottio. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Warmington; 2, 3, vhc, Wortley. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Collett; 3, Dyson; hc, Hardbottle; c, Warmington.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second first feather show of the season held July 2nd, with an entry of 69, and were judged to the satisfaction of all by Mr. H. H. Towers. The principal points for cup competition were: H. Martin, 18; P. Mason, 17; H. Long, 15; L. Crossland, 14; H. Bradshaw, 12; E. Grange, 12.

CL. YELL.: 1, hc, H. Martin; 2, Crossland; 3, Long; vhc, Grange; c, J. B. Martiu. BUFF: 1, J. B. Martiu; 2, vhc, Bradshaw; 3, Crossland; hc, Batty; c, Parker. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Long; 2, 3, Crossland; hc, Bradshaw; c, Parker. BUFF: 1, c, H. Martin; 2, Long; 3, Mason; vbc, Parker; hc, Grange. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Pearson; 2, H. Martin; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Brown and Son. BUFF: 1, H. Martin; 2, Grange; 3, Pearson; vhc, Armstead; hc, Leighton; c, Fieldhouse. CINN. MARKED YELLOW: 1, Mason; 2, H. Martin; 3, Grange; vhc, c, Brown; hc, J. Hudson. BUFF: 1, 2, Mason; 3, Hudson; vhc,c, Grange; hc, Batty. VARIETY: 1, Mason. FOUL MKD.: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Bradshaw; 3, H. Martin; hc, Tillotson; hc, Brown. —H. MARTIN, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Annual nest feather show, held at the "White Swan," July 2nd, and proved a success in every way. Over 90 birds were staged, and the awards of Mr. W. A. Davis (Coventry) and Mr. T. Ride were well received. During the afternoon the show was visited by a good number of visitors.

CHAMP. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Dickins; 2, Peberdy; 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Gibbins; Pole, absent. BUFF (9): 1, Peberdy; 2, Sarson; 3, c, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Peberdy; hc, Neal. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Sarson; 2, Gibbins; 3, Dickins; vhc, Neal. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Neal; hc, Orme; c, Dickins. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Sheriff; 2, hc, Kilsby, 3, Miles; vhc, Moores; Boulter absent. BUFF (13) 1, 3, Sheriff; 2, Kilsby; vhc, Barrett; hc, Miles; c, Putt. MKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Miles; 2, Sherriff; 3, Barnes; vbc, Moores; hc, Bell; c, Barrett. BUFF (11): 1, Taylor; 2, Barrett; 3, Sheriff; vhc, Cobley; hc, Bell; c, Miles. OPEN NOR. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Sarson; 2, Gibbins; 3, Orme; vhc, Kilsby; hc, Sherriff. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Wood; 2, vhc, Orme; 3, Hawthorn; hc, Kilsby; c, Gibbins. GREENFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Hawthorn; 3, vhc, hc, Orme; c, Kilsby. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Dickins; 2, Hawthorn; 3, Whelband and Tomlinson. BRIT. HEN (2): 1, Whelband and Tomlinson; 2, Kilsby.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Young stock show, held at the Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, June 25th. In spite of the poor season experienced by several of the members, entries turned up splendidly and reached a total of 150, being about 20 in advance of last year's, also creating a record for this association's young bird shows. Unfortunately for the past three years this event has been held during stormy weather, which naturally affected the "gate," but in spite of this we were pleased there was also a record attendance, and catalogues sold out early in the evening. The show was advertised in CAGE BIRDS, which proves the value of advertising these events. All sections turned up well, both Norwich and Yorks. containing some real good birds. The British section was not so large, but some fine birds were shown. The Foreign section, which has usually been very small, came up well, and a very interesting lot they were, judging by the number of visitors admiring them. This association's shows are noted for quality, and this event proved no exception, especially in the novice classes. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Harper, the secretary, supported by several good workers of the committee, and a proud lot they were at having such a successful show. Several names were handed in for membership, which was good business, and we hear some good things are in store as specials for the annual show. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl. best birds, 3, Marley; 2, Harper. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Murley; 3, r, vhc, Bell. VARIEG. (6): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Harper; r, vhc, hc, Bell. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1 Cook; 2, 3, Forse and Son. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Cook; 3, r, Forse and Son. VARIEG. (2): 1, 2, Forse and Son. CREST (2): 1, Anson; 2, Cook. C.-B. (2): 1, Cook; 2, Anson. AMAT., NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Williamson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Williamson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Bennett; r, hc, Penton; vhc, Lacey. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Lacey; 2, 3, Penton; r, Bennett. VARIEG. (4): 1, spl, 2, Penton; 3, Lacey; r, Bennett. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, c, Ayling; 2, 3, spl, Copeland; r, Parr; vhc, Billingsley; hc, Honsden. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Ayling; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, Housden; r, Sadler; vhc, Parr; hc, Jeffries; c, Billingsley. VARIEG. (6): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Parr; r, vhc, Ayling; hc, Williams. YORKS. CL., ETC., YEL. (6): 1, Collins; 2, r, vhc, Parks; 3, Neighbour; hc, Rolfe. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Rolfe; 2, vbc, Bantin; r, Neighbour; hc, c, Parks. VARIEG. (13): 1, Copeland; 2, 3, vhc, c, Parks; r, Rolf; hc, Collier. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Collins. MULE (2): 1, Bell; 2, Parks. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Mortlock; 2, Sadler; 3, vhc, Jeffries; r, Copeland; hc, Cawthorne. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Bell; 2, Williams. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 3, Williams; 2, Parks. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Copeland; 2, Mortlock; 3, Sweetman; r, vhc, Williams; hc, London. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Copeland; 2, 3, Williams. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, Mortlock; 2, 3, Williams; r, London. FOR. (13): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, c, Williams; r, spl, Mortlock; vhc, Bell.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The 6th annual nest feather show was held on June 25th and 26th, when some good birds were put down to be judged by Mr. G. H. Massey, of Stockport, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, hc, Smith; c, J. Gaskell. BUFF: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, J. Gaskell; vhc, J. Smith; hc, c, W. Gaskell. YORKS. YELL: 1, 2, Slater; 3, Charlson. BUFF: 1, Charlson; 2, Slater; 3, Cbarnoch; vhc, hc, c, Hulme. CRESTS AND C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Hart. BRIT.: 1, J. Gaskell; 2, Hart; 3, Charlson; 4, Slater. MULES: 1, J. Gaskell; 2, Slater; 3, Banks; vhc, Charlson. SELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Ordish; 3, J. Gaskell. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Banks; 3, vhc, Slater; hc, Thompson.

CROOK (Original) C.B.S.

First feather show held July 2nd at the headquarters, Crown Hotel. Entries were not very big, but a nice sample of youngsters faced the judges, Messrs. Rutherford and Bright, who gave the very best satisfaction. Mr. F. Brown scored most points and won the medal. Mr. Handley won special card for best bird.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Nattrass, clinker of a youngster; 2, Browu; 3, Handley. BUFF: 1, 4, Handley; 2, 3, vhc, F. Browu; hc W. Brown. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Siddle and Dawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Nattrass; 3, Siddle and Dawson. CREST: 1, W. Brown. C.B.: 1, W. Brown. MULE OR HYB.: 1, W. Brown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, W. Brown; 4, F. Brown. LINNET: 1, 2, Handley takes special for best in show and well deserves it. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, F. Brown. LARGE: 1, Siddle and Dawson. SELL. (10/-): Siddle and Dawson; 2, W. Brown; 3, 4, F. Brown; vbc, Nattrass.—J. ATESS.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Annual first feather show, held June 25, at the Chapel Street Congregational Hall (in the schoolroom). Owing to the bad season chiefly, few birds were staged. Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Laverty; 2, Rumblow; 3, Raper; 4, Parkinson; vhc, Whittle. BUFF: 1, Parkinson; 2, Laverty; c, Raper; 4, Whittle; vhc, Woodhead. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Laverty; 2, Raper. BUFF: 1, Laverty; 2, Parkinson; 3, Whittle; 4, Woodhead. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Jessop. BUFF: 1, 2, Critchley; 3, Jessop; 4, Price. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Critchley; 3, Jeasop; 4, Heald; vhc, Price. BUFF: 1, Heald. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Price; 3, 4, Kelsey. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, J. Rumblow. LINNET: 1, 2, Woodhead. Special Winners:—5/-, most points, Yorks., W. Laverty; 2/6, second most, Parkinson; 5/-, most points, Nor., J. Critchley; 2/6, second most, Jessop; 1/6, most points, A.O.V. Can., H. Price; 5/-, most points, Brit., J. Woodhead; 2/6, second most points, British, J. Rumblow.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Second Members' show of young birds was held in Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, on July 2nd, when 93 birds were staged in 9 classes. Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) officiated as judge, his awards giving every satisfaction. The following were winners of most points in each section: Messrs. W. Stables, J. Northrop, L. Briggs, in the champion Section; Messrs. Riley Bros., C. Walker, J. Tattersall, in the novice section; and Messrs. Myers and Lightowler, T. Holt in the extra novice section. A good number of visitors attended the show during the afternoon.

CHAMP. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 4, Stables; 2, Cruise; 3, vhc, hc, c, Northrop. BUFF (10): 1, Northrop; 2, White; 3, 4, vhc, Stables; hc, Cruise; c, Briggs. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 3, 4, Stables; 2, vhc, c, Briggs; hc, Cruisc. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Stables; 4, Northrop; hc, c, Briggs. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: Void. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (14): Riley Bros.; 2, W. Walker; 3, c, Taylor; 4, Rushworth; vhc, C. Walker; hc, Tattersall. BUFF (17): 1, c, C. Walker; 2, Whiteley; 3, 4, Midgley; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Riley Bros. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Tattersall; 2, 4, Riley Bros.; 3, Busfield; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Midgley. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Brooke; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, C. Walker; 4, Tattersall. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: Void. EXTRA NOVICE, A.V. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, Myers and Lightowler; 4, Holt; vhc, Solomon; hc, c, F. Cruise. SELL. YELL. CAN, 12/6 and BUFF DITTO: Void.—H. HILL, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

The 21st annual nest feather show was held on July 2nd, 122 exhibits (two more than last year) facing the judge; which, considering the poor season some of the members are having, was very satisfactory. The gold medal for best team of four starred birds, bred by exhibitor, went to Mr. G. Pike, with a grand team of Yorkshires. Four splendid Cinnamons were shown by Mr. W. T. Hill, who was runner-up for medal. Special for best Norwich went to a nice ticked yellow of Mr. W. Robinson's. Mr. A. Marlor gaining special for 2nd best with a bonny clear buff. Mr. J. M. Walsh gained special for best British bird with a topping Bullfinch; other specials went to Messrs. E. Whittaker, Hill, Wareing, and Midgley. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

LIZ., GOLD (3): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Dewsnap. SILVER (3): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Dewsnap. YORKS. CL., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Pike; 2, Snapo; 3, hc, Humphries; vhc, Smith, Dewsnap, Atkinson. BUFF (12): 1, c, Dewsnap; 2, Humphries; 3, Pike; 4, Snape; vhc, hc, Atkinson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Pike; 2, Snape; 3, 4, Atkinson. BUFF (4): 1, Snape; 2, Pike; 3, Dewsnap; 4, Smith. NOR., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Robinson; 2, Marlor; 3, 4, McKail; vhc, Hargreaves, Whalley; c, Espley; hc, Espley, A. F. Smith. BUFF (11): 1, Marlor; 2, c, A. G. Smith; 4, vhc, Boothman; hc, Platt. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Marlor; 2, Robinson; 3, A. G. Smith; c, McKaill; vhc, Platt; hc, Espley. BUFF (12): 1, Robinson; 2, Marlor; 3, Hargreaves; 4, McKail; vhc, Boothman; hc, Platt; c, A. G. Smith. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hill. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Hill. A.O.V. CAN. (including evenmarked) (2): 1, Midgley; 2, Whalley. SELL. (20/-) (1): 1, Thompson. (12/6): 1, Thompson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Whalley; 2, Walsh; 3, Hill. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, 4, c, Harrison; vhc, hc, A. G. Smith. BROWN LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Midgley; 4, Whalley; vhc, Schofield; hc, Marsland. A.O.S. BRIT HARDBILL (5): 1, vhc, Harrison; 2, 3, A. G. Smith; 4, Marsland. BRIT., SOFTBILL: 1, Walsh. FOR., SMALL. (2): 1, 2, Walsh. NOVICE.—YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Midgley; 2, Taylor; 3, Marsland. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Whittaker; 2, vhc, c, Taylor; 4, Marsland; hc, Lees. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Lees; 2, Marsland; vc, Midgley. BUFF (3): 1, Midgley; 2, Marsland; vc, Lees. NOR. CL. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Warcing; abs., Marsland.—H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show, held at Mrs. Kemp's Temperance Hotel, June 28th. Messrs. W. Landers and W. Miller judged, their awards appearing to give every satisfaction. The arrangements of the event were in the capable and experienced hands of Mr. W. A. Broadley, the hon. secretary, who was ably assisted by a willing committee, and especially by Messrs. H. P. Staig and Mark Swan.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Miller; 2, R. and J. Forster; 3, vbc, Tate. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, R. and J. Forster; 2, Miller. A.O.V.: Yorks., Nesbitt and Wright; 2, Yorks., Nesbitt and Wright. BORD. FCY., YELL.: 1, 2, R. and J. Forster; 3, Tate; vhc, hc, c, R. and J. Forster. BUFF: 1, Tate; 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, R. and J. Forster.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First feather show held June 25, when nice quality birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The following won the silver medals: Amateurs: Pike (Yorkshires), Bardsley (Norwich), J. Robinson (British); novices: T. Crowther (Yorkshires). Spls. were won by Messrs. Deakin (2), Wilson, Woods, Ball and Halliday, Fish, Murpby, Vint, and Wilson.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Pike; 2, T. Deakin; 4, Clarke; vhc, Jones. BUFF: (4): 1, Deakin; 2, Pike; 3, Clarke; 4, Jones. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Pike; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Jones; vhc, Clarke. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Deakin; 2, Pike; 3, 4, Wilson; hc, Clarke; c, Jones. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Pike; 2, 3, Jones. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Woods. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Deakin; 2, Bardsley; 4, Vint. TKD. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Bardsley; 3, Woods. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Davey. BUFF: 1, Davey. TKD. YELL.: 1, Davey. BUFF: 1, Davey. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Ball and Halliday; 2, Jackson; 4, Craighill; vhc, Woods. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Firth. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Craighill; 2, Robinson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Robinson. YOUNG MULE: 1, Firtb. OLD (2): 1, Firth; 2, Robinson. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Ball and Halliday. BUFF (7): 1, 3, vbc, Crother; 2, Ball and Halliday; 4, hc, Kenyon; c, Fish. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Kenyon; 3, Ball and Halliday; 4, Fish. BUFF (6): 1, Tansey; 2, Crowther; 3, 4, Fish. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Vint. TKD. BUFF: 1, Murphy; 2, Vint. SELL.: 1, 2, Craighill.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual First Feather show, held July 2nd, at the Plymouth Hall. The entries came up exceedingly well, 115 birds being staged. The Norwich section this year came up very strong, Mr. T. Vanstone winning special for best bird in the show, his Norwich being a clear yellow, which was greatly admired; he also won the special in the Norwich Section. Mr. A. E. Taylor won special for 2nd best bird in the show, his variegated Yorkshire being grand in length, with a well-drawn body, and looking a perfect model; it also won special in its section. The Border special for best young bird was won by Mr. D. Williams with a yellow green, Mr. J. Richards winning the special for best uneven marked Border. Special for the best Mule was won by Mr. G. Baleb, and that for best British bird by Mr. D. S. A. Longden. Messrs. D. Jenkins and W. S. Kirby officiated as judges, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Vanstone; 2, Balch; 3, Mabbett. BUFF (7): 1, 2, George; 3, Mabbett; 4, hc, Vanstone; vhc, Longden; c, Balch. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Babbett; 2, Vanstone; 3, W. T. Kirby; 4, T. W. Kirby; vhc, Neal. BUFF (4): 1, Babbett; 2, 3, T. W. Kirby; 4, Vanstone. YORKS., BUFF, CL., ETC. (3): 1, W. R. Taylor; 2, 3, A. E. Taylor. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, W. R. Taylor; 2, A. E. Taylor. BUFF (1): W. R. Taylor. BORD., YELL., CL., ETC. (4): 1, W. J. Jenkins; 2, J. Richards; 3, Hockings; 4, D. Williams. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Mugford; 2, vhc, W. J. Jenkins; 3, hc, D. Williams. YELL. UNEVEN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, J. Richards; 2, W. J. Jenkins. BUFF (5): 1, 2, D. Williams; 3, Mugford; 4, vhc, J. Richards. YELL. GREEN (7): 1, D. Williams; 2, hc, Hockings; 3, Ford and Son; 4, Hammacott; vhc, c, J. Richards. BUFF (8): 1, Ford and Son; 2, c, Hockings; 3, vhc, J. Richards; 4, Hammacott; hc, c, W. J. Jenkins. BORD. CINN. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hockings; vbc, J. Richards. MULES (2): 1, Balch; 2, Longden. NOR., OLD (3): 1, T. W. Kirby; 2, Longden; 3, Mabbett. BORD. (3): 1, 2, Hockings; 3, Hammacott. MULES (5): 1, 2, 3, Longden; 4, Evans; vhc, Steers. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Longden; 2, Jeffries; 3, Rees. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Longden; 2, Hockings; 3, Ford and Son; 4, Steer. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Jeffries; 2, 3, Kostromin; 4, Heal; vhc, Balch. LINNET (7): 1, 4, Longden; 2, 3, Ford and Son; vhc, Heal; hc, Jeffries; c, Rees. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, Longden; 2, Jeffries; 3, Ford and Son; 4, H. Jenkins. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Longden; 2, Jeffries; 3, Ford and Son; 4, H. Jenkins. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Longden; 2, H. Jenkins; 3, Ford and Son; 4, D. Williams. BRAMBLEFINCH (3): 1, Longden; 2, Dunkley; 3, Gray. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Alcock; 3, Ed. Jones; 4, hc, Gray. REDPOLL: 1, Wood; 2, Alcock; 3, 4, Holt; vhc, Whitney and Son; hc, Ed. Jones; c, Ernest Jones. GREENFINCH: 1, Alcock; 2, J. Holt; 3, Whalley; 4, Ed. Jones; vbc, Wood. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Ed. Jones. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 3, Whalley; 3, Critchley. FOR.: 1, Ed. Jones; 2, Whitney and Sons.

BURY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held on July 2nd, in the Textile Hall, and was well attended by visitors and friends, among whom we noticed Messrs. Meadowcroft and Perry, of Heywood, and H. Parkinson, the Bolton O.S. secretary. Mr. R. Barron (Rochdale), the successful Lancashire breeder, placed the cards, and, as usual, gave every satisfaction. Two gold medals are given for most points gained at the two shows; the highest scorers were:—W. Fraser 29, A. Armistead 20, W. Pickup 20, H. Jameson 17, J. Gorton 16.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Pickup; 3, Fraser; 4, Brannon; vhc, Garnett; hc, Bramley. BUFF: 1, hc, Pickup; 2, Garnett; 3, Fraser; 4, Brannon; vhc, Bramley. TICK., ETC.: 1, 3, Fraser; 2, 4, Allen; vbc, Pickup; hc, Grimshaw. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Armistead; 3, Ainsworth. TICK., ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Armistead; 3, Fraser; vhc, Ainsworth. CREST. NOR.: 1, 3, Armistead; 2, Jameson. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Jameson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Fraser; 2, Gorton; 3, Brough; 4, Gorton; vhc, hc, Brough. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Gorton. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Simpkins.—H. JAMESON, Sec.

SALE & DISTRICT OPEN C.B.S.

Fourth First Feather Show, held July 2nd, at Headquarters. Owing to the breeding season being rather bad, entries were not over plentiful, but what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality; some very promising youngsters were out. Mr. A. Royle (Sale) placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. R. Unwin "trotted out" a very good ticked buff Norwich, which took special for best bird. Mr. W. Fildes had two very nice Norwich out, winning section special with his yellow. In the British bird classes some very nice ones were staged, Mr. G. Alcock leading with his well-kept team. Mr. Holt, Master E. Jones, and Mr. C. Wood also had some very nice birds staged. The society is very fortunate in having such a worker as Mr. Ernest Jones (of Hale) who seems never to tire in helping the society. The stewards, Messrs. Wballey and Hickson, gave every attention to staging, looking also after the exhibits. There was a fair attendance, and many of the birds came in for great praise. The secretary, Mr. Jas. Irlam, as usual, had things well in hand, and several of the committee helped.

YELL. YORKS: 1, Hickson; 2, Dunkley; 3, Mowatt. BUFF: 1, Hickman; 2, Mowatt. GREEN: 1, Hickman. YELL. NOR.: 1, Fildes; 2, Wballey; 3, Hickson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Unwin; 2, Fildes; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, Hickson; c, Critchley. GREEN NOR.: 1, 3, Critchley; 2, Jones. BORD. GREEN: 1, 2, Mrs. W. Fildes. GIFT (12): 1, 2, Gray. GOLD, ETC.: 1, Ed. Jones; 2, 3, Wood. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Alcock; 2, Dunkley; 3, Gray. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Alcock; 3, Ed. Jones; 4, hc, Gray. REDPOLL: 1, Wood; 2, Alcock; 3, 4, Holt; vhc, Whitney and Son; hc, Ed. Jones; c, Ernest Jones. GREENFINCH: 1, Alcock; 2, J. Holt; 3, Whalley; 4, Ed. Jones; vbc, Wood. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Ed. Jones. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 3, Whalley; 2, Critchley. FOR.: 1, Ed. Jones; 2, Whitney and Sons.

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